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and AFFPUDDLE with
TURNERSPUDDLE

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A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

SEPTEMBER

Each month seems to have its own character. Say the name of the month, and your brain will give you a certain response.

For me the word “September” creates a reflex in my brain. It is the month of new beginnings. I suppose it is because, as a little boy, it was the month in which I started school. It was the month when I went up a form and had a new teacher. Children change schools in September.

For children this can be an anxious time. For parents taking their precious little child to school for the first time, it is a very anxious time. Psychologically it is very hard, because we feel we are losing our precious baby, but on the other hand, think of the freedom we have for a few hours! Enjoy the smooth with the rough!

New beginnings are wonderful. We can leave behind all the mistakes and errors of judgement that we have made. One of the expressions I remember from my primary school days was, “Please, Miss, can I start on a new page?”

In those days, we used ink, and there were blotches as well as crossings out; so to start on a new page was good. To start a new exercise book was even better.

I suspect this goes on all the way through life. To start again with a ‘clean sheet’, as we say, is very pleasing to the soul.

We make silly mistakes, we say silly things, we woke up in the night and think, “Why did I say that?”.

There is nothing new about this. History records mankind worrying about this in the writings of all cultures, and certainly in the Bible.

For a child, there is the opportunity to start afresh. Going to a new school, going on to our first job, or to college, this allows us to start on a new page, a new exercise book. But for the adult it is not that easy. We are stuck with the same exercise book, with its blotches and crossings out. Admittedly there is more opportunity to escape the past...
these days because we change jobs and houses more frequently than in the past, but for the most part we are stuck. So what do we do? Our ancestors, who were even more stuck with the exercise book of their lives than we are, learnt to come to terms with it. And they said 'Sorry' to God and their neighbour. There grew up words like Repentance, Confession, Absolution and Remission of Sins, but in the end, it was a spiritual way of saying, "Please, may I start on a new page?"

September is the month of the new start. Every one of us is spiritual; we are all spiritually aware. Why not pretend we are going to a new place where we can start again and be the sort of person we really are or would like to be?

Graham Robins

COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning in the Vicarage on Wednesday 19th September, in aid of Church Funds (Bere Regis). There will be the usual 'Bring and Buy' table, together with the Cake Stall.

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BERE REGIS
CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

Sunday 2nd September 9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Mrs Jutting

Sunday 9th September 11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 p.m. Mr Woodward

Sunday 16th September 9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Smith
6.00 p.m. Mrs Griffin

Sunday 23rd September 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Mr Smith

Sunday 30th September 9.30 a.m. Benefice Service – Churchwardens

Sanctuary Flower Guild

2nd/9th Mrs P Mooney Mrs K Benjafied
16th/23rd Mrs J Woodward Mrs J Clarke
30th Mrs J Herring Mrs J Kinahan

Evensong Readers

2nd Mrs Jutting
9th Mrs Lewis
16th Mrs Griffin
23rd Mr Smith

CHURCH SERVICES in September

Sunday 2nd September 12th 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)
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 9th September 13th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 16th September 14th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. A Communion Service for Young and Old (Affpuddle)
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 23rd September 15th Sunday after Trinity
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. Evening Communion (Bere Regis)

Sunday 30th September 16th Sunday after Trinity
9.30 a.m. Joint Benefice Eucharist (Bere Regis)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Ringing practices start again on Wednesday evening, 12th September 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.

John England

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE - SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Every year in September, valiant people all over the diocese get out their bicycle, oil it, and set out to cycle to as many churches as they can manage, clocking in as they arrive. They are sponsored by their friends, and the money they receive is divided between The Historic Churches Fund, and the local church. Affpuddle and Bere Regis Churches are involved with this. In Affpuddle, the organiser is Mr David Payne (01258 83770) and in Bere Regis, Miss Sybil Frampton (01929 471643). In Bere Regis, Mrs Elaine Standfield (471774) is looking for sponsors. If you can ride a bike and are willing to have a go, volunteer! It’s a very worthwhile event.

By the way, you can walk if you wish, or ride your horse.

THE VICAR’S RETIREMENT

As you are probably well aware the Venerable Graham Roblin has decided to retire after Harvest Thanksgiving in October. He and Penny will have been with us for nearly nine years and we are sure that you would like to mark the occasion with a presentation from Bere Regis parish of a suitable gift showing our appreciation for all that they have done during his time as vicar.

Donations may be given to our treasurer Gordon Phillips or to your churchwardens John Halse and John England by the end of September if possible. Cheques should be made payable to the ‘G H Roblin Retirement Fund’.

John England – 471469

BERE REGIS CHILDREN’S CHURCH ACTIVITY MORNINGS

Over the past few months there have been some very successful and enjoyable activity mornings for children happening in the church. These have been on some Saturday mornings for children between the ages of four and ten. Each activity event has been on a different topic but all connected to the church calendar like Christmas and Mothering Sunday or Bible stories. There has been much lovely craft work, singing and music making, stories and games. We have had an average of 35 to 40 children attending and many have come to them all so they must have enjoyed themselves! If you are passing the church do call in and look at some of the things the children did last time on the display board at the side of the church. There are some good photographs too.

We have now decided to try to have one a month on the Saturday immediately before Family Service (2nd Sunday). We will prepare songs and readings and little displays for the children to contribute to the Service and hopefully they will bring their families to join in with them. The Family Service is very short and informal with refreshments for all afterwards.

The dates for the activity mornings in the next three months are: Saturday Sept 8th, Saturday Oct. 13th and Saturday Dec 8th. There won’t be one in November because of Remembrance Sunday but on October 27th we hope to take some of the children to the Children’s Festival being held in Salisbury Cathedral. If you would like more information about the events for your children then please do contact me. Likewise if there is anyone who would like to help we are always glad of more adult helpers...

Jenny Kinahan - Tel: 472161
Children

There is going to be another

FUN

activity morning
on
Saturday September 8th
at
10.15am to 12 noon
in
Bere Regis Parish Church

If you are between the ages of 4 and 10 you will be most welcome.
There will be craft work, music and stories
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Mr Edwin SMITH, aged 79

For nine years, Mr Edwin Smith has lived in the parish, as a resident of Cyril Wood Court. He came here with his wife Pat, after a lifetime of making music on the organ. We were lucky enough to have his expertise on the organs of Bere Regis and Alfpudle when the resident organists were away.

Edwin came from Northumberland. His parents were Plymouth Brethren and this influenced his life until he became a Methodist Lay Preacher at the age of seventeen. But because, by chance, his parents went to live in a house which had an organ in it, the organ became central to his living. He sat down on the organ stool, and that was it. He was a "natural". He was six years old. During the war, he began giving broadcasts in the Tynside area.

After the war, he trained as a school teacher, specialising in Music and Mathematics. He became an associate of the Royal College of Music. He was also a tenor soloist, singing in the Newcastle Bach Choir, the Manchester William Bird Singers, and was a founder member of the Jubilate Choir in Manchester.

After his marriage to Pat in 1957, he changed his career, and began to use his mathematics more. He entered the world of technical authorship, specialising in defence and other "high tech" industries.

He and Pat moved three times over the next 35 years, each time because he was "headhunted" by his specialist world.

He and Pat have two very gifted children, Deborah and Simon; both took part in the Thanksgiving Service which we held in Bere Regis Church. Simon read a beautiful poem, and Deborah gave a most exquisite and moving appreciation of her "Dad"; in which she spoke of his attractive eccentricity, forgetfulness and loneliness. Luckily his grandchildren were able to be with us and to appreciate the moment when their very special grandfather was "celebrated".

