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A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

WORD POLLUTION

I don't know how many of you listen to the "Today" programme on Radio 4. Nor indeed to the Jimmy Young programme on Radio 2. But in both, the presenters often interview politicians. I am amazed how they can rabbit on for so long, never answering the question, or seeming to take a breath. I suspect that there is a course which they have to go on to learn how to start the next sentence before the presenter can stop them. It is clearly an art form.

We are used to the expressions "noise pollution" and "light pollution". Is there such a thing as "word pollution"? Noise affects the ear, light, the eye, and words, the soul.

Silence is a commodity that makes us anxious or uncomfortable. It is certainly something that I find difficult to cope with in church. Some leaders of worship impose it on congregations. Following a reading or a sermon there is a pause. Nothing happens, and you suddenly see in the service book the words "Silence may be kept". The problem is, what do you do with it? I never know what to do with it, so tend not to impose it on others. I go on with words. And the trouble with words is that they lose their weight, or they vapourise. They cease to impinge on our consciousness.

Why are we anxious or uncomfortable with silence? Is it because when there is no noise, no music, no words, we can hear ourselves? We can hear the groanings of our inner disease, like the creaking of a sailing ship; the twanging of stretched nerves, the silent screams of frustration. We are not at peace, so we hide behind a torrent of words. We call it communication, but it is in fact camouflage, hiding our self preoccupation, our lack of peace.

Silence before words should be our motto and practice. "She or he is a good listener" is a wonderful thing to say about someone. You have been listened to, you have been heard: that is enough. You have been respected, taken seriously.

Then there is silence beyond words. Nothing needs to be said. Silence can be a salute to another person's courage, or their grief, or their love.

My thought is, if we would speak less, God might get a word in edgeways too.
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CHURCH SERVICES in March

Sunday 4th March
- 9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
- 6.00 p.m. Mrs Jutting

Sunday 11th March
- 11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
- 6.00 p.m. Mrs Griffin

Sunday 18th March
- 9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Smith
- 6.00 p.m. Mr Ventham

Sunday 25th March
- 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
- 6.00 p.m. MU members

1st Sunday of Lent
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Bere Regis)

2nd Sunday of Lent
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11.00 a.m. Church Family Service and Baptism (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Bere Regis)

3rd Sunday of Lent
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m. Affproud (Affpuddle)
- 3.00 p.m. Baptism (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Bere Regis)

Mothering Sunday
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11.00 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. "Lady Day" Service, sponsored by the Mother's Union (Bere Regis)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

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

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This will take place at Piddlehinton parish church on Friday 2nd March at 2.00 p.m. The subject is “Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action” prepared by Christian Women of Samoa. The speaker is Mrs Annie Evans, formerly a missionary in Thailand.

If you require transport, please contact Mrs Joyce Healey on 471443.

THE BISHOP OF SHERBORNE

The Bishop came to Affpuddle church last month. He came to dedicate the organ which the parish had planned and collected money for over many years. He also dedicated the new vestry, under the organ loft, which again had been hoped for over a long time. This vestry has within it kitchen facilities, which means that those who devoted themselves to hauling mugs and coffee and everything else from their homes each month, now have an easier time. The bishop also dedicated the hassocks in the church. These kneelers have been made over the years by members of the congregation. It has been a labour of love, and our church now has a complete set, which reflects the dedication and affection of the people for its church and worship.

Thank you to those of you who created the kneelers, and who contributed to the organ and vestry. Our next ambition is to lime-wash the walls of the church; they are looking a bit run-down. There is a certain charm about this, but we will have to think about this over the next few years.

THE BERE REGIS JUMBLE SALE

This annual event in February was once again an occasion to remember. Thank you very much for the huge amount of jumble that was donated, and thank you very much to the lovely people who came to Wareham Town Hall to cope with the stalls. We made £424 for church funds.

LENT TALKS

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.

These talks will be given in the two churches on the dates alongside.

THE ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETINGS

This year will take place on these dates:

Affpuddle 1st April
Bere Regis 8th April

Both meetings will follow Evensong at 6.00 p.m. At these meetings church wardens are elected, as well as members of the parochial church council.
BERE REGIS CHURCH, "CHILDREN'S DAY".

The second of these 'days' took place in the church at the end of January. It was such a happy occasion. Once again, forty children came, and they enjoyed two hours of instruction, (and refreshment) provided by professional teachers.

The next 'day' is 24th March, the Saturday before Mothering Sunday, and the theme for this will be 'It's Mothers' Day Tomorrow'. Preparation and planning has started, so it will be another excellent occasion for the children. On Mothering Sunday itself, the morning service is at 11:00 a.m. when we can enjoy the children's offerings from the day before.

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".

TICKETS available soon.

IT IS NINE MONTHS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

on Sunday 25th March. This fact is not recorded to frighten you, but simply to inform you that not only is there to be a Mothering Sunday service in the morning, but also a special service at 6.00 p.m. The 25th March is called Lady Day. We remember and venerate the mother of our Lord Jesus. So the Mothers' Union is sponsoring a special evening service.

OBITUARIES

MISS ANN DUFF, aged 86.

Miss Duff, who came to Alfpaddle in 1964, died peacefully in Marley House Residential Nursing Home at the beginning of February. She had been poorly for a short time only, and before that had enjoyed relatively good health. She was cremated at Weymouth Crematorium, and a service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving was held for her in Winfrith Parish Church on Thursday 15th February.

Miss Duff was one of the world's splendid characters. She was born and grew up in the house 'Var Trees', at Crossways, Moreton. She had brothers and sisters, and was the daughter of an Admiral who had been made a Knight. After leaving school, she devoted herself to the care of others. At first she worked in boarding schools as a matron, but during World War II, she volunteered to join the Red Cross and followed the armies pushing forward from Normandy through Holland and up to Hamburg and Berlin. It was a harrowing experience.

After the war, she embarked on a new career. She became an Almoner in hospitals. This lovely title inevitably became downgraded to Medical Social Worker, but Ann was an Almoner. She started in London, but soon became Almoner to the West Dorset Group of Hospitals. She therefore had returned to Dorset, the county which she loved.

Alfpaddle was the place where she enjoyed her last years. She created her bungalow and garden out of a small plot of land. She was very hospitable, and she was the consummate gardener. Many of us were recipients of her plants and they live on.

She never married, but 'the family' was most precious to her. Brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, they all descended on her, and they loved her, and she loved them.

She could be described as a large lady - not so much physically, but spiritually. People warmed to her; she had wide horizons and a generosity of spirit. She also had border terriers, Penny, Mattie and Muffet.

At the Cremation and at the Thanksgiving there was a huge confidence that Ann, Aunt Ann, Miss Duff, was with the Lord Jesus. We felt privileged to have known her.
MR DOUGLAS CUFF, aged 81.

