THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS
and AFFPUDDLE with
TURNERSPUDDLE

April 2002

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SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear Friends

'Did you have a good Easter?'

That’s not a very familiar post-holiday seasonal greeting is it? We’re much more used to ‘Have a good Christmas?’ rather than ‘Have a good Easter?’ Is this because there’s no obvious gift giving or commercial promotion of ‘good will’ in food or drink or much of a sense of the material at Easter, except perhaps chocolate Easter Eggs and not so much time off work?

For many of us the purpose and meaning of Easter is harder for us to get our minds around than the joy of the new baby Jesus of Christmas. And yet it is Easter that is the very heart of our faith, because as Christians we believe that God created us in love and as the human Jesus, he died and rose again. And in so doing he freed all mankind of all the wrong that stop us sharing and building up our common life here and now. And secondly he assures us of eternal life. This is why Easter is the happiest and most joyful of all our festivals and why we are first and foremost Easter people.

Martin Luther, the great church reformer of the early 16th century, wrote this about the Resurrection of Jesus:

‘Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in Springtime.’

Resurrection, like Spring, that is now hopefully all around us, is about renewal – being made new again with all the freshness and hope and excitement that God’s loving creation brings.

So, as we look forward to celebrating Pentecost – 50 days after Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first Christians - we remember Easter with the reality of Spring and a new life for everyone.

With love and prayers

[Signature]
FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
George Thomas Yeandle of Turnerspuddle, born 16th July 2001, at Turnerspuddle Church on Saturday 16th February 2002.


Ethan John Newman of Canford Heath, Poole, born 1223rd June 2001 at St. John the Baptist, Bere Regis, on Sunday 10th March 2002.

Funerals
Winfred Grace Amey formerly of Bere Regis at St. John the Baptist Bere Regis, and Bere Regis cemetery on 18th February 2002.

Tom Hamilton-Brown of Bere Regis at Bournemouth Crematorium on 1st March 2002.

Winfred Mintern of Bere Regis at St. John the Baptist Bere Regis and Bere Regis Cemetery, 7th March 2002.

Iris Annie Louisa Stickley of Bere Regis at Weymouth Crematorium on 15th March 2002

100 WATT CLUB

1st prize - £10
Mr R Kinahan - NO 200

2nd prize - £10
Mrs Braithwaite - NO 110

3rd prize - £5
Mr A Booth - NO 90

4th prize - £5
Mrs A Booth - NO 89

New members of the 100 Watt club are always welcome. Please contact Gordon Phillips for details - 471525

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  Mr J England, 10 Southmead - 471469
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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

Sunday 7th April  
9.30 a.m.  Mr House/Mr Bates  
6.00 p.m.  Mrs Jutting

Sunday 14th April  
11.00 a.m. Mrs March/Mrs England  
6.00 p.m.  Mr Woodward

Sunday 21st April  
9.30 a.m.  Mrs Hazlerigg/Mr Smith  
6.00 p.m.  Miss Frampton

Sunday 28th April  
11.00 a.m. Miss Miller/Miss Chesney  
6.00 p.m.  Mrs Green

Evensong Readers

7th  Mrs Jutting  
14th  Mrs Lewis  
21st  Miss Frampton

Cleaning and Dusting

13th & 20th April  Mr R Robinson, Mrs A Robinson

27th April & 4th May  Mrs H Green, Mr E Green

Sanctuary Flower Guild

7th  Mrs P House  
14th/21st  Mrs K Benjafiel  
28th  Mrs B Griffin

Dusters

Mrs M Miller, Mrs E Munro  
Mrs C Burden, Mrs J Gibbs

CHURCH SERVICES in April

Sunday 7th April  Second Sunday of Easter
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Affpuddle)  
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Bere Regis)  
11.00 a.m.  Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)  
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Affpuddle – followed by PCC AGM in church)  
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)

Saturday 13th April
10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon  Junior Church in Church (Bere Regis)

Sunday 14th April  Third Sunday of Easter
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Bere Regis)  
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Affpuddle)  
11.00 a.m.  Family Service (Bere Regis)  
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 21st April  Fourth Sunday of Easter
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Affpuddle)  
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Bere Regis)  
11.00 a.m.  Holy Communion for Young and Old (Affpuddle)  
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 28th April  Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Bere Regis)  
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Affpuddle)  
11.00 a.m.  Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)  
3.00 p.m.  Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)
OBITUARIES

Iris Stickley

Iris Annie Louisa Stickley was born in Pokeswell near Weymouth 74 years ago but she was brought up in Winterbourne Kingston with her brother Horace.

She knew Bere Regis well, having attended the school there, and from there, she first went into service and then into farming. On the farm she learnt to drive horses, and in her home there are many statues of draught horses that reminded her of love for them. Meanwhile, Frank had been a ‘Bevan Boy’, called up during World War Two, not into the Forces but into the mines. For Frank this meant the South Wales coal fields, and he had to stay there for five years until 1947, returning to the area living in Woodbury Hill, and worked on the Bedford and Jesty Farm.

As a young woman, Iris first met Frank in 1950 at the ‘General Allenby’ pub, now the ‘Botony Bay’ on the Wimborne road. Iris and Frank enjoyed a long courtship and eventually married, and lived for 20 years in Hollow Oak before moving to Old Barn Road in Bere Regis in the early 1980’s. At Hollow Oak Iris and Frank had an acre of garden to tend and it kept them both very busy - digging it all by hand and growing many flowers and vegetables. Weymouth was a frequent and favourite holiday place, where Iris had an aunt.

Iris enjoyed indoor pursuits too – puzzles in particular, and she was an outstanding and unstoppable knitter – her friend Jenny says that ‘Iris could knit with her eyes shut’, and she was a great cook, especially of tasty and nourishing soups.

And we’re grateful that Jenny and her children Chris and Carley, have been a great friends and neighbours to Iris and Frank. Another great love of Iris’s were her golden Labradors firstly ‘Honey’ and then ‘Molly’.

