It is a strange feeling sitting here in my study in Bere Regis writing a few late thoughts for the Parish Magazine to share with you. Not only strange but disturbing too, because as I write The United Nations has met and affirmed its commitment to continuing the attempts at disarmament. We have had a late sitting of the House of Lords debating the legality of any military action outside the specific approval of the UN Security Council, and a nine and a half hour debate yesterday in the House of Commons on the sending of British forces into conflict, which resulted in one of the largest rebellions by Labour MPs ever. And it is very likely that in the early hours of Thursday morning, the 20th March the Forces of the UK and the US and Australia will be going into action. By the time our magazine is published we are likely to be either still at war or perhaps even assessing the aftermath of war as it is expected to be of very short duration.

War presents a real dilemma for Christians because we are not only commanded not to kill but we are also commanded to love one another and especially to love our enemies. We live in an area of long standing military activity here in Dorset, with the Royal Marines base at Poole, Army bases at Lulworth and Bovington and Blandford, and until not so long ago, we had a Royal Navy base and naval air station at Portland, and just over the border we have the large Tidworth and Warminster garrisons. To the west of Wiltshire there is the RAF transport base at Lyneham. Then in addition we have several thousand retired military personnel and many Territorial and Reserve servicemen and women. All this means that few of us is unaffected by this military action against Iraq, and it is particularly true if we have family and loved ones serving there. I have a nephew who is also my Godson, serving as a Royal Marine in 42 Commando in Kuwait.

With hostilities a reality, the focus of our thinking, preaching and praying needs to shift from the moral questions that have been our concern to those on all sides
and none, who will be affected by the conflict. So how can we be justified in declaring war against Iraq, especially if it apparently does not have the approval of the United Nations? The first point to make is that whatever the legal position on the justification for war may be, our servicemen and women have our complete support, love and prayers. And this goes for all their loved ones back home too.

First we have a duty to pray, and help others to pray, that these hostilities may lead to a greater degree of freedom, justice and peace for all God’s people and not just in Iraq. We pray for all our armed forces and their families and friends; but we will pray equally for the peoples of Iraq, both those directly engaged in the conflict and the civilians who are caught up in it. We will continue to pray for the leaders of the nations, especially our Prime Minister and Government; for the work of the United Nations; and for the establishment of a just and lasting peace throughout the whole of the Middle East.

Second, where the causes of this conflict may be misunderstood, we have a responsibility to enlarge our understanding of the history of Iraq, and of the nature of Islam. We share a common humanity with Muslims, yet some will seek to exploit this conflict as a means of division. There are not large numbers of Muslims in Dorset and none that I know of in our Parishes, but such as there are need our friendship and understanding. This is a conflict between states, not between faiths.

After Easter we are planning to have a short series of study sessions to consider our Muslim neighbours and I hope you will want to come along. We also need to remember that many Iraqis are Christian, and that some of them will be called upon to bear arms against our forces. Furthermore some serving in our Armed Forces are Muslim.

Please use the prayer board to pray for loved ones caught up in this conflict.

A prayer for peace
God our deliverer,
Defender of the poor and needy:
When the foundations of the earth are shaking,
Give strength to your people to uphold justice and fight all wrong.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ Amen
In the name of the Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace,
and with love and prayers

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**August**
- 20th  Pop in Place Open Gardens
- 2nd   Briantspuddle Horticultural Show
- 5th   Gardening Club - Mystery Outing
- Mondays 4th, 11th & 18th, Friday 22nd Pop in Place Children’s Summer Activities 10 am – 11.45 am

**September**
- 2nd   Gardening Club - Harvest Supper
- 10th  Coffee Morning at the Vicarage
- 13th  Pop in Place Bere Regis Performer of the Year Competition 7.00 pm

**October**
- 7th   Gardening Club - P P Plants
- 11th  Pop in Place Jumble Sale and Auction 2.00 p.m.

**November**
- 4th   Gardening Club - Dorset Weather
- 4th   Pop in Place Children in Need 10.00 - 12.00
- 29th  Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar 2.00 p.m.

**December**
- 2nd   Gardening club - Christmas Party
- 20th  Pop in Place Community Christmas Party 3.00 p.m.
**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### April

- **5th**: Coffee Morning at Westcourt, to raise money for Choir Robes
- **5th**: FOBRS Family Bingo Night, British Legion, 8pm for 8.15pm start
- **7th**: Pop in Place AGM 10.00 a.m.
- **9th**: Autumn Leaves Spring Tour to Cadbury, Somerset. Car park 10.00 a.m.
- **14th**: Easter Bingo - Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
- **18th**: Pop in Place Easter Egg Raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade 10.00—12.00

### May

- **7th**: Coffee Morning at ‘Larkspur’, Snow Hill (pink bungalow) 10.30 a.m.
- **14th**: Autumn Leaves - Chinese Kites by Mrs Hannay; Drax Hall Competition ‘An Article made in China’
- **19th**: Pop in Place Village Quiz 7.30 p.m.
- **24th**: Coach Trip to Buckfastleigh Abbey
- **31st**: Mothers Union coffee morning at Cyril Wood Court

### June

- **11th**: Autumn Leaves - Summer outing to Sidmouth
- **24th**: Pop in Place Prize Bingo 7.00 p.m.
- **28th/29th**: Garden Party and Flower Festival

### July

- **1st**: Gardening club - Marine Life off the Coast
- **5th**: Bere Regis 1st School Summer Fayre 3.30pm start
- **9th**: Rose Competition & Exhibition of Musical Boxes; Competition ‘A Doyley’

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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

Mobile Library
Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. - 12.35 p.m and 3.15 p.m. – 4.25 p.m. – Car Park

Mobile Library
10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

Mothers’ Union
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church

Parish Council
7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall

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

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

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

W.I. Briantspuddle
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society

7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall

Autumn Leaves (over 50s)

2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall

Babysitting Circle

Contact Mary Lillie – 471365

Beavers (6-8 yrs)

6.00 - 7.00 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.

British Legion Club

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

Legion Women’s Section

2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ

Brownies

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

B.R.S.C.

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

Briantspuddle Singers

7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall

Choir Practice

7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.

C.A.B.

Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.-
2.00p.m. (closed Wednesday)
Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only)
Mondays 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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 6.30 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane
10.00 a.m. Sunday School

Cubs (8-10½ yrs)

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

Dancing classes

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

D.S.S. Van

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

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

Sunday 6th April
Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

8.00am Holy Communion       Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion       Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins and Communion Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong               Bere Regis

Sunday 13th April
Palm Sunday – Sunday next before Easter

8.00am Holy Communion         Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion       Affpuddle
11.00am Procession and Family Service Bere Regis

(gather at ‘Podges’ – junction of West Street and Shitterton, and we process to Church hopefully led by Molly the Donkey)
6.00pm Evensong               Bere Regis

(followed by PCC Annual General Meeting)

Thursday 17th April
Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Benefice Communion for Maundy Thursday Affpuddle

(with symbolic footwashing)

Friday 18th April
Good Friday

10.00am Meditation service for Good Friday Bere Regis
Ecumenical walk of witness to Black Hill – (bring pack lunch)

2.30pm Meditation service for Good Friday Affpuddle

7.00pm ‘Lift High the Cross’ – service of readings and anthems for Good Friday Bere Regis

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7.30pm Easter Vigil service of meditation Bere Regis

Sunday 20th April Easter Day
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9.15am Parish Communion for Easter Bere Regis
11.00am Family Communion for Easter Affpuddle

Sunday 27th April Second Sunday of Easter
8.00am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11.00am Mattins and Communion Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong – followed by PCC Annual General Meeting Affpuddle

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms - At St John the Baptist Bere Regis
on 9th March
Edward Peter Andrew Kent

Weddings - At St Laurence Affpuddle
on 15th March
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Starting Sunday 13th April 2003

We’re moving from Saturdays to Sundays, on a more regular basis. With effect from Sunday 13th April, and thereafter on every 2nd Sunday in the month – tying in with the Family Service – there will be a Sunday Club, 10 – 11 a.m. in the Church prior to the Family Service.

All children between the ages of 4 and 10 are invited, there’s no charge - just come along and enjoy yourselves.
We look forward to seeing you.

LENT LUNCHES IN BERE REGIS

We look forward to seeing you!

You are invited to soup and rolls in Church at 12 o’clock on the remaining two Wednesdays in Lent. Do come and join us on the 2nd and 9th April. Your hosts on the different Wednesdays will be different organisations including the choir, the Mothers Union, the Mind the World group, and other Church members. Donations will be made to Christian Aid.

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BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices continue on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m.

Wedding ringing on Saturday 5th April at 1.30 p.m.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN CONCERT

A very successful and enjoyable evening with about £700 raised for Church funds after expenses.

Our grateful thanks to all who helped in any way

John and Patti.

BUCKFAST ABBEY OUTING - 24TH MAY

Bere Regis Church outing to Buckfast Abbey on the 24th May 2003,

Please may we have bookings by the 4th May, many thanks. John House.

MOTHERS’ UNION

The Mothers’ Union members attended the Ash Wednesday Lenten Service in Bere Regis Church on 5th March 2003, there were 17 member present.

Eileen Bangay took the meeting afterwards, and arranged lifts for members who were going to the Woman’s World Day of Prayer at Milton St Andrew’s Church on Friday 7th March 2003.

Christine asked the members if they had Mothers’ Union Funding Project boxes to bring them to our meeting held in Tuberville Court on 2nd April 2003 at 7.30pm.

Kay Abbott - 472258

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**BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB**

Have you paid your membership? Membership for this year costs £4.50 and £3 for OAPs and 14 to 17 year olds. The registration cost to new members is £1.50.

Our Reunion Party held on the 1st March was again a great success. It was great to see so many old faces from the past. If you missed this year’s party, make a note that next year it will be on the 6th March.

Other dates to note:

- **Sat 5th April**  
  Easter Bingo - 8.30. All welcome
- **Sat 12th April**  
  Jumble/Table Top sale - 2pm
- **Sat 2nd August**  
  Horticultural Show
- **Sat 4th October**  
  Village Skittles
- **Sat 1st November**  
  Music Quiz and Supper
- **Sat 20th December**  
  Members’ Christmas Party

for further details on any event, phone me on 01258 837267 - Sue Jeanes.

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**PROPOSED GUIDED TOURS OF THE CHURCH**

It has been suggested that to encourage more visitors (and possibly more income from them) that the church will be better advertised and will include the offer of guided tours on a couple of days in the week in the summer months.

We have already had some volunteers but are asking if anyone would be prepared to join a rota and help to share the duties so that they would not need to be too often and a chore. For those who do not feel very confident there will be training sessions when you can learn a bit more yourself about your unique church and feel better able to pass this on to others.

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Bob Cobb was born in 1921 and died just a week before his 82nd birthday. Baptised Robert William Cobb and known by all as Bob he was a Bere Regis man from the beginning of his life, born at Skippets farm with his identical twin brother Bert, just 25 minutes apart. He had an older brother Jim and a sister Kathlene, and another sister Primrose who alas died when she was just one. As a child, Bob and Bert were clearly already rascals and family legend has it that to keep the boys under control Granny Cobb had to make a playpen out of sheep hurdles to stop the twins chasing the chickens – sometimes until the chickens were almost fatally exhausted. School was first at the old Boys School on the hill here in the village, and then on to the then new Bere Regis school when it opened in 1929. Highlights of their growing up included the annual family outing to the famous Woodbury Hill Fayre, It sounds an idyllic childhood, but of course farming was even harder then than it is now. A particular event of Bob’s memory occurred when he and his chums were gathering at the corner of North Street and West Street opposite the Royal Oak, known as Bere Cross, and one of them had a motorbike. They were, happily sharing boys talk about such important things when local celebrity TE Lawrence, Lawrence of Arabia, passed by on one of his magnificent Brough Superior motorbikes and he stopped and talked to them all. As the twins grew up and left school, work meant of course that it would be on the family farm at Skippets. A sign of the boys sharing things was in the little van they owned together. They took it in turns to use it as transport and in Bob’s case it was to cricket matches playing for the Bere Regis team for many years stopping only when he was too old to play. Cricket remained an abiding love throughout his life, though many years later Gill recounts with some grace, why cricket is not her favourite pastime! Having to go to so many matches to watch her father play. As a youngster, Bob helped out with the family haulage business, carrying coal and cement up from Poole Quay, initially by steam traction engine. By now the Second World War had started and Bob was called up into the Home Guard, but for some reason he joined the rival Winterbourne Kingston platoon. During the war the farm concentrated on

A Steering Group has been set up to see this Parish Plan project through, comprising to date:

- Campbell de Burgh (01929 471171) Briantspuddle – Parish Councillor
- Martha Tucker (01929 471358) Briantspuddle – Shop Treasurer
- Caroline Klejdys-Lord (01929 472709) Briantspuddle – Sixth Form Student
- Stuart Wilson (01929 471925) Briantspuddle – Farmer
- Bob Holman (01305 848262) Affpuddle – Retired resident
- Joan Herridge (01929 471264) Throop (Briantspuddle) – Retired resident

and hopefully we will be joined by one or two others as the project gathers momentum. We are particularly looking for someone to represent the southern half of the Parish, from Waddock or Pallington and also someone with a bit of planning experience to help with the Design Statement. Any assistance that anyone can give, even on an occasional basis to help analyse information and generally progress development of the Plan will be most appreciated and can made by contacting any member of the Steering Group or the Parish Council. Overall our task is to find out from you what you think about the Parish and how you want to see it survive and develop. We are aiming to do this in the first instance by a short questionnaire to be issued after Easter, the initial results of which should be posted at the Briantspuddle Horticultural Show on Saturday 2 August, where there will be an opportunity to discuss particular aspects and issues with the Steering Group. With a draft of the Plan issued to every house in the Parish for comment in early Autumn we would hope to have the Plan endorsed by the Parish Council and Purbeck District Planning Department and the project completed by the end of the year.

