THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

PARENTS IN THE WAY

Not only in our two parishes, but generally throughout the country, the churches have seen a draining away of young people from church services. Sunday Schools used to be a part of every church, but now there are very few, except in large town parishes. Choirs used to have children in them, but now there are very few.

Why is this, and should we do anything about it?

The last 50 years have seen the biggest change in society in our history. The motor car, aeroplane, radio, television and more recently the computer, have all created a world that would be unrecognisable to our great grandparents. Sometimes, when I talk to an old person whose husband has died, I say, "How did you meet?" "Oh, he cycled over from Dorchester." Who today cycles over from Dorchester to meet a girl friend? Our society has changed. We have mobility; the car.

Then there is Sunday. Gone is the time when shops were closed (except for newspapers); gone is the time when we stayed at home. Now, Sunday is a day when children play football, organised by splendid local volunteers; now we go to visit grandparents, or friends, or we have grandparents or friends to Sunday lunch. It is our only "free" day for doing things in the house or garden, or for enjoying the children, or having a lie in. Then there is the sad disruption of family life, when it is "Dad's turn to have the children." Divorce shatters many things, including Sunday.

There has been a sadness in our two churches that we have lost the children. I have thought for a long time that we have lost the parents. So many young parents, under the age of 40, have been accustomed to the new way of life. Church has been on the verge of daily living and not anywhere near the centre. There is not necessarily an anti-church feeling; indeed there is much good will, but the young family's life style militates against going to church.

So what can we do to ensure that our children have the chance to appreciate the ancient spirituality of Christian England?
In Bere Regis, a group of concerned adults have organised a series of Saturday morning "Fun Days." The 1st School has kindly allowed us to advertise these events, and on the last two occasions, 40 children have been brought by their parents. I use the phrase brought by their parents, and not attended, because in our present society, parents have to be so careful for the wellbeing of their children. So children are no longer sent to Sunday School; they have to rely on the parents' taxi service! These Saturday mornings have worked. The children enjoy them. We are hoping that special Sundays, like Mothering Sunday, may attract the children and their parents to the Church Family Service the next day, so that the worship of God is not lost in our modern society.

In Affpuddle, with its much smaller number of children, a children's church service has been held for 16 years, once a month. Those who come at the start are now married and have their own children. We have recently been looking once again at this form of worship, and have decided to create a new service that caters for young and old alike. (There is nothing worse than encouraging young people to attend a service, only to find very few adults joining them.) So our new Communion Service (For Young and Old Together) will have two parts. The first part will be very much centred on the young, and then we will go into the main part of most Christian worship - the Lord's Supper. This New Communion will start on Easter Day. We hope the very supportive congregation of Affpuddle will help us to make this attractive in a social climate that works against it.

My 'Thought from the Vicarage' would be incomplete without a special mention of the schools in our area. When I start Confirmation Classes, I probe to see what the children know about Christianity. You would be delighted at the extent of their knowledge. The schools are not allowed to indoctrinate but they have a responsibility to impart information. This they do.

The heading of this 'Thought' is 'Parents in the Way'. Being a parent, I am very aware that we are often a stumbling block in the spiritual growth of our children, not because we don't care, but because we have been caught up in a fast moving and secular society.

It's worth thinking about.

Graham Robins

THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE
The Vicar
The Venerable Graham Robins OBE
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BERE REGIS
CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

Sunday 1st April  9.30 a.m.  Mr House / Mr Bates
                   6.00 p.m.  Mrs Jutting
Sunday 8th April  11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
                   6.00 p.m.  Miss Fampton
Sunday 15th April 9.30 a.m.  Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Smith
                   6.00 p.m.  Mr Woodward
Sunday 22nd April 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
                   6.00 p.m.
Sunday 29th April 9.30 a.m.  Benefice Service at Bere Regis -
                          churchwardens

Sanctuary Flower Guild

15th April  EASTER
22nd April  Mrs P Roblin   Mrs J Kinahan
29th April  Mrs B Griffin   Mrs N Gibson

Evensong Readers

1st       Mrs Jutting
8th       Miss Frampton
15th      Mrs Lewis

CHURCH SERVICES in April

Sunday 1st April  5th Sunday in Lent
(Passion Sunday)

8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
3.00 p.m.  Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong followed by Annual Parochial Meeting
           (Affpuddle)

Sunday 8th April
Palm Sunday
(Distribution of Palm Crosses at all
services)

8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion
           (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m.  Palm Sunday Eucharist (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong followed by Annual Parochial Meeting
           (Bere Regis)

Maundy Thursday 12th April

7.30 p.m.  Celebration of the Last Supper

Good Friday 13th April

10.00 a.m. 'THE CROSS' in words and music (Bere Regis)
11.30 a.m. Devotions before the Cross (Affpuddle)
CHURCH SERVICES in April

Sunday 15th April, Easter Day
- 8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.30 a.m.: Easter Day Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m.: Easter Day Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 6.00 p.m.: Evensong and Sermon (Bere Regis)

Sunday 22nd April, 2nd Sunday of Easter
- 8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.30 a.m.: Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11.00 a.m.: Mattins (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m.: Regis Praise (Bere Regis)

Sunday 29th April, 3rd Sunday of Easter
- 9.30 a.m.: Bere Regis & Affpuddle Joint Service of Holy Communion (Bere Regis)

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Ringing practices have started again on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 p.m. New ringers are always welcome whether already ringers of complete beginners. Meet at the Church porch.

Visiting ringers from East Sussex are coming to our Tower on Saturday 28th April from 10.30 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.

THE CHURCH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETINGS

Every year, around Easter time, churches hold a meeting open to all parishioners. At these meetings, church wardens, members of the Parochial Church Council, and sidesmen are all elected. Then there are reports from the vicar, and the various groups in the church.

Our two churches are holding these meetings as follows:

- Affpuddle - 1st April at 6.00 p.m.
- Bere Regis - 8th April at 6.00 p.m.

(N.B. both meetings start with a shortened form of Evensong.)

BERE REGIS GIFT DAY

The goodwill of so many people was evident on the Saturday when the Vicar sat outside the Post Office hoping for those little brown envelopes to come in. You will be delighted to know that you contributed £1,300 towards the work of the church. (The Vicarage dog was a bit pathetic; she arrived late and left early.) Many thanks to those of you who gave so generously.
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FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES

You arrive back from a holiday abroad, or perhaps a business trip. You have coins that banks will not change. You put them with a few notes into that envelope, expecting to use them 'next time'.

Is that envelope still in that drawer? If it is, it is not worth as much as you think. Get rid of it! Give it to Miss Sybil Frampton (c/o The Vicarage). She can convert your leftover holiday money into real money, and then give it away. Recently, she was able to take to Barclays Bank 3.5kg of coins, which it sorted, and sent a cheque to a charity called Ockenden International. Many churches support this charity, and foreign coins raised £34,000 last year.

What is Ockenden International? It is a charity which helps refugees and displaced people restart their new lives. There is a bit of an anti-refugee feeling in our land at the moment, but many come to us to escape from war, persecution, famine and drought. Many of our greatest people escaped here from Hitler and the Germans before the war. Ockenden International is the charity devoted to help such people.

FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE CRISIS - BARN DANCE

It has become inevitable that, due to the tragic Foot & Mouth epidemic in our country, we must cancel the proposed Barn Dance in Lower Stockley Farm on 11th May. We are very disappointed about this, but it is nothing compared to the tragedies being experienced by the farmers and many others throughout the country.

John and Pat House have offered something different in its place. Come to a 'Summer Party' in the grounds of their home on Friday 31st August. Everything they organise is enjoyable and memorable, so do make a note of this in your diary.

Details of the party, where it is, how much it will cost, etc will be advertised soon, but for now, just book the date, and begin to make up a party. You know you will love it.
MOTHERS' UNION

Our March meeting took place at Turberville Court when our speaker was The Revd Hugh Maddox, from Morden. Hugh spoke about his trip to Kenya last year with the scout venture, Kenya 2000. Hugh had joined the party as chaplain and he told us of his impressions. It was a totally different experience to his normal work, being a priest in a rural area with mainly elderly churchgoers.

Hugh was very impressed with how well the scout camp was organized although facilities were very basic. Everyone worked very hard and the medical centre was built for the camp and for local children, many of whom live on the streets.

Hugh was invited to celebrate the Eucharist, which everyone found very moving, and on another occasion, they attended a church service where about 2,000 people were present.

Our next meeting will take place in church on 4th April when the Revd Alan Gill will celebrate the Eucharist for us, and Mrs Margery Gill will speak on the subject of 'Prayer & Spirituality'.

Brenda Pitfield 471391

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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Mrs E Bangay — No 93
3rd prize - £10
Mrs V Peters — No 7

4th prize - £5
Mrs E Green — 138
5th prize - £5
Mr E Herridge — No 238
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

EASTER DECORATION

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 14th April from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Gifts of flowers and foliage would be most welcome. Please bring these to church on Saturday morning before 10.00 a.m. Help with the flower arranging would also be most welcome.

FLOWERS AND CLEANING ROTAS

By the time you receive your magazine those of you who have volunteered to do the cleaning and flower arranging in the church will have received your rota for the year 1st April 2001 to 31st March 2002. This would be a suitable time to say how grateful the Vicar and P.C.C. are to those of you who give up your valuable time to help the church by making sure that it is cleaned and that the flowers always look attractive and fresh.

Despite putting a great deal of care and thought in constructing the rotas I may have put some of you down for a Sunday which is not convenient. (Unfortunately I do not have second sight and am not always aware of your hobbies and pastimes!) However, this is not a problem, please arrange a swap with someone else and let me know. Cleaning can be done at any time during the week but to ensure that the flowers are fresh, flower arranging needs to be done no earlier than the Thursday and preferably on the Friday or Saturday.

This would also be a good time to mention the four Special Cleans of the church. At these cleaning sessions the furniture and floors are polished and the hizzocks vacuumed. This year the four special cleans have been arranged for Saturdays 16th June, 14th October, 12th January and 23rd March in all cases from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Do put these dates in your diary and it would be greatly appreciated if you could come along and lend a hand.

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The March meeting was the Annual Parish Meeting which, though well advertised on the Parish Noticeboard, had just two Parishioners attending. The Chairman, Mr Lionel Street, reviewed the past year in the life of the Council. One parishioner raised the problems associated with the foot and mouth epidemic concerning access to the countryside.

The Chairman welcomed the recently elected District Councillor, Mr P Wharf to the Council meeting. At a later stage in the meeting Mr Wharf was elected to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

An observation was made concerning the litter to be seen on the sides of the roads in the Parish. A letter is to be sent to the District Council requesting that efforts be made to clear this continual nuisance.

The Council is concerned that Parish information is not easily disseminated around the Parish and thus they are looking for suitable sites for notice boards. Four possible sites have been identified eg adjacent to the School, Hyde - by the post box, Sitterton - by the bridge and Elder Road. The Council will now investigate the possibility of siting suitable notice boards but as they are not cheap it will not be happening overnight.

The Council is concerned about the potential dangers from spring action guns and catapults that are to be seen in the hands of some young people in the Village. The West window of the church has been damaged by a catapulted missile and a glass panel in the telephone kiosk has been damaged. Worse damage is possible and the bearers of the guns, which at first appearance look so real, should remember that the Police have severe ways of dealing with incidents particularly where a weapon is involved.

The matter of Chapel Lane ownership and rerouting of the right of way together with a request to sort out the messy corner at Turberville Road was raised and the Clerk will write to the parties concerned.
One Councillor had recently attended a meeting of the Dorset County Council Transport Forum. The agenda concerned roads as well as public transport. It would appear that large sums of money are being made available to repair roads and to reduce potential accident spots. These are five and ten year plans! However we can look forward to

a the upgrading the C6 - Rye Hill road to Wool - being upgraded to a B classification. This needs to be looked at advantages that can be gained by upgrading eg road markings as it is the intention to mark speed limits on A and B roads.

b The County is looking at a cross County scheme for concessionary fares as the present District led scheme does not work fairly.

c The restriction to 50 mph on specific lengths of the A35.

d A safe route to school is to be investigated.

In addition the views of the Council concerning the Weymouth bound traffic were well aired at this meeting and a promise was made that the route signing would be looked at again.

The Council reminds Parishioners of their entitlement to make use of Postal and Proxy votes. Whereas until recently it was necessary to have strong reasons for using this method of voting at Local and General Elections, it is now very easy and avoids becoming disenfranchised through illness or sudden changes in plans. The Electoral Roll is now a continually amended document and one can claim a vote immediately your new circumstances are known. If in any doubt contact the Electoral Registration Officer at Purbeck District Council.

CM

BERE REGIS BABYSITTING CIRCLE

Meetings are held in the evening of the first Tuesday each month (except during school holiday time when daytime gatherings will enable children and parents to meet together). The next two meetings will be Tuesday 3 April, 8.30pm at Mary's - Forge Cottage, Rye Hill; and Tuesday 1 May at 8.30pm at Gillian's - 99 North Street. New members are always welcome. Phone Su Roberts for further details (471322).

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Women's Section held no meeting in the usual way in February, instead a Soup Luncheon was enjoyed by 19 members. Business was discussed during the meal and after, a raffle was run by Mrs Rita Burns and a Bring & Buy by Mrs K March.

Cenotaph  April   Mrs P Gibson
          May     Mrs Cockburn
          May     Mrs Barnes

DRAX HALL

As I write these notes the memory of The Just William Lady is fresh in my mind and will remain there for a long while. Alison Neil who wrote and performed this monologue was wonderful and the audience composed of people from far and wide in Dorset were very impressed and appreciative. She is certainly an actress to look forward to seeing again and if possible we will try and bring her back to perform one of her other monologues.

One point that visitors to our Hall have remarked upon is the appearance and comfort of the new chairs. Several other halls have sent committee members to view and try them. Thus it is the Committee's intention to complete the replacement of all the old chairs this year.

Looking ahead by only six weeks, we have a Table Top Mini Market sale on Saturday 12th May. Please do try to come and support your Village Hall - its got to be with us for a few more years yet!

CM

REQUEST FROM AUSTRALIA - POOR FAMILY

My name is Kristine Haynes and I am a descendant of the Poor Family who once resided in Bere Regis and Turners Puddle. I was wondering if there are any Poor Family members left in the area and what you could tell me about the area please?

