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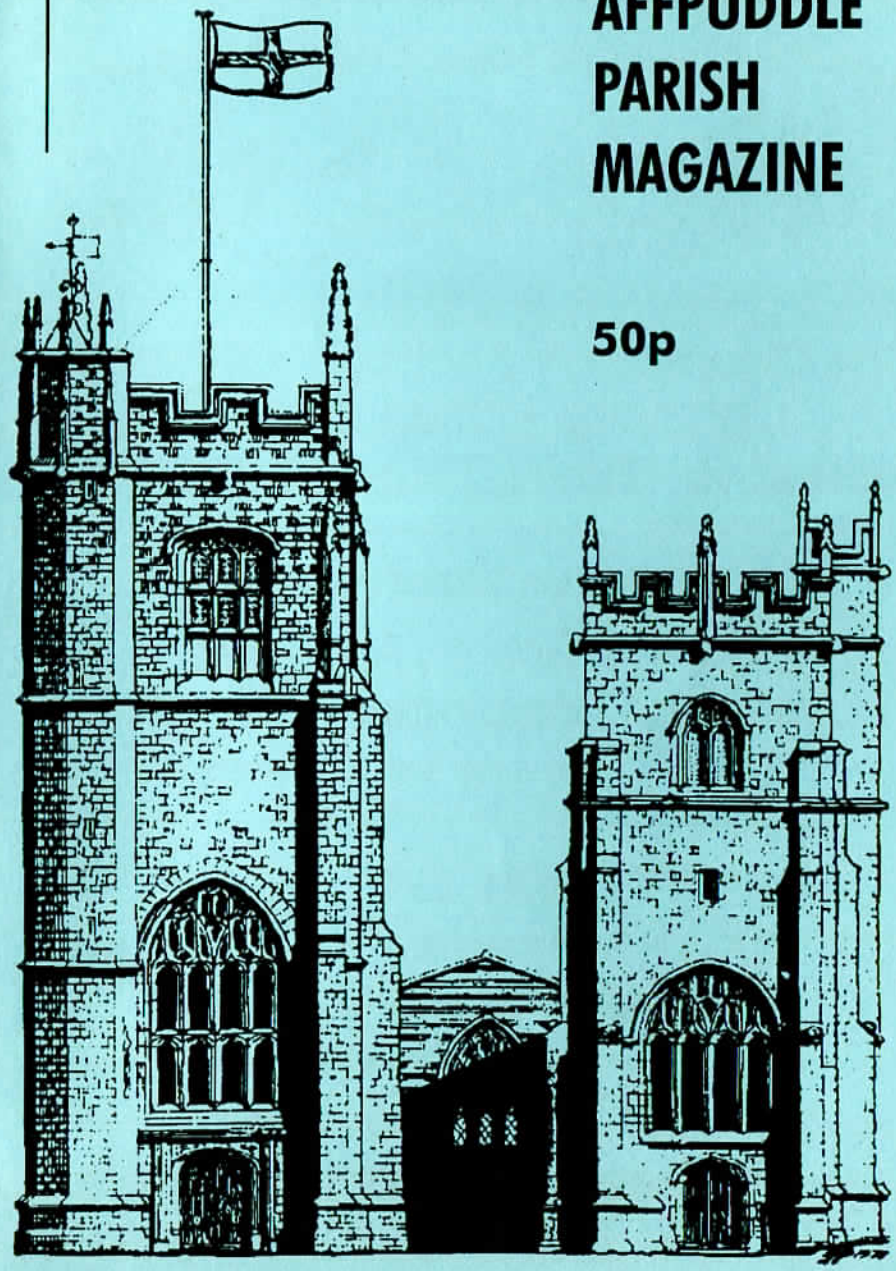

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A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

DON'T JUDGE

Men and women in Her Majesty's Forces have to hear, read and sign what is called a Confidential Report on themselves. There is, in fact, very little confidentiality about this report. All the clerks see it, other people come in on the act after you have signed it, and they add their bit which you never see. But it is a good system, and there is a branch in each service devoted to dealing with these reports.

There was a time in my life when I had to receive and scrutinise the confidential reports on chaplains. It is a humbling experience, because most of the reports which the chaplains signed would have made the archangels seem slightly inferior. But it was the reports written after the chaplain signed that gave me a truer picture.

Not unnaturally, those dealing with the thousands of reports coming across their desk began to store some of the exquisite remarks made by reporting officers.

Here is a short list.

- Not the sharpest knife in the drawer.
- A photographic memory, but with the lens cover glued on.
- Fell out of the family tree.
- If brains were taxed, he'd get a rebate.
- Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargles.
- The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead.
- He's got a full "6 pack" but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it together.
- Men follow him, but only out of curiosity.
- I would not breed from this officer.

There are, of course, hundreds of such remarks, and we love hearing them, hoping that they weren't from our own confidential report! They are in fact so outrageous that they never influenced a person's career.

I have a feeling that we are all composing confidential reports on each other. We stick little labels on each other. "She's a rough diamond." "He is so pompous." "She says she will call, but she never does." "He's the kindest man I ever knew." "He's always in the pub." "She's all airs and graces, but I know where she comes from." "He's always there when you need him."

So we write people off or on. We "pigeon hole" people, categorize them like books on a library shelf.

Rather like the clever remarks I assembled from confidential reports, none of them are true. Not one of us can be written off or on by someone else. We are incredibly complicated spiritual and psychological and physical people. Some of us are dealt a "hand of cards" that destines us to be different from the next person. There is an infinity of worth within each one of us. One of the sayings recorded of Jesus which I like very much is this:

"Judge not, and you will not be judged. Condemn not, and you will not be condemned"

Graham Roblin.

An actual radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy:

#1. Please divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

#2. Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

#1. This is a Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

#2. No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

#1. THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE. WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE U.S. NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!

#2. This is a lighthouse. Your call.

There's a sermon there somewhere!

