In the middle of July I was scribbling away, or perhaps I should say tapping away in my study, musing about some forthcoming baptisms and weddings. I was also thinking about the row in the Church of England over sexuality. I was trying to understand the variety of views expressed, many with the great conviction of ‘absolute truth’, and many with personal experiences of exclusion and prejudice. We need to consider what the very heated debate means, if anything, for our communities. What has become clear is that with all our ‘broadness’ the Church will not move forward inclusively unless we not only give the vital moral lead the Country needs, but also are more fully engaged with all the real issues that make up our society today. Furthermore we cannot make progress together if we communicate by megaphone. Whatever our views, we all need to give much more time to reflect, study and constructively share our thoughts and beliefs.

Meanwhile in the stillness of my study there was a pleasant little breeze blowing through the French window. Outside the thermometer was reading 32 in the shade, though for the night some thunderstorms were promised to break the stifling heat and water the browning lawns. Good weather for hay making and early barley harvesting no doubt. But, discomforting as the heat was for some, I think it’s important to remember these lovely sunny days when we find ourselves in late November’s gloom or February’s dampness, before the long awaited Spring comes around once again, albeit seemingly earlier each year.

It was with this sense of time and the cycles of the seasons and the patterns of life, that my sister jolted me gently out of my thoughts. In our family, I’m number two of four siblings, with a twin sister, an elder brother in Australia and a younger brother in Hampshire. My sister telephoned to say that our 93 years old mother, who was widowed in 1970, had suffered a slight stroke and that she was finding it very difficult to take food. For the past seven years she has, like so many elderly people today, been in a nursing home, suffering increasingly from dementia.
So after rearranging my parish diary it was with some sense of foreboding that I set off for Sussex to see her. At the home I met my sister and younger brother.

She was in her little room sleeping rather fitfully. Physically it seemed she was reverting to an almost baby like physique, shrunken vulnerable and very frail.

In her prime she was always energetic, house proud and devoted to her family. Like Dad she was very musical and they were dedicated church members. She had a lovely soprano voice and with Dad, who had studied as a pianist, they made great music together especially at family parties. They had a wide circle of friends and loved flowers and gardening.

Over the next 20 hours or so with feeding now impossible, all we could do was to moisten her lips with those little sponges on a stick and try to ensure she was not suffering too much. She made it through the night and then, whilst deeply asleep very gently slipped away in the early morning. For me, it was a real privilege to be with her at her death praying at her bedside, thanking God for her life, and asking His blessing on her, speeding her way to paradise.

Then, whilst I was awaiting the doctor and the undertaker, there was a timeless moment for reflection and memories. It was a time to recall the good times, her vitality, her inspiration and her faith, and I was reminded of the seasons of all our lives, and the infinite pageant and pattern of them in this world in which God has placed everyone of us to serve him and each other.

With love and prayers

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
22nd June at Bere Regis
Lucy Catherine Flann.
Terri Louise & Kelly Joanne Whitfield.
29th June at Affpuddle Emily Jane Read.

Marriages
5th July at Affpuddle Christopher James Holland and Elizabeth Maria Miles.

Funerals
18th July at Affpuddle Sandra Diane Reed, and interment in the Churchyard.

Memorial Service
24th June at Bere Regis Cmdr Dick Clarke.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August
1st - 5th Dorset Arts and Crafts Association
89th Annual Exhibition at Bovington Middle School 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (except Tuesday 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.)
2nd Briantspuddle Horticultural Show and Summer Fair 1.00 p.m.
5th Gardening Club - Mystery Outing
Mondays 4th, 11th & 18th, Friday 22nd Pop in Place Children’s Summer Activities 10 am – 11.45 am
13-15th 10.15 am-12noon Seaside Rock Holiday Club for Children at the Butt Lane Chapel.
17th 10.00am Holiday Club Family Service and Prize Giving at the Butt Lane Chapel

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
19th—21st Twinning Association exchange weekend to Cerences
30th Knit and Knatter, Cyril Wood court 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