C de B
“Vital Villages” is a Government sponsored Countryside Agency project aimed at re-vitalising rural communities. Centred on a 4 year programme started in July 2001 it offers to help fund up to 1,000 rural communities, each under 10,000 inhabitants, with improvement programmes run under the umbrella of Parish Councils. The project essentially offers cash grants to help:

Produce a Parish Plan to cover the full range of social, economic and environmental needs and issues pertinent to the Parish. In effect a guidance document for Parish and District Councils involving the whole community in its formulation. Not to be confused with the Purbeck District Local Plan, the Parish Plan will place on record its views on its preservation or development from the bottom up, so to speak, whereas the District (“Local”) Plan is looking at things over a wider area from the top down. The Parish Plan Grant Scheme offers up to £5,000 for this activity, with just 25% match funding (80% of which can be offset against work in kind at £50 per day). We have registered our intent to produce a plan and will be asking for a grant of about £3,000 to complete the project.

Introduce, improve or access services. Available to community groups, industrial retailers, and churches for such things as youth clubs, computer clubs, pre-school and nursery provision, new play areas, health initiatives and village amenities etc. The Community Services Grant Scheme offers up to £25,000 with 25% matching funding (50% for a business project). The Friends of Briantspuddle Shop have already taken advantage of this scheme by obtaining a grant of £1,509 for new equipment. Any further ideas to tap this source of funding would be very welcome.

Meet local transport needs. The Parish Transport Grant Scheme offers up to £10,000 and possibly more with multi-parish projects, with 25% matched funding. The Parish Council are currently investigating with other Parishes the possibility of running a bus service to the Dorchester Leisure Centre.

Beyond the needs that have already been identified perhaps the most important activity is the preparation of the Parish Plan in which to set out a vision for this parish in order to guide its future development, or even to maintain its present state. Such a plan should not just be a “Design Statement” for land development, though that should be part of it, or a survey of housing needs, but more an appreciation of all the social, economic and environmental issues affecting the Parish. Importantly, the Plan must set out the actions required to achieve resolution of the issues raised but above all else it must be created by the people of the Parish in order to have any meaning.
It was always a joy to be in his company. Sitting with him in his shed or just outside it in the sunshine he would regale me with the stories of his childhood here. He sometimes escaped all day long up to Black Hill where he had his “fox-hole”, especially if he had temporarily fallen out with his mum or Dad as all youngsters do looking for their own space. Gill described Dick and his chums as expert scrumpers. He loved all natural things, he knew all the flowers and the animals of the area, and understood the countryside, and enjoyed the friendship of his many childhood friends.

Today looking from the front of their house in West Street, Dick could see Black Hill and many of the sites of his adventurous childhood and youth.

Dick was the most wonderful talker – a couple of hours in his company seemed like just five minutes and we realised that we had quite a lot in common. We were able to share our interest in motorbiking. Many years ago Dick was once the proud owner of a Triumph Tiger 100 one of the best bikes of its day, and more recently his high tech Japanese bike gave him and Gill much pleasure, riding as he was until just a couple of weeks before he died.

Dick was born at 145 Rye Hill in September 1947, the youngest of three with his brother John and his sister Mary who alas died in June last year. Dick’s Mum and Dad worked very hard for their family and the boys helped out in the vegetable garden. His father worked for the Watercress beds for 52 years, but after school in Bere Regis and Bovington, Dick thought he wanted to be a painter and a chum of his wanted to be a carpenter. In the end it was the painter way round, and Dick was taken on by Griffins where he leant his carpentry skills and where he stayed as employee and contractor for nearly 40 years.

Dick was always a hard and skilled worker, and he particularly enjoyed restoration work and was often put on the tricky jobs because of that. He especially liked applying his skills to our Churches, Milton Abbey, Puddletown and probably on most of our Churches in Dorset, including no doubt here in St. John the Baptist.

He did a lot of work to St. James’s Church in Poole. An example of Dick’s popularity with his customers and commitment to them was that as a result of working on the church there, he became a virtual adopted member of the church community there. He then volunteered Gill to cross stitch some kneelers for them, which of course she did, and they were torn as to where they would go for their Christmas worship that year.

Defence Estates ~ Correspondence from Mr. Broughall of Defence Estates and Colonel Beer of Royal Armoured Corps Bovington was considered. The Defence Estates had requested dates and times and degrees of noise made by leisure activities held at Bovington over the past ten years. This was considered to be unreasonable. It was agreed to notify the Defence Estates of the excessively noisy event held on 20th October 2002 and to ask for dates of future events so that they could be monitored.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 1st May 2003 at 7.00 p.m. in Bhantspuddle Village Hall.

The proposal to merge the two parishes of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle was discussed. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to every house in the two Parishes and a resolution put to the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was suggested that a review of the Rights of Way within the two Parishes should be undertaken.

Advice as to the points to be observed and commented upon should be sought from the County Rights of Way Officer. Help with this task should be sought from members of the Parish who walked regularly.

The survey would be conducted over the next three to four months and the findings reported to the Parish Council later in the year.

The Merger of the two Parishes of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle.

Your Parish Council feel that this would be a sensible move and would regularise what is in fact already in existence. During March or at the beginning of April a letter will be delivered to all houses within the two parishes setting out the reasons and also inviting everyone to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to vote on this important matter.

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Parishes of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle

The Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bhantspuddle Village Hall on Thursday 1st May 2003. All electors of the two Parishes may attend.

Rights of Way.

At the March Meeting of the Parish Council it was suggested that a survey of the Rights of Way should be carried out. The Parish Council is inviting those of you who enjoy walking and who care about the maintenance and condition of the Rights of Way within the Parish to volunteer to help with the survey. You would be required to walk the right of way from its start to its finish and to comment upon the ease with which you were able to do this and report on the condition of any gates or stiles, the surface of the route and any obstructions. Please let either the Acting Clerk, Philippa Thorniley or the Parish Rights of Way Officer Mr. Highman know if you can help.
At the March meeting of the Parish Council the following business was discussed.

**Road Matters** - Councillor Shakesby clarified the matter of the reported declassification of the C79 road from Throop to Turnerspuddle. It was suggested that to remove the No Through Road Sign and replace it with a sign “Not Suitable for Vehicles” sign would be a more sensible move. Vehicular access was still permitted and the road was also a right of way and as such must not be obstructed.

The poor condition of the road marking on the Bovington to Gallows Hill stretch of the road was noted. It was noted that there was a great deal of litter on all the road verges. Captain Badcock remarked on the state of the verge of the B3390 from North Barn going South towards the Church.

Consideration was being given to replacing the Slow sign with a Halt sign at the junction of the B3390 with the Bovington Road at Waddock Cross.

