THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

So summer is here at last – or at least it is here at the time of writing. And the school holidays are here again. Relief for our teachers and school staff and no doubt a time of challenge for parents. We are very thankful for all that our teachers do for our children, with such kindness, patience and understanding.

I feel hugely blessed to live in such a lovely place as we do, with our glorious Purbeck scenery, hills and valleys, the sea and the Jurassic Coast, and it's very easy and tempting to get out there to enjoy it. Even for only a few hours.

And why not - that is after all what holidays are about, and I'm certain that God wants us to rest and relax and enjoy his creation if we can? Even Jesus needed to do that from time to time. Of course we need to be aware that not everyone is able to get away, sometimes its too expensive, or family needs or immobility prevent it.

But if we can get away from our daily routine for a little while, and it doesn't have to be an exotic cruise, we can return to our everyday lives, renewed and refreshed. And we may hopefully feel closer to God's creation, and more aware of his love for every one of us, returning with more enthusiasm to our daily lives too.

Holidays are about change, usually temporary change, and hopefully we take good memories from our holiday's back home. But if we let God fill our lives we are changed forever. Not that life will be one long holiday, but we will have him to lean on when we need that little rest and relaxation in the future, as we try to follow Him.

So if you are holidaying I hope you have a very good time indeed.

With love and prayers
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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

18th 9.15 Mrs Hazellrigg/Mr Smith
6.00 Miss Frampton

4th 9.15 Mr Bates/Mr House
6.00 Mrs Jutting

25th 11.00 Miss Miller/Miss Chesney
6.00 Mr Smith

11th 11.00 Mrs March/Mrs England
6.00 Mr Woodward

Evensong Readers

4th Mrs Jutting
11th Mrs Lewis
18th Miss Frampton
25th Mrs Bass Thomas

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaners

3rd and 10th August
Mrs C Clarke, Mrs E Jutting,
MRS M Comben

17th and 24th August
Mrs J Woodward, Mrs C Tucker

Dusters

Miss G Miller, Mrs J Harvey

Mrs G Whittle, Mrs N Scott

Sanctuary Flower Guild

4th/11th
Mrs J Harley

18th/25th
Autumn Leaves

August 2002

CHURCH SERVICES in August

Please note that services formerly at 9.30 a.m. are now at 9.15 a.m.

Sunday 4th August
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion - Lamas Tide
11.00am Mattins & Communion - Lamas Tide
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 11th August
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11.00am Family Service
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 18th August
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11.00am Holy Communion for Young and Old
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 25th August
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11.00am Mattins & Communion
6.00pm Evensong - to celebrate our Bells and Ringers - Bere Regis

Sunday 1st September
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11.00am Mattins & Communion
6.00pm Evensong

Morning Prayer in August
Mondays & Wednesdays at 9.00 am
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8.30am
Coffee Morning
In Aid of Bere Regis Church

John and Pat invite everyone to their home at Westcourt, Puddletown Road, Wareham
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On Saturday 27th July 2002 from 10.30am - 12 noon

Raffle Bring and Buy Entrance 50p

Garden walk with many interesting plants, trees and shrubs.

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
At St. Laurence, Affpuddle
7th July – Sophie Marie Collins

Interment of Ashes
At St. John the Baptist, Bere Regis
19th July – Lillian Clarke

CHURCH EVENTS

Garden Party
We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day for this event, which was well attended, and the sum of £740 was raised.
The art display by children at the first school was very much enjoyed and appreciated.
On August 24th and 25th we are holding a Tower Open Weekend (see opposite page for details).
This has been well supported in past years and light refreshments will be available. Do come, and get a bird's eye view of the village.
TOWER OPEN WEEKEND

SATURDAY 24th and SUNDAY 25th
August 2002

Celebrating the 400th anniversary of the casting of the 4th bell in 1602

Saturday 24th

Tower Open 11.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m.
Wedding Ringing 1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.
Tower Open 3.00 p.m. 5.00 p.m.
Ringing 5.00 p.m. 5.30 p.m.

Sunday 25th

Service Ringing 10.30 a.m. 10.55 a.m.
Tower Open 2.00 p.m. 5.00 p.m.
Service Ringing 5.30 p.m. 5.55 p.m. (beforeingers evensoy)

Tower Tours
Photos of 4th bell and inscription
Closed circuit video of bells in action
TV camera on roof
Charge – free to go up
£1 to come down

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices start again in September.

Tower Open Weekend

The tower will be open to visitors (lower limit 12 years and all children to be accompanied by an adult please), on the weekend of 24th and 25th August. Take this chance to see what goes on at the upper levels of your Parish Church with guided tours by your bellringers. There are 100 steep stairs to the top and even 50 to the ringing chamber so be prepared for the effort of getting up and down. And, please wear shoes suitable for the climb.

We celebrate the 400th birthday of the casting of the 4th bell in 1602 this year and this bell (the oldest of the peal of six) has been rung ever since. The tower will be open on Saturday the 24th from 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. and on Sunday from 2.00 to 5.00. There will be light refreshments and Tower Books available all profits going to Church Fabric Funds.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our July meeting took the form of a social gathering at Shirley's home. The preceding days had been cold, wet and windy, but the evening of 3rd July was calm, sunny and relatively warm. We were able to enjoy our games and competitions in the garden but retreated to the house for refreshments.

Earlier that same day, we had entertained a party of MU members from Trowbridge. They had spent some time in Blandford before visiting us. Fred gave them a tour of the church and Brenda read Evensong. Then they enjoyed tea which had been provided by our members and other members of the church. We had slightly over catered, so the remaining food was taken to Shirley's home where we enjoyed it together that evening.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th September at 7.30 p.m. in church when the Vicar will be the celebrant at a service of Holy Communion. Anyone considering joining our branch will be most welcome as will any member of our congregation.

Brenda Pittfield – 471391
A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Annual Gift Day

Saturday 24th August 2002
10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

We all hate talking about money, and I'm afraid that the Church is having to think about it very seriously. Our immediate concern is to meet our present running expenses which average about £850 pounds every week. Later this year we will have to address our longer term commitments which we know will be going up by about 35%.

Already we're more than half way through the year, and just like many families in Summer, as a Church we don't like looking ahead to the end of the year hoping that we will be able to meet our many bills. In the past we have just about scraped by, but this year in spite of our efforts so far, we already know that we will need to increase our giving to meet our needs.

So we need your help in the short as well as the longer term, if we are to keep our wonderful Church – yours and mine – safe and available for our future generations.

Each household in Bere Regis should shortly be receiving a letter about the annual Church Gift day, which this year will be held on Saturday 24th August. I will be outside the Post Office between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon, to receive your donations in the envelope provided, or alternatively you can bring it to Church or give it to someone you know to be a member of the congregation.

I'll be writing again in the autumn with more details about the long term. We need to get our finances on a proper footing so that we don't get the reputation that we're always on about money, when we should be on about God's love for us all and making him real in all our lives.

I look forward to seeing you at the Post Office on Saturday morning 24th August.

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH FETE

Bill and Philippa Thornley would like to thank all those kind people who donated bottles, tins and jars for the tombola. £137 was raised by this stall for church funds.

CHURCH FETE & FLOWER FESTIVAL

The combined Church Fete & Flower festival which took place over the weekend of 22 and 23 June 2002 raised the incredible sum of £1200 towards Affpuddle Church funds. The church was decorated by members of the Bere Regis Floral Group, with the Queens Golden Jubilee as the theme, and the church looked stunning.

