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May 2001

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A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

One of the depressing things about railway journeys is seeing the graffiti painted on almost every conceivable space. It makes everything look so squalid and dirty. I don't think I have ever seen anything clever or amusing, but I am told that there are some gems about - like the famous one, "Nostalgia isn't what it used to be." Even looking back, as old people do, is not so good these days. Nostalgia - looking back - can be a cause of depression for many of us. Things should be so much better, so we get depressed about the way things are. The church, for church people, can be a cause of depression if we indulge in nostalgia, because we think things were better. Our own spirituality can also be a cause of depression because we look to a time in our lives when we were better Christians; prayer came more easily, Jesus Christ seemed nearer in spirit. Put simply, we think our faith isn't what it used to be.

When I get into this state of mind, I look at St. Peter, the Big Fisherman. I find him a source of great encouragement, always doing things slightly wrong with the finest intentions. Failure was part and parcel of his growth in the faith - I like that. In an age which demands success at all times, and allows no second chance, to find the great Simon Peter learning through failure is very encouraging.

I look at him so often - impetuous, blurt out silly things, generous of heart, socially a bit gauche. I look at him as the big fisherman, plying his trade on the Sea of Galilee. But then I can't help seeing him also on the dreadful night of Jesus's arrest, in Herod's palace - and the denial - and the look of Jesus. Quite clearly that look pierced the heart and the mind of Simon Peter. He was obsessed by his denial. He never stopped thinking of it. He spoke of it till he died.

Right through the crucifixion, through the experience of the empty tomb, through the fear racked hours and days in the upper room - the locked room - he thought of nothing else. His denial.

As with every bereavement, he looked back. As with every bereavement, he had terrible guilt. "Why did I do that?" "Why did I say that?" "Why didn't I pay more attention?" "Why did I say 'I don't know him'"
His memories were legion - healings, teachings, arguments, long silences when Jesus prayed - and that amazing time on the lake. They had caught nothing. Jesus had said to them, "Cast out into the deep." They had done so, and had caught a great draught of fish. What a man Jesus was. Then there was the stilling of the storm on the lake. So many memories.

Jesus knew how Peter would feel. He had said to him, "Return to Galilee."

So he had returned home - to the Sea of Galilee - back to what he knew - fishing - through the night - how good it was. The smell of the lake, the nets, the sound of the water on the side of the boat, the companionship of the crew who knew their trade. And it was here that St Peter received his great commission from the risen Jesus. Peter the failure. I love him.

Failure is such an important part of our growth in faith. Trials, difficulties, temptations, periods of sheer weariness are a normal part of living. Through them God leads us to a mature, realistic faith.

Nostalgia has the effect of making us depressed thinking of how it used to be. We can get disillusioned, turn in on ourselves, give up hope, give up.

Peter is our salvation - through the love of Jesus. He turns to the Lord anew - because Jesus comes to him - reminding him of other moments, years ago, when all was well, back home in Galilee.

Jesus has meant something very special to all of us at some time. Hold on to that moment. It is a moment that Jesus will re-enact when we need him to re-assure us.

Signed: Graham Robin

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The Vicar
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BERE REGIS
CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

Sunday 6th May 9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Mrs Jutting
Sunday 13th May 11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 p.m. Mrs Griffin
Sunday 20th May 9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Smith
6.00 p.m. Mr Ventham
Sunday 27th May 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
6.00 p.m.

Sanctuary Flower Guild
6th Mrs B Griffin Mrs N Gibson
12th Wedding - Mrs K Jeeves
20th Mrs E Bangay Mrs N Scott
27th Mrs J Gibb Mrs C Burden

Evensong Readers
6th Mrs Jutting
13th Mrs Griffin
20th Mr Ventham

CHURCH SERVICES in May

Sunday 6th May 4th Sunday of Easter
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
12.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Bere Regis)

Sunday 13th May 5th Sunday of Easter
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Bere Regis)

Sunday 20th May 6th Sunday of Easter
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. A NEW Communion for Young and Old (Affpuddle)
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Bere Regis)

Thursday 24th May Ascension Day
7.30 p.m. Sung Communion (Bere Regis)

Sunday 27th May Sunday after Ascension Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Baptism (Bere Regis)
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evening Service - Celtic Rite - (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.

There will be ringing for a wedding on Saturday 12th May.

RURAL DEAN

Canon Gerald Squarey has now retired, and the new Rural Dean is to be the Vicar of Iwerne Minster, the Reverend Simon Everett. He is to be made Rural Dean at a special service in Iwerne Minster on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30 p.m.

ASCENSION DAY (24TH MAY)

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! He is Truly Risen!

Please make a note that there will be a sung Eucharist in Bere Regis Church in the evening at 7.30 p.m.

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MOTHERS' UNION

Our April meeting was held in the church when The Vicar celebrated and preached at a service of Holy Communion, in the absence of both the Revd Canon Alan and Mrs Marjorie Gill. Graham preached on the words of Jesus on The Cross, “My God, why have you forsaken me?” In our own lives, we often find ourselves saying “My God, why.....?” and there is often no reason which we can discern. At such times, we can only put our trust in God and know that he is still with us in the pain.

Arrangements were made for the coffee morning to be held at Cyril Wood Court on Saturday, 12th May when some of the proceeds will be given to a literacy project for women in Africa, which is being sponsored by the Mothers’ Union.

Kay reported on the Deanery Meeting where plans had been made for the following events:-

Festival Service in The Cathedral at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 9th May.

Manchester diocese members are visiting our diocese from 3 – 5th July when some will be staying in Bere Regis. They will be visiting Winchester and Old Alresford on 4th July when our members are invited to join them and to attend a meal in Blandford on the following evening.

On Tuesday 4th July there will be a quiet day from 10.30 – 2.30 at Sixpenny Handley which will be led by the Revd Hugh Maddox.