Also, would you know the name of the Manor House in Turners Puddle that the gentleman described to me? Thank you kindly for any help you may be able to offer.

Please Email: Kirstine at the following address - haynk@optusnet.com.au or contact Alison, the Parish magazine Editor, who will pass messages on to Kristine.
EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB - 4 - 9 YEAR OLDS

10.30 a.m. - noon on Tuesday 10 April at the Drax Hall, Bere Regis.
Games, singing, Easter gardens, craft etc - £1.50 for 1st child, £1 for each additional child in family
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EASTER MONDAY AUCTION

2.30pm on April 16 at Bere Heath Methodist Chapel.
Items for sale can be delivered to the chapel on 15th from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., from 10.00 a.m. on 16th, or call the auctioneer - Tony Shave - on 471934 (evenings).
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ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE FROM SYMONDS & SAMPSON
"WHAT'S A BIT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WORTH THESE DAYS?"

This has been a steady rise in the chart of most often asked questions to agricultural valuers for many years. It has finally reached No. 1 and is likely to remain at the top spot for some time to come. The reason being that house owners, especially those with modest wealth, are no longer satisfied with a "standard" garden. They yearn to secure a little bit more of this green and pleasant land. Who can blame them? A bigger garden or paddock for the pony should give the recipient a good deal more pleasure than an ISA or a share certificate. But here lies a potential problem; the person on the end of the telephone posing this top selling question, and casting a longing eye on the meadow over the hedge as they speak, have often only been able to buy their country home by careful saving. Further frivolous spending is not on the agenda, especially "for a tiny piece of tatty agricultural land that the farmer makes no money on in any case".

This remark may well be true, but income from farmland has rarely had any close relationship to its capital value and never more so than today. The land may have absolutely no potential for residential or other development, but if it is on the edge of a village or adjoining a nice house, then the telephone caller is likely to be disappointed if he or she has read in the press that the average price of land is £2,000 per acre and the more marginal stuff is difficult to sell. If so, they may have worked out that they ought to be able to just about reach to the babbling stream and possibly also include that little spinney for their £10,000. The reality is that such a sum will usually only secure a single acre and often substantially less. This is because the answer to the chart topping question is "the land is worth what it adds to the value of your property, not necessarily what the land owner loses in cutting out a relatively small piece of unproductive land at the edge of the estate".

Most land owners will employ an agent to undertake the valuation and negotiate on the sale price. It is surprising how many may be prepared to sell, especially if there is little detriment to retained property and the offer is attractive. The proof is in the pudding for the frustrated house owner - the vast majority will grumble about the purchase price, but there are very few indeed who regret their acquisition in the long term. As far as we know, we have never had a call asking us to see whether the land owner is prepared to buy the land back again!

If you would like land valued, please call Richard Miller on 01305 264172.
BERE REGIS W.I.

At the February Meeting we enjoyed an evening of Musical Entertainment given by

Mrs. Barbara Lloyd. From her song sheet we were able to join in with popular songs, all of them well known. She also gave us some anecdotes from the sayings of Ken Dodd and Max Miller and a very amusing poem by Pam Ayres called 'Basil'. Mrs. Lloyd was accompanied by two of her granddaughters who also had a solo spot, lovely girls.

Snippets from the County Newsletter

There is a demonstration on making cards and 'chicks and bunnies' as well as scrumptious chocolate truffles ready for Easter plus various sports to enter, such as table tennis, golf, skittles and bowls.

The Spring Council Meeting 2001 will be held at the Weymouth Pavilion on Wednesday, 25 April, with delegates from Bere Regis attending.

The next meeting will be held at the Drax Hall on Thursday, 20 March at 7.30pm with a visit from an officer from County on the subject of 'New Horizons'.

Margaret Dann - 472734

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Martin, Peta, Simon and Alexander would like to thank the Medical Practice at Bere Regis for their care and support during Ann’s illness.

We would also like to thank everybody for their kind messages of sympathy following Ann’s death so soon after retiring.

We know Ann would have been very touched by the number of people who came to the Thanksgiving Service and the Vicarage afterwards for tea, which was kindly given by the Committee of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. It gave us an opportunity to meet people, both work colleagues and local friends.

Donations in excess of £650 were collected for the Macmillan Nurses and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

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The foundation have been visiting the Ukraine over the past few years, during which time they have helped to provide better sanitation in the orphanages, with safer play areas, build foster homes for many of the street children, and helped to build new churches, taking the Christian faith into their lives, giving them all hope for the future.

The Independent Practitioner’s Group (IPG), of which Mrs Dalton has been a member for several years, have sponsored the air fares for them both, but as you can imagine, there are many other things needed to enable them to do what is expected. Therefore we are asking if anyone would like to donate any money towards equipment, gloves and travel visas for the trip, they would all be gratefully received! They may do so by calling in to see Barbara at the dental practice anytime.

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HISTORY AND HERITAGE DAY

The “Bere for All” Group are organising a History and Heritage Day at the Drax Hall on Monday 7th May, 2001 starting at 11.00 am. This is the May Day Bank Holiday and will involve an exhibition of Photographs, Documents and Artefacts about life in Bere Regis.

We would like to gather together as much information about our village as it is today by looking at details of what the village life was like through the last century. We are looking for pictures maps and documents or any other items of interest. For example the Old School clock or an 1950’s Cricket Cap. I know people who have such items. If any club, or individual has any items of interest or would like to have a special stand please can they contact Sue Stone on Bere Regis 471933 or on email sjstone97@aol.com and arrangements can be made.

We will have computers available set up with scanners to prepare copies for display or for putting together in a pictorial and documentary record of life in the village.

There will also be an opportunity to walk round the village on a History and Heritage trail looking and learning about items of interest, its buildings and its history.

We hope this will be an enjoyable and fun day and at the end we will have all learnt about the village and have amassed enough detail to put together in a book for publication.

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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’S’ CLUB
At our March meeting we had a very informative talk by Susan Pitt on Environment and Recycling. She gave us details of all the things we could recycle. There were many beautiful Photo Frames on display.
The next meeting on the 11th April will take the form of a tour to the Otter Nurseries, Ottery St Mary. There is an excellent restaurant and a chance to purchase many beautiful plants.
The coach leaves the Car Park at 10.30am and will return at 6.00pm. The cost is £5.50 and there are six more seats available. Please let Kath Jeeves know if you wish to come by Monday 9th April.
The Spring Fayre will be held at the Drax Hall at 2.00pm on Saturday 29th April. Gifts for the stalls will be welcome.
BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

A double booking meant that we had to replace ‘Containers for Colour’ with ‘A History of Gardening’ at the last minute for the March meeting. However, Mr Parry-Jones gave an excellent talk and slide show.

The talk for the 3rd April will be on ‘Citrus Fruit and Orange Groves’.

In May (1st) we will be going to Island Fuchsia Nursery at Upway for demonstrations on making hanging baskets. You can be an observer or a participant! If you want to bring your own basket and make it yourself the cost for ‘fillings’ will be £1.00 per inch of basket, ie an 8” basket will cost £8.00. As it is a hands-on visit, please don’t wear your Sunday Best. Tea and cake is available for 50p or ploughman’s can be provided at £4.75 if booked in advance. We will hire a minibus which will leave the Doctors’ Surgery at 6.30 pm. Please book with Adrian and Elaine on 471774 so we can get an idea of numbers.