Douglas Cuff died in Poole Hospital at the end of January. He had been ill for some time, but his death was a severe blow to his wife Pam, and to his family.

Doug was what we call a very private man. He was self contained, and never happier than when he was in his beautiful garden overlooking the village of Bere Regis, with long horizons to the Purbecks.

He was born in Bloxworth, and had three brothers, of whom one, Ron, was able to be present at the cremation service.

He was born at the wrong time. At the age of 20, war was declared against Germany, and he was just right for conscription. He was one of the men who went across the Channel to fight in France and Belgium, only to be defeated, and eventually to be evacuated through Dunkirk. It was a horror that remained with him, but about which he never spoke.

After the war, he came back to Bloxworth, and because he could drive, he got a job working for Toop's Coaches. That will evoke memories for older citizens of Bere Regis. For fifteen years he did this. In the meantime he married Pam, his wife for 47 years. They had two boys, Ian and Gary, and they lived in the same house, School House, all those years.

When he was 42, Doug changed course. He left Toop's Coaches, and became a Laboratory Assistant in the new Atomic Energy Plant at Winfrith. He so enjoyed this work, and stayed there until retirement, a quarter of a century later.

Doug's sons, Ian and Gary, were very close to him, and he held their individual families very precious. Of course, the grandchildren Alex, Chloe and Danielle were very special. He was a loving grandpa.

The scourge of cancer killed his body, but not the spirit. His family and friends hold him very close in their hearts. His ashes are buried in Bere Regis Churchyard.

MRS OLIVE WARD - aged 94

One of the oldest ladies of Affpuddle/Briantspuddle died in January. Olive Ward had lived there since 1929, 62 years, and for all but two years, she lived in the same house, the 'Nurse's House', next to the school. It was here that she and her husband John created their beautiful garden, and it was here that Peter was born, and it was here that they became an integral part of the village.

At her funeral service in Affpuddle on 31st January, a large congregation remembered and gave thanks for a very special lady. A photograph of her as the 'Beauty Queen of Poole' was prominent as we came in, and it reminded us that we were burying not just the old lady we saw last week, but the whole person; the little girl who had grown up in Wimborne, the teenager who had worked in London, and the young bride who had come to Affpuddle.

She was a remarkable young woman. Her husband ran the garage at the crossroads of Briantspuddle. He had a passion for motor cycles and motor cars. Olive learnt to ride motor bikes and motor cars, at a time when most women were not that liberated. During the Second World War, she went for instruction at Bovington Camp, to learn how to cook for the village, in mud ovens, in the likelihood of the Germans invading the country. We forget those times.

When John retired and sold the business, Olive became a volunteer hospital car driver, at a time when there were few cars. This brought her into contact with many people of the parish, but sadly, most of those people have now died.

Eight years ago, her husband John died, which left her bereft. But she battled on, and those passing her home could still see this gracious lady sitting in her beautiful garden.

We pray that she may rest in peace.
MOTHERS' UNION

Mary welcomed members to Turberville Court for our February meeting when Brenda showed slides of her holiday in Germany, and, in particular, her visit to the Passion Play at Oberammergau.

Eileen reminded us of the Quiet Morning at Blandford Parish Church on 6th March and the deanery Lent Service on 14th March at 2.30 p.m. at Iwerne Minster Parish Church. The Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on 2nd March and our district service takes place at Piddlehinton Parish Church.

Anyone needing transport for any of these events can contact any officer or committee member.

There will be a change of speaker at our next meeting. Mrs Mary Turner is unable to be with us but the Revd Hugh Maddox has agreed to come and speak about Kenya 2000. Hugh had been booked to come in October, so we are hoping that Mary will be able to come to fill the October slot.

Our next meeting will be on 7th March at 7.30 p.m. at Turberville Court.

Brenda Pitfield 471391

DIAMOND WEDDING - IRIS AND BERT BUSH

Iris and Bert celebrated sixty years of marriage on Thursday 15th February.

They would like to thank most warmly those who so kindly sent cards or brought flowers or fruit, and sent good wishes. They are deeply appreciative of the care and the greetings from their friends.

THANK YOU

Pam, Ian and Garry would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness during Doug's illness, including Dr. Harley, all the nurses and helpers, neighbours and friends; the Vicar for the service, and, of course, all the family.

Pam Cuff

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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During Lent there are no flowers in Church

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD

Last year, by general consent, we achieved our objective to make the Churchyard and Peace Garden a really pleasurable place to visit and, with your help, we plan to continue to keep it so. There is not going to be a Living Churchyard Competition this year; instead parishes are to be encouraged to have and develop plans for wildlife in their churchyards. We have made a good start over the last 2 years.

With spring just around the corner(?) and another season of churchyard maintenance ahead, I shall be preparing the grass-cutting rota shortly. To cover the Peace Garden area effectively, we still need a few more volunteers, so if anybody would like to add their skills to our merry band of mowers, please let me know. Also, anyone who was on the rota last year, but is unable to continue this year.

Our Churchyard Clean-up is on Saturday 17th March from 9.30 am onwards. All are welcome, so please come and help get the churchyard ready for the new season. Hopefully the ground will be less wet so we can level some of the graves and generally tidy up, as we were unable to do this in the autumn. The alternative date is 24th March, if 17th is rained off.

John Solly 472400

SPECIAL CLEAN

On Saturday 24th March 2001 there will be a Special Clean of the Church. Please come along to help between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. Depending on the number of people present it is hoped to polish all the pews, other furniture and the wooden floors and to vacuum the hassocks. Please bring with you dusters and polishing cloths.

NEW ROTAS

There is still time to volunteer for the 2001/2002 flower arranging and cleaning rotas. If you can help with these important tasks please contact Philippa Thornley on Bere Regis 471497.

THANK YOU TIME

1 would like to record a special thank you to all those who helped with the preparation and serving of the lunch which was held after the dedication of the new vestry, the organ and the new hassocks.

Thank you to Sheila Newall and Sue Taylor for helping with the cooking.

Thank you to David and Mary Nesling for giving beans for the salad and cheese and biscuits for the cheese board.

Thank you to Andrea and Allan Smith, Jenny Silfj and Audrey Grindrod for helping to lay the tables and to serve the meal and to clear up afterwards.

THE NEW HASSOCKS

Thank you to all the ladies who from Spring 1999 until January 2001 have stitched the new hassocks which were designed by Allan Smith and thank you to Andrea Smith for making up the hassocks. It is wonderful that we now have a full set of hassocks for the church which reflect the design of the carving and paw ends in the church, have a common colour scheme and yet are all individual with colour combinations and stitches chosen by the embroiderer.

The work on the new kneelers started back in 1977 when Mrs. Williams a leading light in the Dorset Guild of Embroiderers gave advice on design and colour to Andrea Smith, Sheila Kayll and Ray Corner. Over the years ladies who were both resident within and outside the Parish worked on the hassocks. In 1980 Bishop Tiarks dedicated the first batch at the Harvest Festival Service.