A table-top sale will be held in Blandford on Thursday 19th July. Offers of help and gifts for the stall are requested.

Next month’s meeting will be held at Turberville Court at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 2nd May when our speaker will be Mrs Janet Bowine from Beckingsale House, Salisbury, the refuge for women escaping abusive relationships.

Brenda Pittfield 471391

JESSICA MULLINS APPEAL FUND

Our grateful thanks to everyone who contributed towards the ‘Cockney Capers Evening’ on 24th March. Special thanks to The Woodbury Hill Singers for the excellent entertainment – Total raised £337.

The final total which is being handed to the Royal Winchester Hospital Special Care Baby Unit is £6,500. This is being used to purchase specialist equipment for the neo-natal unit.

Thank you all very much.

Ivor, Sylvia, Richard and Sally Mullins.

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MR J BENTLEY — NO 173

5th prize - £5
MRS B VEAL — NO 165

3rd prize - £10
MRS L NEILSON — NO 145
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH CLEAN

Thank you to all the ladies and the one gentleman who turned out on Saturday 24th March to help with the Spring clean of the church. We were able to polish all the pews and the floor and vacuum the hassocks. On Mothering Sunday the church smelt of sanctity, bees wax and O'Cedar! Once again your efforts help to make St. Laurence church Affpuddle one of the best kept churches in the Diocese.

VICARS' BOARD

A COFFEE MORNING - run by Mrs Audrey Grindrod in her home at Bladentre, in Briantspuddle, is to raise funds towards a Vicars' Board

Many churches have these boards, which name all the known vicars down the centuries. Detailed research can identify our vicars' names back to the 1300s.

Saturday 12th May from 10:30 a.m.

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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the April meeting the Council fully supported the ‘Bere for all’ Heritage Day and decided to display some of the old records from the archives. Such papers as the Burial Records which in former days recorded the causes of death and also the occupation of the deceased. These will compare interestingly with the employ of the contemporary populace. Sadly the Parish records today do not record these details as most people elect to be cremated and thus are not included in the Burial Record. Your scribe believes that we are losing some valuable information for future generations.

Sadly one of the remaining reminders of the old Bere Regis & District Motor Services has come to an end. The Service 312 bus to Wareham on Tuesdays has had to go as it lacked sufficient support to justify the continuation of its subsidy. The Linkride service continues but the time in Wareham is quite short. If anybody has a comment to make concerning this service perhaps they would contact me on 471342. It is of interest that the Government through its Rural White Paper is making £10,000, over three years, available to enable Parish Councils to provide a specifically required transport service. This might be in the form of a mini bus or taxi to a particular place on a regular basis for people who are denied such pleasures as visiting a town for shopping. Details are more than a bit scant at present but will become better known in the near future and will be advertised.

The Police have equipped themselves with a mobile Advice Centre. The whole of Dorset is covered by two such vehicles and ours, which extends from Christchurch to Bere Regis, is visiting on the 24th May. Other Agencies are also making use of this facility so it will be rather like the old Blue Van with the added presence of the Police.

With the ‘peculiar’ winter behind us with all of the flooding etc, global warming is not far from our minds. Thus we are being implored to try to recycle as much as possible. To this end the District Council is encouraging the use of composting to reduce the amount of waste that needs to be ‘land filled’. Watch out for the offers.

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In June 2000 Dorset Youth Music was launched. This organisation aims to promote and encourage young and disadvantaged young musicians in Dorset by means of providing grants towards instruments, tuition, examinations and music purchase as well as providing opportunities for performance.

We have been allocated 8 instruments as part of the BBCINFYM Instruments Amnesty and some of these are already on loan to young musicians. Dorset Youth Music will raise funds by running an ongoing series of concerts, workshops and other events such as tea time concerts in different areas of Dorset.

Patrons include Sir John Eliot Gardiner, Minette Walters, Richard Taylor and Christine Page.

Anyone who would like to donate any unwanted instruments or help in any way please contact Tricia Dyer 01305 854819.

DRAX HALL

The Hall Committee AGM was held as advertised. The attendance - by the Committee - was good, but no other parishioner attended. The finances of the Hall were reported and a profit of just under £500 was recorded. Considering the amount spent on improvements during the year this was most encouraging. However the Committee must look to the future and build up a sum for future maintenance. We do not know how the Disability Act will be applied in 2004 but at present it could be that we will be without a Village Hall because we are unable to comply with the Act. The details of the Act are becoming better known and we have requested advice from the District Council on it as they issue the Licence for the Hall. Before they can issue a Licence under this Act they will have to carry out an Access Audit. This we have requested.

The performance by Alison Neil of her monologue ‘The Just William Lady’ was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came to see it. This was the story of Richmal Crompton, the author of the William stories. It was a wonderful performance and we must try to get her to return with one of her other monologues. For those who do not believe that we do bring first class live entertainment for third class prices, it is of interest to note that the ‘Just William Lady’ was the afternoon play on Radio 4 on the Thursday before Easter.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION

The RBL Women’s Section held their monthly meeting on 21st March and 19 members attended. After the Exhortation, apologies and Treasurer’s report followed.

Discussions followed on how everyone had enjoyed our Soup Luncheon, which was held in February. Members were told that there might be a change in Groups which meant that we in Bere Regis would be with Wimborne and Verwood. Our members unanimously voted to stay in The Isle of Purbeck Group. Names were taken for the Group Meeting to be held in Wareham on 14th May. It was announced there was to be a special day in Dorchester to celebrate 80 years of RBL. We in the Women’s Section will be 75 years next year, so, thinking caps on, as to how to celebrate.

