TOO BUSY
You know how you sometimes say things and then regret having said them. One day, many years ago I said something to a very wonderful General. "Have you a moment? I know you are very busy." "I'm not busy," he said. "My staff are busy, but I have plenty of time." And he did, and that is why he was so wonderful.

On another occasion, when I was on "exercise" in the north German plains, we were chatting in his "War Caravan." I shared with him an anxiety I had. I always went out with the men on every exercise; I always went with them to Northern Ireland. But I always felt redundant. I always felt that I was the only man with nothing to do. Officers worked day and night, signalers manned sophisticated machinery, engineers did things, the REME kept everything going, infanteers were always digging in or patrolling. Only I had nothing to do. It made me very anxious, because being "spare" is not a quality acceptable to the army. Being a very great man, the General said, "You are paid to do nothing. You are paid to be available. Never give the impression that you are busy. You never know the moment when a soldier will pluck up courage and say, 'Padre, may I have a word?'" And of course he was right. But how difficult this is in our modern world. To be busy is the highest quality. If you are not busy, you have no worth.

Those of us who are older often regret being too busy for our children, too busy to enjoy them. We regret being too busy for our friends, and losing them; too busy to have a leisurely telephone conversation with the person who has plucked up courage to ring us.

People who have suffered heart attacks are very interesting people. They suddenly have a new philosophy of life. Firstly, they realise that they are not indispensable. Their work goes on without them. They realise that the graveyard is full of indispensable people, like them. They then use expressions like, "It was a warning," meaning "Don't be so busy." Then comes the expression, "I have learnt to live for today."

That wonderful General died the other day, and I am preaching at his memorial at the end of September. I shall always be grateful for his advice, "Never give the impression that you are busy." It applies to every one of us.
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CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd September
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m. Mattins only (Affpuddle)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 10th September
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

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- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
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- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
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- 11.00 a.m. Anglo French Service (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Worship in the Celtic Style (Bere Regis)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Congratulations to Adrian for taking part and completing a quarter peal with five other Dorchester Branch ringers. Quite a feat; and reported separately.

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The yew trees, planted in 1875, need regular stripping. This was done four years ago, but now they are beginning to get out of control. The Church Council asked for County Council official expertise in the matter, and we have now been advised to apply for permission to strip most of the trees, and to remove four. The stripping will make them look pretty ugly for a time, but every tree expert will tell you that this has to be done.

The four trees to be removed are as follows: two on the north side of the chancel, which are encroaching on the church; one immediately opposite the porch, and one on the left hand side of the path coming up from the Wool slip road. This is an expensive exercise, but we feel that it would be irresponsible to neglect this any longer.

BERE REGIS / CÉRENCES

Anglo French Church Service. Sunday 24th September 11.00 a.m.

In the middle of the twinning week-end there is to be another English/French service in the parish church. The last time we did this, it proved to be a huge success, so we hope it will be this time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

In both Affpuddle and in Bere Regis this will be celebrated on 1st October.

In Affpuddle the service will be at 11 o'clock followed by a Harvest Lunch in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

In Bere Regis the service will be at 6 o'clock followed by a Harvest Supper in the south aisle.

BERE REGIS HARVEST TIME

7th October 7.30 p.m.

A group of singers known as the St John's Singers are going to give a concert of sacred music on 7th October. Two pieces will be performed, Schubert's "Deutche Messe" and Henry Maunder's "Song of Thanksgiving."
BERE REGIS EVENING SERVICE - 22ND OCTOBER

The Chamber Choir of St John's Church, Bournemouth, are coming to sing Evensong on Sunday 22nd October.

BERE REGIS WAR MEMORIAL

Everyone who walks through the churchyard will immediately be impressed by the floral tributes that adorn the memorial every day of the year. This is due to the faithful devotion of the Women's Branch of the local British Legion. May I, on behalf of the community, record the deep gratitude of those of us who regard this offering as something very precious. One of the floral arrangements has been tended by the Bowditch family for the past 55 years, in memory of their brother George. These quiet and hidden actions need to be acknowledged every so often.

Thank you.

Graham Roblin.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

Holy Baptism:
13th August 2000 Louise Elizabeth Rose Neilson

Holy Matrimony:
5th August 2000 Damian Hewitt and Sarah Lingard
12th August 2000 Andrew Nightingale and Kerry Crumpler

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Floss CARTER (aged 81)

Funeral in Affpuddle 15th June 2000

I think it is true to say that words like “goodness, gentleness, kindness” are the sort of words that spring to mind when we try to paint a picture of “Floss.” I use the name Floss not in any disrespectful way, but because she allowed me to call her by that name. Her christening names were Vera Florence, and when she went into hospital for the one and only time in her life, they put the name Vera over her bed. The next day it was changed to Floss - the name she had as a little girl. It is difficult to picture people who have matured to 80 as little girls, but little girl she was; born in The Old Rectory at Minterne, where her parents worked for Lord Digby. She was one of 3 sisters, and one brother, so there was plenty of fun and laughter - a characteristic that was to stay with her all her days.

For reasons now lost, her parents moved to Bagber, so her school days were spent in Milborne St Andrew.

By the time she was 20 or 21, she had met Ernie, who was to be her husband for the next 55 years. They married in Affpuddle Church. It was 1940. The war had started and the young men were volunteering or being recruited into the services. Ernie went away to be trained. On a weekend home, a fire bomb fell on their home and the place burned down; they lost everything, wedding photos, everything.

He was allowed a short time to help Floss and her mother, who had come to live with them, to be re-housed in the Old Corn House - the Den - where the Post Office Shop is now set up. After a while, they were to move to the cottage down the lane from the school. (I learned that they could have bought it at one time, for £85, but couldn't afford it. Floss's life spanned a dramatic social and economic change). But to return to the early days of their marriage, Ernie was posted to India and subsequently Burma, so she didn't see him for 4 years. We can never know the problems for those left behind on their own. Floss worked for various families in the parish, but due to an early illness, she was persuaded by a doctor that she should not have children. What a pity that was. But many benefited in the community by having her as their adopted Granny. She was like a mother to Rosemary, and a wonderful aunty to other nieces and nephews.
Ernie came back and they set up home again, in the council houses at the bottom of Bladen Valley. He worked now as a roadman for the county council. The combination of this, plus Burma, had a physical effect on him and subsequently led to an early retirement, and Floss having to care for him for 23 years, before his death 5 years ago. Severe arthritis and ulceration of his legs incapacitated him greatly.

But there was plenty of living to be done in all these years, and I have heard stories of Floss joining in everything that went on - all the charabanc outings so popular then, and visits to the pictures in Dorchester and missing the last bus home. She joined in so much else too. There was the Royal British Legion, which she enjoyed with Ernie; she was a founder member of Autumn Leaves in Bere Regis; she was a regular member of the Tuesday Club and Bladen Club, and, of course, she came to the church for the Affpraise Services, and the village hall for the winter Evening Services.