We have purchased a number of very interesting gardening books to start a library and these can be borrowed at the meetings for 50p per month.

Interested members are invited to join the Foresters on a trip to ‘The Eden Project’ on 19th May. The coach will be £10 per head and entry to The Eden Project is £8.00 for adults and £6.50 for OAPs. To book and get more details please ring Adrian or Elaine on 471774.

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If you would like further information, please contact Help and Care Tel: (01929 555182)

This event is organised by Dorset Health Authority's Rural Public Health Action Area in association with local authorities and community groups working in Purbeck.
BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

Glass painting on the 13th February, involved the members in designing various patterns which they later painted onto bottles or jars. There were many attractive and colourful patterns to be seen on all manner of shapes and sizes of glassware. At this session, there was more paint going onto the intended objects, rather than on their clothes as in the past.

On the 20th, there was a change to the programme. Mask Making kept all those attending busy drawing, painting and with cutting out. The acrylic paints dried very fast, allowing the masks to be worn on the way home. I hope that nobody got a shock as the young people heading home through the gloomy village that night.

The planned trip to Splashdown on the 27th has been held over until May. Also the Swimming trip to Blandford on the 7th March was cancelled, at the last moment, as a number of members were also going to be involved in the B.R.A.T.S. rehearsals that same evening. Who ever said ‘there’s nothing much for young people to do in this village’ has been proved to be wrong yet again.

An exercise in brain power and skill takes place on the 13th March with ‘The Tower Game’. Then on the 20th its a ‘Music & Dance Night’ when the members can try to sing and dance like pop stars.

On the 27th March everyone is looking forward to the visit of ‘The Body Shop’, when there will be something for both the girls and boys. On the last visit, the girls were able to try out all the latest natural cosmetics and also received really good value discount vouchers. This time however, the boys are also being invited along and it will be interesting to see what’s on offer for them.

Looking ahead to the next three months programme, there will be: Disco Nights on the 10th April, 8th May and 26th June. Rounders on the 4th April and 6th June. Canoeing is scheduled for Sunday 22nd April, Saturday 12th May, Sunday 10th and Tuesday evening 19th June. Plus a Pop Quiz in April, Treasure Hunt, Prize Darts and Archery in May with a Beach Bar-B-Q in June.Splashdown is booked for 22nd May and there is also a trip to the Brecon Beacons on the 30th June for Mountain Walking up to the summit of Pen-Y-Fan. It promises to be an active Spring and Summer this year and other trips/activities are also be planned for July to September.

Those few members who have yet to pay for the current years membership, are asked to do so as soon as possible. New members are always welcome.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, 01929 471693
POP IN PLACE

Easter Egg Raffle and Hot X Buns morning will be held on Good Friday 13th April. Everyone is most welcome. Donations of Easter Eggs would be greatly appreciated. All profits from this morning will go to the Doctors' Equipment Fund.

Pop In Place AGM

Will be held on Friday 20th April 10am at the Pop' In Place. Please come along and hear our annual report. Refreshments will be served and New Team Members will be welcomed. We are currently looking for a new Treasurer, if you would like more details phone Alison on 472023.

Pop In Place 'Performer of the Year'

On Saturday 8th September the project celebrates 5 years of opening and we wanted to celebrate this in a new and creative way, so we decided to stage a Performer of the Year Competition whereby people can enter individually or in groups or as representatives of village organisations and perform what ever they excel at. You can dance, sing a solo, sing in a group, play an instrument, recite a poem or perform an extract from a play or a pantomime.

There will be a panel of independent adjudicators to select, in their view, the Performance of the Year and Trophies and prizes will be awarded.

Please take part in this exciting Celebration of local talent. For more details and entry forms phone Alison on 472023.

All profits from the evening will be donated to the Doctors' Equipment Fund.

DORSET ECHO

Just a reminder that I am Community Correspondent for the Dorset Echo at Weymouth. Please do get in touch with me with details of any events you are thinking of holding, as I can give these much wider publicity through the paper. In the two years I have been doing this, I have discovered that people from all over the country read the Community News Page. It covers all sorts of local news, and I would be pleased to hear about anything that you think might make interesting reading.

Please give a couple of weeks' notice if you can. My telephone number and fax number is 01305 848262.

Diana Holman
RECIPE OF THE MONTH

thanks to Pat House

HOT CROSS BUNS

Hot cross buns are believed to have originated at St Alburns Abbey to welcome Easter pilgrims.

- Half on oz of dried yeast
- 1lb strong plain flour
- Half a pint of milk, lukewarm
- 1tsp salt
- 1tsp ground mixed spice
- 1tsp ground cinnamon
- 1tsp ground nutmeg
- 2oz light brown sugar
- 2oz butter melted
- 1egg, beaten
- 2oz currants
- 3oz cut mixed peel
- Vegetable oil for greasing
- 2oz plain flour
- 3lbs caster sugar

Mix the yeast with the milk and 1tsp of the sugar and set aside, covered, for about 15 mins until frothy.

Sift together the flour, salt, spices, and sugar. Stir the butter and eggs into the yeast mixture, then add to the spiced flour and mix together - the dough should be fairly soft. Turn out the dough onto a floured surface and knead for about 10 mins. Until it is smooth and elastic. Knead in the fruit and peel. Shape the dough into a ball, place it inside an oiled plastic bag and tie the bag closed. Leave the dough to rise in a warm place for 45 mins. until doubled in size. Turn the risen dough onto a floured surface knock back and knead for 1 min.

Divide the dough into 12 pieces and shape each one into a smooth bun. Arrange the buns on floured baking trays and leave to rise, covered, in a warm place for 20-30 mins until doubled in size. Mix the plain flour with 4tbs water to form a thick paste and using a piping bag fitted with a plain nozzle pipe a cross on each bun. Bake for about 20 mins at 190C, until the buns are golden brown. Heat the sugar and 4tbs of water together in a small saucepan until dissolved, then bring to the boil. Immediately brush the hot buns with the glaze twice, then leave them to cool. Serve the buns fresh with butter.

FIRE REPORT

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On Sunday 18 February at 11:15pm we were called to reports of a light aircraft having crashed at Bagber Farm, near Milborne St Andrew. A pre-determined attendance at an incident of this type requires 4 pumping appliances and a foam tender. Our appliance and Land Rover were first to arrive, followed shortly by Blandford and two from Dorchester.

One of our first considerations was how to approach the crash site, access across a muddy field at first looked doubtful but fortunately the aircraft was lying under a hedge on a well-drained slope. We needed to get as close as possible, in case we had to apply a blanket of foam to limit the chance of the fuel igniting. The pilot and passenger had been 'split' from the wreckage and were being attended to by the air ambulance crew, in the end we made the plane safe and assisted with the casualties until they were both flown off to hospital.

Incidents like these come and go and memories fade, but I can vividly recall the young lady passenger being carried away on a stretcher in obvious distress and seriously injured and I wondered if her protestations were all injury induced, or the fact that she was about to be strapped into another of those "inertial flying machines".

