March 2002

THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

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SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

Thank You

With the induction as your new Vicar behind us I’d like to thank you all for a wonderful evening and for being so supportive on my arrival here. Special thanks go to Paul Badcock and John Salley, and John England and John House our Church Wardens for making me so welcome and to all those who prepared the food, and the Church itself, and attended to the hundreds of details that made the 23rd January such a memorable occasion. I’m very grateful too for the lovely supper in the village hall at Briantspuddle made extra special by the enforced candlelight, and for the coffee morning in Cyril Wood Court where I met many more parishioners. I already feel very much at home and truly delighted to be amongst you all.

With all the extra administrative, financial and maintenance demands on the Church today, it’s very easy to lose sight of our prime purpose of making God and his love known throughout our Benefice and beyond. But Lent – the time of the ‘lengthening of the Days’ gives us a chance to reflect on what God has done for us and what we can do for him and each other.

We are of course already well into Lent, and our Lent course ‘Called to be Saints’ is held in the Vicarage at 7.30pm on Wednesdays in March, except the 27th. Everyone is very welcome.

We are an Easter Church and an Easter people and we can’t think about Lent without thinking about Easter, the most important festival in our Year. We will be holding extra services during Holy Week, and the usual timings of Sunday services are slightly altered. Please check the details listed on page 6.

I’d like to commend to you three events in particular: the first is our Maundy Thursday service in Bere Regis at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th March when we shall recall and re-enact the mystical events of the Last Supper.

Then there are our Good Friday meditation services at 10.00am at Bere Regis and at 3.00pm at Affpuddle, and in between them we shall have our traditional Good Friday walk to Black Hill.
The walk will start at 11.15 from Bere Regis Church Porch and 11.00 from Briantspuddle Village Hall and we will converge at Black Hill to eat a packed lunch, which we will need to bring with us. The walk is a good opportunity to worship and witness as a Benefice, in the fresh air and everybody, young and old, is very welcome to join in, for all or just part of the walk. If you don’t feel up to walking all the way, but would like a lift to the top of Black Hill please let me know.

The third event is an Easter Vigil, a short quiet, reflective service of preparation for Easter, on Easter eve, Saturday 30th March at 7.30pm. It’s a opportunity to prepare for the joy of Easter Day, which begins at St Lawrence Affpuddle at 9.00am and at St. John the Baptist Bere Regis at 10.30am.

With every blessing for a joyous Easter

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**100 Watt Club**

**1st prize - £25**
MRS A DEBENHAM - NO 127

**2nd prize - £10**
MR B JONES - NO 83

**3rd prize - £10**
MR F WHITTLE - NO 43

**4th prize - £5**
MR E COLLIS - NO 184

**5th prize - £5**
MRS E JAMES - NO 91

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

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**The Vicar**

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Church Wardens  
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Deputy Warden  
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Cdr C Maundur, 15 North Street - 471342

Treasurer of PCC  
Mr G Phillips, 102 North Street - 471525

Organist  
Mr T Colquhoun, Heatherdown, Brock Hill - 471360

**PCC Members**

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David Gibbs, Eileen Jutting, Fred Pitfield, Sybil Frampton,  

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Church Wardens  
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Mr J Solly, Symonds Barn, Affpuddle - 472400

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Bill Thorniley, Mike Menzies, Richard Killer, David Payne, John Royal,  
Allan Smith, Jenny Silas, Erica Moriarty, Audrey Grindrod.
**BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS**

**Bere Regis Sidesmen**

- **Sunday 3rd March** 9.30 a.m. Mr House/Mr Bates
  6.00 p.m. Mr Woodward
- **Sunday 10th March** 11.00 a.m. Mrs March
  6.00 p.m. Mr Ventham
- **Sunday 17th March** 9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg/Mr Smith
  6.00 p.m. Mrs Griffin
- **Sunday 24th March** 11.00 a.m. Miss Miller/Miss Chesney
  6.00 p.m. Mr Smith
- **Sunday 31st March** 9.30 a.m. Benefice Easter Communion Service

**Evensong Readers**

- **3rd** Mrs Jutting
- **10th** Mr Ventham
- **17th** Mrs Griffin
- **24th** Mr Smith

**Cleaning and Dusting**

- **2nd & 9th March**
  Cleaners: Mrs J Woodward, Mrs C Tucker
  Dusters: Mrs G Whittle, Mrs N Scott
- **16th & 23rd March**
  Cleaners: Miss S Frampton, Mrs P Cuff, Mr A Bates
  Dusters: Mrs O Curtis, Mrs M Lewis
- **30th March & 6th April**
  Cleaners: Mr B James, Mrs M James
  Dusters: Mrs E James, Mrs M Carlyle

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

- **3rd/10th/17th/24th Lent**
- **31st** Easter – decorate church on Saturday 30th

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**CHURCH SERVICES in March**

**Sunday 3rd March**
- **3rd Sunday of Lent**
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Afpuddle)
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Afpuddle)
  - 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

**Sunday 10th March**
- **Mothering Sunday**
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Afpuddle)
  - 11.00 a.m. Communion for Mothering Sunday (Bere Regis)
  - 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

**Sunday 17th March**
- **5th Sunday of Lent**
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Afpuddle)
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion for Young and Old (Afpuddle)
  - 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

**Sunday 24th March**
- **Palm Sunday**
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Afpuddle)
  - 11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)
  - 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)
Easter SERVICES

Thursday 28th March  Maundy Thursday
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)

Friday 29th March  Good Friday
10.00 a.m. A service of meditation for Good Friday – Bere Regis
11.00 a.m. Depart from Bere Regis Church and Brantspudle Village Hall – Good Friday walk to Black Hill
12.00 noon (approx) - Picnic lunch at Black Hill
3.00 p.m. A service of meditation for Good Friday – Affpuddle

Saturday 30th March  Easter Eve
7.30 p.m. Easter Vigil – service of preparation for Easter (Bere Regis)

Sunday 31st March  Easter Day
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer (Affpuddle)
10.30 a.m. Parish Communion for Easter Day (Bere Regis)

OBITUARY

Harold Norman Ernest Dashwood. Aged 91 years.

Funeral Address Thursday 10th January 2002.

To avoid any confusion I will use the name familiar to us all - Dash. By this he was known, not for the sake of abbreviation, but because he was the kind of man with whom it was possible to have a warm and easy relationship. To those who knew him well it was also a term of endearment.

Dash was born in Streatham where he received his education and spent the early years of his life. In 1935 Dash went to Southern Rhodesia (as it was then known) as a farm pupil, but soon joined the Colonial Police Force in the then Northern Rhodesia. Dash returned to England on leave in 1938, and on the return journey to Africa in the autumn of the same year he met the girl with whom he was to spend the rest of a long and eventful life. Rene described their first meeting on board ship: they saw each other "across a crowded room". It was love at first sight, a love that was to grow and deepen with the years. They married on the 21st April 1939.

They were to spend many exciting years in various parts of East and West Africa including a period when Dash served as Superintendent of Police in Tanganyika. He had a rich fund of stories from those Colonial days which he would recall in a most interesting and amusing way. He would tell how often the Colonial Service wanted action in one way, the local authorities another and the local African leaders in yet another way.