From 1991 until 1993 Andrea Smith, Sheila Kayll and Philippa Thornley worked on the three long hassocks in front of the altar. These kneelers were blessed by Graham Roblin just after he arrived in Spring 1993.

Then at the end of 1998 Philippa Thornley and Andrea Smith suggested that the making of kneelers for the North Aisle would be a project for the new millennium. The response to a request for volunteers to do the embroidery was fantastic and over the past two years some fifteen ladies have worked on the kneelers. Their results are both interesting and varied. At the Dorset Arts and Craft show held at Bovington Middle School in the Summer a selection of the new hassocks for Affpuddle church formed part of the exhibition of church hassocks.
Children

There is going to be another

FUN

activity morning
on
Saturday March 24th 2001
at
10.15am to 12 noon
in
Bere Regis Parish Church
If you are between the ages of 4 and 10 you
will be most welcome.
There will be craft work, music and stories
This time the theme will be
It's Mothers Day tomorrow!
Come along and bring your friends and
enjoy yourselves!
(There will be refreshments and it is all free)

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the February meeting your scribe reported that he had attended, on that day a meeting at County Hall concerning the A30/35/31 Exeter to Southampton Road. This was a consultation meeting between the operators of the road and the various Councils along its length. The problems discussed involved noise pollution, the dangers of crossing by foot or with a horse and I was able to speak about the routing of the Weymouth traffic. This latter point is very important as at present the traffic is routed through to Rye Hill and on down to Wool.

The maps produced at the meeting actually indicated that the intended route into and out of Weymouth is via the Dorchester by-pass. I was able to point out that the road signs at the two roundabouts at Bere Regis are minor indications to Weymouth, whereas at the Affpuddle junction there is a major indication to Weymouth via Dorchester. The Council will pursue this point with the aim of getting the Weymouth traffic off the C6 over Rye Hill. Current studies of the road in our area include on-line improvements to the A31 at Winterbourne Zelston, along the length from Lion Gate to Roundhouse and on the Bere Regis to Lake Gate length.

We were very pleased to hear, from the County Council, that the same C6 and Rye Hill in particular is to receive new indications and the requested 40mph 'buffer' zone at the south end of the present 30mph limit. These we are led to believe will be those that the Parish Council discussed with the County road engineer when we met on the site. Time will show!

The Purbeck District Council, through the Heritage Committee, are launching a new look to the Annual Purbeck Aware event. The festival will be lasting a whole month from 19th May to 17th June inclusive. The theme is to be "Purbeck People" which should allow us to celebrate famous past residents. All organisations are invited to consider taking part and putting on an event which, in return, the Heritage Committee will publicise through various means including the press and a special leaflet which will be produced covering all events. The aim is to attract visitors to the area and to our particular events. Interested organisations are invited to contact Ruth Nicholson or Katherine Wright at the Purbeck Tourist Information Centre, Wareham. 01929 552740.

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BERE REGIS BABYSITTING CIRCLE

Meetings are held in the evening of the first Tuesday each month (except during school holiday time when daytime gatherings will enable children and parents to meet together). The next two meetings will be Tuesday 6 March and Tuesday 3 April, both at 8.30pm at Gillian’s · 99 North Street.

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

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have entertained the Joseph Weld Day Centre and The Stroke Club. Poole, and given them a donation.

We are giving an entertainment "COCKNEY CAPERS" on Saturday March 31st at the Drax Hall. £3.50 ticket including glass of wine and savouries in aid of Ivor and Sylvia Mullins Fund for the Winchester Baby Unit. Tickets are selling and are limited. Phone Kath 471175 or Ivor 01202 889227

DRAX HALL

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall Management Committee will be held on Thursday 29th March at 7.00 p.m. in the Drax Hall. Everybody is invited to attend.

We have a live theatre entertainment on Thursday 15th March when we proudly present Alison Neil in ‘The Just William Lady’. This is a lively and affectionate play which remembers Richmal Crompton, who wrote the well-loved William books and much more. She created her worst behaved, best loved hero during the First World War, and was still writing about him much later. Her amusing and touching story - and that of her outrageous and eccentric family - spans this fascinating and bewildering era of change.

Tickets are £4.50 - Adult, £4.50, Concessionary - £3.50, Child u/16 - £3.00, Family max 2 adults - £12.00. Tickets are available from Mrs Maudner at 15 North Street, Tel 471342.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – WOMEN’S SECTION

The monthly meeting took place on 17th January and twenty members were present. After the Exhortation, a moment’s silence was held for Mrs Sheila Leigh, a staunch member who will be greatly missed.

The business then followed. Our speaker for the afternoon was Mr T Steele who gave a most interesting talk on a “World War 1 Pilgrimage”.

Teas were then served by Mrs O Curtis and Mrs K March. A raffle was run by Mrs R Burns and a bring and buy by Mrs J Cleall.

Cenotaph for March – Mrs J Hartley.

LIBERTY AND LIVELIHOOD

The Countryside March is taking place on Sunday 18th March and there are spare places on a coach at a cost of approximately £10 per head.

Contact Clive Randall for further information on 01929 471306

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THE VALUE OF YOUR HOUSE

At this time of the year, a number of Banks, Building Societies and experts put forward their forecasts of what will happen to house prices in the coming year. Very few of these pundits look back at their previous year's predictions unless they happened to be correct. That is human nature.

I can tell you that none of the so-called leading authorities on house price forecasts were anywhere near right in their predictions last year and I expect there will be similar margins of error this time. For the record, average property prices increased in value by more than twice most experts predicted and the "average" forecast for this year is an increase of about 6%.

As a professional in this field, I wonder why the public are apparently so interested in these overall figures and why the newspapers give them so many columns inches. National average prices tell us so little - what we all want to know is will my house go up or down in value and by how much? Dorset has become the place to be and house prices in this locality have increased at a much greater rate than elsewhere. Country and village properties have increased in value at a greater rate than urban and new build. The cream on the cake has been with the really large country house estate, in a good position, where values have shot up.

But the rate of increase is only of real interest to those who are getting onto the ladder and those jumping or falling off at the other end. If average values have increased by 10% and you are selling and buying in the same area, there is no advantage to be gained. It is recognised as a strong "comfort factor" and increased property values help to make a Happy New Year.

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BERE REGIS W.I.

The January meeting was full of interest - the weather. Mr Mark Ching told of his boyhood hobby which started with his Grandmother when she would tell him about the very cold winters in her younger days.

He took us on a meteorological mystery tour and showed slides of the earliest photographs including one of a 15ft bank of snow in Blandford in the 1880's and told of the 11" rainfall in Martinstown, which is a record. After the talk Mr Ching was kept busy with questions - it is said that the English are obsessed with the weather. The success of the evening proved that.