Last year Iris went into a home in Dorchester after a slight stroke, and there she unfortunately broke her hip, which limited her mobility.

Iris was a happy, quiet, and very straightforward gentle lady, very much at home in the country in which she spent all her life, and devoted to Frank. We support him with our love in his grief and sorrow, and assurance of Iris’s new life in heaven.

Frank has asked that donations should be made to the local Margaret Green Animal Foundation c/o Albert Marsh funeral directors in Wareham.

OBITUARY

Winifred Mintern

Winifred Mintern was born in Bere Regis in 1914, and brought up with her sister, Vera, and they went to the girls school down at Sitterton. After school, Vera went into domestic service in London and in Poole and I believe Bournemouth.

The St John the Baptist confirmation register shows that Winifred Elizabeth Hewitt and Percy Reginald Mintern were confirmed here on the 9th November 1928, when they were both 14. I wonder if they knew then, that they would marry and be devoted to each other for so long. Percy was a village boy, the son of the baker.

But they did marry, here, in 1940, and were devoted to each other. Duty and service were very much at the centre of Win’s ethos, caring as she did for both Percy’s and her parents.

Percy joined the Army and spent much of the World War II in Burma, where he endured much privation. On his return to England Win accompanied him to his new postings in the UK. When he finally left the Army they settled back in Bere Regis at Egdon Close, with Percy working at the watercress company.

Perhaps through being baptised, confirmed and married here, the Church was a centre of Win’s and Percy’s life. They both sang in the choir, Percy was a tenor and Win a soprano, and Win was a member of the MU for 51 years.

Win was a quiet, reserved person and she lived for Percy, they were a devoted couple.

I had the privilege of taking Holy Communion to Win, in her home, just three days before she died. She was waiting to go into hospital to have a pacemaker fitted. As I listened to her stories she was still missing her Percy so much, and her faith and confidence of seeing her Percy again was what she longed for.

Not every one has this clarity of faith of God’s promise to us, through Jesus Christ, but for Win, Christ was a living reality in her life.

She will be laid to rest with her ‘Beloved Percy’

We thank God for her, may she rest in peace.
OBITUARY

Winifred Grace Betty Amey

Winifred Grace Amey or ‘Wyn’ to all who knew her was born in Bere Regis in 1914, and lived in North Street with her parents George & Ellen Masterman, who had a small holding in the village. She went to school in the village and had a beloved brother Bert.

She would have known this parish church of St. John the Baptist very well. She was married here in 1936 to William ‘Bill’ Amey and they set up home in Doddings cottage, where their son Brian, was born in 1937. Bill worked at the watercress beds.

Wyn had a half sister Elsie and her daughters, Elsie’s nieces – June, Stella, and Christina are here today. Wyn had a beloved brother Bert who was alas was killed in a motorcycle accident on the way back from the Bath and West show in the early 1950’s where he had been looking at tractors with a view to replacing the horses on the small holding.

Wyn was a very keen sportswoman, especially at tennis and golf, playing at Highcliffe golf club well into her 80’s, having been a member there for some 50 years. She loved riding and watching horses, especially going to the Goodwood races.

Football was a passion too and Wyn and Bill were season ticket holders at Bournemouth. But her sporting interests also included cricket and Bill and Wyn were regular spectators at Hampshire Cricket Club in Southampton. Another interest was her dachshund dogs. Her long life may be attributable to her active mind and wide variety of interests.

In 1944 Bill and Wyn moved to Parkstone in 1944 and opened a greengrocery business and they subsequently moved again to Tuckton and then to Christchurch.

In due course Bill and Wyn’s son Brian married Janet and grandsons Tony and Chris came along and Chris tells of his grandmother’s delight to be at his wedding a couple of years ago. Tony recalls his children, Wyn’s great grandchildren, all being together this last Christmas and watching the Wizard of Oz together.

It’s not possible to give proper due to all that Wyn did and gave and achieved in her life in this time we have
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Ringing practices are on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 to 7.30pm.

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

Visitors are welcome to the tower.

Bere Regis Junior Church

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**MOTHERS' UNION**

At our March meeting the Revd Stephen Treeby from Spetsibury preached and celebrated at the Holy Communion Service held in church. Speaking just before Mothering Sunday, Stephen reminded us that it is not a happy day for everyone. Those who have lost their mothers or their children, or those who are alone, may not be able to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Loving and caring brings joy but also pain as all mothers discover, not least Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Christian art depicts her with the baby Jesus, watching as her son was crucified, and receiving the body of Jesus after his death.

The MU’s founder, Mary Sumner, intended that each member should support others and receive support within the Mothers’ Union. One of our aims states that we should help and sustain those whose family life has met with adversity, both within our membership and beyond. We would endeavour to bear these concerns in mind as we prepare for Mothering Sunday.

Mary led the business meeting and told members that Wilton Mothers’ Union would be visiting our church on 8th May. Several members volunteered to help serve teas.

We had received a letter from our link deanery of Bury in the Manchester diocese and members signed an Easter card to be sent to our link branch there.

Members were reminded about the Lady Day service, this year to be held on 8th April in Blandford Parish Church at 2.00 p.m. Eileen can provide transport.

Our next meeting will take place on 3rd April at Turberville Court when Mrs Mary Whitton will update us on MU work overseas, with particular emphasis on the literacy project in African countries which we have already supported. There will be a bring and buy sale when the proceeds will be given to the literacy project.

Brenda Pittfield – 471391

**BERE REGIS CHURCH SPRING CLEAN**

There will be a Spring clean of our church on Saturday 6th April at 10.00 a.m. We would welcome anyone who can spare a bit of time to join in and do a bit of extra cleaning and dusting on top of the weekly clean, which our band of volunteers already do. Please come along and join in this worthy cause. Please bring with you dusters and cleaning cloths.

