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BERE REGIS
and
AFFPUDDLE PARISH MAGAZINE

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I'm writing these thoughts from the Vicarage, early on a lovely summer morning in mid August. There is a gentle mist rising over the Purbeck hills to the South, coaxed by the sun of a new day. The birds are singing having already been up for an hour or two, and there's the gentle hum of the grain dryers from across the valley. The 'Farming Today' weather forecast on the radio is predicting a 'scorcher' – 30 degrees! Just what is wanted after all the rain, a chance to get much of the harvest in and for our visitors and holidaymakers to enjoy themselves. A real 'dog day' in the making, and all seems to be right with the world, just as it should be.

Dog days are supposedly the hottest and, it was thought, the unhealthiest time of the year, in our hemisphere, coinciding with the rising of the star Sirius. It's the brightest fixed star in the sky and resides in the constellation of the Great Dog. In mythology it was the time when malignant forces were thought to prevail. But alongside the joy of this summer, are two very different acts of malignancy.

Firstly there is the distressing murder of the two lively 12-year-old girls Holly and Jessica, in Cambridgeshire, after what appears to be a dreadful abduction. Our love and prayers go out to them and to their parents and families and friends and the community there, and indeed the Police Forces involved. Most of us cannot comprehend why someone would commit such evil deeds, and our feelings are seemingly too raw to even begin to think about forgiveness. How can we know and understand such evil?

And then, whilst most of us don't want to think about it, at the back of our minds are these nagging questions about what really is going on in Iraq? Are weapons of mass destruction still being assembled and how much of a threat do they pose, and what should we do about it? After all doesn't our faith tell us to defend the weak? And does being a peacemaker mean doing nothing? Should we not become involved for after all we are our brother's keeper?
Do we have to wait until Iraq creates a major breach of international law or until it commits a clearly aggressive act against a neighbour – say, Israel, perhaps using weapons of mass destruction – before we act? And are we being dragged into conflict as America’s poodle?

Many Bishops, including our Archbishop Elect Rowan Williams, and other faith leaders, have written to the Prime Minister insisting that any pre-emptive action against Iraq would be wrong, and some say that we should only take action under a United Nations mandate. But that assumes that a consensus is possible. Meanwhile the ordinary and marginalised people of Iraq continue to suffer because of despotic leadership and international sanctions.

What are our local and international responsibilities for our neighbours?

Our difficulty as thinking and feeling human beings, in dealing with both these evils, at home and in Iraq, is that we suffer from not knowing what is really going on. So our natural inclination and response to do something about it, be it to increase our efforts to protect the vulnerable in our society whilst encouraging their freedom, or to prevent the developing catastrophe that is Iraq, is frustrated.

As a minimum, we have to redouble our efforts to know the truth, to increase our sense of interdependence at home and abroad, and then, with Christ, prayerfully take action. Easier said than done, but doing nothing is not an option.

With love and prayers

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AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS
SIDESMEN, READERS AND READINGS

Date          Time  Sidesman  Readers  Readings
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1 Sept (Trinity 14)  8.00  R Killer  Server  BCP as set
                  11.00  K Wharton  K Wharton  Romans 12, verses 9-end
8 Sept (Trinity 15)  9.15  S Sanderson  J Cropper  A Armitage
                  11.00  S Sanderson  S Sanderson  Matthew 16, verses 21-end
15 Sept (Trinity 16)  8.00  P Badcock  Server  Romans 13, verses 8-end
                  11.00  D & A Buck  (to be allocated)  Matthew 18, verses 15-20
22 Sept (Trinity 17)  9.15  D Payne  M Menzies  BCP as set
                  11.00  J Soily  Matthew 18 verses 21-35
29 Sept (Trinity 18)  9.15  S Jeanes  M Cropper  Philippians 1, verses 21-end
                  11.00  R Killer  J Salter  Matthew 20, verses 1-16
6 Oct (Trinity 19)  8.00  R Killer  Server  Revelation 12, verses 7—12
                  11.00  A Grindrod  R Killer  John 1, verses 47—end
                  22 Oct  A Grindrod  M Armitage

Intercessions: 8 Sep - V Wilen;  22 Sep - Andrea Smith;  29 Sep - B Pitfield

Date          Flowers  Cleaning
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1st September  Mrs. Forty  Mrs. Smith
8th September  Mrs. Armitage  Mrs. Armitage
15th September  Mrs. Newall  Mrs. Newall
22nd September  Mrs. Silas  Mrs. Thornley
29th September  FIFTH SUNDAY VENUE TO BE ARRANGED
CHURCH SERVICES in September

Please note that services formerly at 9.30am are now at 9.15am

Sunday 1st September – 14th Sunday after Trinity
8.00am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am  Mattins & Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

Sunday 8th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity
8.00am  Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am  Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11.00am  Family Service  Bere Regis
6.00pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

Sunday 15th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity
8.00am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am  Holy Communion for young and Old  Affpuddle
6.00pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

Sunday 22nd September – 17th Sunday after Trinity
8.00am  Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am  Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11.00am  Mattins and Communion  Bere Regis
6.00pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

Sunday 29th September – 18th Sunday after Trinity -
Michaelmass St Michael and All Angels
8.00am  Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am  Parish Communion  Affpuddle
12.00noon  Marriage Thanksgiving Service for Ralph &
Marianne Woodward  Bere Regis - Moreton Chapel
3.00pm  Bere Regis Churches Combined Service  Methodist Chapel

COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone by their hard work and help helped to make the coffee morning at Westcourt such a resounding success. The final total was £405, which was a suburb effort.

Thanks to everyone.

John and Pat
GEORGE GALE

Known to everybody as 'Geoff', Geoffrey Gale was a real man of the Parish – it was the centre of his life, a man whose heart was in the country. He was deeply rooted in these 'Puddle Villages', that were to shape him and nourish him throughout his life.

He was born in Dorchester hospital, where 62 years later he died. He lived in Mintern's Ferry at Turnerspuddle. Geoff was one of nine, with his twin brother Brian and his brothers Kenny and Cecil. His brother Victor died some years ago and Alfie, alas died just a month ago, and his three sisters Jean Molly and Elsie.

Schooling was at Bere Regis and Bovington – though Margaret says that schooling was not his greatest love. He just loved the open air and being out in all weathers.

His older brother Cecil, - nine years Geoff's senior – tells lovely stories of their childhood days together, playing in the countryside – cycling over Black Hill. He particularly remembers their father’s belt driven motorcycle on which they had so much fun.

Geoff started work in dairy farming as soon as he could officially leave school.

When he was 18 he met Margaret in what is now the Martyrs Pub – at Taipuddle. It was Geoff’s birthday at the time of the annual Martyrs Festival weekend. Family legend has it that Geoff says that the following day, Margaret, who was living in Affpuddle, went looking for Geoff in Turnerspuddle, so clearly they had been drawn to each other.

The following year they were married in St. Laurence Affpuddle. There is something very important about returning to where we started, and in due course, along came Tina, then Linda, David, Tony and, the youngest, Martin. A family to be proud of.

Family holidays were sometimes weekend trips to Prestatyn in North Wales, and latterly after the children had flown the nest, a memorable trip to Austria. Geoff's interests were wide ranging. He loved certain musical styles – one favourite was the Irish singer Daniel O'Donnell. He loved his cricket playing for Taipuddle, his skittles and especially his darts, playing at the Bladen Social Club, where he served on the committee. Darts in particular, he used to rope the whole family into playing in dart marathons, raising money for charity.

Tina says Geoff's advice was 'that if you aim for the middle you're bound to hit something.' And he loved his gardening too. Geoff spent all his working life in farming in these villages; they were quite simply his life and his living. Ultimately helping to look after Lady Neal's Welsh Black cattle.

It was not until last October that Geoff and Margaret moved from Turnerspuddle to Briantspuddle, a relatively short distance in miles and yards but a major move in mind, having spent more than 59 years in Turnerspuddle.

His ever extending family were always supportive – now with the addition of five grandchildren – Tina's Samantha, Heidi, Christopher's and Linda's Claire and Shane. Geoff loved to organise Bar B Qs for all the grandchildren, especially on their birthdays – whatever the weather – even if meant cooking in the garage. Geoff used to cycle a great deal and occasionally motorcycling too; and he loved walking. Sunday walks over Blackhill to Bere Regis were a regular pastime, walking past fields he would have known intimately – with all its variety and beauty of the seasons – from seedtime to harvest.