For this meeting members were asked to bake a cake, and there were 8 entries and Mrs G Phillips came along to judge them. What a task we gave her, as they all looked delicious. The winners were: First – Mrs I Gale; Second Mrs Jeal and Third Mrs Reed. The winners received an Easter Egg as a prize.

Some of our members brought along some lovely knitting for us to see. Teas were served by Mrs Curtiss and Mrs March, a raffle was run by Mrs Bell and a Bring & Buy run by Mrs Burns.

Cenotaph: May – Mrs Cockburn & Mrs Barnes; June – Mrs E Bennett

ROYAL OAK GOLF SOCIETY (ROGS)

The first match of the season took place on Friday 30th March at the Isle of Purbeck Golf course. It had been touch and go all week as to whether the game could be played because of the waterlogged condition of the course. However, the sun shone on ‘the righteous’ and we were fortunate to have a brilliant day on this outstanding course – if you’ve never played it, you should. It has the most spectacular views over Poole Harbour.

The winner of the day was Robbie Hall and the runners up were Alan Mattey and Ali Hewitt. The ‘nearest the pin’ was Alan Lambert and the ‘longest drive’ was Graham Price.

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At the March meeting, due to the ill health of the VCO, Mrs Diana Perry, County Chairman, stepped in and came to talk about New Horizons which covered the streamlining and constitution of the meetings held each month. Due to her very pleasant manner she managed to turn what could have been a not so interesting subject into one of interest.

Three Bere Regis WI members entered a Quiz Night at the Sports Club - we didn't quite come last!

On 29th March, the Group Spring Meeting was held at Lychett Matravers and following the business of the meeting we were entertained by Mrs Pat Haskell a Judge for Southern England in Bloom who gave a slide showing some of the entered gardens, including school gardens tended by the children and some well kept allotments - beautiful pictures full of colour - perfection.

The ladies of Winterbourne Zelston then entertained us with their witty readings following the lives of William the Conqueror through to the present day.

The next meeting will be held in the Drax Hall at 7.30pm on 22 May which will be the Resolutions Meeting.

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the major event of the year – the History and Heritage Day which will be taking place
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This is to be a real community event and all villagers are encouraged to participate
and attend – what better way to bring everybody together and for us all to learn more
about our beautiful village and its surrounding area.

All local organisations have now been contacted so that they can have an
opportunity to take a stand on which they can show photos, press cuttings, and other
items of interest – not only to their members but to others as well. This is an ideal
chance for clubs and societies to promote their existence and to encourage new
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BERE REGIS SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY VACANCIES
The Governing Body of Bere Regis School has currently three vacancies for Co-opted Governors.

A Co-opted Governor is a member of the Governing Body with particular skills in business, such as personnel, finance, building work, etc. It is considered important that the local business community is represented on Governing Bodies.

At present the Governing Body is seeking to appoint Governors with expertise in personnel and with experience in building work.

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PURCELL SCHOOL CONCERT

There will be a concert by Students of the Purcell school in St Mary's church Dorchester on Saturday 12th May. It starts at 7.00 p.m and the musicians may be well known to many local people as they are all from the immediate area. Victoria Sayles will play violin, Jane South will play the flute, and Douglas Stevens, the piano.

Tickets are prices at £5 each (£2.50 for children) and are available from the Music Box in Dorchester, or from Tricia Dyer on 01305 854819. The proceeds of the concert will go to Dorset Youth Music.

ABBOTSBURY ART WEEKS MAY 25TH-JUNE 10TH

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An Exhibition of Millennium kneelers in St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury, a further Exhibition in Porthsham and a 'Walk through Maze' in the Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, with accompanying music and work by local Schools will make these weeks a rich experience.

Running concurrently there will be a varied series of concerts, recitals and workshops for adults and children.

The Lantern Workshops run by Mary-Clare Buckle are grant funded by Dorset Rural Agency, as part of an Artsreach Project. Dorset Rural Agency is funded by The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation whose Rural Arts Policy is to support arts in rural areas.

Much of the art produced in Abbotsbury is stimulated and encouraged by the beauty of Dorset's unique landscape, with it's varied geology and long and recorded history. We hope you will enjoy the work of local artists in the setting of some of the loveliest land - and seascapes in England.

Margaret Sones
HELP TO IMPROVE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Independent local charity Help and Care is now able to assist older people and people with disabilities with access to free energy efficiency work in their homes. Work may include the installation or improvement of loft insulation, draught proofing, cavity wall insulation, hot water tank insulation and assistance with central heating systems. Home energy efficiency advice is also available.

Grants are available to people aged 60 and over, and to disabled or chronically sick people who are in receipt of certain benefits. For people who are not eligible for grant assistance, information is available on other sources of help to improve the energy efficiency of the home.

Mike Fletcher, is a specially trained surveyor employed by Help and Care, who is available to visit people in their own homes to discuss the type of work that can be done. He is able to explain details of the grant scheme, carry out the survey, and provide energy efficiency advice. Appointments are always made in advance and Mike carries Help and Care identification.

Louise Ellis from Help and Care said, "Help and Care is pleased to be able to offer this service to local people to improve their quality of life. As an organisation offering a wide range of support and information, besides improving home energy efficiency through this scheme, we are also in a position to offer assistance to people with other needs they may have."

For further information on the assistance available please contact Help and Care on (01202) 43 2288.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER '50'S' CLUB

It was a wonderful day with brilliant sunshine for our outing to Otter Nurseries in April. The coach was full and there was a free raffle for an Easter Egg which was won by June Andrews. The next meeting will be on the 9th May at 2.30 in the Drax Hall when there will be a talk by Brian Searle on Weymouth Ships and Ferries. The competition is a gravy boat.

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BERE REGIS YOUTH 'LENNY'S'

A large turn-out enjoyed the "Music & Dance Night" on March 20, with members bringing along their favourite CDs. They were able to take turns at being the DJ or just dancing with their mates.