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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

Sunday 4th February	9.30 a.m.	Mr House / Mr Bates
	6.00 p.m.	Mrs Woodward
Sunday 11th February	11.00 a.m.	Mrs March / Mrs England
	6.00 p.m.	Mrs Jutting
Sunday 18th February	9.30 a.m.	Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Smith
	6.00 p.m.	Miss Frampton
Sunday 25th February	11.00 a.m.	Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
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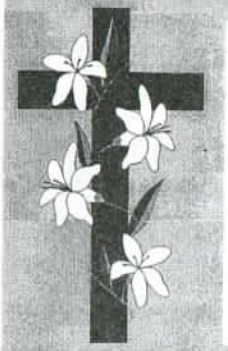


Sanctuary Flower Guild

4th/11th	Mrs P Roblin	Mrs G Whittle
18th/25th	Mrs P House	Mrs M Lewis

Evensong Readers

4th Mrs Lewis

11th Mrs Jutting

18th Miss Fampton

CHURCH SERVICES in FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m.	Service of Dedication of New Vestry and Church Hassocks by the Bishop of Sherborne (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 11th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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)

Sunday 18th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m.	Affpraise (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 25th February – Sunday next before Lent

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m.	Mattins & Communion (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.	Songs of Praise (Bere Regis)
6.30 p.m.	Village Hall Service (Affpuddle)

Ash Wednesday 28th February

7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Bere Regis)

CHURCH SERVICES

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

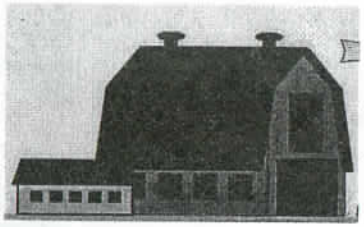
BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

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

BARN DANCE

in aid of Bere Regis Church

Three years ago we held a Barn Dance in one of the barns of Lower Stockley Farm. It was a huge success. So we are going to have another one. Make a note in your diary - 11th May 2001.



It will be from 8.00 pm - midnight.

The cost will be £7 for adults, and £4 for under 14s.

There will be a free buffet and a cash bar.

The music will be made by "Tranters Folly".

JUMBLE SALE

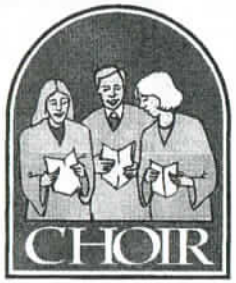
The annual "BUMPER JUMBLE SALE" in aid of Bere Regis Church funds will be held once again in WAREHAM TOWN HALL on Saturday 3rd February. Doors open at 10·00 p.m. It is best to arrive early because the "dealers" are queuing up an hour beforehand; they know what a good jumble sale it is. If you have any household items, toys, books, or clothing which we could sell, please contact Molly Carlyle on 471441, or bring it to the Vicarage.

SONGS OF PRAISE IN BERE REGIS CHURCH

25th February

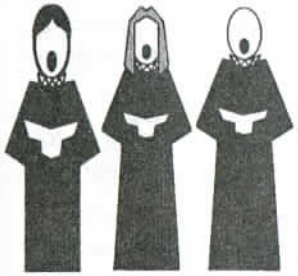
Thank goodness this will not be a television production! But it will be very good. The Milton Abbey Choir are coming to join us to make this a splendid hour of hymns and music. Leave your television sets; and come and enjoy the real thing! 6.00 p.m., 25th February.

BERE REGIS CHURCH CHOIR



We have vacancies for sopranos, altos, tenors and basses in the church choir and we are always on the look out for new recruits! If you enjoy singing do come along and join us either on a regular basis or merely from time to time. All singing voices will be most welcome. Regular practices take place in the church at 7.00 p.m. every Friday. Just turn up!

HOLY WEEK CANTATAS - CHORUS



We are going to sing John Maunder's two Lenten cantatas for tenor and baritone soloists with full chorus, organ and continuo, "Penitence, Pardon and Peace" and "Olivet to Calvary", on the evening of Wednesday 11th April 2001. Written in 1898 and 1903, specifically for parish choral societies, the two works contain some splendid music which is most enjoyable to sing.

The chorus will commence rehearsals on Friday 9th February at 7.30 p.m. in Bere Regis church. There will also be rehearsals on another weekday evening – to be determined – for those unable to make Friday evenings. Do please come and join in. We need to gather a good body of local singers to join those coming from neighbouring parishes!

For further information please contact me on 01929-471360 or 471738, on 07850-861415, by email tacmusic@supanet.com, or through the vicarage.

Tim Colquhoun

CHURCH DUSTING ROTA

Has anyone an hour to spare once or twice a year to go on the Church dusting rota. Please phone G Miller on 471745.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The beginning of LENT falls this year on 28th February. There will be an Ash Wednesday evening communion in Bere Regis Church at 7.30 p.m.

OBITUARIES

DOCTOR PETER BENJAFIELD

Dr Peter Benjafield came to Bere Regis as an assistant to Dr Storrs almost 50 years ago. There have only been five doctors working full time in this parish during the last century; Dr Lys, Dr Storrs, Dr Benjafield, and our very special present incumbents.

Very often, doctors leave the area when they retire, but Peter Benjafield, with his wife Marion, decided not to. But he never practised medicine after his retirement; he knew that he would soon be "out of date". He never was a threat to his successors, and their care for him at the end indicated their own admiration for him as a doctor and as a man.

Dr Benjafield died on Christmas morning. He knew he was terminally ill, and he told me he would not see Christmas. He was buried in the morning of 3rd January and we held a beautiful; memorial service for him in the afternoon.

Peter came from Wells in Somerset, the eldest of two brothers, and the son of an accountant. He and his brother went to the ancient school of Blundells in Tiverton. But the Second World War broke out as he was leaving, so he began studying medicine in Bristol at a difficult time. After only one year he left the school of medicine to join the army. He was posted to India, and was an officer cadet in the School of Signals there. It was here that he became very ill, and spent months in hospital, before being evacuated back home to England. At the end of the war he restarted studying medicine. He had already met Marion, and they soon married. On qualification, he practised in Calne. They were not easy days and he and Marion were always "broke". This equipped him to understand the needs of those in his practice who were hard up. I have been told how he would leave presents on the doorstep of a family whom he knew to be poor.

He came to Bere Regis as an assistant doctor. For two years he only had Thursday afternoon off, when he was expected to pick up the medicines for the practice. He was on duty every night and every weekend.

Forty years ago, Dr Storrs retired, and Peter took over, and for ten years worked on his own. He was an old-fashioned country doctor. The image is serene, but it was a punishing commitment.

With the arrival of Dr Greenfield, he was able to start to develop his outside interests. He had a small boat in

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Poole harbour; he enjoyed hill climbing rallies at Gallows Hill; he was doctor to the local Point to Point; he played bridge, and he loved holidaying abroad, especially in Italy. On retirement, he was able to indulge in these hobbies rather more, and being a gregarious man, he was soon invited to join a local professional and businessmens' club in Wareham.

Above all Peter was a family man. It was an intense sadness to him when his wife Marion died just two years ago. But he had Ann and Michael nearby with their husband and wife, and he adored his grandchildren Andrew, Juliet, Brian and Timothy. He also had wonderful neighbours.

A very large number of people filled the church for the Thanksgiving service, and each one of us held our own private remembrances. He was fun. We remembered that smile. Those who were his patients remembered that he could listen, and he was able to hear what you said. Some remembered that he "told it straight". Not everyone knew of his deep sensitive, and aesthetic side. He was a very private man, with a masculine rugged exterior, but he was also well versed in poetry and, music, and he had a deep spiritual heart beat. He received the Holy Communion in his home two days before he died.

