THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS
and AFFFPUDDLE with
TURNSERPUDDLE

July 2002

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THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

Somebody said to me the other day with football mania in mind 'how appropriate of you to fly the England flag from your Church'. I did explain that we always flew it apart from on public celebrations when we flew the Union Flag, and it shows we are open for business.'

I think it was the Manager of the Liverpool Football Team, Bill Shankley, who said something along the lines that 'Football was not a matter of life or death, it was more important than that'. Over the Jubilee weekend, many Churches changed the times of their services to fit in with the match times, and some even showed the England game on a big screen in Church. Or was it a case of the Church being too populist? And by the time you read this, the World Cup will be just about over and will England still be there?

I mentioned at the beginning of a sermon the other day, that I was trying to keep the Church reasonably 'Football Free' if only because a football free haven was something the Church could provide, especially if we're not sports minded, and not everyone is.

We could wish the same about many of the sporting events going on or about to happen this summer. There's Wimbledon, and the Test Matches continue through the summer; the Commonwealth Games will shortly be upon us, and then there's golf and horse racing and rowing and many other contests. It won't be long before the Football season itself restarts, and all this seen from the viewpoint of a very wet June!

The Church's links with sport go back to the Victorian era when the Churches saw sport and football in particular as a way of drawing in young people. Indeed a number of the Football League Clubs started life as Church based teams. So, if we're not keen on football perhaps we have to take some of the blame!

On the other hand the merits of exercise which enhance physical and mental fitness is a very good thing and striving for success, provided it is through 'fair play' is good for us all. My favourite sport was running, and Christians often struggle with the concept of competition and competitiveness. Should we be more concerned with the Olympian
ideal of ‘taking part rather than winning’ – that may seem rather antiquated today to many people? In other words, is it about running the race rather than winning the race?

In the Bible, St. Paul painted a number of ‘race’ images: about ‘finishing the race that Jesus had given him to run’. And he also said ‘run in such a way to get the prize’. But I take comfort from another quote from the New Testament book, the letter to the Hebrews. In this we can read that ‘we should run with perseverance, the race that is marked out for us’

This race is our whole life that God wants us to live out, assured of the prize of eternal life, but very much running with him before us. But it would still be very good if England were to have won.

With love and prayers

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2nd prize - £10
MRS M MILLER – NO 2

3rd prize - £5
MISS S KINAHAN – NO 203

4th prize - £5
MRS M ROBLIN – NO 157

New members of the 100 Watt club are always welcome.

Please contact Gordon Phillips for details – 471525
BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen
7th  9.15  Mr Bates/Mr House
     6.00  Mrs Jutting
14th 11.00  Mrs March/Mrs Green
     6.00  Miss Frampton
21st  9.15  Mrs Hazelrigg/Mr Smith
     6.00  Mrs Griffin
28th 11.00  Miss Miller/Miss Chesney
     6.00  Mr Smith

Evensong Readers
7th  Mrs Jutting
14th  Miss Frampton
21st Mrs Griffin
28th Mr Smith

Cleaning and Dusting
6th and 13th July  Mr R Robinson and Mrs A Robinson
20th and 27th July  Mrs H Green and Mr E Green

Dusters
Mrs M Miller and Mrs E Munro
Mrs C Burden and Mrs J Gibbs

Sanctuary Flower Guild
7th/14th July  Mrs P Jesty  Mrs J Kinahan
21st/28th July  Mrs C Lewis  Mrs K Abbott
(wedding 20th July)

CHURCH SERVICES in July

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

Sunday 7th July  Sixth Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion  (Affpuddle)
9.15 a.m.  Parish Communion  (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m.  Mattins & Communion  (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong  (Bere Regis)

Sunday 14th July  Seventh Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion  (Bere Regis)
9.15 a.m.  Parish Communion  (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m.  Mattins & Communion  (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong  (Bere Regis)

Sunday 21st July  Eighth Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion  (Affpuddle)
9.15 a.m.  Parish Communion  (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m.  Holy Communion for Young and Old  (Affpuddle)
1.00 p.m.  Holy Baptism  (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong  (Bere Regis)

Sunday 28th July  Ninth Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion  (Bere Regis)
9.15 a.m.  Parish Communion  (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m.  Mattins & Communion  (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong  (Bere Regis)

Morning Prayer
9.00 a.m.  Mondays and Wednesdays  (Bere Regis)
8.30 a.m.  Tuesdays and Thursdays  (Affpuddle)
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Tom Wylie

Tom Wylie was born in almost the furthest part of Britain in Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands, 78 years ago, in 1924.

Orkney is a very special place — wild yet much of the time peaceful, independent of mind and not really Scottish; a place where family and people and relationships come before material things. As a card that Rene had recently received put it so well, 'Tom did everything for others' — a wonderful epitaph.

Tom's family were Orcadian farmer/homesteaders and Tom was one of seven siblings — six boys and just one sister, who alas died quite young. Rene tells of Tom describing their box beds, where they each had their own private space all in the one bedroom. And no doubt Tom's surviving brothers Jackie, Dougie and Davey would be able to tell lots of stories about their young lives together. Tom left school at 13, and probably through working on the homestead he showed a natural ability with mechanical things — a love and gift that lasted throughout his life — he was always happy to fix a friend or neighbour's car, and he had a magical touch to get them going again.

But from Kirkwall, War service demanded his presence down south, where he joined the Army in Middlesex. He was a driver and he was able to further develop his passion for vehicles. He met his first wife Maggie and living in Egham, in Surrey, they had four children — Sheila, Marian, Michael, and Sue. But Maggie died when Sue was still young. After war ended, and Tom left the Army, Tom continued driving and eventually became a haulier. Tom subsequently met Ivy, and they married, but Ivy too died, at the young age of 52. One of Tom's passionate interests was building and racing stock cars, at which he was clearly very talented, except for all the inevitable bruises.

One of Tom's houillage contracts was with the BBC. They were making a series of programmes about a women's prisoner of war camp in the Far East, under brutal Japanese authority. It was filmed in a quarry near Bere Regis, and Tom would go into the Drax Arms for his supper. It was there that he met Rene, who was the chef. Rene too had been widowed, and their friendship grew into real companionship and love.

They set up house together and became the centre of a wonderful tribe of nine children and 44 grandchildren. Tom developed his garden and his allotment and he loved sitting and talking with his gardening friends in Southbrook. It is a lovely spot with wonderful views of the Church.

Rene tells of fascinating stories of trips back to the Orkneys, sometimes driving; about the lovely windswept hills that have a real beauty in their apparent bleakness; about Tom's memories of three old aunts — three maids of the mountains as he called them — and life without any of the creature comforts we consider essential today — but it was perhaps 'the whisky and fish that kept them so healthy' he said. Rene says that she feels she has been lucky to have known Tom, and Tom she knows felt the same about Rene — he was always so appreciative of all that she did for him, especially over the past four years when Tom developed his diabetes.

Tom's illness brought the family even closer together, and although, as his illness grew worse, he felt frustrated that he couldn't get to drive or work on his cars; nor indeed look after his garden or allotment, he was devoted to Rene. Their devotion to each other, their contentment and their extended families are a wonderful example to us all of the love that exists in our relationships if we love each other as God loves us. Tom rests in peace in his Orcadian dreams and in the love of God and all who miss you so much. Amen.

