THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE  November 2001

THOUGHTS FROM ST LAURENCE’S

A vacant Vicarage brings anxieties to us all. Who will visit me in hospital, take my grandson’s baptism, my daughter’s wedding or my father’s funeral? Have my church duties changed? Am I doing them right? These sorts of anxieties are real and immediate, even if they now seem trivial in comparison with those of the world scene.

So I must share with you the encouragement I received recently, from a most inspirational service for admission and re-dedication of Readers in Salisbury Cathedral. The preacher reminded us of God’s words to Joshua when commissioning him to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land: “Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”. This is a good promise to remember when anxiety strikes, be it on a domestic or international scale.

Of course, the children of Israel then had a benefit which we lack – continuity of leadership! They “wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days”. Then Joshua, already trained and known to his people, stepped into his place. Succession arrangements are not so brief and smooth in the Church of England! As explained in last month’s magazine, our interregnum is likely to be a good deal longer than thirty days.

This should not be seen as a disaster, for we can turn it to advantage. The Church here is not the Vicar. It consists of the whole people of God in our two parishes, all those here who believe and trust in Jesus Christ as God’s Son. We naturally look forward to having a new person to lead us forward in this faith, but Church life should not stop meanwhile. Major new initiatives may have to wait, but we should certainly be seeking to sustain our worship, grow our membership, encourage each other in the faith, and meet the needs of all who share these communities with us.

Let us look hard to our own resources, saying to ourselves “Can I take on a new role? Or can I spot and help to develop a talent in someone else that would benefit the Church?” St Paul saw gifts in every believer. He teaches us that, just as a human body cannot function properly without the contribution of each part, we each have a part to play as a member of the body of Christ. The vacancy period can be precious for the development of these gifts and our Church can emerge at the end all the stronger for it.

Do speak to one of our Churchwardens or Readers if you have ideas, time or talents to offer in this way.

Yours in Christ’s service,

Jonathan Haigh, Reader, Affpuddle.
Graham and Penny Roblin
01935 814310

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THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS with AFFPUDDLE and
TURNERS PUDDLE

Harvest Festival 2001 will live long in our memories as one of the most
special days of our life. The services in the Affpuddle and Bere Regis
churches were very beautiful and very moving, and these were followed by
lunch and a harvest supper respectively.

Penny and I are deeply grateful to you for your amazing generosity and
kindness. The atmosphere of warmth was felt by many, and certainly we felt
very humbled by the farewell words you used, not only in the formal
speeches but also privately, and in written notes. Your parting gifts
astonished us. To welcome any of you who travel to North Dorset would
give us enormous pleasure; maybe after two years have elapsed, we might
even be allowed back!

With every blessing and good wish,
Yours ever,

Graham

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THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE
WITH TURNERS PUDDLE
INTERREGNUM

Any enquiries normally routed to the vicar should be made initially to
the Churchwardens - John House (551266) or John England (471469)

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CHURCH SERVICES in November

Sunday 4th November 21st Sunday after Trinity
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 (Bere Regis)

Sunday 11th November Remembrance Sunday
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.00 a.m. Act of Remembrance at Briantspuddle War Memorial
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
10.50 a.m. Remembrance Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 18th November 23rd Sunday after Trinity
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 alike (Affpuddle)

Sunday 25th November 24th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong for St Cecilia’s day (Bere Regis)

Sunday 2nd December Advent Sunday
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 (Bere Regis)
"TRISS" Lewis (aged 78) who died in late September.

Being born into a large family has many attractions, and by modern practice, Triss was one of a fair sized family. There were four girls and three boys. She was born at Chamberlaynes, but not long afterwards, she moved to Bloxworth, in order look after Granny, and to be looked after by Granny, - and because she went to school in Bloxworth, this was always an important place for her. She also worked in the village Post Office in Bloxworth for a few years.

"Looking after" - two words that sum up her life. She was the person who looked after others. There was Granny, and then there was Uncle Charles, and his two sons, when they moved to Woodbury Hill; then her mother until she died in 1955, and supremely, of course, there was her brother John.

Triss never married, but gave her life to caring for others, and in enjoying herself with the Bloxworth Girls' Friendly Society and helping with the local cricket team teas.

In 1960, they moved back to 13 Green Close, and later, (father dead and others married), to a smaller house - number 27. But at number 13, she looked after her father and three boys.

She lived a devoted life and was always greatly admired and very popular. In those days it was common for people to know nearly everyone in the parish, and for everyone to know Triss. In any case, her father had worked on the cress beds, and her mother had come from West Street, and with her three sisters and three brothers the family was well known.

But in addition to this, she was a person who gave to the community in her quiet unassuming way. For example, she worked hard for the Poppy Appeal - one of those jobs many of us shy away from - but she did it, and did it for so long that she was awarded a medal by the Royal British Legion for her work.

It is impossible to create the big picture of someone like Triss. All that can be portrayed is a life of simple, quiet, loyal, dedicated, 'looking after' service to her family - right to the end. But isn't that so much more valuable than that which could be said of those of us who might command the big story?

George Poore (aged 85) who died at home in Briantspuddle in September.

Every funeral service is full of natural sadness. It must be. The extinguishing of an earthly life leaves a huge void in the family, and to a lesser extent in the community. And so it is with George. Jeanette, his daughter, with her husband David, will have a great ache. Grandsons are always caught up in this sadness too. Their grandfather was very precious to them. So to all of you - the family - we extend our deepest sympathy.

"What a lovely way to go!" Many have said this. We witness the pain and fragility of old age in so many. So many sitting in old people's homes. But for George, this was not to be. He died in his sleep. I suppose he couldn't have been fit and well, but when I saw him walking his two mile walk just the week before, he looked very happy, and I admired and envied him.

So, overpinning the natural sadness of today, there must be "thanksgiving", even "celebration", of a life well lived. We celebrate a man who gave to his family and to this community. He was a man of the parish. He loved this place. He belonged to it. The parish belonged to him.

He was in fact born in Canford, but when he was a little boy, his parents came to Affpuddle - just along the road where there was a Post Office. His mother was the Post Mistress.

There was the school along the road in the other direction, and George went there with his three brothers. In those days you went to one school only, not three like now.

At fourteen, he left, and was apprenticed locally to Mr Ward who ran the garage at the cross.
OBITUARIES

It was to prove a valuable apprenticeship, because when he was twenty five, war broke out. His trade made him suited to the Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Again, he was local - posted to Bovington.

At this point, I want to bring in his sporting prowess. He was an outstanding footballer. This led to him being selected to play for the army in Ireland. Sadly in one way but not in another, he broke a leg, and ended up in hospital.

This put a stop to his going to Norway with his unit. It probably saved his life. Lots of his comrades were killed.

He also had met and married his wife - this was in 1940, and Jeanette was born in 1943. They were married for nearly 50 years.

After the war, George returned to Bovington - this time as a civilian - and he was to remain there for the next 30 years.

So days followed and weeks followed. He was a contented man. He gave to the community, and he received from the community. He liked people, and people liked him. He was a true friend and neighbour. His garden was immaculate. He was in fact a man of the soil. He never spoke unkindly or vindictively, only kindly.

Then there was his national loyalty. To see him putting up the flag for royal birthdays was a delight.

Then there was the Bladen Social Club of which he was a founder member. Even last Sunday, when we held a harvest auction in aid of the church, it was revealed that it was George who had the brainwave to start it.

Then there was pool - the game not the place! He won the cup just a few weeks ago.

Then there was the Royal British Legion. To see George at the Bladen Valley War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday - complete with his medals - was something that I will always treasure. I am so pleased that the Legion is honouring him today.

So Jeanette and your family - it is to you that we offer our thoughts and prayers today. You will be proud of him. You will remember and think of him always.