The next meeting is in the Drax Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 20th March - Visit of VCO and the subject is New Horizons.

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BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The Skittles evening held at the Royal Oak was a success yet again with the trophy being won for the second year in succession by ‘Nameless’. A fun evening was had by all and we raised over £80.

This year we are trying something different instead of the Carnival Princess Disco. We are going to have a ‘family evening’ consisting of a quiz for the adults, word searches and paper games for the children and maybe (time permitting) a hand of bingo. All are welcome to attend this event which is to be held at the Legion club. We will also be selecting this years Prince, Princess and Queen at this event. If you would like to be entered into the draw please give me a call. The age for the Prince and Princess is to be between 5 and 18 and the Queen will be over 18. There will be no parading around this year and having to answer questions, all the names will be put into a hat and drawn at the Family Evening.

Diary of Events
Sat 24 Feb Carnival Quiz – Bere Regis Sports Club – 8 pm
Fri 23 Mar Darts Pot luck Mixed Pairs competition – Drax Arms – 7.30 sign-in

Thu 5 Apr Carnival Easter Bingo – Legion Club – 7.30 for eyes down at 8
Mon 28 May Duck Race – 4pm from Shitterton Bridge
Sat 30 June Family Evening and draw for Prince/ss and Carnival Queen

Our next Carnival Committee meeting is on Wednesday 7th March at 8 pm at the Legion – we would love to see members of other organisations at this meeting.

Wendy Johnson, 01929 471803 (home phone/fax), 07971 348951 (mobile)

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

The Annual General Meeting of the Bere Regis Group of Friends of ICRF was held on 12 February 2001, when a new committee was elected to organise another year of fund-raising for this important charity.
The new committee members are as follows:
Co-Chairmen - Sue Hazelrigg and Heather Loxton
Secretary - Helen Drey
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Members - Penny Roblin, Pat House, Nancy Gibson, Cath Mills, Babs Stornont

We also continue to be very grateful for an enlarging group of friends who are endlessly willing to help whenever needed.

Our next event will be a Coffee Morning at the Vicarage on 16 May 2001, when the winning ticket for the (now famous) Quilt will be drawn (we still have some tickets for sale, so if anyone would like to take part, please feel free to contact any of the committee members).

It is with great sadness that we have very recently heard of the death of Ann Lys. As well as being a good friend, patient and kind, she has been a long-standing and hard-working member of this group. She will be remembered with much affection, and we extend our sincere sympathies to her family.

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BERE FOR ALL

All those people who took part in the Village Appraisal exercise which was run by Tim Stokes and Pat Bailey from Purbeck District Council at the end of last year, will be pleased to learn that things are now moving forward. On 6th December, Tim, Pat and Simon Thompson from Dorset Community Action, held a workshop style meeting with around 30 local people who had expressed an interest in being involved in future consultations. The workshop was very successful, with small groups discussing such diverse topics as traffic and transport, housing and planning, sports and recreation and youth issues.

Tim said "we looked at ways of putting together an action plan for the village and subsequently there were 14 volunteers to serve on the Steering Group, which will now take the agreed actions forward”. He added “we were delighted by the number of people who turned up and what impressed me was that the approach from them was open-minded and positive”.

The Steering Group has now had four meetings and has agreed terms of reference, a project plan and, most importantly a name! Bere for All was suggested (as a joke, initially from Tony Bates!) but the group really felt that this encompassed everything in a short snappy way. The relationships with the Parish Council and BRRAD have also been discussed to ensure that there is no duplication of effort.

One of the immediate projects, is to carry out a complete audit of street and shop access for the disabled in the village and help has been requested from the Dorset Association for the Disabled. In addition, input from village people is encouraged, so if you have any points to raise, or if you would like to assist with the audit, please contact Andy Morrison on 472343.

Over the next few months, the Bere for All group will be seeking the views of villagers on a variety of issues, but is equally keen to take input and feedback on an on-going basis. Meetings are currently taking place on Wednesday evenings, about once a month and anyone who would like to be involved is welcome to attend. The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th March and we are hoping that we will be able to obtain photographs and documents of the village history in preparation for the organising of a Village History exhibition and Treasure Hunt on May Day Bank Holiday. If you have any collections of old photos or anything to show how Bere was in days gone by, we would love to hear from you and maybe use some of your material in this exhibition.

Further information about this will appear in next month's magazine, but in the meantime if you would like to know more, contact any member of the group. Their details are given overleaf.
Bere for All Members

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A very pleasant and interesting afternoon was enjoyed by all the members-Tony Bates showing his beautiful slides of garden flowers in Bere Regis. The competition for a Honey pot was won by Cis Lewis. A new member was welcomed. For the March meeting the competition is a Picture Frame. Next meeting is Wednesday 14th March, 2.30, Drax Hall when we have Susan Pitt telling us about the recycling in Purbeck, which will be most useful. New members are welcome, just come along, no fee to join, just 35p at the door including tea. Telephone Mary 471469 or Kath 471175.

Our Spring Tour is to Otter Nurseries, where you can buy plants and have a jolly good meal at their excellent Restaurant.

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John Watt's talk on watercress for the February meeting was extremely interesting. It's nice to know more about what most of us see every day.

The topic on 6th March, is Containers for Colour and should whet our appetites for the new season.

On the 3rd April, we will have a talk on Citrus Fruit.

We are still desperate for committee members and, in particular, a Treasurer. If you think you can help in any way, we would be most grateful to hear from you.

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The next meeting will take place on 13th March. We have a demonstration by Pam Lewis. Mrs Lewis is a blacksmith and uses a lot of things she has made herself.

The March meeting is also 'Bring a Visitor Free' month, so bring along a friend with you. Mrs Lewis has called her demonstration 'Any Old Iron'.

A date for your diary – 10th April – an open meeting at the D'Urberville Hall in Wool. Lunch with wine and a demonstration by Rose Marie Tree called 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow'. Mrs Tree is a national demonstrator. Tickets, costing £9 are available from Mrs A Pollard – 471445.

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BERE REGIS YOUTH 'LENNY'S'

Trying to draw pictures, that gave simple clues to their team mates, proved much more difficult than expected. However, by the end of the "Give Us a Clue" evening on the 16 January, the standard of sketching was much improved, making the task of guessing the title of a film, show, etc, much easier. There were a lot less bonuses to be picked up towards the end of the evening, which kept the scores close.

The 'Disco' on the 23 January, a 'DJ it yourself event with all the young members having a go, proved popular with the large numbers attending. Trying to get through the long list of requests was a daunting task but all went well, with everyone enjoying themselves.

It was a case of almost but not quite, on the evening of the 'Revenge Carpet Bowls Challenge' against the ladies of the RBL Women's Section. The match turned out to be a closely fought contest with little to choose between the teams. However, it was the ladies who managed to edge out the young people by 4 games to 3. A feast was once again provided by the ladies to help restore everyone's energy levels. Yet another challenge will be arranged in the near future.