After many years in the Colonial Service, Dash and Rene returned to England, where he was engaged by the Ministry of Defence as a High Level Security Officer. This was a very responsible post which meant he had contact with numerous high ranking officers, some of whom thought themselves too important to have their security status questioned! But Dash's wide experience and temperament made him the ideal Security Officer.

In 1974 Dash and Rene came to Bere Regis. During the early years of their retirement they spent much of the time touring the U.K. They travelled extensively throughout England and Scotland and had a deep attachment to Wales. They loved the Dorset countryside and had a particular delight in visiting village churches and making notes of the many architectural gems to be found. Sadly, failing eyesight meant that Dash could no longer drive his car and so the pleasurable tours had to end.
OBITUARY

Dash loved his home, his village and his church. He was regular in his attendance at worship, especially Evensong, which he loved. Many were the duties he fulfilled, quietly and without fuss. Church Wardens when faced with a duty problem would say, "Dash will do it!". And Dash would, willingly and out of the goodness of his heart.

Dash has been described by someone who knew him well as 'the perfect gentleman'. We would not argue with that. Devotion to service, loyalty, commitment, courtesy, these and many other high values marked his life.

We remember Rene in her great loss. For sixty two years she travelled this earthly road with Dash as her beloved companion. We pray for her in her bereavement and trust that her rich fund of memories and the loving support of friends will be a strong support.

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

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

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

Wednesday 6th March; Dorset County Ringers practice 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.

Saturday 16th March Wedding Blessing; Ringing at 1.30 p.m.

Friday 22nd March; Visiting ringers from Maidstone area 3.45 to 4.30 p.m.

BERE REGIS JUNIOR CHURCH

Dates for your diary:

Mothering Sunday Service - March 10th

Easter Saturday the children are invited to come and help us make an Easter garden in the Church at 10 am.

The next Children's Activity Morning will be on April 14th.

Meanwhile

The Family Service is always held on the second Sunday in the month at 11.00 a.m. This is only a short service with juice and biscuits and tea and coffee served in the church afterwards. Everyone is very welcome.

If there are any parents who would be interested in helping with the children's activity mornings we would be most grateful for your help. Just telephone either Jenny on 472161, Karen on 471339 or Sarah on 472148.
THANKYOU

Very much to all those who contributed to the food and the flowers for the Reverend Woodward's induction service. The church looked lovely and the food, as always, was delicious and just the right amount.

Pat House.

EASTER LILIES

There is a List in the church for people to fill in to dedicate a lily, or lilies, for decoration of the church for Easter. The cost of each lily will be £1.00. Please give your money to either Pat House or Jenny Kinahan. The lines will be purchased for decoration of the church on Easter Saturday morning.
MOTHERS' UNION

At our February meeting, Brenda showed slides of her recent trip to Australia. She had visited both of our Link branches there – one in Victoria state and the other in New South Wales, where she stayed for much of the time. The trip also included a few days in Sydney and a ‘holiday within a holiday’ namely about 10 days in Queensland which included a visit to the Great Barrier Reef and a few days on Hamilton Island – a real island paradise.

Christine gave the Treasurer’s report which was encouraging as we had been able to support all of the MU projects during the past year. Kay’s deanery report outlined several forthcoming events which will be promoted in due course.

Mary reminded members of the Women’s World Day of Prayer to be held this year in Affpuddle Church on Friday 1st March at 2.00 p.m. Transport can be provided for members who have not already arranged it. The branch has been invited to the Deanery Lent Service at Shroton on Wednesday 13th March at 2.30 p.m. For transport please contact Eileen or Brenda.

Our next meeting will take place in church on Wednesday 6th March at 7.30 p.m. When the Revd Stephen Treeby from Spetisbury will celebrate and preach at a service of Holy Communion.

Brenda Pittfield - 471391

DINARS – FORINTS – KRONA

Thank you very much for all your foreign currency. Small or large amounts are still most welcome.

Ockenden International are most grateful for your help. It enables them to help refugees to independence. E.g. A current project in Afghanistan is to distribute tools and store seeds to families in time for the spring planting. Each family’s starter pack costs £14. Drought resistant sees are bought in Iran or Pakistan.

Sybil Frampton - 471643

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

PAROCHIAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the church after Evensong on Sunday 7th April. Evensong will be at 6.00 p.m. Any nominations for the office of Churchwarden or for members of the Parochial Church Council should be made to the Vicar to reach him by Sunday 31st March 2002.

The election of two representatives from the Parish to serve on the Deanery Synod will also take place at the same meeting, again any nominations to serve on this important body should be made to the Vicar by 31st March. In all cases the agreement of the nominee for his/her name to be put forward must be obtained.

Volunteers to become Sidesmen and/or read are also sought and anyone prepared to serve or who would like more information should contact Jonathan Haigh at April Cottage Tel No. 01929 471768.

CLEANING AND FLOWERS ROTAS FOR 2002/2203

If you hurry there is still time to put your name on the new rotas which start from the first Sunday in April! Please let me have your name for either the flower arranging or cleaning rota by March 7th.

Philippa Thorniley

THANK YOU TIME

Thank you to all the members of the PCC who provided the most delicious food which was served after the induction service on 23rd January. Lots of compliments were paid about the standard of catering and it was an indication of this in that there was hardly anything left over.

Thank you to the team, Andrea and Allan, Sue Taylor, Sheila Newall, Audrey Grindrod, Jennifer Champion and Jenny Silas who turned out to lay the tables and help serve the food for the Vicar’s welcome party.

Philippa Thorniley

CHURCH CLEANING AND EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a special clean of the church on Saturday 23rd March 2002 from 10.00 until 12 noon. Please come along and help clean the church in preparation for Easter. Please bring with you cleaning cloths and dusters. Depending on the number who turn up it is hoped to polish all the pews and other furniture, the wooden floors and wash the stone floors as well as vacuuming the hassocks.

The church will be decorated for the Easter Service on Saturday 30th March 2002 from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Gifts of flowers and foliage would be most welcome and should be brought along to the church before 10.00 a.m. on Saturday. We do not usually organise a collection for the purchase of flowers for Easter since we live in the country and there are usually plenty of daffodils and other flowers and shrubs. However, if you wish to buy flowers to be used for the decoration of the church then your gift would be most welcome.

Philippa Thorniley
The Mind the World Group is holding a

COFFEE MORNING
AT CYRIL WOOD COURT
ON SATURDAY 13TH APRIL
AT 10.15 A.M.

Raffle * Cakes * 50p Stall
Plants * Bring and Buy

ENTRANCE 50P
( To include coffee and biscuits.)

IN AID OF RWANDA DIRECT FUND

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the February meeting a brief analysis was reported on the response to the Village Hall letter sent out in January. Seven hundred and eighty letters were delivered and seventy six responses received. Of the responses 90.8% agreed with the principle of siting the Hall at the Scout HQ. The major concern was to do with the car parking and the present situation in Manor Farm Road was stressed as, before the effect of the Hall, there is a parking problem around the Surgeries. It must be assumed that the car park is full when both sides of the road are blocked with cars. Many ideas were forthcoming and these will be put to the Committee. Some concern was expressed about the proposed size and therefore costs both building and running. These points will be looked at by the Council and a reply published.