Clearly she enjoyed her garden, having to do most of it. She had her dog, Muffin, for a few years, but above all, she was a rock for Ernie.

Chatting around to quite a number of people, and knowing Floss a little bit over 8 years, I think I can reflect the image she created in her life.

I started with the assertion that she was "good, gentle and kind." That is enough for any epitaph, but these lovely qualities were joined by others. One of you said, "She was uncomplicated," another, "She never bore a grudge." "There was no malice, no side, no anger." "She was straight." "She had laughter in her eyes." "She was fun. She was warm."

Just before she died, she remarked that she was going to see Ernie. I'm sure she has. She never knew how good a human being she was, but we did, and we give thanks for her. We offer her to God with a confident smile that she is with Him.
Mr Stephen PRESSLEE (aged 36)

The sudden and unexpected death of Stephen at the age of 36 meant that most of us at the service in Bere Regis church were in a state of great sadness. He had had an accident at work, been taken into Dorchester Hospital, and then died from what lay people call a "blood clot." Our feelings of condolence were for Gill, his wife, his parents Len and Nan, his brother Robert, and for Laura, Mark and Jordan, to whom he was "Dad."

Stephen was Bere Regis man. He was born in the parish, in the cottages at Brickhill, but soon moved with his parents to the houses opposite the cress beds in Southbrook. After school, he went to work at the Battle Poultry Farm in Briantspuddle, and he never moved. He worked there for 20 years.

Supporting him during most of this time was Gill, whom he married when he was 25. Gill came from Wareham. They lived initially in the bungalow at the Poultry Farm, but six years ago, moved to the new houses at the end of Green Lane. They were very happy there and enjoyed doing everything together, and for one another.

Those who knew Stephen will always associate him with the motorbike. Yamaha bikes were his preference and he had several. It was his great hobby and passion. His loyalty to his workplace was evident in his loyalty to the make of his bike. So also was his loyalty to his friends; those who grew up with him, and those with whom he worked and those with whom he played darts. He was a very loyal friend.

Those in church remembered the quiet reserved man, full of fun, but with the occasional weird sense of humour. They remembered the private man who saw nothing bad in anyone; the modest man and the responsible man.

After the service in church, Stephen was taken to Weymouth for cremation. It was a simple gentle farewell to a son, husband and brother who quite clearly had a loving impact on those who knew him.

We prayed that he may rest in peace.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE
CHURCH ROTAS

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

AFFPUDDLE GIFT DAY - 23RD SEPTEMBER.

The Vicar has traditionally been seen at "the crossroads" by the Old Post Office ready to receive any kind offerings for the work of the church. This year it has been decided to change the venue to Briantspuddle Village Hall. This has two added bonuses to it. First, it saves having a horse box as a wet weather shelter; second, benefactors can enjoy a cup of coffee (free).

Envelopes for your contributions will be distributed before the day, but perhaps you would make a note of the date in your diary (10.00 - 12 noon).

CHURCH FETE

As promised in last month’s magazine this is to let you know that the tombola made £160.00 Thank you again to everyone who contributed.

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

This year’s cycle ride takes place on Saturday 9 September between 10am and 6pm.

Why not get a group together and enjoy visiting some of Dorset’s lovely churches. You can visit as many or as few as you wish. This is a sponsored event with half the money you collect going to whichever church you wish, so get a form now and start asking your friends to sponsor you or get them to join in. If you are new to the area or would like someone to cycle with please let me know and I will do my best to find someone to go with you.

A group from Affpuddle are hoping to visit 35 churches, so why not join them or sponsor them. A sponsor form can be found in Affpuddle Church.

Offers of help at the church during the day to welcome visiting cyclists are needed, I know that this is very much appreciated by those who take part.

Offers of help, forms and information from David Payne on 01258 837700 or for Bere Regis, Sybil Frampton on 01929 471643.
**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The Church will be decorated for Harvest Festival on Saturday 30 September between 10am and 12 noon. Gifts of produce, flowers and foliage would gratefully received. As usual all the produce will be given to Dorchester Cheshire Homes and will be used for the benefit of the residents. There is no longer a use for the vast vegetable marrows so these will not be taken to Dorchester. However, use can be made of vegetables and fruit and tins and jars of jams and chutney which after all are the fruits and vegetables of the fields and gardens but taken one stage further!

**HARVEST LUNCH**

There will be a Harvest Lunch in Briantspuddle Village Hall after the Harvest Festival Service which will take place at 11am. on Sunday 1 October. Tickets which must be bought in advance will cost £3.00

The meal will consist of beef stew and dumplings, baked potatoes and vegetables and party puddings. Adam’s ale or orange juice will be served and those wishing to bring other beverages should remember to bring along implements with which to open the bottles! Plastic glasses will be provided. There will be a vegetarian alternative but those requiring a vegi meal MUST order it when purchasing their tickets. In order to cater efficiently tickets need to be purchased by Thursday 28 September. (Unfortunately we are not into miracles of loaves and fishes at Affpuddle). Numbers are limited to 60 in order to comply with hall regulations.

Tickets may be bought from Philippa Thorniley, Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle from 4 September, who as usual requires cash up front.

**CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN**

Please note Saturday 7 October in your diaries. From 10am to noon there will be a post Harvest Festival special clean. Please come along and help.
The August meeting reflected the concern of the threat of housing to the South of the Village particularly in the vicinity of Sitterton as there were a large number of residents from that part of the Village in attendance. As was reported in the August magazine a meeting had been arranged with the new owners of the land in that area. The following is a shorter version of the report of that meeting. The Council wish everybody to know of actualities rather than speculation thus the following report should be read as fact and with interest.

On Thursday 20th July the Parish Council met at the request of the new owners of the land that was recently sold by the Debenham Estate. Everyone will be aware that included in that land was the field known as Souls Moor, which the Parish Council had hoped to purchase as a site for the new Village Hall and Medical Centre. The new owners, The Grainger Trust is based at Newcastle upon Tyne, is a Property Trust and purchase lands with a very long term of view concerning developments. The Debenham acquisition was intended to be one of an agricultural basis.

The meeting was held at the Drax Hall and attended by seven representatives of the Council and three from The Trust. As stated in the previous report the Council presented its thoughts on the Village Hall, Medical Centre and the linking of the two halves of the Village by footpath and new bridge over the stream.

We then listened to the Trust who explained that in the closing stages of completing the purchase of the land they had come upon the Objection to the Local Plan that had been lodged by the Debenham Estate. This objection was to the lack of inclusion in the Local Plan of their proposal to build some houses as an extension to Egdon Close with access along a new road on the North side of Egdon Close from Southbrook.

Having found this the Trust took a longer look at the Local Plan themselves and found that there were many objections plus a number of engineering problems concerned with building the Fry scheme eg West Street and North Street developments. From the Local Plan and the Agents they were aware of the Village Hall and Medical Centre requirements.
They then produced an outline scheme which included a joint building for the Village Hall and Medical Centre and a road across from Elder Road to join a new road from Southbrook at the end of Egdon Close, where the joint building was to be sited.