Beryl Cobb

As we came into Church today, we walked past that lovely window to the left of the Church door — it was Beryl's window where she had been arranging the flowers there for more than 40 years. Over the years, Beryl had travelled hundreds of miles around the byways, collecting greenery from the hedgerows to go with her flowers for the Church. In many ways it epitomises Beryl's love and devotion to so many people and to her community around her. We hold her in our prayers with Bob and Jill, Dick and Joe and all the family.

Beryl Aplin was born in April 1928, in the Bat and Ball Pub in Redlynch near Salisbury, where her uncle was the publican. Her father was the butcher here in Bere Regis and she was baptised here in St John the Baptist's. Beryl was brought up by her grandmother and her aunts, in what is now the Post Office. Beryl's father remarried and she eventually had a half sister Sylvia. She attended the village school here and went on to learn secretarial skills at Bournemouth Technical College. She worked initially in the Bournemouth area and at one time as a rent collector - a demonstration perhaps of her
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enterprise which she showed again, when, whilst working as secretary back at her old school in the village here, she supplemented her meagre income by keeping chickens.

She met her Bob, who was living at Skippets Farm, at the Young Farmers Club in Blandford — their transport was a van Bob shared with his twin brother Bert — and after two years of courting Beryl and Bob married here in 1949 — they celebrated their Golden Wedding three years ago.

They settled down at Skippets Farm, and in 1952, Wendy was born and the following year, after moving to Egdon Close, Jill was born. In 1960 the family moved to North Street, and Bob left Skippets Farm when his father died. After a spell with the Drax Estate, he built up an agricultural engineering business, specialising in steel buildings. Beryl’s administrative skills enabled her to do Bob’s books and she went back to former skills chasing up the debts owed to the business.

It was then that Beryl embarked on her most important career — outside her family that is — when she became Practice Receptionist to Dr Peter Benjafiel at the surgery here in the village. It was more than a job, it was a way of life — a vocation as it were — indeed in time her reputation was such that she often knew more about her patients and their needs than the doctor. Jill has said that sometimes the best way to see her mum was to book in for an appointment at the surgery.

As a child, worship played a big part in her life, although, being brought up as a little chapel girl — Chapel in the morning, Sunday School and Chapel again in the evening, understandably Church wore a bit thin in later life.

Pictures of Beryl from her earliest childhood nearly all show her wearing a hat and quite often gloves as well — I’m sure Her Majesty the Queen would have approved.

Not so long ago, Beryl, Bob and Jill suffered the tragic loss of Wendy.

Beryl was great cook — it was a passion, especially cakes and pies and another great love was as a founder member of the Bere Regis Floral Group, and associated with that her garden. And before the invention of Oasis material for flower arranging Bob was often to be seen mixing up Pollyfilla and Tide detergent as a base for the flowers.

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She adored her family, and was especially proud of her grandson Joe, to whom she said she would give 'the top brick off the chimney'. Amongst her other interests were as a trustee of the Bere Regis Youth Club and she was concerned to keep the youngsters as active as possible, and she helped make the Cricket Team teas for many years.

Beryl was a wonderful example of God’s love in action, reaching out to all whom she could, she valued her friendships very much and always her flowers in Church, where she was baptised, married and now as we mark the end of her earthly life, we can be assured of her in paradise.

To Bob and Jill, Dick and Joe and all the family we give our love, support and prayers.

John Strange

John Philip Arthur Strange was born in London in 1916, the only child of John and Elise Strange. Elise was a Luxembourger of brilliant intellect who was the key cultural influence on John’s formative years. He was brought up bi-lingually in French and English, and as a Roman Catholic.

The family moved from Tunbridge Wells to Oxted in Surrey and John became a day-boy at the Hazelwood preparatory school and amongst the remarkable staff were the aspiring composer Michael Tippett, the young playwright Christopher Fry and a German master who was to become Hitler’s Personal Liaison Officer. John then followed generations of his family to Tonbridge School where Strange and Son had built the original school chapel. There, the historian D.C. Somervell was to be a significant mentor.

From Tonbridge John went up to Jesus College, Oxford, as the Senior Classical Scholar, and one of his contemporaries was Harold Wilson.

John was commissioned in 1940, and at the end of the following year he and Ena were married, and in due course they had two sons, but before that, John as a captain in the Royal Tank Regiment, was involved in some of the bloodiest fighting of the Desert War.
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He was captured at Ruweisat Ridge and transported to a prisoner-of-war camp in northern Italy.

He escaped and after many adventures, arrived in Rome when it was still under occupation. For a long time he was missing presumed dead.

We are fortunate that he was able to write a book about his experiences and about the extraordinary circumstances in which Ena was to discover that he was still alive. He spent the rest of the War as an instructor at Sandhurst.

In 1946, John joined the staff at Forres Preparatory School near Swanage where he was to become a partner and later, headmaster.

He was the district representative on the Council of the Independent Preparatory Schools Association. He also served on UNESCO’s Council for Education in World Citizenship where he enjoyed a rapport with unexpected figures such as the Trade Unionist Clive Jenkins.

He was president and chairman of the local branch of the Royal British Legion and served on a variety of other committees.

After retiring from Forres in 1981, he spent ten years as assistant master of Sunninghill in Dorchester. For many years he was clerk to Affpuddle Council.

Last December, John and Ena celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

To Ena and Jonathan and Monica, Nicholas, and Anna, Edward Jani and Grish and all the family, we send our deepest sympathy.

Coffee Morning
In Aid of Bere Regis Church

John and Pat invite everyone to their home at Westcourt, Puddletown Road, Wareham
Tel: 01929 551266

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.
At the Vicarage on Saturday 29th June 2.00 p.m.

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Teas  Competitions

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Plants and produce

Art Display by local children (details from the Vicarage)

Do come and enjoy this traditional annual event. All are welcome

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS

At St. John the Baptist Bere Regis:

Baptisms
19th May - Lauren Olivia and Jack Christopher Cruse

Marriages
25th May - Johnathan Watkins and Kelly Watkins

Funerals
21st May - Tom Wylie, at Poole Crematorium
7th June - Beryl Cobb, and afterwards at Poole Crematorium
11th June - John Strange at Poole Crematorium

CHURCH EVENTS

The Courtlye Musical concert was very well attended and provided a very entertaining and informative evening. £350 was raised for church funds.

The next event is the Coffee Morning at Westcourt – the home of John and Pat House. This is on Saturday 27th July from 10.30 a.m. and is a wonderful opportunity to visit their lovely garden. Transport can be arranged, contact the Vicar or M Carlyle.

Don't forget the church tower open weekend on 24th and 25th August – full details next month.

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BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices will start again in September after the summer holiday break.

We are to have a visit from ringers from the Wimborne area on Saturday 13th July from 5.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

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 ringers. 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.

We celebrate the 400th birthday of the casting of the 4th bell in 1602 this year and this bell (the oldest of the peel 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 last meeting was the occasion of a very special event, in that it was the first time a woman priest had celebrated the Holy Communion in Bere Regis church. The priest was the Revd Marian Miles from Blandford, and in her address, Marion preached on the subject of grace, as described by St Paul in his second letter to Timothy.

Quoting the National Lottery motto “you have to be in it to win it” Marion explained that we have to opt in to God’s family through our faith in Jesus in order to benefit from God’s grace which is freely given.

In the absence of Mary, who was in the United States visiting her daughter and brand new twin grandsons, Eileen led the meeting. Christine announced that our recent coffee morning had raised £105 and much of that would be given to the Literacy Project in Africa.

Our next meeting will be our social evening at Shirley’s home on Wednesday 3rd July.