The object of the exercise was to obtain an opinion of the principle of using the location so that we could take the next step in applying for Planning Approval. As the letters were delivered so the Council had a meeting with the Planning Officers requesting their opinion. It was pointed out that an early response was requested in view of the effect of the incoming Disability Act. Sadly the Planning Officers had not responded before the meeting and have still not as I write this. One wonders how long the actual application is going to take a Committee to decide.

The Council is most grateful to the three Parishioners who moved the tree bark in the Play Park. They were Chantal Sykes, Debbie Tibbey and Richard Miller. Well done all of you and thank you.

Have you, the reader, ever thought of standing as a Parish Councillor? One reads letters in the press of criticism of Councils and there was a reminder in a recent edition for the electorate to remember what Councillors had promised before the elections and therefore to cast their votes accordingly. Obviously there is interest from individuals. Why not come forward therefore and bring your ideas to the Council? It would strengthen the Council if new faces would come along. Every four years the Parish Council is elected and that day dawns on May 2nd this year. The nominations close on 5th April. For nomination papers apply to Mr Peter Aston at Westport House Tel 556561. Eleven Councillors are needed and this next four years is an important period in the life of the Village. Come along, take part and make your mark.

The District Council seat for the Parish is also being contended on the same date. Applications for papers as in the case for Parish Councillors.

'Safe Routes to School' is the subject of a meeting at the School on 20th March at 6.15p. The C6 - thats the Rye Hill road - will be discussed. This is an important meeting as there is still concern about the traffic using the road past the School.
Finally even if you do not wish to stand for the Council do remember that Parish Council meetings are open to the public in general. There is a period set aside for public participation so that you can update the Councillors on your thoughts on matters and to ask about things that you wish to know about. The Council meets on the second Thursday in each month at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall. You will be most welcome.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have entertained Allendale Centre, Wimborne and Young at Heart Club, Upton.

Their Jubilee Jamboree to celebrate the Jubilee will be held at the Drax Hall on Saturday 18th May (note the altered date). Tickets will be £3.50 to include savouries and a glass of wine. Telephone Kath on 471175 to reserve your ticket.

DRAX HALL

The Hall has been very well used during the past month. The BRATS have put on a very lively Pantomime which played to packed houses. For the half term we put on a puppet show - Sinbad. Again we had a full house and lots of happy faces left for home that morning.

The Hall committee are planning some events for the coming months. We hope to have a Fashion Show - they have been popular and so we will try another one.

The Committee have to apply for an assessment in line with the Disability Act this year. The subsequent report will advise us of what we need to do to comply with the Act. Sadly we can not remove the stairs or provide a toilet for the disabled.

The AGM of the committee will be held on Thursday 25th April at 7.00pm in the Hall. Everybody is invited.
COLLECTION FOR LORRAINE AND ROD HAMILTON-BROWN

Thank you to all those who contributed to Lorraine and Rod’s retirement collection. We were pleased to be able to hand them £400 collected from very many people in the village and surrounding area.

Maxine and John.

THANK YOU

Rod and Lorraine (ex Bere Regis Post Office) would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, along with the many cards, letters, gifts and very generous donations that were given to Maxine and John on our behalf.

It was our pleasure to have served the village and to have known so many lovely people within it.

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BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Many members will remember the fascinating wine tasting event which was organised a couple of years ago. Peter and Pat Wharf have very kindly offered to host a similar event this year, and this will take place on the evening of Saturday 16th March 2002 at their home – The Old Vicarage, West Street, Bere Regis.

It will be slightly different from last time, in that a list of the wines will be provided, but you’ll still have to guess which one is which! In addition, we will be joined by Robin Kinahan, Master of Wine, who will be giving us the benefit of his vast experience in this interesting profession.

Twinning members and their guests are all welcome. Tickets will be £5 per person which will include a French bread and cheese supper. Please telephone Peter on 472246 to reserve your place as this event is extremely popular and numbers must be restricted.

On Saturday 20th April, the association, in conjunction with Bere Regis First School are holding a children’s activity morning – Jeux d’Enfants. This will take place at the school from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

A wide variety of events and activities are planned, some with a French theme, which will keep the children occupied and entertained for the morning. The cost per child will only be £1 and the children of both members and non-members will be most welcome. Further details are available from Rachel Buckett – 472571.

Alison Debenham – 471780
ROYAL OAK GOLF SOCIETY (ROGS)

Nothing much to report this month as the season has not yet begun. However, members are asked to note that the venue for the first game of the year has changed.

On Good Friday 29th March we will now be playing at Cheddington Court Golf Club and the evening meal will take place at the Royal Oak.

Martin Debenham – 472580

BERE REGIS W.I.

In January, Susan Pitt, the Environmental Services Officer of Purbeck District Council, gave a talk on the situation regarding landfills and the fact that we must reduce the amount of waste before there are no more landfills. Many of us were brought up to believe in the 'throw away society' but this cannot continue. She went on to give us many ideas on recycling of bottles, paper, clothes etc. This included many other items including abandoned cars and old refrigerators. The Environment Services Department is there to help. Her talk prompted many questions which were answered and proved very helpful.

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

Dates for your diary.
19 March - Slides on Milton Abbey and Abbas
16 April - Herbal Oils and Creams

Margaret Dann

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF CANCER RESEARCH UK

The AGM of the Bere Regis Branch of Friends of Cancer Research UK was held on February 11th.

The members were congratulated by a representative from Cancer Research UK Headquarters for raising over £55,000 during the past 25 years. A plaque was presented to acknowledge this wonderful effort by past and present members.

If you are interested in joining the team please contact the Secretary Helen Dryer telephone: 01929 459523

On the 23rd March from 1030-1230 a Coffee Morning with many exciting stalls, will be held at Cyril Wood Court, Bere Regis. Please come and support us.

Catherine Mills – 01929 459248

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Council rents

At a recent debate in the chamber at Wareham we discussed Council Rents. It is clear to me that we have very little freedom in what we can do with these rents as they are controlled by “fair rents” legislation and a host of government guidelines and regulations that, in practice, give us little room for manoeuvre. The resolution passed was paraphrased by the Housing Manager as follows - “In order to maintain services to council tenants, rents are going up by 3.5% in April in line with government guidelines. A larger increase would have resulted in central government clawing back some of the income in the form of reduced grant”

Domestic Waste Collections

Waste collections are now going to take place on all Bank Holidays and Public Holidays except XMAS Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day. This will be at no extra cost to the Council taxpayer. This will save all of us the problems of the Bin collections over Easter.

The Local Transport Plan and the C6

I have been in discussion with Steve Williams the Dorset County Council Local Transport Plan Manager about the C6 (i.e. the road up Rye Hill past the School) and what is going to happen to it. He has submitted the following article (all in italics) to explain.
Dorset County Council produced a Local Transport Plan for the County in July 2000 that sets out a transport strategy for the county covering the 5 years from 2001 to 2006. It contains action plans for improving transport in each of 8 different areas of the county. The action plan for Purbeck includes a long-term proposal to redesignate the C6 Bere Regis to Wool road as a 'B' road.