Though the principles of the Village Hall and Medical Centre being near to each other and a link established between the two halves of the Village, both of which had been Parish Council’s objectives, had been shown, the Council did not wish for a joint building or a road across from Elder Road. These points were accepted by The Trust.

A development which involves Community Buildings has to be paid for and thus in the back of one’s mind throughout the discussions was the question - how many houses? The thought from The Trust was that about five acres in a ‘bell shape’ at the end of Egdon Close. It would not extend beyond the Western end of Souls Moor and thus Sitterton would not be overwhelmed. The Trust stated that they would envisage planting trees and creating heathland to the South of this development to act as a buffer to the SSI along the top of Black Hill.

The Council Members took the view that what was proposed offered an alternative to the Fry scheme which was being imposed upon the Village. Though strongly opposed the objectors to the Fry proposals were offering no alternative apart from total opposition. The Grainger scheme was an alternative which also took into account the requirements of the Parish Council. The only problem was to overcome the proposal in the Local plan whereby there was to be no development at this stage South of the stream.

The holistic view adopted by The Grainger Trust was thought by Councillors to be a welcome attitude towards the overall planning in the Village. Certainly the District Council had not looked at the Village in this way when they had prepared the Local Plan, their approach was one of filling in gaps that one landowner had made available. It should also be noted that subsequent to the meeting, a representative of The Trust has suggested that a new School should be included in their scheme on this site.

Nothing has been talked of in detail. All of this is the result of the new landowner looking at his new acquisition from outside the Village and attempting to find an answer to the question of what is best for Bere Regis and how can they help? We now await the next step which will be their submission to the Public Inquiry using the original Debenham objection.
The meeting was addressed by Mr Bruce Paynter, the County Council Travellers Liaison Officer, who spoke about the forthcoming actions to move the Travellers on from Land End. If all goes well the site will be cleared by the end of September.

One Parishioner spoke of the appearance of ragwort in the verges and warned of the danger to pets and animals. If seen it should be dug out and destroyed.

The Clerk asked Councillors to think of suggestions for items of expenditure for next year. The Budget is not decided until much later in the year but he is trying to look ahead so that decisions can be made in slow time instead of the last minute rush. This invitation is extended to Parishioners who should put their suggestions to any Councillor.

One item that is under threat for this year are the Christmas lights in the Village. The Council would like to hear from any volunteers who would be prepared to organise the placing and illumination of the trees. The Council provide the trees, the lights are provided by the house/shop owner.

The task is to trim the trees to fit the socket, decorate the tree, place the tree in the socket and pass the lead through the adjacent window. The tool requirements are a ladder, sharp tool for trimming the trunks, pliers for nipping the plastic bands and small screwdriver. It is suggested that a team be formed to include a qualified electrician. If anybody is interested please contact David Gibbs who has undertaken the task for many years in the past.

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**DRAX HALL AND NEW VILLAGE HALL**

The latest on the new Hall is included in the Parish Council item.

The Artsreach programme in The Drax Hall for the year is being planned and we have the following to look forward to:

Thursday 19th October – Film Festival Dorset archive film

Thursday 26th October am – The Mousehole Cat Puppet Show

February 2001- Old Rope String Band – Date to be confirmed

We are hoping to secure other shows and sadly we have been unable to present the Forest Forge Theatre with their latest local history play.

CM
September 2000

Pat, Rita and Lynn wish to thank everyone for their immense kindness both in words and in deeds shown after our sad loss of Eric (dad).

It is extremely comforting to realise that we are surrounded by so many true friends.

Eric would be thrilled with the kind donations, which so far have reached £467 for the Cats Protection League. A special thank you to Graham Roblin for his support and compassion.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Alison, Julie and the Pop in Place team for the wonderful “Gardens for Tina” weekend. A fitting tribute for Tina and such a marvellous amount raised.
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At the July meeting the President welcomed Mr. George Blake who gave a slide show on Poole Harbour and the importance of the old docks to the town. Mr. Blake was a delightful man who made the presentation full of interest and fun. He told of the early years which took in over a hundred years of history, of how the fishing trawlers would visit the Grand Banks in Newfoundland and the hardship endured on those trips. Oh that history lessons at school were that good.

Our members enjoyed the Carnival portraying the Ready, Steady, Cook team. It must have been something to do with the subject of food.

As there is usually no meeting of the WI in August, it was decided to have a fun evening my meeting at the Sports Club at 7.00 p.m. to try our hand at Boules.

Our next meeting in the Drax Hall will be on Tuesday 19th September at 7.30 p.m. for a cookery demonstration by Simon Marshall. This is an open meeting and all are very welcome.

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If there are “late-comers” who would like a place on this course, do please apply straight away! Starting on Thursday 14th September, at 7.30pm, the course runs through the school terms until the beginning of April next year, with an opportunity for anyone wanting to sit a Grade 5 Theory exam in February. Contact 01929-471360 or “NMSM, Heatherdown, Bere Regis, BH20 7NF”, or Email: tacmusic@supanet.com

Harvest Festival Concert

John Maunder’s short harvest cantata “Song of Thanksgiving” for soloists and chorus, and Schubert’s “Deutsche Messe”, will be performed in Bere Regis church at 7.30pm on Saturday 7th October. The chorus is open to anyone and everyone who would like to take part. The first run-through and rehearsal for local singers will be held in Bere Regis church at 7.30pm on Friday 1st September. Experienced or beginner - do come and sing!

Tim Colquhoun

BERE REGIS TODDLER GROUP

Calling all Toddlers!! The village Toddler Group recommences for the Autumn term on Monday September 11th, from 1.30 to 3pm. at the Congregational Church, Butt Lane.

Mums and Dads, come and bring your children and enjoy a chat over a cup of tea or coffee with other parents, while your offspring play with the large selection of toys available. There is a quiet room with puzzles, books, toy cars and a road, dolls etc., and a large room for trikes and ride on toys. All children from babies to pre-school age are welcome.
A message from the Chairman

On behalf of the Carnival Committee may I express our grateful thanks to all of those entries in the procession. I, personally, thought the floats were of a particularly high standard and the work put into every entry was a rewarding spectacle for the crowds. Sadly, at the Recreation Ground, we were badly let down by stallholders and the children's fun fair. Rest assured we will try and rectify this matter and if we can get more stalls and arena events to match the effort of the procession we will give the village of Bere Regis an ever improving day to remember.

Colin Greening, Chairman

Organisations wishing to apply for a donation from this year's funds must apply in writing to the Secretary no later than Sunday 17th September.

Please write to: Wendy Johnson, Flat 2, 88 West Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7HH

AGM – Tuesday 26th September 2000 at Bere Regis RBL Club

It is vital for the future of success of the Carnival for all village organisations to be represented at the A.G.M.

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Please try to come and donate if at all possible, as blood is always urgently needed. New and lapsed donors will be most welcome as well as regular donors.