Gary Hewitt, Station Commander – 471185

THANK YOU

I would like to say a big thank you to all my family and friends for the cards, gifts and get well messages I received during my stay in hospital. Also thanks for the many offers of transport to take Rene to visit me – it was very much appreciated. Thanks again.

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**THE DORSET LATVIA LINK**

The disposition of funds remaining in the Dorset Latvia Link accounts took longer than anticipated to finalise, but I am very happy to advise that the sum of £1360.00 was sent to DR LELDE SAMITE in February (as outlined in the December 2000 issue of the Parish Magazine).

Lelde has been in touch to say that the funds have arrived safely and to advise that this sum translates into approx. 1220.00 Latvian Lats. A very generous donation in the sum of £500.00 was received from Mike & Judie Brown (formerly of the Crows Nest Inn in Swanage) in January and this sum is included in the above figure. Mike and Judie had been fund-raising to provide medical equipment for the Orthopaedic Clinic in Ogre, which services our Link village of Ikskile, but having sold the Crows Nest Inn they forwarded to us results of their hard work and we are very grateful to them for their support.

The Treasurer is busy organising the final accounts and balance sheets for the Link and we will be in touch with our members in due course. Up-date next month.

In the meantime, George and I, plus a few other volunteers, will continue raise funds as and when the opportunity arises viz: Street Fair, Christmas Fair etc etc, but nothing on a grand scale. All monies raised will go to the Orthopaedic Clinic in Ogre.

Jenny Silves
PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

First of all may I introduce myself to all the good people of Bere Regis and Bloxworth and may I thank you all, irrespective of whom you voted for, for turning out in such large numbers in the recent District Council by-election. The turnout of nearly 50% was a record for any by-election of this sort, and for Bere Regis and Bloxworth. It was a credit to democracy that so many people took such an interest in our affairs.

I will be writing a regular article to update you on what is going on in the Purbeck District Council both at the monthly Council Meetings and the myriad of other meetings that take place. So far I have attended a number of meetings with the Officers of the Council whilst I find my feet. These meetings have included the Chief Executive, the Director of Community Services, the Community Planning and Design Manager, the Development and Building Control Manager, the Housing Services Manager and the Administrative Services Manager. I have also had a number of introductory meetings with other Councillors including the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Leader of the Council and the Chairman of all the other major sub-committees.

I intend to represent your interests to the best of my ability, irrespective of your political views and whom you voted for! To this end I intend holding regular surgeries on the first Saturday of every month. These will be held at the Communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and in the Bloxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. If you have a question or query related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come along and talk to me about it.

I would like to thank the electorate for their forbearance through what turned out to be a long and very spirited campaign. As I am now your District Councillor, I will do my utmost to represent all the electorate irrespective of who they voted for, or any other factor. I thank them for putting me in this position of trust and I will attempt to repay their trust in me as best as I can.

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"Foot and mouth disease, keep out" It hardly needs me to say what a dreadful sentence this is to thousands of people. This highly contagious disease among cloven-hoofed animals, causes blisters around the mouth which prevents the animal eating and drinking, and also causes their feet to become extremely painful, so making them lame and unable to walk or move about.

We have seen how foot and mouth disease has devastated farmers and their families most of all, but it has also affected traders, transport and tourism around the whole nation, and it has touched you and me. It all started in a small way, but very quickly spread out of control, so that now the whole country is affected, and it has reached into Europe too.

But what is the cause? Who is to blame? Answer - everyone! The Bible says: "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ...... first, take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Matthew 7:1-5."

There is another kind of 'foot and mouth disease' that continues to spread through the nations, including ours, in epidemic proportions. It is the three lettered word spelt sin, a word seldom used these days. The dictionary defines sin as: a transgression against, or breaking of, a divine law or code.

As we come once again to the celebration of Easter, we are reminded that Christ Jesus died on a cruel cross to 'take away the sins of the world'. John 1:29. Pontius Pilate asked the crowd, "What will you have me to do with this innocent man Jesus?" The vast crowd, with one voice and mouth, shouted "Crucify him, crucify him." Then they walked away from Him. They voted with their feet. They suffered from spiritual foot and mouth disease. Their actions said, "Keep out of our lives, Jesus, we don't want you or need you", and so they passed their sentence on Him. But a minority took the opposite position by following Jesus, accepting the forgiveness that He brought them by His death, and then walking with Jesus as their Lord for the rest of their lives. They were spiritually at ease with God in the present and for all eternity.

So this Easter, God asks us individually, "What will you do with Jesus Christ?" It demands a foot and mouth answer. A walk of trust and obedience and a confession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Rev Ray Healey, 12 South Mead - 471443
Injury had forced player/manager/taster Dean Rogerson to bolster the back four where he soon made his mark, a headed own goal that Paddles could only watch and admire.

A new formation, due to several absentees, took time to get used to, but once they did Adam and Kev Cox combined to dramatic effect on the right, setting Tony Lumsden free to finish off a majestic equaliser. Bere were now well and truly on top, although chances were few and far between for both sides, and kept up this dominance both before and after the break.

Unfortunately, it is goals that win matches and it was Handley who scored the next one, a long ball over the top that the defender won the race to and Bere had to pick themselves up once again. The manager could not resist another change of formation to perk things up and, with not much left on the clock and Bere now winning the midfield battle, Adam Rogerson let fly from 35 yards out with a storming shot that hit the crossbar, the ground and bounced back out.

Shades of '66 as the referee blew for a goal then, amidst howls of protest from the Handley side, consulted the linesman before finally giving the goal. A deserved point in the end, but it was safe to say the referee would not be welcome in the Handley team coach on the way home.

If ever the Sunday side needed a spark to ignite their season, the Coolshone game was it. The manager approached the game with some trepidation, in memory of previous years where trips to Hum airport gave close fought games and hard earned results. This was neither as Bere cruised to an easy win against a team that was a pale shadow of yesteryear, a mismatch reminiscent of, say, Man Utd v Arsenal.

Bere dominated throughout and scored at will, with hat tricks from both Wayne Cope and Dan Vater, who were both promptly taken off by the manager to give others a chance. New signing Nick Cutler managed to score on his debut, whilst that other new signing, Ron White, also made the score sheet. Contributions from Mark Gale, Andy Curtis and Burgy Brown emphasised Bere's superiority, finishing as comfortable 11-0 winners.

Semaphore Arms could hardly be a greater contrast. Top of the league and still smarting from a defeat against the bottom of the league the previous week Bere knew they were in for a tough fixture. Not even the morning snow could stop the pride of the British army from playing as their full time groundsman cleared the pitch in readiness.

I say pitch, what I really mean is pitches as Bere trotted out onto a playing area which made Wembley look like a table football game.
The game started at a cracking pace, with Semaphore out to right the wrongs of the previous week and Bere just trying to keep pace with them. The home team opened the scoring in true Wimbledon style with a long ball flicked on and finished in style. Despite some useful Bere pressure, Semaphore increased their lead on the half hour as poor Mr Cleall nudged the ball past Dean for an unlucky own goal. A lesser team would have broken, but not this team. Soon after Bungy won a penalty with a marvellous piece of trickery in the area, tricking the ref into thinking he had been fouled that is. Unfortunately, Mark was not his usual reliable self from the spot with a Chris-Waddle type penalty that clipped the bar on its way over. Bere were 2-1 down at half time, but not out.