We join with you in this and in praying that he may rest in the peace and love of God.

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Ringing practices have started again on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

New ringers are always welcome and should meet at the church porch. You may just want to come and look - please do.

BERE REGIS CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

The annual tidy up day will be on Saturday 3rd November any time during the day with a suggested core time of 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Your help would be much appreciated. Tea & Coffee will be available.

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1st prize - £10
MRS S WOODS - NO 205

2nd prize - £10
MRS M JAMES - NO 63

3rd prize - £10
MRS M CARLYLE - NO 6

4th prize - £5
MRS P MILLS - NO 149

5th prize - £5
MRS J KINNAHAN - NO 199
FRANCS? MARKS? PESETAS?

Have you any unwanted foreign money? If so, it can help refugees. The charity, Ockenden International (www. ockenden.org.uk) works with refugees in many countries aiming to get them back to independence.

Unwanted, unsorted foreign currency given to Sybil Fompton (471643) will ensure that they are taken to Barclays Bank, who give the charity their value. Over two years Bere Regis and Alfriston contributions have raised £164, Ockenden countrywide has received over £33,000 through this scheme.

Very many thanks.

CHURCH FUND RAISING EVENTS

The Christmas Coffee Morning –
has been booked for Saturday 8th December at 10.30 am at Cyril Wood Court. There will be the usual Raffle, Gift Stall and Cooks’ Table, and Gifts for these would be most gratefully received. Please bring them on the morning of sale or if this is not possible, ring Molly Carlyle on 471441 for alternative arrangements.

The Jumble Sale at Wareham Town Hall –
has provisionally been booked for 9th February 2002. This is such a good money-spinner but can only be held this time if a dry store can be found for the jumble. This is needed for a maximum of two or three weeks running up to the date of the sale and really needs to be in the village to make it easier for delivery of items. Someone also needs to be in attendance to receive goods, but times for this may be arranged to suit.

I am happy to help in co-ordinating this, as I have in the past with Penny Roblin, but cannot undertake the entire operation. Help will be required to transport the bags to Wareham Town Hall and dispose of the remains afterwards.

Any help or suggestions you may have please to Molly Carlyle 471441.
VICAR'S RETIREMENT FAREWELL PARTY AND SUPPER

We had a most enjoyable Supper and farewell party for Graham and Penny, I would like to thank everyone who brought all the delicious food for this special accession, as usual, it was just the right amount and also the right balance of sweet and savoury. Many thanks,

Pat House.

THANK YOU

The Churchwardens would like to thank everyone who contributed to Graham and Penny's retirement fund.

A total of £1,125 was raised.

John House.

MOTHERS' UNION

Pam Wood, our deanery chairman, her husband - the Rev Ron Wood, our deanery chaplain - also a Mothers' Union member - and Mary Wright, Purbeck deanery chairman, joined us to hear Mary Turner, Dorset Archdeaconry representative on the Sudan Committee bring us up to date on the situation in Sudan.

Our November meeting will be a communion service in church at 7.30 p.m.

WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO JOIN A CLEANING ROTA AT BERE REGIS CHURCH?

We are looking for helpers to assist in keeping our beautiful Church, here in Bere Regis, clean and tidy as the current cleaner, after many years of devoted service, has retired.

Would you be able to help on a voluntary basis for an hour on a Friday or Saturday, perhaps two or three times a year? We are looking for a mixture of abilities to cover those able to sweep, vacuum and occasionally mop, to those who are happy to just dust.

If we could get enough numbers it would be good to get two or three volunteers each week, thereby making it easier, quicker and more 'fun' and also saving our Church's precious money.

If you feel you would like to help in this very worthwhile service please contact the Churchwardens.

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### AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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### AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

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#### THE VICAR'S RETIREMENT

There was a full house of some sixty people at the Harvest Festival lunch in the Village Hall to bid farewell to Graham and Penny Roblin and to wish them a long and happy retirement. They were presented with a print of Affpuddle church and a cheque for seven hundred and fifty pounds to buy something of their choice as a reminder of their nine years with the parish. The PCC would like to thank all the parishioners for their generous donations to the retirement fund. Our thanks are also due to the many people who contributed to and assisted with the excellent lunch which helped make it the happy rather than the sad occasion it might have been.

P.B.
AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD

We have reached the end of another season and, thanks to the very hard work of many volunteers, the churchyard has been kept well under control and looking good during the year. Thank you all so much.

The Autumn clear-up is planned for the morning of Saturday 24th November from 9.30 a.m. to 12noon.

This is later than usual because of other events, but it should ensure that it is after leaf-fall. Please come and lend a hand, as the more the merrier (unfortunately no alcohol, but hot drinks will be laid on!). There are the usual end-of-season chores, including leaf-clearing, path clearing, hedge-cutting and a few graves to be levelled if the conditions are right. Helpful tools include rakes, spades, forks, loppers and path-edging tools.

All are welcome and ‘many hands should make light work’!

Paul Badcock and John Solly.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL EVENSONG

5.30 PM - THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2001

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer our parishes of Bere Regis and Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle will be remembered at the above service and parishioners are invited to attend. Approximate numbers attending from the parish and any particular concerns to be included in the prayers should be forwarded to Mrs Margaret Downing (Evensong Link), 13 The Close, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 2EB (01722) 323910

CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN

Thank you to the seven ladies and one gentleman who came to the post harvest festival special clean of the church. Many hands made light work and it was possible to polish all the pews and other furniture, to polish the floors and to vacuum the hassocks. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and help to make our church one of the best kept in the Diocese.
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all those who gave produce, fruit, vegetables and flowers and their time to decorate the church for the Harvest Festival Services on 7th October which was sadly the last service Graham took as our vicar. The church was full and the Parish Communion Service which replaced the normal Matins service.. was very uplifting.

After the service some sixty people repaired to the village hall for a fork lunch. Before lunch Graham and Penny were presented with a print of the church and a cheque with which they could buy something to remember the congregation at Affpuddle.

Thanks to Audrey Grindrod, Andrea and Allan Smith, Sheila Newell, Sue Taylor and Mary Nestling for helping with the salads for the lunch. After all the expenses in connection with the lunch were paid it was possible to send a postal order for £20 to Sightsavers International.

On the Monday following the service all the fruit, vegetables and produce which consisted of three boxes of tins, jams and chutneys and packets of dried goods and biscuits together with bags of fruit and vegetables were taken to the Dorchester Cheshire Homes to be used for the benefit of the residents.

The following letter of thanks has been received from the Manager, Mr. John Smith.

"We are once again most gratified to receive the produce of the Harvest Festival. Please pass on our thanks to everyone who donated produce and to the P.C.C.

The food is welcomed by our young people and looked forward to annually."

Philippa Thomiley.

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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

On the same evening as the Parish Council met in October the District Council was meeting to consider their reaction to the withdrawal, by the Developers, from the building of 1350 houses at Holton Heath. This had been the subject of a special meeting at Sandford School the week before when the Bere Regis views on the possible rejection of the plan, and thereby its implication on Bere Regis, was well aired by one of our Parish Councillors. Thus it was with some concern that one observed the numerically small number of Parishioners at our meeting.

The Parish Council certainly discussed possible implications during their debate on the Conservation Appraisal that is being conducted by the District Council ably assisted, and one might say led, by our own Parish Councillors. This is a very important aspect of the Local Plan and perhaps more so in light of the developments, or lack of them, at Holton Heath. Our Council is concerned that the Appraisal is not being conducted in line with the recommendations of English Heritage and is endeavouring to get the District Council to follow those recommendations.

It is coming to Christmas Tree time again. The Council is planning to provide trees to those places that in the past have had them to display. Whereas until a couple of years ago the Council arranged for the trees to be illuminated, the illumination is now the responsibility of the owners. This seemed to work well last year and the Village looked very seasonal.