Swimming took place at Blandford on the 7 February but numbers attending were down due to colds, sore throats and flu. Those that did make the evening, had a great time splashing about and diving in at the deep end of the main pool, playing on the water slide or just relaxing in the warmer playpool.

Glass Painting takes up the evening of the 13 February, when members can paint their chosen designs on any glass items they bring along. Jamjars are popular but even light bulbs have been used in the past. I wonder what will turn up next?

The visit from 'The Body Shop', due to take place on the 20 February, has had to be postponed until the 20 March. Instead "Being Different" will be brought forward from March to fill this space in February.

The group are off to Splashdown on the 27 February, to round off the month in the manner in which it started, Wet! Wet! Wet! There they can enjoy an exciting night on all the water rides.
In March there will be Swimming again on the 7th, 'The Tower Game' on the 13th, with the visit of 'The Body Shop' on the 20th, for both male and female members and 'Mask Making' on the 27th rounding off the month.

Interest is already growing in the activities coming up from April to July. Many are looking forward to getting back on the water once again and putting their canoeing skills to the test. There will also be an opportunity for members to try their hand at Archery. Names are now also being taken from those who want to go on the trips to climb Pen-Y-Fan in the Brecon Beacons or to Paultons Park for a day of fun.

New members are always most welcome, just come along on any youth night and have a look.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, 01929 471693

POP IN PLACE

Family Bingo
Thank you to all who supported the family Bingo evening at the Drax Hall. Special thanks to Eileen Maidment for calling the numbers and to everyone who donated prizes. All profits will be banked in our fund-raising account and paid over to the Doctor's Surgery Equipment Fund at the end of the year's fund-raising.

Easter Egg Raffle and Hot X Bun morning.
This will be held on Good Friday 13th April from 10am - 12 noon. Donations of Easter Eggs would be greatly appreciated.

Pop In Place AGM.
This is to be held on Friday 20th April at 10am in the lower room of the Drax Hall, Bere Regis. Please come along and join the community team.

We are also looking for a new Treasurer as Andrea Phillips wishes to resign from the post due to work commitments. Many thanks to her for all of her hard work and we are pleased she is remaining on the team.

Lower Hall Redecoration.
Thank you to all the Pop In Place team who cleaned or painted the lower room. It certainly looks much better and will be a more attractive environment for all the lower hall users.

Well-done Team!

Funday Friday Events Programme.
March 16th - Prize Bingo
April 13th - Easter Egg Raffle & Hot X Bun morning.
May 11th - Poetry Reading.
June 15th - Prize Bingo
July 13th - Fun Quiz
August - Summer Activities.
September 14th - Prize Bingo
October 19th - Poetry Reading.
November 16th - Children In Need.
December 7th - Prize Bingo.
December 21st - Christmas Carols & Mince Pies.

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- 1 egg
- 2 tsp horseradish sauce
- 1/4 pt milk
- Salt and Pepper
- 2 oz cheddar cheese, grated

Melt butter and fry onion and mushrooms until soft. Put into pastry case. Drain salmon then arrange flaked fish over mushrooms and onion.

Beat together egg, milk and horseradish sauce, salt and pepper and cheese. Pour over salmon and bake in a medium oven for about 30 minutes until set.
FIRE REPORT

January Statistics

- Call-outs - 15
- Road traffic accidents - 4
- Chimney fires - 4
- Property fires - 4
- Car fire - 1
- False alarm - 1
- Stand by duty - 1

How many times have you heard the distinctive sound of a siren wailing away in the distance, to be followed by probably two more in quick succession? In Bere Regis we are surrounded by busy A-class roads and the sounds are regular enough, some might say too regular. On many occasions the police and paramedics can deal with road traffic accidents without the attendance of ourselves, however at times we are required to attend, either to a fuel spillage, a potential fire risk or to release a casualty trapped within or under a vehicle.

With three serious road traffic accidents in January I thought, this month, I would attempt to describe some of the disciplines involved in what we call ‘entrapment procedures’. With any incident involving a person trapped within a vehicle we have to consider that the casualty may have received spinal injuries and, as such, has to be immobilised to prevent further complications.

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On 13th March in Purbeck School Hall at 7.30 p.m., Gavin will be giving an illustrated talk about the expedition. Those of you who have heard him before will not miss this opportunity. If you missed his last talk, make sure of your place at this one.

Date: 13th March Place: Purbeck School Hall
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Says conductor Richard Hall: 'I always enjoy putting together programmes of music by composers who knew one another; the different works reflect the various personalities but yet there are also common turns of phrase.'

Tickets available from: The Music Box, Princes Street, Dorchester, from choir members or on the door. Prices: £7, Glass of wine available £7 plus £2.

ROYAL OAK GOLF SOCIETY (ROGS)

Hello all you ROGS golfers. This is the first of what we hope will become a regular monthly report of events which will keep you up to date with all the goings on of the society and with the results of matches.

We are now entering the semi-finals of the Ebsworth Builders' Matchplay Shield - Winter Knockout. The semi-finalists are Paul Ebsworth v Ali Hewitt and Robbie Hall v John Spurdle.

At the AGM on 15th February the new officers of the society were elected and these are as follows:

- President: Jim Corbin
- Captain: Guy Storey
- Vice Captain: Robbie Hall
- Treasurer: Russell French
- Secretary: Martin Debenham
- Handicap secretary: Roger Duncanson
- Competition secretary: Paul Ebsworth

Committee members - Martin Barlow, Simon Tisington, and Ali Hewitt

One change of venue for the 2001 season was confirmed and this was for the golf day on 27th April which will now be at the Cheddington Court Golf Club, South Perrott.

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions of £16 are now due and cheques should be forwarded to me as soon as possible.

The annual golf trip has already been arranged for the Autumn and this year the location will be the south of Spain. We will be staying on the Costa del Sol from 5th to 10th October. There will be four rounds of golf on some wonderful championship courses and hopefully in gorgeous hot sunshine! All 20 places were reserved within two days of the trip being announced - clearly a testament to the brilliant job done by Guy Storey in organising last year's holiday - a very popular event!

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Date (all 2001)
Friday 30th March
Friday 27th April
Friday 25th May
Friday 29th June
Friday 27th July
Friday 31st August
Friday 28th September

Trophy
GRS Trophy
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Ringwood Trophy
Whitbread Cup
Landlords Cup
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Zoom Trophy

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Isle of Purbeck GC
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BRATS

The last weekend in January saw the Pantomime Production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in Bere Regis Village Hall. Those who watched this outstanding performance from BRATS will agree that John Brown has done it again. Oh yes he has!! The cast was not only well rehearsed, but everyone, from beautiful Snow White, the charming Prince to the little fairies and of course the wonderful seven dwarfs, who sang and danced to everyone’s delight. Dame Natterwick was funny, the wicked Queen very scary. The hard work everyone put in over the last months showed in this very successful, entertaining production. The music was catchy and the songs very well delivered. The costumes were colourful and very authentic and the “ad lib” between Baron Weekinizi and the Queen were amusing.