October
4th Concert for Harvest, Parish Church 7.30 p.m.
7th Gardening Club - P P Plants

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3rd  9.15 Mr House/Mr Bates  
     6.00 Mrs Jutting

10th  11.00 Mrs England/Mrs March  
      6.00 Mrs Griffin

17th  9.15 Mr Smith/Mr Croom  
      6.00 Mr Ventham

24th  11.00 Miss Miller  
      6.00 Mr Woodward

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

3rd/10th August  Mrs J Clifford  Mrs J Woodward

17th/24th August  Mrs J Harley  Mrs G Whittle

31st August  Mrs B Griffin  Mrs N Gibson

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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 Silavs – 471577

**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

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.

Dorset/Lativa Link Secretary - Jenny Silavs - 01929 471577

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST

Saturday 2nd August
3.00pm Holy Matrimony Bere Regis

Sunday 3rd August Seventh Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins & Communion Affpuddle
1.00pm Holy Baptism Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 10th August Eighth 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 17th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11.00am Family Communion & Holy Baptism Affpuddle
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Sunday 24th August
St. Bartholomew the Apostle -
Tenth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am  Holy Communion
9.15am  Parish Communion
11.00am  Mattins & Communion
1.00pm  Holy Baptism
6.00pm  Evensong

Saturday 30th August
2.00pm  Holy Matrimony

Sunday 31st August
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
8.00am  Holy Communion
9.15am  Benefice Communion

Sunday 7th September
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
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9.15am  Parish Communion
11.00am  Mattins & Communion
6.00pm  Evensong

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BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

There will be no practices in August and we plan to start again on Wednesday 10th September at 6.30pm. Anyone is very welcome to come and look or have a try.

The report of our Guild Belfry Inspector has been received and he has given us a detailed report and a list of jobs to be done without delay (mainly tightening up bolts, renewing leathers, replacing some worn or sheared off bolts) and also some longer term improvements such as replacing some clapper mechanisms and providing roller bearings which would be a help in long term maintenance.

Some of the initial jobs have already been completed and others well on the way with the kind help of local craftsmen.

Bells for weddings have been asked for on Saturday 2nd and Saturday 30th August. We will do our best with ringer's holidays permitting.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

My grateful thanks to all for the help and support you gave me to make our Flower Festival at Bere Regis Church such an enormous success. It was a splendid display and also a financial success with about £500 collected over the weekend. Thankyou to everyone.

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Many visitors have enjoyed their tours and one couple asked us to thank not only their guide but also all the many people who keep the church and churchyard looking so good for the benefit of not only visitors but for the local community as well. Thank you all.

MOTHERS’ UNION

Sixteen members attended the July meeting which was held at Shirley’s house in Shitterton.

No formal business was dealt with on this occasion, but we were kept busy with our solutions to a ‘fun’ quiz compiled by Sally Cheeseman.

On 19th June eight members joined a party from Blandford Mothers’ Union on a visit by coach to Mottisfont Abbey and Garden, a National Trust property near Romsey. This was originally a 12th century priory converted into a private dwelling after the Dissolution. The beautiful gardens were much enjoyed by all present on a very sunny afternoon.

On 21st August Verwood Mothers’ Union will be visiting Bere Regis from 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m., when a guided tour of the Church will be included followed by refreshments.

The next monthly meeting will be held on 3rd September in Turberville Court at 7.30pm.

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There was no further news to report on the Purbeck Local Plan. A letter expressing the concerns of the Parish Council had been sent in June to the clerks of all neighbouring parishes, the Chief Executives of the District and County Council and the Planning Department Purbeck District Council. To date no responses had been received.

The Council discussed a video about the Code of Conduct which now governed all councils. The video had been circulated to all councillors and the Chairman had arranged for the Council to watch the video at the start of the meeting. There were several points which needed clarification. Mrs. Rickets would discuss the matter with the monitoring Officer.