On the afternoon of that day, a party of Mothers’ Union members from Trowbridge will be visiting our church. Members of our branch will be providing tea. At the end of the month, on 30th July, our branch will meet in church at 1.45 p.m. for the annual wave of prayer, when we pray for the world wide Mothers’ Union.

Brenda Pitfield – 471391

A MUSICAL TREAT

Immediately after Evensong on Sunday 7th July, at approximately 6.45 p.m., a group of musicians will give a music recital in aid of Milton Abbey music festival. Three musicians will be giving their services free and they include a pianist, a saxophonist and an organist.

There will be a break for refreshments about half way through and we aim to finish at about 8.30 p.m. Further details can be obtained from Brenda Pitfield on 471391. There will be no charge for admission but we hope that those who attend will give generously to a retiring collection.

Please join us, even if you can’t afford to be too generous!
CHILDREN
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AT
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ON
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Date  Flowers  Cleaning
7th July  Mrs. Smith  Mrs. Smith
14th July  Mrs. Wharton  Mrs. Wharton
21st July  Mrs. Silavs  Mrs. Silavs
28th July  Mrs. Grindrod  Mrs. Grindrod

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

SPECIAL CLEAN

Thanks to the few who turned out to give the church a special clean. Five of us cleaned the chancel, polished the pews and vacuumed the hossacks. The next special clean will be on Saturday 12th October.

To all regular contributors

Especially those who put articles, disks etc through my letter box each month.

Please note the Editor’s change of address. It is now

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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The June meeting saw the new Council reinforced by the co-option of five new members so that our total rose from four to nine leaving just two vacancies. A request for volunteers to fill these vacancies by co-option has been made. The new Councillors that were co-opted are Mrs Jayne George, Messrs Richard Hall, Keith Foster, Roger Duncanson and Laurie Fairhurst. They were welcomed by the Chairman and it is to be hoped that they will enjoy their experience on the Council. A vote of thanks to the retiring Councillors was agreed unanimously.

The Council is seeking a volunteer to undertake the duties of Internal Auditor. This rather grandiose task is simply to ensure that the procedures to be followed are being adhered to each Quarter. It should occupy the person for twenty minutes on three occasions each year and about an hour on the fourth Quarter. Would interested persons please contact the Clerk. (Note: it can not be a Parish Councillor)

The June meeting commenced with a briefing by Mr Mark Sturgess from Purbeck District Council on the exhibition that he had organised concerning the Bere Regis Conservation Area. Despite the other events on that day - England playing Denmark in Japan - about fifty people attended the exhibition and several have taken papers on which to comment. This is an important stage towards the finalising of the Local Plan.

The matter concerning the school bus service and its employment of double decker vehicles is being pursued further by the Council, who are aware of the parents concerns.

The writer was privileged to attend the launching of the ‘Welcome Book’ which has been produced by the PIP Group to mark the Queen’s Jubilee. Indeed I was invited to speak in its support as the Parish Council had supported this venture both financially and in spirit. Any new people moving into the Village should now receive a copy of this splendid little book which tells the reader ‘What, Where and When’ things happen. Everywhere should have one and it is to the credit of the PIP Group that we have one here in Bere Regis. It will age so it will be necessary to update and publish editions as time goes by. I am certain that the Council will be involved in that and the cost will be precept money well spent.

The booklet is a response to one of the major problems today - that of communications. For all the e-mails etc it still difficult to get a message out and about. I expect that there will be people who say that they missed the Conservation Exhibition because they were unaware that it was on - despite the posters and notes in this journal!

The Council will try to get its messages out and the promised three new notice boards should be up and about soon.

For those observant people who are equally concerned about future developments, and who may have seen Surveyors on and around the Bere Stream adjacent to the Scout Hut, they are/were indeed surveying the area on behalf of the Council. The information that is being sought is the effect or otherwise on the floodplain of building the Village Hall at this site. This survey has never been required previously but is required to be submitted to the District Council in support of a Planning Application if a decision is made to go ahead with the Village Hall scheme.

CM

DRAK HALL

The Hall is still resonating from the wonderful concert that Kath Jeeves, our Chairman, and her Woodbury Hill Singers put on for the Jubilee. The Albert Hall had nothing on it and who will ever forget seeing Sally as Britannia ruling the waves! They were all wonderful but mention must be made of the Spracklin family who were there to see ‘Granny’ undertaking a magnificent rendition of ‘Hallo Dolly’. The younger eyes were popping out not in embarrassment but in pride that it was their Gran up there on the stage!

The month also saw a Fashion Show which was enjoyed by all who attended.

In the coming months we have a live musical review on Wednesday 7th August entitled ‘That’s Life’. The review takes its 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. You just have to sit back and enjoy an entertaining evening. That’s Life!

Tickets available from Margaret Mauder at 15 North Street. Telephone 471342. Price £4.50

We have placed bookings for other shows such as Puppets and live theatre by professional casts later in the year and details will be announced when we receive the responses to our requests.

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PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting

The last meeting decided who was to be appointed to the various Council Sub- Committees. Prior to this I was appointed Leader of the Independent group of Councillors. In this role I consulted with the other Independent members and then recommended who be appointed to what Committees, given our allocation of places, which was in proportion to the number of Independents on the Council. Personally, I remain on the Planning Board, which meets monthly and reviews all (non straightforward) planning applications. I have also been drafted on to the Scrutiny and Review Committee, which checks out specific areas of Council expenditure and subjects it to detailed scrutiny and analysis to check we have spent your money wisely. I am going to enjoy that! I remain on the Personnel Panel, which interviews Senior Staff appointments; and the Standards Committee, which meets as required to review any alleged failure to meet the new regulations concerning ethical behaviour by Councillors.

Electronic Government

I have been reappointed to my role as “e” champion to oversee the management of several major Computer projects, as well as trying to bring all the Councillors up to speed with various aspects of Computing. It has now been decided that I will report directly to the Leader of the Council on this, to reflect the seriousness with which this is being taken.

Bere Regis Telephone Exchange

There seems to be a rumour going the rounds that something is happening to the Telephone Exchange as I have been asked questions on this by a number of people. Some people have asked me if it is about to be knocked down and something built in its place! I have checked with the Planning Department of the Council and they confirm that there has been no application or correspondence relating to the building. Whilst they can not rule out something happening in the future there would appear to have been no actions that might lead to someone thinking something was about to happen. I will keep close to this and let you know if there are any developments on this.

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 at 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

STOP PRESS! - BUILDING IN BERE REGIS

We have received (much earlier than expected) the Government Inspector’s report on what is called the “Local Plan” which is the District Council’s proposals for the building of houses throughout the region. The report itself, with appendices, is 654 pages long. It includes detailed responses on all the objections heard by the Inspector during the course of the public inquiry last year. These include representations from me as your District Councillor, BRRAD, the Parish Council and many individuals in the village. In terms of its principal recommendations the chief areas that have not been accepted by the Inspector are:
• The development of 1350 houses at Holton Heath
• The development of 28 houses at Sandford
• The development of approximately 120 houses at 2 sites in Bere Regis (the two site North of Bere stream) – the two sites South of Bere stream are therefore also not accepted
• The development of a site for approximately 25 dwellings at New Road, Stoborough Green
• The decision to omit a site of approximately 600 houses at Redbridge Pit, Moreton Station

The Inspector also found against the objections that were lodged in favour of reinstating the Sandford/ Holton Heath bypass in the plan.

The receipt of the Inspector’s report is another stage in the process of adopting the local plan. The Council will now need to consider, in detail, all of the recommendations made by the Inspector, and publish appropriate responses to them in the form of proposed modifications to the plan. The proposed modifications will be subject to further public consultation, which will be considered by the Council before the plan is adopted.