Jane Woodward

**AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

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FLOWERS AND CLEANING


By the time you read the April Magazine the new cleaning and flower arranging rota for 2002/2003 will have been delivered to all those people who are involved.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Church to say thank you to everyone who so generously gives up their valuable time to clean the church and to arrange the flowers Sunday by Sunday all through the year. Your gift of time and talent is greatly appreciated. On a purely mercenary note every free hour you give to helping the church is worth a minimum of £4.10 an hour (the current minimum hourly rate for an adult). However, you are all pearls of great price and your worth is more than rubies!

As a footnote please do not forget the four quarterly Special Cleans of the church which, this year, are to be held on Saturdays 8th June (note from the March magazine that this does not clash with the W.I. jolly to London), 12th October, 11th January 2003 and 22nd March 2003. Once again your help is asked for and greatly appreciated.

Philippa Thornley

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The March meeting is the Annual Parish meeting when the Chairman offers his report on the Council’s proceedings for the previous twelve months. Mr Lionel Street in speaking of the tasks undertaken by the Council noted the representation of the Trigon Landfill Investigation and the Local Plan Inquiry. He mentioned the problems of disturbances at the top end of North Street, the speed of the traffic on Rye Hill and the provision of toilets in the Village. There was still the provision of an area for the Youth to be solved but the Council were working on this.

Looking to the future he mentioned the coming of the Wardens after April, the preparation of the Conservation Appraisal which is considered to be so important to the future of development in the village, the new Hall and the problem of locating a suitable site. Members of the public were in attendance and raised questions concerning the Army vehicles in the vicinity of the school during school hours and the potential drainage problems of the new chalets at the Dorset Golf and Country Club at Hyde. At the close of the annual meeting the Chairman received a vote of thanks for his endeavours throughout the year.

The Council then continued with the normal monthly business when it was reported that some glass bottles had been broken in the vicinity of the children play area. Though the glass is thought to have been cleared there is always a danger of some pieces being left and so the Council has arranged for a clearance to be made. Parents are warned of the problem and the Council would be obliged to learn of how the glass came to be there in the first place.

I mentioned last month that in relation to the New Hall the response to the consultation letter had been overwhelmingly in support of the site in Elder Road. However there was concern about car parking as the drawing that accompanied the letter only indicated a reduced area. There is a minimum requirement for parking allocation where public buildings are concerned and the design will meet this requirement at the very least. It is regrettable that the drawing had to be reduced to the A4 size and at the same time give an idea of the proposed layout.

The District Council has responded to the request to agree in principle to the site in Elder Road. Obviously they are unable to agree until an application for planning approval has been made and discussed by the Planning Board. However one is led to believe that the Officers are not against it.
They suggested that the building lay outside the Development Area and could be subject to being ‘called in’ which would delay the project further but then in a subsequent letter suggested that an application be made quickly before the Development Area is established as a result of the Local Plan Inquiry. They also thought that we should be making a full application from the start and not an outline application. This in effect means that we have to prepare the full drawings etc. requiring the use of Architects and Engineers, but more importantly money. This matter will be discussed further by the Council in the coming months.

A meeting was held during March with the Grainger Trust, the owners of Souls Moor, concerning the proposed cycle track area for the older children. The Trust will be writing to the Council with their thoughts and possible offers of assistance.

There is to be a weekly bus service from the village to the Purbeck Sports Centre on Wednesday evenings. It is proposed to depart at 6.00pm arriving at 6.30pm. It will depart from the Centre at 7.45pm to arrive at the village at 8.15pm. There will be a later departure from the Centre at 9.20pm to arrive in the village at 9.50pm. More details will be known after a meeting on 21st March. This is a tremendous step in the right direction and the Council hopes that the service will meet with approval.

The Council will in April be adopting the new ‘Code of Conduct’ for Parish Councils. This is a Government initiative and has to be adopted before May. By virtue of the Code all Councillors will have to declare their interests and even gifts received over the value of twenty five pounds - it will make for a cheap Christmas! The fear is that this type of measure discourages ordinary folk from offering themselves for election as Councillors.

There is nothing wrong with it, indeed the principle is right, but in spelling out honesty it tends to put people off taking part. Thus I repeat the plea for Parishioners to come forward as potential Councillors. The election, if more than eleven candidates come forward, will be on Thursday 2nd May. If less than eleven come forward all will be ‘elected’. If fewer than a quorum come forward it is believed that ‘Councillors’ will be appointed. The thought of having to revert to the latter state must be a cause of concern to any right minded person as it is yet another example of how our rural life is being allowed to erode and we might see the beginning of the end of Parish Councils. Matters affecting the Parish would then be passed on and discussed by the District without reference to the Parish. So in conclusion a plea to any person to come forward and offer yourself for the good of your community. The necessary papers are available from Mr Peter Aston on 556561.

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**DRAX HALL**

All of the talk about a new hall is inclined to overlook the existing hall that we have. However with the coming of the Disability Act we are preparing ourselves for a survey that we have to have done telling us of the works that are necessary to enable us to meet the requirements of the Act. The one glaring fact is that the main room is upstairs and there is little that can be done about that. All I keep saying to myself is that it will be a brave lot of District Councillors who vote to close our Village Hall, but then of course they will have the Act to oblige them to do so!

The AGM of the Hall Committee is being held on Thursday 25th April at the Hall. Everybody is welcome to attend and this is your opportunity to influence the running of your Village Hall.

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A BIG THANK YOU

Marc and I would like to say a great big thank you to all of you that sent Evan-Eric such beautiful cards and gifts on his arrival; he has been thoroughly spoilt!

Guess the Sex and Weight Game

Thanks to everyone who had a go. Evan - Eric was obviously male and weighed in at just (and very unexpected) 6lb. The closest guess was Mr Nick Macklin at 6lb 6oz. As 87 squares were sold, he received prize money of £35.

£42 to go to the Hardy Midwife Equipment fund to go towards emergency resuscitation equipment and scanning equipment. £10 to go to the School fund.

The Christening

Evan was christened on Sunday, March 10th. It was a beautiful day and the service was lovely. Thank you to Rev. Woodward for making it such a special time for us all.