We thanked God for him.

Beatrice May CLEALL (aged 90)

One of the many happy memories I will take away with me from Bere Regis is that of going into the home of Mrs. Cleall. She would know that I was coming to bring her the Holy Communion; she was always ready - upright in her chair, well dressed, collection ready, a cloth on the side table for the Communion vessels - and, of most importance, a lovely smile of welcome. There was a time when she and I would go next door to her blind neighbour, Mrs. Brown, but she passed away, so we had Communion separately after that. By going to her so regularly, I got to know a little about her - there were photographs - a wedding photo with her husband, Ted; photos, of course, of her only daughter Muriel, with George - then her grandchildren, Gillian and Caroline. She was so proud of them, and, of course of Lauren and Natalie, her great-grand-daughters. Her lovely family was her joy. I think that is why she was able to leave bere Regis home a few years ago without the sadness this sometimes brings to old people. She was going close to her family.

Although her name was Beatrice May, to the village and her friends she was known as Beat - Beat Cleall. Her maiden name was Boyt, another well known Dorset name. She was born in Mapperton in the parish of Almer, the daughter of a Carter. She went to school there with her brother Lester, and after school she went into service with a local farmer. Deep sadness came to her when she was only sixteen - her mother died, so she came back home to look after her father and brother.

Great happiness came with her marriage to Ted. They set up home at Brickhill. There were three cottages there then, part of the watercress estate. Beat became a buncher, with Ted working the beds. She had married into a large Cleall family - Ted was one of five boys and two girls - no wonder there are so many here and around the village! The cress beds were slightly different then - there were times when no picking took place. Then the work force was employed to do other things, like fruit picking, hedge maintenance and general painting and decorating.

Beat did all this. But times were often hard. At one stage Ted was made redundant. It was then that they moved to Southbrook.

Within her world of work, and bringing up Marjorie, she had many interests, and in later years she was a staunch member of Age Concern, the Women's Section of the British Legion, The Mothers' Union and the Women's Institute.
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She also loved going to the Day Centre in Wareham - Anglebury Court. So many get anxious about such activities in later life, but she didn't. She joined in, even after suffering a little stroke.

Ending her time in Woodlands House near Fordingbridge was not, therefore, a huge problem for her, as it is to so many.

Let us give thanks for her. Let us celebrate her life and all that she meant, and let us commend her to the God whom she worshipped in her life.

Joyce Edith Emily BOWDITCH (aged 74)

One of the most uplifting things, for me, in Bere Regis, is to see the beautifully and lovingly arranged flowers around the war memorial in the churchyard. As most of you know, this has been done week in, week out by members of the Women's Branch of the Royal British Legion. Never a week goes past without flowers being put there. What many wouldn't know is that one of the arrangements - the one in front of the 1939-45 names - was the personal offering of the Bowditch family - in memory of George Bowditch, who was a Coldstreamer, and was killed one year after joining, near the French city of Caen. George's mother used to do them until illness overtook her, and then Joyce took this over. It was a great inspiration to me to witness such devotion and care.

I mention this, mainly because we are remembering and celebrating a simple life of a woman of Bere Regis. A life of work, but with a mixture of fun and love.

Although Joyce - or Aunty Joyce as many of the family called her - was born in Briantspuddle - her father worked on the Debenham estate - they moved to Bere Regis when she was five years old. There used to be a girls' school and a boys' school. The girls' school was in Sitterton, but it was decided to amalgamate the two schools - this was in 1932 - and the Bowditch family moved into the girls' school - all seven of them - two boys and three girls. Here they stayed for fifteen years. Very sadly, one of the girls, Julie, died when she was thirteen, and then George, in the war. So there were times of grief and bereavement in the family.

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The first council houses were being built in the village in 1946 - and the family moved into number 21, Sitterton Close. They were to stay there until the present day - fifty five years. For forty of these years Joyce worked in the cress beds. She had tried her hand at a few other jobs before this, but bunching at the cress beds was her work - and she was totally contented. Of course the cress beds used to be a bit different then. There were seasons when the cress was not right to be picked. Then she would do other things - like house decoration - outside as well as inside, or fruit picking, or trimming the hedges. They were hard days, but great fun.

Outside her work, she had, of course, to look after her parents, until they passed away. She began to enjoy and contribute to the Women's Section of the British Legion. She loved the Gardening Club - and her own garden - flowers she enjoyed most.

So we give thanks for a special lady - one who will always be remembered by her nieces and nephews - as well as her very close brother John, and sister Elsie. Let us commend her to God, that she may be in his peace and love.
MOTHERS' UNION

Our July meeting took place in Shirley's garden on a balmy summer's evening. Mary welcomed us all, and we were joined by members from Manchester diocese who were staying with some of our members in the village. We enjoyed a time of fellowship together and also played games.

The following day, the members from Manchester visited Winchester Cathedral and Old Arlesford House where the MU began. In the evening, they were entertained to a meal in Blandford, together with members from our deanery and other members from Manchester who were staying in other parts of our deanery.

Prior to returning home, we too our visitors to lulworth Cove where they enjoyed a brief stroll along the beach and some sea air.

Some of our members helped to man the stall at the deanery table -top sale in Blandford and others attended the annual Wave of Prayer.

Our next meeting will be a Turberville Court on 5th September when the speaker will be the Revd Kathleen Baldwin, a free church minister from Blandford.

Brenda Pittfield 471391

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

HARVEST FESTIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

Since there is sometimes a delay in distributing the Parish Magazine I thought it would be useful to let you have the Harvest Festival arrangements. Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 7th October. 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 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.

The 11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival Service is expected to be the last Service that Graham Roblin takes as our Vicar. After the 11.00 a.m. service there will be a buffet lunch in the Village Hall when there will be a chance to bid farewell to the Roblins.

As is well known the space at the hall is limited and regrettably admission will have to be by ticket. The occasion will be a sale of goods and the menu will consist of a cold chicken dish with salads followed by party puddings and coffee or tea after the meal. (A vegetarian meal can be provided please let me know when buying your ticket). Orange squash and Adams ale will be provided and those who want to drink other beverages should bring them along to the hall together with any implements for opening the bottles! Glasses will be provided.

The cost of the lunch will be £2.00 per person. Tickets can be obtained from Philippa Thomley (01929) 471497 as soon as possible. (If there is any surplus over from the sale of the tickets it will be donated to a suitable charity). I should be grateful for offers of help. With setting up the hall on Sunday morning at 9.00 a.m. and also help with serving and washing up.

Philippa Thomley

CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN

Advance notice of the post Harvest Festival Special Clean which will take place on Saturday, 13th October between 10.00 and 12.00 noon. Please pencil this date in your diaries!

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE - SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2001

Once again the Dorset Historic Churches Trust is holding its annual Cycle Ride. If you have not already contacted your Parish Organiser please do so as the ride takes place on Saturday 8 September.

Last year's total raised was over £31,000 - half of which is returned immediately to local churches nominated by participants. The ride can be as long or as short as you wish - it is very much an individual choice. However, many people ride as groups and make an event of the day planning exactly which churches to visit and where to stop for lunch! Help is also needed to staff your church during the day and of course we all need sponsors to sponsor the riders. Do contact your Parish Organiser as soon as possible. Contact details should be on posters or available from your Parish Magazine Editor. If in doubt, please contact Mrs Anna Butler the Cycle Ride Administrator on 01305 260004.