Bere controlled the second half from the off and it was no surprise when they equalised with another penalty. A hand ball in the box and Dan Vater shoulders the responsibility and drilled the ball into the bottom right hand corner of the net. Semaphore were soon ahead again, a smart first time finish from the edge of the area that left Dean with no chance. Dan Vater was unstoppable on this day. In Michael Owen style he weaved his way through several defenders before clipping a delightful shot into the top corner for his hat trick and a deserved equaliser.

Soon after, it finally dawned on the hapless defender who the danger man was and he took his retribution off the ball with a headbutt to the back of the head. When play resumed there were chances at both ends, but a draw was probably a fair result and made even more sweeter by the refusal of some Semaphore players to shake hands at the end. Who ever said it was just a game should watch more Sunday morning football.

Out of the trying pan and into the fire, as Bere prepared to play another team who enjoyed a bit of a battle earlier in the season with fights galore. Manager Nick need not have worried, though, as the light sprinkling of snow gave some of their hard men cold feet. Although not exactly a stroll in the park it was at the very least a jog in the playing field as Bere controlled the game from start to finish.

When Bere decided to play football they looked a class above the opposition and it was no surprise when they took the lead. It was also no surprise that it was Dan ‘The Man’ Vater again, latching onto a horrible defensive miscue and calmly slotting home. The game was put beyond Broadstone’s reach soon after when Kev Cox surged through a static defence and toyed with the keeper before picking his spot to make it 2-0.

The second half was particularly one-sided as, with the wind at their backs, Bere piled the pressure on the Broadstone goal. Constant probing from a busy midfield soon bore fruit as Johnny Cleall ghosted past the last defender and beat the goalie at the near post with an unstoppable shot. A fourth soon followed from a most unlikely source as Spivey found his obligatory one goal for the season with a header from a corner that almost tore the net off.

Syen Macklin Eriksson made a triple substitution, with all subs believing that their place was up front. Earl decided to have a personal duel with the keeper, shooting at every opportunity and then despairing as the keeper stopped every shot. Even Pete Larder got in on the act as in an attempt to stop a misplaced shot he forgot that there was a fence behind him and went wolly over bobble hat into the field. As Bere pressed forward it was almost inevitable that they would get caught out as with their only shot of the half Broadstone produced a late consolation goal. A 5-1 victory was enough for the manager, though, and Bere were climbing the league once again.

Another game against Coolshore gave Bere the chance to stack up some more points. Expectations rose even further when a swift count by the team’s accountant revealed only 10 players in the Coolshore team. The wet and muddy pitch saw mistakes from both sides and Bere could not get into their normal passing rhythm. They did have Dan ‘The Man’ Vater in their team though and it was not long before he was making his presence felt.

A cross from the left gave Bungy a simple side foot into the net and it was 1-0. The heavens opened for the second half and with the wind and rain in their faces Coolshore’s only hope was for an abandoned game. Bere piled on the pressure and started to pass the ball more freely, giving chance after chance for the gleeful forwards. Johnny Cleall was the fulcrum for most of the passing as he made space out of nothing and never wasted a ball. It was inevitable that Bere would increase their lead and it was left to Andy Curtis to finish at the second time of asking and make it 4-0.

Chances came and went, but at times Bere were not so much trying to walk the ball into the net, more expecting the net to come to them. Coolshore continued to defend in numbers and often broke in style as they tried to get that elusive goal. They held out until the last few minutes at 4-0, when the pursuit of that goal proved their undoing. As most of their players pushed up for a Coolshore corner a power tackle from Spivey in Bere’s penalty area saw the ball fly to Wayne Cope on the halfway line and left him one on one with the last defender. Sheer pace took him past the defender and sheer class saw him finish to put Bere 5-0 up. It was left to Dan ‘The hat-trick man’ Vater to claim his third hat trick in four games and give Bere a comprehensive 6-0 win.

Bere Regis Cricket Club start their campaign with a friendly away to Moordown on 29 April, with the first league matches at home to Hamworthy Recreation on Sat 5 May 2001, and away to Sherborne on Sun 6 May 2001. We have a packed forthcoming fixture programme with Dorset Youth District matches, Youth friendlies, Senior league on Saturday & Sunday, midweek and touring matches. Anyone interested in playing, scoring or umpiring please contact (01929 471131) or (01929) 471022. For youth please contact G Tucker on (01929) 471882.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

AGM

A well attended meeting on 28 February heard that the Club had had a good year with an increase in membership. Committee members had been very busy during the year organising events, providing entertainment and raising money for charity. Approximately £1000 had been collected for last year's cancer charity The Multiple Myeloma Foundation, a good proportion of which came from the collection of waste paper. The Club likes to support a different charity each year, either a local one or one connected with someone in the community. This year money will be collected for Cancer Care Dorset.

The main topic of the AGM was discussion of the proposed development of the Village Hall and Social Club. Bert Jeanes provided a clear and comprehensive report on the reasons for the new development and how it would affect the Social Club and its members. It was the view of the Club Committee, and supported by the meeting, that the general proposals were to be welcomed. The Club would need to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting in order to formally vote on the proposals but this would not take place until after more detailed plans had been received from the architect. The date of this meeting to be announced.

Forthcoming Events:

Coffee Morning
Saturday 7 April 10.30am in aid of Dorset Cancer Care.

Tuesday Club
10th April and 24th April.

Friday Evening Quiz
Dates for April are:
13th and 27th at 9pm.
The quiz is becoming more and more popular. Do come along.

Graham Hopkins

BRIANTSPUDDLE WI

A short meeting preceded the Skittles evening. We were pleased to have, in the Newsletter, details of the Spring Council Meeting which four of us, plus delegate, will be attending. The speaker will be Deric Longden with a talk ‘Laughter and Tears’ – a writer’s life. I really look forward to seeing (and listening) to him.

I remember so well his book ‘Diana’s Story’ being read on the radio by him and how moving it was. The afternoon speaker, the Governor of the Young Offenders Institution, Portland, will be quite a contrast. Then we shall hear about the work of the Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance from Mrs Pru Breyley. Quite a programme!

We are entering a team for the Village Quiz on Wednesday the 28th of this month and may raise another by that time too. Members put their names down to attend the Woodbury Hill Group Meeting at Lychett Matravers. The Charity we shall support from the proceeds of our April 28th Coffee Morning is the Julia Parks Foundation which is raising the funds to establish a new children’s hospice in Poole. We shall have a Tractcraft stall at this event also with information about Fairtrade generally. The Skittles Evening was very successful. Two teams had seven games with only two points difference at the end! Everyone brought refreshments which were thoroughly enjoyed and it was altogether a pleasant evening.

We meet again on Wednesday 4th April with a speaker, Mrs Bryant will talk on Dorset Women ‘The Four Marys’.

Mary Bentley

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AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council would like to thank Roger Wharton who has resigned as Parish Councillor (due to work commitments) after a period of over five years' service representing the residents of Turnerspuddle.