In the short term the Inspector’s report will be examined by Council officials for any factual errors or inconsistencies that may need clarifying. The Inspector’s covering letter contained with the report, which contains the summary of findings on the main issues, is now available on the web site and I will publish summary details of it in next month’s Parish magazine along with more information as it becomes available. The detailed report itself will be available by early July and will be obtainable as a hard copy from the Council as well as on their web site at www.purbeck.gov.uk

In the medium term the recommendations contained in the report will be the subject of a full report to Council where members will be asked to formally approve modifications to the local plan taking into account the Inspector’s report. At this stage I have been told that I must welcome the receipt of the Inspector’s report, but I must not express any opinion on the conclusions the Inspector has reached in advance of a full report to this Council. I would also remind people that the Council does not have to accept the Inspector’s recommendations – although it would be quite unusual for them not to.

Peter Wharf, District Councillor
BERE REGIS SCAOUT GROUP

Did you know that Scouting is the largest co-educational youth organisation in the world? It exists to contribute to the development of young people by helping them to grow up to be self-reliant, caring, responsible and committed.

Bere Regis Scout Group is a large thriving group involving many youngsters in the local area between the ages of 6 and 18 years old.

The Beaver Scout Colony (for 6-8 year olds) is an exciting start for budding scouts. They meet every Wednesday for a variety of fun and interesting activities: pond dipping, nature walks, craft activities - even making exploding volcanoes! In December they made the Christmas puddings for the OAP Christmas Party. This month there will be a day's outing to Farmer Palmers which everyone is greatly looking forward to.

The Cub Scout Pack (for 8-10½ year olds) who meet on a Thursday night, have had a busy programme of different fun and interesting activities. They have linked up with children in India and been exchanging correspondence with them. They helped with the OAP Christmas Party, making lovely invitations. The Cubs have enjoyed two fantastic trips: one to Streetwise and the other to Legoland (organised for Cubs from all around the country). They are enjoying learning about Tracking and will soon be able to put this knowledge to good use when they go on camp this summer.

The Scout Pack (for 10½ - 14 year olds) who meet on Monday nights, have been busy working towards new badges. Some of the great adventures they have been on include a Survival Camp, which was a fun opportunity to sleep out and even make their own ovens; Night Hikes and a District Raft Race. A Sailing trip is planned this month as well as a four day camp to Devon later in the summer.

The Explorer Scouts (for 14 - 18 year olds) are hoping for more members to join. A full programme will run from September. This will be organised by the District so there will be plenty of opportunity to mix with Explorers from other Groups. Amongst the many challenges leading to Scouting awards, Explorers can prepare for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Forthcoming Events

BBQ at the Darts Marathon on Saturday 20th July will be supported by Members of the Scout Group.

Jubilee Jamboree This is an activity day organised by the District on Saturday 14th September. More details to follow.

Scout Group Camp In September a weekend camp is being organised for all members of the Bere Regis Scout Group; as well as being an action packed weekend, this will give all the scouts, of all ages, a chance to do activities alongside each other.

Duck Race Planned for September, more details to follow.

Awards

Many congratulations to Jan King, leader of the Venture Scouts (Explorers), for completing the full training as a Leader. At the AGM she was presented with the prestigious Wooden Beads by the District Commissioner.

Kim Benjafield, Leader of the Beavers and Cubs, also deserves many congratulations for being awarded the Chief Scout Commendation Award. This is for her continued good service to Scouting in Dorset (always done with a smile on her face). This award is not given often; Kim's and one other were the only ones awarded in Dorset this year.

Calling new members!

If anyone would like to join Beavers or Cubs, please contact Kim Benjafield Tel: 01929 471170.

For Scouts and Explorers, please contact Ruth Carpenter via Kate Saker 01929 471209.

The Scout Group is always looking for kind volunteers to help with events, activities or transport. If you would like to lend your services please contact Kim Benjafield.
BERE REGIS W.I.

Following a welcome by our President we then discussed the ‘business’ part of the evening. Arrangements are in hand for the Group Walk to Arne and the members evening to Compton Acres, and we look forward to having a tea party in June to celebrate Mrs Jesty’s golden anniversary as a member of Bere Regis WI.

Our President, as a delegate, gave an account of the Spring Council Meeting at Weymouth. An enjoyable and interesting occasion. Among the speakers were representatives from OFWAT, Yorkshire Tea, Scope and the Charity Commissioners. Anne Swindinbank, of gardening fame, was the main speaker and gave an amusing talk using her own life to illustrate Shakespeare’s Seven Ages of Man.

A pause for tea, and on to the main part of the evening to discuss two resolutions to be put forward to the National Federation:

1. Stricter controls on the importation of food stuffs
2. Support for the re-establishment of local abattoirs. (This is to relieve undue suffering to animals being moved long distances and remove some of the burden from farmers)

Discussion was lively and both resolutions were unanimously carried. The light hearted part of the evening had to be abandoned due to prolonged discussion and tea time!

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

Dates for your diary:
16th July – Mrs Gibson on Consumer Rights
17th September – Mrs Gibbs on Herbs

Margaret Dann

ROYAL OAK GOLF SOCIETY (ROGS)

The June fixture took place at one of the county’s most spectacular golf courses, Lyme Regis, gem of the Jurassic Coast. The weather was superb with factor 15 being required by all. The overall standard of golf despite the absence of several stalwarts was very good on what is very challenging course.

After the pairs at Wolfdale the competition was back to the normal Stapleford format. First place went to Julian Flower with a superb score of 40 points off a handicap of 12 completing the round in just eight over par. Second place went to Tom Crabtree on 36 points, which on any other day may have resulted in a first place (That’s enough lessons now Tom). Third place went to Roger Johns on 35 points which is another excellent score.

The day turned into a Julian Flower benefit day with him winning the nearest the pin competition, sponsored by Ali Hewitt, the longest drive and the two’s competition. He put £100 on Senegal to beat France. Our guest’s competition was won by John Smith. The Society would like to thank Ali Hewitt, who is President this year, for donating a superb trophy that winners of the Presidents Cup will be able to retain for a year.

We were treated to a superb dinner in the clubhouse and enjoyed the great hospitality of the staff and members of Lyme Regis Golf Club.

On leaving the Golf Club the majority of members descended on Lyme Regis in a vain effort to discuss the finer points of Senegalese football with a certain French gentleman and his fair partner. Mr Flower however was dispatched to find Reinald Perrin. Who says the spirit of sportsmanship is dead.

Before signing off I must mention the fate that befell three intrepid souls from our party.

Hollywood has a lot to answer for but who would think that three members of our Society would be so directly affected by its excesses. In bird watching they are called twitches but I dread to think that they are called in the dinosaur world. Lyme Regis has become the frontier town on the Jurassic Coast for this band of adventurers that hail from around the world.

Mistaken identity seems to have been the root cause of the problem. With this erstwhile master away in foreign climes The Caddy on entering a hostelry appears to have been taken for a dwarf version of the noble but somewhat ponderous diplodocus by a group of myopic oriental gentlemen.
The Caddy, not wishing to offend posed stoically for the ever increasing throng. The image of The Caddy now adorns mantle shelves from Tokyo in the east to Idaho in the west.

Unfortunately time and more importantly a bus full of golfers stands still for no man or beast and so our intrepid three missed the bus.

Basking in a glow of adoration the Caddy was finally returned to his natural habitat of Bere Regis in the early hours.

What Hamptworth and the New Forest will have in store for next month is anyone’s guess but it’s always an adventure.