The visit from 'The Body Shop' was also well attended. Gail and her assistant gathered everyone together to explain the origins and thinking behind the organisation. Afterwards the boys and girls were divided up into mixed groups, for a detailed talk on the various types of products available. How they were selected to have the minimum impact on the environment and help to improve the quality of life for all. The groups were then set the task of trying to identify the various items set out on eight tables. What the items were made from and what they thought they were used for. From their answers it was clear, that the members did have a healthy knowledge on this subject. Full marks to their parents and teachers. The Body Shop proved to be very popular with the young people and will be returning in the near future.

Thankfully due to an easing of restrictions, caused by the dreaded Foot & Mouth, canoeing will be taking place on the 22 April after all. When members will be able to spend the afternoon practising the skills they learnt last year or having their very first experience at this sport. Let’s hope the weather soon decides to warm up and we can all make use of our sun block lotions again. There will be more opportunities to go canoeing on May 12, June 10 and 19.

Archery will also be starting again soon with sessions being held on May 24 and June 29. This will be the first chance for many of the members to try their hand at this activity.

The evening out at Splashdown, Tower Park, postponed from the end of February, takes place on May 22. This is usually a really good fun night out for everyone, the leaders included.

Subject to the weather, there will be a 'Beach Bar-B-Q' on June 12 down on the golden sands at Shore Road. With plenty of food, fun and games to be had by the young members.

Hopefully, if the Foot & Mouth restrictions have been lifted by then, the youth group will be travelling down to the Brecon Beacons on June 30. Here the members of the party will undertake a trek to climb to the summit of Pen-Y-Fan. Where there are excellent views across Mid and South Wales, if its not cloudy and raining of course.

Looking ahead, there will be a day out to 'Paultons Park', as well as "Beach Games" in July. Also an opportunity, to go away on a three day camping weekend to Snowdonia in September. To climb to the summit of Mount Snowdon and take in a sightseeing trip to a coastal town.

Any young person, interested in any of the above activities and who is not already a member, can obtain full details of membership by calling in on any youth night or by calling me on the number below.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, 01929 471693

POP IN PLACE

EASTER RAFFLE - Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Morning - £80 will be put into our fund raising account and donated to the Doctors' Equipment Fund. Many thanks for all the kind donations of Easter Eggs.

Details of the Pop In Place New Team will appear in next month's parish magazine.

NEWSLETTER - We have a new Pop In Place newsletter covering the period May - September. Please call into the sessions and pick one up.

TRANSPORT - Many new people are attending the Pop In Place, some due to the new transport scheme. If you would like to attend but need transport, please phone Alison to discuss your requirements.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME - During August the Team will be running activities for children between the ages of 5 - 13 years. Registration forms are now available. Please see Julie Lye or call into the Pop In Place and pick them up.

ENTRIES FOR BERE REGIS PERFORMER OF THE YEAR - Entry forms are now available for the Bere Regis Performer of the Year competition to be held on Saturday 8th September at the Drax Hall. Please support this event in celebration of the 5th birthday of the Pop In Place and the wonderful positive talent that exists within the community. Trophies for the winners.

More information on any Pop In Place issues phone: Alison (Team Leader) 472023 or Julie (Team Secretary) 472069.
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Melt together 4 oz butter, 1 tbsp golden syrup in a small saucepan.

Dissolve 1 tsp of bicarbonate of soda in 2 tsp of warm water.

Add butter, syrup and bi-carb to dry mixture, mix well and form into a ball.

Put golf-ball size pieces onto a greased baking tray and bake at 300°F for 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have entertained the Stapehill Over 60 Club, and The Sunshine Club Wareham, where they performed the Cockney Capers programme.

Grateful thanks to the Singers for their successful Cockney Capers Evening, in aid of the Winchester Baby Unit, at The Drax Hall – over £330 was raised.
**FIRE REPORT**

After a busy winter March proved to be relatively quiet with 8 call outs - statistics read:

- **ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS** 2
- **CHIMNEY FIRES** 2
- **CAR FIRES** 1
- **STAND BY DUTIES** 1
- **FALSE ALARMS** 2

**The Changing Face of the Fire Service**

Cats stuck up trees, chip pan fires and bonfire night (the busiest night of the year), these are all preconceptions of the past. We will only attend pets stuck up trees if the RSPCA cannot deal with it themselves and chip pan fires are less prominent with the use of deep fat fryers and better education with regards to healthier eating and the risks associated with hot cooking oil etc.

In the 1960’s and 70’s most families held their own bonfires in their gardens along with a few fireworks and therefore multiplied the risk of an incident occurring, however in these more enlightened times the majority of us attend large, well organised events, reducing the risks of fire or an accident.

The 21st century has brought with it new challenges for the emergency services, a huge increase in road traffic with the inherent dangers, large road tankers carrying chemicals and other hazards, not to mention modern safety systems in the family car that can cause problems for the rescuers. As a fire and rescue service we are continually upgrading equipment and training, also implementing further safety procedures. There are ongoing reviews and trials for personal protection for firefighters, eg. gloves, glasses, breathing apparatus, helmets etc.

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PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

General
I attended the District Council meeting on Tuesday 29th March. This meeting discussed the current status of the Purbeck District Local Plan. This is the plan that is being used to push through the housing developments in Bere Regis. At this meeting the Officers of PDC inserted into the document a conclusion that read as follows. “While the main part of the Inquiry [other than the Holton Heath section] is now drawing to a close, so that it is unlikely that there will be many more changes proposed, a further report of any outstanding changes may be brought to the April Council meeting.” This indicated to me that any representations we intended to make were a waste of time as they had decided the outcome already! I was told that I should not worry about it, as the conclusions needed to be read in conjunction with the detailed report! Not when I was in business it didn’t! I insisted on this being deleted from the record. The first time this has happened for many years. I expect then to try something similar at the next meeting. This is bringing to the attention of the Council that we will not stand for items being slipped through without proper scrutiny.