Councillors and the general public were asked to let Councillor Shakesby know of any road improvements within the Purbeck Area that could be considered in the future.

**The Purbeck Local Plan** was discussed. Captain Badcock reported on the meeting at Crossways he had attended on behalf of the Council and the proposal to build six hundred houses.

The Village Hall yard and the ownership of the boundaries was discussed.

**The Parish Plan** - Commander de Burgh reported that an application had been made for funding from the Countryside Agency. The Planning Department Purbeck District Council had been consulted. A steering committee had been formed and would meet on 13th March.

It was expected that a questionnaire would be sent to all houses by the end of April. The findings of this survey would be presented at the July Parish Council meeting and there would be a presentation at the Horticultural Show in August.

**The Village Hall Development**

The Plans had been received for the Village Hall Development. The Parish agreed to accept the plans and to recommend to the Planning Department that they should be considered favourably.

But going back to Dick’s earlier life; whilst working at Griffins, Gill was employed in the office there, but they didn’t fraternise at work in those days, but would meet outside of work. Gill would meet her friends at Bere Cross opposite the Royal Oak in North Street. Coincidentally enough the same place where some 40 years earlier Gill’s father Bob had talked motorbikes with Lawrence of Arabia.

Eventually Dick and Gill fell in love and they married here in 1973. They lived initially at Long Ash Farm near Milton Abbas. It was a very happy idyllic time for the two of them and they had all sorts of interests – from ballroom to barn dancing sometimes led by the local Vicar at Anstey, Dick by now had a Morris Minor motor car and he taught Gill to drive, not without incident it has to be said with Gill learning to drive as fast backwards as she did forwards. Dick’s mother died in 1976, and after a brief spell back at Rye Hill with Dick’s father, and a year or so in Tolpuddle they settled in 1978 in Rye Hill Close. Gill and Dick got stuck into village affairs running the junior youth club in the old WI hut.

Joe came along in January 1984, and in support of the family, Dick always worked hard and their occasional holidays were taken as days off to Beulieu where their happened to be a lot of motor cars and motorbikes, and also camping trips to Devon.

Dick’s love of any form of transport took new turns when he took up cycling and he was very keen and very good at it. He would regularly ride 40-50 miles on a Sunday morning but often followed it with a walk with Gill after lunch for a more gentle 7 or 8 mile stroll. Dick would raise money for charity in sponsored cycle rides, locally and further afield, and his work towards the village carnival had to be seen to be believed, as, having seen the photographs yesterday, his expertise in cross-dressing was legendary. It was a sign of his sense of fun and his love of people.

Dick loved music, with very wide tastes and he loved it as loud as he would dare – everything from classical music from the Proms to the Moody Blues as we shall hear shortly. As Gill says Dick loved life and fresh air and sunshine and he was always out in it whenever he could.

Dick and Gill would this year have celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary, and in their loving relationship they were really great friends too with a wonderful and infectious sense of fun, a truly enriching ingredient in a
vibrant relationship.

They were very proud of Joe as he comes to the end of his motor engineering apprenticeship and when Dick was ill Joe spent so much more time with his Dad.

Today’s hymns are those that Gill and Dick had at their wedding here almost 30 years ago. As we will sing now, in asking God to lead us, as God has led Gill and Dick, may God be with Gill and Joe, and of course with Dick, as his pain is now no more.

Our community has been a richer place through having Dick with us, and we are the poorer with his death. But we are proud and privileged and grateful to have known him.

OBITUARIES

Many thanks to everyone who came to, or helped with, our Fairtrade Fair at Cyril Wood Court on March 8th. We were delighted to see so many people there, and hope that people enjoyed their taste of Fairtrade wine, chocolate, and coffee. The top raffle prize, a signed copy of ‘The River Cottage Cookbook’, went to Hazel Green; with other prizes going to supporters in Bere Regis, Affpuddle, and Winterborne Kingston.

The main aim of the event was to promote Fairly Traded food and drink, and we had a stall selling these (so that people could buy some of the goods they had sampled!). This brought in £166 for ‘Third World Crafts’ in Wimborne, which had kindly supplied the items on a sale or return basis. In addition, proceeds from the door and raffle brought in a further £117.50. A substantial proportion of this will go to the Fairtrade Foundation, which is the national umbrella organisation for promoting Fairtrade. (We plan to retain a small amount to be used as a working capital for future events.)

Thank you, everyone!

P.W. for Mind the World Group

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Valentines Supper was a great success. The evening started with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine followed by a three course meal of pate, chicken in wine sauce with masses of vegetables and assorted party puddings followed by coffee and chocolates. After all the expenses were paid £200 was raised for hall funds. There was tremendous team work and Jan Hopkins and Mary Sherwood decorated the hall most beautifully naturally with a Valentine theme!

Artsreach

At the time of going to press Handel, Hoedown and Hoagy has not taken place. There will be a report in the May edition of the magazine. In May the Artsreach sub committee will be attending the Promoters’ Evening when we hear about what is on offer for the forthcoming season and choose artists to perform at Briantspuddle. The sub committee try to provide a varied programme of events to include a play, some sort of musical event and anything else that we think people might like. In addition to the Artsreach performances it is expected that the Hall Committee will participate in the Purbeck Film Festival in October. We usually combine the film show with a meal. We also hope to have one or two films during the next season.

This year for the first time the Hall Committee participated in the Farming Matters Art Exhibition which was very popular. There could quite well be a similar type of event promoting various aspects of the arts.

Philippa Thorniley

WANTED

Large milk churn as stage prop for Briantspuddle Village Hall. Phone Jan Hopkins on 01929 471778.
April the 8th, Fancy Free with Elizabeth James from Marnhull. On the 29th April there will be a Coffee Morning at the home of our President, Mrs Joan Herridge. Mrs Herridge has a lovely garden to walk around and there will be lots of interesting plants on sale, also bring and buy and home made cakes and produce, do come.

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18th  PETE AND HIS ACCORDIAN
19th  DICE HORSE RACING 7.45 p.m.
EASTER EGG RAFFLE 9.30 p.m.
WINTER QUIZ RESULTS
26th  FUNCTION

MAY
3rd  POT LUCK MIXED DARTS PAIRS 7.45 p.m. £1.00
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The Briantspuddle Singers concert on Sunday 13 April will provide an opportunity to hear Handel’s rarely performed “The Passion of Christ”, a setting of the crucifixion story on a more modest scale than Bach’s great masterpieces but full of dramatic and moving music. Also on the programme will be another seasonal work, the noble “Stabat Mater” by the 19th century organist, Joseph Rheinberger. The soloists will be the tenor Brian Parsons and William Adams, baritone. The orchestra will be led by Angela Nankivel; the conductor is Richard Hall.

The performance is at St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Wool on Sunday 13 April at 7.00.
The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 19th April 2003 from 10.00 to 12 noon. Gifts of flowers and foliage would be most welcome and should be brought to church before 10.00 a.m. Help with decoration would also be most welcome.