Again Evan was a-wash with gifts and we cannot quite get over how generous everyone has been.

He is a wonderfully happy little boy and long may he be so!

All our love to our family and friends

Lynn and Marc

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BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A very successful wine tasting evening was held on the 16th March at the home of Peter and Pat Wharf. We were very lucky to have the assistance of Robin Kinahan, Master of Wine, who gave the audience the benefit of his vast knowledge. He provided 8 French wines for tasting and by the end of the evening, those present were certainly starting to become more vocal in their comments and observations. After the formal part of the evening the participants enjoyed a French bread and cheese supper.

Our next event is the Jeux d’Enfants morning which will be held at Bere Regis First School on Saturday 20th April from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. This children’s activity morning will consist of a wide variety of events, some with a French theme, which will keep the children occupied and entertained for the morning. All young people are welcome and the charge is £1 per child which will include squash and biscuits. Contact Rachel Buckett at the school, or on 472571 for further information.

The Enterprise Connection is running a project to promote language learning in Dorset. During 2001, courses were developed and around 50 people have taken up places on short courses to refresh their language skills. They are now working with Twinning Associations to ascertain if this type of course would be useful to members or other local people. If you want to improve your French (or German), places are offered at £24.50, so contact Philada Rogers, or Laura Williams at the Enterprise Connection on 01305 264997 [philada.r@fc.org.uk] for more information.

On Monday 20th May, the Dorset La Manche association is organising a Twinning trip to Cherbourg with an outward journey leaving at 7.30 a.m. on the Fastcraft “Vitesse” and the return journey on the “Barfleur” arriving at 10.15 p.m. The cost will be only £5 per person return for foot passengers and £25 return per car with up to 4 passengers. Bookings close on 9th April. Call Brittany Ferries on 0870 9013800 quoting reference code P24LM1

Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens are hosting a French Street Market over the weekend of 15th and 16th June.

Alison Debenham – 471780

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

April 9th, “Isles of Time” by Maggie Sales of Bowerchalke.
BERE REGIS W.I.

Due to a double booking by the speaker for February, Jan, who is one of our committee members, brought forward her video talk on her cruise down the Antarctic Peninsula. She gave a graphic description of her adventures on the ice, the clothing they had to take with them to keep warm and information about the two Britons who spend a great deal of their time counting penguins. We thoroughly enjoyed the talk, particularly seeing the whales but, I think as an audience, we much appreciated seeing the snow and ice on the video than for real!

Also in February, Sally ran her Pancake Race and Coffee Morning in aid of a worthy charity. There was a good turnout of friends and although the school children were not there due to the school holidays, we managed a few pancake races. A good bring-and-buy stall as well as a raffle made it possible for Sally to send £103.50 to aid research, into Meningitis.

The meetings are held every third Tuesday in the Drax Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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Leisure Bus

There are proposals for a "Purbeck Leisure Bus" to run an evening service on Wednesdays to and from the Sports Centre in Wareham. This would leave Bere Regis at 6.00 pm and return at 7.45 pm and again at 9.20 pm. I am trying to persuade the authorities to add Bloxworth on to the route. The service is for young and old, and the tickets bought on the bus will include travel and an activity (swim, gym or fitness class). I will report on progress in later issues.

Bloxworth - Is it Green Belt?

At the recent Bloxworth village meeting I was asked about green Belt status. Bloxworth and the area surrounding it is designated as "open countryside", however it is currently proposed to extend the existing South East Dorset Green Belt to include all of Bloxworth. The proposal is part of the Purbeck District Local Plan, which as you know has been through the Inquiry procedure. We are awaiting the Inspectors report (due in August).

There were some objections to the Green Belt extension, so his report will address these, and if he feels the proposal is acceptable he will permit it. Once the Local Plan is formally adopted, the proposed Green Belt will become statutory Green Belt and therefore any planning applications will have to be compared against national and local policies regarding development in the Green Belt. As you might imagine there is always a strong presumption against inappropriate development in the Green Belt - and this line is supported very strongly by the Planning Inspectorate when considering planning appeals. If you need any further advice please contact Hilary Jordan in PDC Planning (557339).

Standards Committee

The inaugural meeting of the Standards Committee, of which I am a member, was held at which we reviewed the Government's model Code of Conduct for Councillors (Parish and District). There is effectively little choice but for all Councillors to sign up to this new process. However, we have expressed our concerns over some aspects of this new, and potentially very onerous obligation upon Parish Councillors in particular. We also agreed a wide-ranging training programme for all Councillors having subjected ourselves to it first!

Management of the Authority

The Council has approved a framework to revise the organisation of the Council to make it more responsive and efficient. I was on the subcommittee that reviewed this proposal. Our recommendations were largely accepted with one change that I do not accept. I spoke out in the full Council in favour of the proposal in general, with one very major reservation. I have argued that the revised organisation should not have a nominated Deputy to the Chief Executive (CE).

A deputy can, and is, appointed when the CE is away and can reflect the circumstances at the time thereby allowing different people to be deputise as and when appropriate. I argued that namer one person as a permanent deputy was against the spirit of keeping the new organisation flexible and would introduce an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy, as well as potentially costing us more money! I am not convinced I was listened to - as a businessman I feel quite strongly about this and will continue to fight this.

IEG

I have now chaired two meetings of the Interactive Electronic Government Group. This group monitors and steers all the major PDC Computer projects (B). These are currently being funded by Government grants to the tune of £400,000.00. We have two years in which to manage these projects to a successful set of conclusions, after that we lose unspent grants.

Elections

In order to comply with The Representation of the Peoples Act this report will cease until after the election. I am sorry to say that for this reason there will be no surgery in May.

Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month (except this May). These are held at the Communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and in the Bloxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come along.