New members are always welcome.

Contact me, Guy Storey on 471041 or Martin Debenham 472580

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’S’ CLUB

55 members enjoyed a full day’s outing to Sidmouth, the weather being quite fair, thank goodness. Fish and chips etc etc was served at the Coach and Horses, Winterbourne Abbas and a free raffle drawn.

Our grateful thanks to “Awards for All” for our Jubilee Summer Outing. £5 for each member who was unable to come on the outing was given by the Autumn Leaves club.

Our next meeting is our Annual Rose Competition – 1 Rose, no buds. Also an exhibition of fans (please bring one). The competition is for a trinket box – sales table, raffle, cream tea – all for 35p. New members welcome, just come along.

This is an Open Day for the village so please support your Over 50 Club.

KJ

Bere Regis Post Office

Thank you to you, our customers, for your patience and support during our settling in period.

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WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

A very successful Jubilee Jamboree with a full house was performed at the Village Hall by the Singers. Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped in every way. Thanks for the delicious refreshments given by the WI. Special thanks to the ladies of the Woodbury Hill Singers who gave up so much of their time for rehearsals etc. A brilliant show.

This was in aid of new cups and saucers for our Village Hall and 75 sets have no been bought in a blue and white design (matching the chairs!) and will be used for the cream tea at the Open Gardens in July.

Thanks also to Irish Bush for the lovely blanket and Ray Spracklen for the planted wishing well for the raffle, and to all who gave prizes.

The singers have also contributed toward the new chairs from their previous concerts.

KJ
THANK YOU'S

Beryl Cobb
Bob, Jill, Dick and Joe would like to thank all family and friends for the flowers, cards and messages of sympathy in the very sad loss of Beryl.
Thank you to all.

Bob Cobb

Tom Wylie
On the loss of my dear partner Tom, I wish to express my deep gratitude for all the support and kindness I received from family, friends and neighbours. Also, a special thank you to all at Bere Regis Surgery, especially Dr Greenfield and our local nurses.

Rene Bastion

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.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP
July 9th, Gardiner's choice, by Ann Beck from Broadmayne.
No meeting in August.

THANK YOU
I would like to give a big thank you to the Pop in Place for their kind tribute to me and the beautiful certificate, Jubilee mug and lovely flowers.
I was very overwhelmed by it all - it was such a surprise and I do appreciate their kindness. Best wishes to the booklet they have produced. It is an excellent idea and will be very useful to all the new residents.
I can understand how the ‘victims’ of This is Your Life feel!!
Again my sincere thanks.
Kathleen Jeeves

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JUNE
29th Darts Singles Competition £2.50/player 7.45 sign in

JULY
1st (Mon) Blood Donors
5th (Fri) Inter Club Competition – Darts
6th Carpet Bowls Pairs K/O £2/pair 7.45 sign in
12th (Fri) Inter Club Finals Night & Mixed Pairs
13th Disco
20th Pot Luck Mixed Pairs (Darts) £1/player 7.45 sign in
25th (Thu) Crib Singles Competition – all welcome £1/player 8pm
27th Quiz – 8.15 start
Gardening Club 1st Tuesday of the month
Darts – Mondays and Wednesdays alternate weeks
The Friends of Bere Regis School

ANNUAL SUMMER FAYRE
At Bere Regis School on
Saturday 6th July 2002
3.30 pm onwards
Refreshments, Bouncy Castle, Cake Stall, Tattoos, Tombola, Hook-a-Duck,
Feed the Clown, Hunt the Lolly, and a whole lot more ......
Spracklen Dancers - School Line Dancing - Barney Bay
APC Bournemouth Football Coaching Display
Licensed Bar - Bar-B-Que - Grand Summer Raffle
Live Music at 6.00 pm – featuring – Rapport

GARDENING CLUB

The Jubilee Bash was a very enjoyable evening with
singing from the Woodbury Hill singers led by Kath on
piano, poetry from Cis Lewis and a quiz from Megan.
A good spread was provided by Elaine, Megan and
Adrian with John England as our toastmaster for the
evening.

The raffle was especially good, boosted by donations from members.
A card with a photograph of Bere Regis, by Tony Bates and artwork by Helen Austen
was passed round for signature and will be sent on to H M Queen Elizabeth with our
Jubilee wishes. Our thanks to everyone for helping to make it a very pleasant
evening.

On Tuesday 2nd July, Jimmy Barnes will talk on
preparations for showing – just in time for the show on 1st September.
For the meeting on 6th August, we will visit the
Manor House at Steeple. More details at the July meeting.

Andy Morrison 472343

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BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

On the 21st May the members had a great time singing along
to the Karaoke machine. The girls really excelled themselves
with their efforts, although there were not very many solo
attempts, during the early part of the evening. The boys
leaving it until the end to show just what they could do!

Perhaps this was for the best, as it was difficult to work out just what some of them
were actually singing about. However everyone had a good time and enjoyed a few
laughs at each others expense.

The highlight of the year for the club members came on the 3rd June, the occasion of
the Youth Club’s “Golden Jubilee Invitation Tea Dance”. A large number of senior
citizens from the village joined together with the young members to enjoy an evening
of music and dance. While their guests took in a foxtrot, waltz and even the odd
conga the youngsters waited on them at table. Providing a feast of cakes, sandwiches,
nibbles, biscuits and plenty of refreshing tea or coffee.
The young people took time to chat with their guests as they served or cleared at the tables. It was good to hear people say "It's nice to listen to this type of music again, have a dance or two, as well as being able to talk to old friends and the young people". It may have been hard work for those young people but the joy it brought to their guests was reward enough. I must offer the youth club's thanks to the Royal British Legion Club Committee for allowing us the use of their facilities. Also the mums and dads who assisted in all sorts of ways in the background, many thanks to you all. Here's to the Diamond Jubilee!

The "Beach Barbecue" on the 11th June saw a group of determined young people head off into the grey gloom towards Sandbanks. Unfortunately on arrival there, the fine drizzle that had been falling turned to rain and there was no choice but to concede defeat and run for home. Let's hope that the next visit the club makes is blessed with a warm and sunny evening.

A "Treasure Hunt" takes place around the village on the 18th June with pairs or teams of young members trying to solve the clues to the treasure.

On the 25th June it's "Circus Skills" time when everyone can try their hand at Plate Spinning, Juggling or riding on a Unicycle. That should be an evening of laughs, knowing our resident clowns.

The Canoeing and Mountain Walking trip to Wales takes place over the weekend 5 - 7 July. At a subsidised cost of only £15 per member this is one not to be missed. There will be canoeing on the canal near Pencelli, near Brecon and a climb up to the summit of Pen-Y-Fan as well as other peaks in the area. Members are advised to book early as places are limited.

As always new members are most welcome.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader Tel: 01929 471693

THE DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Sponsored Cycle Ride - Saturday 14th September 2002

Saturday 10th September will see hundreds of cyclists visiting hundreds of churches in Dorset. They will be raising money for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and their own parish churches in the annual Sponsored Cycle Ride.

Now in its twelfth year, the Cycle Ride has raised nearly £300,000 for the Trust. Last year's total was £30,434 half of which was returned to nominated churches and chapels. The Trust, which offers financial help for the repair and refurbishment of churches, approved grants to the sum of over £66,000 to fifteen churches and paid out over £41,000 to eight churches who found themselves in need.

The great thing about the Dorset Historic Churches Cycle Ride is that you can do as much (or as little) as you wish. Even if you don't have a bike, you can still join the church or sponsor someone who is participating. Or you could walk around some churches - all the main towns have at least three churches open (Dorchester has five).