As Tina has said – 'his heart really is in the country.' And as Cecil says, he holds this vision and image of his younger brother in his mind. I hope we can try to look upon Geoff's passing as Geoff's own harvest – he has been called by God to his own harvest home.

RICHARD (DICK) GOLDSIE

Born in Stalbridge, Dorset, on 29 October 1921, Richard moved to the village of Bere Regis when he was 10. He was a pupil at the local school, and went on to study farming at Cannington College in Somerset. He was a regular in the choir in Bere Regis church throughout his schooldays.

After finishing his studies, he came back to the village to work in farming, and joined the Territorial Army at the outbreak of the Second World War, and was called up into the Dorset Regiment. After a year, he moved to the Royal Artillery, and saw active service throughout the war, being one of the first to see action on D-Day.

During one of his early periods of leave, he met his future wife, Audrey in Frome, which was her home town. Romance blossomed, mainly by letter while he was serving overseas.
They were married on 9 August 1945 in Bere Regis church. Fortunately the separation was not long this time, as the war was almost over, and he was demobbed a year later.

As a young married couple, they set up home in Egdon Close and he continued to work on local farms. Their daughter, Judith was born in Dorchester. Soon after, he left the world of farming to work for the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers - better known as REME - at Bovington, later transferring to the Ministry of Defence at Wyke Regis.

He celebrated his retirement as a civil servant in 1986. His garden beckoned - but not for long; the Postmaster approached him, and asked him to work part-time in the Village Post Office, which Dick very much enjoyed, as it kept him in touch with village life. In fact the local community played a major part in his life after he came out of the Army. He was elected to Bere Regis Parish Council in the immediate post-war years, and became its chairman, spending much of his time on council business. His strong sense of fairness blended with his deep concern to make progress for the village.

So when tackling the thorny issue of a village by-pass, he spent many years consulting and working with residents and the authorities to find an acceptable route. He was very proud when the by-pass was finally opened, by Transport Minister Lynda Chalker in the early 1980’s, as he was convinced that taking the heavy traffic away would make the village a better place to live.

Dick’s sense of community spirit influenced much of his free time. He played cricket for the village team. He was on the carnival committee and other local committees. He was keen to support young people, and to ensure that there were facilities and opportunities for them in the village. He wanted homes to be built in the village that young people could afford, so that they would be tempted to stay and play their part in village life, rather than disappear to the big cities, never to return.

He supported the light industrial area beyond the cricket ground, so that it could provide much-needed jobs for village people. The Royal British Legion was very important to Dick and he was proud to go up to the Royal Albert Hall with Audrey one year for the Festival of Remembrance.

To everyone he met, Dick was a very special person. He always had time for you, whoever and wherever you were, and he loved to help people to change their lives for the better.

So this village has lost one of its most popular and longest-serving residents, and we will all miss him greatly. Many of you will remember him differently, for his kindness, his humour, his sense of duty, and his infinite ability to help people. His contribution to village life is hard to measure, and will remain in our memories for years to come.

His regular seat at the back of the church will always be his in spirit.

BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE PARISH MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION — HELP PLEASE!

For the past 18 years Mary and John England have distributed the parish magazines and they feel that they would like to hand over the job to someone else this autumn. They will complete the distribution of the October Magazine at the end of September but then will hand over the reins with the offer of advice to the new person till the end of the year.

They are quite willing to continue their local door to door posting for the areas which they do now.

The 'job description' is at present as follows:

Negotiate with the editor, Alison Debenham, and the current printer - Abbert Print - to ascertain the approximate delivery date to doorstep, or occasionally collect the 700 copies (approx 10 boxes) from the printer in Wareham. They weigh about 150 lbs or 70 kg. There are 26 willing deliverers in Bere Regis and the bulk Affpuddle copies are kindly collected from us.

The magazines need to be counted into the 26 rounds, bound with elastic bands and labelled and we take the majority of them to Bere Regis Church ready for collection.

A deputy is required if we are on holiday.

There is a notice in the magazine indicating that anyone requiring a magazine should contact the distributor and their name can be put on the appropriate round. Those moving house within the village can also be changed as required.

Will anyone who is willing to take over this service to our parishes please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens.
BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Our Tower Open Weekend will have been and gone by the time you read this magazine but thankyou to all those who in any way helped with tours, teas and coffees, printing, video presentation etc.

Bell ringing practices start again on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30 with the first one on the 18th September.

JOHN BETJEMAN CELEBRATION

Come and enjoy a presentation of the works of John Betjeman to be performed at the parish church Bere Regis on Friday 11th October at 7.30 p.m. The performers who are giving their services free are members of the Sherborne Branch of the Betjeman Society.

Themes for the evening are: Love, People, Places and The Church.

Tickets are priced at £5 and include light refreshments. All profits will be given to parish church funds.

For further details, contact Brenda Pitfield on 471391.

HARVEST SUPPER

Harvest Supper has come around again, October 6th 6.00 p.m. Please will all those kind people who have brought food, for this lovely harvest festival in the past, do so again this year.

If in doubt get in touch with me. Thank you very much,

Pat House

St Laurence’s Affpuddle

CHURCH GIFT DAY

Saturday 21st September

The Vicar will be at the crossroads, Briantspuddle between 10.00 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. (Village Hall if wet) to receive your envelopes.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

St Laurence Church Affpuddle

Annual Gift Day 21st September 2002

In last month’s Parish Magazine, I wrote about my concerns that as the Church, I didn’t want us to develop a reputation that we are always preoccupied with money, because that isn’t what we are here for. But like many institutions today, our costs are going up and our income is remaining generally static, and next year we know that our bills to the Diocese will be going up some 35%.

So we need your help, if we are to keep our beautiful Church of St Laurence, which is yours and mine, with its lovely church yard and peace garden, safe and available for our future generations.

Our immediate concern is to meet our present running costs. So each household in the parish of Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle - which of course includes Briantspuddle and Throop - should shortly be receiving a letter about the annual St. Laurence Church Gift Day, which this year will be held on Saturday 21st September.

I will be at the cross-roads at Briantspuddle between 10.00am and 12.30noon, or if wet at the Village Hall, on the 21st, to receive your donations in the envelope provided. Alternatively you can bring it to Church or give it to someone you know to be a member of the congregation. Another way would be to drop it into the Vicarage in Bere Regis if you are passing.

I’ll be writing again in the autumn with more details about our longer term financial plans. We need to get our finances to a point so that we are not preoccupied with money and use all our efforts maintaining the Church, when we should be first and foremost proclaiming God’s love for us all.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday morning 21st September.

Thank you,

With love and prayers

The Vicarage, West Street, Bere Regis 471262.

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival at Affpuddle will be on Sunday 6th October 2002. The main service will be Mattins.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday 5th October 2002 from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables to decorate the church will be most welcome and should be brought to church before 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 5th October. Help with the decorating would also be appreciated. As in previous years the harvest produce will be taken to the Cheshire Homes at Dorchester to be used for the benefit of the residents. (The Homes no longer have a use for the mega marrows. Do bring them along to church for decoration but be warned they will be composted instead of being taken to Dorchester).

Harvest Lunch

I am organising a harvest lunch after the 11 a.m. service at Affpuddle. The meal will consist of cold meats, salad and baked potatoes with puddings (yet to be decided) afterwards, tea and coffee will be served after the meal. There will be a cheese and biscuits instead of pudding for the diabetics and a vegetarian option will be available (vegetarian quiche). Please order the vegetarian meal when buying your tickets.

Tickets will cost £2.50. Water or orange squash will be available but those who would prefer something other than water with their meal should bring it along. (Don’t forget to bring a bottle opener). Glasses will be provided.

Tickets will be available from 10th until 30th September, as you know I have not yet done the fishes and loaves course so please book early.

Philippa Thornley

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the start of the August meeting the Council silently remembered Dick Goldie who had served on the Council for many years and was a very respected Chairman. As was stated, his memory will live on for many years.