Once again Phyllis Brown and the rest of the backstage team made sure that every show went without a hitch. The whole performance was witty, well directed and the applause during the Finale showed appreciation and thanks to the whole cast for a most memorable weekend.
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Isn't it amazing how we can take so much for granted, without a
moment's thought? We turn on the tap and expect water to flow.
We turn on the electric light switch and automatically expect light
to come on. It is only when we turn on the tap or a light switch
and nothing happens that we stop and think and consider the
situation. Then we begin to look for answers, remedies or
temporary solutions.

We take for granted that we have two legs to walk with and two
feet to stand on, or two hands to work with and to hold things. It
is only when we lose the use of one or both of these that we have
to stop and re-assess the whole situation! It's amazing what you can learn to do with
only one hand, speaking from first hand experience! I am pleased it will be for only a
temporary period and not a permanent state.

We can also so often just take for granted that after the cold and wet and darkness of
winter there will be the glory of Spring, and new and fresh life will appear to delight
many. Some people like me may even be foolish enough to recognise that Almighty
God had more than a hand in its creation, and so give Him due worship, praise and
adoration!

How much do we take the love, mercy and grace of God for granted? Some people
do not even recognise the existence of Almighty God or His Son Jesus Christ, so that
question does not apply to them - or does it? For we are told in the Scriptures - the
Bible - (Romans 14:12) that we will all, without exception, have to stand before God
and give an account of how we have lived our lives, and in particular whether we
responded to God's love by giving Him control of our lives, receiving the forgiveness
provided by Jesus' death on the cross, and living our lives to please Him, becoming a
disciple of Jesus Christ.

We dare not take it for granted that we will automatically receive the reward of
eternal life when we come to the end of our days here on this earth. God requires
that we turn to Him now if we want to live with Him in the hereafter. Don't miss out
by telling yourself that it 'will all be all right in the end'. That's something you can't
take for granted! Make very sure that your life is in His secure hands.

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BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

Thanks to the help and support of so many friends, particularly over the past 150th Anniversary year, the urgent repair work to the floor has been completed. We hope to be able to have some redecoration done later in the year.

We look forward now to Brian Edward's slide evening at the Chapel on Friday 23 March for Bere Heath Farmers and friends (all welcome - 471430); our own "Chapel on the Wild Heath" - a novel look at the life of the chapel and area over 150 years written by Jane Archer, to be performed by Bere Regis Amateur Theatrical Society on 31 March at the Chapel at 7pm; an Easter holiday club session at the Drax Hall on Tuesday 10 April (10.30 - Noon); and another Easter Monday Auction conducted by Tony Shave (goods accepted from 1 April - phone 471934 p.m.). Su Roberts (471322)

BERE HEATH FARMERS
Slide Evening with Brian Edwards Bere Heath Chapel 7.30 p.m. Friday 23 March. All welcome ring Alan - 471430 or Tony 471934 p.m.

THE CHAPEL ON THE WILD HEATH
a play by Janer Archer performed by Bere Regis Amateur Theatrical Society 7pm Saturday 31 March at Bere Heath Chapel.

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB
for 4-9 year olds Tuesday 10 April at the Drax Hall, Bere Regis 10.30 - noon Games singing making etc £1.50 for 1st child, £1 for each additional child in family Phone Su Roberts 471322 to book by 1 April Organised by Bere Heath Chapel and friends.

EASTER MONDAY AUCTION
2.30pm on April 16 at Bere Heath Chapel Goods required for sale - phone Tony 471934 p.m.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
March
23rd Farmers and friends - slides by Brian at Bere Heath Chapel 7.30 p.m.
31st Chapel on the Wild Heath - Bere Heath Chapel 7 p.m.

April
10th 4-9's Holiday session - Drax Hall 10.30-noon
16th Easter Monday Auction - Bere Heath Chapel 2.30 p.m.
The traditional Boxing Day game was touch and go until the last minute, when the groundsman relented and let the footballers play on the cricket outfield. There was a grand turnout of Bere heroes past and present filling (overfilling in some cases) the old shirts. The Old Stagers started the brighter of the two teams, overwhelming the young whippersnappers by sheer weight of numbers, or sheer weight in Pip's case as players from both sides found him almost impossible to get round.

Nick Macklin rolled back the years, and the socks, to show that the first five yards is in your head, although he still needed a 15-yard headstart. As it was, the 'Whitewash' started with the prolific Mr Rob White, as he outpaced the youngsters defence and lashed the ball home twice in the first 15 minutes. The referee, a Mr Rob White ignored calls for offside, and the Old Stagers remained 2-0 up.

Terrific movement off the ball, making up for hopeless movement with the ball, allowed the OS's to remain dominant and a third goal soon came from an unlikely White, who smashed the ball viciously through the keeper and into the net. 3-0 soon became 4-0 as Steve McElaney ghosted in at the far post and finished with aplomb. The half-time whistle came as a welcome respite for the beleaguered whippersnappers.

The second half was a different story. Devoid of fitness the Old Stagers faded fast, whilst the signing of Earl 'Hardman' Dacre at half time gave the Whippersnappers a bit more bite. Relentless pressure kept Pete Larder busy in goal, but luckily he had the services of Rogerson, White and Moss to help him. Not a firm of solicitors, but the best back line since the Anfield Eighties side.

The poise of Rogerson, the guile of White and the sheer naked aggression of Moss kept the youngsters at bay for quite a while. In particular, Paul Moss' tackling reminded one of bygone days in the early seventies when men were men and shorts were tight. In fact, some of his tackles started around the early seventies and finished around the upper thigh. Eventually, the pressure became too much and a lightning break from the youngsters gave Mick Mahoney the chance to unleash a thunderbolt that almost took the net off. It was then that Jimmy Green came into his own playing the Chris Waddle role to perfection. Not only did he have the long, scruffy hair and the awkward loping run, he had the skills to match. With a nutmeg here and a stepover there he mesmerised the defence, weaving his magical spell over all that came near.

This was enough to give the rest of the team a breather and the Old Stagers finished on top once again as it was left to a third White, Lyndon, to put the icing on the cake. A surging run left him with just the keeper to beat. Pausing only to pick his spot, he slotted the ball through the keeper's legs to finish a virtuoso performance for the old timers. To all you youngsters, try a bit harder next year!!

The junior football was just as enthralling. Decimated by sickness, flu and just plain freezing cold weather, there were still a hardy ten out to make a game of it. Some neat one touch football from Jack White and Matty Bennett put Dazzo's Devils on top, but Nathaniel Scott refused to say die and rattled the woodwork on several occasions. Helped by the vicious tackling of Callum White and the skilful Hannah Reynard the Rockets almost won the game in normal time, but nobody could beat Alice Evans in goal.