In the County Structure Plan the C6 road is defined as a County Distributor road, which is part of the strategic route network. This means that it has some strategic importance for longer distance journeys and lorry movements. Policies within the county for improvements, maintenance and signing are concentrated on the strategic route network. Indeed an improvement scheme for the C6 junction with the A352 at Wool is planned for later this year when a new roundabout will be constructed.

All other County Distributor roads in Dorset have either 'A' road or 'B' road designation and there is some inconsistency in the fact that the Bere Regis to Wool road retains its 'C' class status. The proposal to redesignate it to a B-class road is very much a longer-term proposal. The redesignation would reflect the level of traffic using the route at present, which is actually higher than on many lengths of A-class road within the county. As a B road it would attract a higher priority for maintenance funds, but would not necessarily see any upgrading to its standard. The longer-term aim is to reduce the volume of traffic using this route. Weymouth traffic is currently signposted along the road, but this will change when the new road into Weymouth (the Weymouth Relief Road or Brown Route) has been built, since traffic from the A31 to Weymouth would then be signed along the A35 and A354 rather than along the Bere Regis to Wool route.

As regards timescale this is linked to the reconstruction of the rail bridge east of West Stafford, which would then enable the B3390 to be re-designated as an east-west route linking across to the Bere Regis to Wool route. A particular benefit is to renumber the route through Affpuddle village from B-class to unclassified since this is a lower standard of route than that between Bere Regis and Wool. The Weymouth Relief Road is due for completion in 2008.

For the above reasons the proposal to renumber the C6 as a B road is not eminent. If and when the proposals are put forward, the District and Parish Councils and local people will be fully consulted.

When my wife Pat read this article she said she didn't understand a word of it! I am not sure I am any better off - perhaps it is just me! I have asked Steve if he would attend a future meeting of the Governors of Bere Regis First School to clarify the contents of this letter. I intend to return to this subject in later articles. If you have any further questions Steve Williams telephone is: 01305 225070.

Trigon Hill Landfill

I attended a Dorset County Council (DCC) Planning meeting on Friday 18th January to speak on behalf of the residents of Bere Regis and Bloxworth against this proposal. Papers and presentations by the Officers of the County indicated to many of us that their minds were already made up and that our views were not particularly welcome. However, following much lobbying, the Secretary of State (SoS) has now withdrawn the powers of the County Council to vote on this proposal without it being referred back for further consideration by the (SoS). DCC could however have rejected the proposal! They voted in favour by 5 votes to 2. If the (SoS) subsequently rejects it then it will have to be abandoned: if the (SoS) approves, it will proceed.

Planning Board

I am a member of one of the Sub Committee that reviews all the planning applications that are outside of the remit of the Officers of the Council, i.e. anything that is at all contentious, arguable or has objections is heard before the planning Board. We meet once per month and we typically review up to 50 different submissions. Following our deliberations we make recommendations that are then passed on to the next full Council meeting. It is unusual for our recommendations to be challenged or changed. This month there were two major items relating to Bere Regis - however both of them were withdrawn at the last moment so no discussion or decisions were arrived at. The first was the application for the change of use of land to a permanent shooting school with revised operating hours at Purbeck Shooting School, Puddletown Road. The second was for the change of use of land from touring caravan site to static holiday caravan site at Rowlands Wood Holiday Park, Rye Hill.

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.

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Sharon Palmer

BERE REGIS SITTERS' CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on the 5th March at 8.00 p.m. At Gillion's house.
Please contact Mary Lillie on 471365 for details of future meetings and other information.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER '50'S'
CLUB

At the last meeting we had a beautiful slide show by Tony Bates about the Dorset Wildlife Trust, with some lovely pictures of Dorset. The competition was for an Egg Cup and there were 16 entered.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th March at the Drax Hall at 2.30pm when Mr Macey will be giving a talk about the Weymouth Lifeboat. The competition is for a Ship in a Bottle

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The new year started off with a night at Blandford Leisure Centre on the 9th January, where the group of youth club members enjoyed a swimming session. Although there was plenty of fun and games in the bubble bath and play pool, it was rather disappointing that the water slide was out of action. Fortunately, on the 6th February, when the club made its next visit to the Leisure Centre the water slide was thankfully back in action again. Some members of the group spending most of the evening on there, whilst other put in a few lengths of the main pool. Other just decided to splash about and do hand stands or just try to drown the club leader.

The 'Give Us A Clue' night on the 15th January was a closely contest competition. Both teams proved to good at guessing the job that was being described and there was not a lot to choose between them. In the end it was the team lead by Tom Way that proved to be the worthy winners.

Planning for the 'Golden Jubilee Invitation Tea Dance' got underway on the 22nd with the members working out what was going to be required. Planning will be continuing again on the 19 February.

An evening of games took place on the 30 January with both Darts and Pool Knockout Competitions taking place. Both competitions were organised a run by the youngsters themselves and a very sporting evening was enjoyed by all.

On the 13 February 'Jewellery Making' took place, everyone got involved with beads of all shapes and sizes being thread into neck bands. Although the thread was elastic, some beads nearly proved to big to pass the neck bands over, no names mentioned!

The highlight of the year so far will be the evening visit to 'Splashdown' on the 26th February. This is always a popular trip to Tower Park and the many water slides there. The group will be leaving at 6.15 pm in order to have as long there as possible. The aim for the group will be to see just how many times they can ride down all the different slides.

On March 6th its back to Blandford for another evening session at the swimming pool. Perhaps some of those who cannot swim to well at present, will put in some practice and try to improve their level of skill. Then on the 12th there will be a 'What's the Difference?' evening, when the young members can learn just what that is. At the end of the month there will be another craft evening, with 'Kite Making' on the 27th.

Canoeing gets underway once again in April and last years planned trip to Wales, postponed twice due to the Foot & Mouth Crisis, will go ahead this summer.

Membership: Any young person aged from 8 to 17 is most welcome to join the youth club. Annual membership, which runs for January to the end of December, is only £2.50 for Juniors (8-11) and £4.00 for Seniors (12-17).

Terry Vine, Youth Leader Tel: 01929 471693

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A total of £95.14 was raised towards buying new toys for our children’s play area.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE & EASTER BONNET PARADE
We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Raffle on Good Friday 29th of March, your kind donations of Easter Eggs would be gratefully received. Phone Colin and Gwen on 472335. This year we have decided to revive the old tradition of an Easter Bonnet Parade.

Please support this and make the effort to make a bonnet. There will be two competitions, one for adults and one for the children. All in aid of Pop In Place Funds.

POP IN PLACE AGM
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday the 8th of April at 10.30 at the Pop In Place.

Please come along and show your support for the project, everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments served.

CREATIVE PLAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UNDER 5’s PARENTS and CARERS
Pop In Place Poppets
A new opportunity for Parents, Babies and Toddlers to meet at the Pop In Place, Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis on Wednesday afternoons 130 p.m. until 3 p.m. from the 17th of April – phone Mandy Kennard 472583 for more details and a full list of the dates (the group will meet every Wednesday from April 17th to 24th July but not the second Wednesday in each month.)