The mobile ‘Police Station’ seems set to visit the Village on the same day as the Parish Council meets - the second Thursday of the month. I stops outside the Post Office from 2.00 to 6.00pm and the Staff are there to answer questions that might arise. We do seem to have had more than our fair share of ‘non welcome’ visitors of late so everybody must ensure that their possessions are secure - particularly motor vehicles.

The Councillors, in their discussions on the Budget for next year, expressed concern with the costs of maintaining the Children’s Play Area. It is obviously important that the area is safe for play. Considerable expense is incurred with the repair of the play items but one very expensive item is the base which is desperately in need of the wood chips being topped up. The cost of the material alone is more than 12% of the Council’s total annual budget and if we have to pay for it to be laid that will be considerably more.

Arrangements are in hand for the supply of the material, but any persons who feel that they could assist with the task of spreading it around, are invited to contact the Parish Clerk - Jim Ruddock on 556263. (If you can not get him try me on 471342 and I will see that the Clerk gets your name). Here is an opportunity for parents, and others, to give a hand to ensure that the Play Area is maintained safely.

Last month mention was made of a possible visit from Bovington of an Officer to talk about the use of the road by the school. As of the date I write this, we have received no reply from the said Officer. That is not to say that he will not appear at our meeting on Thursday 8th November so if you are interested to hear him please do come along.

CM

ANOTHER GOLD!

Once again, Rowland Wait Touring Park has been awarded another Gold Award for commitment to conservation. This is the fifth conservation award the caravan park has received and the third gold one.

“Needless to say, we are absolutely delighted” said Bernard Hammick. You can get more information by visiting www.rowlandswait.co.uk.

DRAX HALL

By the time this is published we will have had our visiting ‘live’ theatre shows. I do hope that those people who attended them enjoyed the plays. During this month we have a Christmas Table Top Sale on Saturday 10th November and a Fashion Show on Thursday 15th November. Both of these events have been great successes in the past and we do hope that they will be well supported. Watch out for the posters. If you wish to support your Village Hall here are two good events.

Progress with the New Hall is still painfully slow in fact we have made no progress in the past four months. As soon as we have anything to report and discuss a meeting of the full committee will be called.

CM.
PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

General

This month I have three separate Council meetings to report on! The first was the normal monthly District Council meeting of Tuesday 18th September, which discussed a number of issues related to electronic government.

Electronic Government

In my new role as the "e" government member I have had two major projects that I have been working on over the last few months. The first was to find a replacement software supplier for the electoral software that records all the electorate in the district and effectively ensures everyone gets their voting card. The existing system supplier looked to be in trouble, as they wanted to charge us extra money to allow them to stay in business, and we were not sure they had the resources to build the next stage of their software, which was essential to the Council! So we were faced with a situation where we could easily not be able to maintain the electoral roll! A team of Council officers and myself reviewed all the available options and chose a new supplier who will allow us to improve the service we provide whilst not costing the Council taxpayers any more money.

This system has now been successfully installed and is working well – but we were worried for a while. The second project is the Purbeck District Council web site. We do not have one and in that respect we are well behind most other authorities. A web site is an essential tool to promote the region, especially for tourism. After extensive presentations and detailed reviews we have chosen a supplier (Redweb) who built the Poole web site; they will be starting work shortly. This project is being funded by government and should not add anything to the Council Tax. This is scheduled to be approved at the October Council meeting.

Special Council Meeting

A special Council meeting was called for Wednesday 26th September to review the plans for development of the land at Holton Heath and the land at Redbridge Pit. This was a very well attended meeting held at Sandford Middle School. A number of us lobbied hard for the Holton Heath site to go ahead with the bypass to be reinstated into the plans. This would ensure that the new traffic would not be directed along the A31, around to Bere Regis and then up Rye Hill – which would have happened for some of the newly generated traffic. A proposal that the project proceeds but that consideration be given to the reinstatement of the bypass, was passed by 23 votes to one. The Redbridge Pit site was voted against unanimously. This was a good job too, as this development would have had traffic again coming along the A31 and then through Bere Regis and Rye Hill to get to Redbridge Pit from the East of the County.
The Third Meeting!

Just when I thought nothing more could happen the developers for Holton Heath decided to pull out of the project! The members reviewed this a few days ago and there is a strong feeling that we should continue with the forthcoming Inspectors review of the plans. If we did not continue, all the work that various organisations have done in the locally affected villages would be wasted and they would have to do it all again! It would also mean that future developments, such as the ones proposed for Bere Regis, would be viewed again, on their individual merits, rather than being reviewed against the overall Local Plan (as it is called) which includes all the developments in the Region.

Trigon Hill Landfill Site

It has been proposed that a new landfill site be built at Trigon Hill — near the Silent Woman. I have joined a number of Councillors in opposing this on Health and Safety grounds. Lorry loads for this new site would come from all over the region and some would undoubtedly come along the A31 as well as through Bere Regis from the north of the County via Milborne St Andrew. I have objected strongly that West Street is completely unsuited to any further heavy traffic and that existing landfill sites should be used, as they are not yet operating to full capacity. This will be voted on at a future District Council meeting before being decided on at the County Council. I will keep you informed of progress on this.

Rye Hill

Following the introduction of the 40mph speed limit I have been approached by many people who are unconvinced the new restrictions have worked and that the speeding traffic still represents a real danger to pedestrians as well as being a noise and health hazard. I attempted to get County Hall to measure how effective the new speed limit was in slowing down the traffic, but there had been no audit conducted before the new speed limits were introduced - so we will never know how well they worked, if at all! I have now formally asked our County Councillor to request that consideration be given to the installation of a speed camera - probably mobile - on Rye Hill, near the school.

This he has now done although I am not impressed at the speed of action within County Hall and I suspect we will have to mobilise public opinion if we are to make progress on this issue.

Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are 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 any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come along. I may be unable to attend the next two surgeries for personal reasons but Arthur Soar will be standing in for me.
THANK YOU

Eric Jerrard

Jean and Judith would like to say thank you, to all who so kindly sent cards and letters of sympathy, and donations to Breakthrough Breast Cancer, received on the death of their Father, Eric.

GARDENING CLUB

The October meeting enjoyed a superb slide show of a year at Stourhead. On 6th November Brian Edwards will give a presentation on Veteran Trees. Tuesday 4th December will be the Christmas Party and reservations can be made with Adrian and Elaine on 471774. Tickets will be £5.50 each.

We are still desperately short of committee members and we would urge all of you to consider if you could lend a hand? The committee meetings are very casual, so if you would like to give it a try, please come along to Megan’s on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. You will be made very welcome.

Andy Morrison – 472343

CRIME WATCH

We have received information from Dorset Police that deliveries of ‘Yellow Pages’ will be taking place in our area between 5th and 23rd November. As everybody is aware, these books have to be left on the doorstep and are therefore a real indication of absent occupants to potential thieves.

Can we all be ‘good neighbours’ during this period, and keep a watchful eye on the homes of those around us, especially if we know that folk are away on holiday or even out at work. Break-ins are just as common in broad daylight, and opportunist thefts are a common occurrence.

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BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The following are translations of articles which appeared in the local newspapers in Cérences, following the visit of the Twinning Association.

Ouest France – Tuesday 25 September 2001

"Cérences

Twinning with England: a week-end of friendship and festivities

For two days, more than 60 Britons and their host families enjoyed a very friendly and very busy week-end in Cérences and the neighbouring villages. The twinning committee and the Council had joined together in order to prepare the welcome and organise the main events of this get-together in the village hall. "We hope that this friendship which was born five years ago will grow as the years pass" Bernard Hammick, chairman of the British committee, and Ruth Draycott, its secretary, said. Both will soon be leaving their posts, but the exchanges which took place this weekend augur well for the future.

