THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS
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January 2001

A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

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A Happy New Year to you All

I suppose each one of us, as the turn of the year approaches, will have an anxious thought about what lies ahead. Some Christmas cards have this sentiment, 'I hope next year proves to be better than the last.' We greet people with the words 'Happy New Year', but this is often an empty greeting because we know that happiness is only a fleeting experience. We spend a great deal of time during our life looking into the future, or back to the past. We may worry about our future finances. We plan for a future that may never happen. If we are not looking to the future, we look back on the past. We recall past happiness. We regret missed opportunities. We wish we hadn't done those things we ought not to have done. I should like to suggest it is all a waste of time. The future is unknown, and the past cannot be retrieved.

A Russian writer, Tolstoy, told this story.

A peasant spends much time planning to become a rich landowner. He goes with his savings to a man who has land and enquires the price. 'As much land as you can walk round in a day,' is the answer. So he puts all his money in his cap on the ground to mark the place from where he is to start. At sunrise he sets off briskly. At midday it begins to grow hot. Determined not to stop for rest, he thinks only of the acres that are going to be his. As evening draws on he is tired and hungry. He walks on, determined to take in a bit more land. Finally, as the sun sinks behind the horizon, he reaches the spot from where he started. As he reaches out for his money he falls dead. He spent each moment of that day planning for his future but at the end of it, he is dead. His dreams of owning land is buried with him. They both soak away out of time into the past.

That is a bit of a gloomy thought with which to start the year, so let's be positive. It doesn't matter who you are, you will have a personal cross to bear. It could be working under a person you don't like; or having to care for an old and difficult relative on a permanent basis. Some of us have more cruel crosses than others; having a partner walk out of a relationship; having a child turn against you, or go their own way; developing a severe illness; being lonely or unloved; having had a child die. Life will never be the same again. Luckily for most of us, our crosses are trivial; experiencing a disappointment in our lives, or having to study for exams.
My thought is this, and it is based on the teaching and example of Jesus; it is to accept our own personal cross, and not grumble or complain about it too much. This is very easy to say, but you know how you respond to others who go on about their situation. "Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone." It is a sad saying, but true. We admire those who bear their cross with grace.

I believe there is no better advice than this for the start of a new year. I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he said, "Go into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than the known way."

Graham Roblin

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**CHURCH SERVICES in JANUARY**

**Sunday 7th January**
- The Baptism of Christ
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Afpuddle)
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Afpuddle)
  - 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

**Sunday 14th January**
- 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Afpuddle)
  - 11.00 a.m. Plough Sunday Service (Bere Regis)
  - 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

**Sunday 21st January**
- 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Afpuddle)
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 11.00 a.m. Affpraise (Afpuddle)
  - 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

**Sunday 28th January**
- 4th Sunday of Epiphany
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Afpuddle)
  - 11.00 a.m. Mattins & Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 6.00 p.m. Worship in the Taizé Style (Bere Regis)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Ringing practices will start again on Wednesday 10th January at the usual time.

CHURCH NOTICES

PLOUGH SUNDAY in Bere Regis, - 14th January at 11 o’clock.

This is one of the ancient rural festivals which we still continue in Bere Regis. An old plough is carried into the church and processed up the aisle to the chancel. There, prayers are said for farmers and the farming community, ending with the ancient cry “God bless the plough”. It is one of the ancient traditions of the English countryside that our children may like to witness and remember before it is lost.

Please come to this lovely old country service. Organisations are welcome to bring their banners. Meet in the Church Porch at 10.50 a.m.

BERE REGIS PCC meets on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30 p.m.

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.

OBITUARIES

Mrs Kathleen Ruby House (Ruby) aged 73

A large congregation came to a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ruby House in Bere Regis Church on Monday 11th December.

Ruby, as she was always called, had been ill for some time, and sadly, she died after a short spell in Poole Hospital. She and her husband Ed, had been married for 53 years. They had lived in and around Bere Regis for most of their married life, and for the past eight years had enjoyed living in one of the flats in Turberville Court.