For information the new clerk’s address, telephone number and e mail are:

Mrs. V. Ricketts, 27 Eastdown Avenue, Preston, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6QN
Telephone (01305) 835264 e mail - ricketts@tinyworld.co.uk.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Horticultural Show and Summer Fair—Saturday 1st August from 1.00 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. Stalls, BBQ and Bar.

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

SUMMER SPECIAL CLEAN.

Thanks to the four other ladies who turned up to give the church a good Summer clean. We were able to polish all the pews and other furniture, polish the wooden floors and vacuum the hassocks. I cleaned the church for the fifth Sunday so I washed the floor. What with all this activity the church looked and smelt gorgeous!

The next Special clean will be after Harvest Festival on Saturday 11th October.

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1st prize - £10
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MRS M JAMES - NO 64

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MRS J WOODWARD - NO 54

4th prize - £5
MRS J KINAHAN - NO 199

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

PLEASE CONTACT GORDON PHILLIPS FOR DETAILS – 471525
At a meeting held on 9th July the following business was discussed.

The new clerk, Mrs. Ricketts, commenced her duties. The accounts for 2002/03 were approved. Arrangements were made to open a new bank account, various road and rights of way matters were discussed. It was decided to delay the allocation of Councillors’ Responsibilities until more members of the Council were present. No planning applications relating to the Parish had been received by the date of the meeting. The Planning Seminar arranged by Purbeck District Council to help new and existing councillors was discussed. Concern was expressed about the number of delegated planning applications. The perception could be that plans of importance to the Parish could be “hurried through”. The District Council is being urged to process planning applications more quickly. Mrs. Ricketts agreed to discuss the matter with the Planning Officers.

Commander de Burgh gave an update on the Parish Plan.

The Village Hall Development was discussed. The architect’s account had been paid by the Committee. Arrangements were made to pay the agreed grant from the Parish Council to the Committee towards this expense.

The Parish Council’s boundaries with its neighbours was discussed. A decision was deferred pending consultation with the Council’s solicitors.
August 2003

As a matter of interest, a party format has been chosen because this is not meant to be a fund raising event, but a celebration, and we want to keep costs to a minimum. (Knowing as we do how difficult it is to raise money!) So, any assistance that you can offer will be gratefully accepted. (Phone those same numbers again).

Please, please, try to contribute something to the display, and join us in the evening too for the birthday party. Remember, this grand old building is your Village Hall . . . . we just look after it for you!

Jenny Lightfoot

PARISHES OF AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH PLAN PROJECT

229 Questionnaires were returned, some of which were completed on behalf of a household instead of individually - so we believe that overall there was about a 60% response. Generally speaking every area of the parish was reasonably represented and there was a good spread across the age groups except for the 11-21 group (which was a bit low). We therefore also believe that apart from the younger generation the response was reasonably representative of the parish as a whole.

Many, many thanks to those who found the time to fill in the questionnaires. We deliberately left plenty of room for open comment, the vast majority of which was very useful. It took ages to work through and we don not claim it to be perfect now, but you will be pleased to know that all the information has now been successfully transferred onto analysis sheets and the results have been formed into some readable packs for the Steering Group to use and to start drawing conclusions. Those packs are/were available for all to read at the Briantspuddle Horticultural Show on 2nd August [depending upon when you receive this magazine].

There will be a final opportunity to discuss any of the topics raised or even introduce new ones on Thursday 18th September during an open meeting at the Briantspuddle Village Hall from 7.00 to 9.00pm. We have booked the hall to give a presentation of the information gathered to date at 7.30pm and for the Working Group to be on hand to discuss any particular topics in detail. We will then spend the Autumn months talking to all the various organisations and authorities to seek resolution were we can and drawing out the remaining issues to take forward into an Action Plan and Design Statement for Parish Council to adopt and for the District council to endorse. Please come along if you have something to say, or even just to listen and even if you have not filled in a questionnaire – your view is still important and can still be taken into account. Everyone will of course have an opportunity later this year to comment on a draft of the Parish Plan before it is finally set in print early in the new year.