The arrangements were imaginative as well as topical, and were much admired. (Money for the flowers was raised by Joan Herridge & David Payne, through sponsorship and other fund-raising activities ). The Church Fete on the Saturday was well attended, in spite of the threat of rain, but we were very lucky this year and managed to get through the day without getting wet.

Our grateful thanks to those who gave of their time in setting up the stalls, collecting chairs and tables from the hall, running stalls and generally ensuring the success of the weekend. Thanks are due also to all those who donated plants, cakes, books, bric a brac, prizes for the raffle and tombola and for being on hand to welcome visitors to the church and for ensuring that cups of tea and cakes were available and plentiful and to Ivor for music in the church on Sunday. The atmosphere was great in spite of the dull day and the Songs of Praise Service on Sunday evening rounded off a very successful weekend.

Many thanks

Affpuddle Church fund-raising committee

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The July meeting saw the Council achieve its full complement of eleven Councillors. Two new Councillors were co-opted to fill the final vacancies. The new Councillors are Mrs J Macintosh of 12 Turover Road and Mr G Storey of 9 Boswells Close. Both were welcomed to the Council by the Chairman.

The responsibilities of the Councillors were decided for the forthcoming year and are:

- Cemetery - Mssrs T Maund & R Hall, Environment - Mr M Munro, School Governing Board - Mr P Wharf, Parish Magazine - Mr C Maund, Rights of Way - Mr L Fairhurst & Mrs J Macintosh, Public Transport - Mr K Foster, Youth - Mr R Duncanson, Trees - Mr M Munro, Charities - Mrs J George, Archaeology - Mrs J Macintosh, Crime Prevention - Mssrs T Maund & K Foster, Village Hall - Mssrs C Maund & G Storey, Play Group - Mrs J George, Site Inspections - Mssrs C Maund & M Munro, DAPTC - The Clerk. These Councillors report to the Council on their various topics each month so if Parishioners have any concerns about matters falling within these topics they are requested to speak with the Councillor concerned if possible. Obviously if the matter is desperate speak with any of the Councillors.

The Council approved votes of thanks to all Parishioners who contributed to the recent Local Plan Inquiry and also to Mr Peter Fish who organised a very active team to respond to the District Planners who were tasked with preparing the Conservation Appraisal. The Appraisal is now complete and is to be presented for discussion by the District Council. If and when approved it will become a very important reference for any future development within the Conservation Area.

It was reported that the three Notice Boards and three Dog Bins were now in place. The Notice Boards will be used to keep Parishioners advised of Parish Council matters. A list of Councillors will be displayed on the Board.

The Police have written concerning an incident during which damage was inflicted on the toilets in the Car Park. We had written as we understood that the matter had been reported by a resident and who had not received any response. The Police reply stated that they could not find any trace of the original report. Thus they have requested that the Council advise Parishioners to ensure that reports on incidents are definitely made. It is appreciated that there are times when the police are unable to respond there and then, but if a report is made a follow-up visit is
normally made later.

There is deep concern among the residents of Snow Hill concerning the Lane leading down to the Eastern end of North Street. Four-wheel drive vehicles have been observed proceeding along the lane which is a Bridleway, and marked as such. The Police advise that this is illegal and is contrary to the Road Traffic Acts and have requested that vehicle details be forwarded to them in the event of repetition. In the meantime the Council will be in touch with the Landowner and the Farmer concerning possible physical obstructions being sited to prevent the vehicle(s) clear passage.

The Travellers at the Picnic Area have now moved on and the area cleared gradually. The entrance has now been reduced in width to prevent a repeat visit by the lorries and caravans etc. Hopefully this area will be left to the enjoyment of the picnicking folk. However just as a passing note, before it can be used there is an area of effluent that has to be got rid of - guess where that came from and there were no elephants up there!

The meeting finished with the usual ‘other business’ type discussions with one of the new members hoping that we, as a Council, will be able to encourage a sense of pride in the Village. Trying to tidy up any rubbish before it takes root and is there for ever, like the weeds on the roads. This was welcomed.

The Council would be interested to hear from anybody who would like to represent the Parish on a new Panel which is being formed in Wareham and whose aim is the reduction of crime in the area. It is similar to the Crime Prevention Panel but is different in that there are Government funds available to do things with. At the first meeting it was suggested that the two separate organisations should get together and that may well happen. This plea is also directed towards the Affpuddle/Bryantspuddle areas. If you would like to participate in the Wareham Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership please turn up at the next meeting which will be on 1st August at 6.30pm at Moretons Court in Wareham. This could be a Crime Prevention Panel with teeth as the Police and all Authorities are involved. Note that though it is called the Wareham CDRP it actually covers all of the District with the exception of Swanage and Upton.

Finally it is to the credit of the Parish that the Blood Bank was able to collect eighty three units of blood during their last visit. The next visit is in December. CM

DRAX HALL

It was with regret that the ‘Table Top’ sale had to be cancelled through lack of tables being booked for the sale. The thought of all those lovely cakes going elsewhere makes me sad!

Shortly after the publication of this journal, indeed on Wednesday 7th August at 7.45pm, we have a live theatre performance entitled ‘That’s Life’. This is a musical review which takes the audience on a magical mystery tour from birth to old age via the four seasons, using much loved songs and poetry. Be prepared for a delightful evening of laughter and tears, all in the hands of Jane McKell, Lorraine Rowan and MD Ken Allan. This trio of professional performers will reach out, tickle your fancy and touch your heart. Tickets from the Maunders at 15 North Street, Tel 471342. Price £4.50. Concessions £3.50. Refreshments included.

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PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting

The last Council meeting reviewed the Conservation Appraisal submitted by the Parish Council and unanimously accepted this as an accurate reflection of the history and present position of the village of Bere Regis. This has now been adopted as supplementary planning guidance which will be used by the Planning Committee when reviewing new planning proposals to see that they are appropriate to the village as described in the appraisal. The final version will be available on the Council’s web site www.purbeck.gov.uk. The Council also agreed to look into enlarging the conservation area within the village.

Building in Bere Regis

The Inspector’s report clearly recommended against all the building proposals in Bere Regis (both North and South of Bere stream). Whilst this does not guarantee that the original proposals will be quashed it would be unusual for a District Council to completely ignore an Inspector’s express recommendations as well as possibly opening them to legal challenge if they did ignore his recommendations. This will not stop Purbeck District Council from using infill areas to build small amounts of new housing.

Council Housing in Purbeck

The Council recently appointed consultants to advise on the future of the Council’s housing service. The resulting report identified two major issues

1. The difficulty the Council faces in providing a cost-effective service as the number of homes it owns falls because of Tenants “Right to Buy”

2. The fact that the Council has only limited money to improve the homes

The report suggests that the best way of addressing these problems would be to consider transferring the housing to a new, local, not for profit Housing Trust. The Tenant’s Panel (representative of all the Council’s tenants) have considered the report and have recommended that Purbeck District Council investigate the option further. This proposal could only go ahead if the majority of the tenants voted for it, in a secret ballot to support it. This ballot will not take place until next year. A detailed proposal will be available for tenants (and I will publish a summary here when I get it) by early 2003. I will issue more information as it becomes available.
Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the
Communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
and in the Bloxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. If you have any
questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come
along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address
is peterwharf@hotmail.com.

Peter Wharf, District Councillor

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

Many thanks go to all those who came to, or helped with, our recent coffee morning at
the Chapel. We were delighted to see so many friends, new and old, and to have
raised the grand total of £200 - which will go towards Chapel improvements.