Ruby was essentially a country woman. She was born near Wimborne, the eldest child of a dairyman. She had three brothers, two of whom were at the service. Her parents moved to Lulworth during her childhood, and then on to Cheselbourne, and it was from there that she married Ed. Their first home was in Sitterton, where Christine was born, but soon after she and Ed moved to a house in Rake. Ed by this time was a shepherd, and it became his profession for the next 25 years. This meant that Ruby became part of his working life, caring for weak lambs in her kitchen. But she was always the complete wife and mother. She was a loving and much loved lady. This was made clear by the packed church, all of whom brought with them their own personal memories.

Christine and her husband Gordon were able to support Ed in the sad final days of Ruby’s life, and are close by to continue this support in the days ahead. We remember her and honour her and we pray for her now that she may rest in the peace and love of God.
MOTHERS' UNION

At our pre-Christmas meeting, we sang carols and heard readings with a Christmas theme taken from an Australian anthology. Despite the cultural differences, we were able to relate to the problems described, namely communicating the Christmas message to a world influenced by materialistic values. We enjoyed a social time with mince pies and other seasonal refreshments.

The programmes for 2001, were distributed and many announced that we had been invited to send four members to the WI Christmas party.

Members were delighted to hear of the success of the children's morning at the beginning of December, and three members volunteered to be on the rota of helpers for future events, providing the back up support for those leading the work.

Our next meeting will be held at Turberville Court at 7.30 p.m. On Wednesday 3rd January, when our AGM will take place. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at that meeting and members are asked to bring a small, wrapped gift for our customary gift exchange.

Brenda Pitfield 471391

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

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.

After the service there will be a lunch party in Briantspuddle Village Hall. Lunch will consist of cold meals, (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 Thornley. 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 wherewithall to open the bottle!). Glasses will be provided.

SPECIAL CLEAN

There will be the normal quarterly post Christmas special clean of the church on Saturday 13th January 2001 from 10.00 to 12 noon. Please come along and help keep St. Laurence as one of the best kept churches in the diocese. Please bring with you polishing cloths and dusters. Depending on the number present it is hoped to be able to polish all the furniture, the wooden floors, clean the windows and vacuum the hazzocks.
Children

There is going to be another

FUN

activity morning
on
Saturday January 27th 2001
at
10.30 to 12 noon
in
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If you are between the ages of 4 and 10 you
will be most welcome.
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Kings and Journeys!
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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting of the year the Council had to prepare itself for the next financial year and so ideas for next years Budget were aired. We had a warning that the District Council had likewise looked at their Budget for the year and concluded that they would either have to impose a large increase in the Council Tax or cut out some services currently provided. The District Council is very concerned about this so are sending out people to consult with the populace. We believe that they are coming to Bere Regis towards the end of January but the actual date has yet to be finalised. The consultation will be in the form of a Public Meeting at the Drax Hall and posters will be published to advertise the meeting.

Mr Lacey, the District Council Youth Worker, addressed the Council concerning the requirements for the ‘not so young’ members of our Parish. It was arranged that he address this group of young people towards the end of January. Notices will be placed concerning this meeting and it is to be hoped for a good attendance.

The Village Appraisal has taken a big step forward with the publication of the lists of ideas submitted. A meeting of those people who offered to help has been held and a Steering Group formed. Meetings are planned to be held on a regular basis and reports of progress made. The Steering Group welcomes any ideas and helpers. Contact Sue Stone on 471933.

The Local Plan Inquiry grinds on at Kemps Hotel. Our Council is to give its evidence on Thursday 18th January. The Inquiry is open to members of the public.

CM

RUBY HOUSE

Ed, Christine and Gordon would like to say many thanks for all the cards, letters and phone calls we received during our recent very sad loss.

Special thanks to the Venerable Graham Roblin for the lovely thanksgiving service and to all who attended.

God Bless you all.
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).

BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS

The next blood donor sessions will take place in the Drax Hall on Tuesday 30th January 2001 from 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m., and from 4.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

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

Information on giving blood can be obtained by telephoning 01179 912020 or your local organiser, Mrs Rosemary Short on 01303 853538.

DRAX HALL

The Christmas festivities of many of the groups in the Village have been celebrated in the Hall as usual. The Village Pantomime is being put on in the Hall by the BRATS on Friday and Saturday 26th and 27th January. Judging by the efforts and time put in at the rehearsals it is going to be a very good show. Advertising with details of tickets - if still available - will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

All in all this is a busy time for the Hall and really goes to show our needs for an improved Hall in due course.

CM

JUBILEE 2000

'They think it's all over ......'

The Jubilee 2000 Campaign in Britain closed at the end of December. You may therefore be somewhat surprised to see yet another article about it; but it seems only right to leave you with news of the position on debt cancellation at the end of the Campaign. (Or is it the end?)

Jubilee 2000 UK wanted to round off their four years of campaigning with a celebration of the successes that have been achieved during that time; and to give a ringing endorsement to those wishing to continue putting on pressure for further debt relief. With this in mind, they organized an event on December 2nd in St Margaret's Church, Westminster; and in the evening, a rally in Trafalgar Square. Three of us from Bere Regis went up for the day, and so were in a position to hear speeches from many eminent people. It was on this occasion that the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, announced that the British Government is renouncing "our right to receive any benefit from these historic debts owed by the 41 (poorest) countries". Instead, those of the 41 which do not currently qualify for cancellation (because they are at war, or because they have not yet completed a Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper), will see their payments held in a Trust Fund until such time as they do qualify. The money can be added to any money released by cancellation, so that it can be used to improve opportunities for the poorest.

In addition, Gordon Brown said that "I am asking all our fellow governments .. that they too renounce any benefit to the historic debt owed by 41 countries. I hope Jubilee 2000 will work with us so that all countries will do likewise". Welcome news, and a fitting gesture at the end of a long and hard fought campaign.

But, you may be saying to yourself, there isn't going to be any more Jubilee 2000 UK, so we can't work with the government. Well, no, there isn't, but the Jubilee 2000 Organisations in other countries are planning to continue campaigning, and in Britain, the Aid Agencies are not going to let it go. Not only that, but there are also promising signs emerging in connection with the next G8 meeting, which is in Genoa. (July 20 – 23.) The Italian Government has already consulted the Jubilee 2000 Organisation in Italy about offers which it (the Government) might bring to the table. Campaigners in Britain have high hopes that there will be some real progress at these meetings.

The Italian Debt Cancellation Campaign is a strong one, and boasts some very influential supporters in the Pope, the pop world, and Inter Milan football club.
In addition, campaigners in the developing countries themselves are calling on people in Britain not to give up the fight and desert them.

In view of the above, Adrian Lovett, Deputy Director of Jubilee 2000 UK, has set up a short-term initiative to harness support up to and for the Group of 8 meeting in Genoa. To facilitate real progress, he is asking supporters to continue putting pressure on the participating Governments in the months leading up to the meeting; and then to come to Genoa to show the world leaders that their electorates want real progress on debt relief.

I should be very interested to know if any one reading this would be interested in coming to Genoa. I am planning to give up being a ‘Jubilee 2000’ rep, but I would love to mark the end of my involvement by being part of a group of 10 or more people from around here, all going to ‘show the flag’ (In this case, our yellow ‘Drop the Debt’ banner, which has already travelled to London, Paris and Cologne.) If it is at all like the trip to Cologne, you will, I promise, be glad you went! I am currently looking into the cheapest way to get there, and enquiring about package trips. For more information, do contact me on 471527.

Finally, more information on the Debt campaigns can be obtained from: Drop the Debt (Adrian Lovett’s initiative), PO Box 5555, London SE1 0WG or Debt Network (a group of major organisations in the previous Jubilee 2000 UK Coalition, which will support the Drop the Debt initiative, and continue beyond) on debtchannel.org or from individual participating Agencies (Christian Aid, Oxfam, WDM etc.)

