THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

October 2001

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A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

Having been responsible for fourteen churches over the past thirty nine years, I am used to moving. Of the fourteen churches, eight are now shut down. Thankfully, this was not due to me, but to downsizing of the Empire. But it has made me immune from self indulgence. ‘The graveyard is full of indispensable people’ became my attitude years ago.

Of course, being the vicar of a benefice for nine years is a bit different. It is the equivalent of four army ‘ postings’. So my attachment is very strong to you all, and moving this time will be difficult. I have the double problem; ‘What am I going to do?’ and ‘How will I live with my past?’

Every person retiring has to cope with these questions, and each of us will respond differently. A doctor, when he retires, ceases to ‘practise’. He becomes out of date very quickly. But I have noticed in these parishes, carpenters and plumbers who have ‘retired’, still working. People with so called ‘smart’ professions become ‘consultants’. I have decided to have what teenagers call a ‘Gap Year’!

As to the question, ‘How will I live with my past?’ this is more difficult. A new word has come into vogue - ‘Audit’. It used to be a word applied to auditors, who looked at financial matters, but now it applies to many areas of life. Firms and government offices, even little parish councils, want to examine the past and present and then look at aims, directions and predictions.

Each one of us is different, but most people are conscious of physical deterioration - a little running out of steam, little brown spots beginning to appear on the hands, also mental deterioration - names elude us more easily. My family are prone to remind me that my brain cells have been dropping off like dandruff for many years! Now, instead of having ‘growing pains’, I have joined those with ‘shrinking pains’.

A little “audit” is called for, because I have observed the dangers. I have seen people who won’t ‘let go’. They cling on to every position and office. They need to have power. They pretend to themselves that they are being responsible or philanthropic. I have observed those who are angry. It is a sad phenomenon. It is often a symptom of the successful. For some reason or other, they become sour, embittered, disillusioned, or resentful. Old men can become “grumpy” instead of “grampa”. To be angry at past failures, lost opportunities, poor behaviour, is futile.
The rocking chair is so attractive, but it is also dangerous. To pack it all in, to give up, to leave everything to others, to relax, to have no great passion, to become incognito, unknown in the community, to sit in the rocking chair and vegetate, this is very attractive. My salvation lies in my wife, who has other ideas.

How spiritually mature are we? For a clergyman this is another problem. We know so much. Talk to me about the gospel of St Luke, and I will give you the answers. I know the Liturgy. My wife has rarely sat with me in church. When we have, she complains bitterly because she says I fidget! I have led worship for forty years; now I am to be led. Now I have to pray, on my knees, and listen to someone else. How spiritually mature am I?

I am helped by a verse in the bible. It is one of the "Thoughts of St Paul". He wrote this about 2000 years ago:

"We need not be weary;
Though outwardly our body decays,
Spiritually we can be renewed day by day."

It probably won’t work out, but the thought of being spiritually renewed day by day is a good one.

Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity over the nine years.

Graham Roblin

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CHURCH SERVICES in October

Sunday 7th October Harvest Festival
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival Service (Affpuddle)
- 6.00 p.m. Harvest Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 14th October Trinity 18
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 21st October Trinity 19
- 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 28th October St Simon & St Jude
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. An informal evening service (Bere Regis)

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)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Ringing practices have started again on Wednesday evenings from 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.

John England – 471469

"MIND THE WORLD" GROUP

Once again, the Mind the World group will be holding its annual Traidcraft Coffee Morning on Wednesday 17th October from 10.30 a.m. at Cyril Wood Court.

There will be all the usual attractive gifts and this is the ideal opportunity for you to do all your Christmas shopping early. Entry is only 50p, which includes coffee, so come along and see what we have to offer.

Eileen Bangay – 471724

HARVEST FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2001

As has been the custom in the past few years, Bere Regis celebrates the Harvest Festival on the first Sunday in October. The Harvest Supper is held in the Church after the 6.00 p.m. evensong service.

This year is a special one, as we will be saying farewell to Penny and Graham Roblin, this being his last service in the parish. The ‘thank-you’ presentation will be made at this event to which you are all invited.

INTERREGNUM ARRANGEMENTS AT BERE REGIS

As you will see from the note regarding the Harvest Festival celebrations on Sunday 7th October, this will be Graham Roblin’s last service here. During the period when we do not have a vicar in the Benefice, services will be taken by local retired clergy or lay reader.

It is hope to retain most of the normal services but, in order not to overstretch our requests for help, there will not be a 6.00 p.m. evensong service on the 3rd Sunday at Bere Regis.

All enquiries, which would normally be routed to the Vicar, should be initially made to the Churchwardens – John House (551266) or John England (471469). An outline of the process of selecting a successor to Graham is included in the Alfpuddle Church News.
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Children
There is going to be a FUN activity AFTERNOON on Saturday October 13th at 2.15pm to 4pm in Bere Regis Parish Church

If you are between the ages of 4 and 10 you will be most welcome.

There will be craft work, music and stories. Please notice that this one will be in the afternoon because the church is being used for a wedding that morning

Come along and bring your friends and enjoy yourselves. There will be refreshments and it is all free as usual.
MOTHERS' UNION

At our September meeting in Turberville Court, the Reverend Kathleen Baldwin, the Blandford Methodist minister, inspired us when she told us about her life and travels and how the Lord had led her to become ordained two years ago in Ely Cathedral.

In October, Pam Wood, our Deanery Chairman, will be visiting us when the speaker will be Mary Turner – talking about the Sudan. Visitors are most welcome.

We will be celebrating 125 years of the Mothers’ Union at evensong on Sunday 28th October, when everyone is welcome to join us.