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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the July meeting the Council received a report from the County Council concerning the lack of grass cutting throughout the Village and the approach road verges. Remarkably it appears to be a County wide problem that the authorities seem unprepared to tackle. We did not receive any great promises of improvement in the future. The matter was raised by a representative of PIP who reminded us all that their ‘Open Gardens’ event is on the 20th July - only ten days from our meeting. She asked that the verges be cleared of weed if possible but we were advised that the sweeping machine is not fitted with brushes to do that task. In the end it was suggested that volunteers might like to come forth but that they must be warned of the hazards involved. Parishioners may well ask why the Council does not employ somebody to undertake this and other tasks. The simple answer is cost. It not just the wage and provision of the tools etc, but, as we found out some years ago when we looked into this, there is the protective clothing, the insurance and training to be considered. Also at the end of the day where do we find somebody prepared to do the task these days of minimum wage etc.

There is some good news concerning the roundabout on the Poole Road, it is anticipated that the concrete blocks are going to be removed and the area landscaped - in the autumn. The plans for sponsorship are ‘progressing’.

The recent spate of vandalism highlighted in time for the summer holidays by the Vicar last month, and again on the ether in mid July, was discussed by the Council. The County Councillor has been asked to organise a meeting with the Chief Constable so that the Chairman and vice Chairman may register the dissatisfaction of the Council with the apparent lack of police presence at times of need. The Council would like a presence on Fridays and Saturdays from 11.00pm to 1.00am. The matter will, it is hoped be discussed at the Purbeck Crime and Disorder Group at their meeting in August.

The Council was advised that the Royal Oak is to appeal against their refusal for a Public Entertainment Licence. It is likely that this will be held at Wareham on 8th August.

The Council has decided to make a planning application for the new Village Hall along Elder Road near to the Scout HQ. A revised scheme from both the original and a previous revised scheme was presented to the Council. Previous schemes were costed at sums far in excess of what we could expect to raise. The architect has approached this scheme based upon a lower cost and included obvious sporting activities
The Management Committee met in July and the half yearly financial position was agreed to be successful in that the income had exceeded outgoings beyond the figures planned in the Budget. However the Committee recognises that these favourable sums will be swallowed up with the maintenance that is anticipated through the remainder of the year. The Committee is planning some future events which include a Tea Dance on 26 October, a Christmas Bingo, a showing of a film in February - if possible from the Dorset Archives and an Exhibition involving all Groups in the Village on 12th April 2004. which is the Easter Bank Holiday. These are in addition to any of the shows that I wrote about last month.

The Committee learned of the sale of the neighbouring cottage - No 95 North Street - and discussed possible implications.

The Council has decided to display the Planning Application plans before their meeting each month. These will be placed at the entrance to the Drax Hall on Monday and Friday mornings when the PIP is in session. There are not many each month so there should be ample space in the cloakroom area. Comments should be passed to the District Council in the usual way but this may save journeys to Westport House. On completion you can enjoy a coffee at the PIP.

The Government has decided that there should be some remuneration to Parish Councillors in return for their labours as members. The Council members present decided that they would not accept this as it was yet another call on the precept - and subsequently the Council Tax.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 14th August at 7.00pm.

MORE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There are some things that I’d rather not be doing in the searing humid heat, and one of them is composing prose, still, there are worse ways to while away a few hours. I must alert those who do not yet know, that we’re planning a Village Hall 200th birthday party on Saturday the 30th of August. This will consist of a display in the hall of local peoples talents, and an evening B B Q and picnic (with music) in the Hall Yard, or the Hall if the weather is inclement.

Exhibition

If you’re 6 or 66 we want to see what you do in your spare time, because we are convinced that there is a wealth of talent out there, and everyone can potentially contribute to a display like this, anything from model aeroplanes to Dorset buttons, from a flower arrangement to an embroidery, from a sculpture to a papier mâché construction, we would very much like to include as many different items as we can get.

Anyway, the idea is that anyone in the Parish can bring along an example or two of their ‘work’ (labelled) on the Friday afternoon/evening and our volunteers will set up the display. Then on the Saturday from 11.00am till 5.00pm everyone will be welcome to view the (hopefully) diverse talents of the Parish in the Hall.