Meanwhile, it’s good – bye from me....

* Uganda, Mozambique and Guyana, which are all advanced in the vetting process, have shown how debt relief can be translated effectively into poverty reduction. E.g. the Ugandan government has disbursed resources released from debt relief to its districts to improve education. School management committees monitor expenditure, the quality of education, and student test results. The programme to provide free primary education has in a short period doubled the school enrolment rate. The Government has engaged with civil society in the development of its anti-poverty strategies. (As have the governments of Mozambique and Guyana). In principle, this makes governments more accountable to their electorates, and gives local communities a voice.

(Source: Jubilee 2000 UK.)

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BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The Christmas bingo was a great success and thanks to all who attended in spite of the weather and the fact that it had been advertised as a darts competition!!

Below is a list of events that are to be held in the run-up to the 2001 Carnival. I hope you will be able to join us for at least some of them.

Saturday 20th January 2001 – Skittles KO to be held at the Royal Oak, Bere Regis. Entries invited from teams of 4 players.

Friday 23rd March 2001 – Darts Drawn Mixed Pairs competition to be held at the Drax Arms, Bere Regis. Turn up on the night for what is turning out to be one of our most popular events. Sign in by 7.45.

Thursday 5th April 2001 – Easter Bingo to be held at RBL Club, Bere Regis. Seasonal prizes on offer!

Monday 28th May 2001 – Bank Holiday Monday – Duck Race. Our most popular event will be held on Bank Holiday Monday – watch out for ‘ducks on sale’.

Saturday 16th June 2001 – Carnival Queen and Princess disco – venue to be advised.


We are hoping to hold a quiz at the Sports Club in February – watch this space!

Wendy Johnson, Secretary
01929 471803 or mobile 07971 348951
BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

The Christmas party was a very enjoyable evening with an excellent spread laid on by Elaine.

We look forward to a good turn out for the AGM on Tuesday 2nd January 2001 (note – 7.30 p.m.) to be followed by a slide show of Bere Regis people by the Camera Club.

On 6th February, John Watts will give a talk about the Water Cress beds. This should be an interesting insight into one of our local industries. We are still taking orders for seeds and to avoid disappointment, early action is advised.

Andy Morrison, 472343

Dates for your Diary

February 6th
March 6th
April 3rd
May 1st
June 5th
July 3rd
August 7th
September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th
December 4th

Water Cress beds
Containers for Colour
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BERE REGIS YOUTH 'LENNY'S'

The young members, who attended the Village Appraisal, took a keen interest in the section which covered the needs of Young People. They all posted their thoughts, ranging from new youth buildings and sports facilities, to an outdoor space of their own, onto the village map. They also visited many of the other sections, the police stand dealing with local crime proved very popular.

Following the village meeting, the group headed off to Blandford for an evening of swimming at the leisure centre, where the water slide proved to be the main attraction. The girls were also very taken by a mother, who was swimming with her tiny baby in her arms. The infant was most content, even when it was taken underwater, as it gave a big beaming smile each time it surfaced.

The Talent Competition was well supported with six acts taking part. Most being either singers or dancers, however one turned out to be a female impersonator. In the end it was the three young ladies call ‘Boogie Babes’ that were judged to be the winning act. In all 13 members took part, some even entered in two different acts. The evening turned out to be a real fun event for everyone, although the judge had a difficult time choosing the winner.

An evening of Fimo Modelling, saw the young members making up various designs of fridge magnets. Once the shapes had been cut out and decorated with coloured material, they were placed in the oven to bake. Even though the shapes became slightly over baked, once cooled and the magnetic tape was fixed on, they did I they did look quite attractive.

This year the ladies from the RBL Women's Section finally got their revenge over the youth group members. For after many years of trying, they completely whitewashed the youngsters in the Annual Carpet Bowls Challenge match. For once the youth group had no experienced players to call on, so defeat was on the cards from the off. Stil lto their credit the young people did manage to dispose of, and in record time, the splendid feast that the ladies so kindly provided. As they say, there is always next year to get back to winning ways.