Brenda Pittfield 471391

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Fairtrade Christmas cards and wrapping paper will be on sale in the Church on the following Sundays – October 21st – 10.30. October 28th – 12.00. November 4th – 10.30. November 11th – 12.00. Stock up with supplies, and at the same time, make a real difference to someone else’s Christmas! The profits from the sale of these items will go directly to support the innovative work undertaken in developing countries by Christian Aid, CAFOD, SCIAR and Traidcraft.

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

INTERREGNUM ARRANGEMENTS AT AFFPUDDLE

You will all be aware that the Vicar’s last service at Affpuddle before his retirement will be the Harvest Festival at 11.00am on Sunday 7th October. Arrangements for selecting his successor are well in hand. All the necessary paperwork required by the Diocese has been completed and returned in conjunction with Bere Regis and all being well the living will be advertised in the week beginning 14th October. It is then expected that interviews will take place towards the second half of November. The preferred candidate will then be recommended to the Bishop for presentation and, provided he approves, the appointment will be made. However it is unlikely that we will have anyone in place until March/April at the earliest as the new incumbent will need to give three months notice to their present parish.

Meanwhile arrangements are being made for the normal pattern of Sunday services to continue with the kind help of a number of retired clergy. The PCC are most grateful to the Rev’d Ewen Pinsent from Child Okeford, the Rev’d Gordon Woolveridge from Winfrith and the Rev’d Robin Ferguson from Wareham for their assistance. Detailed arrangements for future months and any necessary changes to the normal pattern will be published in this magazine.

From Monday 8th October if anyone has a query or has particular requirements which they would normally refer to the vicar they are asked to contact either of the Churchwardens, Paul Badecock or John Sally.

HARVEST FESTIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Church will be decorated on Saturday 6th October between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. Gifts of flowers, foliage and fresh fruit and vegetables, pots of jam and tinned and packet food etc. (no perishable foods please) are requested. As usual all the harvest produce donated will be taken to the Leonard Cheshire Homes in Dorchester on the Monday following to be used for the benefit of the residents.

Please note the Homes no longer have a use for the giant harvest festival marrows which unless another use can be found for them will be put on the church compost heap.

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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

Before the commencement of business at the September meeting the Council recorded its condolences to those affected by the recent events in New York and Washington and observed a few moments of silence in their honour.

PC Stuart was in attendance and both Councillors and Parishioners informed him of the disturbances that they and residents experienced from noisy pedestrians in West Street and North Street during the silent hours, particularly on Fridays. It was thought that the perpetrators were frequenting the garage to obtain food after the pubs had closed. Incidents commented on in addition to noise were the knocking on doors and windows. The Parishioners stated that they had tried to contact the Police but to no avail. PC Stuart regretted the lack of response but added that at that time of night there were only a few constables available to cover the whole of the Wareham Police District. However he did ask that residents persist in their endeavours to contact the Police as there was bound to be a time when the Police would be there whilst the incidents of disorderly behaviour were occurring. He stated that the garage was visited from time to time in the night to check on the safety of the Staff.

The Council has decided to obtain a number of bins to enable dog owners to dispose of faeces otherwise left on walkways etc. Initially three bins will be obtained and will be positioned strategically in popular dog walking areas. They will be emptied by the District Council on a regular basis and the overall situation will be observed to see whether a reduction in the nuisance has been achieved and whether more bins need to be sited.

The Council is in the process of preparing an Appraisal of the Conservation Area. This Appraisal is required, and should have been undertaken by the District Council, as part of their presentation of the Local Plan. However it was not done and the small amount that the District Council have since produced was not to a very good standard. Thus a combined team from the Parish Council, Bere for All and BRRAD have joined forces and produced an amended version of the District document. This is by far a superior document as it is being produced by local people who know the subject well. In passing it was surprising to learn for example that the District Council seemed unaware of Mr Pittfield’s superb book on Bere Regis that was published in 1978. This was three years before the creation of the Conservation Area that came about as a result of the provision of the by-pass.

The Council has received a response from the Army at Bovington concerning the passage of armoured vehicles on Rye Hill. They explain in their letter that their driver training has got to include periods on public roads in preparation for their operations in the Balkans. They went on to offer to visit the Parish Council at a meeting to explain their activities further and their willingness to meet with Parishioners. Thus the Council is contacting Bovington with the intention of inviting the writer of the letter to the November meeting. Confirmation of this arrangement will be included in next months report.

Sadly the New Hall Committee is still awaiting a letter from the Scouts concerning their interest in a joint project with the Village. A letter stating their agreement in principle has been received with a promise of their detailed requirements to follow. Until we know the details, on paper, it is no use taking the next step. Therefore at this rate it is anticipated that the NHC will meet at the end of October on the 31st. A notice to this effect will be issued when the reply from the Scouts is received.

The meeting between the Bere for All Group and Parish Council was reported. The two groups identified common interests and the way forward in overcoming some of the problems that had arisen from the proposals particularly concerning the provision of a cycle area on Souls Moor. The Council has no desire to upset the Parishioners living in the immediate neighbourhood and so the meeting endeavoured to compromise between the two factions. It was suggested that the cycle area be positioned on the west of Egdon Close near to the gateway in the hedge. The SNCL on the northern side of the Moor would need protection in the form of a fence. However before we can proceed further it is necessary to obtain the approval to this from the Dorset Wildlife Trust and this is currently awaited. If that approval is obtained the Council will approach the Parishioners again to seek their agreement at a Public Meeting. After that we have to obtain the approval of the District Council before we can permit the youngsters to create their cycle track.

The Council recorded its appreciation for the Incumbency of the Ven.Graham Roblin OBE during the past nine years and wished he and Mrs Roblin their best wishes for a very happy retirement.