As a result of Mr Wharton's resignation, a vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor to represent Turnerspuddle. If you would like the opportunity to serve your community, live within three miles of the Turnerspuddle Parish, and are available to attend Parish Council meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, please contact me on 471908 or approach existing member of the Parish Council by 30th April 2001.

Mandy Spivey, Clerk to the Council.

The Parish Council met on 14th March 2001. The following business was discussed.

Lottery Application.

Since the previous February Meeting letters had been sent by the Parish Council to the owners of 26 Briantspuddle, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot's solicitor. A response had been received. There was still controversy over the ownership of the shared wall between the 26 Briantspuddle and the Parish Council Land. It was agreed to take further advice and report to the next meeting.

Mrs. Lightfoot reported that a laser survey of the site had been completed.

Roads

The Clerk had written to the Highways Authority, Dorset County Council on concerns expressed about the danger of the cross roads at Waddock Cross, especially in the light of the latest serious accident in January 2001. A reply had been received and it was reported that the Highways Authority were "looking into the matter". It was felt that there had been enough "looking into the matter" and more action was justified. Captain Badcock reminded the meeting that during the R.A.G.E. campaign in 1991 this cross roads had been designated as one of the most dangerous in the County.

Purbeck Sports Centre Bus

Arrangements had been made for the bus to call at Bere Regis and for potential customers to be collected from Briantspuddle. Any customer who, wished to use the bus should contact the Clerk - Mrs. Spivey on Bere Regis 471908. In the event of the bus being popular it has been proposed to arrange for it to go to Bere Regis via Briantspuddle. It was expected that this scheme would start in July.

Trees

Arrangements had been made to obtain quotations for the care and maintenance of the Coronation Oak.

Litter

The Purbeck District Council and the Forestry Commission had responded to complaints from the Parish Council about the proliferation of litter on the car park sites and on the roads adjacent to these sites.

They promised to monitor the situation.

Several members of the public spoke at the Public Discussion Period. They were unanimous in their opposition to the proposal to extend the use of land at Rogers Hill Farm for motor cross training purposes.

Planning Applications

The proposal to extend the use of land at Rogers Hill for motor cross training purposes - Councillor, Mr. David Hall who had an interest in this application left the meeting. Many of the councillors had received adverse comments about the extension of the use of the land for this purpose. The Council took into account the objections raised both at the public discussion period and written and verbal comments. It was also felt that if noisy use of land was allowed to increase without comment then this would set a precedent. The Parish voted against this development.

Complaints were also received about the fact that planning applications relating to the Parish were not being advertised. The Parish Council agreed that this was unsatisfactory and undertook to look into ways of making this information available to the public.
Parish Council Vacancy

The vacancy had been advertised and two candidates had put their names forward. After the due process of the law a decision would be made in due course.

During any other business complaints were received about the damaged plastic tubes on the goose plants planted near the bypass. Mrs. Lightfoot felt that there should be regulation about the random parking in the Village Hall Car Park. Members were asked to think about a solution before the next meeting.

Captain Badcock reported that The Friends of the Post Office and Shop had started a Membership Scheme designed to raise funds for improvements. It was hoped to apply for a grant from The Countryside Agency for further improvements.

Mrs. Debenham drew the meeting’s attention to problems with excessive surface water flowing off the fields adjoining the B3390. The clerk would report this to the Highways Authority.

100 CLUB

During April I will be collecting new members for the 2001/2002 100 Club. Please consider becoming a member for the new year. The membership is £6.00 for the year and out of that £4.60 goes towards the hall restoration fund. It is a very painless way of supporting the hall, which is an asset available to everyone in the parish, and perhaps you might even win a prize. The owners of 12 numbers have to be lucky every year! Please receive me kindly.

Philippa Thorniley

HOME WATCH

Now that the grass is growing and you will be thinking about cutting grass remember that our neighbourhood thieves can always earn a bob or two from a carelessly stored mowing machine. Please do not make their day: thwart their endeavours by making sure your garden machinery and tools are securely locked away in your garden shed. It might not be a bad idea to make sure that the hinges and door catches cannot be prised open and that the door lock is as thief proof as possible.

Don’t leave valuables in your car, take out the car radio (if possible) and make sure that the car is never left unlocked when unattended. If you see suspicious people or vehicles report these to the Police.

Bill Thorniley.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Small maintenance problems have beset us recently, but these are the things that the unsung heroes of the village hall committee cope with all the time in a quiet and unassuming way.

Let me see…...there was the matter of the cracked toilet bowl, the leaking water cylinder, the blocked sewer pipe, the frost stat on the boiler, the electrical inspection and the resultant pallaver and work to be done. Then there was the fire inspection, the public entertainments licence, the new lock…..the list goes on.

There is always so much to be done in any old building, never mind one that is for public use. Many folks don’t realise the amount of day to day work that’s involved in running a place like the village hall.

This seems like a good opportunity to take a moment to thank all the members of the committee who shoulder the day to day running responsibilities of the hall, and keep it in working order for the rest of us to enjoy.

As to the larger picture on the improvements, well, a laser survey of the site has been conducted. This gives us an accurate picture of both levels and dimensions of existing features. This is ‘on disc’ and ready for the next stage which is for dimensional drawings to be done on computer (I believe that’s how you put it). Following this the committees and then the community will be consulted once more.

Movement may seem slow, but bear with us, as each move must be carefully considered to try and avoid future pitfalls.

Three separate committees are considered at each step, and feedback collated at Management Team level. This takes time, but we are all committed to an open and democratic approach so all will become clear in the fullness of time.

We don’t want to rush into anything now do we?

Briantspuddle has once more entered the Best Kept Village Competition. As I said last year, you don’t need to be out manicuring your lawn with nail scissors, as only public areas are judged. Let’s keep our fingers crossed, last year we go a highly commended in our class, 2001 could be our year for a big prize!! So, please take your litter home, don’t pee in the telephone box, and if you see a group of strangers wandering round with clipboards inspecting public places please be very nice to them.

Bill Thorniley.
Our fundraising sub-committee has decided to continue with events which were staged successfully last year. We hope to include:

- The 100 club
- An open gardens day
- A street fair combined with the horticultural show
- A barn dance
- The film festival • Arts reach events • Anything else we can think of

Philippa will soon hit the street selling 100 club draw tickets, so get our excuses ready now. We plan to stage the Open Gardens this year on 10th June. This year’s Horticultural Show and Street Fair will be on 4th August, and the annual Barn Dance extravaganza will be on 29th September. This will be followed by the Film Festival and Arts Reach programme for the Autumn and Winter. So you’d better hitch up your skirts and get ready for another fun filled year with us.

Material still in the possession of the Village Hall Committee after last year’s exhibition which represents part of our village’s history is to be lodged in the archives in Dorchester. This way material will be available for future viewing and use in display, but will not disappear into anyone’s attic and total obscurity.

A nice lady from Purbeck District Council called Pat Bailey, the Sports and Recreation Co-ordinator, has been to see us and discussed possible sport and recreational activities in the hall. Badminton, short mat bowls, and aerobics were mentioned. Anyone who would like to arrange or pursue these types of activities should speak to a committee member. We would be interested to know if there is a desire amongst residents for these kind of activities to take place in the hall.