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The New Hall Committee reported that no reply had been received from the Scout Group concerning the proposal to have a joint building. They had promised a response by the end of July. Until this response is received the Parish Council can not make the next move of presenting our proposal to the District Council Officers.

In last month's report I made a mistake on the details of the site meeting along Elder Road. I got the date right but the wrong day! Thus the correct date is Thursday 6th September at 7.00pm when it is intended that Councillors and Parishioners walk from the Scout HQ to Sitterton noting points for the management of the area. Please accept my sincere apologies.

CM

DRAX HALL

We are now entering the period when some interesting entertainments are about to be presented. Elsewhere you will read of the PIP Talent Show.

The Hall Committee have arranged for The Forest Forge Theatre, whom we have been unable to book for a couple of years, to come and perform 'Silks, Spices and Spirits' on Thursday 27th September at 7.30pm. This is a reminiscence play about smuggling in the 19th Century. At that time life was hard and the sparsely populated New Forest became a smuggler's paradise. Often whole villages were involved in the illicit trade. The production is based on real life stories from local people, it is packed with humour and music and follows the Forest Forge tradition of entertaining audiences with an engaging local history play.

Looking forward into October we have a comedy double billing 'Personal Columns' on the 17th. Details will be included in next months report. Also for the children - of all ages - on the 30th we have a puppet show. Martin Bridge - 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 Mauder's at 15 North Street. Tel. 01929 471342.

CM
PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

General.
The latest District Council meeting I can report on was held on Tuesday 17th July. There was little of direct interest to Bere Regis and Bloxworth with the notable exception of Members’ Allowances.

Members’ Allowances.
The proposal was to move from an attendance based system, which was felt to appear to encourage just turning up, to payment of a standard basic allowance, plus a special responsibility allowance and a childcare carers’ allowance. The logic behind the new proposals was sound but the increase in costs to the Council Taxpayers will be well in excess of current level of inflation. Of the 24 Councillors 2 voted against this proposal, one being myself. We both felt that in the current climate it would be inappropriate to award anything above inflation. I will not be claiming for these payments without letting you know beforehand.

Ethical Standards Committee.
We have completed the interviewing for the members of this new body and the full Council is scheduled to ratified these appointments at the August meeting. The Committee consists of the 2 Independent members we recently appointed, plus 2 Parish members and 3 District Councillors, one of whom is myself. The body will then start work soon after this.

Community Planning.
We have now had confirmation from the Community Planning and Design Manager as to how the District Council will assist in the processes for both Bere Regis and Bloxworth – although they are two separate exercises.

Tanks.
I have been contacted by many of the residents of Bere Regis, particularly those on Rye Hill, to complain about the number and timing of tank movements through the village. I finally managed to find the right person to talk to in Bovington and he has sent me the very interesting article overleaf that I have reprinted in full. If you have any further thoughts or comments please do write to me.
Tracked Vehicles in Bere Regis

It is one of the Armour Centre’s roles to train young soldiers to drive tracked vehicles and part of this training must involve the use of public roads, by both day and night, in order to give trainee drivers exposure to real driving conditions. Trainee drivers are only allowed onto roads after intensive training on our own driver training facilities including an 8-mile long All Weather Driving Circuit. The use of public roads is essential to ensure that young drivers are able to cope with the different scenarios, such as those currently experienced in Kosovo and Bosnia. It is a requirement by law that the driver of an AFV possesses an ‘H’ track vehicle licence, which can only be achieved by using the public road network. When training is conducted on the roads, it is always under close supervision by highly qualified instructors.

The Highways Department of Dorset County Council has given authority to use public roads for training and transit between bases. Routes are matched to appropriate vehicle types. Our lighter vehicles, such as the warrior, use the major roads anywhere between Honiton in the West to Southampton in the East. We are aware that our neighbours in towns and villages such as Bere Regis and Wool experience proportionally more tracked vehicle movements as they move out of Bovington. The driving instructors try, where practical, to avoid rush hours and school children collection times.

The armour Centre forms a significant part of the South Dorset economy by employing 2000 people, many from the local population and has a budget of £50m per year, much of which goes into the local economy. We look after a 10,000 acre estate, including the South West coastal path from Lulworth Cove to Kimmeridge. We make an effort to involve the local population in our activities such as the Summer Open Day and Fireworks Night. A Scimitar proved to be a very popular attraction at the Bere Regis Schools Fair on Saturday 9th June and the crew received a flood of thank you letters from the pupils. We are very aware of our role in the local community and we are keen to discuss with the Parish Council any concerns from Parishioners.

I will be raising this subject at the next Parish Council meeting with a view to arranging a forum with representatives of the Army to discuss your concerns. Both the Army and the village have a vested interest in helping each other to resolve any problems.

Feedback.

I am really touched by the number of people I meet who comment – generally favourably – about this monthly report. If you have any suggestions for items to be covered please do contact me and I will try to include what you want if it is possible. The number of people outside of Bere Regis and Bloxworth who read this report also surprises me. I will have to be careful about what I say as I was contacted by the Chairman of the Purbeck District Council who reacted to some comments in a previous report!

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 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. The dates for the next few months are 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November (but I may not be able to attend this one in person due to family commitments) and 1st December.

Peter Wharf

THANK YOU

Geraldine Bush

Bert and Iris Bush, Jeremy and Claudette Davies, and Auntie Molly, would like to say ‘thank you’ to all friends and neighbours who so kindly sent cards and letters of sympathy, and contributed generous donations to the Wilton Hospice on the sad death of Iris and Bert’s daughter, Geraldine, and for their personal support at the beautiful Church Service on 7th August 2001.

Thank you also to my choir colleagues for their loyal support and usual lovely singing.

Thank you to Graham and Penny for their kind hospitality afterwards at the Vicarage, and to everyone who had offered accommodation for visitors from away.

Bert and Iris Bush and Family.
ROYAL OAK GOLF SOCIETY (ROGS)

The July golf day took place at Wareham Golf Club. There was a reasonable turnout at a time of year when many of us have other commitments due to family holidays.

Once again, we were very fortunate with the weather – almost too hot!

The overall winner was Roger Johns, closely followed by Guy Storey and the runner up was Steve Pryor. The nearest the pin was also won by Roger, and our old favourite for longest drive was Alan Mattey. There was only one winner for the “2’s” - Ali Hewitt.

A large number of members and their families enjoyed an excellent social evening at the annual BBQ which took place in the beer garden at the Royal Oak. The highlight of the evening was the crazy, crazy golf course which, if my memory serves me right, was won by Martin Barlow - but the alcohol haze towards the end may mean that I didn’t fully record the details.

Excitement is now building for the annual tour to Spain next month. Full report of this in the November magazine.

Martin Debenham – 472580

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION

In June we have no monthly meeting, but several members went on an outing to Weymouth, followed by a show. This was enjoyed by all.

In July, 14 members attended this meeting. A minute’s silence followed the Exhortation, remembering 2 members who had sadly passed away – Miss Joyce Bowditch and Mrs Beattie Cleall.

The business followed, where donations were given to - Benevolent £600 and General £400.

The highlight of the afternoon followed, with our version of Ascot Race Day. This was run by Mr Cockburn and Mr C Bennett – our thanks to them. Teas were then served by Mrs Reed and Mrs Payne. A bring and buy was run by Mrs Bell and a raffle by Mrs R Burns.