A weather vane was presented to the Council. "It will adorn the roof of the future village hall" said Mme Gosselin, vice chairman of the Council.

On Saturday morning, the English children played with local children at the leisure centre, while their parents went to Granville market. On Saturday evening, Guinea Pig, a local youth band, entertained the crowd while drinks were served; they were followed by Strand Hugg who played during dinner and whose lively music and songs were enjoyed by all present.

On Sunday, there was a church service prepared in honour of the British families, which included French and English hymns as well as a translation of Pere Guyot’s address. Amongst the many activities enjoyed by the English were visits to local beauty spots, enjoyable meals eaten in the sunshine or visits to farms. It is worth pointing out that many new families with children had joined the "twinning faithful" and that for the first time a coach had been chartered from Bere Regis, proof that the following of these exchange visits is growing."

La Manche Libre – September 2001

“Twinning: the English in Cérences

The coach arrived a bit early, but happiness and smiles were present in abundance to welcome the English on the square of Cérences. A short stroll was all that was needed to stretch their legs as far as the village hall where a welcome drink was awaiting them. The week-end went too quickly, with visits to Granville market and many other activities. The Sunday church service alternated French and English hymns, and the address was translated into English. About 20 French and English children played together in the leisure centre, and 210 people got together on Saturday night in the village hall for a meal accompanied by local bands Guinea Pig and Strand Hugg. During the evening a hamper full of local specialities was won. Presents were exchanged as usual: a weather vane was presented to Mme Gosselin, as well as framed photographs of Bere Regis, and from the people of Cérences a decorated bottle of cider as well as sweets were presented to each English family.

Bernard Hammick, chairman of the Bere Regis twinning committee, as well as Ruth Draycott, its secretary, announced that they would soon be leaving their posts with the committee. Let’s hope that these founding members of the Cérences / Bere Regis exchange continue to visit their friends in Cérences."

Thanks to Caroline Hestau for both translations.

A correction to the forthcoming event list in last month’s magazine. The skittles evening will now be held on Saturday 24th November in the Royal Oak Skittle Alley. Tickets will be £5.00 for adults (£3.50 for youngsters) to include a basket meal. All members and friends will be very welcome. Please bring your photos from the visit. Please order tickets in advance from Alison on 471780, or Ruth on 471295 to assist with catering arrangements.

Alison Debenham – 471780
BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

As I said in my last report, myself, and others on the committee are standing down this year. Unfortunately, the turn-out for the AGM was less than great so it has been necessary to call an extraordinary general meeting.

We need to at least form a working party at this meeting to enable the Carnival to continue. If you feel you have an interest in seeing the Carnival survive please attend this meeting. You don’t necessarily have to give up a great deal of spare time to take part, but we do need some bodies.

If you have an interest in the Carnival, and indeed, the village, please come along to the E.G.M.

The meeting will be held at the Drax Hall on Tuesday 27th November at 8 pm.

It will be such a shame if, after all our hard work over the past five years cannot be continued.

Wendy Johnson – 01929 471803

A message from the Carnival Chairman

At the Carnival Annual General Meeting, it was with deep regret that most of the committee announced that they were standing down.

In order to have a Carnival next year a new committee must be formed.

If anyone is interested, please attend the Extraordinary General Meeting in the Drax Hall on Tuesday 27th November at 8pm.

Sincerely

Colin Greening – Chairman

Imperial Cancer Research Fund

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Mr John Watts will be giving a talk

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ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS – SW DISTRICT – COURT PROSPECT 6575

Presentation of Forester of the Year Award

Court Prospect 6575 are very pleased to announce that Sister Hazel Pole has been selected as Forester of the Year, for the South Western District. This is a very prestigious award in Foresteric terms and has been given to Hazel in recognition of her bravery and most generous gift of Bone Marrow.

Hazel Pole (nee Bartlett), a local girl from Sitterton, now living in Warham, became a Bone Marrow Donor in September last year. As her Father, Lewis Bartlett told the members of Court Prospect – the giving of Bone Marrow is quite an extraordinary thing. The whole exercise of just one bone marrow donation is a meticulously planned, precision-timed affair involving professionals from any different services working on a global scale to ensure that the donation reached the recipient within hours of its extraction from the donor.

A young Swedish man received the gift of Bone Marrow from Hazel – without it he would have died. At the time of the operation, donors are only given the name of the Country to which the donation is sent. No other details are released until such time that success is confirmed. Last year there were only 10 successful matches throughout the world! The parents and family of Hazel are justifiably proud and her friends and fellow Foresters feel very privileged to know and be associated with such a very generous person.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT RBL POPPY APPEAL 2001

Our Poppy Sellers will be calling from 27th October to 10th November. Collecting boxes will also be in shops, pubs, clubs, garages etc.

Last year’s collection raised £2,7223.69. May I thank all who gave so generously, our collectors, and all those who allowed us to put boxes on the premises and trust in your continued support.

Gordon Phillips, Honorary Poppy Organiser.

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ROYAL OAK GOLF SOCIETY (ROGS)

The September golf day took place at Queens Park golf club in Bournemouth. Over 18 members took part. The overall winner was Alan Lambert – nice to see a new face on the podium! Second place went to Mike Jones – your round Mike and third place to Paul Ebsworth. Nearest the pin was won by Richard Chivers and longest drive went to Russell White and there was a rollover for the 2’s.

The October day is the final match of the season and our thanks go to all the organisers and helpers for a good year of play.

The highlight of October was the ROGS annual tour – this year to Puerto Banus on the Costa del Sol. We played four fabulous courses – Estepona, Torrequebrada, Rio Real and Los Arqueros and had a whale of a time. The overall winner of the tour was Russell White (probably because he had less to drink than everyone else) who received his medal at the final night presentation at, would you believe, TGI Fridays!!! (Why go to Spain I ask myself?)

Many many thanks to our Captain, Guy Storey for all his hard work in organising this trip. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the partners who went along for the ride just about managed to keep the credit cards under control.

Martin Debenham

BERE REGIS W.I.

It was good to meet everybody following the August ‘break’.

For the September meeting we were joined by visitors, also members from Group and entertained by a talk on ‘The History and Art of Candle Making’. Mrs Murray, our speaker, also gave some insight into Victorian etiquette and social behaviour.

Accompanied by members from Briantspuddle WI we enjoyed a ‘Taster’ computer session. An interesting day which was helpful in removing the ‘fear’ of computing from the uninitiated!!!

20th November is the date of our next meeting, which will take the form of an AGM with social time.

We meet every third Tuesday of each month – 7.30 pm in the Drax Hall. Why not come and meet us – we are a friendly group and you would be most welcome.

Eileen Jutting - 472282

The Afternoon After the Night Before!

Top row L to R
Robbie Hall, Russell French, Captain – Guy Storey, Shaun Brady, President – Jim Corbin, Ali Hewitt.

Bottom row L to R
Roger Duncanson, Martin Debenham, Russell White, Mike Jones.

Missing – presumed in bar – Graham Price and Lyndon White

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The Singers have entertained The Salvation Army and Autumn Leaves Harvest Afternoon. We meet every Monday afternoon at 2.30 at Kath's, Larkspr, Snow Hill. Tel: 471175. Singers Welcome.
CHRISTMAS FAYRE for Autumn Leaves Fund at The Drax Hall, 24th November at 2 pm. Entry Free.
CHRISTMAS FASHION SHOW by Dress Code, Wareham will be held at The Drax Hall on 15th November at 7.30 pm. £2 including refreshments at door or Sally 471002 or Kate 471175.
CHRISTMAS TABLE TOP for Drax Hall Funds will be held on 10th November at 10 am. Entry Free – many stalls.