This is as well as the well-established Toddler Group run every Monday 1.30 p.m. until 3 p.m. during term time at The Chapel, Butt Lane, Bere Regis more details from Joyce 471443.

MUSIC AND DANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
Pip Squeaks
Following a successful meeting a youth group has been set up to meet on Thursday evenings starting the 18th of April 6 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. at the Drax Hall. (Not every second Thursday as it is parish council.) Everyone is welcome so please bring along any resources that we can use such as music stands, recorders etc. Phone Alison 472023 for more details and the specific dates the group will meet.

If anyone has any specific musical skills and would like to run a one off session (free of charge) to give the young people the opportunity to experience a variety of different aspects of music please get in touch.

WELCOME PUBLICATION
In celebration of the Queens Golden Jubilee the Pop In Place are producing a Welcome publication for the use of new people in the community. We need your help to ensure that we have all the relevant information collated. We have had a very positive response so far to the forms that we sent to all village groups but if you have not been in touch with Mandy this is your last chance you can phone her on 472583.

Anyone reading this from a group or organisation please check if your chairman has responded. It is up to you to give us your information it would be a shame if groups are not included because they didn’t respond.

BERE REGIS OPEN GARDENS DAY 21st July 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thank you to everyone who has offered their garden, we now have 15 gardens this is plenty to go ahead with the event. We can also inform you that all the profits will be given to the New Village Hall Fund. Some help will be required on the day for a variety of tasks phone Alison if you are willing to help and she will be delighted to hear from you.

Happy Easter to all the readers!
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I know that in many parishes it is difficult for people to get to their local college or course unless they can drive and have the use of a car. Yet at present the government is very keen that we should all get as well qualified as possible and that more and more young people should be enabled to go on to higher education. How can this be achieved unless the most obvious barrier, inability to even get to the course, is overcome?

So how can I help? I work on two fronts. In the first place I help with individuals. If you ring me I can give you advice about college buses, funding and grants. For example, if you live somewhere inaccessible by public transport, you want to go on a training scheme and you are under 25, you can apply for a grant from the DART small transport projects fund. Such grants can cover 75% of the costs, up to a maximum of £200, towards such things as the purchase of a scooter, driving lessons, car insurance or whatever else you may decide will solve your transport problem. Sometimes, although there is no public transport, there may be a taxi taking a disabled student to college from the same parish and I can arrange for you to travel in this at minimal cost.

Secondly I work to encourage parishes, colleges, other learning providers, bus companies, local authorities and so on, to remember the problems of would-be learners when making plans and taking decisions. Is your parish looking at ideas for applying for Parish Transport Grants? Have you consulted the young people in your village and found out how they would get to college if they needed to go there? Which college or colleges do the learners in your parish go to? How do they get there? There may be other people who need to get to work at the same time - have you thought about the possibility of a taxi link from your parish to the main bus corridor for these people? Or of a minibus picking up round several small parishes to a focal point? Or have you got a good idea of your own?

If you would like to discuss any of these ideas with me, if you have a problem you think I could help with, or if you have any ideas or suggestions please get in touch! My phone number is 01305 265068, my email address is rachelle@dormobiledsn.net.co.uk or you can write to me Rachelle Smith, c/o Dorset Community Action, The Barracks, Bridport Rd., Dorchester, DT1 1YG.
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In March (Tuesday 5th) Trish Lee will join us and talk on 'Containers for Colour'.

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- 4tbsp white wine
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Put half the butter into a saucepan and cook the spinach until it is broken down into a puree. Set aside to cool.

Put the other half of the butter into the pan and cook the shallots until soft and then add to the spinach.

Season the fish inside and out and stuff with the spinach mix. For each fish, fold a sheet of tinfoil in half, lay the fish on one side, brush the fish with a little of the butter, add a little wine and a bay leaf to each parcel, fold the tinfoil over to make a parcel making sure you seal the edges. Put the parcels onto a baking sheet and cook in a medium oven for about 20 mins.

Serve with new potatoes and carrots.

CINDERELLA

The Bere Regis Amateur Theatrical Society (BRATS) production of Cinderella was staged at The Drax Hall for three performances covering Friday and Saturday the 15th and 16th of February. Most people’s experience of Pantomimes is of the “Oh no it isn’t - Oh yes it is” variety. This time our illustrious Bere Regis thespians attempted a much more complex and intricate performance than what might be called a typical Pantomime.

For a start the script followed the original Cinderella story much more closely than previous pantomime productions. As a result the effort and the concentration required was much greater; in short there was much more acting than had been in previous shows. It is good to see BRATS trying new things and attempting ever more difficult productions. As the programme said - movement had to be much more exact and words more precise. It was a great evening but I feel sure that all who went will have a sense of satisfaction at seeing a performance that showed that a small village can put on a highly polished and professional production of which they can all be hugely proud.

There were still wonderfully funny scenes that had all of the audience laughing out loud. The scene with Buttons being chased in the wood by an extremely realistic wolf was well choreographed as well as bringing the audience to life (Behind you - Oh no he isn’t - Oh yes he is!). It would be impossible to name all the people who took part and this remains the major strength of this production and dare I say it the spirit of community within Bere Regis. I counted 40 names on the Cast list and this figure would have to be doubled to give credit to all the back room staff without whom this sort of show would not be possible. It is a real family production - produced by the BRATS family - for the family of Bere Regis.

If I say that the Ugly sisters were quite brilliant they may think I am saying they were perfectly cast! As I am frightened of Mel, and afraid of being barred from the Oak, I better just say that they acted beautifully, as well as making us all laugh out loud. Rachel Percy managed to transform herself perfectly from the kitchen maid to the stunningly beautiful Cinderella. As for Bob James and his alliterations - well I was perfectly proficiently pleased and proud of his performance.
And why is it that the Prince manages to be a charmingly attractive girl – Spud you lucky individual? John Brown was awesome in his leggings and make up. He also showed a new side to his repertoire when he sang a wonderfully inventive set of new lyrics to the old and much loved Monkees song “I’m a believer”.

John also showed a new line in malapropisms when he asked the lighting staff to “Dim the Music”! Apologies to all those people I have not mentioned but one final word of praise to the Fairy Godmother – Charlene, somebody told me afterwards that you were only 12, you have a great future ahead of you. Whatever your age it was good to see you balancing the average age up! Sorry Bob! A final word of thanks to Phyllis, John’s wife, who due to illness could not be there on the night; her encouragement has been ever present and we wish her a speedy recovery.

What brought home to me the sense of community spirit was the following morning when I went to Church and our new Vicar, Ian Woodward, mentioned in his announcements that he had been to the Pantomime the previous evening and that he had really enjoyed it. He then went on to say “Oh no I didn’t – Oh yes I did”!