Contact your local Parish Organiser for more details or to offer your help.
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Thanks also to all who made cakes or donated raffle prizes £135 was taken on the raffle. Finally a big thank you to Amanda Kennard and Alison Bennett for researching and producing the welcome book.

Sponsored Walk
Thank you to everyone who took part in the Sponsored walk and to all the people who sponsored them. Please pay up your money quickly so that we can put the total of £180 to good use. Well done everyone.

Pip Squeak in Concert Saturday the 20th of July
Please come along to Pip Squeak in Concert Saturday the 20th of July at 3.00 p.m. and again at 7.00 p.m. at the Drax Hall. The programme will include items of song, dance and instrumentals from the 30 youngsters in the group and some items from the tutors also. Please come along and support local young people.

Tickets are £2 each and available on 01929 472023 or from the Pop In Place.

The money raised from this event will be divided between the future development costs of the group and the Village Hall fund. We really hope you are able to come along to share some of the youngster's achievements.

Bere Regis Open Gardens Day - Sunday the 21st of July
10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

We have 14 beautiful gardens within the village for you to visit. Many are new this time, some of them will have stalls or en route refreshments. The programmes are available from the Drax Hall at £2.50 each and accompanied children go free. The Grand Raffle will be drawn at 3.30 p.m. and teas and home-made cakes will be available all day. Parking is at Court Green opposite the church on the Wool road. All profits will go to the Village Hall Fund.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:
On the rota for serving teas, car parking and stewarding the public.

Donations are needed for the Grand Draw. This has a garden theme please phone Gwen and Colin on 01929 472335 with your pledges for prizes.

Can you spare a little time and bake us a cake or buy some cakes and donate them to sell with the teas we will need a huge supply to meet demand!
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*Don’t Miss it!*
Saturday the 20th of July
3pm and 7pm
tickets £2 each tel 472023
or from the Pop In Place
Support positive young people!

Bere Regis Open Gardens
Sunday the 21st of July
10am – 4pm
Grand Draw 3.30pm
Programmes from Drax Hall
In aid of Village Hall Funds

Everyone is welcome
your support will be greatly appreciated at both of these events!

The Hall will be open on the day from 8.00 a.m. for you to drop off your cakes etc all donations will be gratefully received.

Finally please support the event, buy the programmes visit the gardens and enjoy the day! Remember the money raised at this event will directly benefit the whole community so please help out in any way you can.

Please phone Alison Bennett with your offers of help and donations on 01929 472023 she will be very pleased to hear from you.

Children’s Summer Activity Programme for ages 5 to 13 years

The Pop In Place has again this year arranged a summer activity programme.

For registration forms see Julie Lye at the School or call Alison 472023 or call at the Pop In Place.

You will need to register your child as there are limited spaces available and this will need to be completed by the 10th of July we will then send you confirmation of your booking by the end of term. There are four sessions this year all at £1 per child this includes refreshments.

The Pop In Place Summer Activity Programme is as follows:

- **Monday 5th August**  Drama – Jane McKell
- **Monday 12th August**  Art, Craft, Creative Writing and Salt Dough – Alison Bennett
- **Monday 19th August**  Fun with Fitness – Sylvia Spurdele
- **Friday 23rd August**  Movie Magic – Tina Lucy

Places will be issued on a first come first served basis so please don’t complain if we run out of places.

Bere Regis Performer of the Year Competition on Saturday the 14th of September at the Drax Hall 7.00 p.m. start.

It is now time to submit your entries for the above event we will have a different panel from last year with Charlotte Bennett the Young Performer of the year 2001 sitting on this year's panel. The competition will again be split into different categories Adults, Under 16’s and the Audience Choice.
Let's make every effort to make this event as enjoyable as it was last year.

Entry Forms are available from Alison 01929 472023 the fee is £1 per person to enter groups of people may enter but only up to eight in total. Tickets will be £2 each and all profits will go to the future development of the Pop In Place.

Also during the evening the Pop In Place will be presenting awards to it's Volunteer of the Year, Youth Volunteer of the Year and the Volunteer who has shown outstanding commitment to the project. The Team Leader welcomes nominations for each of these categories, please get a nomination form from the Pop In Place.

The Pop In Place values all volunteers and could not function without their support and dedication.

**Pop In Place Poppets Baby and Toddler Group at the Drax Hall**

This group is going very well and meets on Wednesdays 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. except the second Wednesday in the month.

Everyone is welcome telephone Mandy Kennard for details 01929 472583

There are many new educational toys to play with in a relaxed informal setting.

**BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS**

**N.B. Please note change of venue**

The next blood donor sessions will take place in the British Legion Club, North Street, Bere Regis, on Monday 1st July 2002, from 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. and from 4.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Do please try to come and donate if at all possible as blood is urgently needed.

Information on giving blood can be obtained by telephoning 9845 7711711, or from your local organiser - Mrs R Short on 01305 853538.

A third session for blood donors will be held on Monday 30th December 2002.

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

thanks to Pat House

**Strawberry Crush**

- 200m carton fresh double cream
- 200m carton greek yoghurt
- 8 amaretti biscuits
- 8oz strawberries
- 1 tablespoon icing sugar

Beat cream and yoghurt together, break the biscuits and stir into the cream mix, mash the strawberries with the icing sugar and mix into the cream. Serve in glasses, decorate with a whole strawberries and amaretti biscuits.

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CORFE CASTLE WOOL WORKSHOP

- each Wednesday 9.30-12.45 Village Hall, behind the library in East Street

By now our summer project will be almost complete and ready to be on display. After the February Felting workshop, we hatched a plan to make the Wheel of Life - a two metre square felt of white wool, prepared in a traditional way of trampling fleece with bare feet until it is a firm felted texture.

Onto this we shall apply individually felted shapes, assembled into a wheel shape. This will be divided into 12 smaller inner wheel wedge shapes, and 12 larger pieces on the outer rim. On each will be a picture that shows a part of rural life, from the hunting and agricultural post associated with the castle, the arable, stone and fishing industries of Purbeck, interspersed with the celebrations and festivals of the year. The Bankes coat of arms, the castle seal, and of course the famous silhouette of the castle will be there too. The seasons, solstices and environment will be represented and the enduring symbol of circles and wheel will be repeated appropriately for spinners who use a wheel for our craft.

The finished Wheel of Life will be hung in the National Trust Visitor Centre during July, and then at the Dorset Arts and Craft Exhibition from 2-6th August - we do hope you will come and see it!

The Wool Workshop will welcome the Bosworths, spindle and charkha makers from Boston, USA on July 17th. If you would like to see their wonderful wooden spindles, and maybe learn how to use one, please come along and meet them, and us too! This meeting would be of interest not only to spinners, but to woodworkers, carvers and woodturners too.

We shall be spinning out at Lulworth Castle on 27/28th July and at the Square Fair at Worth Matravers the first Saturday in August. Most important is our appearance at Bovington Middle School 2-6th August, where we shall have spinning and weaving workshops each day. Do come and see us, and the amazing handicrafts entered from all of Dorset - it really is a wonderful exhibition.

73 more Hospital Teddies have been delivered to Dorchester Childrens Ward, where they will be given to young patients, and also kept on ambulances to comfort children in distress. Sylvia has knitted many of them, and also Nancy, Pat and others [] our thanks for their time and kindness. This brings us to over 150 in just a year.

We are also grateful to the Dorset Arts and Craft Association who have made it possible to buy videos on spinning, felting and weaving for members to enjoy at home, and improve their skills.