CM
DRAX HALL

The Hall is as busy as ever and it is interesting to see that inquiries for its use from outside the Village often calls for a ‘juggling match’ to fit them in. This is good as it helps in the financial support for the Hall where one endeavours to get the hirings to pay for the bulk of the running expenses.

On October 17th into October we have a comedy double billing - ‘Personal Columns’. This performance is in fact two plays concerning newspaper columns. In ‘Obituaries’ two inmates of a Nursing Home keep each other amused by betting on the frequency of the words ‘suddenly’ and ‘peacefully’ appearing in the death columns of the national newspapers. They also write their own death notices and each other’s imaginary (and larger than life) obituaries. The truth is seedier than these pearly fantasies, and when betrayal and rivalry are sparked off by a royal visit to the nursing home the comedy turns very black indeed.

The other play in this duo is ‘GSOH’ also deals with the world of newspaper columns but in this case the absurdities, fantasies, desires and sadness of the lonely heart advertisements. It is the story of two hopeful lovers, each seeking the ideal partner, who discover the thrills of the chase to be more substantial than real relationships.

Both plays are beautifully written and should be very good entertainment.

Also for the children - of all ages - on the 30th we have a puppet show. Martin Bridle - remember ‘A Fishy Tale’ - returns to us with ‘The Emperor’s New Clothes’. It will be half term for the children and a wonderful entertainment for anybody who wishes to come.

Tickets for all performances from the Maunder’s at 15 North Street. Tel. 01929 471342.
PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

General
The District Council meeting of Tuesday 21st August discussed a number of items of interest to our area that are listed below.

Council Meetings
The proposal to hold these meetings at a venue other than Wareham was debated and defeated. A great pity, but I have been assured that this does not preclude the holding of Council Meetings at other locations if there is a particularly special occasion - or the holding of meetings at various points in Purbeck to explain Council policies (such as Council Tax).

Ethical Standards Committee
The Reverend WG Blakey of Wareham and Dr. Richard S Peckover (UKAEA Winfrith) have now been appointed as the two independent members to serve on the Standards Committee for an initial period of two years. I will report on these meetings when they take place.

Electronic Government.
I have now been officially appointed as the Council’s e-government Champion. I hope to be able to use my 30 years experience in the computer industry to improve on the current use of IT in Purbeck and to ensure we develop and use cost effective solutions to real problems. I also intend to monitor closely the Council’s expenditure in IT to make sure our money is being well spent. We have approved a report - as required by government - to produce an outline plan for delivering electronic government by 2005. The aim of this is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of all public services that PDC provide as well as making them more accessible to local people and preventing a “digital divide” (their words) from developing. This project will be primarily funded by government and will be led by a group of officers and members of which I expect to be one in my “Champion” role. I also hope to be involved in a variety of other IT related projects and will report back on these at a later date when the full Council has approved them.

Communications
A lot of people have talked to me over the last few months asking me to look into various situations. This frequently involves me in long and sometimes tortuous conversations with a variety of agencies in the County. Sometime the results can be frustratingly slow in coming, but I ask you to bear with me whilst I follow these things up.

Surgery
Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These will be held at the Communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and in the Blaxworth 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.

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If you would like further details or to enrol for a course, please contact Age Concern Dorchester, Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester 01305 269444.

Have fun, Make new friends, Get fitter

Did you know exercise can increase the stamina of an older person and can increase the capacity for independent living by as much as 10 - 20 years. The evidence is hard to ignore: people who exercise regularly are more likely to maintain bone and muscle mass, stamina, power and suppleness. Important mental benefits include social confidence, mood and self-esteem. A fun lively activity session also adds variety to the day and develops new friendships. Despite the ageing process, exercise can play a major part in improving stamina, suppleness etc.

Age Concern Dorchester through funding from the South West Dorset Primary Care Trust is running exercise classes specifically aimed at people who do little exercise, but want to improve their fitness and also have a good time.

Autumn classes will be running in Charminster, Crossways, Frampton, Beaminster, Martinstown, Maiden Newton, Portesham and Puddletown. Classes include gentle keep fit, exercise, gentle line dancing, and dance your way to fitness. A stretch, breathe and relax class in conjunction with Adult Education is also being organised at Rowan Cottage.

Sally Goss of Age Concern Dorchester commented, 'We have had some very positive feedback from classes we ran last term. People really enjoyed the sessions as the classes are small with only ten students, so the attention is very personal. At one class, two people made friends and are now trying out new opportunities, now they have a companion to go with. This term we are introducing classes in several new locations.'

If you would like further details or an application form for any of the classes contact Sally Goss, Age Concern Dorchester, Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester 01305 269444.

BERE FOR ALL

Following the successful joint meeting with members of the Parish Council, a number of actions had been decided. There was support for the Bere for All proposal to produce a 'Heritage Walks' map and we will shortly be seeking sponsorship from local businesses for this project.

The obtaining of funding for a number of projects, including the Hearing Loop facility, is being pursued on an on-going basis and a great deal of information has been received on this.

There was enthusiasm expressed for a co-ordinated activity of all village groups and societies in celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee next year. Monday 3rd June has been designated as the day of community celebration and it is likely that this date will be set aside for such an event. Further information can be obtained from the Golden Jubilee Office and from the official website – www.goldenjubilee.gov.uk.

There will be no meeting in September, but the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 31st October at 7.00 p.m. All are welcome. Venue still to be confirmed so please phone first if you would like to come along.

Jayne George – 471137
BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION


EVENTS IN 2000

September
 Cerences visited Bere Regis. 82 people enjoyed a full programme of events, including an open-air hog roast (in conjunction with the Fire Service), with live music, under canvas. Our village hall is too small! A great success, except for the sudden gale which destroyed a number of the tents.