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Annual General Meeting – Thursday 14th November 2002
BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL

All children of first school age are welcome to our Easter Holiday Club session at the Drax Hall on Tuesday 26 March from 10.15 to Noon. Booking essential - forms available from Bere Regis First School, Mary Lillie, or Su Roberts (471322), to be returned to Mary Lillie, Forge Cottage (next-door-but-one to School) with booking fee (£1.50 for first child in family, £1 each extra sibling) by Thursday 21 March. Activities, games, refreshments, singing, story – come and have fun. Any parents able and willing to lend a hand please contact Su (as above).

Tony Shave - 471934 (or Neville Tuck - 471973) will be pleased to hear of items for sale for our Easter Monday Auction at the Chapel. Contributions may be brought to the Chapel between 2 and 4pm on 31 March, and from 10am on 1 April. The Auction will commence at 2.30pm with viewing from 10am. Refreshments will be available.

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The Search for Eternal Youth!

I think it must be the time of year, but round about January and February for some reason I start feeling old! Now I know compared to some of the wonderful residents in the village I’m still a spring chicken, but that’s no consolation when I nip downstairs from the Manse Flat to my Church Office and then instantly forget what I came down for!

A few years ago “Time” magazine received a number of letters responding to a report on the advances of anti-ageing medicines and tablets. Whilst a few took the line, “why would anyone want to live past 150 years?”, others commented on the brevity of life – “so many things to do and see in our world, so little time to do it”.

I was watching an item on Breakfast News the other morning where a scientific/religious group were advocating human cloning as a way to eternal life. I guess we all at some point in our lives grasp at the prospect of eternal youth. Many people have little or nothing to look ahead to and lose hope. But there is something about springtime and the lead up to Easter that gives us cause for real hope. Life springing out of death, light shining out of darkness. Just as at this time of year gradually the earth comes alive in a blaze of colour, so God in Christ can transform the greyness of out monochrome lives into the sparkling colour of His love and radiance!

Want to hear something really exciting? JESUS IS ALIVE! And He can give you the assurance of eternal life. And this is not ‘pie in the sky when you die’ – it begins here and now the moment you and I receive God’s gift of salvation. The evidence of the Risen Christ in His Church and through transformed lives is a realistic message of hope, peace and joy to all. In fact the message of Easter is that in Christ life does not have a hopeless end, but is transformed into an endless hope!

Here in the Congregational Church we shall be remembering the changing passions of the Easter story. On Good Friday (29th March) at our 10.00 a.m. Service we think upon the implications of Jesus’ death on the Cross, and on Easter Day (31st March) also at 10.00am, we celebrate the hope of Resurrection. You are welcome to join us.

May the sparkling life of the Lord Jesus touch you and your family at this Easter tide!

Pastor Jim Morris, The Manse Flat, Butt Lane Tel: 01929 471270
COMPASSION IN WORLD FARMING

Ban Live Exports

On Saturday February 9th, a march took place from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square, organised by CIWF, which we hope that the Government, media and animal exporters will not be able to ignore.

Foot and mouth disease temporarily called a halt to this cruel trade in live animals, which many will want to start up again as soon as possible. It is essential not to drift into apathy and to be aware of the horrors which these long journeys entail for the animals.

Ireland had only one outbreak of FMD and already a boat load of cattle has left for the Lebanon and young cattle have been shipped out to the Continent.

Please write to Margaret Beckett MP, Secretary of State, Dept. of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1 P 3JR, to state your concern over animals enduring up to 70 hour journeys to be killed in abattoirs using cruel and illegal slaughter methods, probably in South Italy or Greece.

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BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football reports

The torrential rains of the last month have washed away all but the most persistent of games. In conditions that have had Mr Noah off to his local B & Q to the ‘Ark building’ section (Aisle 20, Section C if you are interested) and Mrs Noah popping down to PetSmart for a couple of budgies, we owe a great debt to our groundsman, ‘Angry Oram’, for his sterling work amongst the floodwaters.

Saturdays

Bere Regis 0: Stourpaine Res 4

Men against boys, masters against pupils, Man United against Man City, whichever way you put it Bere were given a lesson in football this day. Stourpaine hardly broke sweat as they eased their way to a comfortable victory. Only 1-0 down at half time Bere were not helped by the loss of their talisman Johnny Cleall and an injury to Stuart Moore that was partly the tackle and partly the landing after being sent three feet in the air.

The referee had obviously learnt his craft in the fifties when players were hewn from granite and they had leather balls, they certainly needed them with tackles like that. Three more goals later and Stourpaine had three points in the bag. ‘Ginge’ Osmond, the honorary Judas for the day having deserted his beloved Bere for Stourpaine, promised to let Wayne out of his pocket for the Sunday game the next day. A slight blip in the comeback for Dean, but the sign of a good team is how they react to defeat not victory. I am sure that Dean is bringing some toys and a pram in readiness.

Sundays

Bere Regis 1: Bovington Challengers 0

If the Al’ Quaida prisoners in Cuba think they have got it tough they have obviously never suffered conditions like these. As the wind howled and the rain pelted, 22 players attempted to play a game of something resembling football. Some players, such as ‘No show’ Cope, obviously had more sense and remained safely tucked up in bed meaning Bere were left with just enough for a team, but what a team! Playing against a Force 8 gale in the first half Bere had their own Force 10 Gale at their backs, shouting instructions to such effect that some of the Sergeant Majors started to take notes.

With Spivey keeping the left flank secure and Rogerson holding fast on the right Bovington could find no way through. Even when they did they found Paddles in scintillating form with one memorable full stretch save that could mean another week at the chiropractors. Despite the conditions, the midfield still tried to play football through the swamp and almost broke through on a few occasions. However, in the end Bere were relieved to hear the half time whistle with the game still goalless.

The second half should have been a rout as Bere took advantage of the wind at their backs but the quagmire meant that only a herd of hippos would enjoy this, funny that Dean seemed to enjoy himself though! As the game splashed and splattered its way to a muddy conclusion it needed a moment of inspiration to separate the teams. Rob White almost provided it with a jinking run and power dive that brought the best out of the Challengers’ keeper. But if you need a job doing you turn to the best.... Bungy Brown.

With his new boots shining like a beacon Bungy pounced on a loose ball in the penalty area and thundered a shot through, literally, a crowd of players and into the net. Bovington strived manfully to equalise and played some delightful football at times but Bere guard a lead like a train driver guards his pay rise and were soon celebrating a famous victory. Looking like rejects from ‘Stig of the Dump’ the Bere players squealed off for a well deserved shower and the possibility of second place tantalisingly closer.

Bere Regis 5: P & K Sports 5

Never in the history of football has the expression ‘a game of two half’s’ been more apt. In the race for second place this was a must-win game for Bere since P & K were 3 points ahead of Bere with a game in hand. Unfortunately this season Bere’s performances have stuttered more than Gareth from Pop Idol in a tongue twisting competition and this game showed it. Perhaps it was the sight of two teams arriving to play them that put Bere on the back foot, but after the army had retreated P & K spent the first ten minutes showing Bere how to play the beautiful game. Once P & K scored this woke Bere from their lethargy and the midfield took the game by the scruff and never let go. The equaliser was a peach of a goal as Dan found space on the right to deliver an inch perfect cross onto Coxy’s head and he finished perfectly. Bere’s tactic of denying space and quick passing on the break were the main reason for their utter dominance of the first half and they took a deserved lead when Rob White outpaced (I) a particularly slow P & K defence and slotted home.