Peter Wharf, District Councillor
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Request the pleasure of your company at their regular meetings on Wednesday mornings, 9.30am - 12.30pm, at Corfe Castle Village Hall. Refreshments and a warm welcome await you, and should you so wish, free lessons in spinning and a myriad of other related crafts. Equipment hire is 50p - to £1.00 per week, and to complete, or complement your visit, a selection of home made articles are for sale.

These vary and tend to be concentrated on our 'Sell and Tell Day', which is the first Wednesday of each month. Recently we have had Goose Eggs, hens eggs, sundry cookies, table decorations, wool and fabric remainders, knitting needles and patterns galore. (10% for group funds).

Dates for your diary:
3rd April - OUR FIRST BIRTHDAY
We plan to celebrate with a communal meal.

For the future:
Sheep Shearing - and a chance to buy fleeces hot off the sheep.
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A feltting Spectacular to celebrate the Solstice.
Exhibition of some of our efforts at the Dorset Art and Craft show at Bovingdon Middle School.

Sally Partridge

THANK YOU

Many thanks to my family and friends for the cards, flowers etc sent to me during my recent stay in hospital and for visiting me since returning home.
Also thank you for the care of the district nurses.

Edna Marsh
AUTUMN LEAVES OVER '50'S' CLUB

Our March meeting enjoyed a talk by Mr Macey of the Weymouth Lifeboat. He told us a new Lifeboat was to be launched in September at a cost of £1.8m and a private donation had been given by an unknown lady. A donation of £20 was presented to Mr Macey for the Lifeboat.

Six entries for our competition – a ship in a bottle – was won by Mrs Eileen James.

Wednesday 10th April is our Spring Outing to Cadbury Garden Centre near Weston Super Mare. Leaving the car park at 10.00 a.m. Cost £5.50 There are a few seats left. Please ring Kath – 471175.

Our Spring Bazaar in aid of funds is at the village hall on Saturday 27th April at 2.00 p.m. Entry is free. If you have anything let Kath know.

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BERE REGIS YOUTH 'LENNY'S'

The "Give Us A Clue" competition, which took place on the 15 January, saw two teams of young members trying their very best to earn maximum points for their own side. The competition involved team members drawing clues for their team mates to guess. Any unanswered clues going to their opponents for a bonus point. In the end it was a very close run thing and a draw was probably the best way to describe the official result.

An evening of Darts and Pool took place on 30 January with knockout competitions being held for both. All the setting up and running was organised by the young people themselves. A very enjoyable evening with everyone having a go and improving their own individual techniques.

Swimming took place again on the 6 February at the Blandford Swimming Pool. This time the water slide and bubble bath were in operation, thus keeping the members happily occupied for the entire evening. Allowing yours truly to enjoy a peaceful and relaxing time just swimming and soaking in the bubble bath for once. Ah! Life can be bliss at times. On behalf of the youth club I must offer thanks to all the parents, who kindly help out with transport for these visits.

On the 12 February the evening was taken up with 'Jewellery Making'. The members being able to make up bracelets, necklaces or chokers. Although there were mostly boys that evening, everyone made at least one, if not two items to wear. The worst moments came when a couple of boys forgot to tie off the ends of the elastic on their chokers. This resulted in a frantic search of the floor area, for the dozens of large beads that had escaped from their clutches. However all left the club later that night proudly wearing the results of their labours and wanting to have another session later in the year.

'Queen's Golden Jubilee Invitation Tea Dance' 3 June, the young members have already spent the evenings of the 22 January and 19 February working on their project. Various members have taken on the part planning for items such organising the musical entertainment, catering requirements, hall decorations as well as the dress requirements for the waiters and waitresses. The next planning evening will be on the 19 March, after which I hope that everything will start coming together. It is hoped that there will be a good response from those receiving invitations. As the young people are really putting in an effort to help mark this special jubilee event. I personally just can not wait to see our young club members all dressed up in their best bow ties or aprons, can you?
To finish of the first quarter of the club year there will be a
craft session on the 27 March. When members will be able
to try their hand at the ancient art of “Kite Making”. With all
the strong winds that the country has been experiencing so
far this year, perhaps a few designs will even get off the
ground.

The Spring Programme will include “Games Nights on the
first Wednesday of April, May and June. Hopefully as the
nights get lighter and the temperature increases, outdoor games will take over from
the indoor variety. Rounders is always a very popular game with the youngsters as well
as other small team games.

Canoeing gets underway on the afternoon of Sunday 7 April and a further session is
booked for Sunday 23 June. Other dates will be arranged for weekday evenings
subject to the level of demand from the members.

A “Fun Night” will take place on the 9 April, this will involve the members in a series of
crazy games. Then on the 30th there will be an evening of “Teesheet Painting”. I hope
that they get more paint on the teeshirts than on themselves, it will be the latter I fear if
the last time is anything to go by.

Organising the “Queen’s Golden Jubilee Invitation Tea Dance” continues again on the
23 April and 14 May. Preparations are slowly coming together, although there is still
plenty that needs to be done. Its going to be a very busy night for the young members,
what with waiting on tables, working in the kitchen to prepare the refreshments and
organising the music. They are all looking forward to meeting their guests that
evening and making sure that they all have a night to remember. The night of the 3
June cannot come quick enough for some but there is still a lot work to be done by us
all.

Looking further ahead to July, the postponed trip to Brecon
in Mid-Wales, due to have taken place last summer, will
now go ahead over the weekend Friday 5 - Sunday 7 July.
The trip, which will involve mountain walking and a canoe
trip on the canal, will be based at a campsite in the village
of Penecelli near Brecon. The trip will cater for a maximum
group of 10 young club members, more details to follow
later.

As always new members are most welcome, just call in on
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POP IN PLACE AGM
Please support the Pop In Place A.G.M. on Monday the 8th of April at the Pop In Place starting at 10.30 am. We will be electing our new community team for 2002 –2003. You will also be able to hear the Pop In Place Annual Report. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are free!