Cenotaph: September – Mrs Reed and Mrs Gale
October – Mrs House and Mrs Wood

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Chairman’s Report

Dear Villagers

Many thanks to all of those who took part both on the floats and walking entries. Excellent quality yet again. It has been a pleasure to be Chairman for the past two years and with the help of a very hard working committee, hopefully the village has benefited. Now is the time for change. Please attend the Carnival AGM and elect the new faces to press on and improve on what this Committee has started.

Colin Greening, Chairman

Secretary’s Report

Once again we had a good day – both with the weather and with the crowds. My thanks to all who took part in the procession and to all the people who helped on the day to make it the success it was.

Do you want money ????

As is usual, we are now asking people to make application for funding from the proceeds of the carnival. If your organisation would like to be considered for a donation, please put your request in writing to me at Flat 2, 88 West Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7HH or email me at wendy@valhalla.net. Applications to be in to me by Sunday 16th September.

Now for the bad news! I have decided to call it a day and resign from the Carnival committee. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 5 years although it has been extremely hard work. Lyn, our Treasurer is also standing down, as are some of the committee members. The ball is now in your court and if you want to see the Carnival continue, please come along to the AGM on Friday 21st September at 8 pm at the Legion and show your support.

On a personal note, I would just like to say thank you to committee past and present for all the help and support I have received over my 5 years as Secretary. I wish them and the new committee all the very best.

Wendy Johnson, 01929 471803, (mobile 07971 348951)
THANK YOU

Edwin James Smith

Pat, Deborah and Simon very much appreciate the cards and letters received at the death of Edwin. We would also like to thank the Doctors and all at the surgery for their care and kindness.
Also many thanks to the Vicar, Tim Colquhoun and the choir for a lovely service of thanksgiving.

Pat Smith

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAREHAM

Each Autumn the Rotary Club of Wareham collects brightly coloured 'shoebox' Christmas parcels from families, groups, schools and organisations and sends them with many hundreds of others to less fortunate youngsters in Albania and Kosovo. The contents of the boxes are arranged according to age and gender and are distributed to remote schools and villages as Christmas approaches and the winter sets in. The distribution of parcels is supervised by agents for Rotary International so one can be assured that fairness reigns throughout. All parcels are eagerly received as the youngsters have few of the things that we take for granted.

To meet the needs of youngsters effectively and to avoid difficulties at border points, there are some simple guidelines to be followed. These are explained in a fact sheet which is obtainable from Chris Mauder at 15 North Street, Bere Regis (Tel 471342). The sheet lists suggested items, age groups and an illustrated worksheet to help you with presentation and packing. Our School has been involved for several years and from the few letters received - remember it takes a lot of effort and cost for them to say a simple 'thank you' - all of the contents have been most welcome.

Remember: 'Even a child can help a child'

BERE REGIS W.I.

For our July meeting we had the splendid Mr. G. Blake with us again, this time to go back in time to tell us about 'In and Around Old Poole' As usual his talk and slides were full of interest, with pictures of old drawings depicting the town defences in 1430, right up to when the isolation hospital was last used in 1937 for an outbreak of typhoid. He was a mine of information and recounted many other interesting stories.

The September meeting is an open meeting and the WI ladies look forward to meeting those of you who have not ventured to one of our gatherings. The subject of the talk is 'The History and Art of Candle Making' and this should prove to be a good evening. Come and meet us, you will receive a very warm welcome.

The meeting will be in the Drax Hall, North Street on Tuesday, 18 September commencing at 7.30pm. Please note your diaries.

Margaret Dann - 472734

BERE REGIS BABYSITTING CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on Monday 10 September 1.30pm at Su's - Piddle Cottage, The Warren. Newcomers always welcome. Contact Su on 471322 for further info.

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The next meeting on the 12th September will be our 32nd birthday. This will be at 1.00 p.m. In the Drax Hall and the cost is £3.00 payable on the door. The speaker will be Bob Fox.

Please let Kath know by Monday 10th September if you are able to come.
BERE REGIS YOUTH 'Lenny’s'

Canoeing has taken place on two occasions but even though the weather was sunny and warm, the number of young members attending was rather low. However those that did go paddling had plenty of fun, mixed in with the more serious training sessions. The next planned canoeing will be on the weekend away in Brecon, Mid-Wales in late September.

A very small group spent an evening on the beach at Shore Road, enjoying the Beach Games and Bar-B-Q. Everyone had either a swim or paddle in the sea, where the waves rolling in were fairly big. The sunny evening came to an abrupt end, when thick sea fog rolled in and brought a chill to the air. After polishing off the last few burgers and hot dogs, the group changed and headed home feeling a lot warmer.

Paultons Park is the destination for an outing on the 2 September, the cost being only £12 per member for a super day out.

Mums and Dads are expected to turn out for the Carpet Bowls Challenge on the 28 August. When the young members intend to show how good they are at this type of competition.

Names are also being taken for the camping weekend in Mid-Wales on the 21-23 September. The cost is only £30 each and includes transport, campsite and a canoeing trip. Places are still available but the numbers are limited to a maximum of ten.

Any young person interested in joining the club should call in on any youth night. The group meets at the legion, from 7.15 - 10.00 pm., on the first Wednesday and the following Tuesdays each month.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, 01929 471693

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Thank you to all the hard working dedicated volunteers who have helped to enable the Pop In Place achieve all that it has in the last 5 years.

Jumble and Bric a Brac Sale – Saturday 13th October at the Drax Hall at 2.30 PM

Next month we will be holding a Jumble and Bric a Brac Sale at the Drax Hall in aid of the Doctors’ Surgery Equipment Fund.

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Please phone Colin and Gwen Yowles with your donations for the Raffle.
BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

We begin our winter meetings with Arm Syrad from Broadstone, Ann's title will be "Changing times".

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The singers have entertained the residents at Street Meadows, Wimborne and the Derby and Joan Club at Upton. They have given a new kettle to the village Hall – much needed!!!

BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

For the August meeting we should have had a talk on growing onions by David Miles. Well, I forgot to do the posters and Mr Miles forgot to come, so John England stepped into the breach and gave a slideshow on Iceland.

I'm sure I won't forget the meeting on 4th September which will be our Harvest Supper.

On Tuesday 2nd October we can look forward to a slideshow on a Year at Stourhead.

Andy Morrison – 472343
**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

*thanks to Pat House*

**APPLE CHARLOTTE**

- 9oz unsalted butter, melted
- caster sugar
- 1 white cut loaf, slightly stale, crusts removed
- about 6lbs bramley apples
- 5 cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 7oz caster sugar

Brush the inside of the mould with some of the melted butter. Distribute caster sugar over the butter pouring out any excess. Cut the bread into fingers, dip these fingers into the melted butter and stand them up, overlapping, around the walls of the old. Cut one of the slices into a circle, dip into butter and fit into the old. Chill.

Peel and core the apples and slice them coarsely. Put into a saucepan with the cloves, cinnamon, sugar and 2 tablespoons of water. Cover the saucepan and cook over a gentle heat. The apples will dissolve and can be whisked smooth. Remove the spices and cook the puree until it is thick an almost sticking to the pan.

Fill the mould with the apple puree, cover it with more bread dipped in the butter. Place the Charlotte on a tray and bake in a moderate oven for 45mins. Until the bread is golden and crisp. Leave to rest for a few minutes before turning out and serving with cream or custard.