In the end, the game went to penalties. The game was won by some superb acrobatics from little Callum White in goal as the Rockets went on take the gold medals, with just silver (and chocolate) as consolation for the gallant losers. The future looks bright for Bere FC.
The Saturday side were still in the middle of a purple patch as they took on Allendale, who were mid table at the start of the day, slightly higher than Bere. Hard work from the groundsmen ensured that this was the only game played in the whole of Dorset that day, regretted by some who had overindulged at Christmas and others who overindulge all the time.

The absence of the gifted Chris Oram left a hole in the midfield for the first twenty minutes, but one slick passing move later Bere were 1-0 up and it was Chrissy Who? Sean Cope was the beneficiary, left one on one with the keeper there was only going to be one winner. Disaster was soon to follow though as Cleall and Lumsden got their wires crossed and allowed Allendale in for the equaliser. Top scorer, Ricky Cummings, was not going to stand for this and promptly lashed Bere back into the lead.

For the rest of the half Allendale were constantly hustled by a hungry midfield and soon Sean Cope was once again bearing down on the hapless keeper to make it 3-1 and the game virtually secure. The second half was a case of Bere battering down the hatches and keeping the points. A job well done and the long climb up the league continued.

For their visit to Bere, the Linthorpe manager had done his homework well, though, as he fielded a team that would have looked better on a basketball court. They managed to contain Linthorpe for quite some time until a loose ball in the penalty area was stabbed home. 1-0 soon became 2-0 as a power header from their 6'4 defender cannoned off their striker and looped into the net. Bere clung on until half time and, revived by the half time cup of tea and the arrival of Wayne Cope, took to the pitch in confident mood.

Within 3 minutes of the restart Bere had pulled one back, a far post header from Kev Cox that was rarer than one of his rounds. Constant pressure gave the Bere players the chance to miss from all angles, the closest being a rasper from Adam that almost broke the post. End to end action meant a goal in the end, unfortunately at the wrong end as Linthorpe converted yet another corner to make it 3-1. Bere still did not give up, especially Chris Oram, and it was he who gave some hope to the despairing fans with a storming volley from the edge of the area. But time was not on Bere's side and the two month unbeaten run was finally ended.

Defeat at the hands of Linthorpe was a blow to the team's moral. Bere were in confident mood to take on league leaders Child Okeford. After the defeat earlier in the season with a 6-4 score line Bere knew they could score against this side who were still unbeaten. The early indications were that Bere were going to score first but the rules state that the whole of the ball has to cross the line if only it was the goal line and not the by-line Bere were crossing.

Missed chances by several unnamed players proved to be costly when Child Okeford managed to scored before the half time whistle when it looked like it would be a non scoring half. Bere undeterred by this started the second half like a steam engine. Missed chances were Bere's undoing, however when piling forward the danger of a break away goal is always looming, the manager even appeared with 10 minutes on the clock. Bere just weren't destined to win this one and lost 0-2 in a closer game than the scoreboard suggests.

A much-awaited trip away to Holt was next on the agenda. Holt were the much stronger side from the start pressing Bere back into their own half and most of the time their own box but resolute defending saw off the early charge and Bere gradually got hold of the ball and started some attacks of their own. The scoring should have been open by Bere after good work to set Wayne cope through one on one and with a tight angle the keeper managed to scramble the ball around the post.

Holt once more attacked Bere's defences and almost scored but for the ball being put out for a corner by the outstretched arms of Lao in goal. The resulting corner Bere showed how weak they are in the air allowing a clean header which defeated everybody. After half time Holt couldn't finish Bere off. Changes were made, first new boy Sean Adam then top goal scorer Rick Cummings and finally Rob Thomas. These almost paid off with the best chances falling to Rick Cummings but Bere were unable to get it past Holt's custodian.

During an early morning shopping expedition an anonymous phone call was received notifying the manager that Stourpaine would be using some of their higher ranked players for the game which came as a big disappointment to the manager. With Terry 'Paddles' Vater in goal again it gave the Boss the chance to study his players performances from the sideline. Stourpaine maybe did not realise that they managed to score four goal in the space of 20 mins towards the end of the first half, and could have had a few more.

Bere sighed relief at the half time whistle. Rick Cummings buried a penalty making it 1-4 with a slim chance. Gary Bert Watts nailed a drive from about 25 yards. The best strike of the game. Stourpaine's Goalkeeper tried to pass the ball out but had it intercepted by Sean Adam who calmly lifted the ball over him into the net 3-4 and with only minutes left Bere had a chance and Stourpaine were holding on unfortunately the clock ran out and Bere had lost another.

The Bere boys were really looking forward to this game as Stickland were lying bottom of the table and Bere certainly needed to beat them to gain valuable points. The pitch was awful it was hard to tell if the ball would bounce or stick in the mud Wayne and Ricky started up front and very soon it was obvious that Wayne was just to quick for Stickland's back four.
Wayne soon dropped a bit deeper to pick the ball up then switching it out to the right to Miller who in turn played it to Kev Cox who was un paced in the area, the ref had no hesitation in giving a penalty. Up stepped Rick Cummings drilling a straight one through the keeper. Stickland were giving as good as they got but didn’t seem to have a cutting edge. Bere kept the attackers at bay and broke with pace but every time Mr Cope was caught offside much to his dismay. A ball over the top which Cope chased and got the better of his marker, as the defender went to ground Cope was pushed wide and in one movement squared the ball for Cummings to tap into the net 0-2 to Bere at half time.

The second half proceeded were it left off with Bere on the attack. In a quick 10 minute spell 2 goals were scored by the man of the moment Cummings now 1-4 Stickland didn’t seem in the game after that and Bere held on for a valuable 3 points.

Bere’s Sunday side had been without a game for over a month and it certainly showed in a local derby at home to Stur Marshall. Bere looked rustier than one of Bungy’s cars. From the opening minute, when Andy Curtis was put clean through and shot wide, it did not look to be Bere’s day. The approach play was delightful at times and in the first 20 minutes Bere threatened to run riot as the midfield grabbed the game by the throat with hard tackling and swift passing.

One sight of goal was all it took to turn decent players into gibbering wrecks as Bere either shot when they should have passed or when they should have shot. Fitness also became a factor midway through the first half as excesses in the Christmas week took their toll. It was left to Dr Dacre, immaculate at the back once again, to turn the game in Bere’s favour. A long, deep cross from Chris Oram found Earl screaming in at the back post and a well-placed header gave Bere the lead.