Information on giving blood can be obtained by telephoning 01179 912020 or from your local organiser — Mrs R Short – 01305 853538.

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We are happy to announce that this year’s Bere Regis Amateur Dramatic Society Christmas Panto will be Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Auditions have already taken place, and the cast is already in rehearsals.

Steven Speilberg (alias John Brown) has once again taken charge of proceedings and has great plans for this year’s Panto. No doubt his expertise and the cast’s enthusiasm will promise a treat for all of us. Watch this space for further details in the run up to the show.

Anyone who would like to contribute to this year’s production in any way, please contact John Brown through the normal channels.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION

The Section held their monthly meeting on 19th July. 19 members were present. The business of the afternoon followed the Exhortation.

Our fete which was held in June raised £150.33 and the sponsored knit raised £139.50. The treasurer announced that we could donate £1,500 to the following: Benevolent - £1,000, General Fund - £500. This was agreed by all members.

We had no speaker for this meeting but members enjoyed and Ascot Race afternoon. Teas were then served by Mrs Burns and Mrs Bell.

A raffle was run by Mrs Leigh and a bring and buy by Mrs J Cleall.

Cenotaph

September – Mrs March and Mrs Curtiss

October – Mrs House and Mrs Wood

The Women’s section of the Royal British Legion keep fresh flowers around the Cenotaph all the year round. If any member of the village would like to help with this much appreciated task, they would be most welcome to be included in the rota. If you would like to offer your help, please contact either Mrs Maidment, 6 Elder Road (471616) or Mrs Cockburn, 15 Boswells Close (471400)
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Programme of events for Twinning Weekend 23rd and 24th September 2000

Saturday 23rd September
9.00 a.m.  Cérences arrive – Coffee at British Legion
11.00 a.m.  Visit to Townsend Farm by courtesy of Richard Miller (Dairy)
1.00 p.m.  Lunch with host family
2.15 p.m.  Visit to Rebecca Webber’s farm at Winterborne Kingston (Sheep and Arable)
6.30 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.  Hog Roast and Evening Entertainment at Rowlands Wait Touring Park

Sunday 24th September
11.00 a.m.  Ecumenical Church Service
12.00 noon  Presentation of prizes at Art Exhibition
6.30 p.m.  Assemble at British Legion club for high tea prior to Cérences departure

Art Exhibition and ‘Hidden Treasures’ display will be open at Cyril Wood Court from 12.00 noon – 8.00 p.m. on Saturday and from 11.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. on Sunday.

Hope you can join us!
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Saturday 23rd September

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Twinning is for everybody in the community – why not come and join us?

Cérences is a charming small town, about 90 minutes’ drive from Cherbourg, in La Manche, Normandy. Its population is about the same as ours, although it has many more shops than we do. It also holds a small market, every Thursday, in the town square. The traditional cuisine of the region includes cider, calvados, superb butter, cream, and, of course, local cheeses like Camembert. People from Bere Regis are always welcome to visit Cérences, at any time, and many close friendships between families have been established.

The Twinning “Declaration of Friendship” between our two communities, was signed on 28th June 1997, in order to “grow in mutual understanding, appreciation and respect of each other’s traditions and continue to promote and encourage exchange visits to extend our friendships and develop cultural, economic and sporting links”.

It has many organisations, which would love to develop links with similar local groups. The Fire and Rescue service has already become involved in exchange visits and two local first schools have twinned with similar schools in France, sending letters and other communications, via our travel bear scheme. There has also been a football tournament, for young rugby players. For the past two years, a small group of us have attended the Cérences English Christmas Market (held each December), dressed up in Dorset smocks, to sing English Christmas Carols to the French, which was enthusiastically received! Volunteers welcome to join us!

One of the biggest benefits from twinning, is meeting other people and learning about their culture and customs. It also has big educational advantages if you have children who are learning French at school. You do not have to speak French. A warm welcome, sign language and, if desperate, a dictionary, is all that is required!

The committee arranges official twinning weekend visits to Cérences on alternate years. These visits are informal affairs, staying with French families, sight-seeing and enjoying a communal meal with traditional Normandy music and dancing in the main square. This year, Cérences will be visiting Bere Regis on 23rd and 24th September, and we are organising a welcome reception at the British Legion, an open-air meal and concert at the Rowlands Wait Touring Park, an ecumenical church service and other activities. Cyril Wood Court is hosting a millennium Anglo-French art competition, with the final prize giving taking place on the 24th September. For the visiting French farmers, there will be a trip around a couple of local farms.

For further information on the weekend, or if you would like to join the association, please contact our membership secretary, Judy, on 01929 472163. Annual subscription – £5 per household. Newsletters and regular activities organised during the year.

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- 6oz minced cooked meat – English beef or chicken
- 4 oz cooked rice
- 2oz English butter
- A little stock
- A little single cream
- A little Worcester sauce
- Chopped parsley
- Breadcrumbs
- 2oz grated English Cheddar cheese
- Pepper

Cut a thin slice from the top of the tomatoes and scoop out the pulp. Cook the onion in the butter until soft, add the meat, rice, stock, cream, Worcester sauce and parsley. Season and cook for 3 minutes.

Fill the tomatoes with the meat mixture and put into a buttered dish, sprinkle with cheese and breadcrumbs and bake for 15 – 20 minutes.
BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

At the August meeting, Elaine gave us a very good talk and slide show on roses, ably assisted by Adrian on the SIDE projector.

Harry Dawes will join us on Tuesday 5th September with a talk on shells. Now is the time to start your diets in preparation for the Harvest Supper on 3rd October.

We do have a Dobies Autumn catalogue containing Spring bulbs, perennial plants, shrubs and summer fruits on which we can get 20% discount for members. If you are interested please give me a call to look at the catalogue. Orders will have to be with me at the September meeting.

Andy Morrison 472343

FIRE REPORT

Our busy run continues and we attended 14 incidents in July, including three heath fires, three road traffic accidents, a horse trapped in its trailer, three standby duties at other stations and a large fire at a breakers yard near Weymouth.

I will begin with the call to the latter at 0446 hours on Sunday 2nd July, to deal with approximately 80 cars and associated equipment. Ten fire appliances attended in all. On Tuesday 11th at 1321 hours some of our lads were showing the children from the playgroup around the station when we received a call to a serious road accident near Lucombe Farm, Milton Abbas. On arrival we found one young lady, trapped as a result of a severe frontal impact and along with a second team from Blandford, we successfully released both her and an elderly lady from a second car. They were then transported to hospital by air ambulance.

On a more routine note four personnel attended a fire behaviour training course at West Moors where the simulation unit introduced them to a ‘flashover’ and how to deal with one, using the latest techniques acquired from America and Sweden.

I would still like to talk to anyone who might be interest in joining us, pleas give me a call on 012929 471185 after 6.00 p.m. or call in at the Fire Station on any Tuesday night at 6.30 p.m.