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The answers to these and many more of your questions will be on offer at

Age Concern Dorchester Winter Information Event

on Thursday 15th November, 10 am - 2 pm
at the United Church, South Street, Dorchester.

Admission free. Coffee available in United Church coffee lounge.

Everyone welcome.

If you would like further details, please contact Age Concern Dorchester, Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester 01305 269444.

THANK YOU - CIS AND FRED LEWIS

Fred and Cis thank all kind friends for helping us to celebrate our Golden Wedding by coming to see us. All the wonderful cards and gifts of flowers (I did say no gifts) but they came! Sorry if we did not have a conversation with you all, but it was a day we will never forget.

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BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

Praise and thanks go to our Creator God, and all who were enabled to contribute to our Harvest weekend events. The Chapel was beautifully decorated, the Ploughman’s Lunch was much enjoyed - and is an event that will be repeated, the Auction of goods was a jolly event in Tony Shave’s hands, and £160 was raised.

Joint Service with Tolpuddle and Dewlish

On Sunday 11 November, Bere Heath Methodist Chapel will be having a joint afternoon service with Tolpuddle and Dewlish Chapels at Tolpuddle at 3pm. Preacher Rev Alan Wickens.

Visit of District Chairman to Bere Heath

Our 3pm Chapel Service on Sunday 9 December will be conducted by Rev Tom Stuckey, Chairman of the Southampton Methodist District, and will include communion.

Carols by Candlelight

On Sunday 16 December at 6pm, Bere Heath Methodist Chapel will be having a Circuit Candlelight Carol Service to which all are invited. The collection will go to National Children’s Homes, and there will be mince pies and coffee after the service. Preacher Rev Alan Wickens.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’S’ CLUB

In October we had a pleasant afternoon when we were entertained by the Woodbury Hill Singers after which there was a harvest tea.

On Wednesday 14th November, Mr John England will be giving a slide show of Minorca. The competition is for a Bookmark.

On Saturday 24 November at 2.00pm in the Drax Hall we will be holding our Christmas Fayre. If you have any items e.g. Cakes, Jam or Christmas gifts please give them to Kath Jeeves.
A number of young people from Winterborne Kingston village have recently joined 'Lenny's'. However in the past, the club always attracted around six members from the village but in recent years there had only been the odd one or two. It is hoped that a few more will be able to travel over to Bere Regis, for the youth club each week, but transport of course is always a big problem.

The 'Wild West Night' took place on the 18 September, when a number of young members tried their hand at Rope Spinning and Lassoing each other. There were those with a good control of the rope but others simply found themselves completely tied in knots. Like all skills it is often much harder than it looks but all agreed it had been a great deal of fun.

Another 'Karaoke Night' takes place on the 16 October, when everyone gets to be their pop idol for at least a few minutes. It promises to be another evening of fun and laughter with everyone joining in. Then on the 23 there will be a game of 'What's My Line' between two teams. You know, where you have to guess the job that the challenger does, following a very brief mime. The end of the month is marked by a 'Halloween Party' with fancy dress, games and plenty to eat. Could be really scary for us of a nervous disposition, I fear.

November sees the start of swimming once again, on the first Wednesday of each month, until March. As usual the club will travel over to Blandford Leisure Centre, where the water slide is very popular with the young members. The Annual Talent Show will take place on the 13 November, with the winning act going through to the Dorset Youth Association County Finals in early December. Plastic Moulding takes place on the 20th, with the new annual and very popular "Carpet Bowls Challenge", against the ladies from the RBL Women's Section. After tasting defeat last year, the club member are keen to seek just revenge.

It is also hoped to enter a team in the 'Gladiators Challenge', being staged at Bovington Camp by the Dorset Youth Association on the 24 November. The competition involves teams of either, two males/four females or two females/four males, competing at four different events including Uni-hoc, Tug of War, Ball Control and a Three-Legged Race.
December includes an evening of Christmas Crafts on the 11th, when members will be able to make decorations and other seasonal goodies. This will be followed on the 18th with a "Christmas Party" to round off the club year, there will be no session on 25th due to the holidays. The youth club will reopen again on Tuesday 8 January 2002.

New members are always welcome, just pop into the legion club on any youth night, we will be glad to meet you.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader 01929 471693

**POP IN PLACE**

British Red Cross American Disaster Fund.

Thank you to everyone who supported this appeal launched by the Pop In Place. The total sent to the Red Cross was £286.35p. This was raised by collecting boxes in The Drax Arms and The Spar Shop, a Bingo morning at the Pop In Place and the determined efforts of Lynn Fancy a Pop In Place Team Member who staged a street collection directly following the tragedy.

Thank you once again to everyone who donated or helped out with the collection in any way.

Jumble Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Jumble sale in aid of the Dr's Surgery Equipment Fund. The total amount raised was £325. A very special thanks to Tony Shave for the auction.

BBC Children In Need Appeal.

On Friday the 16th of November the Pop In Place will he holding a Cockney Cafe in aid of The BBC Children In Need Appeal. The event will be held in the upper room of the Drax Hall from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Please come along and supports this worthy cause it's sure to be a good ol' knees up with a sing a long, piano playing and we also have a dance floor. There will be a cake stall, games and a raffle. You are even invited to dress up as a cockney character so don't be shy!

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Raffle prizes to Gwen Vowles 01929 472335
Singers or Sing a long tapes - Pam 01929 471931
Budding Dancers - Colin Smith 01305 851617.

Everyone is welcome to come along. If you are reading this and have to work that day donations can be given to Alison Bennett at 3 Rye Hill Close leading up to this event. Please put them in an Envelope and mark For Children In Need Appeal. Hope to see the rest of you there.

**The Sound of Music**

Saturday the 15th of December 3pm and 7pm

Reserve your tickets now to avoid disappointment. Telephone Denise Smith on 01929 471075 and get your name on the list. All In aid of The Bere Regis Dr's Surgery Equipment Fund.

Rehearsals for the Sound of Music cast are as follows. Please arrive promptly with your scripts and song books.

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The Sound of Music Performances Saturday the 15th December – 3.00 p.m. matinee and 7.00 p.m. evening showing.

Two dates for your Christmas diary are:

Pop In Place Prize Bingo Friday 7th December - eyes down 10.15 am
Pop In Place Christmas Festivities Friday 21st December 10 a.m. - 12 noon upper hall. Mince pies, bell ringers and carol singers.

Everyone is very welcome to all of our events.

For further details on the Pop In Place - call Alison 01929 472023
RECIPe OF THE MONTH
thanks to Pat House

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- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 2 teaspoons freshly milled black pepper
- 1 handful of parsley
- juice of 1 lemon

For Braising
- 2 onions chopped
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 pint stock chicken or lamb
- quarter of a pint of white wine
- 4 oz of non-soak dried apricots

Put all the marinade ingredients into a small blender and whiz together, spread the paste over the lamb shanks and leave for 2 hours.

Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole and cook the chopped onions slowly until soft, add the shanks with the paste, turn the heat up the medium and brown on all sides.

Add the stock, wine and apricots. The liquid should almost cover the meat. Cover tightly and simmer for 2 hours or until the meat is tender.
Serve with mashed potatoes and a green vegetable.
FIRE REPORT

Ten incidents since my last article:

- 1 heath fire and a bonfire out of control
- 3 standby duties
- 1 false alarm electrical
- 1 road traffic accident
- 1 chimney fire
- 2 car fires

With winter just around the corner I thought a few reminders regarding safety might be of some use. A quick risk assessment of your own and elderly relatives property could save embarrassment and inconvenience in the days ahead.