Bere were once again in control and able to provide some comedy moments. Bungy decided that tackling the opposition was not enough and took a chunk out of the referee, whilst Rob White in his new defensive role tried to chest the ball back to the keeper and had great difficulty in finding a chest to use, as it dribbled down his stomach to an eager centre forward who, thankfully, blasted high and wide.

The second half was another tale of missed chances and comic cuts. Meanwhile, up front, chances went begging once more as Nick’s half-time team talk was largely ignored and players showed more greed than an Internet adoption agency. Stur took heart from this and had several good chances to pull one back, before finally equalising from a corner as the normally reliable Spivey was beaten in the air, and then subsequently beaten by his team mates. There was still time for both teams to rattle the crossbar, Bere’s effort being a cracking left foot drive from the irrepressible Dr Dacre, but at the final whistle both teams had to be content with a share of the points.
BRIANTSPUDDLE WI

Although "February Filldyke" was working overtime again on the 7th it did not keep 16 members away from our meeting. We began early with a short committee meeting. Possible venues for our June outing were discussed and a garden on the outskirts of Beer (Devon) and/or the London Eye, were suggested. The final decisions will be made at the next meeting. We shall again have a Coffee Morning in April to raise funds for a charity of our choice.

Our Speaker/Demonstrator this month was Simon Marshall who brought a gas burner and two woks and all the ingredients for an excellent Oriental Chicken stir fry and a Flambe Rum and Pineapple Pudding. The proof of which was certainly in the eating, as we had our spoons at the ready when plates of these succulent dishes circulated! Simon is an entertaining speaker and told us how he came to be on the WI Speakers List after having been persuaded to demonstrate his cooking skills by his local WI. Then he was asked by another WI, and then encouraged to go on the list, and so it goes on. A qualified chef, store manager and so on. A very interesting, informative and (when it was cooked) delicious evening!

The March meeting is a skittles evening. We are encouraged to bring a friend or two and a plate of 'eats' on March 7th.

Mary Bentley

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The February meeting took place on 14th February.

Police Matters

A representative from the Police was present and he told the meeting that reported crime was quite low at the moment. This would be small consolation to the owners of the farm, the two vehicles and the garden shed which were all broken into in the last month. Again, everyone is reminded to take precautions to deter the opportunist thief. Fit locks to garden sheds and write your postcode in a hidden place on garden implements, bicycles etc. Recovered items that cannot be traced to the owner have to be returned to the thief!

Lottery Application

The first Newsletter has been circulated and a further meeting of the Management team has taken place. A letter was received expressing concern over the proposed paved area with tables and chairs where people could sit and drink and possibly cause a disturbance to neighbours, particularly if licensing laws were relaxed. These comments along with any others would receive full consideration by the committee.

Explosions

The Planning application to develop the Royal Marine's demolition site at Turnerspuddle Camp has been approved in spite of objections from the Parish Council. Although assurances have been given that the explosive charges used at the site are strictly controlled, the occasional tremendous, earth shaking explosion occurs, apparently without explanation.

Mud from the Pig Farm

The Environment Agency visited the site at Throop Clump but they had insufficient details and were unable to find where the slurry from the field entered the river. A grid reference has now been provided. Generally for cases of suspected pollution, a "hot line" is available,

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Budget Meetings

The public meetings held around the county to discuss public spending had a mixed reception although the intended spirit of public consultation was achieved.
Purbeck Leisure Bus

This service, funded by Dorset Action for Rural Transport (DART), is to be extended to Bere Regis. Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council have expressed interest in the service and it is hoped that more news will be available at the next meeting.

Refuse collection

This year, as Christmas and New Year fall on days when refuse is usually collected, many households will not have their refuse collected for two weeks. Purbeck District Council have examined the options very carefully and have decided that the extra cost cannot be justified and at that time of year the health risk is negligible.

Coronation Tree

This tree is in need of some maintenance and the Parish Council, having responsibility for it, is organising for a specialist to carry out the necessary work.

Litter

A letter was read out asking if the Parish Council could do anything about the large amount of litter being deposited about the local countryside. The Parish Council agreed that the amount of litter appeared to be increasing particularly on through roads where rubbish was probably thrown from moving cars.

It was agreed that the Forestry Commission should be approached to provide "take your litter home" notices and Purbeck District Council will be asked to provide litter bins at lay-byes and car parks.

Golden Jubilee

Mrs Thornley reminded the Council that next year is the Queen's Golden Jubilee and ideas for Parish celebrations would be welcome. Mr Buck said that a space around the Jubilee Oak had been offered where a paved area could be built. This was considered a good idea.

Vacancy on the Council

Through a letter to the Chairman, Mr Wharton tendered his resignation from the Parish Council due to new work commitments. On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman thanked Mr Wharton for his service as Turnerspuddle representative and for his contribution to the Parish Magazine.

Mrs Thornley kindly volunteered to take over the Parish Magazine duties until the AGM and Mr Rolls kindly offered to take on the duties of Tree Officer.

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W.I. Briantspuddle
Woodbury Hill Singers

Secretary - Jenny Silvas - 01929 471577
2.00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village hall
2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court
Unit suspended
3rd Wednesday, Drax Hall
10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and
3.15 p.m. - 4.25 p.m. - Car Park
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church
7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board
Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792
Wednesday/Thursday PM
9.00 a.m. - 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall
4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262
1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church
A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every Tuesday
at Turberville Court. All welcome
Contact Bernard Hammick - 472727 for all activities
8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
Jenny Silvas - 471577
7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall
2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill
### Dates for Your Diary

#### March
- **6th**: Gardening Club – Containers for Colour 8.00 p.m.
- **14th**: Autumn Leaves – Recycling in Purbeck 2.30 p.m.
- **23rd**: Carnival Darts Pot Luck Pairs, Drax Arms 7.30 p.m.
- **24th**: Cockney Capers – Woodbury Hill singers, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.

#### April
- **3rd**: Gardening Club – Citrus Fruit 8.00 p.m.
- **5th**: Carnival Easter Bingo, Legion club 7.30 p.m.
- **7th & 8th**: Cyril Wood Court Open Weekend
- **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.
- **7th**: Bere for All – Village History event, Drax Hall
- **11th**: Barn Dance in aid of Church Funds 8.00 p.m.
- **16th**: ICRF Coffee Morning, The Vicarage
- **28th**: Carnival Duck Race from Shitterton Bridge 4.00 p.m.

#### June
- **5th**: Gardening Club – Vegetable Growing 8.00 p.m.
- **30th**: Carnival Family Evening and draw

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

#### September
- **1st & 2nd**: Cyril Wood Court Woodwork and Quilling Exhibition
- **4th**: Gardening Club – Harvest Supper 8.00 p.m.

#### October
- **2nd**: Gardening Club – A Year at Stourhead 8.00 p.m.

#### November
- **24th**: Cyril Wood Court Annual Craft Fayre
- **24th**: Autumn Leaves Christmas Fayre, Drax Hall 2.00 p.m.

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