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Summer Activities Programme
Our grateful thanks to the Williams Trust for helping with the funding of this year’s programme. We have had record numbers of children attending the sessions. We must remember that the Activities Team give up a great deal of time to play, book and supervise these sessions and without their hard work and dedication, we would not be able to offer such a valuable community project. So thank you to the Pop in Place Summer Activities Team.

Sponsored Disco in aid of the Poole Hospital Scanner Appeal
This is our last event in aid of the Scanner, so please come along and enjoy it on Saturday 14th October at the Drax Hall. Sponsor forms are available from the Pop in Place or from Alison on 472023.

If discos are not your thing, why not sponsor one of the dancers. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are available at £1.50 each. If you have collected over £20 of sponsorship you can enter free.

Christmas Show – 16th December
The format of our Christmas Show will be individual items, a short Nativity play and a Christmas Medley finale.

If you would like to take part, now is the time to let me know your details. We will also be making some presentations during the show – the total cheque for our fundraising for the Scanner Appeal to their Chairman, and some very special Young Volunteer and Youth Volunteer of the year awards to young people who have been instrumental in helping to provide quality entertainment to raise funds for the Scanner Appeal.
HOW IT IS FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND CARERS

On Monday 11th September there is a meeting for people to voice their views and to listen to some of the services already available. Phil Blake from “Help and Care” is looking forward to meeting you. The meeting starts at 10.00 a.m. and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome, particularly those over 55 and carers. It will be held at the Pop in Place as part of our pledge to meet the needs of the local community.
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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’S’ CLUB

A really enjoyable and interesting afternoon and a full house for the “Collectors Lot” afternoon held in August. Collections of all kinds were brought by our members.

In Kath’s absence, John England and Charlie ‘took charge’ and gave an excellent presentation of the collections. The members were asked to say a few words about their particular “LOT”. Well done and thanks to all the members who brought 6 items of their collections – there were 25 in all, and were very varied.

A birthday cake (made by Cis) and decorated with pink roses was cut by Charlie for the Queen Mother’s 100th birthday, and we all sang Happy Birthday. It was also a free meeting for members and a new member was welcomed.

Our next meeting is our Annual Luncheon at 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 13th September. Please let Kath (471175) or Mary (471469) know if you wish to come.

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Cérences, our twinned village in Normandy has a thriving artistic community, and so in Bere Regis have we.

It seemed a good idea to have a shared Millennium Art Exhibition here at Cyril Wood Court with Bere Regis as the host village, we have a Community Centre and studio suitable for such events. So now we had to decide our theme and thought artists of both villages could portray the buildings, landscape, people flora and fauna found within the broadly based surrounding areas.

Then we looked for a sponsor and approached Pébéo, an art material firm linked with France and the United Kingdom. Pébéo agreed to provide prizes or art materials.

In the first phases, both villages working in parallel will hold their own local art exhibitions. At these all pictures submitted will be shown and 20 will be selected to go forward to the Twinning Exhibition.

Enthusiasm is building for the Bere Regis exhibition which is being held from the 15\textsuperscript{th} to the 17\textsuperscript{th} September and to date, 70 pictures have been entered.

Our visitors from Cérences will arrive on Saturday 23\textsuperscript{rd} September. The Twinning exhibition will be open at 12.00 noon on Saturday and all day on Sunday 24\textsuperscript{th} September.

The prizes of Art Materials will be awarded at 12.00 noon on the Sunday.

Also, on 23\textsuperscript{rd} and 24\textsuperscript{th} September, “Hidden Treasures” is to be held in the studio. Exhibits for the “Hidden Treasures” have been loaned by residents of Bere Regis and the parish. These include: wall hangings, a sample of material woven in Bere Regis, an Altar Cloth, and a millennium quilt. A large teddy bear, and three separate “Now and Then” arrangements will be on display, together with quilted pictures, tapestries and many other interesting features or examples of life over the ages.
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Twinned town of Cerences in Normandy

The theme of the exhibition is the portrayal of the buildings, landscape, people, flora and fauna of Bere Regis, Cerences and their environment.

Phase 1: Bere Regis Exhibition
Friday 15th September to Sunday 17th September
11.00 am to 5.00 pm

Phase 2: Twinning Exhibition*
Saturday 23rd September 12 noon to 8.00 pm
Sunday 24th September 11.00 am to 5.00 pm

*Also in the Studio “Hidden Treasures”. A display of memorabilia from the past to the present contributed by the villagers of Bere Regis

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When you think about it for a moment or two, how privileged we are to live in such a beautiful and attractive county as Dorset. There is so much on offer for the residents to enjoy, as well as the visitors of course. We can so often take these things for granted because we live here, and often miss what the holiday makers come miles to see and appreciate. Each village and town has its own unique attractions, whether in the countryside or near the sea.

I suppose one of the main attractions between Swanage and Corfe Castle is the Steam Railway, as well as the Castle itself. I wonder what the old Castle stones would say if they had eyes to see and a voice to speak? They witnessed the ripping up of the old railway lines years ago to save money, now they see the steam railway enthusiasts having to re-lay them years later, with much effort and considerable expense and commitment. They also see how much the present steam train rides are enjoyed by young and old alike.

Over the same period of time those same stones will have witnessed how much our nation as a whole has ‘run off the rails’ morally and spiritually. In today’s modern and advanced society, God’s commands and guide lines for life as laid down in the Bible, have been ripped up, scrapped and declared obsolete. But God’s Word remains forever the same and will never pass away. (Matthew 24:35) The guide lines of our Creator God are for our benefit, to enhance and not limit our enjoyment of life. In fact Jesus said, “I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full”. (John 10:10) Individually, we need to get back on track before it is too late, and be totally committed to Jesus Christ at all costs. Let’s be enthusiastic for God’s sake!

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**Cricket Results**

15 July  
BERE REGIS  
154 for 7 dec.  
(D Rogerson 46, C Oram 56)  
GILLINGHAM 155 for 2

16 July  
SUTTONERS  
175 allout  
BERE REGIS  
147 allout  
(P Macklin 43, P Fripp 47)

22 July  
BERE REGIS  
175 for 4  
(R Hewitt 42, D Merritt 35, A Kent 30, D Rogerson 34no)  
BROADSTONE II  
123 for 9  
(D Rogerson 4-41)

23 July  
BERE REGIS  
138 allout  
(R Fripp 60, N Cheeseman 22)  
MOORDOWN II  
132 allout  
(A Green 3-26, P Macklin 4-25)

29 July  
BERE REGIS  
167 allout  
(R Hewitt 30, N Cheeseman 40, M Bennett 24)  
COLEHILL II  
168 for 0

30 July  
IWERNE MINSTER  
222 for 8  
(P Macklin 3-51)

5 Aug  
BERE REGIS  
208 for 6  
(R Fripp 86, P Fripp 27, A Green 27)

REDLANDS  
128 allout  
(D Rogerson 3-36)
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Bere were eager to banish the memories of a cold, wet and windswept Delph earlier in the season, when they suffered a 10 run defeat in the gloom. This time Bere were the hosts, and after the debacle at Gillingham the week before it was time for the hosts to re-assert themselves at the top of the division.