**EASTER DECORATIONS**

The Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle PCC will be elected / re-elected at the AGM to be held on Sunday 27 April 2003. If you are interested in being elected to serve on the PCC please do not hesitate to contact the Vicar or Churchwardens.

**NEW CLEANING AND FLOWER ARRANGING ROTA**

By the time the April magazine is received those of you who help by cleaning the church and arranging the flowers will have received the new rota for the period 1st April 2003 to 31st March 2004. Thank you very much to everyone who helps with these tasks. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and help to make our church one of the best kept churches in Dorset.

In addition to the weekly cleaning there are four special cleans. These have been arranged for Saturdays, 15th June, 11th June 2003 and Saturdays 10th January and 27th March 2004. Please put these dates in your diary and come along to help with the special cleaning, polishing the pews and floors washing the floors and vacuuming the hassocks.

**AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP**

Those who are unable to come in June to attend. For the next visit - due in 2006, they would like to revert to June and if convenient to us, they would then like to alternate these months for future visits. Comments please! Certainly, if the next visit were in September, it would give us longer to save up!

**A SAD NOTE TO FINISH**

It was with great sadness that I learned recently of the death of Muriel Abbott after a long battle with cancer. She and Don have been stalwart supporters of the twinning association, attending every function and twinning visit. She was a lovely lady - her friends on both sides of the Channel will miss her presence greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and their family at this sad time. The funeral was on Wednesday 19th March, at 11 o’clock at The Lady St Mary church at Wareham.

**FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL**

Our next fund-raising event will be a FAMILY BINGO NIGHT to be held at the Royal British Legion on Saturday 5 April, starting 8.15pm. Everyone is welcome – this should be a good family evening out with plenty of prizes for both children and adults. Please support us on what promises to be a very enjoyable event.

**BERE REGIS PLAY PARK COMMITTEE**

The Bere Regis Play Park committee was set up to try and address concerns and problems that have been occurring at the Park. These are issues about the general state and appearance of the park, to problems caused by vandalism.

The committee’s aims were look at the repairs that need addressing and to see how the play area can be improved and developed in the future. The committee is working with the Police, Community Wardens and the Parish Council to ensure the park becomes a safe and stimulating place for young children to play again.

After an initial clean up operation from a group of volunteers, a rota has been put in place to attempt to keep the area free from rubbish.

The committee are also looking at.
THE SWINGS

It is with great regret that Bere Regis Sports Club has had to dismantle the swings for the time being. A risk assessment carried out by the NPFA deemed them to be medium to high risk equipment and, therefore, this action has been carried out for safety reasons.

The Sports Club is meeting with the NPFA in April to determine what action needs to be taken to make the swings safer and to request funding for this work. The results of this meeting and any subsequent decisions will be reported in the next Parish magazine.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINTING ASSOCIATION

PRESENTATIONS TO CERENCES AND INDIVIDUAL FAREWELL GIFTS

The Cerences committee has suggested a no-presents pact - other than personal presents to host families. They feel that as our villages are now ‘old established friends’ gifts are not necessary for the future. They too have had great difficulties in finding suitable gifts for Bere Regis - especially as we have no Mairie! It is suggested that the money could be better spent either on the Twinning Evening itself or in subsidising travel opportunities for children or those who have not yet visited Bere Regis or Cerences. This sounds a good idea to me too but I’d appreciate comments!

COACH FOR THE TWINNING VISIT

Eddie Butterfield has been in contact with Mr Catt of Seaview Coaches regarding the booking of a coach and also of Dave Cook - the driver who accompanied us last time. Mr Catt is negotiating with Brittany Ferries to try to get us a good deal and he has promised to give Eddie a price in time for the April meeting. When we have this we shall have to go into advertising mode!

2004 CERENCES VISIT TO BERE REGIS

Cerences would like to visit us in September 2004 rather than June, to permit all...
BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The March meeting of the Council is the Annual Parish Meeting and is specifically advertised around the Parish as such. All Parishioners are invited to attend and to air their particular concerns. Unusually the 2003 meeting attracted a large number and the Drax Hall was very nearly full to capacity. At this meeting the Chairman reports on the activities of the Council throughout the previous twelve months. People often laugh about the activities of a Parish Council as they are dealing at the grass roots end of activities, but listening to the Chairman list the number of achievements this year it is clear that the Council has been very busy. Considering that we started the year without Councillors it is a credit that much has been achieved. Perhaps a reflection to the Council meeting of one hundred years ago would be of interest as the Minutes for the meeting held on March 23rd 1903 record that there was not a Quorum so no decision could be made in respect of an application from Mr John Barnes, the grave digger, for an increase in salary. The matter was resolved at the next meeting on 16th April 1903 when an offer of an increase of ten shillings (£0.50) per annum was made. This was immediately accepted and actually increased the salary to Five pounds ten shillings (£5.50) per year for looking after the Cemetery. Fortunately he received five shillings (£0.25) for each grave that he dug. Back to today!

At the public participation period one Parishioner expressed concerns about the return of the Travellers to the Gallows Hill area and the Picnic Area in particular, a matter to which the Council is equally concerned but unable to act beyond seeking the assistance of the County Council. Another Parishioner expressed her concerns about the Children’s Playarea and reported on the activities and aims of the committee that has been formed to take care of the area. The Council welcomed this new initiative and promised as much help as is possible to ensure that the Playarea is both enjoyable and safe.

A Parishioner asked about the application by the Royal Oak for an Entertainment Licence and this provoked a wide debate on what was being requested, what had been advertised as requested and the vivid description of the proposed activities envisaged. The matter was well aired under the control of the Chairman.

Finally another Parishioner questioned the reasons for any proposed increases in Council Tax, particularly the precept from this Parish. He noted that there were reserves in the Council account. It was explained that the Council has to pay increasing amounts, as everybody does, for items. The reserves are there today for items awaiting attention - we need to put aside money to keep the playarea in order, we put money aside each year for the new Village Hall and we have to try to foresee what might become a problem. As was pointed out the Budget

ENTERTAINMENTS

20th April – EASTER EGG DRAW

Anything George Bush can do we can do better, so where he is trying the ‘Shock and Awe’ tactics BRSC are trying some ‘Choc and Awe’ tactics, a sweeter alternative to the war. Don’t miss this eggciting eggstravaganza, you just can’t lick it so make sure you buy a ticket!!

that gave Bere a well deserved share of the points. As a result, Bere retained 6th place just above Witchampton with only two games left to cling on to this lofty position.