POP IN PLACE POPPETS
The new Baby and Toddler group will start on Wednesday the 17th of April from 1.30 until 3pm at the Pop In Place, The Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis. We have purchased new educational toys for the group and there will be the opportunity for your child to enjoy some creative play such as play dough and painting etc during the sessions. For more information on dates etc. phone Mandy Kennard on 01929 472583. Everyone is welcome.

REMEMBER
The Toddler Group at the Chapel Butt Lane Bere Regis runs on Mondays during term time from 1.30 p.m.-3 p.m. Tel Joyce 01929 471443 for more details.

POP IN PLACE PIP SQUEAK
The new youth group with an emphasis on the creative arts will start on Thursday the 18th of April 6 p.m. – 7.45 p.m. in the Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis. There will be an opportunity to dance, sing, perform drama and play musical instruments. Registration is £1 per child and a fee of 20p per session afterwards would be appreciated.

Anyone interested should phone Alison Bennett on

THE WELCOME PUBLICATION
In celebration of the Queens Golden Jubilee the Pop In Place will be compiling a welcome publication containing a variety of community information that will be useful to new corners to the village and informative to all villagers in general. We should have received all your information by now and we will be looking for funding to produce the publication. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the production of this information please phone Alison Bennett 01929 472023

FUNDAY FRIDAY
April the 26th there will be a quiz so do come along and join in the fun at the Pop In Place.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.
Pop In Place Sponsored Walk.
This will take place on Saturday 25th of May, if you would like to walk with us please phone Denise Smith for details and a sponsor form, all sponsors in aid of the Pop In Place funds.

Pip Squeak in concert
There will be a summer concert by the new youth group Pip Squeak on Saturday the 20th of July
3pm and 7pm tickets are £2 each and the profits will be split between the New Village Hall and the development of the Pip Squeak group.

Bere Regis Open Gardens Day.
Sunday the 21st of July 10 am – 4pm In aid of the New Village Hall.
Donations needed for a raffle with a garden theme to Colin & Gwen 01929 472335.

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The elderly found themselves left not only with their Grandchildren to care for, but with extended families of children who had to be taken into their homes There are many such families in Rwanda now, where the elderly are struggling to feed and educate the young.

The Rwandan people have worked hard to rebuild homes and plant crops. People are hungry though not starving, and they cannot always afford what we would consider some of the most basic necessities of life. One woman was forced to wear a dress full of holes where the rats had eaten it because she had no other clothes and no money to buy anything.

To take the next step up to a higher standard for the people, it is clear that education is an important part of the solution. The older people see this and so do the children. But for many families the costs are prohibitive especially when they can ill afford so many other basic necessities. This prohibitive cost is the grand sum of £1.80 per term, a sum of money many of our children would spend on sweets, crisps etc each day. 50 pence a week would educate at least 2 children for a year.

The fundraising charity - Rwanda Direct has been set up by Geoff and Hope Price who worked there for some years. Recently Hope revisited the country and witnessed both the need and the courage of the people and, during a recent visit, told a small group of Bere Regis people about the country and the charity. Every penny of the money collected will go directly to the people with the greatest need, for seeds, building materials and, especially for education.

To play our part in this, The Mind The World Group will be holding a coffee morning at Cyril Wood Court on Saturday 13th April, at 10.15 a.m. If you are able to contribute to the tables or would like to make a donation please contact Eileen Bangay on 471274. Above all, we hope that you will be able to come and help to make this a lively and successful fundraising event.
RECIPE OF THE MONTH

thanks to Pat House

POTATO SALAD

- 1 lb potatoes scrubbed but not peeled
- 1 oz chopped parsley
- 2 fluid ozs olive oil
- 3 table spoons lemon juice,
- 2 table spoons thinly sliced spring onions
- pinch salt and pinch garlic powder
- a few drops of tabasco sauce
- pepper to taste

Cook potatoes in salted water until tender, drain and cool, using a paring knife peel potatoes and cut into bite size pieces. In a bowl combine parsley, olive oil, spring onions lemon juice, tabasco sauce, salt and pepper garlic salt.

Add potato pieces, toss to coat, cover and chill for 24hrs.

GARDENING CLUB

Trish Lee gave a very interesting talk on Containers for Colour at the March meeting with lots of practical demonstrations.

On Tuesday 2nd April we can look forward to a talk on Begonias by Peter Read.

We welcome back and old favourite on 7th May when Tony Bates will put on a slide show for us. (I'm not so sure that Tony will be pleased to be described as an 'old favourite' - perhaps mature favourite fits the bill).

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The 'Church' of course is not the big parish church with its tower and bells; neither is it the smaller chapels here and at Bere Heath. These are the buildings, the geographical locations where the Church meets. The Church has always been, and continues to be, the community of believers, ordinary men and women who have found in the Lord Jesus Christ a personal experience of salvation. And from time to time, such as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Good Friday Walk of Witness, is it good for us to share together.

The Church is essentially God's Family. Paul, writing to a young Church in Galatia (central Turkey) says, "therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

The basic need of all people born onto this planet is the desire to belong, to find acceptance and security. Indeed this principle is written into God's creation plan. As God looked down on His finest creation - Adam - living in a perfect environment He said, "it is not good for man to dwell alone". So He created Eve to be a companion and partner to Adam and through their union to produce the world's first family.

Today, sadly, family life is breaking down all around us. Politicians talk endlessly about family values but produce laws that alienate and outlaw family life as God intended it to be. Family life - working at relationships, parenting skills etc, was never going to be easy. But I believe God can provide the help and guidance that we need.

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FOOTBALL REPORTS

Saturdays

Bere Regis 6: Handley Sports 0

With fewer points than your average triangle Handley were the proverbial lambs to the slaughter. Despite this Bere still managed to make hard work of it and after a first half more frustrating than a night with Ann Widdecombe Bere still had to find the back of the net. This soon changed in the second half as Bere came out quicker than Will Young. First, Tony Lumsden accepted the gift wrapped pass from Wayne Cope to make it 1-0. Then Johnny Cleall lashed in a one yard power drive and Bere were well on their way.