Millennium art competition. This was run by Cyril Wood court and featured entries from both twin villages.

November
 Skittles evening at Royal Oak.

December
 Carol singing at the English Christmas Market at Cerences. Traditional holly wreath presented.

EVENTS - 2001

January
 A.G.M. at Royal Oak.

April
 Twinning Symposium Granville. Full complement of representatives including 2 youth delegates - a very enjoyable weekend. Our two youth delegates didn’t want to come back!

May
 Twinning information stall run at the village history and heritage day.

Brittany Ferries inaugural fast-craft trip. A number of members of association were on board.

June
 Ploughman’s and Puds evening - very successful.

July
 Bere Regis Carnival. Twinning float entered - “Allo Cerences!”

August
 Barbecue evening.

September
 Twinning visit to Cerences. More people than ever before will be visiting. We will be presenting a traditional English weathervane for the Mairie, kindly donated by Eddie Butterfield and a set of mounted photographs of old and new Bere Regis which have been provided by Tony Bates.

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO FOOT AND MOUTH

Overnight accommodation for walkers from Hudimesnil to Thornford.

Cerences Marche du terroir.

Visit of Dynamic Jeunes.

Visit of Musique Municipal to play in Bere Regis Carnival and French produce stall cancelled.

DORSET-MANCHE YOUTH TWINNING CONFERENCE

We are delighted that four young delegates from Bere Regis will be going to Cherbourg on Saturday 29th September. Daphne McMahon and Becky Harley will be renewing the friendships they established during their visit earlier in the year and this time they will be accompanied by Daphne’s brother Dino and Stuart Coggins.

The programme will include such activities as a debate on the Euro and a student Forum to consider such issues as future communications, committees and exchange visits.

The Association is keen to encourage all young people to develop such links with our friends in France and will always be happy to hear from anyone who would like to participate. Contact the Secretary – Ruth Draycott (471295) for further information.
FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Internet contact between twinned first schools, in addition to travel bear scheme – Autumn term 2001.
- Skittles evening at Royal Oak – 3 November 2001
- Annual St Barbe Parade and Carol singing – 9 December 2001.
- Mulled wine and mince pies at Old Vicarage – 16 December 2001 (12.00-14.00 hours)
- Children’s activity day with French emphasis – Spring 2002.
- Involvement in village festivities to celebrate the Golden Jubilee June 2002 (possibility of arranging the return twinning visit to coincide).
- Return visit of Cerences to Bere Regis to be arranged 2002 (usually September).

Ruth Draycott, 471295

STOP PRESS

As this magazine goes to press a very weary coachload of travellers have returned from this year’s exchange visit to Cerences. Over 60 people from Bere Regis made the trip and all had a fantastic time. “The best weekend I have ever had”. “The hospitality was amazing”. “Nothing was too much trouble for our hosts”. “We have eaten (and drunk) ourselves silly”. The accolades kept on coming and we were all agreed that our twin community in France had pulled out all the stops to give us the time of our lives.

From the moment of arrival on Friday evening when the host families were gathered in the Salle des Fetes to welcome our coach and to offer us wine, kir, and appetisers, to our departure on Sunday afternoon, we were looked after with the greatest enthusiasm. “Have a good lunch on the ferry over” Jill Haywood had advised “the French have their main meal at midday, so you’ll only get soup and a roll in the evening”. Well, most of us did have soup and a roll, but that was followed by four more courses!!! Saturday and Sunday lunches were on a similar scale, and every host family had laid on a special spread for the occasion.

The soiree, on Saturday evening, was even more outstanding. A four course, sit-down meal with the lively and foot stomping accompaniment of “Strand Hugg”. Our gifts to the community of Cerences were presented – a weathervane for the roof of the Mairie, made and donated by Eddie Butterfield, and Tony Bates’s beautiful arrangement of photographs of old and new Bere Regis.

On the Sunday morning, the people of Cerences had arranged a special bi-lingual church service, in which many of us participated, and after returning to the host families for lunch, we once again assembled in the Salle des Fetes prior to setting off for Cherbourg and the Barfleur terminal later that afternoon.

Whilst our departure was tinged with a little sadness, there is now a real sense of excitement and enthusiasm for the planning of next year’s return visit. Everybody who participated is keen to be able to return the hospitality we have received and already thoughts and ideas are being discussed to ensure that we take every opportunity to reciprocate in style.

So, a plea to all those weary travellers – could we have some volunteers to form a small sub-committee to assist with the planning of next years’ events?. We’d really like to make this an occasion to remember so additional help would be much appreciated.

In next month’s magazine, we hope to have a photo section, together with any individual stories (especially from the youngsters) from the weekend. All contributions will be gratefully received. The Skittles evening on 3rd November, will provide an ideal occasion for a reunion of those who participated, so make sure the date is in your diary now.

Alison Debenham, 471780

ROYAL OAK GOLF SOCIETY (ROGS)

Our August golf day was held at East Dorset Golf club. The overall winner was Shaun Brady with Roger Duncanson in second place and John Spurrie in third.

John also won the nearest the pin prize and Alan Mattey won longest drive. It really was John’s day because he also won the 2’s – TWICE and then had to share the money with himself!!!!

As the day was at a local club, we all returned to the Royal Oak for a splendid meal and copious amounts of liquid refreshment.

The final game of the season is on Friday 26th October and will be held at Canford Magna Golf Club.

New members are invited to put their names forward in readiness for next year – all are welcome to apply. For further details contact me.

Martin Debenham – 472580.
THANK YOU

Joyce Bowditch

The family of Joyce Bowditch would like to express their sincere thanks to all the kind people who have sent cards and letters of condolence.