Inquiry
I attended the inquiries into the building proposals South of Bere stream – otherwise known as the Wyatts and the Graingers proposals. The latter one ran over its allotted day so will not be finished until much later this month. It is very difficult to draw any conclusions as it is up to the Inspector. However I was not surprised as the money these developers had spent on a variety of expert witnesses to prove whatever point they wanted to, as well as employing extremely expensive Solicitors.

Rye Hill
The County Council Transport Planner has informed me that there has been no objection to the 40-mph speed limit the other side of Rye Hill and that work should start on this within 6 to 8 weeks. He has agreed that this does not preclude the consideration of the use of a mobile speed camera but he has suggested that we wait until at least the end of the year to see how well the new speed limit works.

Lane End
I have been asked by a number of people in Bere Regis and Bloxworth to give an up to date report on the situation in Lane End. I contacted the Gypsy Liaison Officer and can do no better than reprint exactly what she reported to me.

“I hope this will be sufficient information Peter. The “lane end” site has been closed off since August last year. A large bund was placed on the A35 end of the lane and also some large baskets where filled with stones at both ends of the lane, to further secure the lane. A gap has been left so that Walkers, Cyclists and Horse Riders can still access the lane. So far so good!! However NO site is impregnable? A note for your interest, some changes are going to be made at “Lane End” from the Bere Regis end by the Capital Works Department. A centre gap will be made (with a bund at each side) to allow more access for Walkers etc. This work is going to be done in the near future, if you would like any more information with regards to this you can contact Mr Mathew Piles at Capital works on 01305 224723.”

I did not know what a bund was either! It is an embankment, causeway or quay!

Dogs
I have been asked whether we can have some dog bins by some of our busier walks in the village because of the increase in walkers to the area due to Foot and Mouth. The County Council is considering this and I will continue to push this for as long as the F&M situation persists. As a dog owner myself whose dogs are very frustrated at their lack of walks, I recognise the need to clear up after your dog!

Gritting Bins
I am attempting to persuade the County Council to reinstate the gritting bin that was at the end of White Lovington

Surgery
I will continue to hold surgeries on the first Saturday of every month. These will be held at the Communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and in the Bloxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. If you have a question or query related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come along and talk to me about it. The dates for the next few months are - 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our open meeting, last month, was a huge success. This month we have Elizabeth James from Marnhull, from Nature's Palette.
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ROGS on tour. This year’s trip is to the Costa del Sol, Spain. October 5th – 10th

Annual General Meeting – Thursday 15th November 2001
An elderly man, who was very near sighted, thought of himself as an expert in judging and evaluating art. One day he visited an art gallery with his wife and friends. Although he had forgotten his glasses, he stopped before what he thought was a full length portrait and began to criticise it. He remarked, with an air of superiority, "The frame does not suit the picture and the artist should never have selected such a shoddy, uninteresting, self-centred subject for his portrait". The man continued on and on, until his exasperated wife finally pulled him aside and whispered in his good ear, "My dear, you are looking in a mirror at yourself!"

How hard it is to see and recognise our own faults, isn’t it? Our own shortcomings, which we are slow to spot in ourselves, seem so glaringly obvious when we see them in others! It is so easy to point the finger at ‘the government’, or ‘the Church’, or ‘the wife’, or ‘the husband’, or ‘the other person’, or ‘the boss’ or ‘God Himself’. Remember, when we point a finger at someone else there are three fingers pointing back at ourselves!

Jesus Christ knew from first hand experience what it was like to have many fingers pointed at Him, to be severely criticised and condemned, and then finally crucified. Jesus said in Matthew 7:1-5, “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For the way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Instead of criticising and condemning, how much better it is when we look for the good points and give encouragement. It is one thing to assess a situation, but quite another to pass sentence, to judge and condemn. “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you”. Matthew 7:12. We all appreciate encouragement and praise and tend to wilt under criticism, and we all feel better in ourselves when we praise, whereas criticism can leave a sour taste behind. As usual, the words of Jesus are worth taking notice of, because they are the truth and bring us life.

On reflection, as disciples of Christ, we are meant to be like mirrors. When others look at us they should see a true reflection of Jesus.
BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Preparations are well under way for this year's carnival. We hope to have the band from Cerences to entertain us on Carnival Day as well as the Dolphin Marching Band and this year's afternoon's entertainment promised to be the best yet.

FLOATS AND WALKING ENTRIES – Now is the time to put the thinking caps on! Entries are invited from individuals and organisations to enter this year's parade.

Trophies will be awarded for best float/decorated vehicle, best individual entry and best walking group.

No forms but I would be grateful if you could just give me a ring so I have an idea of numbers. Floats are to assemble at 1 pm and judging will be at 1.30 – be prepared – they will not be announced. The procession will then kick off at approximately 2 pm.

SATURDAY 21ST JULY is the date just in case anyone has forgotten!