Ring Jenny Lightfoot on 471498, Sue Taylor on 471328 or Mary Sherwood on 471575 as soon as possible if you, or a shy friend or relative, would like to contribute. It will cost nothing, and it might be fun.

Supper

In the evening from 5.30pm we will provide the venue, the plates and cutlery, the hot barbeque and the music, and you can bring your family and friends and some food to be cooked on a Barbie, or a picnic supper. The Social Club Bar will be open that evening too so do make the effort and come along.

Mike Menzies
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH FETE

As far as the numbers go:
- we delivered 164 hand bills
- stuck up 36 posters
- erected 30 street signs
- placed 3 adverts in the press
- sent 8 post cards
- had 17 trading stalls
- welcomed 227 paying visitors, plus children, plus the band, plus the stall holders.

I took £1212 to the bank on the Monday and have paid a £100 pounds to the band and £35 for the ball pond. So, on the recount, the profit has gone up to £1077. I cannot blame anyone else for the less than adequate parking arrangements, and I forgot a PA system.

The best money makers this year:
5) Bric-a-brac £127.93
4) Raffle £137.50
3) Cakes £141.00
2) Tombola £169.20
1) Teas £174.55

Plants grew to nearly £100, coconuts threw in a mean £66 with the new Butterfield hoops, ices liquidated nearly £40, knocked down a place by skittles closer to £40. Who would have guessed Shirley’s sweet jar would have raised £32. Many of the stall holders donated their prizes but it was a combination of the effort of the workforce, the marvellous band, and the lovely garden (thanks to Janet & Marek) which meant that everyone had a good time.

The afternoon was not just about money. The village folk came out and had fun together in some lovely new surroundings. The spirit of the village was warmer than the weather and I think God answered a few prayers by holding back any rain.

Well, the flag has come down, Marek has embarked on his croquet lawn repair programme, and people are already talking about next year! Which site should

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**PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Waste**
We have been “requested” to support the government’s initiative to dramatically increase the extent and volume of waste that is recycled; however the cost of meeting those requirements will be extremely heavy and we are asking that this be funded by central government, and not as an extra cost on the Council tax. Our approach was discussed at the last Scrutiny and Review Group of which I am Vice Chairman, and I am pleased to report that this currently has all party support. What the government are asking us to do makes sense; we just can not afford it, but if we do not do it we may be assessed as a “failing” Council!

**Community Wardens**
We will soon be coming to the end of the two year trial period for the Community Warden scheme that has seen two part time wardens on duty around Bere Regis, Wool and Bloxworth. The government contributed to the scheme initially but are likely to ask Purbeck District Council to pay all of the costs from now on. Once I know what the costs are it will help us all to take a view on whether we should go ahead or not and I will describe the options open to us in more detail in a later report. If we do extend the scheme I will be asking that the wardens be available at more appropriate and relevant times (Saturday nights for example) and not just during the day, as at the moment.

**Planning Board**
I have requested a report on the progress of the enforcement of the planning conditions on the Purbeck Shooting School be given to the Planning Board to be held on Thursday August 28th. This will be held at Westport House in Wareham and will hopefully be dealt with near the start of the meeting at 09.15 a.m.

**Surgery**
Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

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**AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS**

**VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

There is not much to report after the mammoth effort of the Open Gardens. The final figure was £2465.18. This is a wonderful boost to the Hall’s fund raising. There is the Barn Dance to look forward to (Saturday 27th September) and the Committee is taking part in the Purbeck Film Festival again. The 11th October has been provisionally booked for our film show. I do not know which film will be shown. Part of the festival programme this year includes both a Katherine Hepburn and a Gregory Peck retrospective, so we could well have a film starring either of those actors. As usual the film show will be combined with a supper. It is planned to run the film first and then have the supper. I have not yet been told which of the Artsreach productions chosen are due to be shown. Watch this space.