Thank you also to everyone who has donated money in memory of Joyce to the Pop in Place Doctors’ Surgery Equipment Fund Appeal.

Special thanks to Eileen who was there when we needed her most, and finally our thanks to Dr Greenfield and the Venerable Graham Roblin.

Beatrice May Cleall

Beat’s daughter Marjorie Willis, her husband George, their daughters Gillian and Caroline and the rest of the family wish to thank Reverend Roblin and those who attended Beat’s funeral service on 24 July 2001. Donations in Beat’s memory were forwarded to Anglebury Court and they amounted to £190.

BERE REGIS W.I.

As is traditional, there is no meeting in August, therefore nothing to report.

Our next meeting will be in the Drax Hall, North Street, on Tuesday 16th October, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

New members welcome.

Margaret Dann - 472734

BERE REGIS BABYSITTING CIRCLE

Chris is hosting the next meeting - on Monday 1 October at 1.30pm - at 6 Stanbarrow Close. If you are interested in seeing how we operate, getting to know other parents, introducing your child/ren to other little ones - or a member old or new - you will be welcome. For further information contact Su Roberts on 471322.

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GOLDEN WEDDING - CIS AND FRED LEWIS

Congratulations to Cis and Fred Lewis who celebrate fifty years of marriage on September 29, and will be at home to greet friends on that day. Many thanks to them both for their contributions to the Chapel at Bere Heath over virtually all that period, and to the community of Bere Regis.

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Our Summer Party was a huge success thanks to a very good team effort. We wish to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped in any way, either by their hard work or by coming and supporting the event.

£2,000 far exceeded our expectations, we were delighted. The weather was kind and we had a most enjoyable evening.

The winners of the draw were:
- £75 Mrs Jane Beatthwaite
- £50 Katherine Jutting
- £25 Mark Neilson.

Thank you to everyone

John and Pat

**AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’S’ CLUB**

56 members attended our 31st Birthday Luncheon. The excellent lunch was provided by Elaine. Once again Mr Bob Fox gave a hilarious talk on comedians he had had the pleasure of working with. Kath introduced Committee Member Margaret who outlined the last year's programme.

Kath thanked the Committee for all the support and work that they had given during the past years. She had great pleasure in presenting Ciss and Fred Lewis with a cut glass vase on the occasion of their forthcoming Golden Wedding and thanked them for all they had done for Autumn Leaves (Ciss is our worthy treasurer). She thanked members for supporting the Club which now amounted to 60. New members are very welcome – we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Drax Hall at 2.30 p.m. There is no joining fee – just come along.

A Birthday Cake, made by Ciss, was cut by Mr Fox and we toasted the success of the future of the Club.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 10th October at 2.30 p.m. In the Drax Hall and is a Harvest afternoon with the Woodbury Hill Singers. 35p at the door. New Members Welcome.
BERE REGIS YOUTH 'LENNY'S'

The winners of the Carpet Bowls Challenge, held on the 28 August, were Daniel McCowen and Mandy Hewitt. In the Runners-Up spot came Glen and Ali Hewitt, with Thomas and Sharon Rollins in third. Mums and Dads joined the young members for the evening, to make up pairs for the competition. Prizes were presented to the above three teams, in the form of chocolate bars which went down well.

The trip to Paultons Park on the 2 September was a great success. The weather looked to be on the change, with large dark clouds about, however apart from a ten minute heavy downpour the day turned out warm and sunny. The Watersplash, Dragon Ride and the Pirate Ship were most popular with the group members, although the Bumper Boats and the Stinger were not far behind. There was also a ride on the train around the grounds, plus rides on the Teacups and the Astro Slide. An action packed day was had by one and all.

To end off the month of September, the group are holding a "Wild West Night" on the 18 and it is hoped that all members will dress up as either Cowboy/Cowgirls or Indians and Squaws. There will be a Rope Spinning contest and some hot wild west food down at the OK corral.

The winter programme of activities is in the process of being finalised. Already included are the annual Talent Competition, Glass Painting, Whats My Line?, Plaster Moulding and a Christmas Party. Copies of the programme will be available by the end of September.

New Members are always welcome, annual membership is only £2.50p for Juniors (8-11 years) and £4.00p for Seniors (12-17 years). Just call in at the legion on any Youth Club night, we will all be pleased to see you!

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, 01929 471693

POP IN PLACE

The Bere Regis Performer of the Year Competition

The evening was a huge success with full attendance. The judges had a difficult time as many of the acts were very good. The results were as follows:

The audience vote when to the young rock band Track 3

The judges then had to select:

The Young Performer of the Year. This went to Charlotte Bennett who performed a vocal solo entitled The Rose, accompanied by Tim Colquhoun.

The Performer of the Year shield went to the Congregational Chapel who performed three very different songs and delighted the audience with the one about Jonah and the Whale.

Well done to everyone who took part and made the evening so enjoyable. Thank you to everyone who helped or who donated raffle prizes.

Other awards were presented on behalf of the Pop in Place. These were:

The Pop in Place Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Julie Lye for all her hard work.

Pamela Hoare was recognised for her commitment to the Pop in Place musical productions over the past 5 years.

Dr Tim Harley paid tribute to all the achievements of the Pop in Place project since 1996.

Jumble Sale and Bric a Brac Sale – Saturday 13th October

In aid of the Doctors' Surgery Equipment Fund Appeal

We are holding a Jumble Sale at the Drax Hall on the above date. It opens at 2.30 p.m. Jumble may be left at the hall from 1.00 p.m. on that day only.
if you have any jumble or bric a brac please phone Denise Smith on 471075 to arrange collection. Alternatively deliver to Pamela Hoare by prior arrangement on 471931. For any information, offers of help or for raffle prizes please phone Lynn Fancy on 472745

The Sound of Music rehearsals

Our first rehearsal will be on Monday 29th October at 10.00 a.m. at the Drax Hall

The Doctors' Surgery Equipment Fund Appeal

Thank you to all the friends and relatives of Joyce Bowditch who donated money in her memory to the Pop in Place appeal. A total of £200.30 has been received.