Mr Peeks had prepared track number 9 for the game which promised a lot of runs on the day. Bere were put in, and Inzamam U1 Sheep Merritt resumed his number two role with Russell 'Monstaah' Hewitt ever present at number one. The pair batted for 28 overs, adding 80 for the first wicket just five minutes short of two hours at the crease. Hewitt accelerated at the perfect time with a flurry of boundaries, but holed out by the roller (not Inzamam) after a sweet on-drive picked out the only fielder in the vicinity.

Earlier Inzy had succumbed to the same cut shot that has become his weakness this term. Andy Kent went in at 3 needing quick runs. He filled the role with aplomb, hitting a vibrant 30 before being run out chasing a quick single.

Arguably Bere’s most consistent batsman this season is Dean Rogerson, he steered Bere to maximum batting points comfortably with help from the very mobile Graeme Price who was happy to play second fiddle in a stand of 34 off 5 overs. Once again Bere showed their mettle, and the ability to bat throughout the side when the pressure is well and truly on.

Broadstone have their future in safe hands, with their batting order brimming with youthful talent. Both their openers got them off to a competent start until their number two retired hurt after a top edge into the face.

The capture of wickets was paramount, and captain Cheeseman turned to Rogerson who took another four wickets in what has become a most successful season so far. Broadstone were far from out of the contest at 92 for 3 with 14 overs left, but the Bere bowlers struck and Broadstone hopes nose-dived.
Veteran seamer Mark Bennett has claimed 10 victims this season, and only required two more wickets for 300 in his long and illustrious career. He trapped Broadstone’s no 8 leg before, and the crowd were ready to ignite the fireworks with the giant scoreboard standing by to flash the big ‘300’, but he failed to add and will fight on whilst on 299.

The Broadstone challenge eventually petered out whilst on 123, with a cameo bowling show from The Praying Mantis who sealed a fourth bowling point for Bere. The home side were now ready to concentrate on the after match annual barbecue, vice-presidents’ evening and calypso scenes which followed.

The Sunday team arrived at Iwerne after a circular tour of Durweston Bridge with Alan Green and his magical mystery minibus on tour to The Promised Land. They were duly rewarded by being invited to bat on Iwerne’s luxuriant facilities.

On a good wicket and vast outfield the home team raced to 50 in 12 overs before Martin Price ran out the opponents’ Captain and star batsman. This resulted in the run rate being checked as the bowling and fielding, notably Paul Fripp alternating between extra cover and deep mid-wicket, keeping the boundary count down.

However, wickets were hard to come by and with 6 wickets in hand the home team were able to swing the bat to good effect during the final 10 overs, adding 68 more runs to finish on 226 for 8. The only consolation for the bowlers being the dismissal of 2 batsmen in the final over to earn Bere a total of 4 bowling points. However the extras column which totalled 33, was cause for concern for the skipper.

In reply The Cardigans (batting variety) got us off to a solid start, the first two wickets falling at 32 & 63. At 83 for 3 the arrival of the skipper produced a number of eventful moments. Rapturous applause greeted his first runs in 4 matches, from which giddy heights he proceeded to score 27 from 17 deliveries as he put on 44 in 7 overs with Reg Fripp, during which time, with successive boundaries Reg completed 5,000 runs for the club and reached his 50 and an appointment with the Palace. He went on to record his highest score of the season in gladiatorial fashion, playing through the pain barrier late in his innings.

Dave Scott and Paul Fripp in turn continued the run chase with Reg having faced just three balls short of half the strike. They scored 16,27 and 86 respectively before the overs ran out with Bere agonisingly 19 runs short. Consolation took the form of 9 points from the match and a visit to see Pedro Bennett at The White Hart on the return journey, again via a circular tour of Durweston Bridge.
On a muggy afternoon Sherborne eventually found their way to our garden shed corner of the cricketing world's vegetable patch. They were pleasantly surprised to find that they were indebted to the EU, as our field had been set aside and now took on the appearance of a batting paradise.

This was certainly the case in the early stages as Sherborne elected to bat and despite losing a wicket in the third over, raced to 50 in the 11th without further loss. In the 13th over Sherborne's top scorer, having smashed a cover drive for 4, trying to repeat the shot, fell for the slower ball and was well caught by Nick White at mid on.

From this point the wheels came off the Sherborne innings. Youngsters Nick White and Shane Hewitt both returned figures of 1 for 3 and together with Pete Macklin’s 2 for 7 plus a total of 6 catches being held, reduced Sherborne to 100 all out in 37 overs, with just 15 runs coming off the final 16 overs.

Not to be outdone Bere made a similar start to their innings and had reached 24 for 1 after 9 overs. It was testing time for umpires, as Sherborne’s opening bowler was appealing for absolutely everything going. A triple wicket maiden saw a flurry of batsmen come and go before the next 2 overs produced 15 runs and no further wickets. A wicket then fell in each of the next two overs to leave Bere on 40 for 6, but with 39 overs left in which to score 61 runs! Some of Bere’s batsmen had let themselves down with some indifferent shots to Sherborne’s top seamer.

Pete Macklin joined the skipper and they put on 22 before Pete misjudged a drive and was caught for a valuable 13. At 66 for 8 The Wool Stopping Service-Martin Price arrived at the wicket and proceeded to play the careful innings required as he and the skipper gradually edged the score towards the target.

A bizarre match ended in fitting style with 3 runs coming from a wide, with the skipper 30 and Martin 3 not out, and the ever expanding love blanket had plenty to cheer about as Bere grabbed the most unexpected of victories against a promotion chasing side.

This unlikely victory sparked celebrations that continued late into the night, including the eventual arrival of meals on wheels and the skipper with both hands laden with jugs. He took in the adulation of his adoring masses as his increasingly popular ‘Apres-cricket’ alcohol induced speeches were enjoyed by all.

So it was all aboard The Alan Green Magical Mystery Minibus for the trip to Motcombe, nestled in the foothills of the Dorset-Wiltshire border, with Bere needing one more win from four to guarantee complete safety from the drop into division 7.
The football season is now well truly upon us and Bere Regis Football Club have been active in the pre-season build up. The club training sessions are held on Wednesday evenings commencing at 7.00pm, anyone interested please contact Dean Rogerson (Saturday Division 3 North & East manager) or Nick Macklin (Sunday Division 2 manager) at the clubhouse on Wednesdays on 01929 471591. Also the club have launched a youth football initiative. Sessions are held on Monday evenings for under 8’s, and are run by Darren Spivey and Rob White. Any young players interested please report to the ground at 6.30pm on Monday evenings.