It was not long before Tony snatched another goal with a carbon copy routine of his first, followed by a Jordo power header for the fourth, followed by Adam 'supersub' Rogerson making it five from another inch perfect cross by 'head chef' Wayne Cope. Having laid everything on a plate all game for everyone else it was only fitting that Wayne would have the last word as he took the ball in his stride, rounded the keeper and finished from an angle tighter than an election in Zimbabwe. Another victory for Dean's young lions, who are growing in confidence with each point.

Sturminster Marshall 0: Bere Regis 5

After another cancellation the week before due to the appearance of a swamp where Bere Regis Rec used to be the team were raring to take points from a fellow struggler. Playing with a gale force wind at their backs Bere took time to get going and it was left to Hurricane Cox to start the rout. Never one to give up a lost cause (have you seen his car?) Kevin hounded the Stur defender before sticking out a telescopic leg to divert the ball past the keeper and put Bere ahead. They stretched their lead thanks to a wind assisted cross from Shaun Cope that fairly flew into the top corner, Beckham eat your heart out!

Against the wind in the second half Bere had to revert to a counter attacking style, which only began to reap dividends when supersub Rogerson came on again for a hungover Lumsden (not a pretty sight). Adam suddenly became a ball magnet as he squandered two decent chances before Wayne gave him the chance to extend the lead and this time he did not miss.
The obligatory power header from Jordo gave Bere their fourth and as the game neared its conclusion Stu Mooreless decided it was time to give the crowd their money's worth. After skipping past two players with ease he was scythed down on the edge of the box to give the free kick experts a chance. This was the chance for Wayne to put all the hours he spends on the training ground, or is it the pub, to good use. The keeper could only watch as Wayne hit a ball so vicious it would have Mike Tyson running to his Mummy. A 5-0 win and the manager was as happy as a pig in Shitterton.

Sundays

Hamworthy Lions 5: Bere Regis 0

I'm not the kind of person to make excuses. Okay, so our top scorer has broken his foot in a pub-related injury (I hope you women realise the bravery of us men in visiting the pub now!). Okay, so our keeper had injured one of his flippers and was slicing like a ROGS golfer on a good day. Okay, so even the Afghan navy has more subs than we do. Okay, I am the kind of person who makes excuses but, unfortunately, that was all we had to offer against the top of the league. The first half was actually quite even and if Paddles had his proper flippers on and Bungy had his heading head on we may have gone in 1-0 up instead of 1-0 down.

The second half was another story. When things are not going well and you are looking for someone to blame, and Stephen Byers is not around, the usual thing is to blame the linesman or the manager. When it is one and the same person your job is made much easier as an offside decision that even a one-eyed bat would have saved gave Lions an unassailable 2-0 lead. Bere crumbled faster than a M J Kipling and before you knew it were 5-0 down and praying for the final whistle. With one game to go Bere could kiss second place goodbye and the only hope now is a chance of cup glory in a Group that Sven would have given his Valvo for.

Bere Regis 2: Bovington Challengers 1

Rain, rain go away, come again when Bovvy play! This must be what the army chant before each game because once again they arrived bringing rain, wind and mud with them. On a day like this you would be better off watching naked women mud wrestling than watching Bere try to play football.

Having said that, most of our supporters would probably prefer that whatever the weather, but the loyal few still turned up to watch a particularly bad performance. If the mark of a good team is that they can still win when they are playing badly then Bere are world class. In the first half, we did see the rare sight of a goal in open play from Mark Gale but that was about all.

The performance was neatly summed up by the manager who, having said before the game that we only seem to play for 45 minutes lately, started with 'So it's the second half this week then is it?'. Despite this cutting remark Bere still could not rouse themselves, even when Challengers equalised, and there was a huge sigh of relief when Rob White scuffed a shot through the Bovvy keeper to give Bere all the points and a winning start to their cup campaign. As Bere trooped off for a welcome shower the manager was already calculating the points tally needed from the next two games for automatic qualification. No rest for the Mackin!!

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BRIANTSPUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE - ARTSREACH

At the time of going to press Tim Laycock's "Year Clock", a play based on the life and music of William Barnes has not taken place. However, there will be a full report in the May magazine.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Membership fees for 2002 were due on 1st March.

Charity prize bingo on the 6th April for the Grove Playgroup. Eyes down 8.30 p.m. The bingo we had in February raised £194 for the playgroup, all prizes were donated with lots left over, hence a second one. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

On Monday 6th May we are holding a coffee morning for Cancer Care Dorset. We have just handed over £1000 to them and are continuing to support them for another year.

We are hoping to arrange an auction evening for them also. See local notice boards later.

Sue Jeanes

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AFFPUDDLE AND TUMERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly Council Meeting was held in the Village Hall on 13th March. Eight of the nine councillors, the District Councillor, the County Councillor and seven members of the public were in attendance.

Rights of Way
A short discussion was held about the public footpath through the farm at Turnerspuddle being diverted without legal authority. The Council was informed that an application to divert the footpath has now been submitted. It was decided to leave action with the Highways Department, Rights of Way Office until the diversion request was actioned.

Code of Conduct
The Council decided that final discussion on and acceptance of the New Code of Conduct for Parish Councils will take place at the April meeting.

Village Hall/Social Club Plans
It was reported that the planning permission request has been submitted to Purbeck District Council and leaflets showing the proposed new layout have been circulated to all houses in the Parish. Copies of the plans have been available for viewing in the Village Hall for two hours each morning over a seven day period.

GM Crop Sowing
During the public discussion period, a resident of Bladen Valley raised the subject of GM crops being sown at Tincleton. Although this is out of the Parish, he felt that the Council should be concerned about any possible contamination of the Parish crops by wind or insect borne pollen. The Council agreed that there was reason for concern and asked the County Councillor to find out what County Council policy is on this subject.

Local Plans
The Council approved two planning applications for improvements to residences but was concerned about an application to build an agricultural residence near the chicken farm at Throop. This was referred back to the District Planners.