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July 3rd - The Exchange - woollen goods, cakes, bread, eggs and whatever we have to exchange or sell.....plus assembling the Wheel of Life felting.

July 10th - Sheep to Shawl-spinning up more yarn for our shawl. Bring empty bobbins.

July 17th - The Bosworths from Boston with their beautiful cherry and walnut spindles. Come and try them, learn how to spindle age 8 to 80 welcome!

July 24th - The Great Spindle Workshop - learn, or improve your spindle skills. Children are asked to keep their adults under control at this fun workshop!

July 31st - Learn to Knit Workshop - One to one tuition in getting those needles clicking and mastering those first stitches. Suitable for all ages. Bring 5mm needles and thickish wool.

August 7th - The Exchange - produce to buy as usual-but also bring your entries and certificates from the DACA Exhibition for us all to see. Further details on the Corfe Castle Wool Workshop from Ann on 01929 481174

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Looking back briefly on last month there appears to be quite a few things that made us all feel good about our British way of life. Leading the way of course was the splendidly choreographed celebration of Our Queen’s Golden Jubilee. The sheer exuberance of the million strong crowds that thronged the Mall and all streets leading to Buckingham Palace. The breathtaking fireworks display set against the colourful backdrops that were projected onto the Palace itself. For a moment the whole nation celebrated as one. In the days that followed the David Beckham goal against Argentina and the Lennox Lewis triumph over Mike Tyson added to our national joy.

It is good to have such events to celebrate. But life goes on, and reality kicks in. These milestones in our national life provide a welcomed distraction from the underlying tensions and insecurities in our world today. The on-going threat of nuclear war in the Far East, the horror of possible unrestrained terrorists atrocities all contribute to our own personal tension. I drove past a church recently, which had one of those pithy sayings on its Notice Board. It proclaimed, “Don’t be wrinkled with worries – come inside and have a faith-lift!” Surely there is a great truth here. Through the Christian message – we call it the Gospel or “good news” about God and His love - we can know an inner peace and tranquillity that is not dependant upon the worrying events all around us.

On one occasion the followers of Jesus, many of whom were experienced fishermen, were caught out in a frightening storm. All their expertise and natural resources could not help them. They were out of their depth and at ‘wits end corner.’ Then Jesus appeared to them, walking on the water, speaking peace into their troubled hearts. Impulsive Peter, the action-man of the team, got out of the boat and, for a few amazing seconds as his eyes were fastened on the Saviour, turned the storm into stepping stones as he walked on the water. For those few seconds he trusted the Lord – then he looked down at the angry sea – and started sinking. Jesus rescued him and challenged him about his faith. (Read about this in Matthew 14:22-36).

I believe that Jesus still comes to us today as we try to ride out life’s storms in our own strength. He alone can bring us that inner peace and, as we begin to trust Him with our circumstances He can enable us to walk upon the very things that trouble us. Will you look to Him?

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Cricket Results

18 May  
CHRISTCHURCH  44 all out
(I Hardy 3-8, R Davis 4-18)
BERE REGIS  47 for 1
(R Hewitt 24)

19 May  
MOTCOMBE  75 for 9
(R Fripp 4-6)
BERE REGIS  76 for 1
(R Fripp 47 no, A Green 23 no)

25 May  
BERE REGIS  214 for 8
(R Hewitt 75, C Oram 34, C Holland 39, I Hardy 28)
BOURNEMOUTH & B’MTH OB 118 for 5
*Bere Regis won on faster scoring rate

1 Jun  
BERE REGIS  212 for 6
(C Way 117, D Rogerson 36)
FOVANT  160 all out
(C Oram 5-32, R Davis 3-25)

2 Jun  
BERE REGIS  343 for 5
(M Tatchell 127, M Price 32, A Green 44, D Scott 67 no)
GILLINGHAM  80 all out
(P Fripp 3-17)

8 Jun  
FERNDOWN  114 all out
(C Oram 4-27)
BERE REGIS  117 for 7
(R Hewitt 23, C Way 36)

12 Jun  
BERE REGIS  95 for 6
(R Hewitt 46)
CERNE VALLEY  77 all out
(C Oram 6-17, A Green 2-11)

Nationwide Sun Awnings Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 3

For Bere’s Saturday skipper, Peter Cheeseman, the local papers’ back pages have given for pleasant reading after Bere’s whirlwind start to the 2002 campaign. Their record as at 9 June read played 6, won 6 with some hefty challenges behind them. Bere have only dropped four points from a possible 120, being more than impressive on their travels this season as well as at ‘Fortress Rec’.

Big wins against potential powerhouse opposition like Christchurch and Bournemouth & Bournemouth OB’s have added impetus to the already seismic campaign. A gritty performance at home to a combative Fovant side, when the visitors were 113 for 0 after 18 overs, confirmed Bere’s position in the ascendancy. In that game a Herculean effort from Sir Charles Way saw him achieve a personal milestone on reaching 117 out of Bere’s imposing 212, and his form of late has coincided with Bere’s reversal of fortune.

Bigger tests lie ahead in the next three weeks, with two games at home before the season mid-point, so for the present Bere will be applying the oldest of footballing clichés, ‘taking each game as it comes’.

Nationwide Sun Awnings Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 6

The thoroughly miserable weather of late has more than frustrated Bere’s Sunday efforts. Barely a glimpse of summer sun has given Bere’s youthful set up a chance to express themselves. The last four weeks has seen only two games, with two victories being harvested with Bere hardly breaking sweat. The win at home to Motcombe was completed in quick time with a complete all round performance from veteran campaigner Reg ‘Calypso King’ Fripp taking 4 for 6 with the ball and 47 not out with the bat. Alan ‘The Egdon Express’ Green ably assisted him in Bere’s nine-wicket triumph.

At home to Gillingham it was sad to see that the visitors could only muster 8 players. However to their endearing credit they stuck to their task manfully, and in the face of a Matt Tatchell and Dave Scott onslaught they maintained their discipline for a youthful outfit. Bere amassed a club record 343 for 5, with Tatchell completing his maiden ton, and Scott hitting a rapid half century. Bere marched on and remained third in the table with the big guns of Speedliners and Branksome coming to a cricket pitch near you soon.
Dorchester & District Evening Cricket League

After a series of cancellations and one league withdrawal, the fledgling season for Bere's evening league side got off to a slow start, playing only three games in 7 weeks. The only encounter was played out on a increasingly damp June evening when floodlights may have been applicable. Bere hosted Cerne Valley and batted first with stalwart batsman Russ ‘The Monstaah’ Hewitt leading from the front. It was his 46 out of Bere’s 95 for 6 that proved the vital contribution in Bere’s innings and the platform for victory, coupled with a devastating spell of 6-17 from Chris Oram that ended Cerne hopes with an 18 run win.

Club events for the coming weeks include:

5 July 2002, American Themed Evening including ‘Speed Pool’ competition at The Bere Regis Sports Club House, starts at 8.00pm.

13 July 2002, Bere Regis Cricket Club Vice-Presidents’ barbecue starts at 7.00pm.

20 July 2002, 12 hour darts marathon & children’s sports fun day in aid of Bere Regis First School youth football team. As well as the dart marathon, there will be a bouncy castle, barbecue/hog roast, youth football display, youth cricket display, evening raffle, and various stalls run by local organisations and various other events to complete the day. If anyone is particularly interested in running a stall or generally adding to the day, please contact Mark & Lorraine Gale on (01929) 471860 for further details.


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 next month and on relevant posters.