Dan stretched the lead as he harassed the last defender into a mistake and when Chris Oram made it 4-1 after a powerful run from Kev Cox Bere looked to be home and dry.
The half time interval never did Bere any favours, though, as a nice cup of tea and a chat with the manager about how good they were made Bere more complacent than Tony Blair at election time.

P & K had other ideas and came out firing on all cylinders. They scored in the first five minutes through a sharp turn and shot in the box, whilst Bere treated the ball like it was a letter from Afghanistan, kicking it as far and as high away as possible. As the midfield tired P & K played some pretty football and were soon within touching distance, and then level as their forward outpaced Ginge the tortos’ and smashed the ball away. The nightmare was complete with two minutes to go when P & K took the lead from a penalty as Chopster Oram lived up to his nickname and took the player’s legs and most of his torso away.

In the dying minutes Bere threw all caution to the wind and piled forward in a desperate search for the equaliser. A corner in the last minute saw all of the Bere team, bar Paddles and Dean, in the opposition penalty area and amidst all the confusion Dan kept a cool enough head to draw a rash tackle and earn Bere a penalty. With Mark Gale off injured the pressure of the spot kick was laid squarely on the shoulders of young Dan. To make matters worse the opposition linesman spent a full five minutes having a tantrum of McEnroe proportions with the referee, throwing the flag down and generally behaving like a child of three, or Coxy on a good day. When Dan finally took the kick he must have felt like Stuart Pearce and Gary Southgate all rolled into one, which is probably why he kicked the ball so feebly the goalie had to make a real effort to miss it. But miss it he did and Bere had equalised to earn themselves a deserved point in this topsy turvy game.

Whilst all is not lost yet in the race for second place, we are certainly in the stage of not remembering where we put it. To make matters worse it is a must win game next week against top of the league Hamworthy Lions. Time for Nick to dust off the prayer mat once again!!

ENTERTAINMENTS

23rd March – DICE HORSE RACING

Ever fancied yourself as a racehorse owner? Well now is your chance to feel the thrill of the steeplechase and watch your very own filly take the field by storm, dice permitting.

There will also be a membership draw and a chance to win £10 for any member who produces their card when their name is drawn out of the hat. What more incentive do you need? Come on down!!
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

'Original Rags' had us all tapping our feet and some of us boogieing in the aisles. Mike and Steve gave great performances including a variety classics to enthrall even the most staid audience.

Well, and what a treat the Moviola showing of 'Bridget Jones' Diary' was. Those who grasped the opportunity to see this hilarious comedy in the intimate surroundings of the Village Hall were not disappointed. Indeed, they were pleasantly surprised and definitely impressed by the high quality of both sound and picture.

The size of the screen was a bit of a shock, as it virtually filled the hall. There was no squinting over peoples shoulders for a glimpse of the action . . . . . . . we saw it all!!

We were treated to choc ices and popcorn with coffee at the interval, and at the end, after congratulating the projectionist, people clamoured for the opportunity to see another up to date film.

With no need to drive to the venue, no parking queuing etc. the experience of viewing a film in the hall is a relaxed, cheap and hassle free way to bring the 'big screen' to your own doorstep.

I'm pleased to report that the Thursday morning 'keep fit' class has now got a regular following. Unfortunately, even after my plea in last month's magazine, and approaches to sports centres etc we have had no success in finding an evening instructor despite there being people wishing to participate.

The last village hall report suggested that we hoped to stage another Open Gardens, we have plumped for 9th June as the date, so put it in you diary now as the chance for a good day out.

We have also been prevailed upon to stage another Barn Dance which we are trying to organise at the end of September once again.

The latest news on the hall improvement proposals is, that after extensive consultation with the planning department at Purbeck District Council, final plans are being drawn up. It is intended that these plans should be submitted in time for the March meeting of the Planning Committee. If this proves to be the case, then a flier will be delivered to each house in the Parish showing a floor plan. The leaflet will report on where and when plans may be viewed so that all residents will have the opportunity to see exactly what is being submitted.

BRIANTSPUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE - ARTSREACH

On 19th January we had the second of our Artsreach productions - Mike Denham and Steve Graham's Original Rags. Some 50 people attended and we all enjoyed the toe tapping rendition of Jazz and Boogie. After all expenses were paid £57.12 was raised for Hall funds.

On 9th February we had the first of the Artsreach/Dorset Moviola Film shows. 24 people attended a showing of 'Bridget Jones Diary'. Everyone enjoyed the evening. After all expenses were paid £8.57 was raised for Hall funds. Everyone was surprised at and impressed by the quality of the sound and the size of the screen. All this thanks to the wonders of modern science and DVD technology.

Dorset Moviola's Phill Walkley has promised that we can have further shows if we think they would be popular. He has suggested a showing of the new film of "Gosford Park" in April. Do let either me or a Hall Committee member have your opinion of the future of film shows in the Village Hall.

I have been toying with the idea for next Winter of a regular monthly film slot on a Thursday. I thought it could be called "A Jaunt Down Memory Lane" or "Films We Have Loved" and we could kick off with Ealing Comedies. I have never seen "Kind Hearts and Coronets" on the large screen and someone else suggested "The Ladykillers". Don't be backward in coming forward with your ideas. The idea of the film evenings would be to cover costs and not necessarily treat it as a fund raising event but having said all of this any surplus would go towards Village Hall funds. Ideas please.
Ticket are selling briskly for Tim Laycock's 'Time Clock', a play with music about the life of William Barnes, on Friday 15th March at 7.30 p.m. This promises to be a really good evening. There may be tickets available on the door but it would be advisable to buy your ticket in advance from me.

Philippa Thomiley

THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Arrangements are in hand to hold a village celebration on Monday 3rd June. So far we have booked 'Mill Street Jazz Band'. The Bladen Social Club have arranged with the Licensing Authorities to have an open evening for the sale of drinks. There will be barbecue food available at a nominal charge and The Parish Council have agreed to the purchase of mugs to be distributed to all children of 16 and under resident in the Parish and whose parents are on the current electors roll.

Please let me know of any household with a child under 16. I will be doing my own researches but all information will be most helpful. All households will receive a letter within the next month or so and definitely in time to book your tickets for the barbecue. Consideration is also being given to holding a party for the younger children. Once again details will be circulated nearer the date.

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AFFPUDDLE AND TUMERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th February 2002 the following business was discussed.

The Village Hall Development

The Council were informed that it is expected to submit plans to the District Council in time for the March Planning Meeting. Arrangements are in hand to distribute an information leaflet and for residents to have an opportunity to view the plans in the Village Hall. It is expected that the Hall will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon for seven days. Details will be given in the information leaflet.

Planning Green Paper

Representations would be made to the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and The Regions about new proposals for planning. The Council were unhappy about the proposal that planning matters should be dealt with on a regional basis and to remove the local consultation. Captain Badcock had drafted a letter with the Council's comments.

Problems with drainage from A 35 at Rogers Hill

No response had been received about complaints of flooding.