One of the Community Wardens was present and reported that during the previous month they had offered advice to the elderly on safety and guarding against possible criminal acts. They had cleaned up the Play Area, the area by the Board Walk and assisted in clearing the stream.

During the period set aside for public participation, one parishioner expressed her concern about the pile of rubbish that accumulates at the top end of North Street. She has observed animals breaking into the bags for scraps of food and it has been reported that rats have been observed in the area. The Council will draw the attention of the Sports Club and the Royal British Legion to this problem in an endeavour to keep the area tidy. Another Parishioner reported that the hedges down by the former Hyde Sawmills had not been cut back and as a result he was experiencing difficulty with deliveries to his business. He also reported that the footpath from Hyde to the Warren had been blocked off in an endeavour to prevent motor cyclists using the path. The blocking off of the path and the use by motor cyclists are both illegal and the Council will take the matter up with the County Council.

The density and speed of traffic through Southbrook and up past the school to Rye Hill was discussed at length and the Council will request that a Traffic Officer from the County Council attend a meeting to consider matters that could ease the problem. There were suggestions made previously which were put ‘on hold’ and it was felt that we should pursue these further and include others as this road is currently designated to be upgraded to a ‘B’ road.

It was reported that there are some memorials in the Cemetery that are in a dangerous condition and could cause injury if they were induced to fall over. Though children are not permitted to play in the Cemetery if they were injured by a collapsing memorial, the Parish Council would be liable even though the children, if playing were in the wrong. The condition of the memorials are the responsibility of the people who placed the memorial in the first instance.
One can see so many loopholes in this and so the Council requests that parents keep their children out of the Cemetery, unless they are accompanied by an adult.

A notice to this effect will be placed by the entrance. If any Parishioner has a memorial that falls into the category of being a potential hazard then please have it repaired. Councillors Richard Hall and Tim Mauder form the Cemetery Committee and together with the Clerk are always available for advice.

The Council has had a long battle on its hands concerning Chapel Lane e.g. the footpath from West Street through to the Car Park. The object has been to try to get it listed as a designated pathway. The correspondence floated - nay drifted - between the landowners and County Hall and got nowhere. Thus the County has suggested that we now collect evidence from the users of the path before it was diverted around the rear of Woodbury Court and Kingsbere Court. Thus we are looking for people to state that they walked from Mr Kellaways Garage in West Street through the Chapel or Mr Barnes Carpenty Shop as it later became. There is a requirement to complete a form that the Clerk holds but if willing people are prepared to help and to let any Councillor know then the matter can be resolved and the footpath maintained.

With the completion of the Conservation Area Report and its acceptance by the District Council, the Council has decided that it is necessary to look now to the future of the Village. Clearly the need for affordable housing is a matter that needs to be addressed as without it our next generation and our older brethren may be obliged to live away from their Village. Thus the Council has appointed a Committee led by Cllr. Guy Storey to draw together the needs of the Parish and to identify possible sites for an enlarged Surgery, the Village Hall, affordable housing and linking parts of the Village.

The Council is very concerned and debated the matter of ‘Pride in our Village’. From the weed strewn roundabouts at each end of the Village and through the main streets, the unsuitable toilets and the litter allowed to lay undisturbed, it is clear that there seems to be little evidence of a sense of pride. The Council will be writing to the County Council to request that attention is paid to keeping the roads clear of weeds etc. However the Council does hope that Parishioners will assist by encouraging the use of litter bins or simply taking litter home. It may seem obvious but encouraging children and young people to be tidy conscious would assist greatly.

The Council has been well represented in a fresh organisation concerned with the prevention of crime. With the intention of reducing crime the Government introduced the Crime and Disorder Act (1998). This Act requires that at District level all organisations are to work together to develop and implement plans for reducing crime and disorder. Two of our Councillors responded to the invitation to attend the first meeting to which one hundred and eighty organisations had been invited. Less than twenty people attended! Our two Councillors quickly found that by attending they were now members of the Purbeck Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and specifically in the Wareham Task Group which covers our Parish.

To put it simply this new organisation is a Crime Prevention Panel with money and teeth. Whereas the dedicated Crime Prevention Panel had to beg for funds from the Parish Councils, this new team has been funded from Central Government. The Reduction Partnership involves all organisations including Education. Our Councillors were able to stress our problems, though to be fair we are privileged to live in a relatively ‘crime-free’ area, and it was pleasant to see that the matters that we had raised, for example concerning our toilets, where thousands of pounds of Parishioners Council Tax have been spent to no avail, our matters were taken up by the Chairman at the second meeting and used as examples of what could be done within the meaning of the Act. It will be interesting to see how this progresses.

CM
The performance of 'That's Life', the story of life's journey through well loved words and music was a very pleasant entertainment. The two singers, Jane McKell and Lorraine Rowan, had charming voices which they used to sing through a large variety of songs and recitations including the odd Shakespeare sonnet. Sadly it was not a large audience but those who came, many from afar, greatly enjoyed the evening.

The Hall played host to the PIP Concert and it was wonderful to see so many children taking part. We look forward to the Performer of the Year evening on 20th September.

On 24th September, we have the Forest Forge Theatre from Ringwood - a professional touring company coming to present their own play, 'The Pony Drift'. This Company has been here before and they like our Drax Hall for their performances. The story concerns the New Forest where for hundreds of years commoners have had the right to graze ponies. Lifestyles have developed over time but the forest still has its own managers, the Agisters, and its own court, the Verderers.

This play is for everyone who is enchanted by the forest. It has been developed from collated interviews with local people and the Company brings it with their unique combination of drama and song, a tale of long trodden paths, ghosts and customs, where horses run wild. The evening promises to be packed with laughter, tears and a touch of mystery. Tickets £4.00 (Concs: £3.00). Family £13.00. From 15 North Street. 471342.

Then on Wednesday 6th November we have a performance by Tim Laycock entitled 'The Year Clock'. This is a celebration of the life and work of William Barnes. Tim Laycock, a professional actor, transports the audience back to Dorset's rural past through Barnes' dialect poems in an evocative portrait of a man who is a million miles from his image as a scholarly clergyman. Barnes is revealed as a passionate lover of his rural roots with a rich sense of humour and a keen eye for the beauties of nature along with his wide-ranging academic skills. This entertaining portrait brings to vivid life the Victorian country schoolmaster who is among the finest examples of the sons of Dorset. Bookings as for 'The Pony Drift'.

This is your Village Hall whether you live in Sitterton, in the core of the Village or in Hyde. The performances of 'That! Life', 'The Pony Drift' and 'The Year Clock' are all professionally produced. To see the same show elsewhere will cost considerably more than we charge as we adjust our prices down so that very little if any goes to the Hall. The intention is to bring live professional entertainment to the village, it may only be a Village Hall but we have comfortable seats and refreshments are included. Why not give the TV a break for one night!
The recommendations are then passed on to the full Council two weeks later and are invariably passed without debate. At the moment no member of the public may speak at either meeting about any specific planning issue on the agenda.

We are considering allowing you the public to speak (probably for no more than 5 minutes) at the Planning Board (but not the Council) if you have an interest in one of the applications. Needless to say I am wholly in favour of this attempt to open up our proceedings and will keep you informed. I am hopeful we will be able to make some changes before the end of this year.

Surgery

Surgery is 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 Buxworth 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

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BEL REGIS W.I.

Mrs Veasey from the Department of Consumer Rights and Trading Standards gave an outline of the way in which the department operates. Their main function is to assist the fair and honest traders in the county of Dorset.

She gave us many tips of things to look for when buying – correct labelling etc and the various ways the department could be of help to the general public. Mrs Veasey was kept busy with the various questions on consumer matters.

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

Dates for your Diary

17th September – Herbs
15th October – Needlecraft for Christmas

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1st prize - £25
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2nd prize - £10
P Mills – No 284

3rd prize - £10
K Gibson – No 144

4th prize - £5
D Kinahan – No 202

5th prize – £5
B James – No 83

Shares are now due for renewal. Reminder notices will be sent out shortly. Thanks to all participants for their continued support.

New members are always welcome.

Please contact Gordon Phillips for details – 471525
ROYAL OAK GOLF SOCIETY (ROGS)

Wareham Golf Club was the venue for our meeting on 26th July. It was the most wonderful sunny summer's day with temperatures reaching 'hot' - we didn't have a thermometer with us! A good day was had by all.