At the Open Meeting at the Chapel in June, there was unanimous agreement to
proceed with plans to install a toilet and ramp to bring the premises in line with new
regulations. The Circuit Meeting also endorsed the scheme, and funding is now being
applied for from Methodist funds to add to that raised locally, thus enabling the project
to proceed.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 22 September at 10.30 a.m.,
followed by Harvest Ploughman’s Lunch at noon. Please book the date and let Cis
Lewis (472399) or Su Roberts (471322) know if you can come, to ensure sufficient
refreshments are available. The auction of produce will take place on Monday 23rd
September following a brief thanksgiving at 6.45 p.m. This is always a popular event
and friends and visitors (including children) are especially welcome - as they are to all
our services and events.

The first in a new series of local combined services for Anglicans, Congregationalists
and Methodists (plus those from any other denomination, or none) will be held at Bere
Heath Chapel on Sunday 29 September at 3 p.m. Please join us as we welcome you
to ‘our place’ - which is just one of ‘His places’ locally - come and worship God with
us.

Rehearsals have begun for “The Chapel on the Wild Heath”, the play by Jane Archer
written for our 150th Anniversary in 2000, which will be performed at the Chapel on
Saturday 5 October 2002. We shall be gathering most Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m.,
and would be grateful for additional cast / understudies, singers, and backstage /
costume / props assistance. Phone Tom Roberts for further details (471322).

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Cups and priz money for the winners!

Help to keep country traditions alive by supporting this show. we look forward to hearing from you!

Entries close Thursday 29th of August at 8pm

BERE REGIS W.I.

We were fortunate in having a beautiful evening for the members' outing to Compton Acres. There was so much to enjoy - beautiful gardens with exotic plants, shrubs and trees. We were also able to be present for the feeding of the Mountjack deer. Altogether a thoroughly enjoyable visit. Many thanks to Christine Tucker for arranging such a pleasant outing.

Two members joined the Briantspuddle day out to Kew Gardens, and a trip up the Thames. An excellent day full of interest - but we were very glad we had the next day off!

The tea to celebrate Pauline Jesty's 50 years with the Bere Regis W.I. was a delightful afternoon with plenty of strawberries and cream and delicious cake. A presentation was made to remember the day, of a lovely plaque for the garden with the words, "Old gardeners never die they only spade away!" together with a voucher and card.

The Group Walk to Arne took place on 24 June on a fine evening. A good walk down to the waters of the Poole Harbour with the surprise of lots of jellyfish - ugh. The walk was followed by a good supper - ploughmans. A great way for the various Institutes in the Group to meet and keep up the art of conversation.

Four members were invited to the Jubilee Garden Party at the Old Parsonage, East Street, Winterbourne Kingston - a lovely evening spent in an impressive garden.

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

Date for your diary.
No meeting in August
17 September - Mrs Gibbs - Herbs

Margaret Dann
ROYAL OAK GOLF SOCIETY (ROGS)

The June fixture took place at Hamptworth Golf Club on the northern edge of the New Forest. All that played agreed that it is a superb course but extremely testing.

It's always very daunting for a 28 handicapper to see a large notice stating “Championship rough - please play a provisional shot if you land in the rough”. Having just watched Tiger Woods struggle at Muirfield it would seem at last as though our games share some similarities.

The competition for the Whitbread Shield was played in the Stapleford format. First place went to John Spurde with a score of 31 points. Second place went to Roger Johns on 29 points. In third place on 28 points was Jim Wetherill.

Winner of the Nearest the Pin competition, sponsored by Mike Jones, was Alan Matthey. The Longest Drive competition was also won by Alan Matthey (really good to see you back Alan).

The booty for the two's competition was shared between John Spurde and Jim Wetherill.

After the match we enjoyed a superb meal back at the Royal Oak. Thanks to Mike, Laura and the staff for working a late shift.

Next month we are at Wareham Golf Club which is always a good day.

New members are always welcome.

Contact me, Guy Storey on 471041 or Martin Debenham on 471780.

THE THOMAS WILLIAMS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

If you live in this Parish, are under 25 years of age and planning further education, the Trust may be able to give you some financial support. Please apply in writing to: The Secretary to the Trustees, Mrs Claire Gamble, 17 Boswells Close, Bere Regis, before 31st August 2002.

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Applications can only be accepted from those who live within the boundaries of the parishes of Moreton, Affpuddle and Briantspuddle. There are other Trusts who give grants to those living in the parishes of Crossways and Bere Regis.

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Application forms can be obtained from:
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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER '50'S' CLUB

At the July meeting we had the competition for the Rose Bowl. This was for one rose and was won by Mr Charlie Jeavies. The competition for the trinket box was won by Mrs Olive Curtis. There was also an exhibition of beautiful fans.

We all enjoyed the cream tea, with scones made by Mrs Cis Lewis.

Two community wardens were present, and they gave a short talk on their work. Mrs Eileen Maidment judged the roses, and four new members were welcomed.

Next month on the 14th August we are to have a talk by Mr Aubrey Elliot on 45 Dorset villages. The competition is for a plate with a scene.
BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Well, what a weekend!!! Our biennial exchange weekend with our friends from Cerences, was yet another outstanding success.

67 of our counterparts in France, travelled by coach and arrived in Bere Regis on the morning of Saturday 22nd June. Initially, there were last minute panic stations, as our Chairman received a call at the crack of dawn to say that the coach had broken down in Portsmouth and that they would be arriving late. Hasty telephone calls took place, to let host families know not to turn up at the British Legion for 8.30 a.m. Half an hour later, a second call, to say all was back on track!

On arrival, there were a few ‘minor’ problems. The coach driver was still struggling with the hydraulics and had a small altercation with a porch roof in West Street in the confusion. Eventually, our visitors made it to the reception, where they received a warm welcome from old and new friends and host families.

Peter Wharf had organised an accompanied walk over Black Hill for the late morning and in the afternoon, the young people from the village, challenged the younger visitors to a rounders match, which then turned into a football match – despite the fact that both national teams were, at that stage, out of the World Cup.

The Saturday evening saw a hugely successful Barn Feast, held at Rye Hill Farm. Considerable thanks go to Jim Shave and his family and to Kevin and Amanda Crocker and all their helpers who organised the catering and provided a wonderful spread which included organic pork and lamb. Peg Browning from Brockhill Trout Farm had donated some trout which went down extremely well with the visitors. With salads from Sylvasprings, Purbeck ice-cream, and fruits tarts from Dragon Bakery in Corfe Castle, it was truly a local produce evening. Rapport provided the entertainment which was, as usual, much appreciated with dancing taking over the barn once the meal was finished. The barmen, our local fire service volunteers, worked hard all evening and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On Sunday, our vicar, Ian Woodward, held a special service at the church in French and English and some of the hardier amongst us, took the opportunity to climb to the top of the church tower which was opened especially for our guests.

All gathered at the Legion in the evening for presentations prior to the departure of the coach, and enjoyed a ploughman’s supper prepared by the Legion ladies. The Cerencais were unanimous in their thanks and praise for the hospitality, and the committee is extremely grateful to all the Twinning members and Host Families who helped make the weekend such a success.

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Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Thank You

Alison Bennett

CHANGE OF DENTIST AT OLD BARN DENTAL PRACTICE

Many of the villagers will probably already be aware that Sue Dalton and her family are emigrating to Australia in August. She set up ‘Old Barn Dental Practice 10 ½ years ago and can’t believe how quickly the years have passed. She would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local people for their support over the years and, as it will not be possible to do so in person, say goodbye to everyone.

She is leaving the practice in the very capable hands of Mr John Woodward, who, she feels sure will fit in very well. He qualified in 1969 and after extensive travelling and working in Australia, decided to return to England.