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

I recently volunteered to be responsible for co-ordinating our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, but have discovered that at present there is no-one and nothing to co-ordinate. True, we have signs throughout the parish and doubtless people are telling their insurers that they live in a Neighbourhood Watch area. However, if Neighbourhood Watch is to mean anything and serve any useful purpose in deterring crime in our area, then volunteers are needed. Don’t worry, I am not proposing vigilante patrols! I would just like a group of volunteers throughout the parish who could be informed of any warnings received from Police H.Q. and who could pass on any necessary information and/or advice to their neighbours. Conversely, the volunteers could inform me of any incident in their area so that I could pass on the information to the authorities if necessary and decide whether the other volunteers needed to be made aware of it.

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Janet and Family

and in the Blaxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. There will however be no surgery in August. 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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5 Function
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12 Darts Challenge – Men & Women 8.00 p.m.
16 Visitors from Poole
18 Inter Club – Mixed Pairs and Finals 8.00 p.m.
19 Quiz Night 8.15 p.m.
24 Crib Singles Round Robin 8.00 p.m. £1.50

August
2 Disco
9 Women’s Section Fete 3.00 p.m.
10 Flower Show
15 B.R.A.T.S. Show
16 B.R.A.T.S. Show
30 Function

September
6 Quiz Night 8.15 p.m.

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**VENUES 2003**

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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**

**AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB**

There were fifty members present at the July meeting and there were 19 entries for the Rosebowl competition which was won by Jeff from Corfe Castle.

There were 10 Doyleys on display and a number of Musical Boxes which the owners played and told of their history. A cream tea was then enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be on the 13th August in the Drax Hall at 2.30pm when the speaker will be Mr Jeff King who will be talking about being in the theatre and pantomimes. The competition is a ‘Hat for Ascot’.

**Club Events & Notices**

The club would like to stress that the amount of dog fouling on the playing field has reduced, which is a positive sign, so to continue this trend the club would like to ask dog owners to refrain from letting their dogs on the pitch and ground in the interests of health and safety.
they scored at over a run a ball, and were closing in on the target. The young Macklin was tasked with bowling the final over with stemming the scoring to 15 or under for a Bere win. The first three balls yielded 7 runs, and Bere fingernails were on the menu. However only a couple of scrambled singles left Cattistock needing five to win of four to tie off the last ball. Not even a Hollywood script could have been written about the two games played between the sides, and it was Bere’s turn to win as Rick Davis returned the ball from the long-off boundary and the away side managed two runs to leave Bere celebrating a 2 run win.

Touring & Friendly Matches

The annual matches against ECC Quarries have taken on a new meaning with Bere entertaining their old friendly foes of recent seasons. A trip to the foothills of the Purbecks culminated in an exciting contest with ECC nudging Bere out by 1 run. It was good to see injured strike bowler Ian Hardy back in action albeit in a limited capacity. Touring team Oldfield Park arrived from Bath. They play in the North Somerset League, and Bere entertained them on a balmy Friday evening. It was an excellent opportunity for batsmen to rediscover their form, and Peter Macklin duly obliged with a powerful 46 not out. Dave Scott blasted 40 from 23 balls as Bere raced to 151 off their 22 overs. Bere’s bowlers made early inroads to the ‘Park batting, and they never recovered with young starlets Brad Bird and Roy Phillips grabbing wickets to end the game with Bere winning by 72 runs. It was a game enjoyed by all, proving another successful venture by the club. The club have a very social game on 31 August as the final scheduled league match has been cancelled due to a league withdrawal. Also there are barbecues in July including a FROGS V BRSC match on 19 July.

Forthcoming fixtures

2 Aug CATTISTOCK (a) NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
3 Aug BEAMINSTER (a) NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5
4 Aug DORSET YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (h)

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A group of ROGS members, including the Captain and Vice Captain, went to Cornwall in June for the weekend. Three rounds of golf were planned at the Bowood Park Golf Club. This fantastic course coupled with good food and excellent accommodation, not to mention the entertainment provided by Tom Crabtree, deemed priceless by the vice-captain – Russell White, all made for a fantastic weekend away from the garden with stories galore about the one that went in the rough etc., etc.