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1 red pepper chopped.
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14oz jar curry sauce.
4 tbsp natural yoghurt.
Freshly cooked white rice.
Chutneys and poppadoms.
Freshly chopped herbs.

Heat the oil in a large pan and sauté the onion and pepper for 5 mins. Add the curry sauce, apples and veg. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer until the vegetables are cooked.

Serve garnished with fresh herbs and freshly cooked rice, yoghurt chutneys and poppadoms.

FIRE REPORT

23 Call-outs since the last article:

- 3 property fires
- 4 road traffic accidents
- 3 vehicle fires
- 3 stand-by duties
- 8 incidents including heath or field fires
- 1 chemical incident
- 1 false alarm

A very busy period for us, we attended two road traffic accidents within an hour of each other on a wet Sunday morning on 19 August, at Morden Park Corner and another two accidents on 29th, one at Botany Bay and the second on Poole Hill near Bere Regis. The A31 Botany Bay accident you would have read or heard about, so I will not comment on details except to say that the rescue services from Hamworthy, Blandford and Bere Regis worked tirelessly and with great skill in harrowing circumstances.

Our thoughts at this time are with all the people affected by the terrorist attack in New York, in particular our colleagues in the emergency services. Our station personnel will be contributing to a national appeal fund for Firefighters and personnel from the other emergency services who have lost their lives.

Gary Hewitt, Station Commander – 471185

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our October meeting will take place on the 9th and will be with Angela Tunstall from Bridgwater, Angela’s subject will be Space The Final Frontier.

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The CPF will provide up to 50% funding of a small project provided it is matched by funds either from the project itself or from other funding sources. In the RPA this could mean a grant of up to £1000, or up to £500 in the rest of rural Dorset. The RDP offers a maximum of 50% project funding within the RPA, up to a maximum of £250,000.

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Annual General Meeting – Thursday 15th November 2001
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Just one horrific and catastrophic event at 8.45am on the morning of 11th September shook the heart of America and sent shock waves of fear and dismay around the world. With the twin towers of the World Trade Centre in down-town Manhattan and much of The Pentagon in Washington reduced to huge heaps of rubble as three hijacked airliners were deliberately crashed into them, in a moment the world was changed forever.

The tragic loss of countless lives is immeasurable. The event was described as ‘worse than Pearl harbour’ and ‘an act of war’. Who is to blame? Why did it happen? Could it have been foreseen and prevented?

On Friday 14th September, for three minutes, millions of people around the world stood with America in remembering the thousands whose lives had been lost, and the even vaster number of relatives and friends whose lives have been shattered, never to be the same again. Our hearts go out to them in their deep sadness, with sympathy and compassion. There are of course many British people among the missing, who are mourned by their loved ones, as well as many from other countries. At least twenty nations have lost people, making it a global catastrophe from this point of view also.

Yet the message that went out on that Friday was, that from the carnage and the ruins that had shaken proud America, hope would rise. But where would that hope come from? Would it be from man himself, his own power, zeal and determination, and his national pride?

In all of this, what is God saying, to a world that has largely ignored or rejected Him? The only real and true hope is to be found in Jesus Christ. Billy Graham spoke clearly of the need of spiritual renewal in America, preceded by repentance and turning to Christ. And what is true for America is equally true for this country! People here are fearful of the consequences that will flow.
from this violent act.

No one knows where it will all end. Only Jesus can give us His peace and hope, and an assurance that no matter what happens, our lives are secure in Him for eternity. This awful saga has been a graphic reminder that our life on this earth could come to an end at any moment - and quite unexpectedly too. The question is, are we ready to 'meet our Maker' whenever that time comes? Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart, for now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2) Tomorrow may be too late!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Rev Ray Healey, 12 South Mead – 471443

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football reports

Saturdays

Handley Sports 0: Bere Regis 5

After finishing last season on a winning streak, hopes were high for this season. The addition of Burt Stranach to the management team relieves a bit of the pressure for Dean and allows him to play his natural game on the pitch, whatever that is. Things did not quite go to plan, though, as the squad was slowly whittled away in pre-season. Ricky Cummings, last season's highest goal scorer, decided to retire at the peak of his career. Chris Oram has gone on to bigger and better things in the Combination league, whilst injuries have also played their part. Even the ever reliable Mocca had returned to his native land for a wee spell on the rigs and a conversation with people who can actually understand him. Add to this an important, but relatively easy, game for England against Germany which some found difficult to miss and the struggle to find a team had started all over again.

Despite all this, Dean found eleven good men and true and they proved more than a match for a struggling Handley side. The safe hands of Dean Rogerson in goal and a solid defence gave the launch pad for a bit of shooting practice. Goals came from all areas of the pitch, ranging from Sean Cole up front, to the midfield workhorses of Dr Dacre, the new kid on the block Stuart Moore and a peach from Adam Rogerson. Even the defence got involved as Johnny Cleall showed he is more than just a defender with a left foot cracker.

A good start to the season and the promise of much more to come.