Please do not forget that full and comprehensive football and cricket reports, club events, developments and club history can be viewed at the extensive Bere Regis Sports Club official website-http: //www.welcome.as/bereregis

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Okinawa – the Squandered summit

The G8 leaders left the island of Okinawa at the end of their summit meeting in July, having failed to agree a new deal on debt cancellation. Their final communiqué merely recycles the promises of a year ago, which have already been broken. The G8 in Okinawa pledged to give initial assistance on debt payments for 20 countries by the end of 2000 – and even weaker promise than a year ago in Cologne.

Two new proposals for helping people in the poorest countries were indeed put forward – help with providing computers and free school meals. However, they failed to take into account the extreme poverty in these countries. You cannot eat a laptop and a free school meal is worthless if you can’t afford the school fees the IMF insist must be charged in the poorest countries. Following on from Britain’s long tradition of taking the lead internationally on development issues, Tony Blair was keen to go further on debt relief at Okinawa, but the hardline governments won the day.

Jubilee 2000 is not letting the matter rest there. The organisation itself finishes campaigning on December 31st this year, but the remaining Aid agencies will continue to press for fairness and justice on debt related issues. This is what Jubilee 200 is asking us to do now:-

1. Take action now, immediately to express your outrage at the G8’s inaction and call for Britain to find a new way of implementing debt cancellation. Write to Tony Blair, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA. Tell him how dismayed you are that the G8 failed to act. Call on him to make real his wish to do more on debt. He doesn’t have to wait for the rest of the G8. He can do two things now:-
   - immediately stop taking the money from the poorest countries and ensure it is spent instead on meeting basic needs for the world’s most impoverished people
   - put his weight behind the call for a new independent process for debt cancellation, as already proposed by the UN Secretary General. there is a UN Millennium summit in New York in September at which pressure for this can be brought to bear.

2. Reserve you place for Prague

The World Bank/IMF meetings in Prague will now be the last major action focus for the Jubilee 2000 campaign. Jubilee 2000 will be organising a range of events in Prague, including a key demonstration on Sunday 24th September, discussion forums and participation in joint activities. they need as many people as possible to come.

Bookings can be made through Harry Weeks Travel. Call 01689 887000 (Groups Department) for further information.

Philippa Ward
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Briantspuddle Street Fair
A big thank you to Linda Holmes from the Village Hall Committee and many others too for organising a fabulous Street Fair from its inception to the clearing up afterwards.

Thank you also to all those who toiled at home making cakes, served teas at Cruck Cottage, were wardens on the street and car park attendants in the fields - too many to mention individually but without whom the day could not have gone so smoothly (think of yourselves as cogs in the machine that made the day such a success.) I must not forget to express our appreciation also to Paul and Chips Badcock for offering the garden of Cruck Cottage for teas, Terry and Dawn Lane for the use of the Walnut Circle for stalls and the kind 'ladies with the horses' who allowed the use of their fields for parking.

Many local residents, charities and village organisations benefited from the day financially by taking part, as will as a few more commercial stallholders. The weather was perfect, the atmosphere was jolly, the stalls many and varied and public poured in. Briantspuddle, was admired, photos were taken, money spent, tea and cakes consumed and many, many happy people departed.

Well over £900 was made towards providing disabled facilities and future improvements.

Village Hall Committee
Now........ I must sadly report the Linda Holmes has resigned her post as Secretary on the Village Hall Committee, after this proof (if any were needed) of her abilities. I am sure I speak for the whole committee when I say 'we are sorry to see you go and thank you for your hard work over the last two years'.

Village Hall Improvements
The thatcher demonstrating at the Street Fair, Nigel Keys, has inspected the Hall thatch and reports some patchy signs of deterioration. Ridging and repair work will be required within the next couple of years.
The painting and treatment of external windows and doors has been completed. These issues of maintenance bring us onto our plans for improvements. The Planning Department of Purbeck District Council has been consulted and, after some delay have informed us that they could support the broad approach of the plan put forward - in principle (details were not discussed).

However, we will do NOTHING more until the views of the community have been sought. As I stated last month ‘we are seeking improvements ...... not controversy’. Let’s face it, no one wants to waste time and energy on ‘a wild goose chase’.

To this end we will arrange an evening for consultation, hopefully in October, after the next Village Hall Committee meeting which will take place in September. So please, for the next update, Watch This Space!!!

New Chairs
The new chairs have, it seems, been sent back for recoating before they have even reached us! The suppliers (King Cole Furniture of Yeovil) reported that they were unhappy with the finish delivered to them by the manufacturer and sent them back, hence the delay in delivery. With a bit of luck and fair wind by the time this magazine hits the press we hope to be in possession of our new set of chairs.

Barn Dance & Farmhouse Supper
By popular demand the Barn Dance & Farmhouse Supper is once again being staged on 30 September.

Ray Rolph the ‘Caller’ tells me he is happy to come out of retirement for our scrumptious supper and yet another visit to Briantspuddle where we know how to have fun!!

To book tickets (£6.00 per head) phone Jenny Lightfoot on 471498 or Jan Hopkins on 471778 but hurry as numbers are limited to 60 due to the size of the hall.

Remember you don’t have to be able to dance to enjoy this event, you just need to be able to eat, drink and be merry!!!!

See you there.

Jenny Lightfoot - Chairman
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PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL

This year's Purbeck Film Festival will take place in venues throughout Purbeck from Friday 6 October until Saturday 21 October. Festival programmes will be available later in September. The icon is Audrey Hepburn and the themes are Westerns, French Films and Food in Cinema. On Friday 13 October Briantspuddle Hall Committee is hosting Breakfast at Tiffany’s/Briantspuddle. The tickets costing £6 (£5 Senior Citizens and children) will include a glass of bubbling wine together with a sophisticated finger buffet during the interval. Breakfast at Tiffany’s was one of Audrey Hepburn’s best known films and is based upon the book by Truman Capote - so look out your white gloves, little black dress and long cigarette holder and start humming Moon River!

ARTS REACH

This season Briantspuddle Hall Committee have been very fortunate to have three confirmed bookings and possibly a fourth.

On Friday 24 November those of you who enjoyed ‘Life in the Freezer’, the slide show given by Ben Osborne will be interested to see his next slide show and talk ‘Common Source’ which is a celebration of two British rivers, the Severn and the Wye. It is a journey in Poetry, Music and Photographs (all especially commissioned for the show). With powerful, thought provoking poetry, atmospheric music and dramatic, beautiful images, the evening takes you through some of the most beautiful countryside in Britain.

On Friday 15 December we are lucky enough to have Tim Laycock and The Scorpion Band presenting ‘The Christmas Goose’ their Christmas Show.

During January 2001 (the dates have yet to be confirmed) Richard Derrington who some of you may remember in Taylor’s Tickler in 1997 is presenting ‘My Kingdom for a Horse’. Richard Derrington has just produced this new play with the help of Alan Aykbourne’s Scarborough theatre. The play is based upon the life of Richard Plantagenet. (For those of you who are Archers fans, Richard plays Mark Hebden).

It is also hoped that we may be fortunate enough to host a concert of classical chamber music later in the season.