Sandford 7: Bere Regis 2

Against a top 3 team like Sandford the last thing that Nick wanted was more injuries. However, with a raft of players still unavailable the manager was left to field a defence of Spivey (dodgy ankle), Galer (dodgy knee) and Rogerson (dodgy haircut). Then there was John Close, a player of such great reputation now that he even gets a police escort to the game. Unfortunately it was not the footballing reputation they were interested in from a man who has had more brushes with the law than a policeman’s barber. This was only the start of his worries as John proceeded to find a forward with amazing regularity, the Sandford forward that is as with two perfect through balls Bere soon found themselves 2-0 down. It was at this point I’m sure I saw Nick ringing 999 to ask them to come and take him back! Apart from some brief flurries from Stu Moorse, Bere looked a shadow of the side that defeated West Quay and were pleased to be only 3-0 down at half time. The second half was no better and Sandford kept chipping in the odd goal until Andy Curtis took it upon himself to make some kind of mark in the game for the Bere side. Firstly, a power drive that deflected over the keeper and then a close range finish from an inch perfect cross (or was it a shot?) by our US import gave Bere some reward for their 90 minutes of effort. It was only when the final whistle sounded that we realised all the Sandford goals had been scored by just one player. This gave us the consolation of boasting that we beat 10 of the Sandford players 2-0! Yes, we are getting that desperate!!
Sundays

**Poole Wanderers 8: Bere Regis 1**

I blame the amount of injuries we have. No, actually I blame the cold weather. The referee? Terrorist activity (we were close to Hurn Airport)? Actually, the truth is that Poole Wanderers are a very, very good team and Bere are just not on their level. A few injuries and absentees made it more difficult and Pete Macklin’s Teflon chest gave them the gift of a first goal, but the movement and one touch passing from Poole meant the Bere midfield were chasing more shadows than Cliff Richard’s groupies. Even Bere’s goal came from a perfect through ball from the Wanderer’s defender that left Britney one on one with the keeper….no contest!! Only 3-1 down at half time Bere felt they were still in it, but an injury to our midfield rottweiler Bungy Brown early in the second half effectively ended the game as a contest. An innocuous challenge left Bungy still motionless long after the ball had gone. Bere’s qualified first aider went to assist, but on hearing Bungy shout ‘It’s popped out’ he was understandably reluctant to get any closer, especially with Bungy’s recent sexploits. Thankfully, he was referring to his knee and after a small amount of treatment Bungy bravely tried to continue, but was eventually substituted to save his strength for his other hobbies.

**Bere Regis 1: Witchampton 1**

The talk before the game was that we were going to make Witchampton pay for calling us the ‘whipping boys’ of the league. However, with a squad ravaged by injury Bere would have more luck getting a Jewish Scotsman to pay than Witchampton. Nevertheless, the die-hard squad players turned out and did their level best to grind out this draw. Like Bungy, it wasn’t clever and it wasn’t pretty, but Bere battled like troopers. Witchampton took the lead when a clever angled pass gave their forward a clear run on goal and he took the chance with relish.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 10th April at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall. All Parishioners are most welcome to attend and there is a period of Public Participation, at which Parishioners are encouraged to raise matters of concern, before the Council gets down to the agenda.

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FOOTBALL REPORTS

Saturdays

Bere Regis 6: Allendale 1

Bere were very much on cruise control against an Allendale side that was about as threatening as the French Government. From the moment Earl volleyed in from eight yards out you just knew it was Bere’s day and when top scorer Ricky ‘I’m looking for an England recall’ Cummings notched a brace before half time it was then just a question of how many. The answer was just the six, thanks to more goals in the second half from John Close, Lee Webber and the Barclaycard ‘Man of the Match’ Shaun Cope. Despite a consolation goal for Allendale Bere finished the game comfortably, with the only black mark being a booking for Thurston from a challenge later than a Virgin train. Onwards and upwards!!

Sturminster Marshall 3: Bere Regis 3

A hard earned point for Bere was not made any easier in having to start the game with ten men. Earl ‘Haymaker’ Dacre had forgotten his gum shield, I mean his shin pads, and had to make a mad dash back to Bere to get them. Even so, it was Bere who took the lead through the ever-improving Shaun Cope. This stung Stur into action and two goals later Bere found themselves behind, only for Ricky to equalise just before half time. In the second half Stur continued to make home advantage tell and took the lead once more. As time ticked away it looked as though Bere would suffer their first defeat of the year, but John Close had other ideas. A precision free kick in true ‘Hoddle’ style picked out Shaun Cope and Bere had nicked a point.

Forest Inn 2: Bere Regis 1

When Bere went down to the Forest today they were sure of a big surprise! In the sort of form that they couldn’t even find victory in a dictionary, Forest managed to scramble a win against Bere’s high flyers. Wayne Cope’s goal was the only high spot in a performance that can only be described as indescribable. The referee may have been sponsored by Specsavers, the Forest keeper may have been Clark Kent and Peter Parker rolled into one, but Bere should still have emerged as winners. It just shows that the only certainties in life are death, taxes and Kev Cox getting booked for dissent!
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The important AGM of the Management Committee dawns on 30th April at 7.00pm. This meeting is open to all Parishioners. Please come along and if you are interested in helping in the well being of the Hall please offer yourself to serve on the Committee. The Hall has been served extremely well by a dedicated group who would welcome some new faces and ideas. We all talk of the New Hall but the existing Hall has got to see many more years of service yet.

CM

**PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Council Taxes**

At its meeting on 25 February 2003, Purbeck District Council agreed the council taxes for 2003/04. As many of your know, each tier of local government sets its own council tax but the District Council is responsible for collecting it on behalf of all tiers. This is to maximise efficiency but it often clouds the issue as to which authority is responsible for the tax.

The council tax for the average home in Bere Regis next year is compared to the 2003/04 figure below:

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**BERE REGIS W.I.**

Gail Forrest gave us a very in-depth talk on Kimonos and her life in Japan. Our Pancake Race and Coffee Morning was very successful, made all the better with the children from Bere Regis First School, all very well behaved. The £130 money raised, went to Diabetic UK. The WI also held a Marie Curie Daffodil Tea, which was enjoyed by all who attended. This raised £56 plus donations.

Our next meeting is 15th April - Tales of World War I, and on the 20th May is Resolutions. Also, we hope to reminisce with the WI Scrapbook. Any old photos or newspaper cuttings from members past and present would be gratefully received.

C Tucker.
This shows that 78% of your council tax is for county services such as education whereas the police and district council take approximately 10% each.

All of the authorities serving Purbeck have reported large increases in their council taxes this year. Indeed, this has been the case across most of the South of England. Local Councils receive about two thirds of their income from government. For next year government has changed the formula for distributing the grant and Purbeck District Council, Dorset County Council and Dorset Police have received minimal increases in grant, in line with a “safety net”. In the case of Purbeck, this is insufficient to meet the costs of increased duties for environmental health and safety, homelessness and increases in the rate of national insurance contributions, in addition to inflation increases in pay and other costs.