1. Have a check carried out on your vehicle, remembering four good tyres will make a significant difference in an emergency situation
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Gary Hewitt, Station Commander – 471185

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Saturday 3rd November at 7.30pm  Duruflé REQUIEM
With works by Bach, Barber, Finzi & Gowers
Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir & Soloists
At St. Mary's Church, Dorchester
Tickets: Music Box, Dorchester; Sue Wyatt 01722-710511; or at door

Sunday 4th November at 7pm  Fauré REQUIEM
And “Cantique de Jean Racine”. At Wimborne Minster for “All Saints and All Souls”
Wimborne Minster Choir & Chamber Orchestra, Wessex Singers
Tickets £5 at door

Saturday 17th November 2pm - 6.30pm  Handel MESSIAH (Choruses)
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Sunday 25th November at 6pm  ST. CECILIA CHORAL EVENSONG
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Anthem: "Think on me" Lady Scott
"I was glad when they said unto me" Herbert Brewer
"The Lord bless you and keep you" John Rutter

Saturday 8th December at 7.30pm  Handel MESSIAH
By candlelight
Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir and Players
St. Stephen's Church, Bournemouth
(Further details from Sue Wyatt 01722-710511)

Tuesday 18th December at 7pm  Britten CEREMONY OF CAROLS
With old & new Christmas music
Great Hall, Canford School
(Further details from Sue Wyatt 01722-710511)
(details correct at time of going to press!)

The Trust is sent details of many local musical events. We will endeavour to publish these in the parish magazine. Posters advertising concerts and other musical activities can be found in Bere Regis Parish Church porch. We endeavour to keep these reasonably up to date! Leaflets about all sorts of musical events (classical, jazz and “pop”) will be found on the table just inside the church door. For further details of any event published please contact 01929-471360, 07850-861415 or email tacmusic@supanet.com

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So British Summer Time has ended and the clocks have been put back one hour. The
dark nights of winter are with us once again.

I am sure we all have times when we wish we could put the
clock back in our personal lives, and not just for one hour,
but for a day or two or even a year or more! If only we could
have a re-run, a second chance, but alas we have only one
life to live here on this earth. There are so many 'if only's. If
only I had said 'no' instead of 'yes', or vice versa. If only I
had kept my mouth shut, if only I had done so and so, what a
difference it would have made. How we wish our second
thoughts would come first! Regrets, regrets, regrets.

If only someone had spotted the terrorists before the
catastrophic events in America on September 11th, had taken
place. The security checks at the airport were so lax it was
unbelievable. Now steps have been taken to alter that. It is so easy to be wise after
the event, isn't it? Hind sight is a wonderful thing. Now the dark nights of fear and
dread have gripped America, and much of the world too, as further terrorist attacks
are threatened.

If only we could see things from Almighty God's perspective and point of view. He
sees it all from a higher heavenly plane. Alas, we are earth bound mortals and mostly
can't see further than the end of our noses!

But wait a minute. Why then did Jesus come to earth from heaven two thousand
years ago, as the Bible tells us so clearly? Jesus said of Himself, I am the only Door
into My Father's kingdom, I am also the Good Shepherd of the sheep. The thief
comes only to steal and kill and destroy, but I have come that you may have life and
have it to the full. (John 10:7,10&11) Jesus also said, "I am the resurrection and the
life. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25) What will your answer be?

Our yesterdays have gone forever. How about today? We can live only one day at a
time, and we only have one life to live. Live today for Jesus, and make it count for
Him. Then do the same tomorrow, if He gives it to us. Either way we will be with
Jesus Christ for ever. Now that will be continuous 'summer Son-shine time'!

Rev Ray Heoley, 12 South Mead. 471443
Football reports

Saturdays

Bere Regis 2 Allendale 4

After an 8-2 defeat the previous week the Saturday team really needed a lift and with ten minutes gone Tony Lumsden provided just that with a smart opening goal. Defensive frailties were soon evident again, though, as Allendale equalised and then immediately after, took the lead. Harsh words in stereo from the dynamic duo at half time should have made some difference, but didn't as two more goals from Allendale put the game beyond Bere's reach. A late consolation goal from 'Manny' Pettitt gave a bit more respectability to the scoreline, but in the end Bere ran out worthy losers.

Forest Inn 1 Bere Regis 1

Caught colder than a naked eskimo, Bere were behind within two minutes against an unknown Forest side. Things did not look good, but Bere soon clawed their way back into the game and were soon peppering the Forest goal. Sean Cope came close on a couple of occasions and even Dean Rogerson registered a 30 yard effort on goal that the keeper just managed to keep out. Despite the pressure, Bere kept their supporters waiting until the 80th minute before netting the equaliser. It was 'Manny' Pettitt again who showed a remarkable calm in front of goal to give Bere a share of the points. Bere even managed to score what they thought was the winner, but were denied by a sharp eyed linesman who, I am sure, gave a fair and reasonable decision in the absence of his glasses.

Bere Regis 0 Kingston Lacey 2

Perhaps the trick is to start the games 15 minutes earlier, or perhaps Bere need to wake up 15 minutes earlier on a match day, either way the team was caught napping at the start of the game again and it cost them all the points this time. Two goals from Lacey's nippy forward in the first quarter of an hour meant that Bere had a mountain to climb at a time when the team had been struggling to manage the smallest molehill. With Lacey happy to sit back and defend Bere controlled the rest of the game, but could not break a defence stronger than any Taliban resistance. Another defeat and the manager is nervously looking over his shoulder at the wrong end of the table fast approaching.
Bere Regis 5 Forest Inn 2 ast
(Junior Cup)

This game had everything. Goals, action, skill, crowd violence, sex......well no not sex really, just checking if you were still reading. It was, though, everything a good cup match should be. Brought forward to a midday kick off because of the small matter of an up and coming England match you would have thought Bere would have started even more slowly than in previous games. Sean Pettitt soon bucked this trend, thank goodness, to give Bere an early lead for once. This they held for a full half hour before a lapse of concentration at the back allowed Forest to equalise.

The score remained this way for most of the game and the management, sensing a certain stakeness, introduced fresh legs and a fresh face with almost immediate results as the substitute put Bere in front. Bere looked in control and as time ran out so did Forest's ideas until, with two minutes to go, a needless free kick was conceded and Forest grabbed a dramatic late equaliser courtesy of a Dean Rogerson blunder to force extra time. After quarter of an hour and much huffing and puffing the scores were still level and, with time ticking away, the managers were seriously considering their penalty takers. One last throw of the dice by Bere's management team was enough to swing the game, though. With the team lacking inspiration and needing a Gascoigne or a Best, who better to have on your bench than Kevin 'Boudewijn' Curtis.

The move soon reaped benefits as Sean Pettitt latched on to a wonderful through ball and lobbed the ball perfectly over the onrushing keeper and into the goal. This was soon followed by a magnificent third as an inspirational Kev Curtis linked his way through two tackles and curled a magnificent pass with the outside of his boot to Sean Cope. Sean took the ball on a few paces before driving the ball back across the goal to the back post where Kev Cox steamed in like a train and hammered the ball into the top corner of the goal. A pleasure to watch and even more fun to see Kev Cox perform a Steven Gerrard goal celebration, then lie there for a full minute before he realised nobody was rushing to hug him. Must be the aftershave Kev!

There was still time for some controversy at the other end as Burt gave a marginal offside and was called a banker for his troubles, or something like that. The Forest player in question soon retreated back to the comfort of his own half when Burt asked him to repeat it and seemed fairly relieved when Burt was held back by Bere's supporters, as he made Gordon Strachan look positively angelic. Sean Cope put the icing on the cake with a cool finish and Bere could look forward to the next round of the cup.