MRS SHEILA LEIGH, aged 67

The church was packed, with people standing, for the Thanksgiving and Memorial service for Mrs Sheila Leigh. They came from so many groupings within the parish, as well as coming as personal friends. Sheila belonged to the community of Bere Regis. She was born here and never moved away. She was a real character, caring, active, with no pomposity, and she spoke straight. To see her walking up the road brought pleasure, because she was full of positive fun. When her husband Harry died some years ago, she never once indulged in self pity. She just got on with it.

Having been born in the early 1930s, she grew up in difficult times, but on leaving Bere Regis School at the age of 13, she gained a place at the Technical College in Weymouth, taking a City and Guilds course in domestic science and needlecraft. On leaving this she worked very happily for a wool and craft shop in Poole, but very sadly, her mother died, so Sheila gave that up to look after her father.

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She worked as a "buncher" at the cress beds, and she continued doing this for 42 years.

On her marriage to Harry, she began to share his hobbies; breeding and showing canaries, building model railways, and participation in SAAB motor car rallies. They led a full life.

With the death of Harry, she was determined not to hibernate. She moved to a little flat in Elder Road. She had only herself to look after. So on Monday she went to Bingo; then there was the Drax Hall Committee; she had been instrumental in setting up the monthly mini-market in the Drax Hall; she was on the social committee of the Royal British Legion, and prepared teas for visiting branches; she was a member of the WI; she was founder member of the Pop in Place; she was on the Carnival Committee; then there was a large Parish Magazine round every month. On top of this she attended the Gardening club, and was a friend of Upton House. Last of all, she was a winner of raffles! "Not Sheila again," we would say. Although luck plays its part, the number of tickets you buy also comes into the equation. She bought tickets, and she supported.

That is why the church was so full. We came to give thanks for a very special person. The phrase "We will miss her" could be heard over and over again. People were also saying, "She would have been proud of her funeral!" And she was. Her ashes have been interred in the churchyard alongside those of her husband. May she rest in peace and enjoy eternity in God.

LENT LECTURES

The Vicar will be giving these this year. The theme of the talks will be "The World Jesus Knew" - beliefs and customs from the time of Jesus. The talks will aim to transport us back to the beliefs and customs which lie behind the gospels. Each talk will cover a distinct aspect of the life of Jesus: his home, childhood, education, clothes, language, prayers, and customs. Every MONDAY in LENT - 7.30 p.m. Watch out for details.

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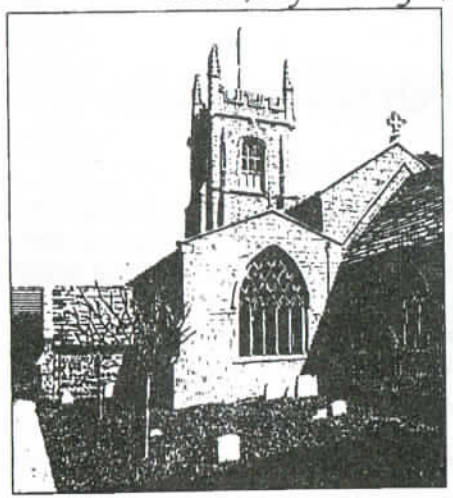

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MOTHERS' UNION

Our January meeting was held at Turberville Court when the main part of the meeting consisted of our AGM. Mary outlined the events, which had happened during the past year, and, once again, we had experienced a very full and varied twelve months.

Christine announced that we had been able to give away £120 during the year to various MU project.

Eileen gave a report on the deanery activities. She has given up being chair of the deanery committee but is now the Secretary, Mrs Pam Wood having taken over the leadership role.

Katy reported on the visit to Poole of Lady Eames, worldwide president of the MU.

The following people were elected to service on the committee:-

Branch Leader – Mary England

Secretary – Brenda Pitfield

Treasurer – Christine Tucker

Link Correspondents – Eileen Bangay and Brenda Pitfield

Committee Members – Kay Abbott, Shirley Day, Hazel Green, Edna Marsh

We had received a letter from Beckingsale House thanking us for our Christmas gifts. The meeting ended with refreshments and our annual gift exchange.

Brenda Pitfield 471391

DORCHESTER CHURCHES POVERTY ACTION GROUP

This is a local charity which seeks out people living in poverty, in and around Dorchester. It helps in many ways. For example the café in the Top of Town car park will give a good meal for homeless strangers in exchange for a £3 meal ticket issued by local clergy. (About 500 meals are served in a year.) Then there is a scheme for recycling furniture to those in need. It also tries to help those on low incomes to help themselves.

POVERTY ACTION GROUP: 01305 260959

SECOND CHANCE FURNITURE: 01305 766621

Leaflets explaining this worthwhile charity can be obtained from Miss Sybil Frampton.

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

FLOWER ARRANGING AND CLEANING

Date	Flowers	Cleaning
4th February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Smith
11th February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Grindrod
18th February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Silavs
25th February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Perris

SIDESMEN, READERS AND READINGS

Date	Time	Sidesman	Readers	Readings
4 Feb	8.00	P Badcock	Server	As below
	11.00	J Royal	F Solly	Isaiah 6, verses 1-8
			R Elkerton	Luke 5, verses 1-11
11 Feb	9.30	D Payne	M Cropper	Jeremiah 17, verses 5-10
			H Menzies	Luke 6, verses 17-26
18 Feb	8.00	R Killer	Server	Genesis 2, verses 4b-9, 15-25
				Luke 8, verses 22-25
	11.00	(Affpraise)		
25 Feb	9.30	P Roblin	P Badcock	Exodus 34, verses 29-35
			A Grindrod	Luke 9, verses 28-36
	18.30 ("Village Praise" in Briantspuddle Village Hall)			
4 Mar	8.00	D Read	Server	As below
	11.00	W Thorniley	K Wharton	Deuteronomy 26, verses 1-11
			A Armitage	Luke 4, verses 1-13

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

VILLAGE PRAISE SERVICE IN BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL, SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

At 6.30 pm on Sunday 25 February, the last Sunday before the season of Lent, an evening service will be held in Briantspuddle Village Hall. The visiting preacher will be the Rev. Jimmy Hamilton-Brown, who has recently retired as vicar of Spetisbury. Many of us will remember him taking our services in Affpuddle church during the last interregnum. Apart from the Advent carol service held last December, this will be the only evening service to be held in the village hall this winter. Do come along and give it your support. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Jonathan Haigh

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND GIFT SERVICES

Thanks you to all the people who gave money for the purchase of flowers for the Christmas church decoration. £40.00 was given and white chrysanthemum sprays were purchased.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Reeves who very kindly let us have masses of different coloured chrysanthemums which had been grown in their green house.