Bere Regis 2 Corfe Mullen Ltd 8

From Man U to Man Useless, all in the space of one week. In a game best forgotten, we shall dwell only on the fightback from 2-0 down after 10 minutes to 2-2 at half time, with goals from Squint and Adam 'Netscorcher' Rogerson. The second half was a tale of woe from start to finish, although all credit to a good Corfe Mullen team who made Bere look very ordinary, a surprising feat given the quality in the Bere team. The return of Dean Rogerson between the sticks after his cricket/touring tour may make all the difference. Let us hope so, for a few horrible moments I felt what it was like to support Germany!
Sundays
Windgreen, Corfe Mullen 0: Bere Regis 4

After an unbeaten run in pre-season friendlies, including a draw against the mighty Sandford and the great Tommy Killick (what do you mean 'never heard of him?'), the Sunday side was nicely warmed up for the season ahead. However, with the squad decimated by a cricket tour, injuries to key players (Rob White, no less!) and a difficulty to get up on a Sunday morning things did not look good. Even the manager was bound, so it was up to Mark Gale to take the reins and replace Mr Macklin, a difficult proposition without the use of a bucket of hair whitener.

Having fulfilled the first rule of management i.e. get 11 players, the rest was plain sailing for Mark as he brushed convention aside with the introduction of a youthful and vibrant midfield....and Bungy! The tactic worked, though, as against the wind Bere played the kind of football that lesser teams can only dream of. A sweet symphony was played through the middle of the pitch, with Johnny Cleall being chief conductor.showing more tricks than a magician on overtime Johnny ran a masterclass of midfield play, ably assisted by Wayne Cope and even Bungy Brown joined the show. A clear reticence to shoot was the only obstacle to Bere matching up a cricket score and Windgreen counted themselves most fortunate to be only two goals down at half time. These goals both came courtesy of a revitalised Andy Curtis, one a near post header which looped gracefully into the far corner, a sight almost as rare as Andy buying a round.

The second half was even more one-sided than the first as, against the wind, the Windgreen keeper found it hard to reach the edge of his penalty area, let alone the halfway line. Bere saw more possession than you would see in 'The Exorcist', but yet again could not make it count. The approach play was sublime as Simon Walker and Kev Cox also lunched on the feast of football, but still the final touch was elusive. Sean Cope almost opened his account on his debut game for the Sunday side, but a point blank save from a brave keeper denied him. It was left to Andy Curtis to stretch Bere's lead and complete his hat trick, being the first to react to a thunderous shot from Wayne which cannoned off the cross bar. The rout was completed soon after as 'man of the match' Cleall showed some quick feet in the box and was ruthlessly scythed down as a consequence. Despite him squealing like a girl and diving like a fish the referee still gave a penalty, which Mark Gale duly dispatched.

A 4-0 victory complete Bere wended their merry way home, via the Worlds' End, but there are sure to be harder games than this in store.

YOUTH CRICKET REPORT

The end of another successful season, we ran an indoor league during the winter which proved popular and hope to organise something similar later on. We started Tuesday evening practice in May and had, at times, 30 - 35 boys and girls. The youth cricket was very lucky in receiving from the England and Wales Cricket Board, two roll out mats and also were given some kit for the under 11's.

Cricket Matches Played

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This is the first season we have played under 11's but they handled their matches well and have a lot of natural ability. We were given donations for match balls during the season from Nick Macklin, Ray Seymour and John Hyde. Once again many thanks.

In July, 11 youngsters with adults, went to Taunton to see Somerset v Nottingham. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip and thanks to our driver, Richard Curtis.

Bank Holiday Monday was our annual Families match. We were blessed with a wonderful warm sunny day and our under 13's played their Mums and Dads in the afternoon which proved great fun. Then we had a delicious cricket tea. The evening saw the under 16's play the managers eleven. The result was a win for the 16's (look out next year) At this event each year, there is to be a bat, given in memory of Doug Curtis, from a friend of his. This is to go to a young player that shows they have got what it takes to go forward in the game of cricket. Di Curtis presented the bat to our winner - Ben Elford.

Last but not least, a big thank you to help from Russell, Peg, Bryan, Christine and Chris for their help throughout the season. To Rick, Martyn and Herbie for preparation of the square. Also once again to Martyn for his help in handling the money.

I have enjoyed the season as I hope our young cricketers have. We have at Bere Regis, a youth section I am proud of and feel a lot of other cricket clubs wish they had.

Gordon
Bere Regis Sports Club
Cricket Results

19 Aug (Friendly)  D ROGERSON SELECT XI  214 for 5
(R Hewitt 32, M Tatchell 99, D Rogerson 23, T Bennett 23)
JIMMY GREEN'S LOVE MACHINES  217 for 5
(M Price 90, D Scott 28, N Cheeseman 22, P Macklin 29)

26 Aug  BERE REGIS  267 all out
(R Fripp 44, M Price 24, N Cheeseman 21, P Macklin 51, N White 53, M Tatchell 25)
MOTCOMBE  160 all out
(R Fripp 3-39)

1 Sep  BERE REGIS  278 for 6
(R Hewitt 113 no. 1 Hardy 88)
GILLINGHAM  101 all out
(P Macklin 4-20)

8 Sep  B.R.C.C TOUR 2001
BERE REGIS  216 for 7
(A Green 46, P Wharf 35, D Rogerson 43, N Carruthers 21)
Mount Edgecumb (East Cornwall)  154 for 7
(The Praying Mantis 2-13, P Fripp 2-29)
Match drawn-timed game.

9 Sep  B.R.C.C TOUR 2001
BERE REGIS  278 for 7
(M Price 26, C Oram 107, P Cheeseman 26, S Cheeseman 56 no.)
TORPOINT (East Cornwall)  233 for 8
(The Praying Mantis 5-18)
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE POST OFFICE AND SHOP

The second robbery at the shop came as a very sad shock to the village and was something that we could all have done without. Apart from the loss incurred there was all the inconvenience caused. Initially it was feared that the Post Office might be closed for good, however following an investigation by the Post Office's own security team it is now hoped that it will reopen shortly for the full range of business. No date has yet been set as unfortunately the incident has occurred just as a major restructuring of Post Office Counters management is taking place and all such decisions are on hold. Nevertheless by the time you receive this magazine it is expected that it will once more be business as usual.