Having worked in Sunbury on Thames, Notting Hill Gate and Windsor, he decided to move to the south west, and settled in Lyme Regis, where he indulges in his interest of sailing classic boats.

He has been working with Kate, our hygienist, for two years at her practice in Weymouth, which, like ours in Bere Regis, is geared towards prevention and high class restoration.

He is looking forward to working in Bere Regis and meeting all of our patients and will welcome new ones.

The staff are staying, so you will see the same familiar faces on your next visit.

BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

Trying to ride a Unicycle proved to be beyond the ability of all of the youth club members, at the “Circus Skills Night” held on the 25 June. When it came to showing their juggling skills, one or two showed great promise using three objects. Many however, myself included, found it hard enough trying to juggle with just two objects at a time. But when it came to plate spinning on top of a long stick, the majority of us found our natural skill shinning through. So perhaps a future clowning around inside the big top beckons us.

Unfortunately, due to a low take from members, the trip to Mid-Wales had to be postponed. This was most disappointing, as the subsidised cost of the trip was only £15 each for the first three days away. The activities planned included Camping, Mountain Walking and Canoeing, as well as a trip into the town of Brecon. Provided that there is sufficient support a similar trip may be arranged for 2003.

On the 16 June the popular ‘Give Us A Clue’ contest takes place once again, this always provides some keen competition as well as a few laughs. With teams trying to guess just what it is that the clues relate to.

With warmer summer weather, now expected, trips down to Shore Road at Sandbanks have been planned. With “Beach Games and Barbecues” on the 23 June, 20 August and the 10 September. The usual Fun and Games on the beach plus a paddle and plenty of Hot dogs and Burgers. Members only need to bring a bottle of drink, a swimming costume and a towel.

Outdoor Games will be taking place on Wednesday evenings, subject to the weather, on the 7 August and 4 September. Games will involve Rounders, Football and other small team games.

On Tuesday 30 July it will be “Wet Games Night”, with plenty of sponge throwing and catching and an small obstacle course to complete. The object being for each team to collect as much water in their container as possible by the end of the game, not so simple as it sounds! Everyone taking part will need to bring a towel and a change of clothes, as they are going to get very wet indeed.

There will be an “Evening Walk” on the 13 August out of the village and up into the forest. When the members powers of Tracking and Map Reading will be put to the test. Prizes will be awarded to those who can locate the mystery point “X”. A good pair of shoes or boots plus a drink and a small snack will be required. The group will be leaving the club at 6.30 p.m. and back by 9.15 p.m., weather permitting.
On Saturday September 14th there will be an outing to Paultons Park near Southampton. The cost will £14 per member and as in the past, help will be required from parents in providing transport. This always proves to be a popular day out with something for every age group. The Water Slides and the Slinger are usually top of the list, followed by the Pirate Ship, Tea Cup Ride and the Astro Slide. A packed lunch and a drink, plus rain coat if, are all that is needed for a good day of fun out with your friends.

The Annual “Carpet Bowls Challenge” is pencilled in for the 24 September, subject to the ladies of the Women’s Section all being back from their summer vacations that is. The members really look forward to this event and are planning to mount a serious challenge this year.

New members are always most welcome to join the club, just call in and visit us, we will be pleased to see you!

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POPI IN PLACE NEWS

Pip Squeak in Concert
Thank you to everyone who supported this concert and to the young people and the tutors who worked so hard to put it on. The Pip Squeak concert was a fine example of young people working in creative and positive ways bridging generation gaps and generally having a lot of fun, while raising funds to benefit the wider community.

Open Gardens
It is very hard to write your magazine articles so far in advance, we could have had a wonderfully sunny day and made a substantial amount of money, or it may have rained and I am wondering how to recoup the £300 we have spent on insurance and advertising. Hopefully the weather was good and all was well, but whatever, there are 15 people who have worked very hard on their gardens and opened them for the event and they deserve our grateful thanks. Also a big thank you to all my helpers who have worked so hard and to the kind people who donated raffle prizes or made cakes. Finally thanks to all the people who visited the gardens and supported the event.

A detailed financial report will appear in next months Magazine.

Children’s Summer Activity Programme for youngsters aged 5 - 13 years
There are still a few spaces left for the above programme telephone Julie Lye 01929 472069 or Alison Bennett 01929 472023 for a registration form the workshops are as follows:

Monday 5th August  Drama with Jane McKell
Monday 12th August  Arts and Crafts with Alison Bennett
Monday 19th August  Fun with Fitness with Sylvia Spurdle
Friday  23rd August  Movie Magic with Tina Lucy

All workshops will cost £1 per child this includes refreshments book now to avoid disappointment.

Family Prize Bingo Friday 16th August 10.30am eyes down
There will be a prize bingo in the upper Drax Hall everyone is welcome, children can play as we are playing for prizes so come along and have some fun.

Pop In Place Performer of the Year Competition
Saturday 14th of September 7 p.m.
We have already had a few entries for this competition but we need lots more, come on have a go, it’s sure to be lots of fun!!! There is a new panel and new trophies.
There are three categories:

under 16
adults
audience choice (so come along and support your friend or family member by voting for them.)

If you would like to enter, telephone Alison for an entry form 01929 472023 don’t delay do it today.

Supporters will need to buy tickets prior to the competition at £2 each also available from Alison.
Come and choose your

**Performer of the Year**

On Saturday the 14th of September
7pm At the Drax Hall

Entry by ticket only at £2 each Telephone 01929 472023 or call at the Pop In Place.

Entry forms available on 01929 472023
*(Entries close 14th of August.)*

Trophies for all the winners Adult Section Young Performer and Audience choice.

Everyone is welcome come and support this event in aid of future development of the POP IN PLACE

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I'm waiting to hear from you.

During the evening the Pop In Place Volunteer awards will be presented, come along and see who has been nominated for these volunteer Oscars.

**Advance Notice of Jumble Sale**

There will be a Jumble sale at the Drax Hall on Saturday the 12th of October starting at 3 p.m.

Jumble to be delivered from 8 a.m. on that day only so start to look out your unwanted good quality clothing, books and bric a brac now.

Thank you for your continued support we look forward to seeing you either at our regular sessions or at our special events. The Poppets group and The Pip Squeak group will continue after the summer break.

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**GARDENING CLUB**

Jimmy Barnes gave an excellent talk on preparations for showing at the July meeting.

It should be fresh in everybody's minds for the RBL show on September 1st.

The trip to Steeple on 6th August has been cancelled. Instead we will go to Holworth, meeting up in the Legion car park at 7.00 p.m. The cost will be £1.00 per head.

The Harvest Supper will be on 3rd September, please book with Adrian and Elaine on 471774.

Andy Morrison 472343
RECIPE OF THE MONTH

thanks to Pat House

This is another lovely recipe from Traidcraft

Lettuce and raisin salad

♦ 1 iceberg lettuce
♦ 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
♦ 50g raisins
♦ 1 teaspoon paprika
♦ 1 teaspoon ground cumin
♦ 4 tomatoes sliced
♦ a few olives,
♦ oil and vinegar,
♦ salt and pepper

Shred the lettuce and place in a salad bowl with the parsley and raisins.
Make a dressing with the oil and vinegar, add the paprika and cumin and the salt and pepper.
Whisk, then pour it over the lettuce and mix well.
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This year's cycle ride takes place on Saturday 14th September, between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. The aim of this event is to get sponsored for each church you visit. David Payne is hoping to visit 37 churches (one more than last year) or do a shorter trip, stopping somewhere for a picnic, and is looking for a fellow cyclist, male or female, to join him. Half the sponsor money collected goes to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and the other half to the church of your choice.