In first place was Paul Ebsworth with 36 points on a card countdown with Julian Flower who took second place. Jim Corbin took third place and also 'nearest the pin' which this time was sponsored by Roger Johns.

Longest drive was won by Julian Flower, who's name now seems to pop up on every outing. He joined us this year with a handicap of 12 and now plays off 7 and seems to now be firmly established with a monopoly on winning.

Winning guest was Nigel Carr with a massive 40 points, but he is a member of Wareham Golf so had some course knowledge.

John Spurdle beat Ali Hewitt in the semi-final of the Shaun Brady trophy - 3 and 2. He now faces the final with either Roger Johns or Graham Price and we all look forward to the outcome in this battle of the giants.

Those who are participating in the ROGS on tour trip to Cascas in Portugal are now building up to their week away. Four games of golf and some rest days in between so that the other halves don't get too cheesed off. Roll on October!

Martin Debenham - 471780

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY, NOW KNOWN AS CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Mrs Mary England has been box secretary for the past 28 years and she feels that it is time to hand over to someone else. It involves collecting in and opening the local boxes in Bere Regis, Britantspuddle and Affpuddle, counting the money and paying it in to the bank annually.

Please contact Mrs England (471469) who will be very pleased to give anyone further details.

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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER '50'S' CLUB

Our speaker in August was Mr Crabb who showed us slides on Dorset heathland and coastline, flowers and the life of a woodmouse presented with music. There were 15 entries for the plate with a scene competition.

On the 11th September at 1.00 pm in the Drax Hall we will be holding our 32nd Birthday lunch. Will you please let Kath know if you are coming (471175). Tickets £3.50 payable at the door.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Next social event will be a Skittles Evening which will be held at the Drax Arms, on Saturday 14th September at 7.30 p.m. Basket meals will be included in the cost of the tickets which are £5, available from any committee member. All are welcome.
BERE REGIS SCAOUT GROUP

Scout Camp – July 2002

A mixed group of boys and girls had an exciting time when Bere Regis Scouts and their Leaders travelled to the Chudleigh Rock Centre in Devon for their annual camp.

The Scouts enjoyed several activities at the Centre under the expert supervision of qualified instructors. Activities included abseiling and rock climbing; the centre has a variety of slopes to suit every grade and everyone achieved several abseil descents and at least one climb.

Another popular activity was the “Confidence Building Course” which was an obstacle course featuring scramble nets, crawling through tunnels, crossing rope bridges and the like. Everyone enjoyed the race which was set up as a pairs event. Charlie Eccleson and Steven Friend won, but only beating the second pair of Sarah Harley and Libby Grant by a few seconds.

A day was spent at Teignmouth when a number of beach games were enjoyed and most completed the 50 metre swimming test in the sea – even if the sea was a bit cold for some peoples liking.

On several days the Scouts planned their own menus and were responsible for shopping for the ingredients. On the first day the two boys patrols excelled themselves. One patrol cooked stuffed peppers using only a frying-pan and a billy-can; the peppers were delicious! Another patrol prepared mushroom-and-bacon pasta a la créme that was also excellent.

On another day, the girls prepared chicken legs and potatoes in a camp-oven utilising baking tins, kitchen foil and hot embers from a fire. Some watchers were somewhat sceptical about the technique but their doubts were confounded as the chicken was perfectly cooked and fell-away-from-the-bone – very tasty.

A “talent show” featured several humorous sketches, all written by the scouts at the time and all enacted with enthusiasm with a lot of ad-libbing. Jonathan Stokes revealed a particular talent here.

The girl’s patrol won the camping competition; their victory secured by a tidier approach and perhaps more willingness to perform some of the more “boring” camp duties.
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Five children were “invested” as Scouts at the camp.
The photographs show the Girl’s Patrol cooking breakfast, Terrence Furlong on the climbing slope and Jenny Fairhurst abseiling.

Everyone is now looking forward to re-starting Scouts in September after the summer break.

New Scouts are always welcome to join at any time of the year
If anyone would like to join Beavers or Cubs, please contact Kim Benjafield Tel: 01929 471170.

For Scouts and Explorers, please contact Ruth Carpenter Tel: 01258 459099.
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.
THANK YOU

Audrey, Judith and Nick would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, and kind messages of sympathy following their very sad loss of Richard.

They would also like to thank the doctors and nurses at Bere Regis surgery for all their kindness and support.

AUDREY GOL DIE.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1st (Sun) Flower show 2.00 pm
7th Quiz Night 8.15 pm
14th Carpet Bowls Pairs Competition 7.00 pm
21st Darts Singles KO 7.45 pm
22nd (Sun) Harvest Festival 7.00 pm

OCTOBER

12th Pot Luck Mixed Pairs Darts 7.45 pm
19th Carpet Bowls Singles 7.45 pm
26th Cheese & Wine Evening £2.50 per ticket (to include first glass of wine and finger buffet, wine 50p per glass thereafter)

Gardening Club 1st Tuesday of the month

Darts – Mondays and Wednesdays alternate weeks

BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

With the weather at last turning sunny and warm, outdoor games evenings have proved to be popular with the members. Activities have included football, rounders and various skills games. Let’s hope that the summer continues to provide ideal conditions for staying outside and enjoying ourselves.

The “Wet Games Night” on the 30 July proved very popular, everyone taking part having to carry water bombs through the obstacles and throw them to their partner. The next task being to throw well soaked sponges, their partner had to ring the water out of the sponges into a bucket. The team having the most water in their bucket and the least broken water bombs being judged the winner. No surprise here, it just turned into one big water fight and everyone was judged to be a winner. Having emptied the containers of water, ‘dustbins’, over each other they left the field looking like drowned rats and harried away to get changed.

“Beach Games” takes place on the 20 August when the group head down to Shore Road at Sandbanks, leaving the club at 6.15 pm and arriving back at 9.30. All members are welcome and all that is needed is a bottle of drink plus a swimming costume and a towel. There will be the usual fun and games plus a paddle in the sea.

Bookings are now being taken for the day out to Paullons Park on the 14th September. The cost is only £14 each and parents are asked to help out with transport, as they kindly did last year. A packed lunch and a rain coat is all that is needed for a great day out at this popular venue.

Acceptance of our “Carpet Bowls Challenge” against the ladies of the RBL Women’s Section is eagerly awaited. The young members are hoping to redress the balance by winning the event for the first time in many years.

New members are always welcome at the youth club, just call in we will be pleased to meet you. Membership is only £2.50p for Juniors (8-11) and £4.00p for Seniors (12-17).

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Pop In Place Poppets - Baby and Toddler Group
Wednesday 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. (not second Wednesday)

Pop In Place Pip Squeak – Youth Group with emphasis on music, dance & drama
Thursdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. (not second Thursday)

Everyone is most welcome
The Pop In Place is at the Drax Hall

For more information on all P.I.P. Projects Tel: 01929 472023

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POP IN PLACE NEWS

Financial Report for the Bere Regis Open Gardens Day

We were very lucky with the weather and the amount of people who supported the event. After all expenses were deducted and a donation made to the Drax Hall crockery fund of £40 we are able to bank £1,200 in our separate fundraising account to hold for a new village hall, if this project eventually doesn't happen we will donate this sum to the Drax Hall. Thank you once again to everyone who made this possible.

Bere Regis Performer of the Year — Saturday the 14th of September

Entries are beginning to come in, if you would like to come along and be part of the audience on this special occasion you will need to purchase a ticket in advance at the small cost of £2. Telephone Alison on 01929 472023 or call at the Pop In Place.
The Pop In Place Bere Regis

Jumble Sale

Saturday the 12th of October
At the Drax Hall 3pm

Entry 50p to include tea /coffee

Stalls include ....
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Items can be dropped off at the Drax Hall from 8am on the day.

More information on 01929 472583

Everyone will be very welcome!

Raffle prize donations will be very welcome, telephone Colin and Gwen on 01929 472335.
We will also be presenting our Volunteer of the Year awards.