Sundays
Bere Regis 4 Broadstone Hotel 2

'Never change a winning side' is the old maxim and coming off of a convincing 4-0 win the previous week you would think that would be true. 'Shut up and do as I say' is Mr Macklin's maxim and who are we to argue as the changed side sent Broadstone to the sword. The return of the cricketers and the Vaters meant a change in formation which almost proved calamitous in the first few minutes as an unknown Broadstone team ran riot. Mark Gale crashed a header off his own bar and then received an elbow on the nose which improved his temper, and his looks, no end.

Playing with the wind at their backs Broadstone looked much the better side and took the lead midway through the half as their forward turned on a sixpence, or was it a dog turd, and finished clinically. A few chances were spurned, notably a header from young Vater that he curiously tried to chest into the net, but at half time Bere looked sunk.

The second half was a different story. Bere looked more like the side of old with hard tackling, assured passing and quicksilver movement. They equalised courtesy of last season's top scorer Danny Vater, who was is the right place to stab home after Andy had stung the keeper's fingertips. However, in a scene reminiscent of Greece vs England, Broadstone soon took the lead again thanks to our resident clown, I mean keeper, Terry 'Paddles' Vater. He soon showed us that he is not a one-trick pony but a no-trick donkey, as in trying to dribble round their centre forward he lost the ball and, despite saving the initial shot, was flat footed for the rebound. This only prompted Bere to redouble their efforts and allowed Wayne Cope to show us what he is truly capable of. From fully 35 yards out he conjured up a majestic strike that flew into the top corner and left the keeper standing.

Bere never looked back from that moment and Danny Vater was the man of the moment again as he, firstly, stole the lead for the first time and then completed his hat trick soon after with a wonderful solo effort. There was just time for Bere's 'entfant terrible' to make a clear run on goal, beat the keeper and then fall over unchallenged in front of an open goal to keep his fans entertained, but let us not dwell on that.

Two wins out of two and Bere were on their way.

P & K Sports 2 Bere Regis 1

Stag nights always cost the Regis dear and this week was no exception. The entire midfield looked as if they were auditioning for 'Zombies, Dawn of the Dead' as they stumbled their way through one of the worst Bere performances for years. P & K were eminently capable of playing football and the disappointment for the suicidal manager was that Bere let them.
Lucky to be only 1-0 down at half time Nick exhorted his team to pull their socks up, but even this meagre task was beyond them. Expected to raise their game in the second half Bere could just about raise a leg and it was no surprise when P & K extended their lead early in the half. The team as a whole found passing the ball as difficult as passing a pub and were lucky to still be in contention with 5 minutes to go. However, urged on by their senior ‘Headmaster’ they nicked a late goal as Dan Walter’s shot was plucked out of the air in style by a defender for a clear penalty. Mark Gale slotted the ball home but too late as Bere only had time for one more shot on goal.

A comprehensive defeat with the only consolation for the manager being that Bere would find it difficult to play that badly again.

Bere Regis 0 Hamworthy Lions 4

Hamworthy Lions were the runaway leaders of the league and arrived at Bere Rec with the proud record of maximum points and an average of 8 goals a game. Bere are generally happy to have 8 players, let alone 8 goals, a game but still fancied their chances of upsetting the form book. This was reinforced when, against the wind, Bere, more than matched their opponents in all departments and could indeed, have taken the lead early on. A team of the Lions’ quality only need half a chance, though, and some slack marking at a free kick allowed that chance with Dean left helpless from a point blank header.

Bere continued to give as good as they got until a bizarre refereeing decision gifted Hamworthy their second goal. Bere’s veteran defender Darren Spivey had neglected to cover his wedding ring and was banished to the sidelines to remove it, obviously the vows should now be ‘Till death, or a pedantic Sunday referee, do us part’. Down to ten men until play stopped Bere were caught out at the back and were left 2-0 down and seething at half time.

With the wind at their backs Bere normally turn the game around in such situations, but not this week. Lions were simply too good as they passed their way out of trouble and Bere were left chasing shadows. The lead was increased midway through the second half as a deep cross was met perfectly at the back post and the game was killed off with ten minutes to go as a slick move gave Lions yet another one on one with Dean, which the forward duly despatched. Bere spurned some late chances for a consolation goal, but at the end of the day could not argue with the final score.

As Lions quickly phoned and texted for inside information on other games in the league (not that I am suggesting they are trophy hunters) Bere could at least comfort themselves on a more convincing performance than the previous week. Although simply not turning up would have been an improvement on that, so still some work to do for the hardest working manager in the league.

Bovington Challengers 1 Bere Regis 5

Playing the army is always an adventure. You never quite know where you are changing (the back of Paddles’ van this time) or who you are playing (a weakened side, for obvious reasons). However, the teams still looked fairly evenly matched before the game as many Bere players nursed hangovers from the celebration of England’s 2-2 thrashing of Greece. Bere had the supposed misfortune of playing against a driving wind in the first half, but in this topsy turvy game this worked to their advantage. Any through ball from the opposition tended to shoot through the defence like an Exocet into the relatively safe hands of Paddles and it was Bere who ruled the half.

An early goal settled the nerves as a hopeful cross from Johnny Cleall bounced like a ping pong ball over the keeper and into the net. This had the unfortunate consequence that Johnny had nobody to moan at afterwards, but that did not stop him as, in the strangest goal celebration I have ever seen, he berated his forwards for not getting on the end of the cross. A severe case of Pre Match Tension, I think! This was soon followed by the unusual sight of a headed goal from Danny Vater as he rose like a phoenix to power a precision corner into the net. Bovington pulled one back soon after thanks to a lapse in concentration by Daddy ‘I couldn’t even catch anthrax’ Vater as he dropped the ball straight to an eager centre forward who calmly tucked it away.

Luckily, we had the other Vater in the team who rose to the occasion again by heading another corner in, just to show the first one wasn’t a fluke. Bere were fully in charge by now and extended their lead as, with a little bit of the green for once, a harsh hand ball decision in the penalty area allowed Mark Gale to get on the score sheet once again. The ‘coup de grace’ for the half was left to Chris Oram as he robbed an over eager defender in style and clipped the ball round the onrushing keeper with aplomb. 5-1 at half time and the game was all over bar the shouting. That was provided by Bovington in the second half, but stout defending from Bere, including a goal line clearance from Spivey after a magnificent save from Paddles, kept the scores the same.

Bere could have extended their lead on a couple of occasions but Dan did not have his shooting boots, whilst Rob White was lucky not to be booked for his dying Swan impersonation in the penalty area that was greeted with howls of laughter rather than howls for a penalty. A 5-1 win for Bere was just the tonic needed after a bad couple of weeks and some top of the table clashes looming.

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November 2001
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BARN DANCE

Congratulations to Jenny Lightfoot who organised a wonderful barn dance on 29th September. Sixty people had a wonderful time and as usual enjoyed the delicious farm house supper that Jenny with the assistance of Jenny Beedle had prepared. The hall looked beautiful. It had been decorated with corn, hops and berries. Ivor and his band provided stirring music and directed the dancing. Katy Lightfoot celebrated the passing of her nursing exams and organised a raffle for the benefit of Joseph Weld Hospice which raised over £100. After all the expenses were paid £202.39 was raised for hall funds.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Forthcoming Events –

Don’t forget the village skittles on Saturday 3rd November. All money raised on the night from the entry fees and raffle go to Cancer Care Dorset.

Tuesday 6th November – Tuesday Club at 2.30 pm.

Thursday is Bingo Night (none on the 1st November).

Saturday 10th November – Quiz Night with a raffle for the Poppy Appeal

Saturday 1st December - Christmas Prize Bingo in the Village Hall. Visitors welcome. 8.30 Eyes Down!