Leisure Bus
The Council has received a letter from Dorset Community Action advising that there is a proposal to provide a bus service on Wednesday evenings to leave Briantspuddle at 6.50 p.m. and arrive at Wareham Leisure Centre at 7.25 p.m. Return buses would leave Wareham at 8.30 p.m. arriving Affpuddle/Briantspuddle at 9.05 p.m. and at 9.20 p.m. arriving at 10.05 p.m. A meeting on these proposals is being held on 21st March 2002. The Council will advise of any developments.

Fire Safety in Thatched Dwellings
After the fire in Bladen Valley, one of the parish councillors was given a County Fire Service Notice concerning Fire Safety with Thatch. This is an interesting and informative document, which was prepared by a Fire Officer who lives in a thatched building and which is now recognised nationally. Although the Fire Service holds the copyright and charges commercial organisations for copies, they have agreed that residents of the parish may make copies for their own use. The Council would have to ask interested parties to pay for the copying. Anyone wishing to make a copy should contact John Russell on 471814 or David Buck on 471617.

The Fire Safety Officer for Dorset has been contacted with a view to an officer giving a safety lecture to occupants of thatched dwellings. He has agreed to this request and a date will be arranged and advertised in the near future.

John Russell

THANK YOU

The fire on Friday 15th February in Bladen Valley was a tragedy for all concerned. We at No.24 were lucky in that our cottage was saved, although it did sustain some fire and substantial water damage inside. Cottages at Nos. 22 and 23 have lost virtually everything and we have the greatest sympathy for them.

Jan and I would like to thank everyone who helped remove furniture and belongings on that fateful Friday, who offered to store and clean items for us, who offered accommodation and even lent us clean clothes to wear.

There are too many to name and in doing so we would be bound to leave someone out, which would be very unfair.

The generosity and kindness shown by so many people in the village has been overwhelming.

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BRIANTSPUDDLE W.L.

There was a good attendance at our March meeting, when, as usual, there was plenty to discuss. The Jumble Sale had been very successful but a good many items were left and we discussed ways to avoid the problem of disposal and also how to attract more buyers so that we did not have so much left! A good suggestion was considered, in that if we held the sale in Wareham, there would be more scope for sales and also the disposal of suitable unsold items to charity shops locally. It was agreed to raise this again when next year's Jumble Sale is being planned. Three members will be going to the Spring Council Meeting in April and a Delegate was appointed. Some discussion on the June outing to Kew took place and we await details of the cost of the boat trip and therefore the final cost per person.

After the business, Mrs. Forrest, our speaker on Kimonos, who had lived in Japan for some time with her family, gave a wonderful talk and demonstration of these beautiful garments. We learnt so much of the 'history of costume' and of course, life in Japan too. Mrs Forrest modelled some of the kimonos, which were an amazing range of colours and patterns. There were a great many of them, two large suitcases full! She was warmly thanked and we enjoyed being allowed to examine the kimonos and discuss them with her before she left.

The Coffee Morning on April 20th was discussed and arrangements made about cake stall, helpers etc. These will be finalised at our April Meeting. Our speaker then will be Rosemary Hunter, Chairman of the South Dorset National Trust Association who, on a previous occasion gave us a fascinating talk about Kingston Lacy, this time talking about "A Woman's Domain". Members are asked to bring along a favourite piece of china to display at the meeting. Everyone welcome.

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13th Pot luck mixed pairs darts 8pm
17th (Wed) Women's Section coffee evening

MAY
4th Darts singles competition – sign in 7.45 £2.50 per player
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2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April
2nd  Gardening Club – Begonias  8.00 p.m.
6th  Bere Regis Church – Spring clean  10.00 a.m.
7th  St. Laurence Affpuddle Parish Annual General Meeting  6.00 p.m.
10th  Autumn Leaves Spring tour to Cadbury Garden Centre
13th  Bere Regis Scouts – Jumble sale, Scout Hut  10.30 a.m.
20th  Twinning Association – Jeux d’Enfants, Bere Regis First School 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon
27th  Autumn Leaves Spring Bazaar, Drax Hall  2.00 p.m.

May
7th  Gardening Club – Tony Bates Slide Show  8.00 p.m.
8th  Autumn Leaves – Talk on gardens
11th  Twinning Association French theme evening, Scout Hut  7.30 p.m.
18th  Woodbury Hill Singers – Jubilee Jamboree, Drax Hall  7.30 p.m.
25th  Pop in Place Sponsored Walk – Scout Hut  2.00 p.m.
30th - 3rd June  Cyril Wood Court – open studios  10.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m.

June
3rd  Gardening Club Jubilee Celebrations
3rd  Bere Regis Youth “Lenny’s”, - "Golden Jubilee Invitation Tea Dance"  8.00 p.m.
6th – 9th  Cyril Wood Court – open studios  10.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m.
22nd/23rd  Twinning Weekend – Cerences visit to Bere Regis
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July
2nd  Gardening Club – Preparations for Showing  8.00 p.m.
10th  Autumn Leaves Rose competition  2.30 p.m.
21st  Pop in Place Open Gardens event (village fundraiser)

August
5th, 12th, 19th, 23rd  Pop in Place Children’s Summer Activities
6th  Gardening Club trip – Manor House, Steeple

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September
3rd  Gardening Club – Harvest Supper  8.00 p.m.
14th  Pop in Place – Bere Regis Performer of the Year  7.00 p.m.

October
1st  Gardening Club – Garden History  8.00 p.m.
12th  Pop in Place Jumble Sale, Drax Hall  2.30 p.m.

November
5th  Gardening Club – Veteran Trees  8.00 p.m.
14th – 17th  Cyril Wood Court – Xmas Craft Fair  10.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m.
(14th preview day – 6.00 p.m.- 8.00 p.m.)
23rd  Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar

December
3rd  Gardening Club Christmas Party  8.00 p.m.
21st  Pop in Place Community Christmas Party. All welcome  3.00 p.m.- 5.00 p.m.

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