Details of ticket prices and availability will be given in future magazines.
Horticultural Show
This year the Horticultural Show was combined with Briantspuddle Street Fair. A fine day saw a large number of visitors in the village, many of whom visited the Horticultural Exhibition and commented on the high quality of the exhibits. The number of entries remained about the same but it was encouraging to see a number of new entries.

The cup winners were:
- Novelty Cup - John Royal
- Bladen Social Club Cup (Vegetables) - Selwyn McGrorty
- Norman Reed Rose Bowl (Flowers) - Jenny Lightfoot
- Kayll Cup (Floral Arrangements) - Jean Shereston
- Martin Debenham Cup (Home Craft) - Janet Croft
- Marjorie Fuller Cup (Children) - Simon Beedle
- Joan Herridge Cup (Junior Floral) - Dylan Barrett-Watts
- BSC Rose Bowl (Best Ladies Exhibit) - Una Russell
- Jubilee Cup (Best in Show) - David Russell
- Floral Art Trophy (Best Arrangement) - Jenny Beedle
- Lady Debenham Cup (Highest number of votes on Open Gardens Day) - Peter Leatherdale & Dawn Palmer

Many thanks to Selwyn and Jean McGrorty for their hard work organising the event.

The Social Club also had stalls in the Street Fair and managed to raise a magnificent £80.00 which will go towards the club’s annual charity - The Myeloma Foundation. Many thanks to those who manned the stalls especially Sue and Bert Jeanes for all their hard work.

The day was rounded off by a 60’s Disco and Barbecue, Nigel Lord providing the disco and Geoff Gale the barbecue. A good time was had by all and thanks to Nigel and Geoff for providing the food and entertainment.
Forthcoming Events

Skittles
4 September - Monday Evening Skittles start at 8.30pm. Good fun, good company and a little exercise. Anyone interested in joining a team contact Eric Rolls tel. 471573 for further details.

7 October - Teams of 4 needed for Village Skittles Competition. Anyone can enter. Again contact Eric Rolls for further details.

Quiz Night
1 September - Friday 9pm, the last quiz night of the Summer Series. It’s not too taxing, just good fun with fantastic prizes for the winners!!! Come along and give the grey matter a bit of exercise, your last chance this year.

Harvest Auction
23 September - Saturday 8pm. Bring along anything that can be auctioned on the night, it doesn’t have to be garden produce although this always goes down well. Always a popular event, not to be missed. Free entry. Bar open. All proceeds to Affpuddle Church Funds.

HOME WATCH

There has been a spate of car break-ins recently (3 in Briantspuddle and 6 in Bere Regis). Please remove all valuables from cars and if possible inactivate or remove car radios.

Everyone is requested to be vigilant and report any suspicious circumstances immediately to the police.

In addition, farmers have reported the theft of diesel from a mobile bowser in a field and there have been reports of fuel siphoned from vehicles in Wareham.

BE ON YOUR GUARD!!!!

Bill Thorniley
TARMAC THE A35 CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition requesting a quieter road surface on the A35. Over 500 names were forwarded to our local MP, Ian Bruce and to the MP for West Dorset, Oliver Letwin. It seems that our concerns about noise pollution have been taken into account and I was pleased to receive the following letter on 4 August:-

Dear Mrs Hopkins

A35 TOLPUDDLE/PUDDLETOWN - NOISE

I refer to correspondence concerning the above and write to update you on the situation.

You may be aware that the Government's strategy for transport:
Transport 2010 - The ten-year Plan has now been published. This sets out proposals for installing quieter surfaces on over 60% of the trunk road network, including all concrete stretches. The Highways Agency had been asked by Ministers to draw up a programme for this work for agreement. The A35 at Tolpuddle to Puddletown will be included in this programme. All relevant factors will need to be taken into account in deciding priorities, including the relative severity of the noise problem.

Yours sincerely

Steve Carpenter
Sector Manager (Dorset)

A30/A35 Exeter to Bere Regis DBFO

A meeting is planned with Oliver Letwin in early September where we expect to discuss ways in which we can persuade the Highways Agency to make the A35 the first road to be resurfaced under the new Ten Year Plan.

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Jan Hopkins
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Floral Group  2.00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village hall
Golden Circle  2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court
Guides  Unit suspended
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Mini Market  10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
Mobile Library  Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and  3.15 p.m. – 4.25 p.m. – Car Park
Mothers’ Union  7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church
Parish Council  7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
                Sub-committees on Post Office notice board
Playgroup Bere Regis  Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792  Wednesday/Thursday PM
Pop in Place  9.00 a.m.- 12.00  Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall
Rainbows  4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
RBL Gardening Club  8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774
Scouts (10½-15 yrs)  7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
Swimming Club  Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m, Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262
Toddler Group  1.30 p.m Mondays, Congregational Church
Tuesday Club  A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every Tuesday at Turberville Court. All welcome
Twinning Association  Contact Bernard Hammick - 472727 for all activities
Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)  8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
W.I. Bere Regis  7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
W.I. Briantspuddle  7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall
Woodbury Hill Singers  2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### September
- **1st**: Pip 4th Birthday Party and Raffle, 10.00 a.m.–12.00 noon
- **5th**: Gardening Club – Shells, 8.00 p.m.
- **13th**: Autumn Leaves annual luncheon, Drax Hall, 1.00 p.m.
- **15th/17th**: Art Exhibition, first stage, Cyril Wood Court
- **17th**: Bere Regis R.B.L. Harvest Festival
- **23rd**: Twinning Association Hog Roast and Entertainment evening, 6.30 p.m.
- **23rd/24th**: Weekend visit of Twinning members from Cérences
- **23rd/24th**: Art Exhibition, final stage (Cérences and Bere Regis)
  - Hidden Treasures of Bere Regis at Cyril Wood Court
- **29th**: ROGS – Weymouth Golf Club
- **30th**: Barn Dance, Briantspuddle Village Hall

### October
- **1st**: Harvest Festival - Affpuddle, 11.00 a.m.
- **3rd**: Gardening Club – Harvest Supper, 8.00 p.m.
- **7th/8th**: 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Bere Heath Chapel
- **11th**: Autumn Leaves, talk on Dorset buttons
- **27th**: ROGS – Moors Valley Golf Club

### November
- **4th**: Bangers and Mash Party, and Auction of Promises - Drax Hall
- **7th**: Gardening Club – Egypt, 8.00 p.m.
- **8th**: Autumn Leaves, Washday Blues
- **12th**: Remembrance Sunday
- **25th**: Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar, Drax Hall, 2.00 p.m.

### December
- **9th**: Church Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court
- **16th**: Pip Show and Party
- **17th**: Affpuddle Carol and Gift Service, 11.00 a.m.
  - Bere Regis Carol Service, 6.00 p.m.
- **24th**: CHRISTINGLE - Bere Regis, 6.00 p.m.
  - MIDNIGHT COMMUNION - Bere Regis, 11.30 p.m.
- **25th**: CHRISTMAS DAY
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