Pop In Place Jumble Sale Saturday the 12th October 3 p.m. at the Drax Hall

Donations of good quality clothing, bric a brac, books, toys etc for the Jumble Sale will be gratefully received at the Drax Hall from 8am on the day, that is Saturday the 12th of October. We are unable to take donations prior to that day due to lack of storage space. For more information telephone Amanda Kennard of 01929 472583

Pop In Place Poppets Baby and Toddler Group

The group will start again on Wednesday September the 4th at 1.30pm until 3pm at the lower room of the Drax Hall and will be open every Wednesday at that time apart from the second Wednesday in the month when the hall is used for the Autumn Leaves Group. New babies and toddlers are very welcome.

For more information or offers of help with the group telephone Amanda Kennard on 01929 472583.

Pop In Place Pip Squeak Musical Youth Group

New Members can now come along

We will start again on ......

Monday the 2nd of September 6pm- 8pm
Thursday the 5th of September 6pm-8pm
Monday the 9th of September 7pm-8pm [note time change for this sessions]

These meetings are to rehearse for the Performer of the Year competition where we will be entering a Percussion Group, a Dance Group and a Singing Group.
Come and choose your Performer of the Year

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

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

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

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

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

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All Pip Squeaks are welcome to come along and take part. The group starts up again on Thursday the 19th of September 6pm until 7.45pm and every Thursday from then on apart from the second Thursday in the month when the Parish Council use the Drax Hall.

NEW MEMBERS for Pip Squeak

If you want to be part of all the fun, you need to come along and get registered for £1 for your first time then it will be 50p a week from then on, this includes drinks and a snack. There are many opportunities Dance, Drama, Singing, Percussion, Recorders Guitar and Keyboard anyone who saw our wonderful summer Pip Squeak Concert will tell you just how much fun we have so come along and see for yourself.

GARDENING CLUB

On 6th August, 34 members made their way to Holworth Farm Gardens with one member describing it as charming with its various water features. I think that most people enjoyed it.

The Harvest Supper will be on Tuesday 3rd September. Tickets/bookings are at £5 per head, with Adrian and Elaine - 471774.

On 1st October, Val Hurston will give a talk on Garden History.
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- 1 oz fresh root ginger
- 24oz malt vinegar
- 3 teaspoons caraway seeds

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The Rev. Ian Woodward and David Payne are hoping to have a day’s cycling and would welcome fellow cyclists to join them. We are also looking for people to be present in our two churches during the day to welcome visiting cyclists, to sign their forms and treat them to some refreshment.

If you would like to join in; to sponsor David or Ian; would like a sponsor form; can help on the day or need further information, please contact your local organiser - Sybil Frampton for Bere Regis - 01929 471643 or David Payne for Affpuddle - 01258 837700

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New members are invited to join.
Contact Guy Storey - 471041 for membership forms and details.

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ROGS on tour. This year’s trip is to Portugal in October 2002

Annual General Meeting – Thursday 14th November 2002
KINGSBERE RIDING CLUB

Monday 29th of July 2002 was another sad day for the beleaguered Dorset Countryside. This time, though, the sad event was not the doing of the Government, but rather the effect of changing times and apathy.

At 8pm the president of the Kingsbere Riding Club, Mr Tony Shave, asked for a proposer and seconder for a proposition to ‘wind up’ the club. The proposition was duly made, seconded and voted upon and the Kingsbere Riding Club ceased to exist.

Started in Bere Regis over 20 years ago, the Kingsbere aimed to give the youngsters of the area the chance to enjoy the fun of equestrian competition and to learn the equestrian ropes before going to the affiliated clubs like the ‘Purbeck Riding Club’. Many of these youngsters, far from the popular belief held by the ‘Urban Playground Townies’, had scraped together funds from paper rounds, birthdays etc to finance a pony, usually on loan, sponsored by Mum and Dad and operated on a shoe string.

Bringing on youngsters and novice horses seemed to become the club’s raison d’être, which belied the professionalism displayed by the small volunteer team who oversaw the 10 to 12 events which the club ran each year. The club became renowned for its well run shows with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere where the objective was to have fun, but also at the same time to learn whether the pupil had 2 or 4 legs.

Although always desperate for assistance, the small core of organizers dedicated many hours to the pleasure of others, many of them no longer riders or indeed had never so been. To give up 10 to 12 weekends a year was quite a large commitment, but one born willingly.

The club reached a peak when competitors were travelling from Hampshire, Somerset and other distant and untamed parts to partake. The first few Kingsbere Unaffiliated One Day Events were substantially over subscribed and operated a waiting list. At this time the club boasted a membership of 177.

The seeds of the demise of the Kingsbere were, however, sown at these well organized, professional and enjoyable events. The Kingsbere and other local equestrian clubs demonstrated a market, now being filled by the commercial equestrian centres, which are multiplying in the area.

The other major factor in the Kingsbere’s demise was the diminishing number of helpers. The Club had always been run by a dedicated small core, the membership of which gradually changed over the years, but the small number remained constant. The situation with helpers, however, deteriorated despite a small loyal bond that remained faithful to the end. By the beginning of 2002 it became apparent that the lack of helpers would make it impossible to continue to conduct events.

Reluctantly Kingsbere Committee accepted the inevitable and decided the club must fold. Nevertheless, staying true to the Kingsbere ethos the final act of the Club was to decide to continue one of their long term traditions and donate the proceeds from the disposal of the clubs assets to charity. Every year the club had donated the whole proceeds of one of their biggest annual shows to a local charity; in the club’s hay days this had been in excess of a £1000 per year. Many local charities have benefited and in its’ final act the club will donate its’ remaining funds to the Dorset Air Ambulance.

It only remains for us to thank all of those involved in the Kingsbere over the last 20 odd years, as organizers, helpers, members and competitors, and to inform you that there will be the occasional ex-Kingsbere social evenings for which details will promulgated at the appropriate times.

KRC Committee

FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL (FOBRS)

A very big thank you to each and everyone who supported our Summer Fayre in July. The weather was really kind to us and there were lots of people about. I would like to say a personal thank you to the FOBRS committee and their partners. Without their continued support and commitment, events such as this would not happen, which raises additional funds for the children at Bere Regis School. We raised a fantastic £1,097.92, which is appreciated by everyone at the School and will be spent next term to benefit all of the children.

Date for your diary — FOBRS AGM — Wednesday 18th September - 3.30pm in the School hall. Parents are asked to attend so that the meeting can take place and enable FOBRS to continue. It is a very short meeting usually around 35 minutes, so don’t be put off. Without this committee, the raising of additional funds for the School would be put in jeopardy, the losers then would be the children, so it is up to you. Please come along and support us. We need you but more importantly, your children need you.
A dry tree or a green tree?

There is an old Maasai riddle that goes: "Question: How many trees have you in your country? Answer: Two, the dry and the green!" The Maasai are an African people. They are a world away from our bulging supermarket shelves. The Maasai don't ask, "What shall we have and how many?" but "Is there food in the bowl or is it empty? Is it life or death? A green tree or a dry tree?"

A long time ago now our traditional harvest thanksgiving had this life or death simplicity. The old cry, "harvest home", was a shout of relief. It meant life not death during the winter months. Harvest reminds us of a God who keeps His promises. A covenant-keeping God who said in the time of Noah - "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease".

Harvest also reminds us that God has established natural laws that control the seasons and affect the rate of natural growth. Any farmer has to operate within these laws. There are right conditions for sowing and there is a right time for reaping.

In the spiritual realm harvest also has great relevance. We are reminded that we have a God who keeps His promises to those who trust in Him; that our lives are governed by spiritual laws that affect our growth as Christians and our time here on earth. As we celebrate harvest in the midst of abundance where are there people today starving? Some would blame God. But He has provided enough natural resources on the planet to feed every mouth. It is our own greed and selfishness that denies this food for every mouth. We have mis-managed and abused these resources. We (particularly those of us in the West) need God's forgiveness. Maybe we can re-dress the balance as we give thanks this Harvest-time.

We shall be celebrating the Harvest at our Chapel on Sunday 22nd September at 10.00am for a special Family Service. We also invite you to join with us for a Harvest Fellowship Tea at 4.45pm followed by a Harvest Songs of Praise Special. You will be more than welcome to join with us.