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Barn Dance and Farmhouse supper was again a great success. Tickets were sold out well before the evening’s events and all who came enjoyed both the delicious food and the dancing (if you could call it that). I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Eric Rolls for helping me with the raffle, which was held to raise funds for The Joseph Weld Hospice. I would also like to thank all those who donated prizes and of course bought raffle tickets at the Barn Dance. A total of £117.53 was raised.

Thank you sir, Katy Lightfoot

Hall representatives have contacted Wareham Online. It was felt that enough people had indicated an interest in IT instruction when surveyed to merit some classes. To this end, we are arranging FREE ‘Computer Taster’ sessions in the Village Hall. These can be followed if there is sufficient interest in the community, by a session of classes. The two sessions available are ‘Computers Don’t Bite’ and ‘Webwise’.

So ... please note; FREE Computer Taster Sessions at Briantspuddle Village Hall. Everyone welcome - just drop in, no booking required.

Dates for daytime sessions;

Wed 14th November

Wed 21st November

Wed 28th November

Wed 5th December

Between 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Dates for evening sessions;

Thurs 15th November

Thurs 22nd November

Between 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Contact Cheryl Riggs 01929 550844 with any queries.
Keep fit classes were another activity with a popular following on the survey forms, and we are planning an introductory class for people to get an idea of what is involved on Saturday 17th November 11.30 - 12.30. This is being arranged on a Saturday to give as many people as possible the opportunity to 'have a go'. Classes can be arranged as a follow on (daytime or evening) if enough people have an interest to carry it forward. The cost of the class is £2.00 for the hour and is suitable for a wide range of ages, concentrating as it does on body toning rather than strenuous workouts. Phone 471498 to arrange a place at the introductory class.

The possibility of Pilates Yoga lessons is being explored, but the price of these classes is rather higher than the Keep Fit. At £10.00 for an introductory session of up to 2 hours duration, which includes an individual assessment, this may be more than people would be prepared to pay. Pilates is not difficult, and the focus is on strengthening the deep postural muscles. A set of 6 weekly classes costs £38.00 (+Hall hire) and seven participants are necessary to make it worthwhile for the instructor. If you are interested in this activity please phone 471498. If there proves to be enough interest we can follow it up.

Other interests noted on the survey forms are being explored so watch this space for more information.

The plans which were put before the community in August are now going forward for submission to Purbeck District Council planning department.

**AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Once more, the first thing I must do is to apologise. It has been pointed out to me that the last Parish council report gave the wrong impression about the involvement of County Councillor Mr Shakesby in the ongoing debate on the status of the B3390. Whilst, it was true that Mr Shakesby was not present at the September Council meeting, he did tender his apologies, and, it must be noted, that he has been working to try to resolve the situation that has for so long exercised this Council. As the author of the extract concerned I regret any misunderstanding caused by it.

At the October meeting of the Council, after much discussion, it was decided that the plans for the improvement of The Village Hall and Social Club drawn up in late July, should be submitted to Purbeck District Council planning department. Files will be distributed throughout the Parish, so that everyone is aware of the situation, and has the opportunity to make their views known to the appropriate authority.

**Verge cutting**

The early verge cutting that caused so much consternation this year was a result of the Foot and Mouth epidemic. Apparently, wet winter weather and spring sunshine combined to give lush verge growth. This growth was putting dog walkers and others forced to use highways instead of paths at risk. (Rights of Way were closed, if you remember) Mr Courtier is coordinating with Joy Wallis of Dorset Wildlife Trust, to ascertain whether there are any more verges within the locality, which would benefit from protection.

**B3390**

Due to uncertainty over Railtrack's future, and the presence of important ecological sights on the alternative route from West Stafford there is no chance in the near future, that the status of the entire length of the road can be settled. The Parish Council insists that the Waddock Cross to Affpuddle section of the road is so dangerous that it merits separate consideration, and will continue to press for this.
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Open Day - Saturday 3rd November

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The shop will be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm where you will be able to sample some of the local and organic produce on sale. Demonstrations of the art of hurdle making will be going on throughout the day at the shop and you can see the piglets playing.

In the evening, we are having a Hog Roast and B-B-Q at Rye Hill Farm. There will be live entertainment from Jim Etherington and fireworks later in the evening.

Tickets for the evening are £2 for adults and 50p for children under 14. Profits from the sale of the hog roast and B B Q will go to the Bere Regis First School so please do support this event.

Tickets from Pampered Pigs Pantry and local shops in Bere Regis.

ARTSREACH AND PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL

At the time of going to press the supper and film show has not yet taken place. There will be a report in next month's magazine.

Don't forget to keep Saturday 15th December free. Ray Sargent will be presenting 'Two Victorian Tales'. Ray recounts Hardy's chilling story 'The Three Strangers' and this is coupled with his adaptation of Dickens 'The Signalman'. Tickets costing £4.50 will be on sale from the middle of November from, me - Philippa Thornley.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Police have warned yet again about vandalised phone boxes and thefts from garden sheds. Once again be vigilant and report any suspicious incidents to the Police and keep sheds, garages and outbuildings locked up.

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Three cyclists from Alfpuddle took part in this year’s ride and between them raised £308 from sponsorship. Half this amount (£154.) has now been received by Alfpuddle Church.

Thank you to Penny and Jonathan Haigh for taking part; Lindy Ventham for taking me and my bicycle to Winterbourne Abbas so that I could start from there; to all who sat in the church during the day to welcome cyclists and to the many people who sponsored us.

David Payne (Parish Organiser)

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.L.

Our October Meeting was our 13th Birthday Party and was a huge success, so thank you to everybody who took part.

Five friends from other W.I.s enjoyed with us the songs from the Serenade Singers - nine ladies who took us through popular songs from the 1950s to the '80s, finishing with a spirited rendering of 'Chattanooga Choo Choo'. Of course there had to be an encore and the words of 'Que Sera Sera' were distributed so the performance ended with community singing (wistful memories of Doris Day?).

After an excellent supper, the President reminded us of the November meeting, which is the A.G.M., when the new Committee is elected. We hope for a good attendance from our membership, which now numbers twenty-one. After the business meeting we shall sample foods made to members favourite recipes and hope to be given copies of the recipes too!

This will be on Wednesday 7th November and, as usual, visitors will be welcome.

Mary Bentley
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November
3rd  Bere Regis Churchyard Tidy-Up  10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
6th  Gardening Club – Veteran Trees  8.00 p.m.
8th  Dorset Wildlife Trust Coffee Morning  10.30 a.m.
10th Xmas Table Top for Drax Hall Funds  10.00 a.m.
14th Autumn Leaves talk on Minicar  2.30 p.m.
15th Christmas Fashion Show for Drax Hall funds  7.30 p.m.
24th Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar, Drax Hall  2.30 p.m.
24th Conservative Pre-Christmas drinks party  7.00 p.m.
26th Bere Regis PCC meeting in the Church  7.00 p.m.
30th Cyril Wood Court Annual Craft Fayre

December
1st/2nd Cyril Wood Court Annual Craft Fayre
2nd FOBRS Christmas Fayre  2.30 p.m.
4th Gardening Club Christmas Party  8.00 p.m.
8th Xmas Coffee morning at Cyril Wood Court in aid of Church  10.30 a.m.
12th Autumn Leaves Christmas afternoon, Drax Hall  2.30 p.m.
15th Pop in Place Christmas Production, Drax Hall

June 2002
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NOVEMBER
10th  FOBRS quiz - 8.15 pm
17th  Function
24th  Function
26th (Mon)  Senior Citizens party

DECEMBER
1st  Mixed pairs darts competition – 8 pm
3rd (Mon)  Womens Section Carol Service
8th  Christmas Quiz – 8.15 pm
15th  Christmas Draw
26th (Wed)  Dice Horse Racing – 12.15 start

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