Jenny Lightfoot

**COFFEE MORNING**

Audrey Grindrod will hold a Coffee Morning at home, Bladentye, Briantspuddle, on 12th May, 10am to noon, to raise more funds towards purchasing a board upon which to list the names of the Vicars of Affpuddle over seven centuries. Looking forward to seeing you.

**ARTSREACH**

The last Artsreach event of the 2000/2001 winter season for this parish was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd March. Despite a bitterly cold evening with the added bonus of a dusting of snow, 29 people attended the event. We tasted 6 different wines from around the world and between the wine tastings Trisha Rogers and Ray Sargent gave readings from authors who lived in the countries from where the wine came. During the interval the guests enjoyed a light buffet and had the opportunity to buy more wine. There was also a book stall with a member of staff from the County Library in attendance.

Though the evening was different the general consensus was that it was good fun.

In May up to four members of the Hall Committee will attend the promoters evening to hear about productions on offer for the next season (Autumn/Winter 2001/2002). If you have views about the type of production you would like staged in the Village Hall please let me, Philippa Thorniley, have your written views and the sub committee will do their best to choose accordingly.

It has to be said that the choice is governed by what is available, what other promoters require and the size of the stage. For example it is not possible to stage large productions. Those of you who came to “Bah Humbug” in December 1998 will remember that the Company would not perform the play on the stage because they said their set would not fit and it had to be staged on the floor of the hall with the consequence that most of the audience did not have a good view. Equally the hall cannot accommodate dance groups (the stage would not be strong enough to bear the weight) or very large musical ensembles.

In addition to the Artsreach productions the Hall Committee is hoping to host a film as part of the Purbeck Film Festival. This will probably be combined with a light supper. Remember that in October 2000 you saw “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” which has just been reissued! Never say we are not ahead of the game in Briantspuddle!

Philippa Thorniley
**BRIANTSPUDLE AND THROOP OPEN GARDENS**

**Sunday 10th June 2001 – 11 AM to 5 PM**

Do you have a garden in Briantspuddle or Throop, which you would be prepared to open to the admiring public? Any size, shape or style, wild, tame or domesticated. Offers will be greatly appreciated. For more details contact, Jenny Beedle on 01929 471002 or Jenny Lightfoot on 01929 471498.

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**BRIANTSPUDLE VILLAGE SHOP**

A newsletter was distributed to all residents in early March and amongst other things gave details on a new membership scheme for the Friends. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in maintaining Briantspuddle Village Shop. The minimum annual subscription is £5 although it is hoped that those who can afford to will subscribe more. 50% of all subscription income will fund a monthly draw. The winners will receive vouchers giving them credit for purchases from the shop. Those paying more than £5 will have one additional entry in the monthly draw for each extra £5 unit subscribed. The remaining 50% of the subscriptions will be used to effect material improvements in the shop. The membership is for one year and the first draw will be made at the end of April.

Subscriptions in the first week have totalled £150 and it is hoped that the eventual total will reach £500 which would provide £250 towards improvements and £250 annually (approx £20 per month) prize money. It is proposed that the former should be used as part of the matching funds necessary when we seek a grant from the Countryside Agency’s Village Shop Improvement Scheme. Mr. Ball has also agreed to support the application financially. The improvements envisaged include more extensive shelving to allow a greater range of stock to be kept, more hygienic floor covering and visible cool and frozen display cabinets. The committee would therefore urge all interested residents to subscribe to help realise these ambitions. For those who may have mislaid the original membership application form Wendy holds a stock in the shop!

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Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society

Autumn Leaves (over 50s)

Babysitting Circle

Beavers (6-8 yrs)

Bere Heath Methodist Chapel

Bere Regis Youth “Lenny’s”

Bingo

British Legion Club

Legion Women’s Section

Brownies

B.R.S.C.

Briantspuddle Singers

Choir Practice

C.A.B.

Camera Club

Coffee Stop

Congregational Church

Cubs (8-10½ yrs)

Dancing classes

D.S.S. Van

7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall

7.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall

8.30 p.m. 1st Tuesday in term time, Su Roberts 471322

6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

10.30 a.m. Sundays except 3rd Sunday monthly (3.00 p.m.) (2nd Sunday after April)

RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays Juniors 7.15 – 8.30 p.m. Seniors 7.15 – 10.00 p.m.

7.45 p.m. Monday, Drax Hall

7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday

7.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Sunday

2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ

6.00 - 7.15 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion

Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri 7.00 p.m, Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.

7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall

7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.

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10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon, 1st Saturday, Cyril Wood Ct

10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane

10.00 a.m. Sunday School

6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ

Fridays 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.

1st Mon 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.

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Floral Group

Golden Circle

Guides

Kingsbere Quilters

Mini Market

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Mothers’ Union

Parish Council

Playgroup Bere Regis

Pop in Place

Rainbows

RBL Gardening Club

Scouts (10½-15 yrs)

Swimming Club

Toddler Group

Tuesday Club

Twinning Association

Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)

Village Scrapbook

W.I. Bere Regis

W.I. Briantspuddle

Woodbury Hill Singers

Secretary - Jenny Silavs - 01929 471577

2.00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village hall

2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court

Unit suspended

3rd Wednesday, Drax Hall

10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. – 4.25 p.m. – Car Park

7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church

7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall

Sub-committees on Post Office notice board

Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792 Wednesday/Thursday PM

9.00 a.m. - 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall

4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion

8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774

7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ

Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m, Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262

1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

1.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Congregational Church

A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every Tuesday at Turberville Court. All welcome

Contact Bernard Hammick - 472727 for all activities

8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

Jenny Silavs - 471577

7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall

2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April
3rd    Gardening Club – Citrus Fruit  8.00 p.m.
5th    Carnival Easter Bingo, Legion club  7.30 p.m.
7th & 8th Cyril Wood Court Open Weekend
10th   Easter Holiday club, Drax Hall  10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon
11th   Autumn Leaves tour to Otter Nurseries  10.30 p.m.
13th   Pop in Place Easter Egg Raffle and Hot X Buns
16th   Easter Monday Auction, Bere Heath Methodist Chapel  2.30 p.m.
28th   Autumn Leaves Spring Fayre, Drax Hall  2.00 p.m.

May
1st    Gardening Club – Visit to Island Fuschia Nurseries  8.00 p.m.
7th    Bere for All – Village History event, Drax Hall
9th    Autumn Leaves, talk on ships and ferries at Weymouth  2.00 p.m.
12th   Table Top Mini Market – Drax Hall
16th   ICRF Coffee Morning, The Vicarage
28th   Carnival Duck Race from Shitterton Bridge  4.00 p.m.

June
5th    Gardening Club – Vegetable Growing  8.00 p.m.
23rd   Pop in Place Sponsored Walk
30th   Carnival Family Evening and draw

July
3rd    Gardening Club – Wine  8.00 p.m.
7th & 8th Cyril Wood Court Textiles Exhibition
21st   Carnival Day

August
7th    Gardening Club – Onions  8.00 p.m.
31st   Summer Party – home of John and Pat House – in aid of Church Funds

September
1st & 2nd Cyril Wood Court Woodwork and Quilting Exhibition  8.00 p.m.
4th    Gardening Club – Harvest Supper
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