Four young female members, helped by waiting on tables at the legion's Senior Citizen's Christmas Party. They also performed some dances, followed by singing a couple of Christmas songs, to help with the evenings entertainment.

The boys had an opportunity, along with the girls, to try their had at cooking some cakes on Christmas Cock's night. Once cool, the cakes were topped with icing and looked ready to eat. Ten minutes later they had all been devoured, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, they do say.

With the Christmas Disco bringing the year to a close on the 21 December, the group will not meet again until January 9th 2001. Membership fees are due for renewal, as from January, for all except recently joined members. The fees are £2.50 Juniors (8-11) and £4.00 Seniors (12-17).

New members always most welcome.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

thanks to Pat House

Stuffed Onions
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4 large onions
4 - 6 sun dried tomatoes in oil
1 tbsp oil from the tomatoes with a knob of butter
2 egg yolks
4 oz grated cheddar cheese
4 sprigs of fresh thyme

Peel onions and slice off about 1/4 from the top of each onion. Chop and put into a bowl. Scoop out the centres and cut off the roots. Chop centres and add to bowl.

Melt butter and oil and add the chopped onions and cook for about 10 minutes until golden. Stir in thyme, season and leave to cool. Cook the whole onions in a pan of salted boiling water until tender. Remove carefully and turn upside down to drain.

Cut sundried tomatoes into thin strips and add to chopped onion and thyme mix, then add eggs and cheese. Use this mixture to stuff the onions and place on a greased dish.

Bake for about half an hour in a moderate oven.
FIRE REPORT

The wettest autumn for many years has meant little respite for us. With a month remaining our call-outs are up 32% on last year and approaching the figures achieved during the hot summers of the mid seventies. We have attended 17 incidents during November including:

- 3 car fires
- 2 properly fires
- 4 chimney fires
- 2 road traffic accidents
- 3 stand by’s
- 2 alarms
- 1 flooding

Two incidents of particular note this month, the first on the morning of the 13th at 2.06am, we were called to assist at the bus station at Poole, where a number of double-decker buses had been reported on fire. Our first duty was to stand by at Poole fire station, however we had not long been in attendance when we were called to the main incident, to help other teams investigate smoke logging in the Dolphin Centre.

The second incident was on Saturday 18 November at 11.56am when we were called to a report of the Ship Inn on fire at Wool. With Wareham collecting money for Children in Need at Corfe Castle at the time of the call, we were the first appliance on the scene. On our approach we could not see Wool, let alone the Ship Inn for smoke! Flames from the roof of the kitchen were threatening the main building but quick and effective work by the first crews, some wearing breathing apparatus, saved the pub from major damage, limiting the incident to the roof of the single storey kitchen and its contents.

Gary Hewitt, Station Commander
AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’S’ CLUB

We were entertained at our Christmas meeting by the children of Bere Regis First School who sang carols and Christmas songs to us beautifully and also accompanied themselves with musical instruments. Afterwards we enjoyed a seasonal tea. New members were welcomed at this meeting.

Our January meeting will be on the 10th in the Drax Hall when we will be having our New Year’s eve party.

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Yet how amazing that in other parts of the world there have been severe droughts, famines and forest fires. I wonder - is God trying to tell us something?

One particularly bright event on water last year was Steve Redgrave winning his fifth Olympic gold medal in Australia, and then in December he became BBC Sports Personality of the Year. For our Olympic athletes, after years of hard work, the Games brought a mixture of joy or sadness, according to how well they did in their particular sport.

For all of us the last year will have been a mixture of ‘wet’ days or ‘sunny’ days, good times and bad times, and in between times. It is good to know that whatever life may bring to us God is not affected by ups and downs. In the Bible we are told “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

No matter what ‘weather’ conditions we may be facing individually, as we go into this new year of 2001, Jesus Christ offers His peace, and joy and love to all who will let Him be in charge of their lives. Why not allow His peace to flow into you today - it’s the one ‘flood’ that you can either stop with the sandbags of indifference and rejection, or else allow it to fill your life to overflowing. The choice is yours!