We are also looking for people to be present in our two churches during the day to welcome visiting cyclists, to sign their forms and treat them to some refreshment.

If you would like to join David, sponsor him, would like a sponsor form, can help on the day, or need more information, please contact your local organiser – Sybil Frampton, Tower Hill, Bere Regis - or - David Payne 01258 837700 – for Affpuddle

VOLUNTEER READING HELP

I have been asked to bring to the notice of Parish Magazine readers that the above organisation is very short of people to help in schools in the Purbeck area. May I put in a plea to anyone who enjoys reading themselves, and to children – and has a couple of afternoons to spare, to get in touch with Volunteer Reading Help in Weymouth (01305 773693) for details.

People are helping all over the County, but this area really needs more people, particularly in Primary schools. I hope someone may be interested – it’s a very rewarding thing to do!

Mary Bentley
From a mess to a masterpiece!

In June, actually during the World Cup, Janet and I were able to book a cheap package deal that took us on a week’s holiday to Italy. We had never been to Italy before and it proved to be a wonderful time of rest and relaxation as we enjoyed seven days of unbroken sunshine. As we were staying on the Adriatic Coast, one of the highlights for us was a visit to the beautiful city of Venice.

Included in the day’s excursion was an excellent trip on one of the famous gondolas and a brief tour of this magnificent city. Our guide, a delightful all-talking, all-walking Dutch lady with a big yellow umbrella, managed to get us into one of the many establishments that produces the famous, and extremely expensive, Venetian glass. This included a glass-blowing demonstration. The temperature outside was in the 90’s and as we all crammed into the small area of the craftsman’s workshop, the temperature spiralled as the man removed the molten glass from the furnace. It was an incredible sight to see this shapeless lump of material carefully moulded and shaped by the hands and the breath of the craftsman.

I felt a bit like the prophet Jeremiah in the Bible when on one occasion God took him into the Potter’s house to observe another craftsman at work. (read about it in Jeremiah chapter 18). There he sees the potter place a useless lump of clay on his wheel and stands entombed as under the potter’s skilful hand a beautiful pot begins to take shape. But suddenly – disaster. There is a flaw in the clay and the pot becomes misshapen. Now what will the potter do? Toss it aside and begin with a new lump of clay? No. His original intention frustrated, he reworks and remoulds the clay until it is fashioned into something lovely once more.

Both in the glass-blower and the potter we have a wonderful picture of a God who can take our shapeless, massed-up lives, and through His loving careful Hands, can re-shape us to be the people He wants us to be. By the grace of God and through the loving sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can transform a mess into a masterpiece! Although our lives may be riddled with imperfections we do not have to end up on the reject counter!

However, unlike the clay and the glass, we do have a say in the matter. We can
swallow our pride, humble ourselves and allow the Hand of the Almighty to mould us - or we can stand proud, trusting in our own resources, and resist God's offer of help. Here's a prayer that might help you - "O Father, I am so thankful that You do not toss me aside when I frustrate Your purposes by my sin and failure. You are ready to make me again. Thank you for loving me so much. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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Cricket Results

22 Jun
POOLE OG & POOLE II
170 for 8
(S Cheeseman 4-35)
BERE REGIS
116 all out
(C Oram 32, M Bennett 26, D Rogerson 20)

23 Jun
BERE REGIS
76 all out
(R Fripp 25)
MOORDOWN
77 for 5

26 Jun
BOVINGTON CHALLENGERS 52 all out
(N White 3-11, L White 3-2, P Macklin 2-7)
BERE REGIS
53 for 2
(T Bennett 20)

29 Jun
BERE REGIS
169 for 5
(R Hewitt 62, N Carruthers 29, D Merritt 23)
BLANDFORD II
131 all out
(S Cheeseman 3-38, D Rogerson 3-46)

30 Jun
SPEEDLINERS
170 for 9
(P Macklin 5-26)
BERE REGIS
171 for 7
(M Price 30, P Macklin 35, N Cheeseman 21, N White 22)

6 Jul
BERE REGIS
166 all out
(A Kent 32, I Hardy 26, R Hewitt 23)
COLEHILL II
86 all out
(I Hardy 4-7)

7 Jul
WAREHAM
146 all out
(P Macklin 3-18)
BERE REGIS
95 for 2
(R Fripp 52)

* Bere Regis won on faster scoring rate, on rain affected match.

Nationwide Sun Awnings Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 3

BERE REGIS
116 for 7
(R Hewitt 25, S Hewitt 23, P Macklin 20)
FRAMPTON
110 all out
(N White 6-16)

PARLEY II
124 all out
(D Rogerson 5-28, I Hardy 3-15)
BERE REGIS
67 all out
(C Oram 25no)

BRANKSOME
142 all out
(M Tatchell 3-46)
BERE REGIS
143 for 9
(M Tatchell 30, S Hewitt 20)

Bere's Saturday XI lost their first game of the season away to Poole OG's II. Batting first Poole managed 170-8 with Steve Cheeseman getting four wickets. In reply Bere were all out for 116, being comprehensively outplayed in the process. The side then kept their place at the top of the league at the half way stage of the season with a magnificent victory over second placed Blandford II. Batting first, Bere managed 169-5 off their 45 overs with Russell Hewitt scoring 62 not out. Despite a weakened bowling attack Bere were able to bowl out their opponents for 142.

Bere travelled to bottom side Colehill 2nds looking to continue their rich vein of form. Despite being bottom of the League, the trip to the picturesque Colehill ground was not one that Bere were relishing following heavy defeats in recent years. Batting first Bere were never comfortable and were bowled out for 166 in 37 overs which gave Colehill 53 overs to get the required 167. Bere however showed why they were top of the league and were able to dismiss their opponents for just 87 to give them an 80 run victory.

Bere slumped to their second defeat of the season against a ten man Parley side. In the unusually hot weather Bere fielded first and were soon made to toil as Parley put on over 50 for the first wicket partnership. However a combination of good bowling and poor batting saw Parley bowled out for 124. Confidence was therefore high as
league leaders Bere went in chase of the required runs. This confidence was soon shattered as a number of quick wickets fell leaving Bere struggling. There was no hero of the day though for Bere as they were uncharacteristically skittled for just 67 to give Parley a convincing win over the league leaders.

Nationwide Sun Awnings Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 6

Not a good cricketing weekend for Bere! The Sunday XI lost to old rivals Moordown II by five wickets. Bere were bowled out for just 76 (Reg Fripp 25). In reply Moordown II scored 77-5 to secure victory. Bere faced the daunting trip to Weymouth to face the previously unbeaten Speedliners to wrap up the first half of the season. After winning the toss Bere put their opponents into bat and were rewarded by getting three early wickets. Speedliners finally finished on 170-9 off their 45 overs.

Although all Bere bowlers bowled well, Pete Macklin was the star taking 5 wickets.

Bere reply started well with Sir Reginald and the Poom putting on 51 for the opening stand before Reg perished at long on. Despite a mini-collapse in the mid-order, teenagers Pete Macklin and Nick White put on a stand to almost secure victory before White was out with just 9 runs required. With the help of Paul Fripp, Macklin guided Bere to their best victory in years and sparked celebrations, which lasted long into the night (despite the lack of Fish & Chips available!).