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**FIRE REPORT**

August Fire Report

An unusually quiet period since my last report with only five call-outs, which at least allows our fire-fighters to recharge their batteries and spend time with their families.

Good news regarding recruiting, we have one person due to join in October and the possibility of help during the day from a Sturminster Newton fire-fighter working in the area.

Training continues every Tuesday evening, with the station recently completing a water-related incident course.

On a lighter note, several of the personnel are planning to celebrate the Feast of St Barb, (the patron saint of French fire-fighters) with our Cerences colleagues in December.

Gary Hewitt, Station Commander – 471185

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September! The children return to school and, for better or worse, there goes another summer, whether we liked it or not. Some days were cloudy and wet, others were very hot and humid. Many people feel cheerful and happy in lovely fair weather, but they get very depressed when the skies are grey and dull. Millions go abroad, travelling for miles in order to get away from this country, hoping to catch the sun in warmer climates.

It seems that we can bank on bad weather whenever we have a Bank Holiday. There are the exceptions of course, as recently when the weather was hotter here than abroad. The cynic, when greeted by a glorious summer morning, will tell us to wait awhile, as the day isn’t over yet! It’s either too cold, too hot, too wet, too dry, too windy or too bad!

If we rely solely on good weather to build up and maintain our good cheer and humour, then the climate of our souls and inner world will be as changeable and unpredictable as the weather itself. I’m sure we all prefer and enjoy warm, sunny days, but many people are ‘sun worshippers’, so when dull, dark, sun-hidden days of autumn and winter arrive, their days are full of doom and gloom.

Yes, I enjoy the sunshine too, but I’m a worshipper of Jesus Christ the Son of God. He is my sun and shield, whatever the weather. (Psalm 84:11) Of course there are the times when the circumstances and situation of daily life can be anything but sunshine and ‘showers of blessing’, but I would much sooner go through such times with Christ Jesus than without Him! Ask Jesus Christ to be the Lord and Saviour of your whole life today, if you have not already done so, and then you will know and feel the warmth of His love and truth shining in your heart and life forever. Have you caught the Son yet? “God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life, and he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” 1 John 5:11-12

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Cricket Results

21 Jul
BERE REGIS 181 for 8
(R Fripp 33, R Hewitt 44, D Rogerson 32)
REDLANDS 86 allout
(I Hardy 8-28)

22 Jul
POOLE & POOLE OG III 72 allout
(R Fripp 5-10)
BERE REGIS 73 for 4
(M Price 26, D Scott 23)

28 Jul
BERE REGIS 116 allout
(D Merritt 33)
SUTTONERS 117 for 2

29 Jul
WITCHAMPTON 230 for 6
BERE REGIS 179 allout
(R Fripp 47, N Cheeseman 22, P Cheeseman 23)

4 Aug
BERE REGIS 209 for 6
(R Hewitt 70no, M Price 43, K Brown 33)
COLEHILL II 132 allout
(S Cheeseman 4-13, R Davis 3-25)

5 Aug
BERE REGIS 284 for 4
(R Fripp 104no, D Scott 23, N Cheeseman 35, N White 57)
IBBERTON 68 allout
(P Fripp 4-16)

Rarely had the Old Rec' been in better condition for a double header weekend at home to Weymouth 3rds and Mortcombe. Bere's premier side in the NSA Saturday Division Three were desperate for a win to ignite their campaign, and achieve their ultimate goal which was survival.

It was the hottest weekend of the summer thus far, so high scores were expected, and the toss being crucial. For the captain who won the toss, the choice was stark, win and elect to bat leaving your opponents to roast in the ever-increasing temperature out in the middle. Sadly Bere were on the receiving end for the Weymouth game, and were asked to bowl first.

Bere's bowlers were to have the upper hand during the early exchanges. Steve Cheeseman and Rick Davis started off affairs with two contrasting actions; yet Weymouth were unable to build a solid platform. The first wicket fell with the score on 19, when Nick 'Black Book' Carruthers snapped up a low edged effort behind the stumps. He was back in action shortly with a run out, removing the bats after the predatory Adonis Chris Oram swooped at short point.

The visitors re-built over the course of the next 15 overs, with the third victim of the day falling to debutant Chris Holland, as Oram once again showed his fielding prowess with a tidyly judged catch at gully. Holland continued to bowl with accuracy and extracted some lift from the otherwise easy-paced pitch giving a new dimension to the side. The Bere bowling and fielding machine was back on-line, hardly letting Weymouth out of the blocks until their 6th and 7th wicket stands showed returns of 18 and 26 runs each in quick time.

Bere were asked to exceed 136 to win, which would normally appear achievable but with the start to the season so far, and air of apprehension shrouded the compact changing room. This manifested itself when Russell 'Monstaaz' Hewitt was removed leg before, attempting to flick a shortish delivery through mid-wicket. There was more to follow. Andy Kent who has been struggling to find form, fell for a couple and was briefly followed back by the inform Dean 'The Postman' Rogerson who can justifiably feel hard done by after playing on. Bere were in all sorts at 7 for 3 with three frontliners back in the showers.
Inzamam Ul Merritt was left in the middle with nothing but a coffee sponge for company when the debutant Holland joined him. They set about re-asserting Bere’s position and were playing some crisp shots for no runs. However Holland fell to the same shot as the Monstaath, soon to be succeeded by Inzamerritt who got a brute which barely bounced above ankle height.

Bere’s lower order boasted some fearsome batting and even at 41 for 7 there was hope as veteran Mark Bennett and Pete Giletsuriya took up the baton. They added 15 before the skipper succumbed to another leg before and Bere were effectively out of it on 56 for 8. Bennett was joined by Steve Cheeseman in the push for respectability, and they contributed a further 21 to the total. The witty Bearded One entered the fray when Bennett fell for a breezy 19.

Cheeseman and Davis were expected to capitulate, but they were having none of it, and took the game to the visitors with some mighty blows and even a risky two runs in favour of the Bearded One who was in dire need of Guinness. Suddenly Bere had and outside chance after 12 came from the 40th over, but Cheeseman was worked by a beauty attempting to collect a single down to long-on. This finale gave Bere some heart as they try and lift themselves for the battles ahead, most notably the following week’s trip to Gillingham.

Following debilitating defeats from earlier weeks, Bere’s premier side travelled to Gillingham in the knowledge that they were rock bottom, and anything but a win on the North Dorset plains would spell disaster. The pitch was green and looked like it could take more spin than New Labour.

The ‘Gills won the toss and put Bere into bat. Bere captain-Pete Cheeseman decided on shuffling the top order, and sent Andy Kent in with Russell ‘Eric Hall’ Hewitt, leaving Inzamerritt the number three slot. Sadly Kent fell to a simple catch at square leg in the 4th over, so Bere’s sprint duo of Merritt and Hewitt were reunited. Merritt set his stall out early on with a plethora of boundaries, but the Gillingham opening attack manfully restricted Bere to 2 an over from the first 15-20 overs.

The erstwhile pair had contributed 58 to Bere’s total, when Hewitt clipped one through long leg and Inzamerritt called for two. The Monstaath turned and dropped down through the gearbox to climb the hill back to the danger end, but an accurate throw came in and the Monstaath was run out by the width of a Slickster sandwich for 26, and left the arena casting a glance or two.