Thank you to Lyndy and Phili Ventham who decorated the Christmas Tree with gold and silver baubles, white lights and silver tinsel.

Thank you to Lord and Lady Neill for giving the Christmas Tree.

Thank you to the members of the congregation who were most generous and gave a wonderful collection of gifts for the Dorchester Cheshire Homes. These were taken to Dorchester on the following Monday after the carol service and were most gratefully received.

PhilippaThorniley

THE NEW CLEANING AND FLOWER ARRANGING ROTAS

At the beginning of March I will be putting together the flower arranging and cleaning rotas for the year 1st April 2001 to 31st March 2002. Unless I hear to the contrary I am including all those on the 2000/2001 rotas. However, I would welcome new volunteers to lighten the load of the existing cleaners and flower arrangers.

Cleaning consists of brushing through the church, dusting the pews and mopping the wooden floors. Flower arranging consists of making sure that there is at least one arrangement of fresh flowers in the church for the Sunday services. People are sometimes a bit shy about volunteering to do the flowers. Flower arranging talent can extend from the plonking a bunch of flowers in a vase to high floral art and the talents of a budding Constance Spry. If you are able to help with either of these tasks please let me have your names and the time of the year you would like to do the flowers/cleaning.

Philippa Thorniley

DEDICATION

The DEDICATION of the VESTRY and ORGAN in AFFPUDDLE CHURCH - 4th February at 11 o'clock.

After years of debate, planning and preparation a replacement organ was purchased for the Affpuddle Church eighteen months ago. It was opened by a concert given by the director of music of Bryanston School with some of his pupils. Since then, a new vestry has been designed, and it is now almost ready. Incorporated into the vestry is a kitchen facility. It is a marvellous advance for those splendid people who for years have carried coffee mugs to and from their homes for the social part of our worship. Our church will be self contained, except that the eight hundred year old tradition of having no lavatory will be maintained.

The Bishop of Sherborne has kindly accepted an invitation to dedicate both the organ and new vestry at a service on the 4th February. There will be a lunch in the village hall following the service.

After the service there will be a lunch party in Briantspuddle Village Hall. Lunch will consist of cold meats, (or vegetarian alternative) baked potatoes and salads followed by party puddings or biscuits and cheese. Coffee or tea will be served after the meal. Tickets costing £1.50 are available from the beginning of January from Philippa Thorniley. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible and no later than 31st January 2001. If you require a vegetarian meal please indicate when buying your tickets. Water or orange juice will be available with the meal. If you require an alternative beverage please bring it along with you. (Don't forget to bring along the wherewithal to open the bottle.) Glasses will be provided.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL EVENING SERVICE

Sunday 25th February at 6.30 pm.

The Revd Jimmy Hamilton-Brown, who led many of the services during the last interregnum is coming back to preach at this service. He is one of the leading writers on Evangelism in the Church of England and is a fine preacher.

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the January meeting the Council learned with regret that Miss Sue Stone had resigned from both the Council and the District Council. Councillors paid tribute to her for her contribution to the work of both Councils and her representation of the Village throughout the six years of her service. She was a tireless Councillor being a member of many committees but has found that it all clashed too much with her employment. Without doubt she will be missed.

The meeting was addressed by the two Heritage Rangers for Purbeck, Messrs Dick Burt for East Purbeck and Bob Ashington for West Purbeck. They explained their respective roles and offered any help towards the maintenance of paths and projects to preserve the environment. The problems of the woods below the Black Hill Reservoir, where motor cycles are conflicting with the badgers and other wild life were discussed at length. The Debenham Estate, to whom the land belongs, is to be contacted concerning the nuisance.

The Council finalised the Precept and concluded that a small rise was necessary for the coming year. The District Council is concerned that the Council Tax will have to rise to meet the needs of their expenditure, having had a reduction of input from Central Government. In an endeavour to explain this and to get the feeling of the Parish concerning the rationalisation of facilities, the District Council is addressing a Public Meeting in the Drax Hall. This meeting, mentioned in the January report, will have been held when this report is published.

The Local Planning Inquiry has deferred the Bere Regis section until Tuesday 27th March. It appears that the District Council's attention has been drawn to a shortcoming on their part concerning the Conservation Area. Quite what is necessary to be done before the Inquiry can look at Bere Regis again is uncertain.

The Council is concerned about the proposals to reduce the speed of traffic on Rye Hill being changed from what was discussed with the County Council. Apparently there is doubt about the 40 mph buffer zone on the south side of the hill being incorporated. The Council has not been advised officially as yet but Mrs Briggs, the County Councillor, seemed to think that these changes result from an objection that has been lodged.

CM

BERE REGIS BABYSITTING CIRCLE

Meetings are now held in the evening of the first Tuesday of each month (except during school holiday time when daytime gatherings will enable children and parents to meet together).

The next get-togethers will be a New Year 'bring and share' lunch for all the family at Piddle Cottage on Tuesday 2nd January from noon, and on Tuesday 7th February at 8.30 p. m. At Amanda's – 2 Stanbarrow Close.

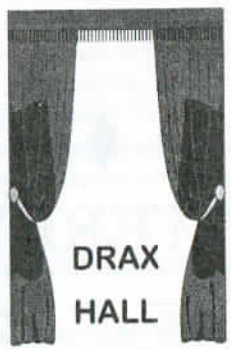
New members always welcome. Phone Su Roberts for further details (471322).

PETER BENJAFIELD

Ann and Michael and their families would like to thank everybody for their kind messages of sympathy following the recent death of their father Peter.

Those who attended the church will be pleased to know that over £400 was collected at the service. This will be added to the many donations send to us and forwarded to the Royal Marsden.

DRAX HALL



The Committee will feel a very sad loss with the passing of Sheila Leigh. Apart from her many activities, it was she who ran the Mini Market on the monthly Saturdays. It is to be hoped that the Market will continue as a tribute to her efforts. Remember - 2nd Saturday each month. Fresh vegetables, plants, cakes, bric a brac - etc etc. Very good cakes!

The AGM will be held on a date to be decided in March.

We have two Artsreach presentations coming along. The first is at the February Half Term break when the Storybox Theatre is presenting Jack and the Beanstalk. This will be on Thursday 22nd February at 1030am. We have had the pleasures of this company before with its exquisite puppetry and storytelling skills.

Then on the 15th March we have Alison Neil in 'The Just William Lady'. More about this next month. Tickets for the puppets and Just William from Mrs Maunder - 471342.