Purbeck Shooting School

On Thursday 27th February the Planning Board of the Council met to review the application for a permanent license for the Shooting School. This has generated much argument and debate and the Chamber was packed with many people speaking for and against the proposal at some length. The outcome was that we agreed to grant a permanent license but only with very strong conditions attached. The main ones were that there should be shooting on only 15 Sundays throughout the year; that earth bunds should be completed within 3 months to reduce the noise for the nearby residents to no greater than 55 decibels; and that the hours of shooting would be reduced. Many people from both “sides” have spoken to me since commenting that it was a good example of democracy in action and on the high quality of the debate. The owner of the school has since written to me stating he is happy to work within the new conditions and that he is going to do all within his powers to make it work.

Surgery

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

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6.00 p.m.  Easter Songs of Praise
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IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

March proved to be a very busy month for us in the Congregational Church, with the first in a series of Saturday Celebrations, which drew a near-capacity crowd, the initial meetings of our Lent group and the United Service at our Chapel on Mothering Sunday evening. I am delighted to report that our Lent studies at the Manse have got off to an encouraging start - with twenty or so of us crammed in for the first session we decided to move to the Chapel for the remainder. This will enable us to occasionally break up into smaller discussion groups to look at the challenging questions that are coming out of these times together.

The Studies are entitled, “In the Shadow of the Cross”, and each week we have been looking at a different group who were present on that dramatic day of the crucifixion. So far we have observed the pride and anger of the Pharisees, we have seen how easy it is to be carried along by the crowd and last week we looked at the dilemma of the Roman soldiers on duty at the scene. Each session is self-contained so even if you haven’t been able to come along so far, the opportunity is still open – we shall be continuing on Tuesday nights this month – the 1st, 8th and 15th at 7.30pm in the Chapel in Butt Lane. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served and a warm welcome awaits you!

There is a very real sense in which the shadow of the cross reaches down through the generations and touches our war-torn world today. The significance of that cosmic event just over two thousand years ago has a relevance to everyone today who is looking for answers to life’s great questions – why am I here, is there a God, is there life after death? The Apostle Paul was a deeply religious man, but he came to realise that even his intense religious zeal was not enough to answer these questions. Then dramatically his life was turned around when he met Jesus on the road to Damascus and his religion became a living relationship. He realised that in dying on the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ had paid the price for his sin and selfishness – and that through His resurrection and ascension Jesus proved to be the only One who could conquer death, and sin and hell!

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BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

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A vacancy has arisen for a Scout Leader to assist the current team of leaders.

Previous experience of Scouting is desirable, but not essential. More important is a willingness to work and communicate with youngsters and a love of “the great outdoors”.

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For further information please contact:

Jo Eccleson, 7 Orchard Rise, Milborne St Andrew, Blandford. 01258 837014 (07973 368227). Jo.Eccleson@btopenworld.com
Cyril Wood Court Programme of Events

Thursday 3 April at 7.00 pm

Bob Bennett MBE, the Cob Wall expert will give an illustrated talk about his work and experiences with buildings around the world.
£2.00 to include light refreshments.

Sunday 13 - Monday 21 April
10am-4.30pm daily

'Surfacing' exhibition of work by 11 graduate and post-graduate textile artists of Bournemouth College including Knitting, feltmaking and beading, accessories, garments and furnishings.

Friday 23 May - Monday 2 June

times to be announced

Poole and Purbeck Art Weeks exhibition of work from Residents and Friends of Cyril Wood Court.
Contact Julie Basten 01929 472 515 for information about exhibiting.
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Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from March through to October. New members are invited to join.

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ROGS on tour in Spain - October 5th - 12th 2003 inclusive

Annual General Meeting – Thursday 20th November 2003

Christmas/Presentation Evening - Bulbury Woods 13th December 2003

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

thanks to Pat House

Cornish Saffron Bread

At one time the Crocus grown for the Saffron, at Saffron Walden, was said to be the best in the world.

I do not have an electric bread maker, but perhaps those of you who do could convert this recipe for it.

This recipe makes one loaf.

- half pint of milk
- 1 tsp saffron strands
- half an oz dried yeast
- 1 lb strong plain flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 6 oz butter cut into pieces
- 3 oz caster sugar
- 6 oz currants
- 2 oz candied peel, finely diced
- finely grated rind of half a lemon.

Put the milk in a small saucepan and bring to the boil.

Remove from the heat, sprinkle in the Saffron threads and leave to stand for 30 minutes.

Reheat the milk to just lukewarm, then take off the heat, sprinkle the dried yeast granules on to the milk and 1 tsp of the sugar and set aside, covered, for about 15 mins. until frothy.

Sift the flour with the salt and rub in the butter, stir in the sugar. Add the yeast liquid and mix to form a soft dough.

Turn out the dough on to a floured surface.

GARDENING CLUB

The March meeting was a history of gardening through artists eyes and the use of their paintings to show gardening developments. Val Hurlston-Gardener certainly knew her history and made me think it was a subject I must have missed at school!

The meeting on Tuesday 1st April will be a talk on Winfrith Hostas.

On Tuesday 6th May we are going to The Cider Mill and Nursery at Owermoigne to see the clocks and have a tour of the nursery. We are meeting in the village carpark at 6.30pm and will use our own vehicles.

Jimmy Barnes will be giving us all showing tips at the June meeting on the 3rd.
See Dates for your Diary for the rest of the 2003 programme.

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BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

On a calm, mild and misty Friday 21st February a small band of youth club members plus their leader, two adult supporters and a dog, set off from the Silent Women Inn on a Sponsored Night Hike. The sky was clear with the major stars and constellations clearly visible, this allowed for a spot of amateur astronomy to take place.

Well at least everyone managed to locate the Pole Star by at least one method, very useful indeed as our route was for the most part heading due North. As the journey unfolded so the mist started to thicken in places, at times the boggy marshes on either side looked like something from a horror film. In true British fashion our intrepid group soldiered on regardless, or at least until a refreshment break was required. Spirits were high and the miles soon passed, good progress was being made as the tracks were fairly dry except for the odd swamp. I am not sure if it was the eerie surroundings that kept the youngsters moving but the group were bounding along in record time.

Just before leaving the forest, lights were seen up ahead, poachers perhaps, so the pace slowed as we neared the spot where we thought the lights had been seen. Was it Poachers? No it had only been the lights of a few car out on the main road seen through a gap in the trees, thank goodness! So it was onwards down towards Lane End and then up through Doddens Lane and back into the village. Just the short stroll back up to the legion club for a rest and a hot cup of soup. Money from sponsorship is now slowly coming in and may I thank everyone who has helped with the event in any way, either by being a sponsor or by physically helping the youth club with its organisation. If you have not yet paid over you sponsorship pledge, please do so as soon as possible and if you were not a sponsor, donations are still most welcome.

A darts challenge took place on the 25th of the month, in place of the planned Teeshirt Painting which had to be postponed until a later date. The standard of darts was good but the same could not be said of some of the arithmetic, when it came down to keeping the scores. At the end of the event everyone had enjoyed the contest and some had even improved their mathematical skills to boot. I have always considered that darts is a game that should be played at school, as it is a very useful tool when dealing with numbers.
Design a Poster Night took place on the 11th March with the young members all putting their artistic and design skills to the test. The theme of the poster was to produce an advert to attract other young people into joining the youth club. At the end of the evening there was a good selection for the leaders to take away for judging. It is planned for the winning entry to be produced and used in the near future.