A secondary effect of all this uncertainty has been to delay the planned improvements to the shop as it was considered irresponsible to carry them out when the future of the Post Office was unclear. Once official confirmation is received from Post Office Counters arrangements will be made for the work to be put in hand as soon as possible. Meanwhile The Friends would wish to thank you all for your patience in accepting the inconvenience and Brian and Wendy for the steps they have taken to reduce this as much as lies within their power. Please, please continue to support the shop in any way that you can to ensure its continued viability. Finally if on reflection anyone has any information, however insignificant they may consider it,

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Last month we were lucky, the Parish Mag went to press after our monthly meeting. Unfortunately, this month we are unlucky, and our meeting is next week.

The plans for the improvements which were put to the community, have been made ready for planning application. Attempts to fulfil the promise made at the Open Forum by addressing the issue of a close by property owners' concerns, have meant a delay has occurred. However, everyone involved realises that all possible means of avoiding unnecessary grievance must be explored in order to maintain public confidence in the project.

By the time you read this, the Barn Dance will be over, but don't forget to get your tickets for the Film Festival showing of the 'Day of the Jackal'.

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 12th September 2001.

The chair was taken by Mrs Lightfoot with the consent of all members present.

The new Parish Clerk was introduced and welcomed to the meeting and, it was explained that she was attending this meeting in order to gain experience of procedures.

The Village Hall and Social Club improvements were discussed. The substance of the visit made to neighbours of the site by Mr Barter and Mr Badcock was reported. It was decided that a meeting with a larger proportion of the Council present, chaired by Mr Barter, would be the best forum to discuss any developments that required the attention of the Parish Council.

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Mr Stokesby was not present at the meeting (he had agreed to bring some 'sensible answers'). However, a letter had been received from DCC stating that an alternative route between the West Stafford bypass and Crossways was being investigated as an alternative to lowering the railway bridge at Lewel.
The C79 road between Throop and Turnerspudle was discussed. It was noted that the 'no through road' signing was misleading, and incorrect. The wooden sign erected at the Turnerspudle end of the road was also noted as misleading, since it gives the incorrect impression that the lane is a bridleway when it is in fact a county highway. A letter containing several observations was to be sent to the DCC highways dept.

**Verge cutting**

This matter had been deferred from the previous meeting. It was agreed that Mr. Courter should liaise with DWT to investigate whether any more verges in the parish merited a special conservation status for mowing purposes.

**Grass Cutting**

A letter had been received from PDC stating that the contractors had assured them that mown grass was collected from the ring when cutting took place. This was to be followed up and the situation clarified with the contractors.

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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.**
BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

George Poore

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of our President, George Poore. George was behind the start of the Social Club over forty years ago. He worked tirelessly for the club right up until the present time.

George was loved and respected by us all and he will be greatly missed – to many he had been a lifelong friend. George had the gift of making everyone welcome not only to the club but also to the village.

Tuesday Club

The meetings will be on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 2.30 p.m. New members are always welcome and you do not have to be a member of the Social Club.

Village Skittles Knock Out

Saturday 3rd November. Teams of 4. Jean will be sending out notices soon, so please try to enter as this is a fun night – not to be taken too seriously.

Harvest Auction

This took place on Saturday 15th September and all money raised was donated to Alfrington Church.

Quiz

Owing to a retirement party on Saturday 13th October, the Quiz has been moved to Saturday 6th October at 9.00 p.m.

The November quiz will be on Saturday 10th and in December there will be a Christmas quiz on Friday 21st December at 8.30 p.m.

Sue Jeanes – 01258 837267

PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL

The Film Festival takes place from Friday 5th to Saturday 20th October. This year there is a wide selection of films to see at various locations throughout Purbeck. (There is a supply of programmes in the Village Shop).

Our contribution is the showing of “Day of the Jackal” on Friday 19th October. Before the film at 7.30 p.m. we will be having a supper (soup, baked potatoes with either spicy bean or cheese topping and salad followed by jam or apple tart and cream). Depending on whether I get the applied for licence, wine, soft drinks and coffee will be on sale. Tickets can be bought from me or the Purbeck Festival Office in Wareham and will cost, to include the supper, £5.00 for OAPs and £6.00 for the rest. Do make a date in your diary for this and all the other films.

Philippa Thomiley

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**October**
- 2nd: Gardening Club – A Year at Stourhead
- 10th: Autumn Leaves Harvest afternoon, Drax Hall
- 13th: Pop in Place Jumble Sale, Drax Hall

**November**
- 6th: Gardening Club – Veteran Trees
- 8th: Dorset Wildlife Trust Coffee Morning
- 10th: Xmas Table Top for Drax Hall Funds
- 14th: Autumn Leaves talk on Minorca
- 15th: Christmas Fashion Show for Drax Hall funds
- 25th: Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar, Drax Hall
- 30th: Cyril Wood Court Annual Craft Fayre

**December**
- 1st/2nd: Cyril Wood Court Annual Craft Fayre
- 2nd: FO88S Christmas Fayre
- 4th: Gardening Club Christmas Party
- 8th: Xmas Coffee morning at Cyril Wood Court in aid of Church
- 12th: Autumn Leaves Christmas afternoon, Drax Hall
- 15th: Pop in Place Christmas Production, Drax Hall

**June 2002**
- 3rd: Golden Jubilee Celebrations

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- 29th: Visit to Hayling Island Legion by our members

**OCTOBER**
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