Diary of Events
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 Tuesday 8th May 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), email: wendy@valhalla.net

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

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APRIL
28 (Sat) Superleague darts

MAY
5th Function
19th Pot Luck Mixed Pairs – Darts 7.45pm
28th Carpet Bowls – 8 pm

JUNE
2nd Quiz
16th Darts Singles – 7.45pm
23rd Carpet Bowls – 8 pm
29th (Fri) Interclub Crib and Pool competitions
30th Carnival Family Fun Evening

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BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Saturday Football
Bere Regis 3: Lychett R T 4
Handley Sports 0: Bere Regis 3

Against Lychett the Saturday side once again faced a perennial problem as Lychett played most of their first team instead. Atrocious weather and pitch conditions did not help, but with the league secretary in charge of the whistle there was little likelihood the game would be called off. Lychett commanded the first half and with the score at 4-1 at half time, with Sean Cope’s goal being the only shot Bere had, the manager was expecting the worst. However, with nothing to lose, Dean did more reshuffling than a one handed card player at half time and, surprisingly, this produced results. Dean swapped himself for the injured Paddles in goal and brought on Sean ‘Emmanuel’ Pettitt to shore up the defence. Having kept Lychett at bay Bere struck blood with 15 minutes to go as Adam was felled in the area and Mark Miller received an unexpected birthday present in tucking the penalty away. Adam was unstoppable now and created another present, this time for Ricky Cummings who took the through ball in his stride and calmly tucked the ball away. Lychett were now as desperate as Lee Bowyer’s lawyer, but managed to cling on in the closing moments to leave Bere as pointless as George Graham’s Tottenham shirt.

At some point in the season it was all going to come together for the Saturday side and Handley was the game. Dominant throughout Bere never looked in trouble and a rare clean sheet was the just reward for some stout defending and a menacing midfield display. Meanwhile, the forwards set about scoring some quite spectacular goals to take all the points. A 25 yard effort from Sean Cope gave Bere the lead, only to be eclipsed by a 30 yard effort from young Rogerson that was still rising when it hit the net. Ricky Cummings put the icing on the cake with a point blank header from a pinpoint cross and a team performance to be proud of.

Sunday Football
Bere Regis 3: Windgreen, Corfe Mullen 2
Bere Regis 1: Bovington Challengers 5
Corfe Mullen RBL 1: Bere Regis 1
Bere Regis 3: Marconi Comms 1

Forget Alton Towers, forget Disneyland, forget even a ride in Frenchy’s car....for sheer white knuckle excitement and thrills look no further than a trip to Bere Rec on a Sunday morning. A game of two halfs, if ever there was one, Bere certainly left it late to collect all three points in this game. The main problem was the start of British summertime and the clocks going forward one hour.

It is easier to get a French farmer to holiday in the Lake District than it is to get the Sunday players up on time for the game, and it came as no surprise to see only 10 players starting the game on this particular morning, including a slightly out of condition Sunday manager. But with the promise of Paddles and Ginge to come Bere tried to weather the storm in the first half against a Windgreen team bristling with Div 1 players and with the wind at their backs. Windgreen’s first goal owed more to luck than skill as Kev Cox, trying to emulate a certain Man U full back, deflected the ball past the luckless Dean Rogerson in goal.

The arrival of Ginge evening the game slightly, but Bere were still up against it and conceded another unfortunate goal when a shot that was destined for Dean’s safe hands hit a divot and bounced over him into the net. Luckily, Paddles arrived to steady the ship and Bere kept the score down to 2-0, despite a strong penalty appeal late in the half. The second half belonged firmly to Bere as they pinned Windgreen into their half and kept them there for almost all of the second period. As the half wore on it looked like it would be one of those games where Bere could not find the net again and with twenty minutes to go Bere looked down and out. But a free kick on the edge of the area gave Bere hope and it was left to Ginge to grab the opportunity (and the ball from Mark Gale), with a spectacular curling shot that the keeper could only push into the top corner of the net.

Soon after Bere equalised, a precise free kick from Rob White found Bungy in space and the keeper could only watch and admire. From this point on there could only be one winner and it was left to Rob White to apply the coup de grace. A neat one two with Kev Cox and in a race with the keeper there was only going to be one winner, especially since Rob had almost sliced him in two moments earlier in a dubious ‘50-50’ challenge. A rare headed finish from Rob and Bere were home and dry.

Faster, fitter, leaner, quicker, hungrier….no I am not talking about Bere, but the Bovington team that came, saw and conquered them. The cream of the English army came to give Bere a lesson in the art of football and Bere, unfortunately, let them. It also did not help that Dean Rogerson had a mare of Red Rum proportions in goal. Two nil down at half time was just the start as Bere let in three more before Wayne grabbed a consolation goal at the end. Bere certainly needed to pull their socks up for the next game against third placed Corfe Mullen.
A midweek game was unlikely to furnish Bere with their strongest team, but the skeleton squad on show were certainly good enough to give Corfe a run for their money. The first half was most memorable for some delightful pass and move football from Bere as they ran rings around their more fancied opponents. Chris Oram, in particular, took great delight in teasing and tormenting the opponents with some silkiest touches and quick feet. It was no surprise when he found the net midway through the half, drilling the ball through a crowd of players and into the net. In a game short on chances, Bungy powered a header against the bar via the keeper, whilst Dean made amends for the previous week with an outstanding point blank save.

Bere could easily have finished two goals to the good at half time as Rob White cut through the opposition and, with only the keeper to beat, cocked the whistle on his trusty right foot when the ref blew his whistle for half time, a decision that eventually proved costly. The second half was virtually all Corfe Mullen as Bere’s inferior fitness proved their undoing once more. Despite some heroic goalkeeping from an inspired Dean Rogerson, Corfe eventually found the net and celebrated as though they had won the title. The game petered out to a tame finish and Bere warily left the pitch to lick their wounds.

With energy levels severely depleted, Bere faced the Chelsea of the league, Marconi Communications. With tons that would put even Bungy to shame they looked fitter, younger and healthier than the average Bere Sunday player, but then again so do the Teletubbies. However, looks are not everything as Bere proved in the first half with the kind of performance that the manager dreams of. With accurate pass and move football Bere were incisive and inspirational as they tore Marconi to shreds, prompting one spectator to comment that he thought he had come to the wrong pitch. It was ironic that, with such good pass and move football being played, Bere’s goals came from the route one method.