A “Pool Challenge” will take place on the 18th, followed by a “Quiz Night” to end off the month on the 25th March.

Moving into the second quarter of the year there will be “Outdoor Games” on the first Wednesday in April and the following Tuesdays will involve a “Music Night” on the 8th, a “Red Indian Night” on the 15th, “Teesheet Painting” on the 22nd and “Team Games” on the 29th.

Canoeing also gets underway once again on the 27th April with a three hours session from 10 am until 1 pm that Sunday morning. There will also be a further session on the evening of Thursday 26th June from 7 until 9 pm. For those members aged 10 and over, who have some previous canoeing experience, there will also be an opportunity to undertake the BCU 1* Level Kayak Award Course.

As always new members are most welcome to call in and see us, just come and have a look around and if you want to join you can, no pressure!

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The programme for Dorchester Choral Society’s concert on Saturday 5th April has all been written within a 30 year span and by composers who are better known for other forms of composition, writes conductor Michael Brown, who is standing in for the choir's regular conductor, Christine Page, this term.

The concert opens with four unaccompanied motets, written by Rossini and Bruckner, which present a picture of Romantic liturgical music at its best.

Rossini, like Verdi and Puccini, mainly wrote operas, but his ‘O Salutaris hostia’ (for Maundy Thursday) shows a mastery of the miniature, with intensity of dynamics. The three pieces by Bruckner show the same mastery, this time of the Viennese church style together with Bruckner's own organic, more symphonic approach.

Verdi's Stabat Mater is one of four sacred pieces written at the end of his life, following Falstaff, his final opera. The words depict the Virgin Mary standing at the foot of the Cross, receiving the prayers of those wanting to share in her pain. It is a bleak poem and Verdi's account is terse, yet at the same time grand and expressive, with sweeping operatic melodies.

The Messa di Gloria by Puccini marked the end of the composer's apprenticeship in Lucca in 1880, before he started three years study in Milan and a lifetime of operatic writing. The work is full of youthful vigour, using a full orchestral palette and strong operatic melodies reminiscent of Verdi.

**BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP**

The Committee wish to thank all those who kindly spared their time on Sunday 9th March to help tidy up all the equipment in the Scout Hut. A lot of sorting and reorganising was achieved; this means the Scout Group is now prepared for the forthcoming camping season.

The Scout Hut itself is due for some maintenance and this will take place on Sunday 6th April at 10am. It is hoped that more parents will be able to kindly assist with this task.

**What do the Bere Regis Scouts do?**

This term the Scouts have been busy doing a wide variety of activities: some indoors and some outdoors. Board Games and Crazy Pizza-making started the term off; after that it was time to get outside for “Wide Games”; this took place on a dark night on Black Hill – torches essential! Since half-term the Scouts have practiced Navigation training and had a Patrol Challenge evening. An Obstacle Course is being planned and as well as some Rifle Shooting, there will be a Swimming trip. In between these evening meetings there are various District events in which the Bere Regis Scouts are involved.

**Scout Group AGM**

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th May in the Scout Hut. (Time to be confirmed). The Committee wish to encourage all parents of children within the Group to attend.

The present Chairman of the Committee will be standing down after this meeting so the Committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to take on this role. Please contact Kate Saker on Tel: 471209 for further details.

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Peace and Love and Heartfelt Thanks

I would like to say thank you to everyone who came along to my 40th birthday concert.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, and thank you to all who performed in the Peace and Love Concert.

I thought you were all fantastic.

The evening was very special and one that I will remember fondly. Also thank you to everyone who gave cash donations to the Round Table Children’s Wish we raised an amazing £838.17p The charity were extremely grateful. Thank you all so very much.

Alison Bennett

Please accept this as my personal thanks as I am unable to write individually to all who made donations. I do hope you will understand.

LETTER FROM ROUND TABLE CHILDREN’S WISH

“RTCW (Round Table Children’s Wish) would like to express our sincere thanks to Alison Bennett who recently celebrated her 40th Birthday with a ‘Peace and Love Concert’.

The concert raised a wonderful sum of £838.17 which Alison has donated to RTCW. This donation will help us fulfil our mission of

‘granting wishes to children with life threatening illnesses’

If any of your readers would like more information about our charity please visit our Web Site www.rtcw.org or call the office on 01202 514515 and we will be happy to send a brochure detailing our work.”
Pop In Place Village Fun Quiz
Monday May the 19th 7.30 pm at the Drax Hall. Teams of four. £1 to enter. Please arrange your team of four and turn up for a fun night there will be a raffle and refreshments and certificates and a prize for the winning team.

Bere Regis Open Gardens Day
I am please to confirm that this will be going ahead on Sunday the 20th of July from 10 am until 4pm, please write this date in your diary. As there is no progress with the New Hall we will be giving this year’s money to the Drax Hall to make some significant improvements.

Alison Bennett Team Leader.

The Pop In Place Bere Regis
Pop In Place Sessions – Monday and Friday Mornings 10 am - 12 noon

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

Easter Egg Raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade
On Friday the 18th of April 10 am until 12 noon in the upper Drax Hall. Please make an effort to enter the Easter Bonnet competitions so come on and get busy and make those Bonnets there will be a children's competition and an adult’s competition. Donation for the Easter egg raffle will be gratefully accepted and if you need them to be collected phone Colin and Gwen 472335

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The Pip Squeak Musical Youth Group

Has started up again after a short break while the older members worked on the Love and Peace concert. We will be meeting every Thursday 6pm until 7.30pm at the Drax Hall apart from the second Thursday as it is Parish Council. We will be working in our various workshop groups and also focusing on the Performer of the Year Competition on September the 13th.

You must register by filling in a registration form and paying £1 on your first visit then it is 50p per week thereafter. No children under class 3 age please.

Pop In Place Poppets Dates for April are as follows.

April 2nd  Decorating Easter Bonnets
April 9th  Closed
April 16th  Playdough
April 23rd  Vegetable and Sponge printing
April 30th  Make a house collage

For more information or offers of help phone Mandy on 472583

Pop In Place Child Protection Policy

The Pop In Place has adopted a child protection Policy, this will mean that all volunteers that are in direct contact with children will need to have a Criminal Record Bureau check. We are pleased to announce that our Child Protection Officers have all completed the process and have been cleared to work with children and vulnerable people, and they are now processing the remainder of the children's projects voluntary staff.

This is all part of our commitment to protecting the children in our care. Also all volunteers will take part in NSPCC Training.

Next Poetry reading day is Friday the 16th of May 10.30 start.

You are Invited to attend

The Pop In Place Bere Regis

A.G.M.

Monday the 7th of April
At the Drax Hall North Street

Arrive at 10am for coffee
Meeting starts at 10.15am

Please come along and offer your support.