The short journey to our local rivals Wareham is another trip relished by the Bere players. After winning the toss Wareham elected to bat and immediately set about putting a big total on the board with 28 runs coming off the first 3 overs. However Bere continued to plug away and were able to dismiss Wareham for 146. With the skipper absent, Nick Cheeseman was promoted to the no.2 position and along with Reg Fripp put on a 50+ opening stand before being dismissed. Stand-in skipper Alan Green soon followed with a golden duck. With rain now falling the sides managed to squeeze in 25 overs in order to get a result. Thanks to the good start by Fripp & Cheeseman Bere ended up winners on a faster scoring rate.

For the second time in three weeks Bere's Sunday XI faced the league leaders. After beating the then leaders Speedliners, Branksome were the next table toppers to come up against Bere, who were eager to banish the memories of an appalling performance in the away match in May. Fielding first, Bere soon took vital early wickets with Matt Tatchell and Paul Fripp both getting wickets.

Following an injury to Fripp, Nick White joined the action and soon bagged three wickets to leave Branksome rocking. A late wicket stand forced the score over 100 before Bere were able to finally dismiss Branksome for 142 in the 39th over which therefore gave Bere an extra five overs to get their required total.

Despite two early wickets, Bere were able to edge slowly towards their target with good innings' from Alan Green, Matt Tatchell and Pete Macklin.

Despite building a base to their innings' all three were dismissed for scores between 18 and 30. This left Dave Scott and Shane Hewitt with the task of guiding Bere to victory. With some big hits from Scott and some canny shot play from Hewitt, Bere were in touching distance of victory before they both were sent back to the pavilion. With a big crowd gathered in the sunshine it was left to the injured last wicket pairing of Paul Fripp and the skipper, Martyn Price to eventually guide Bere to a famous one wicket victory and to keep their promotions hopes alive.

Dorchester & District Evening Cricket League

Gordon Tucker's Evening League Trojans had to pick themselves off the basement floor after the defeat away to the Post Office, Dorchester. In order to maintain their promotion push it was vital that Bere despatched the bottom side Bovington Challengers. They were dismissed for 52 on a gloomy June evening, which has recently become the norm. Openers Texas Tom Bennett and Russ 'Monsta' Hewitt saw Bere home despite the loss of two wickets. The former showed his potential with a patient 20 as Bere strode back to second in the table.

A tougher test followed in the form of Frampton. Once again the Rec at Bere resembled a scene from Jamaica Inn as the grey descended on Bere once more. Bere had posted a total of 116, with a like father like son combination providing the backbone of the innings. Both Russell and son Shane Hewitt reached the twenties with the younger member proving once again how useful his batting is in the latter stages of an innings. He turned on the style with a sold display behind the stumps, improving with every game. He was upstaged by Nick White whose bowling was a delight. He took a near record 6-16, coming on at a crucial moment in the game when Frampton were closing in for the kill at 92 for 3. Bere now sit second still, with three challenges left to come over the coming weeks.

Club events for the coming weeks include:

Bere Regis Football Club announces that training will commence on Weds, 24 July 2002 and then every Wednesday at the Bere Regis Recreation Ground. These sessions start at 7.00pm, anyone interested please feel free to attend.

10 Aug 2002, 'Big Break' snooker/quiz style evening at The Bere Regis Sports Club House, starts at 8.00pm. Teams of 2.
26 August 2002, BRCC Youth section/parents’ day, starts at 1.00pm

28 August 2002, Trigon Tremblers V Alan Green’s Refugees. A cricket match to celebrate the coming of age of one of Bere’s more senior cricketers.

There will be a second running of the recently successful ‘Pop Quiz’ held at the Sports Club. Teams of four are welcome once again, date to be confirmed on relevant posters.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Briantspuddle Hall Committee was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th June 2002. This meeting was not well attended so it was felt that those of you who did not attend might like to read the Chairman’s and Treasurer’s Reports to find out how your Village Hall was being managed on your behalf.

The Chairman’s Report June 2002

At the end of my fourth year as chairman, of the Hall Committee I would like to begin by thanking the rest of the committee for their continuing efforts on behalf of this charity.

I would ask the community to remember that this committee is comprised of a small band of volunteers, whose hard work and dedication keeps this hall as a viable and vibrant centre to our community. Not a single member of this committee has anything personal or financial to gain out of their position. Doing 'something for nothing' seems incomprehensible to some people in this day and age when 'what's in it for me?' is the normal attitude and altruism is looked upon with suspicion and cynicism.

So what keeps people doing this, often thankless, service? I can honestly say, I really don't know. However, I for one am pleased to live in a place where some old fashioned views still prevail, and where the majority of people value the benefits of a well integrated country community.

The Village Hall year began with the 2001 Open Gardens. Exhaustive preparation by all concerned was complemented by splendid weather on the day. Hundreds of people thronged to the village and thoroughly enjoyed both the gardens and the sumptuous food served in the village hall. The event was a huge success but would not have happened at all if it had not been for the efforts of the garden owners, the village hall committee and most particularly Jenny Beedle. Jenny shouldered the lion’s share of both the organisation and the physical effort involved in making over £1600 on that day.

The 2001 Street Fair, which once more combined with the Horticultural show, offered the opportunity for village organisations and various charities as well as individuals to profit once more from a hall committee organised event.

Jenny Beedle again shouldered overall responsibility for the event and along with other members of the team and many helpful villagers worked hard to make the day a success.

The winter programme was kicked off, literally as it happens, by a jolly raucous and laughter filled Barn Dance in September. Everyone has to let their hair down sometime, and we certainly did that night.

October saw the hall hosting the Purbeck Film festival showing of 'The Day of the Jackal' along with one of Philippa’s famous suppers, very much appreciated by all who attended.

Several Artsreach performances followed; Two Victorian Tales, Original Rags and Tim Laycock's splendid performance of The Year Clock, the story of poet William Barnes’ life. All the performances were enjoyable, and we are all thankful for the presence of affordable culture right on our doorsteps.
Dorset Moviola’s showing of Bridget Jones’ Diary was not well attended, but paid for itself and was an entertaining evening, bringing the big screen to Briantspuddle.

Philippa Thorniley organised these events. The proceeds from them were accumulated and used to help fund the Queen’s Golden Jubilee celebrations, which she also organised. The celebrations included the presentation of mugs to all Parish children aged 16 and under, a children’s tea party and a dance and barbecue to which all were invited.

The event was a testament (if one was needed) to Philippa’s capacity for hard work, her prodigious energy and her well-honed organisational abilities. Thank you all of you who contributed to the excellent supper, and most of all to Philippa, without whom there would have been no event at all. (By the way 250 people came and parking was not a problem).

The 100 Club Draw is also organised by Philippa, and continues to be a useful addition to village hall coffers.

A low point in our calendar was the terrible fire in Bladen Valley in February, which left Jon Hopkins another valuable member of our team unable to continue her previous good work as secretary. Philippa stepped in and filled the breach with her usual efficiency and selflessness.

Following our survey last year, we have had IT taster sessions, and a keep fit class now takes place regularly in the hall. We are hoping with a less onerous round of fundraising this coming summer and autumn to implement a few more suggestions such as a gardening club and a film club.

The suggestion has been made, that, bearing in mind the presence of 66 children under 16 in the parish perhaps children’s activities should be organised. Here, I must say that ANY person, is welcome to organise such activities in the hall for the benefit of local people including children, and it does not HAVE to be the responsibility of a member of the hall committee.

The function of this committee is to provide and maintain the buildings for the benefit of the parish, but, its duties do NOT include providing entertainment. That comes as a bonus. However, entertainment is provided in the hall by the Bladen Social Club. This is in the form of the village quiz, the horticultural show, village skittles etc. as well as regular skittles league games in winter.

The two organisations are in many ways now complementary and indivisible, and closer ties continue to be forged with several village hall committee meetings being held recently in the congenial surroundings of the club room.