A free kick from around 30 yards out gave Mark Gale the opportunity to show us his technique, which seemed to consist of blasting the ball as hard as he could against the wall. No matter as the ricochet fell kindly to Dan Vater who never misses from 5 yards out. It was the Vater connection again that gave us number two as a long ball from ‘Father’ Vater found ‘Boy’ Vater in the clear and, having drawn the last defender away a cross (yes, he can pass it!) found Andy in acres of space to make it 2-0.

Bere’s domination was not to last, though, as in the second half Marconi’s superior fitness began to tell and Bere were well and truly on the back foot.

The fluidity was gone, replaced by a sterility summed up with a laughable back heel from Bungy that barely moved the ball, but at least kept the crowd amused. Minutes later, a defensive slip allowed the ball to, finally, fall to a Marconi forward who lashed the ball into the roof of the net and Bere were under siege again.

This was made worse by the loss of two defensive stalwarts, Spivey with a hamstring injury and Dean with mild concussion as he was flattened by a move that ‘The Rock’ would have been proud of. Mark Gale kept things tight at the back though and, with a lightning break, Dan Vater put the game beyond Marconi with a neat finish in the bottom corner. 3-1 and it was ‘Buenos Nochas’ for Marconi’s Portuguese Men O’ War.

BERE REGIS ’6 a Sides’ Football Tournament

On Saturday 2nd June, the Sports Club will be holding their annual 6 a side tournament. If there are any players who are members of an affiliated club and who wish to enter a team, please contact Darren Spivey on 471908 for an entry form.

If there are any local fundraisers who would like to run a stall or competition at the event, again please contact Darren Spivey. Food and drink is already taken care of but, with an estimated 250 people there, it may be a good opportunity for you to raise some money.

NO DOGS PLEASE!!!!!!!

The current foot and mouth precautions have meant an increase in the amount of dog mess on the Recreation ground. We would like to stress once again that dogs are not allowed on the grass because of the health risk to children. We will prosecute any owner of a dog caught fouling the playing field.

YOUTH CRICKET

The new season starts Tuesday 8th May 6.30 – 8 pm
50p a session
Any interested boys and girls 8 years and upwards

For more details contact Gordon Tucker – 471882
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Firstly, I would like to alert people to the Village Hall AGM. This is traditionally held at the beginning of June, on a date fixed during the April meeting of the Hall Committee. The meeting is held after the deadline for the May Parish Mag entries, so please keep an eye on notice boards, and the June edition of the Parish Mag for the time and date of our AGM.

We are now taking bookings for stall spaces at the Summer Fair to be held on 4th August this year. Would any person or organisation requiring a booking form for a stall space please contact J Lightfoot at 471498 or J Hopkins (471778). There are a number of pitches available to craft demonstrators free of charge providing that sales are not made on the day.

The day, which includes The Bladen Social Club’s annual horticultural show, was a great success last year with stall holders doing brisk trade.

Our improvement project, (we must think of a snappy name for this soon)!! has received a welcome fillip. This comes in the form of a generous offer to donate a piece of land by Mr & Mrs Thornley of Raithby Cottage.

Mr & Mrs Thornley’s garden extends behind the village hall kitchen and the green space to the east of the hall. The land offered is to the rear of the proposed new hall facilities, and will give us greater flexibility in the final allocation of spaces within this part of the complex. Mr & Mrs Thornley say that they are both wholeheartedly committed to this community venture and wish to do all they can to see it come to fruition. Can I take this opportunity to thank the Thornleys publicly for their generous offer, which very much reflects their history of tireless commitment to the local community?

By the time you read this, our architect will have been given a written brief and, we hope, will be drawing up plans to present to the parishioners in the near future.

In the last issue of the Parish Mag, I asked for responses from anyone interested in organising alternative pursuits in the village hall. It has been suggested that I could give ceramics classes. There are some things that are not feasible in our present accommodation, and this is one of them.

However, there are plenty of people lurking about in the daytime who might appreciate yoga or painting classes. Activities during the school holidays could be organised by enterprising parents. What about table tennis, or whatever the modern equivalent is?

Dancing lessons have been mentioned as a possibility, and a gardening club for all our green-fingered residents. Imagine, skipping the light fantastic with a local Lionel Blair, or plant swapping with a local Bob Flowerdew, oooh lovely!!

We are as ever, open to suggestions, so come on you couch potatoes contact us with your ideas.

The other small item I have to mention is that we have some old wooden chairs that are surplus to requirements. We are at present storing them in the hall, but have agreed to offer them for sale to local residents at a cost of £5.00 each. Many of you will have squirmed about on them in the past and they are a bit of history. So to own your own piece of village memorabilia, please contact Philippa Thornley on 471497.

Jenny Lightfoot

BLAIDEN SOCIAL CLUB

Forthcoming Events

Friday Night Quiz

Friday 11 May - 9pm and Friday 25 May - 9pm

It’s amazing what you learn at these quiz evenings. You may not know all the answers but it’s good fun and you’re in good company. Come along. You’ll enjoy it.

Coffee Morning

Monday 7 May. The Coffee Morning is in aid of Cancer Care Dorset. This is the charity the Social Club is supporting this year.

Finally

A little reminder to those members who have not yet renewed their membership that is now due. And to anyone who would like to become a member, details about club activities, opening times etc. should contact Sue Jeanes Tel: 01258 837267.

Graham Hopkins
BRIANTSPUDDLE WI

A well attended meeting on 4 April, including two visitors, to hear Mrs. J Bryant talk on 'Dorset Women - Four Marys'. This was very well researched and concise and made us feel that we really knew these diverse women, one of whom was originally very local to us. She first married one of the Weld family, who died tragically early when they had only been married for three months. She later married Mr. Fitzherbert, was widowed again and, lastly, was the morganatic wife of the then Prince Regent!