The two Deans then compiled a half-century for the 3rd wicket before Inzamerritt fell for the same score holing out at wide mid-on. Chris Holland soon departed for a breezy 16 before The Postman stumpped his authority on the game, accompanied by the re-born Hristo Orman. The pair triumphed here in adversity last year, rescuing Bere’s cause before calamity struck. The Postman well and truly delivered with a fifty from 40 balls and 60 minutes. Orman was content with a supporting role, as 174 runs were added from the final 2 overs. Their stand accumulated 89 runs leaving the Gills 235 to achieve for victory.

Bere’s bowlers were fired up with plenty of runs in the bank, and they had a dream start as Chris Holland got one to nip back off the last ball of his first over. Three further wickets fell with Rick ‘Uncle Albert’ Davis at the helm grabbing 3 himself and Gillingham were reduced to 37 for 4. Which soon became 69 for 7 and the Spin King returned astonishing figures of 4-4 romping off with the man-of-the-match award. Bere concluded affairs with the Poam snapping up an easy effort at mid-on. Even wily veteran Mark Bennett got in on the act with two supremely judged catches in the deep. This may proved to be a turning point in Bere’s season.

Eager to reverse a season opener defeat at home to Hamworthy Rec, Bere made the trip to Hamworthy’s impressive arena in good heart after the previous week’s triumph. There were one or two enforced changes, and Bere welcomed back Bloxworth old by-Tim Hole returning from an academic sojourn. Inzamam Ul Merritt was absent, so Andy Kent retained the number two slot as Bere were invited to bat for the third game in three.

Also to the ladies’ delight, heart stopper Graeme Price returned to the fold after recovering from a strained wallet tendon. It was to be his own personal champagne moment for the season. He batted with the utmost confidence on his way to 92, including 12 fours and three sixes.

Earlier Bere’s momentum took a battering as they lost the Monstaath for a rapid 25 from 50 balls, then Kent and Price took over. They added 91 for the second wicket as Bere geared up for a big total. After Kent departed for a well earned and gifted 56, Dean ‘The Postman’ Rogerson joined the fray and in a 105 run partnership for the 3rd wicket with the ever dominant Price at the wicket. However he fell a tantalising 8 runs short of a maiden century leaving the ground to gracious applause from all corners.

Bere knew that the key to containing the Hamworthy push for victory was to seize the prize scalp of their captain who opens the innings and has been a constant thorn in Bere’s side amassing a feast of runs off the Bere bowling. The extra pace of Tim Hole proved a major factor early doors and he duly gave Bere their reward removing the dangerous Hamworthy captain for 17, and suddenly Hamworthy were on the ropes at 30 for 3.
The Postman accounted for 4 wickets and the home side’s lower order claiming match-winning figures of 6-1-9-4. Hristo Oram chipped in with a jug avoiding 2 catches and one wicket. Bere romped to another morale boosting 20 points with the only blot on the landscape being a dislocated thumb for veteran Mark Bennett, likely to rule him out for several weeks.

The Sunday heroes travelled to Whitecliff to face Poole & Poole OG 3rds. Despite, yet again, losing the toss, Captain Alan Green was more than happy when the opposing skipper elected to bat first on a green strip. The skipper was even more delighted after just two overs when he put behind him his recent fielding disasters to hold on to his first of two catches, this time of the bowling of Reg Fripp. Reg put aside his previous week’s spell against Sherborne to finish with the excellent figures of 5-10 that included a good stumping by Herbie Swann, returning to the fold after a fortnight out.

Not to be outdone by his father, Paul Fripp joined in the fun taking two wickets to decimate the Poole innings. With only 3 further wickets required Pete Macklin was introduced at the Ice Cream Van end and was soon amongst the wickets thanks to a catch from Tom Bennett and a ball that completely deceived the batsman. With only one wicket now required it was the turn of the skipper himself to turn his arm in a bid to aid his bowling average. This was achieved in his third over when he managed to dislodge the ball of Poole’s no 11 to end the Poole innings after only 37 overs.

The hastily arranged tea interval caught out a few players who were cavorting on the love blanket and gave the Bere players and their band of supporters the rarest of rare sights. The Stickster was towards the rear of the tea queue and was starting to sweat as the sandwiches and cakes began to disappear. However there was plenty left for his traditional three helpings.

Bere had 52 overs to score the required 72 runs and on a tricky pitch it was not going to be plain sailing. This proved to be the case when opener Reg Fripp departed with just 5 on the board. This then brought together Martyn Price and Dave Scott who showed for the 2nd week running their good understanding between the wickets to put on a 48 run partnership before Scott was bowled for a score of 21.

This was the start of a mini Bere collapse as Alan Green departed yet again without troubling the scorers. His departure was soon followed by that of Price for 26 after a poor shot straight to mid off. Bere had gone from 53-1 to 53-4 and with just 20 runs needed the Stickster, who had discarded his ‘Bubble’ hat, and Pete Macklin finally put the issue to rest with a barrage of boundaries to seal a 6 wicket win and 18 points.

On a baking hot afternoon it was our visitors, second placed Witchampton, who won the toss and elected to bat. With opening batsman of a higher standard than Sunday Division Six, Bere were unable to make an early breakthrough and the Witchampton pair began to make a big stand. This stand was finally broken by Reg Fripp although this only succeeded to bring another quality batsman to the crease to increase the Witchampton score. Nick White was the partnership breaker on this occasion thanks to a superb catch by Peter Cheeseman. This was the first of a five wicket haul for White who also had to thank Alan Green, Herbie Swann and Martyn Price for their catches.

Openers Fripp and Price began the run chase in confident fashion scoring 50 of just 12 overs and putting on a first wicket stand of 79 before Price perished to a catch at square leg. This brought the in form Dave Scott who, in typical fashion, hit three fours before being bowled for 12. Fripp was finally bowled for 47 to bring together the Cheeseman father and son combination at the crease. Runs continued to flow with both scoring 23 apiece before Cheeseman Jr was bowled immediately after hitting a massive six. Despite scoring at a steady rate Bere were no longer in with a chance of victory and therefore the revised aim was not to be all out. This was just about successful with White and Paul Fripp frustrating the Witchampton attack in the last three overs to deny them a maximum 20 points.

For the first time since the Queen Mother was a teenager, Skipper Alan Green won the toss up and elected to bat against bottom of the league Ilberton who had only brought 10 men. Bere charged towards one of their highest ever scores with Reg Fripp scoring his second unbeaten century of the season and 15 year old Nick White chalk-up his maiden half century. This pair also put together a highest ever 4th wicket stand of 136 before White was run out with just one ball remaining. With Shane Hewitt coming in and scoring one run from the last ball of the innings, Bere ended up with a superb 2844.

A deflated Ilberton side were quickly skittled out for a lowly 68 with Paul Fripp ending with bowling figures of 4-16 from his 10 overs. With the game never in doubt Green allowed the younger members, from the Gordon Tucker Academy, to gain some invaluable bowling experience and was rewarded when all three took one wicket each to seal a maximum 20 point victory.
THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

Fund raising

Many thanks to all our supporters and friends for donations of books and bric-a-brac and for your time, enabling us to raise the sum of £122.00 at the BRIANTSPUDDLE STREET FAYRE on Saturday 4th August. The weather was uncertain to say the least, but we managed to get through most of the afternoon without getting too wet. We had lots of help (and lots of fun) and special thanks are due to George and Mary Sherwood for allowing us the use of their driveway and their home. The proceeds will go to the CHILDREN'S ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC in Ogre near Ikskile in Latvia, to assist with their continuing purchase of much needed equipment. Doctor Leide Samite has sent us photographs of the clinic with special emphasis on the equipment purchased with the disposition of funds, together with a letter of thanks and receipts for all equipment and medical supplies purchased.