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17 Jul Evening Friendly
Bere Regis 139 for 4
(N Cheeseman 38, P Macklin 30, S Hewitt 31no.)
Burbeck Fossils 59 all out
(G Elphinstone-Davis 2-11, M Isaac 3-22, T Bennett 2-1)

20 Jul NSA Sat Div 3
Bere Regis 163 for 9
(K Brown 32, R Hewitt 32, C Oram 23)
Christchurch 151 all out
(I Hardy 5-48)

21 Jul NSA Sun Div 6
Motcombe 136 all out
(M Tatchell 3-20, N White 3-23)
Bere Regis 129 all out
(M Price 28, A Green 44)

22 Jul Tour Match
Fillongley 167 for 4
(P Macklin 2-28)
Bere Regis 155 all out
(H Swann 27, S Cheeseman 28, M Tatchell 44)

24 Jul Dorchester & District Evening League Div 3
Bae 55 all out
(G Elphinstone-Davis 4-14, I Macklin 3-6)
Bere Regis 60 for 2
(R Hewitt 21, T Bennett 21no.)

27 Jul NSA Sat Div 3
Bere Regis 219 for 7
(D Merritt 50, K Brown 25, A Kent 64)
Bournemouth & B'mth Ob II 216 for 9

28 Jul NSA Sun Div 6
Bere Regis 191 for 6
(M Tatchell 59, R Fripp 34)
Sherborne 193 for 2

Nationwide Sun Awnings Dorset Cricket League Division Three (Saturdays)

The rise of Christchurch CC through the Dorset Cricket League has been noted by many, and Bere travelled to face them at their ground at Hurst Bridge knowing they must improve on their previous week’s tepid and dismal effort at home to Parley 2nds. The home side boasted an impressive run of 8 wins in a row after Bere had beaten a depleted Christchurch on a rain soaked May afternoon in week three of the season.

Bere leader and tactical artisan Pete ‘Mini Me’ Gilesrurya had keenly been watching results and miles of video footage closely, being astutely aware that Christchurch had been winning games batting second, and with consummate ease. Bere won the toss and batted.
The facilities at Hum Bridge are top notch with a flat track and spacious outfield. A score of 200 plus was necessary for more than a fighting chance after 90 overs of play. The wicket had a green tinge, so it was likely that there would be a bit in the track for both bat and ball. Against all the odds and in stark contrast to Friday's hopeless weather forecast, the clouds relented early doors for the first time in weeks. The sun proceeded to beat down on the players, vindicating the decision to bat first.

Bere's captain had decided on a cabinet reshuffle at the top of Bere's batting order. Dean Inzamemitt's season long partner in crime-Russ 'Eric' Hewitt moved to number 4 with the returning Kev Brown batting at the top of the order. The emphasis had shifted to quick runs being added at the top of the order. After Inzamemitt had been dragged from the treatment table in the Bere dressing room, he waited to the middle with Browner with the heat ever increasing.

The first ten overs were workmanlike for Bere, carving out 25 runs with the Christchurch bowlers edging the contest. Thirteen runs from the 11th over from Brown soon tipped the balance in favour of Bere, then he was bowled after walking into an off-drive and got an inside edge onto his stumps. Andy Kent was number three, and after a couple of tentative pushes, he struck two boundaries in one over through third man, and Bere's score was carried into the fifties when Kent fell to a catch at mid-off. Inzamemitt had hung around for 20.2 overs for his 10. He departed after clipping one straight to gully off the Christchurch spinner. He had faced an agonising 59 deliveries and occupied the crease for 67 minutes.

Unaccustomed to batting at four for some many years, The Monstaeth was tasked with re-building Bere's innings with Histo Oram. With the home side's bowlers turning the screw, Bere had to knuckle down for a respectable score. The pair added 47 vital runs for the fourth wicket, including a sweetly struck six from Oram, which bounced off the clubhouse veranda into the bar, then narrowly missing the signed Matt Le Tissier novelty mirror. Bere's wickets were falling too regularly for the skipper's liking.

Ian Hardy and Sir Charles Way hit a rapid 23, and together with Bere's tail end they added 59 runs for the last wicket to fall, and from 7 overs. Bere had set a less than expected 164 to win from 45 overs. A total that was deemed by many to be some 40 or so runs short.

For the first time this season, young all-rounder Nick White was included in the Saturday ranks, following his tutorship under The Poom on Sundays. After the useful knock play the end of Bere's innings, he was invited to open the bowling with Ian 'Dangerous' Hardy. The Bere skipper employed a conservative field, with just the two close catches, with everyone else saving the single.

Christchurch were expected to take up the chase right from the off, and they duly fulfilled this expectation by hitting 21 runs from the first 4 overs. Dangerous Hardy struck in the fifth over with a vicious yorker length delivery that removed Christchurch's number two. He was backed up by the young White some 3 overs later, who got one to nip back clipping middle stump to account for the home side's number three. Hardy got his second and third wickets in 11 balls, with White catching the dangerous opener. Christchurch were in a spot of bother at 57 for 4. Their plight deepened as wickets 5 & 6 tumbled, once again the verdict bowled.

Bere were on top, but were unaware that danger was just around the corner. The match was seemingly out of the home side's reach until their number eight batsman had ideas to swing the balance. He was strongly supported by the lower order and with some powerful clean hitting, Christchurch homed in on their target, with overs not being an issue. Bere's bowlers had conceded 45 runs from 8 overs, but had vitally claimed 3 wickets setting up a grandstand finale.

The game had ebbed and flowed throughout the final stages, bringing out the optimum best out of batsmen and fielders. Bere's veteran bat, Russell Hewitt was patrolling the third man boundary, which was uncharted territory for him. His 100% commitment came to the fore as he chased down the ball that was heading for the ropes along with Bere's hopes. He skidded on the astro turf path laid out across the outfield, collected the ball and his return to Andy Kent behind the stumps was pinpoint accurate.

That crucial period enabled the Bere bowlers to pin Christchurch down, and Chris Holland returned for a spell of bowling at the top end. He maximised the bounce in the pitch and bowled Christchurch's top scorer, then followed this up with another to clinch the unlikely victory. It was a spirited performance from Bere in the field, a supreme all round team effort that maintained their push at the top. Also a great game of cricket, played once again in the true, competitive but friendly spirit.

Coming off the back of a vital energy sapping win at Christchurch, Bere were eager to regain the form needed to finish at the top of the pile in Saturday Division Three. Summer had eventually arrived, with temperatures in the late twenties, just like Dean 'The Postman' Rogerson who will not be delivering for a while after a recent hospital visit. He returned with his right hand in a cast, which is not good news for Bere and their elite spinner. His deputy has been Nick White, who turned in a tidy showing at Christchurch keeping his place for the Bournemouth showdown.
Skipper Gilessurya kept faith with the two opening batsmen after the visitors asked Bere to bat. Kev Brown and Dean Inzamerritt were the pairing given the job of putting Bere in the driving seat. Browner gave Bere a lightning start with 5 boundaries in 11 balls, raising the run rate over the 5 an over barrier. He reached 25 and was looking set for a long innings when he was called for a second run, then was run out by a direct throw from deepish third man.

Inzamerritt groped around for 15 deliveries before he gave the scorers a reason to sharpen their pencils. Not content with this, he hit four boundaries in an over with some glorious off-side shots. The wicket was already playing so well that the batsmen could feel comfortable on the front and back foot, playing a range of strokes. The sudden upturn in heat had also transformed the outfield, so Bere were expectant of a 220 plus score.

Andy Kent has rarely been dislodged from his number three slot, and has found some form with the bat of late. He comfortably played himself in on a track suited to his style. With Inzamerritt, he eased the score along for 8 overs picking off the odd bad ball, and exchanging the strike.

The crowd were watching from Hewitt Hill at the high eastern side of the ground, and were baying for runs and incident. There was a noticeable lift in the temperature as the cloud over lifted and moved northwards. This effected the outcome of the game, as batting became easier.

Suddenly Inzamerritt and Kent were starting to party, and they ensured that Bere’s run rate stayed above the 4 runs per over mark. They cruised to 91 for 1 off 20 overs with no problem. There was terrace talk of a record stand being witnessed, and over by over they pushed towards the 170 target needed for full batting points.

Kent gave onlookers a masterclass in the execution of the pull shot as he went past 50 runs and beyond. Both batsmen approached their half-centuries simultaneously but Kent to the plaudits first, with Inzy notching an over or so later.