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As Estate Agents, we welcome the proposed changes for a number of reasons, but most of all because the house owning public generally blame us for all the problems they find when buying or selling a home. The truth is that reputable Estate Agents take their instructions from their client, who is usually the seller. If the Agent receives a higher offer, after a sale has been agreed, he or she is duty bound to inform the client, in writing, and it is the client who then decides whether to accept it or not.

However, the proposed seller`s pack does not prevent either gazumping or gazundering. It may speed up the house buying process and, therefore, give less time for a vendor to change buyers or for buyers to lower their offer, but it will not make this illegal. Nick Raynsford, the Housing Minister, has said "You can`t put vendors in a position where they can`t even entertain another offer". With that policy as the background, misbehaviour will continue and vendors will always be tempted by offers of more money.

So why do we welcome the seller`s pack, which is due to come in by 2003? First of all, it may require some sort of survey to be produced on every house for sale. We are a firm of Chartered Surveyors and this is likely to produce more business for us. Secondly, it will commit the vendor to spending money before his property comes on the market. This will substantially reduce time wasters. It should speed things up, but do not hold your breath; in the Bristol trial, the time between an offer and exchange was still 28 days - plenty of time for new offers, higher or lower, to be made.

If you would like a survey or valuation of your property, please contact 01305 264172 (Dorchester) or 01308 459565 (Bridport).

BERE REGIS W.I.

Christmas party time. The committee worked hard to arrange for an evening of fun and games. Some to test your hand and eye skills and others the brain! Points were gained at each table and prizes awarded to the winners. All agreed that the evening had been a great success combining a good deal of laughter – followed by a welcome cup of tea and good things to eat.

The next meeting will be held at the Drax Hall on Tuesday 20th February at 7.30 p.m. for a Musical Evening in the Pam Ayres Style given by Mrs Barbara Lloyd.

Margaret Dann – 472735

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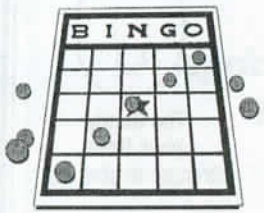
BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Firstly I would like to correct an oversight at the Christmas bingo. Bev Owers very kindly organised all the prizes for us (not an easy task). On the evening of the bingo she was omitted from the Chairman's thank you speech. I would like to correct this oversight by saying a very big thank you to Bev for all the time she spent buying and assembling hampers etc. to enable our evening to be a success.



Following the success of the Christmas Bingo we are pleased to announce our next event. This will take the form of a quiz to be held at the Sports Club on Saturday 24th February 2001 at 8.00 p.m. The quiz will be organised by Sue Stone and all are welcome to attend.

We were all extremely saddened by the loss to our committee (and many others) of Sheila Leigh. She will be sadly missed and our condolences go out to relatives and friends of Sheila.

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BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

It was sad to record the death of Sheila Leigh – she will certainly be missed by all her friends in the Gardening Club.

The AGM passed off without event and we are still waiting for a response to our plea for new committee members. Please come and join us to help the club survive.

Following the AGM, Dave Gibbs gave a good running commentary on the slides of "A Day in the Life of Bere Regis", ably assisted by Jimmy Barnes.

On Tuesday 6th February, we look forward to a talk on the cress beds by John Watts.

To get us thinking seriously about gardening, the topic on Tuesday 6th March will be containers for colour.

Don't forget to get you orders in for canes, seeds and 6X.

Andy Morrison, 472343

JESSICA MULLINS APPEAL

The Woodbury Hill Singers are presenting 'Cockney Capers' at the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Saturday 31st March at 7.30 p.m. Admission will be £3.50 to include savouries and a glass of wine or fruit juice. Tickets available from Kath Jeeves on 471175 or Ivor and Sylvia Mullins on 01202 889227. This will be the last event in our year of fund raising for the Special Care Baby Unit at Winchester Hospital.

SHEILA LEIGH

The Pop in Place Team were very shocked at the sudden death of Sheila Leigh. Sheila was a founder member of the project and will be missed at our sessions and I am sure by all the many groups that she had attended throughout the community.

She was a fine example of someone who was not afraid to get involved and support the many organisations that contribute to making Bere Regis an active and thriving village.

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BERE REGIS YOUTH 'LENNY'S'

The programme for the new year got underway with a visit from Val Latham, an RGN, who came along on the 9 January. Val talked to the members about "Healthy Lifestyles" and listened to their views on this wide ranging topic. Members were also asked to fill out a questionnaire and identify an activity that Val could arrange for a future evening session.

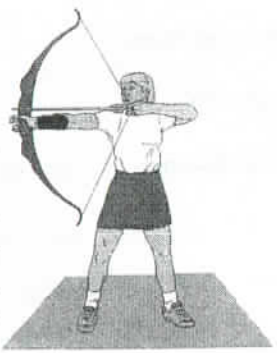
"Give Us a Clue" is the name of the game for the 16 January, when teams will take turns in guessing the titles of films, books, shows, etc. Everyone will take turns in drawing clues to help their team mates guess the answers.

On the 23 January, there will be a do it yourself style "Disco" with everyone bringing along their own CDs or tapes to dance to.

In order to gain swift revenge, for their defeat by the ladies of the legion Women's Section. The young members have arrange another Carpet Bowls Challenge for the 30 January. As none of them have played the game since that defeat, it does not look promising this time around either. Still who am I to judge.

Looking ahead to February the club programme includes:

Swimming at Blandford on the 7, Glass Painting on the 13 plus a visit from The Body Shop on the 20. With a visit to Splashdown also planned for the 27 to end off the month as it began, in at the deep end.



During the summer there will be trips to the Brecon Beacons for mountain walking and an outing to Paultons Park. Canoeing will also be commencing again from April and Archery is also being re-introduced for the lighter evenings.

Membership is now due for renewal, at £4.00p.(Seniors) - £2.50p (Juniors) and new members are always most welcome. For an application form and activity programme, call in at the legion club on any youth night or call me on my home telephone number below.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, 01929 471693

POP IN PLACE

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Show. Special thanks to all who took part and who helped back stage. During this performance we were proud to present a cheque for £3,000 to the Chairman of the Poole Hospital Body Scanner Appeal. Our thanks to Charlene and Megan Elford who presented the cheque on our behalf in loving memory of Tina Elford.

We sincerely hope that the money raised within our community and others will help to make scans more readily available to patients and make a difference in the earlier detection of cancer.

Also during the Christmas Show, Tim Maunder, the youngest member of Bere Regis Parish Council, presented the Pop In Place Youth Achievement Awards. These were to young people who have made significant contributions to raising money for worthy causes and some clocked up over 100 hours of voluntary service.