Four of the members had been to the auditions of would-be speakers to be included in the W. I. Speakers Book and there was a report on this before Mrs. Bryant's talk. She therefore began by telling us that when she applied to be on the Speakers List and faced her W. I. audience, she felt it was one of the most nerve wracking experiences of her life.

There were many events in the Newsletter for April and these were discussed together with the appointment of a substitute delegate for the Spring Council in Weymouth at the end of the month. The vexed question of where to go for the June outing was unfortunately not resolved, so the matter was deferred and an outing will be planned for September. Final plans were made for the Coffee Morning on April 28th in support of the proposed children's hospice in Poole.

At our May meeting on the 2nd we will discuss the Resolutions to be presented at the AGM in June, when we shall be represented by another W.I. group.

Afterwards there will be a fun quiz. As usual, all welcome.

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At the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th April 2001 the following business was discussed.

A representative from the Dorset Police attended the meeting and answered questions and listened to comments from the Council members. Matters raised included the poor warning signing at the site of an accident on the B3390 beyond Hurst Garage on 4th April and the lack of directional road signing when roads were closed. The Police were asked to lend their support for better road signing at Waddock Cross. Discussion took place about the type of accident that registered in Road Accident statistics. It would appear that the only accidents that were recorded were those when individuals were either injured or killed. "Scrapes" and "prangs" which did not involve the Police did not count even though they had the potential to be more serious.

Once again the Police representative warned that Summer was coming up and advised care with security of garden sheds and property.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2001 were signed as a correct record.

In matters arising from the minutes there was a report on the progress of the Lottery Application. Meetings had been held between members of the Steering Committee and Officials at County Hall.

Two members of both the Hall Committee and the Parish Council had attended a seminar organised by D.C.A. on the Preparation of Business Plans for Village Halls. Help had been promised by a member of the Parish to help the Hall Committee and the Parish Council prepare a business plan. The Lottery Steering Committee had met and agreed to hold more frequent meetings and to ask member of the parish to take notes.

The Chairman had had a telephone conversation with the owners of property in the neighbourhood of the hall to discuss boundary problems and questions in connection with the proposed development.

A response had been received to a letter complaining about the clearing of litter on the road sides and in the Forestry car parks. It was the Policy to collect litter every month. Ideally the public should take their litter home for disposal.

Quotations were being obtained for the work required on the Coronation Oak. It was agreed that the Clerk should be instructed to arrange for the contractor who supplied the cheapest quote to do the work.

During the public discussion period members of the Parish who lived at Rogers Hill put their case for the use of the land there for motor cross training in the light of the decision made at the previous meeting. It was alleged that land near Tolpuddle Hall was also, with the permission of the landowner, being used for motor cycling. It was suggested that perhaps it was the noise from these events that members of the public could hear in the Parish. It was suggested that the applicant for planning permission should make these comments available to the Planning Officer, Purbeck District Council.

Enquiries had been made from the Planning Officer about the time scale between notifying the Public and the Parish Councils about impending planning applications and the District Council meeting at which decisions were taken. Within the time scale it would be possible to list the applications on agendas for future meetings. It was felt that this would be a desirable development.

During any other business the Councillor responsible for Rights of Way informed the meeting that she had been consulted as to which Rights of Way could be opened to the public. It was felt that since nearly every right of way passed through fields containing livestock it was impossible to recommend their opening.

The Councillor who was Chairman of the Friends of the Village Shop and Post Office reported that The Friends were making enquiries about obtaining grants for Shop improvements from The Country side Agency. The Agency was not happy about the short length of Lease which the Parish Council had granted to the Friends. A request was made to make the length of the Lease either for five or ten years with a year’s notice on either side in the event of the Lease being terminated. It was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting.

COFFEE MORNING

Audrey Grindrod will hold a Coffee Morning at home, Bladentre, Briantspuddle, on Saturday 12th May from 10.00 a.m. Until noon, to raise more funds towards purchasing a board upon which to list the names of the Vicars of Affpuddle over seven centuries.

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# Dates for Your Diary

## May

- **1st**: Gardening Club – Visit to Island Fuschia Nurseries (8.00 p.m.)
- **7th**: Bere for All – History & Heritage event, Drax Hall (11.00 a.m.)
- **9th**: Autumn Leaves, talk on ships and ferries at Weymouth (2.30 p.m.)
- **12th**: Table Top Mini Market – Drax Hall
- **16th**: ICRF Coffee Morning, The Vicarage (10.30 a.m.)
- **28th**: Carnival Duck Race from Shitterton Bridge (4.00 p.m.)

## June

- **5th**: Gardening Club – Vegetable Growing (8.00 p.m.)
- **13th**: Autumn Leaves summer outing to Sidmouth
- **23rd**: Pop in Place Sponsored Walk
- **30th**: Carnival Family Evening and draw

## July

- **3rd**: Gardening Club – Wine (8.00 p.m.)
- **7th & 8th**: Cyril Wood Court Textiles Exhibition
- **11th**: Autumn Leaves exhibition and rose competition
- **21st**: Carnival Day

## August

- **4th**: Briantspuddle Summer Fair (8.00 p.m.)
- **7th**: Gardening Club – Onions
- **31st**: Summer Party – home of John and Pat Hause – in aid of Church Funds

## September

- **1st & 2nd**: Cyril Wood Court Woodwork and Quilting Exhibition
- **4th**: Gardening Club – Harvest Supper (8.00 p.m.)
- **8th**: Pop in Place 5th birthday, Drax Hall (7.30 p.m.)
- **21st to 23rd**: Twinning visit to Cérences

## October

- **2nd**: Gardening Club – A Year at Stourhead (8.00 p.m.)
- **13th**: Pop in Place Jumble Sale, Drax Hall

## November

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

## December

- **15th**: Pop in Place Christmas Production, Drax Hall

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