Revd Ray Healey, 12 South Mead, Bere Regis 01929 471443
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS
PARISH MAGAZINE

Regular readers will know that last month, Jan Hopkins handed over the responsibility of collecting and producing the copy for the magazine for Affpuddle and Briantspuddle. Una Russell has kindly volunteered to take Jan’s place in fulfilling this valuable role.

The Editor and the PCC would like to take this opportunity of thanking Jan for all her hard work since she took over from Martha Tucker. Her help has been very much appreciated and we wish her well in her new role as Secretary of Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee.

Graham Roblin

HOME WATCH

As usual the advice is be vigilant. Report suspicious activities to the police. Many of you will have read about the burglary from the house in Tincleton of a lady who had just died. It is a sad commentary but thieves have no morals and no consideration for the feelings of the recently bereaved. If a member of the family has just died and the death announcement has been in the newspapers please make sure that valuables are removed from the house as soon as possible. Also if possible arrange for friends and neighbours to keep a look out or even to house sit when the funeral takes place.

There have been the usual reports from the Police about shed thefts and also a report about the theft of a spaniel bitch (it would be too much to hope that the spaniel bit the thieves). It can only be imagined that the thieves wish to sell the dogs for breeding. Owners of aristocratic dogs should keep a close eye on their pets.

W.I. CHRISTMAS FAIR - PHILIPPA’S STALL.

I would like to thank all of you who came to the Fair and bought the cakes, jam, marmalade etc. which I had made: also thank you to those who made things to sell: £100 was raised and I have sent off cheques of £50.00 each to YMCA to help look after homeless young people in this country, and to Sight Savers to help with sight health in the Third World.

Philippa Thorniley

ARTS REACH

Ben Osborne - "The Common Source"

Surprisingly the response to this show was poor by our standards at Briantspuddle. 38 people purchased tickets and enjoyed a superb slide show with music and poetry and a commentary by Ben Osborne. After all the expenses were paid, £40.39 was raised for Hall funds.

Tim Lacock and the New Scorpion Band

At the time of going to press the performance has not taken place. There will be a report in the February magazine.

My Kingdom for a Horse

On Saturday 3rd February 2001 at 7.30 p.m. there will be a performance of ‘My Kingdom for a Horse’ a play written and performed by Richard Darrington (some of you will remember his performance in Taylors Tickler and also know that he played Mark Hedden in The Archers). Tickets costing £4.50 will be available from Philippa Thorniley from the beginning of January.

Books Uncorked

I have just received confirmation from Arts Reach that Books Uncorked has been booked here at Briantspuddle on Saturday 3rd March at 7.30 p.m. The ticket price has not yet been confirmed. This is a new departure by Arts Reach. There will be a wine tasting led by Jack De Carteret a Master of Wine and who used to work at Eldridge Pope buying their wines. As well as the wine tasting there will be appropriate readings by two actors from well known authors connected with either wine, wine tasting or the Countries from where the wines come. The ticket price will include the wine tasted and there will be a chance to buy the various wines to drink in the interval. Do make a note of this date in your diary. It should be a fun evening. More details in next month’s magazine.

Philippa Thorniley
**BRIANTSPUDDLE WI**

In spite of the appalling weather on December 6th, we had a very enjoyable Christmas Party at which we were joined by two members from Zelston. Excellent mulled wine started the proceedings (and sharpened wits it would seem!) as the second game, scrambled birds names, had four winners. Good thing we had two extra prizes in store! We had a good turn out of our own members and we all enjoyed the varied food. Altogether a relaxing evening after the previous Saturday's Christmas Fair, which raised us £159.00, a good ‘package’ to our funds for 2001.