The awards were distributed as follows:

Bronze Award First public performance for the Pop In Place	**Silver Award 50 hours**	**Gold Award 100 plus hours**
Hannah Brady	Abigail Bartlett	Amy Bennett
Lucy Holt	Zoe Glanville	Charlotte Bennett
Beth Sumner	Daniel Lye	Lisa Bennett
	Sarah Lye	Tom Bennett
	Vikki Marshallsay	Heather Campbell
		Tanita Gale
		Sinead Moorse
		Nicola Phillips
		Simon Smith
		Hannah Spurdle

Also during the show, AC Moorse and Son were presented with the community Business Award, for all of their efforts with collecting for the Poole Hospital Body Scanner appeal. We would like to thank all those businesses that very kindly agreed to put out a collection box.

The Pop In Place 2001 Appeal

This year our worthy cause is to raise money for "Equipment for the Bere Regis Doctors' Practice and Community Nursing Team".

A programme of Events has already been arranged and all the profits from them will be given at the end of the years to Dr Greenfield and Dr Harley to put to use to directly benefit your own community.

The events are as follows:

Wednesday 14th February	Family Prize Bingo	Drax Hall – 7.30 p.m.
Friday 13th April	Easter Egg Raffle	Pop in Place – 10.00 – 12.00
Saturday 23rd June	Sponsored Walk	More details nearer the time
Saturday 8th September	Fancy Dress Disco and Pip 5th birthday	Drax Hall – 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 13th October	Jumble Sale	Drax Hall – 2.30 p.m.
Saturday 15th December	Christmas Show	Drax Hall – 3.00 p.m.

Please support these events. Help and donations are always most welcome.

The Pop in Place sessions are on Monday and Friday mornings from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. Everyone is most welcome to drop in. We would also welcome some new volunteers, so if you could help to serve teas or assist in the library, please get in touch. Anyone wishing to attend but who needs transport, please call us as we can arrange this for you.

February's Fun Day Friday Event will be held on the 9th and will be a Fun Quiz. For further information call our Team Leader on 01929 472023.

Julie Lye, on behalf of the Pop in Place Community Team.

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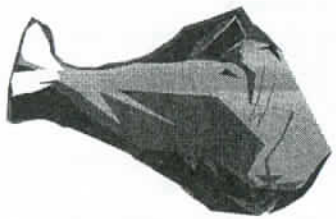

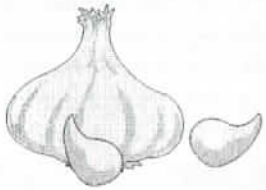

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- *1 onion sliced*
- *1 clove garlic sliced*
- *1 tbsp medium curry paste*
- *1tbsp plain flour*
- *3/4pt chicken stock*
- *1 large tomato*
- *1 tbsp mango chutney*
- *1 tbsp lemon juice*
- *salt and pepper*

- *boiled rice to serve*

Heat oil in a large flameproof casserole and brown chicken pieces on both sides. Remove and keep warm. Add onion and garlic to casserole and cook until soft. Add curry paste and cook for 2 minutes. Add flour and blend in stock and seasoning. Bring to the boil, replace chicken pieces, cover and simmer until chicken is cooked. Skin tomato, cut into dice and add to the chicken with the mango chutney and lemon juice. Heat through and adjust seasoning to taste.

Serve with boiled rice and Indian accompaniments.

FIRE REPORT

Statistics for December

- Flooding incidents
- 3 Chimney fires
- 4 Special services including road traffic accidents
- 2 Car fires
- 1 Alarm
- 1 Property
- 1 Stand by duty

The wet weather continued into December and we remained busy, dealing with a number of rain related incidents. Any water entering your home is a traumatic experience, so do remember that the bow wave you are creating as you drive through flooded areas may swamp properties threatened by flood water. Spare a thought also to the potential damage you could do to your vehicle because the air intake on most cars and light vans is low down at the front and is susceptible to "bow wave" water pressure. The average cost of a replacement engine ranges from £2000 to £4000 and is unlikely to be met by your vehicle insurance.

Whilst on the subject a few tips for motorists driving during exceptional weather conditions:

- Listen to your local radio station for news of road closures and advice from the police
- Consider postponing your journey to another time, especially during the hours of darkness, or re-routing to avoid low lying areas and known problem areas
- Remember to take your mobile phone, even on the shortest of journeys (most accidents and breakdowns happen within 5 miles of your home)
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- Be aware of vehicles that are approaching driving in the centre of the road to avoid water or fallen debris.

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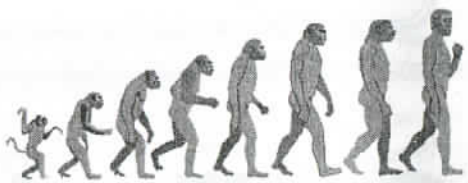
It's also amazing how intelligent man will accept and swallow whole Darwin's Theory of Evolution, and teach it as fact to our children, but refuse to accept the truth about Jesus Christ and our need of Him as our Saviour and Lord. Did you know that Darwin refuted his theory before his death?



Now, you're probably thinking I've gone completely mad. After all, everyone knows that all the amazing animals, fish, birds and especially people that are in the world, have all evolved over millions of years from simple bacteria. This is a scientifically proven fact, taught in our schools and universities and stated by people like David Attenborough on TV.

Well, actually it is not a scientifically proven fact. The Theory of Evolution remains just that - a theory. I am currently attending a series of monthly lectures given by a research bio-chemist. The last lecture dealt with DNA, the 'life-system' of all living things. The DNA of even the simplest bacteria is irreducibly complex, amazingly ordered, and each part of the DNA totally reliant on the other parts in order to function. The bio-chemist said that it is impossible for DNA to have come about by chance. It seems to me that indicates that there is a Creator, who I would call God, behind our amazing world. I am so glad to know that I was created for a purpose, rather than that I came about by chance and for no purpose!

I believe that Almighty God is the Creator of the universe and is the God of time and eternity. He designed and knew precisely when there would be an eclipse of the moon, and countless other events too. The Bible tells us that one day Jesus Christ will come again to this earth, right on time, precisely! Will we be ready to meet Him, knowing His forgiveness and knowing Him as our Saviour and Lord?

Jesus says, "Behold, I am coming soon!" ..... those who believe respond "Come, Lord Jesus". (Revelation 22:7, 20 & 21)

The great question is whether you believe Darwin's theory or God's word and fact. I know where I stand and that's my final answer to this million dollar question. No doubt time will tell whether I have the right answer. By the way, the research bio-chemist, Dr. Geoff Barnard, is coming to speak at the Chapel on Saturday 24th. February at 7.30pm. If you have queries about evolution or the Creator, why not come along, everyone is very welcome.