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AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

We were so lucky with the weather. A rainy Monday morning turned into a lovely sunny evening and 230 people tucked into barbecued burgers, sausages accompanied by delicious salads and followed by scrumptious party puddings. The Mill Street Jazz Band played throughout the evening and it can be truly said that Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle celebrated the Queen’s Golden Jubilee.

In the afternoon Steph and her team organised a children’s party in the Village Hall. The children played games and had a delicious tea. Marigold, Sophie, Danny and Emma who had all attended the Silver Jubilee Children’s Party brought their children along. Mugs were presented to all the children under 16 whose parents live in the Parish.

Thanks to David Griffiths, Ron Jones, Allan and Andrea Smith and The Social Club for lending barbecue sets and thanks to David, Ron, Robert, David, John and Steph for tending the barbecues. It was amazing how quickly to people were fed. Thank you too to all the ladies who made delicious salads and puddings and for everyone else who helped make the evening such fun.

The Raffle for Barnados raised £146 thanks to all those people who gave prizes.

Philippa Thomiley

OPEN GARDENS

Unfortunately we were not so lucky with the weather this year. In the morning the rain was unrelenting and only a very few hardy souls ventured out to look at the gardens. Lunch was a very select affair with about six customers. Fortunately for everyone the weather brightened up in the afternoon and more people visited the gardens and had tea in the village hall. The event which included entrance fees, the sale of refreshments, a cake stall and a plant stall raised £600.

Thank you to all the kind garden owners who made their gardens spick and span for the event, to everyone who made food for sale or for the refreshments and to anyone else who helped in any way and especially to Jenny Beadle for organising the whole event.

Philippa Thomiley

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning in May. £160 was raised for Cancer Care Dorset. Also don’t forget your old newspapers – all money raised again this year goes to CCD.

On Saturday 6th July we are holding a skittles knock-out for members. £15 for the winner.

Horticultural Show and Summer Fair

On Saturday 3rd August. Schedules are available from Bladen Social Club or from S McGrory, 15 Brianstpuddle. There will be various stalls, raffles, teas, and a lunchtime bar. If you would like a stall phone Sue on 01258 837267 or Jean on 01929 471766.

In the evening, we are having a Country and Western Evening with Apache (formerly Jeffers and Jon). Also a Bangers and Beans Supper. Tickets available from the Club.

This year we hope to open the doors for the Horticultural Show at 1.00 p.m., so the afternoon activities will start from 1.00 p.m.

Vic Gale Memorial Darts

This is open to members and non-members. A 7.45 p.m. start on Saturday 17th August. If you wish to enter, give your names to Eric or Mark Gale in Bere Regis, or to Bladen Social Club.

All trophies and raffle prizes are donated by family and friends. All money raised goes to Bere Regis Surgery.
AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

After the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd May 2002 Wendy Stockman resigned as Parish Clerk. Philippa Thorniley is acting as Parish Clerk until a new clerk is appointed.

At the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2002 the following business was discussed.

The Village Hall Development. Members were given an up to date progress report. No decision has yet been made by Purbeck District Council on the planning application. Mr. Davies (The Case Officer dealing with the application) and Mr. Kilroy (Conservation Officer) made a decision without reference to either the Architect or the Parish Council to prepare a "footprint" plan incorporating the land offered by the neighbours to be submitted to both the neighbour and the Parish Council. The District Council Officers had been made aware that there are conditions attendant upon this gift. At the time of writing the 'footprint' plan had not been received by the Parish Clerk.

Plans are afoot to prepare a Village Appraisal. Advice is being sought from Purbeck District Council and Dorset Community action.

Representatives on other organisations were appointed and can be seen on the Village Notice Boards.

Agreement was reached on grants and subscriptions to be paid by the Parish Council. These will be paid in July.

It was agreed to monitor the possible noise from the Motocross events at Rogers Hill. Purbeck District Council would be asked to notify the Council when events would take place. It was noted that land near Tolpuddle Ball was also being used for outdoor events. Unfortunately planning permission was not needed for these events as they were limited to a statutory minimum when permission was not required. Also the land on which the events took place was in the West Dorset District Council area.

It is hoped to be able to liaise with neighbouring Parish Councils and to arrange a community bus to take children and possibly others to Dorchester Leisure Centre.

Philippa Thorniley

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

Our June Meeting was a walk around the walls at Wareham, followed by a pub supper. In spite of the rather dodgy weather, seven members had a very enjoyable walk followed by an excellent meal at The Black Bear.

On the first Wednesday in July Mr. T. Inchley is going to talk to us about the story of English folk songs and the members competition will be to provide a rose. This will be an open meeting and members are asked to bring along friends and family if they wish. Anyone who would like to come along, whether or not they are with a member, will be made most welcome. The meeting begins at 7.30 p.m.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Summer would not be summer without the reporting of thefts from sheds and garages. Neither would it be summer without advice to check that sheds and garages are kept locked with sensible locks or padlocks. Don't forget to keep your windows and doors shut and locked even if you are in the garden and make sure that your car is locked even if it is in the garage or standing on the drive. Deactivate your car radio if you can.

There have been reports about non local companies cold calling and using high pressure sales tactics to sell alarm systems. The advice is DON'T buy from these firms. Check the I.D. of all callers and if you want to buy an alarm go to a reputable firm with NACOSS or other professional membership.

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Choir Practice Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri
7.00p.m., Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.
C.A.B. 7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall
Camera Club 7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.
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
Cubs (8-10½ yrs) 10.00 a.m. Sunday School
Dancing classes 6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ
D.S.S. Van Fridays 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.
Dorset/Latina Link 1st Mon 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.
Floral Group Secretary - Jenny Silavs - 01929 471577
Golden Circle 2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court
Guides Unit suspended
Kingsbere Quilters 1st Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Drax Hall
Mini Market 10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
Mobile Library Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and
3.15 p.m. - 4.25 p.m. - Car Park
Mothers’ Union 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church
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Playgroup Bere Regis Sub-committees on Post Office notice board
Pop in Place Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305
Pop in Place Singles social group 848792 Wednesday/Thursday PM
Pop in Place Poppets Contact Ray Winder - 01929 471456
Rainbows 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. Weds (not 2nd Weds) Drax Hall
RBL Gardening Club 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
Royal Oak Golf Society 8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774
Scouts (10½-15 yrs) Golf days, last Friday in month – March to October.
Swimming Club Contact Guy Storey for further details – 471041
Toddler Group 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
Tuesday Club Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Twinning Association Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262
Venture Scouts (15-20yrs) 1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church
Village Scrapbook A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every
W.I. Bere Regis Tuesday at Turberville Court. All welcome
W.I. Briantspuddle Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities
Woodbury Hill Singers 8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
Jenny Silavs - 471577
7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall
2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larksbur, Snow Hill
# Dates for Your Diary

## July
- **1st**: Blood Doning session, British Legion, 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. & 4.30 – 7.00 p.m.
- **2nd**: Gardening Club – Preparations for Showing, 8.00 p.m.
- **10th**: Autumn Leaves Open Day and Rose competition, 2.30 p.m.
- **20th**: Pop in Place Open Gardens event (village fundraiser) – Offers of gardens in writing to Alison Bennett please.
- **27th**: Coffee morning at home of John and Pat House, 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

## August
- **5th, 12th, 19th, 23rd**: Pop in Place Children’s Summer Activities
- **6th**: Gardening Club trip – Manor House, Steeple
- **14th**: Talk on Dorset Villages, Autumn Leaves, Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- **24th/25th**: Church Tower open weekend

## September
- **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.
- **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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