The larger one of the pair then looked to open his shoulders, but he guided an on-drive straight to mid-on. He had hit a crucial 51 from 82 balls in 121 minutes including 9 fours. Andy Kent was less pedestrian on reaching his milestone. He was caught behind for 64 from 85 deliveries, with 11 fours in 93 minutes. They had indeed broken the previous record stand of 117 by adding 131 for the second wicket in 27.4 overs, also in 93 minutes.

Inevitably Bere’s scoring slowed with the loss of four wickets in seven overs. The pinch hitters did their job realising a vital 39 runs from the last six, with the total ending on 219 for 7.

With a healthy amount of runs on the board, the Bere captain could afford to employ an attacking field at the start, although as events unfolded this would dramatically change. Bournemouth knew they had to be positive from the outset, and they got the start they wanted after ten overs in terms of the number of runs, but Bere were more satisfied by snaring four wickets.

Ian ‘Dangerous’ Hardy had conceded early runs but had made the inroads into the visitors’ batting. With two runs out engineered by Chris Oram and Chris Holland; Bournemouth’s explosive start had been tamed by the loss of those four wickets. Four became five when Steve Cheeseeman clean bowled their number six as he was looking ominous. Run rate comparisons confirmed that Bournemouth were always in check with the required rate, yet the wickets had taken their toll.

A period of re-building followed, and it appeared that Bournemouth had effectively thrown in the towel. The Merritt who was delighting the home favourites whilst fielding at deep mid-wicket, caught a blinding catch running a full 10 yards in from the boundary. The spectators’ view improved. Chris Holland was used as the fourth bowler, and he claimed a wicket with keeper Andy Kent taking the simplest of catches. Nick White, who opened the bowling returned to take the ninth wicket and Bournemouth were 145 for 9 with just under 10 overs left.

Bere did as Bere do in these circumstances by relaxing and Bournemouth seized the initiative with some classical late order batting. Their final wicket harvested 71 runs in 41 balls, with the Bournemouth number 9 top scoring on 65, making great use of the strip and the gaps in the on-side with great aplomb. He was well assisted by the visitors’ experienced number 11. Nails were being bitten, hearts fluttered, lager was being drunk as Bere suffered a hammering with Bournemouth only needing 24 off the last two overs. They managed only 5 from over number 44.

Holland bowled the final and tense over. Bournemouth needed 19 to win, 18 to tie. From the first four balls, they scrambled 8 runs leaving two big hits for victory. The penultimate ball was clubbed through deep mid-wicket straight at Chris Oram, fielding on the infamous ridge. He was fully expected to field and return to the bowler, however he was outdone by the bounce, and the ball went through him and over the rope. The final ball was hit with power, but just ten yards squarer, this time directly at skipper Gilessurya. Hats were ready to be thrown, and heads poised to drop, but the leader collected the ball at the third attempt and got the ball back to the waiting Holland covering the stumps at the non-striker’s end. Bere had scraped home by just three runs, a sapping encounter too close for comfort, but 19 points nonetheless. A treacherous trip to Fovant next week awaits.
Dorchester & District Evening League Division 3

Bere's penultimate game in the Read & Woodruff Dorchester & District Evening League against Herrison Youth was postponed until 7 August, so what was their final game -away to Cheshelbourne, became their last encounter. Bere's weekend would be collectively the furthest distance they would have to travel during the 2002 season.

So Bere finally came up against table-topping, big hitting Cheshelbourne. There were three previous cancellations of this fixture, so both sides were more than happy to complete the match. Bere remained in second in the division after a solitary defeat earlier in the campaign against The Post Office. They were fully aware that this game would be a supreme test, way beyond what they had encountered before.

The selectors shuffled the pack with a slant on experience for this one. Nick 'The Greek' Carruthers re-assumed the reigns as captain. There can barely be a more rural setting for cricket in Dorset, than Cheshelbourne's ground that nestles in a steep-sided valley just north of the village.

Bere seemed prepared for the onslaught as the Greek won the toss and fielded. Short boundaries and massive hitting meant Bere would have to bowl and field at their optimum best. The opening bowlers managed to induce the opening bats to play and miss, however they were punished for 90 runs between them. It was estimated that 15-25 runs had been let slip in the fielding for Bere. Nick White snapped up a well-judged catch at mid-wicket for Bere's first success, and Chris Oram took two wickets as the Poom swooped for a rare, almost collectors item catch at deep point.

With the Cheshelbourne openers gone, their middle order maintained the momentum, although Nick White once again impressed with the ball, confirming his status as the side's leading wicket taker. The scoring rate slowed but the home side showed why they are top hitting an awesome 129 off a reduced 18 overs due to the match being played in August in failing light.

Bere's line up was crammed with batting experience and an explosive start to their reply was essential. Bere's hopes initially rested on the gigantic shoulders of Dean Inzamerritt, and strokeplay of Peter Macklin. Seven runs an over were needed, and Macklin hit a boundary in the first over with a textbook off-drive. Shortly he was dismissed by a great catch at point some 9 balls later. His partner soon followed him and Bere slumped to 11 for 2.

Two brand new batsmen in the middle gave Cheshelbourne the undoubted edge, and Russell 'The Monstaah' Hewitt and Martyn 'Poom'

Price nudged the innings along, but Bere were falling behind with every ball. Cheshelbourne were on top of their game, bowling and fielding with enthusiasm with Bere having no answer. The 12th over was the final nail in the coffin for Bere as they had lost three wickets in four balls with the Oram, Black Book and The Poom all doomed to evening league history. The latter did manage to nail a big six over long-on to ensure damage limitation.

Nick White failed, and four Bere wickets fell with the score on 54. Twelve runs per over was the ask as once again Shane Hewitt and Steve Cheeseman met in the middle. With some positive batting and running, they recorded 43 unbeaten runs for the 8th wicket, leaving Bere a distant yet respectable 32 runs shy. Their first tilt at the title had faded in the August sun as it disappeared over the hills to the west.

Friendly Matches

The Fossils came to town for Bere's annual friendly at the BRACA [Bere Regis Alcoholic Cricket Association]. It was just over 15 years ago that Bere fought many bruising encounters against the now-Purbeck Fossils in the legendary Purbeck Evening League. Only that during those times, Bere had plenty of fossils playing then. So with this in mind, the Bere selectorial trio picked a young side with the oldest being the captain-Steve Cheeseman by some 6 years.

Since the aforementioned evening league was disbanded, the only aspects that have moved on are the haircuts, wisdom level and the alcohol consumption rate. Bere were desperate to bat first, and they did as they were down to 10 men following the news that the club Chairman was stuck in Sangatte on his return from a grass expedition in Spain.

Bere's opening bats were Nick 'Slickster' Cheeseman and Texas Tom Bennett, with all eyes on the former for being the taskmaster of the duo. They opted for a cagay start before Texas was bowled for 3 and The Slickster clubbed his way to 38, retiring in the process. Pete Macklin his a quickfire 30 to propel the run rate, and Bere's young lions in the shape of Shane Hewitt and Gren Davis pushed the score onto 134 for 4.

The Fossils were faced with a monumental task. They were rocking at 19 for 4, with Gren Davis returning neat figures of 2-11 and Matt Isaac grabbing three further scalps. Bere Hall of Famer Steve Cooper remained a threat for the Fossils, as he has destroyed many bowling attacks down the years. After enough defensive pushing, he middled one off Isaac and an eagle eyed Texas sharply caught him at mid-on. The Fossils fizzled out on 59 allout, retiring to the bar for a general update and tales of Bere/Purbeck folklore.
Club events for the coming weeks include:

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

A special vote of thanks to all those who participated, attended and sponsored the darts marathon held at the Sports Club on 20 July. Organisers Lorraine & Mark Gale confirmed that £550.00 was raised on the day, with proceeds going to a new kit for the Bere Regis First School youth football kit. They would also like to thank all those who donated a draw prize on the day.

The football section is seeking a manager for its Saturday side who will contest Dorset League Division Three (N & E) in 2002-3. If anyone is interested please contact Darren Spivey on (01929) 471908.

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AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

July and August have been quiet months. I have had news about the Autumn Artsreach and Purbeck Film Festival Programme.