I know that relations between the two organisations have not always been as close as they should have been, but I hope that we can continue to build upon recent cooperation and goodwill well into the future.

This brings us neatly onto the ongoing saga of the hall and club development scheme.

There can be very few people locally who are unaware of the long history and convoluted process that has brought us to the present state of affairs, but I will reacquaint you with some facts.

By 1996 it was obvious that village hall kitchen and toilet improvements were necessary, and planning officers were called in to advise the hall committee. The neighbours in No. 26 were consulted.

Another approach to planners was made in 1998 when the committee was advised that a long term and flexible view of the site should be considered. The planning and conservation officers made suggestions (we have a list) and Mr Nother (the conservation officer for PDC) provided a sketch plan, which included the opening of the wagon entrance. After much discussion amongst the Parish Council, the Hall Committee and the Club Committee (who were initially reluctant) agreement was reached that a plan for the whole site should be drawn up. We provided brief to the architect, which asked for (a) a plan which could be built incrementally as funds allowed. (b) a plan by which the Hall and Club facilities were separate but could be shared (c) a plan whereby the Club must not have to close for business (d) a plan where the wagon entrance, and as much of the barn as practicable should recover its integrity.

Mr Nother’s ideas did not fulfil the criteria set out in the brief. The retained architect gave us an outline plan in June 2000. The plan was shown to the three committees, and the neighbours to the west in No 26 Briantspuddle.

It was agreed to hold consultation with the community on the outline and principle of the development. The planning department at PDC stated that they had no objection in principle. In November 2000 an exhibition and open meeting was held after every house in the parish had been leafleted. The meeting was well attended. A substantial majority of those who attended that meeting voted to pursue the proposal.

A house to house survey of Athelhampton, Briantspuddle, Throop and Turnerspuddle confirmed to the hall committee that a majority of people were in favour of the development. The plan was refined and internal areas were allocated and defined.
Another consultation took place in August 2001 following the same process as before. The open meeting this time was not as well attended as the first. At the end of the meeting, when asked, no objection to the plan itself was expressed, but neighbours at No. 26 had sent a letter of complaint. The adjacent neighbours at no 26 have been taken into account at all stages of the process, and have raised objections to numerous aspects of the plan. Although they have been informed and consulted, it has proved impossible to allay their concerns. They have complained about the possible deregulation of licensing laws, the possibility of alfresco drinking at all hours and possible noise and parking problems, amongst other things, whilst admitting that they have had no cause for concern from present use. This an important point, and I cannot stress too much, there will be no change of use of occupancy for this site.

After discussions about their concerns in August 2001, the neighbours offered a piece of their garden, to the development, in order that the buildings could be moved further from their dwelling. The possibility of using this land was explored, but it was agreed by all committees to be unfeasible in the form suggested by the neighbours, and with the negotiable conditions attached. Indeed the licensing authority when shown the plan said that the club would not be granted a registration on these premises. By the beginning of 2002 when more planning officers suggestions had been incorporated (including the raising of the roof height) and all committees had voted in favour of submitting a planning application, a third leaflet was circulated informing the community of this intention with accompanying open days to view plans.

It was with some dismay, after this extensive process of consultation that we realised that misinformation and alarm were spreading around the community. Rumours about changes into a pub or tea rooms were circulating, with fears of masses of visitors parking all along village streets and the loss of our rural tranquillity being generated. Many letters were sent to Purbeck planning department both for and against various aspects of the plan.

Despite the planning officers’ recommendations for approval, the planning committee twice deferred a decision on the plan before them, and we are now considering the best way to proceed. We are once more taking advice from the planning department and reviewing the options.

However, lacking the motivation of any vested interest the Committees are experiencing "volunteer fatigue" and running out of steam. To put it bluntly, we feel as if we are wading through treacle and getting nowhere. We are tired and demoralised.

Many rural parishes all over the country are struggling to keep facilities open. We are lucky here to have the shop, hall and club all on one site at the centre of our village, and, whatever we do, we must strive to keep a healthy heart in our own community.

Jenny Lightfoot, Chairman.

Treasurer’s Report for the Year ended 31st December 2001

2001 has been another satisfactory year.

Village Hall

The hire charges and Parish Council Grant only cover the caretakers wages, the insurance, the oil and electricity, rent, water rates and administration costs. Any maintenance, even of a minor or rudimentary nature, has to be paid for by fund raising.

This year we were fortunate in that our "locked in period" with Cornhill came to an end and we were able to shop around for slightly cheaper insurance from Zurich Municipal. Even so insurance is a huge proportion of our fixed costs and is due to having a thatched roof. It is extremely difficult to find an insurance company who deals with public/municipal insurance and who is able to quote for a thatched hall. I have "shopped till I dropped" in an effort to find cheaper insurance and the thatch is always the snag.

From October 2001 the caretaker’s wages were increased in line with the minimum wage.

Fund Raising

The profit last year from the fund raising events was £3413.00. This is a magnificent sum to have raised and is due in the main to the dedication and hard work from the Committee and it must be said in the case of the open gardens and street fair being lucky in having fine days for both events. An illustration of the effect the weather has can be given by comparing this year’s open gardens (2002) with last year’s (2001) when there was no less effort expended in the organisation but the weather was just dreadful and as a result kept the public away. In 2001 the profit was £1651 in 2002 the profit was £600.

Savings

During 2001 £2000 and £800 was transferred to the National Savings Account. No monies were transferred to the Portman bs. savings account. The interest paid is marginally better in the National Savings Account.

I would like to thank Debbie Scott for auditing the accounts, Bert for doing all the tedious little repair jobs which save the Hall Committee and thereby everyone in The Parish a small fortune and all the team for the magnificent hard work they give freely to fund raise and manage the Hall on behalf of all the Community.

Philippa Thornley
RAFFLE AT JUBILEE BARBECUE IN AID

The following letter of thanks was received from Mr. Andrew Nebel of Barnados.

"Thank you so much for your wonderful contribution of £147.00 raised from a raffle organised at your village celebrations. We will ensure that this kind donation goes toward our vital child care work. We are very honoured to be part of Her Majesty The Queen’s Golden Jubilee celebrations.

We are extremely pleased that you have thought of Barnado’s at this time and you can be assured that this donation will have a tremendous impact on the future lives of many children. Barnado’s works with 90,000 children, young people and their families in more than 300 services across the UK to address issues of poverty, disability, abuse and other social disadvantage. This figure includes more than 50,000 children and families we work with on an ongoing basis, a further 12,000 we support in one-off sessions and almost 30,000 others who we assist through our work with community groups.

As you can imagine all of the above takes a substantial amount of money to finance and your contribution is of enormous help in making this possible.

Once again thank you, on behalf of Barnado’s and the children that we continue to support."

BLADEFIELD SOCIAL CLUB

Reminder

The Horticultural Show takes place on Saturday 3rd August from 1.00 p.m. Prize giving starts at 4.00 p.m.

Items for the Cancer Care Dorset stall of Bric a Brac would be welcome and also items for the tombola stall.

A Country and Western evening with supper will follow with admission - £2 for non-members and £1 for members. Entertainment is by Apache – formerly known as Jeffers and Jon.

The Vic Gate darts on Saturday 17th May, all profit went to Bere Regis Surgery fund.

Sue James

VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Following discussions with Sainsbury’s Head Office and a visit from one of their local managers the Friends are very pleased to announce that the village shop is now a "Sainsbury’s Approved Supplier”.