Final Accounts

We have, finally, received the necessary paperwork to enable us to complete the final accounts, up to and including, the disposition of funds. Ivor Mullins has once again kindly agreed to undertake the task of auditing the accounts etc., the results of which will be published in due course.

Jenny Silavs

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE POST OFFICE AND SHOP

Confirmation has been received from The Countryside Agency that the application for a grant towards the shop has been approved. A letter expressing our appreciation has been sent to Jeremy Worth, the Regional Director of the Agency. Progress can now be made with the improvements and it is expected that work will be undertaken during the week beginning Monday 10th September. To facilitate this, it will be necessary for the Post Office and Shop to be closed for one day. At present, it is intended that this should be Tuesday 11th September. This will be confirmed nearer the time and notices posted on the shop door and the village Notice Boards.

A newsletter containing more details will be circulated to all households nearer the time. Meanwhile, please continue to use the shop at every opportunity in order to help ensure its continued existence. Please remember that the shop is open every day, Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10.00am to 12 noon. Should you have any suggestions on improving the range of stock carried, please pass them to Wendy for her consideration.

Paul Badcock

HOME WATCH

The Police have warned about bogus antique dealers. Please do not let anyone into your house who claims to be an antique dealer. If you think you have something worth selling contact a firm of reputable auctioneers who deal in antiques who in all probability will visit you by appointment and let you know whether your "gem" is worth selling and how to go about it in an honest manner. Don't believe Jack the Lad and his mates who turn up on your doorstep. It is fair to say that their intentions are not honourable!

Another warning received has been about the theft of lawn mowers. Once again keep your garden machinery safely locked up in the shed or garage and make sure that all locks and hinges are secure and well maintained.

Yet another warning is that thieves have been raiding phone boxes and removing the cash boxes. This is a mean trick as someone might need the phone in an emergency and a vandalised phone is useless. If you see anything suspicious please phone the police without delay.

Bill Thorniley
BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Before I say or do anything, I must thank the members of the Hall Committee, and others, who threw themselves so wholeheartedly into the organisation and implementation of our recent Street Fair. It is not usually my policy to mention specific people, as we all put in a lot of time and effort in our different ways. However an exception must be made here as our star committee member Jenny Beadle took on the lion’s share of organising both of our recent successful events, the Open Gardens and the Street Fair. She’s worn herself out as a courageous community activist, well done Jenny!!

Well ... I think we were all pleased as punch with the Street Fair. The weather could have been kinder, but the stalls, the entertainment, the food, and the company of people who turned up were first class. A good selection of craft demonstrators turned out and some delightful vintage vehicles were aired for the day.

To me, one of the most rewarding aspects of the day was its ‘home grown’ quality. Many of the stalls were local people and we even had vehicles restored by local residents. I gather that a substantial amount was made for various charities and by individuals from selling their own produce. It was a proper easy going, country day out with a transient relief from the stresses of modern life.

Let me take this opportunity to remind any dancing gourmets who may be glancing idly through this magazine that on 29th September 2001 the annual Farmhouse Supper and Barn Dance will take place in Briantspuddle Village Hall. Tickets for this fun extravaganza will be on sale from the beginning of September and will cost £6.50 each, so form an orderly queue and phone Jenny on 471498 or Jan on 471778. Try and do this as soon as possible, since numbers are limited, and for the last couple of years we’ve had to turn late corners away. The supper alone has been described as ‘legendary’ and some non dancers just turn up for an excellent meal!!

M ... m ... m ... I suppose I’d better start thinking about the menu; venison pate, game pie, roast vegetable lattice, that’ll do for starters.

What business is there? Ah yes,

Hall Improvements

We finally have a plan. After a flurry of activity during July Mr Jonathan Lane has provided us with a beautifully presented set of drawings showing us just how attractive the site of the Village Hall and Social Club could be.

An Exhibition and Open Forum have been held, and there have been no adverse comments made about the plans themselves by anyone who has studied them. There have been feelings expressed about aspects such as the use of appropriate building materials on the impact of the development, and the perception that a neighbouring property owner feels of their concerns having been neglected through insufficient consultation.

Let me assure all those who have an interest in these improvements that everything possible is, and has been, done to address all issues concerned with it in as sensitive and rational a way as possible. Please bear in mind that this is being done within the constraints of the handling of a complex project by a band of well intentioned volunteers whose sole aim is the improvement of a facility for all the community.

Mr Baddock reported to the August meeting that a grant had been received from the Lottery ‘Awards for All’ fund to pay the upfront charges of both quantity surveyors and engineers for the project

By the time you read this we MAY have begun the planning process, if this is indeed the case every household in the Parish will have been informed.

Queen Elizabeth’s Golden Jubilee

Another interesting subject to arise at the August meeting was the fact that 2002 will see the Golden Jubilee of the accession of our present Queen to the throne. It was proposed by Philippa Thomley that we celebrate in style (any excuse for a party will do me). There was a general agreement when she also suggested that the winter round of Artsreach performances be used as a way of financing these celebrations. Perhaps each local child might be given a crown coin as a memento, or a mug.

Jenny Beadle suggested a themed celebration, with possible dance classes, street parties, and evening hops using the food, clothes and dancing of the era of the Coronation itself. We would love to hear your views on this (positive if possible) and any offers of help in organising it all. I know there are a few veterans who remember those heady days amongst us and also some enthusiasts who could help us recreate the feeling of the times.

We are working on those survey forms, by the way, with a view to starting a few new activities in the Hall as soon as we can reasonably manage.
Farmhouse Supper and Barn Dance

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STREET FAIR – TREASURER’S REPORT

The Street Fair was as usual a great success and gave an opportunity for people to raise funds for lots of causes. Jenny Beedle, Selwyn and Jean McGrory and lots of others did a fantastic job organising the event on behalf of the Hall Committee and the Bladen Social Club. The Hall Committee organised the hire of the stalls and provided light lunches and teas at Cruck Cottage. After all the expenses have been paid £641.77 has been raised for the Hall Repair Fund.

As Treasurer I would like to add my thanks to everyone who helped raise this money but especially to Jenny Beedle and to Chips and Paul Badcock who lent us their beautiful home and garden and let us take over their kitchen, hall and dining room for the best part of the day.

Philippa Thomiley.

ARTSREACH AND PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL

Some dates for your diaries. Purbeck Film Festival and Briantspuddle Hall Committee are arranging a showing of ‘Day of the Jackal’ the seventies film of the Frederick Forsyth’s thriller which starred James Fox as the Jackal on Friday 19th October. (Those of you who may have the RAGE video will recall that he provided the commentary together with his wife, Joanna David). As in past years the film will be followed by a supper. At the time of going to press I do not have details of ticket prices.

I have also had news from Artsreach. In December on Saturday 15th December 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’.

In January 2002 we have been promised ‘Original Rags’ - ragtime and boogie woogie classic and in March 2002 Theatrescape’s Personal Column. We have received good reports about both shows. Dates and details will appear in future magazines.

Philippa Thomiley
ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

Those of you who very kindly and generously responded to the House to House collection in aid of the Lifeboats in June will be interested to learn that the total amount collected within the Parish was £131.91 and the total amount collected within the Wareham Area was £1,582.58. Thank you to everyone for their generous response.