Queens Golden Jubilee

The Council agreed that mugs should be purchased and given to every child aged 16 and under who resided within the Parish.

New Code of Conduct for Parish Councils

The new code of conduct for Parish Councils and Councillors was discussed. Meetings to explain the code were being organised by Purbeck District Council. Arrangements were made for councillors to attend.
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Police have asked that attention should be drawn to a mean postal scam aimed at those trying to lose weight. A company from USA trading under the name of Berry Trim Plus is advertising a weight loss product asking for payment of £39.95.

There is a freephone number to order and payment is sent to the Netherlands. The letter could be postmarked from the London area and if you send off your hard earned cash the only weight you are likely to lose will be to your wallet. Dorset Police or Trading standards would like to hear from anyone in Dorset who has received these letters.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

9th
Pot Luck Mixed Pairs Darts 8pm

16th
F.O.B.R.S. Quiz 8.15

29th (Fri)
Pete Howell entertains for Good Friday

30th
Easter Egg Draw and 2002 Quiz Results

Gardening Club 1st Tuesday of the month

2002 Quiz sheets now available from the Club or Richard and Glo – price £2.50 with £2.50 to the winner – winner to be announced on Easter Saturday.

PRESS RELEASE

From: The Dorset Guild of Singers

Re: Concert, Wessex Hall, Poole

Sunday 17th March 2002 7.30 pm

Conducted by Jonathan Willcocks

Solist: Bibi Heal (Soprano) Trine Moller (Alto) Edward Lyon (Tenor) Christopher Adams

Programme: Beethoven - Mass in C, Haydn Te Deum, Jonathan Willcocks - Magnificat

The Dorset Guild of Singers are practising hard for their concert in Wessex Hall, Poole on Sunday 17th March 2002. They will be joining with singers from all over the County to perform the Beethoven Mass in C, the Haydn Te,Deum and the Magnificat by Jonathan Willcocks.

It will be an exhilarating experience for members of the Purbeck Arts Club Choir, Wareham Choral Society, Briantspuddle Singers and the Barclays House Choir to sing in a large choir in the Wessex Hall with professional soloists and players and to be conducted by the well known composer and conductor, Jonathan Willcocks. We do not often have the opportunity to sing a choral work under the direction of its composer.

In addition we have another treat as we are being joined by children from Swanage Middle School, who regularly sing in concerts with the Purbeck Arts Club Choir.

The singers are all rehearsing separately under our different Conductors, coming together for tour joint rehearsals with Jonathan Willcocks.

Please come and support your local singers. Tickets cost £8 and are available from choir members or £10 from the Poole Arts Centre Box Office.

For further details please ring Sarah Welton 01929 471562 (Phone/Fax)

e-mail: sarahwelton@oceans.force9.co.uk

(Alternatively for Press enquiries Jane Soole 01305 832069)
BRIANTSPUDDLE W.L.

On a very cold night in February we had a thorough venture into the past. "Wicked Winters" was the title of Mark Ching's talk which included many slides of Dorset in the snow, right up to the present day from the 1500s. Plainly he is a very thorough researcher and we learnt a lot. Not many of us knew (if any) that there had been an avalanche in a Dorset village which killed eight people! His talk provoked a lot of questions, not least a request for a forecast for the rest of February, which he felt would change little from the beginning of the month. At the receipt of this information we hastily made for the hot tea and coffee and refreshments! Mr Ching has offered to come again, I wonder if he has a talk on "Sizzling Springs" too?

We made final arrangements for the Jumble Sale on February 16th and were reminded of the Coffee Morning which will be held on April 20th, with the proceeds to go to Joseph Wald Hospice. Also in April the Spring Council Meeting will be held in Weymouth and the names of those wishing to attend and, hopefully, a volunteer delegate were collected.

Mrs. Tucker gave us details of the outing she is arranging on 15th June to Kew Gardens. Coach to Westminster Pier and then a trip on the river to Kew and return departure from Kew. Entrance to the gardens is £5.20 adult, £3.50 concessions, young people under 16 free. A large coach has been booked and if all seats are taken it will probably cost around £10 per person. All members, family and friends will be welcome and further details if necessary will be available from Mrs. Tucker on 471358 or Mrs. Grindrod on 471214. Please make a note in your diaries and let us know in good time if you wish to come.

On March 6th Mrs. Forrest is coming with her wonderful array of Japanese Kimonos. All Welcome!

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2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall

Babysitting Circle
Contact Mary Lillie - 471365

Beavers (6-8 yrs)
6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

Bere Heath Methodist Chapel
10.30am Sundays except 2nd Sunday monthly (3pm)

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.

Bingo
7.45 p.m. Monday, Drax Hall

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

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Brantspuddle Singers
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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

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Woodbury Hill Singers

Secretary - Jenny Silays - 01929 471577

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

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

9.00 a.m. - 12.00  Mondays and Fridays, 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 Silays - 471577

7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Brantspuddle Village Hall

2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill
**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**March**
- 5th  Gardening Club – Containers for Colour  8:00 p.m.
- 13th Autumn Leaves – talk by Mr Macey of the Weymouth Lifeboat  2:15 p.m.
- 14th Illustrated talk on Rwanda at Cyril Wood Court, Rev Geoff Price  7:30 p.m.
- 16th Twinning Association – Wine Tasting evening, The Old Vicarage  10:00 a.m.
- 29th Easter Egg Raffle – Pop in Place

**April**
- 2nd Gardening Club – Begonias  8:00 p.m.
- 7th St. Laurence Affpuddle Parish Annual General Meeting  6:00 p.m.
- 10th Autumn Leaves Spring tour to Cadbury Garden Centre  2:00 p.m.
- 20th Twinning Association – Jeux d’Enfants. Bere Regis First School 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- 27th Autumn Leaves Spring Bazaar, Drax Hall  2:00 p.m.

**May**
- 7th Gardening Club – Tony Bates Slide Show  8:00 p.m.
- 8th Autumn Leaves – talk on gardens
- 18th Woodbury Hill Singers – Jubilee Jamboree  7:30 p.m.
- 25th Pop in Place Sponsored Walk – Scout Hut  2:00 p.m.

**June**
- 3rd Gardening Club Jubilee Celebrations
- 3rd Bere Regis Youth "Lenmy's", "Golden Jubilee Invitation Tea Dance"  6:00 p.m.
- 22nd/23rd Twinning Weekend – Cerences visit to Bere Regis

**July**
- 2nd Gardening Club – Preparations for Showing  8:00 p.m.
- 21st Pop in Place Open Gardens event (Village fundraiser) Offers of gardens in writing to Alison Bennett please

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

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**September**
- 3rd Gardening Club – Harvest Supper  8:00 p.m.
- 14th Pop in Place – Bere Regis Performer of the Year  7:00 p.m.

**October**
- 1st Gardening Club – Garden History  8:00 p.m.
- 12th Pop in Place Jumble Sale, Drax Hall  2:30 p.m.

**November**
- 5th Gardening Club – Veteran Trees  8:00 p.m.
- 23rd Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar

**December**
- 3rd Gardening Club Christmas Party  8:00 p.m.
- 21st Pop in Place Community Christmas Party. All welcome 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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