The Artsreach Programme starts on 5th October with "The Rake's Progress". This is performed by The Oddbodies theatre company. I quote from the literature I have been given "This newly devised piece, bursting with exquisitely drawn characterisation and comic observation is based on Hogarth's series of paintings of the same name. A perpetual collision of eccentricities, a tilt and tournament of absurdities, the prejudices and caprices of mankind let loose". Tickets costing £4.50 are available from Philippa Thornley after 10th September.

On Friday 26th October as part of the Purbeck Film Festival the Hall Committee will be hosting a performance of "Kind Hearts and Coronets". There will be a film show combined with a supper and the tickets will cost £6.00. The show will start at 7.30. There will be more details in October's magazine.

Other Artsreach dates for your diary include Sid Kipper presents "Christmas Country Cod Pieces" on Friday 22nd November and in 2003 Hillary James and Simon Mayer present "Hoagy, Hornpipes, Handel and Hoedown" on Saturday 15th March 2003. More details in future magazines.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

I must begin by apologising to all the people who supported, and were looking forward to seeing the plan of a reorganised community facility at the centre of Briantspuddle. Several factors have come together to put a stop to the plan which was submitted to the planning authorities.

To begin with, the amount of opposition that has been generated against the proposal with objections such as parking, proximity to neighbours, size and height of buildings, and questions about the necessity for a 'grandiose' scheme causing concern to the planners.

A decision has now been deferred twice by the planning committee, with the Parish Council being asked to consider a totally different 'footprint' plan provided by the planning department incorporating the present kitchen structure, and including a piece of ground offered by neighbours with conditions attached.
Even after having struggled for years to come up with a plan for the site that met the requirements of all bodies concerned, we agreed to look again at the 'footprint' plan and the neighbours' offer.

Meanwhile, unfortunately for the community, and for us, the window of opportunity for funding has been closing. Now we find ourselves in a position where we are forced to reconsider our options for this reason also.

Finally, the Bladen Social Club finds that it can no longer delay spending a large amount of money on essential repairs. Faced with this, and the fact that so much of the criticism from objectors has been aimed directly at the Social Club they feel unable to support the planned moving of their buildings at this time.

The Village Hall Committee regrets this decision, but understands it completely. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Social Club Committee for their cooperation.

The question now to be asked is where we go from here?

The matter has been discussed by the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed that we would be failing in our duty of care if we did not continue to strive for better amenities for the parish by improving the usability of our hall.

It has been decided, after taking advice from Lois Rose (Village Halls Advisor for Dorset) to truncate the plan and attempt to gain planning permission and funding for the Village Hall part of the original plan as far as is possible.

Clearly, many people will be disappointed by this situation, but it is important to be realistic and to attempt what is achievable at any given time. I hesitate to restate the obvious, but it needs reiterating, that this hall, along with the shop and Social Club effectively constitutes the long term future of our village as the centre of a viable and sustainable community.

Thank you all for your patience and forbearance.

On a lighter note, the now annual 'Farmhouse Supper and Barn Dance' is scheduled to take place on Saturday 28th September starting at 7.30pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall. Tickets will cost £6.50 per person and the Social Club will be providing the bar for the evening. Come along, enjoy some truly scrummy food and a good laugh with a dance thrown in! Book your tickets early by phoning Jenny on 471498, or Jan on 471778.

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Despite dreadful weather we hope everyone enjoyed the event. Thanks to Jean and Selwyn McGrory for arranging the Horticultural Show, to Ron Jones for the BBQ and for everyone who helped at the Summer Fair which ran with the show.

Jan and Graham Hopkins would like to thank everyone who donated Bric-a-Brac and those purchased from the stall for their generosity. £140 was raised for Cancer Care Dorset, Blanden Social Club’s chosen charity this year.

I will be organising a Jumble Sale shortly in aid of Bere Regis Surgery Fund, and also a Coffee Morning for St Laurence’s Church at Affpuddle. Please watch out for notices.

Sue Jeanes
AFFPUDDLE AND TURNEPSSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th August 2002 the following business was discussed.

Grant to Bladen Social Club

The councillors who were also club members declared an interest. The Club Committee had asked for a contribution towards the repair to the club house flat roof. It had been ascertained that it was permissible for the Council to give such a grant since it was believed to be of benefit to local people. The cost of the repairs was considerable and it was agreed that the maximum grant allowed under audit rules would be made. The Council felt that it would be prudent to obtain a second quotation for the work. Providing the second quotation was obtained a grant would be made. It was suggested to the Chairman of the Club, Mr Rolls, that other sources of funding should be sought.

Transport to Dorchester Leisure Centre for Young People

Enquiries had been made from neighbouring Councils as to whether there was interest in arranging transport to Dorchester Leisure Centre for young people. Several Councils had expressed an interest and it was agreed to arrange a meeting in the near future.

The Village Design Statement

Captain Badcock and Mr Rolls had had a meeting with Ms Ros Cartright (Purbeck District Council) and Mr Simon Thompson (Dorset Community Action) about the creation of a Village Plan. The Village Plan would contain outlines about the way forward for the Parish. A survey of the residents would be conducted and there would be consultation throughout the process. Mr Thompson had indicated that he would be prepared to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain the purpose and content of the plan more fully. It was agreed to invite Mr Thompson to address an open forum of residents at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 11th September 2002 before the monthly Parish Council Meeting. (More details would be

Post Office and Shop

The Shop and Post Office continued to prosper. There was a team of volunteer salespeople and the Post Office would be open for five mornings from 21st August 2002. Investigations were in hand to provide indemnity insurance for the Post Office via Zurich Municipal.

The Village Hall Yard

Complaints had been received from the Bladen Social Club about the use of the hall yard for shoeing horses. After discussion it was considered that this was a matter that should properly be dealt with by the Briantspuddle Hall Committee since that body dealt with the management of the yard and in the event of any claim its insurance company would be responsible.

Financial Matters

The accounts for July were paid including an account for the cost of the recent Parish Council elections which amounted to £794.25.

The Village Hall and Social Club Development

The Project Management Team reported that it had met during the past month. Mrs Rose of Dorset Community Action agreed that the facilities needed updating. She had advised on disabled facilities necessary and had offered advice about the likelihood of future available funding. The news was not good. Funding was getting scarcer. In the light of this advice the together with Captain Badcock and Mr Barter had had a meeting with Mr Allan Davis of the Planning Department Purbeck District Council to discuss the way forward and to endeavour to come to an agreement as what would be acceptable to all parties. There had also been meetings of the Briantspuddle Hall Committee and the Bladen Social Club Committee. After discussion both Committees had agreed that the project should be scaled down.
A sketch plan would be prepared and discussed with all the parties. It was hoped to make improvements to the W.C.s, the kitchen, to provide more storage space and a small meeting room. Mr. Jones had indicated that John Stark and Partners were no longer able to provide free advice.

The Parish Council accepted the Project Management Team's recommendation to develop a reduced scheme and had instructed the Team to enter into discussions with the Planning Officer at Purbeck District Council.

Under Any Other Business discussion took place about the condition of the Recycling bins, the provision of a small skate board park for the children in the Parish and the provision of a bus shelter at the cross roads at Briantspuddle.

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**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

**Parish Council**
7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board

**Playgroup Bere Regis**
Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792  Wednesday/Thursday PM

**Pop in Place**
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall

**Purbeck Singles social group**
Contact Roy Winder - 01929 471456

**Pop in Place Poppets**
1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. Weds (not 2nd Weds) Drax Hall

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

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

**Royal Oak Golf Society**
Golf days, last Friday in month - March to October. Contact Guy Storey for further details - 471041

**Scouts (10½-15 yrs)**
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ

**Swimming Club**
Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m., Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262

**Toddler Group**
1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

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

**Twinning Association**
Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities

**Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)**
8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

**Village Scrapbook**
Jenny Silas - 471577

**W.L. Bere Regis**
7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

**W.L. Brantspuddle**
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Brantspuddle Village Hall

**Woodbury Hill Singers**
2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill

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### October

**1st**
RBL Annual Open Flower Show 8.00 p.m.

**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.

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### 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.

**31st**
Christmas Coffee at Cyril Wood Court in aid of Church 10.30 a.m.

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### 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 donor session
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