JOSEPH WELD HOSPICE TRUST - LONDON 10K OPEN ROAD RACE

Thank you to all those kind, kind people who so kindly and generously sponsored me for the London 10k Open Road Race in aid of the Joseph Weld Hospice Trust on 22nd July. Thanks to your wonderful generosity I have raised £1,694.00 (this excludes the amount that the Trust can recover by Gift Aid - some of you signed forms to enable the Trust to recover tax via the Gift Aid Scheme).

Sunday 22nd July was a long day. I got up at 3.30 a.m. and left Dorchester at 4.20 a.m. The race started at 9.30 a.m. and it took me five minutes to get over the start line. There were about ten thousand of us running and raising money for various charities. It is estimated that our team of twenty four runners raised over eight thousand pounds.

The race was started by the Lord Mayor of Westminster who was accompanied by Clarissa Dixon Wright plus Johnnie and Ben Gill of N.F.U. We were cheered on our way by a pipe band and a military band. It took me an hour and ten minutes to get round the course. I was not the first home but neither was I the last! About half way round I wondered why I had done it but I had to keep going because I had so much ‘riding’ on me. When it was over I had a wonderful feeling of relief and elation and I collected a medal and my tee shirt! (So I have done that, seen that and got the tee shirt).

Once again thank you for your kindness and generosity. I have been overcome, humbled and gratified by everyone’s response.

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 8th August 2001. An Open Forum meeting was also held during the evening to discuss the plans for the Village Hall and Social Club development.

P.C Meeting

Mr Barter welcomed Mr Malcolm Shakesby, the new County Councillor for this area to the meeting.

B3390

The situation regarding the dangers of this road within the Parish was explained to Mr Shakesby, who agreed to bring some sensible answers to the next meeting. It was noted that there were records of letters in the Parish minutes going back at least twenty years on this subject.

Flooding on the B3390 was discussed once more, and it was agreed that the letter received from Mr Munslow (District Highways Engineer) did not adequately address the matter. Clarification was to be sought by the clerk. It should also be noted that surface dressing of the road through Briantspuddle was carried out 5 years ago and not 10 as had been previously stated by DCC.

Whilst on the subject of roads, it was stated that complaints had been received from residents about the gate which has been installed on the C79 road between Turnerspuddle and Throop. The council agreed that although it could appreciate the necessity for cattle to be driven past this area for milking, and for there to be a means of stopping them straying onto the wrong road, it was unacceptable for a gate to be kept closed at other times. A letter was to be sent to explain the Parish Council's position.

Verge cutting

A letter had been received from Mr Brown (DCC) stating that cutting times could not be altered as there was a four year contract with the cutting contractors. It seems that we are relatively lucky not to have the verges cut earlier in spring as some parishes are before ours on the list. It was decided to delay any further action as the newly appointed ‘environment officer’ was away on holiday.
Flies

The perennial fly problem is now being handled by Mr. Conway at Purbeck District Council, who is following up the most recent batch of complaints.

Village Shop

A request was received from the Friends of the shop for paving to replace the gravel at present forming part of the entry to the granary. New flooring is to be installed and gravel carried in the treads of boots and shoes could prove a nuisance. Estimates to be brought to September meeting.

Social Club

A possible problem with cars parked outside the fire door from the games room was raised. The possibility of signing was discussed, but it was agreed that a form of physical barrier to stop cars parking too close was the most acceptable answer.

Grass Cutting

The standard of grass cutting carried out by PDC contractors within the centre of Brant'spuddle was raised. It was generally agreed that there was room for improvement. It was noted that Parish Councils could, if they chose, take over this type of contract work and deal with it. A letter would be to PDC to clarify.

Open Forum Meeting

The Open Forum was chaired by Mr. Barter. The other members of the Project Management Team were present to answer questions which might arise.

Mr. Barter welcomed about 40 members of the community to the meeting and asked those present to raise any questions that they had concerning the project. It was stated that neighbours whose property is adjacent to the site felt that they had not been adequately consulted and requested that everything possible should be done to address the emotions involved in this issue. Mrs. Lightfoot stated that the possibility of ill feeling amongst members of the community was something that everyone would wish to avoid, and that every effort would be made to remove any misunderstandings.

The question of how a plan to refurbish Village Hall kitchen and toilets had now come to mean a moving of the Social Club and rebuilding of part of the site was asked. (A rumoured figure was quoted) Mr. Badcock provided a resume of events to date that had resulted in a plan to realign buildings within the site.

These included the intervention of planning officers with a desire to see the rationalisation of the site of a listed building, (a key component being the reopening of the wagon entrance) and the looming disability legislation for public buildings.

Mr. Lane (the architect) said that no figure as an estimate of cost had been put forward, and that plans were with the quantity surveyor for this purpose.

Queries on parking arrangements were made, and it was once more, recognised that due to the limitations imposed by the site inadequate parking was an issue at the present time. The improvements are planned to benefit the people who use the building now, many of whom walk or cycle to the site, and it will continue this way. However, a plan to provide a few more spaces opposite the Hall is being explored.

Mr. Barter summed up the meeting, and asked if any of those present had an objection to the plan. There was no response and the meeting was called to a close.

RSPCA STALL - BRIANTS PUDDLE STREET FAYRE

Thank You!

Gill, Judy and Sian would like to thank everyone who supported our stall by turning out cupboards and supplying us with a fantastic amount of bric-a-brac and books and by supporting us on the day by coming along to buy. We raised the huge sum of £483.16. The remaining books etc. that we have are going to be delivered to the new RSPCA shop in Bridport.

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Congregational Church 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sundays, Butts Lane 10.00 a.m. Sunday School

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Dancing classes Fridays 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.

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Village Scrapbook

W.I. Bere Regis

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Secretary - Jenny Silavs - 01929 471577
2.00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village hall
2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court
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Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. - 4.25 p.m. – Car Park
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church
7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board
Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792 Wednesday/Thursday PM
9.00 a.m. - 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall
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8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House - Elaine 471774
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m, Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262
1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church
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Contact Bernard Hammick - 472727 for all activities
8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
Jenny Silavs - 471577
7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall
2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September
1st & 2nd: Cyril Wood Court Woodwork and Quilting Exhibition
4th: Gardening Club - Harvest Supper
8th: Pop in Place 5th birthday, Drax Hall
8th: Dorset Historic Churches Trust, sponsored cycle ride
11th: FOBRS AGM - Bere Regis School Hall
12th: Autumn Leaves 31st birthday luncheon, Drax Hall
21st to 23rd: Twinning visit to Cerences

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
14th: Autumn Leaves talk on Minorca
15th: Christmas Fashion Show for Drax Hall funds
24th: Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar, Drax Hall
30th: Cyril Wood Court Annual Craft Fayre

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST
25th: Quiz - 8.30 & Treasure Hunt forms available for walking
treasure hunt around Blandford. - Sheets to be back to the Club by 7.30
pm Saturday 8th September

SEPTEMBER
1st: Carpet bowls
8th: Treasure Hunt forms to be returned by 7.30
22nd: Darts singles knock-out - £1.50 per player - £25 to the
winner (separate competitions for men and women - subject to entries)
23rd (Sun): Harvest Festival 7 pm
Gardening Club 1st Tuesday of the month
4th set of quiz answers to be in by Saturday 1st September 2001

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