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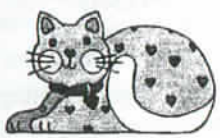

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FEBRUARY

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24 (Sat)	Superleague darts

MARCH

24 (Sat)	Superleague darts
31 (Sat)	Superleague darts

Anyone participating in the New Year quiz should be aware that sheets should be returned by Saturday 31st March – results to be announced on Easter Saturday 14th April. If you haven't yet got your quiz sheet contact the Club or Richard Curtis 472620.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Thursday 18th January in the Royal Oak Skittle Alley. The meeting was attended by over 20 members – an excellent turn out on such a freezing cold evening.

In his report, the Chairman, Bernard Hammick said "This has been a steady year in the development of links between our two villages. We are extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication of all the committee members and the on-going support of all the membership".

Events during the year included a Boules evening in May, a fun wine tasting event in June, a float in the Carnival in July, an excellent Barbecue in August, and a lively and fun Skittles evening in November. However, the highlight of the year was the fruition of the past years meetings with the visit of 76 of our friends from Cérences. The weather was basically kind to us following our non existent summer and we were very pleased to be able to welcome so many people from Cérences. "I should especially like to thank Pat Chesney for taking on the unenviable task of finding accommodation for everyone." Bernard said. Throughout the weekend the French were given time to visit the Purbecks, two farms and the watercress beds. They were also given some great hospitality and many Twinning members and villages were happy to be able to return the hospitality extended during the visit to France the previous year

We were particularly grateful to Gary Hewitt and everyone at the Fire Service for their help with the Hog Roast and numerous others who assisted in a variety of ways to make the weekend such a success – even the weather stayed kind.

Part of the meeting was devoted to the elections for the committee and both the Chairman, Bernard, and the Secretary, Ruth Draycott, indicated that this will be their final year as officers. They believed that having been founder members of the Association from its inception five years ago, that the time was coming for fresh blood and new ideas. However, they did accept the vote that their roles would remain unchanged for 2001. Peter Wharf is to remain as Treasurer and Alison Debenham as Membership Secretary. Three other committee members – Caroline Hestau, Eddie Butterfield and Bob James will also continue and Pat Chesney invited to join which she duly accepted. Ruth also explained that there would continue to be short term co-options during the year. Bernard thanked Brian Halliwell and Judy Newton for their tremendous contribution to the management committee during the year and confirmed that we were very sorry that they had decided not to continue.

Finally, the last item on the agenda was a discussion on the forthcoming visit to Cérences which is taking place over the weekend of the 21st – 23rd September 2001. Initial enquires have shown that we are likely to be able to offer this fabulous trip at a cost of less than £30 per head – an absolute bargain as this will include coach and ferry travel and once in Cérences you have nothing more to pay, other than maybe a gift for your host family and the wine and cheese which you are bringing back home!

It was confirmed that departure would be at 12.30 p.m on Friday 21st with the return trip at around 7.00 p.m. on the Sunday.

In order to ensure that the necessary coach booking can be made as well as the reservations for the ferry, we will now need to know for certain who will be joining us on this visit. A number of Twinning members have already declared their interest and remaining places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. A final reminder will be sent to the membership in February, but in the meantime, if you have not already done so, please give me a call to make your reservation.

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AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Arts Reach

On Friday 15th December Tim Laycock and the New Scorpion Band gave a fantastic concert of folk music in the Village Hall. The maximum number of tickets were sold and after all the expenses were paid.

£101.31 was raised for Hall Funds.

Tickets, costing £4.50, are now on sale for "My Kingdom for a Horse" on 3rd February, 2001 at 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday 3rd March 2001 at 7.30 p.m. Briantspuddle Village Hall and Arts.Reach will be hosting "Books Uncorked". This is a new venture and consists of readings by Trisha Lewis (some of you will remember her expert performance in Noel and Gertie) and Ray Sargent of extracts of literature from -around the world accompanied by a tutored tasting of wine from that region by Jack De Carteret, a Master of Wine, who before his retirement was assistant wine buyer at Eldridge Pope. Tickets costing £6.00 include the wine tasted together with a finger buffet in the interval and are available from Philippa Thorniley.

New Curtains

Those of you who have visited the Village Hall recently will have noticed that there are new curtains. The old "Chrysanthemum" Sanderson fabric curtains which were at least 30 years old have been replaced with wine red curtains to match the chairs.

When the curtains were replaced the Hall Committee took the opportunity to install light proof window blinds on all the long side windows. The curtains over the French Windows and the big South window have been lined with light proof lining. The South window also has a device for pulling the curtains without having to get out a ladder in order to climb up to carry out this task. In the future the hall will be able to be used for slide presentations and video film shows during the day or on Summer evenings. Until the Committee know where they are with the Lottery application the stage curtains have not been replaced.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Forthcoming Events

Friday Evening Quiz

Dates to note are 02/02/01 and 16/02/01 at 9.00 p.m.

Music Quiz Special - date to be arranged.

AGM

Wednesday 28 January at 8 p.m. If you are interested in the future of the Social Club and how it is run, this is your chance to have your say. Please note there will be no entry to the meeting after 8.15 p.m.

Club Reunion Party

Saturday 10 March 8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

News

Two new air filters have recently been installed which have greatly improved the air quality in the Club. Conscious that the smoky atmosphere has deterred some members it is now hoped that this will encourage them to return.

Graham Hopkins

MODERNISATION OF VILLAGE HALL AND SOCIAL CLUB

A newsletter giving details of the proposed way forward for the project has been distributed to all households in the Parish. Therehave also been further discussions wit ' h the architect and with Lois Rose of Dorset Community Action.

The next step will be to conduct a laser survey, this will take place before the end of January and result in an accurate picture of the site. It will then be possible to produce dimensioned drawings with confidence that correct positions of buildings (present and future) have been established. An early meeting with the Heritage Lottery Fund project officer for the area is being sought to clarify the type of work that the Fund would be prepared to consider. It is thought that a comprehensive re-development will necessitate a combined bid to both the National Lotteries Charities Board and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

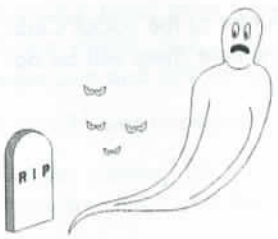
Further newsletters will be issued as the concept develops. Meanwhile it is reiterated that the team is open to all constructive proposals but, if unnecessary work is to be avoided, any suggestions should be passed to one of the team for consideration as soon as possible.

BRIANTSPUDDLE WI

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Apologies for the mistake in last month's report. We meet regularly on the *first* Wednesday of each month 'as usual', and not on the second.