We do not meet on the first Wednesday in January 2001, but on the second, the 10th. The rest of our programme, listed below, will be on the second Wednesday as usual. We are always happy to welcome visitors or prospective members, so why not make a New Year Resolution to come to one of the meetings listed below?

- Jan. - Talk, Dorset Ghosts;
- Mar. - Skittles;
- Apr. - Talk, Dorset Women, 4 Marys;
- Jun. - Dorchester Town Trail and Supper;
- Jul. - Demonstration, Corn Dollies;
- Sep. - Talk, A Dorset Vet;
- Oct. - Birthday Supper;
- Nov. - AGM and recipe tasting;
- Dec. - 'Wine & Wisdom Quiz.'

Happy New Year to everybody.

Mary Bentley

**AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Police Matters**

At the meeting on 13th December, Insp. Alistair Telford of Dorset Police informed us that most of the crimes committed recently in the area concerned theft from garages and garden sheds. Everyone is reminded to keep sheds, garages and outbuildings securely locked.

**Lottery Application**

Capt. Badcock informed the Council that following the successful Parish meeting last month, a Project Management Team had been set up. The team comprises Charles Barter, Parish Council representative and chairman, Mr Eric Rolls and Mr Bert Jeans for the Social Club Committee and Mrs Jenny Lightfoot and Capt Paul Badcock for the Village Hall Committee.

Paul Badcock and Bert Jeans will be responsible for liaising with the architect while Jenny Lightfoot and Eric Rolls will liaise with residents. Additional members of the team may be co-opted on an ad-hoc basis to provide expert advice on particular subjects.

It was suggested that residents should be kept informed of progress by issuing a regular "Newsletter" which would be delivered to every household in the parish.

Capt. Badcock went on to explain the responsibilities of the team and their objectives.

**Village Shop and Post Office**

The telephone has been connected, a new fuse box and power point installed and the guttering outside has been replaced. The Council was informed that it was going to be very expensive to install a water supply for a wash basin. However, provided that only pre-packed food was sold, a wash basin was not an absolute necessity.

The shop continues to be very successful and is open seven days a week.

**Recycling Facilities**

Following comments that the bin for plastic is often full, an additional one is to be provided.
Mud
The recent heavy rainfall has washed considerable quantities of mud off the Pig Field, at Battle Farm, Throop, down the lane and eventually, into the river. Concern was expressed that there may be a health risk as well as sitting up the ditches.

Sandbags
There is now a charge of £1.45 each for sandbags, which up until now have been free. There is also a delivery charge of £14.65. This is to be taken up with PDC.

Bladen Valley
Mr Buck, as chairman of Bladen Valley Residents’ Association, reported that it had been discovered that while the erection of boundary walls, fences etc, at the frontages of Bladen Valley was forbidden, this rule does not apply to the planting of hedges. This seems contrary to Sir Ernest Debenham’s wish to maintain the open aspect of Bladen Valley.

Rural White Paper
At the recent National Council meeting of the CPRE a presentation was given on the Rural White Paper. The aims of the White Paper are to assert the Government’s thinking on the countryside.

Some of the issues addressed in the White Paper include:
- Tranquillity and light pollution now recognised.
- The importance of the countryside character.
- The need to enrich the countryside as a whole.
- The overall value of the land for it’s own sake.
- The introduction of a countryside quality indicator.
- The need to reverse the decline in woodland cover.
- The introduction of standards for rural services.
- The extension of rate relief for rural businesses.
- The provision of Internet access in rural areas.
- Greater powers to be given to Parish Councils.
- Quiet lanes to be recognised and more to be designated.
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2nd Gardening Club AGM and slide show 7.30 p.m.
9th Autumn Leaves New Year party 2.30 p.m.
18th Twinning Association AGM, Royal Oak Skittle Alley 8.00 p.m.

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.

March
6th Gardening Club – Containers for Colour 8.00 p.m.

April
3rd Gardening Club – Citrus Fruit 8.00 p.m.

May
1st Gardening Club – Visit to Island Fuschia Nurseries 8.00 p.m.

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July
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