This means that we can now purchase and stock for resale all items available in a Sainsbury’s store including their own brand items with the exception of fresh and frozen goods, where they have particularly stringent quality requirements. There are already numerous lines on the shelves and these will steadily increase but not to the exclusion of other brands. We shall also benefit from Sainsbury’s experience and advice, we have already picked up some good marketing tips! The “Stock Suggestions” board is proving a great help as we strive to stock what you want, please keep your suggestions flowing and John will do his best to provide.

May we suggest that those residents that have not as yet used the shop should take a look soon. We would very much value their custom to swell our turnover and we believe that they will be pleasantly surprised. Not only is the shop stocked better than it has been for a good number of years but we think that most of the prices are very competitive and compare very favourably with other outlets. Various local produce such as meat and cakes can also be ordered, by telephone if necessary on 472000. The greater the turnover we can achieve the lower the prices that have to be charged. Remember that it is a non profit making enterprise and is being run “By the Village for the Village”.

An application for a grant from the Countryside Agency’s Vital Villages Community Fund towards the costs of further improvements to the facilities has been submitted. Amongst other things we hope to obtain funding towards improved lighting, a loft ladder to allow the loft to be used for storage of non perishables and the cost of training necessary to allow us to apply for an off-licence.

Four volunteers have come forward to serve in the Post Office and Robert Mileham is giving them the necessary training. At present they are working in tandem with Robert but it is thought that it will not be too long before they are flying solo. Once this team is up and running we would like to consider expanding it to five or six strong in order to open on more days and to allow for holidays etc. So, please, if you think that you could possibly help contact Paul Badcock and talk it through with him.
AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL


Village Shop and Post Office

Captain Badcock reported to the meeting about the continued success of the Shop. Slow progress was being made in finding a new post master/mistress. Two ladies were being trained to use the computer and conduct post office business. Mr Russell was experimenting with new lines and a link with Sainsbursys had been established.

Village Hall and Social Club Development

Meetings had been held with Mr and Mrs Talbot to discuss conditions required in conjunction with their gift of land in order to move the hall/club premises further from their property. These conditions were discussed. During the public discussion period Mr and Mrs Talbot asked why a report of the decision of the Planning Committee PDC had not been discussed. She was informed that the Council were awaiting written notification. The information received from the Council would be published.

A letter from Mr. Croft, Chief Executive Purbeck District Council in reply to complaints from the Parish Council about its perception of unfair and improper treatment of the planning application was received with a full and detailed explanation of the District Council’s actions and reasons behind such actions.

Arrangement for finding a new clerk were discussed. (An advertisement has been placed in the August Parish Magazine).

Bladen Social Club’s request for a grant towards the repairs to the flat roof over the club’s premises was discussed. The Clerk had sought advice from DAPTC who had stated that the payment of a grant would be permissible. It was agreed that the Council should ask for details of the cost of the works and fix the grant accordingly.

After the meeting the Acting Clerk had telephoned the Planning Department to enquire when a written decision of the Planning Committee would be received. She was informed that it was not the practice of the Planning Department to send out letters regarding determinations. The decision of the Committee could be found in the minutes of that meeting circulated to the Clerk.

The following is an extract from the Minutes of the Planning Department

Planning Application 611200210176 Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle PC

Demolish existing extensions, refurbishment and erect new extension, layout car parking and for new vehicular accesses: Briantspuddle Village Hall, Briantspuddle

RESOLVED that consideration be deferred for negotiations regarding siting, scale, detailed design and parking.

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

Fifteen members were present at the July Meeting, where there was much to discuss – and enjoy. A short business meeting dealt with the proposal from Dorset Federation that the “year” for each W.I. should be from April to April for membership and finances. We have not been asked for our views but it was decided that the President should write for more clarification.

Crossways W.I. have an outing to Bath in October, to which we were invited. Mrs. Grindrod will take the names of anyone interested. Crossways had enjoyed joining us for our recent outing to Kew Gardens. We went through the Newsletter; details in July issue of the Autumn Council Meeting already – we are nothing if not ahead of ourselves at times!

By this time our Singer/Player/Speaker, Mr. Inchley had arrived. He played the guitar and sang and spoke of the history of English folk songs through time. Starting with an oral tradition (few instruments in early days) in rural areas and continuing through to the Industrial Revolution when songs about machines took the place of the “As I was walking one morning in May” variety. He actually started with ‘The Lincolnshire Poacher’, so having been asked to join in if we wished, it was good to have something so well known. I wonder if anyone else could almost smell chalk as verse after verse was chalked up on the blackboard years ago. I hasten to add that WE did not have all the verses this time! Music Hall ditties were brought in too and altogether it was a most entertaining evening.

After refreshments we discussed the venue for our Birthday Celebration Meal in October and it was agreed that we should go to Moreton Tea Rooms. The competition was ‘A Rose’ and we had many lovely entries.

Mary Bentley

RNLI HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION

Those of you who contributed to the recent RNLI house to house collection will be interested to know that a total of £110.06 was collected. The total raised in the Wareham area was £1551.95. We have been asked to pass on the RNLI’s thanks for your generosity.

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Bere Regis Youth “Lenny’s”

RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays
Juniors 7.15 – 8.30 p.m. Seniors 7.15 – 10.00 p.m.

British Legion Club

7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday
7.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Sunday

Legion Women’s Section

2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ

Brownies

6.00 - 7.15 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion

B.R.S.C.

Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri
7.00p.m, Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.

Briantspuddle Singers

7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall

Choir Practice

7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.

C.A.B.

Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.-
2.00p.m. (closed Wednesday)
Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only)
Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Camera Club

7.30 p.m 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court

Coffee Stop

10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon, 1st Saturday, Cyril Wood Ct

Congregational Church

10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane
10.00 a.m. Sunday School

Cubs (8-10½ yrs)

6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ

Dancing classes

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

D.S.S. Van

1st Mon 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.

Dorset/Lativa Link

Secretary - Jenny Silvas - 01929 471577

Floral Group

2.00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village hall

Golden Circle

Guides

Kingsbere Quilters

Mini Market

Mobile Library

Mothers’ Union

Parish Council

Playgroup Bere Regis

Pop in Place

Purbeck Singles social group

Pop in Place Poppets

Rainbows

RBL Gardening Club

Royal Oak Golf Society

Scouts (10½-15 yrs)

Swimming Club

Toddler Group

Tuesday Club

Twinning Association

Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)

Village Scrapbook

W.I. Bere Regis

W.I. Briantspuddle

Woodbury Hill Singers

2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court
Unit suspended

1st Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Drax Hall

10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

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

10.00 a.m.- 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall

Contact Roy Winder - 01929 471456

1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Weds (not 2nd Wed) Drax Hall

4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion

8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774

Golf days, last Friday in month – March to October.
Contact Guy Storey for further details – 471041

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

A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every
Tuesday at Turberville Court. All welcome

Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities

8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

Jenny Silvas - 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

August
5th, 12th, 19th, 23rd Pop in Place Children’s Summer Activities
6th Gardening Club trip – Holworth
10th RSPB Garden Party, Old Barn Cottage, Affpuddle 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
14th Talk on Dorset Villages, Autumn Leaves, Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.
24th/25th Church Tower open weekend

September
1st RBL Annual Open Flower Show
3rd Gardening Club – Harvest Supper 8.00 p.m.
11th Autumn Leaves 32nd Annual Luncheon, Drax Hall 1.00 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.
12th Betjeman Society – Words and Music in Church
16th Coffee morning at Vicarage 10.30 a.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 2.00 p.m.
30th Christmas Coffee at Cyril Wood Court in aid of Church 10.30 a.m.

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.
30th Blood doning session

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