We had an excellent turnout on the 10th, in spite of very chilly weather, to hear Mr. Alistair Chisholm talk on Dorset Ghosts. From the start one could have heard a pin drop! He was suitably attired in black cloak, top hat, frock coat and white scarf with his badge as an official guide – oh, and buckled shoes. He told us of the route he takes in the Dorchester tour (he also 'does' Weymouth) and the history and folklore of the various buildings and how the poems of Thomas Hardy can be brought to bear during his tour, particularly "The Withered Arm". He asked if any of our members had seen a ghost. Nobody had, but some had relatives who professed to and some had heard mysterious noises etc., so there was a lively discussion at the end of an enthralling talk.



Our meeting on February 7th has Simon Marshall "Cooking with Simon". Arrangements will also be made for our Jumble Sale on February 17th. See advertisement below.

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

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AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of the New Year took place on 10th January.

Lottery Application

Capt. Badcock presented an update on progress so far. There have been two meetings since the last Parish Council meeting and a schedule has been drawn up.

The first stage is to obtain planning permission and three months has been allowed for this.

A laser survey of the site and existing buildings will be carried out in order to obtain an accurate "footprint" within which precise plans can be prepared. The Parish Council is setting aside sufficient funds to cover the cost of surveyors' fees.

Next, an application will be submitted to the two Lottery Boards, the Heritage Lottery Board and the National Lottery Board. The Heritage Board will be mainly interested in the buildings and no doubt the reinstatement of the cart entrance will be of particular interest. The National Lottery Board will concern itself more with facilities such as the new toilets, kitchen etc. The project team will probably need to visit the Lottery headquarters in London to present the case.

Providing all proceeds according to plan, a contractor should be appointed by the autumn of 2002. The first Newsletter has been prepared and will be distributed throughout the parish.

Local Roads

Several damaged signposts have been reported and will be repaired.

With regard to the declassification of the B3390, major work to the railway bridge at Crossways governs any time scale for this. Nevertheless, the County Council agrees that the most satisfactory and permanent way of improving safety on this road, particularly through Affpuddle, is to reduce the through traffic.

Mud

The response from the Environment Agency about the possibility of slurry pollution in the river from free-range pigs at Throop Clump was that at this time of year the river was high enough and sufficiently fast flowing for it not to be a problem. The Parish Council will make further representations to the Environment Agency on this matter.

Bladen Valley Boundaries

Regarding to the apparent anomalous rules governing the making of boundaries in Bladen Valley, Mr Ian Bruce MP is investigating the matter. It maybe a case of local interpretation.

Explosions

Following the initial response from Bovington Camp to the complaints of loud explosions, there have been further explosions and further complaints. The explosions are considerably more severe than the normal activities at Bovington Camp. Windows and doors rattle in houses over a mile away and there is a fear that structural damage may occur, particularly in older cottages. It is not surprising that an application submitted by Bovington Camp to further develop their "demolition" site caused some concern. The Parish Council will make these concerns known to the appropriate Army authority.

Refuse Collection

Christmas 2001 will fall on Tuesday and Wednesday and New Year's day will be on the following Tuesday. The question was raised regarding refuse collection over these two weeks and assurances are to be sought from Purbeck District Council that the bins will be emptied over this period.

Sandbags

Further to the observation that Purbeck were now charging for sandbags, Cllr Nigel Woodward had discovered that there was no clear policy on the subject and Districts were left to their own devices. The subject will be brought before the County Council for discussion.

Purbeck District Council Annual Budget

This year, the District Council plan to hold public meetings in order to explain their 2001 budget plans and provide the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and air their views. Our local meeting will be held at Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Thursday 18th January at 7pm.

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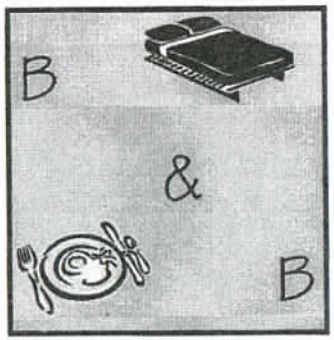

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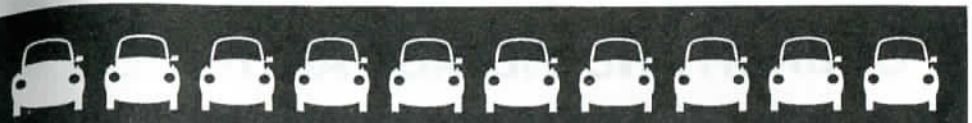

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Babysitting Circle	8.30 p.m. 1st Tuesday in term time, Su Roberts 471322
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Bere Heath Methodist Chapel	10.30 a.m. Sundays except 3rd Sunday monthly (3.00 p.m.) (2nd Sunday after April)
Bere Regis Youth "Lenny's"	RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays Juniors 7.15 – 8.30 p.m. Seniors 7.15 – 10.00 p.m.
Bingo	7.45 p.m. Monday, Drax Hall
British Legion Club	7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday
	7.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Sunday
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Woodbury Hill Singers	2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill

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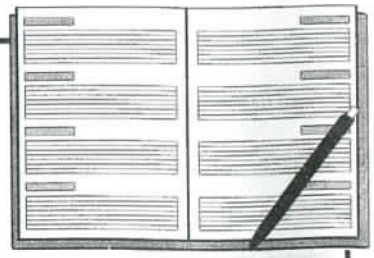

February

3rd	Jumble Sale, Wareham Town Hall	10.00 a.m.
6th	Gardening Club – Water Cress beds, talk by John Watts	8.00 p.m.
14th	Autumn Leaves – Tony Bates films	2.30 p.m

March

6th	Gardening Club – Containers for Colour	8.00 p.m.
14th	Autumn Leaves – Recycling in Purbeck	2.30 p.m.
24th	Cockney Capers – Woodbury Hill singers, Drax Hall	7.30 p.m.

April

3rd	Gardening Club – Citrus Fruit	8.00 p.m.
11th	Autumn Leaves tour to Otter Nurseries	10.30 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.
11th	Barn Dance in aid of Church Funds	8.00 p.m.

June

5th	Gardening Club – Vegetable Growing	8.00 p.m.

July

3rd	Gardening Club – Wine	8.00 p.m.

August

7th	Gardening Club – Onions	8.00 p.m.

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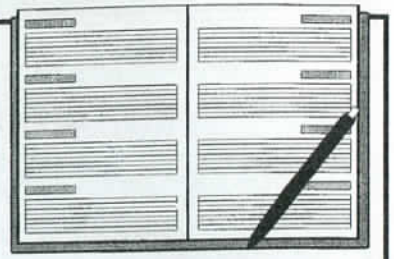

September

4th	Gardening Club – Harvest Supper	8.00 p.m.

October

2nd	Gardening Club – A Year at Stourhead	8.00 p.m.

November

24th	Autumn Leaves Christmas Fayre, Drax Hall	2.00 p.m.

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