As the golf comprised of three rounds the competition was set at the highest Stableford score over the three days. The competition was intense and in keeping with ROGS tradition, the first three players of the day had their handicaps cut for the next days play.

On the first day, the Vice-Captain scored 38 points and had his handicap cut from 24 to 21, a real shock to his system. The second day saw Ian Macklin score an incredible 41 points and his handicap was reduced from 27 to 24 and was immediately renamed ‘Sombrero Macklin – Bandito’

During breakfast on the last day everyone realised just how close the competition was with young Macklin on 71 points, Mr. Vice on 70 points and Roger Johns on 65 points. Ian was playing off 24, Russell off 20 and Roger off 9.

The added spice to the last days proceedings was added by Mr. Captain, Paul Ebsworth, who put up a prize for ‘nearest the pin’ on a par 3. This spurred everyone into a frenzied competitive spirit. The par 3’s came and went with little success until the fourteenth, when Jolly Roger landed a ball on the putting surface and declared the Captain’s prize as his. Definitely Jolly Rogered.

Three consecutive days of golf always takes its toll and after 10 miles of walking, the Vice Captain fell away on the back nine holes. Young Macklin and Jolly Old Roger slugged it out to the end until the final green when young Macklin sunk a four foot putt to win the match overall. It will not be long before this big hitting youngster has his name on a ROGS trophy. Roger was second highest scoring over the weekend with the Jimmy ‘Ever’ Green. So with no games on 29 June and 20 July The Poom can relax and settle in for the challenges ahead.

Dorchester & District Evening League
Division 2

Affairs are hotting up in the evening format of the game. Bere skipper-Russell Hewitt as been mighty proud of his young charges, and also some not so young. There has been some epic encounters both at The BRACA (Bere Regis Alcoholic Cricket Assoc.) and on the road. The first included an eventful game at Cattistock when Nick ‘Slick’ Cheeseman once again showed why he must open the batting with his second half-century of the campaign. The match ended in a hard fought tied game with these rivals locked in a promotion battle. The next game saw Bere ease past Puddletown 2nds with the technically correct wicket-keeper batsman-Shane Hewitt hitting a best score of 46 not out. he added 103 with Dean Rogerson to secure Bere a win by 63 runs. For the next encounter Bere owed it to themselves to show a good account of them at home to all-conquering Cheselbourne. Again it was The Postman who hit 58, and with support from Steve Cheeseman, the score was pushed along to a useful 145 for 5 off their 20 overs. The Cheselbourne reply was brisk as expected, but not without results for Bere, as Peter ‘Fella’ Macklin produced a sparkling piece of fielding to run out the hard hitting Cheselbourne no.1. Bere then turned the screw keeping the run rate well below the required amount, yet Cheselbourne’s experience showed and they deftly batted themselves into the driving seat, but 5 further run outs from Bere sealed an unlikely win by 8 runs, shifting the balance of power at the head of division 2.

The feared trip to Hazelbury Bryan resulted in a 5 wicket defeat for Bere, when again they failed to apply themselves and the home side comfortably won within 16 overs. To maintain their momentum in the league, Bere needed to beat Cattistock at home and move alongside them in the table. The weather threatened to interrupt proceedings with ‘nuisance value’ rain effecting players’ comfort. Yet the gloom did not prevail and Bere batted first with the effervescent Slickster at the helm with Texas Tom Bennett. They only added 20 before Bennett was caught trying to push the score. Then Slickster paired up with Dean Rogerson to contribute a match-winning 109 to the Bere total for the second wicket. Each raced to their fifties within 7 balls of each other. Rogerson fell shortly, yet The Slick continued to plunder the bowling, and he hit 6 sixes (one delightfully dabbed over point) in an unbeaten 80 out of Bere’s 152 for 2. Bere started by restricting the Cattistock batting during the first ten overs and taking two wickets including a running catch from Texas Tom on the shed boundary taking great care not to step over the rope. The visitor’s vast experience was however beginning to tell as
a piece of supremely indifferent umpiring to dislodge the game from Bere, from that moment the home hopes faded. They picked themselves up for the trip to Swanage in the baking heat, but it was the home side who capitulated, with Bere recording a memorable victory inside 21 overs and by seven wickets, largely thanks to Kevin Brown with a simply majestic 79 not out. His awesome presence will be missed during the next two weeks while he is on holiday. Bere sit in fifth and have 7 games to play.

NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5

The Sunday skipper-Martyn Price or alternatively ‘The Wool Stopping Service’ or ‘Poom’ has guided Bere through a smooth passage in division 5 thus far this season. The step up in class has not deterred Bere’s ever-improving Sunday warriors, as they proudly sit on top of the table. There has been bad news in the shape of two teams withdrawing from the league, so with gaps in the fixtures the skipper was keen for the promotion chasing squad to remain focussed for the battles ahead. The dangerous Corfe Mullen side was negotiated with some belligerent batting from the likes of Dave Scott, Sir Charles Way, Reg ‘Calypso King’ Fripp and the skipper himself. A towering 261 was set for Corfe to chase, yet it was Bere’s opening all-rounder Reg Fripp who stole the limelight with a spell of 3-66. The only blot on the copybook was defeat away to Lytchett Matravers, where Bere were comprehensively outplayed on the carpet. The crunch of the season so far was the visit of Speedliners who were locked in battle with Bere at the top having not lost a game yet one more cancelled. It was deemed unlikely that the game would be played owing to 40mm of overnight rain had rendered the pitch almost unplayable and the groundsman fatigued. Bere skittled the visitors for 90, and the home side batted before tea and soon lost 6 wickets for a miniscule 26 runs, but Dave Scott whose batting is maturing rapidly, sensed a win was still there for Bere and his 48 out of 91 proved the telling factor. The success story of the season has got to be Scott’s batting, yet Dean ‘The Postman’ Rogerson is in a rich vein of form notching 7 fifties in all competitions, and is bowling arguably his tidiest and intelligent returns. His 78 against Ferndown was lauded as his best yet, and with Matt Tatchell showing glimpses of his best, Bere’s promotion chase in surety in their own hands. Branksome were fast moving up on the rails, and they visited Bere with high hopes. In searing heat, Bere fielded and conceded 184 runs with The Postman taking 4-30. In reply it took a measured innings from Man of The Moment Dave Scott with an unbeaten 57 steering Bere with 36 points for the day, absolutely super for a 9 handicapper.

A special thanks was given to the not so young, Nick Macklin, who stepped in at the last minute to join the happy throng. A special thanks was extended to the Vice-Captain, who organised the trip and looks forward to repeating the performance in 2004.

Mr. Vice/RW

ROGS – June Fixture – Dudsbury

For the ROGS outing in June they were playing for the Whitbread Shield at Dudsbury Golf Club.

A welcome was extended to a new member, Robert Smith, who has recently moved into the village.

After early rain the skies cleared and provided the players with an extremely challenging course and very fast greens.

The winner with 34 points was Richard (Tich) White with Roger Johns at second with 33 points and Jim Corbin third with 31 points. The 2’s worth £53 was won by Robbie Hall, the nearest the pin was won by Roger Johns and the longest drive by Alan Mattey.

Everyone was delighted with the meal provided by the Dudsbury Golf Club after which a formal presentation of the winners medals was carried out by the Captain – Paul Ebsworth.

The year is moving very fast and the next event on Friday 25th July is at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club. First Tee time is 12.15.

RLD

THANK YOU

I would just like to say many thanks to those people who sent me cards and good wishes for my knee operation.

I am making very good progress, but not yet running

Ed House
**Ragamuffins photo-shoot**

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**Reports**

**NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2**

Bere’s premier eleven completed a most miserable run for the first third of the 2003 season. It needed a pick me up in the shape of a passing comment from an opposing captain to kickstart Bere’s season. What followed has been a dramatic turn around in events with five wins in six, including most recently away to promotion certainties-Swanage. The trip to Shaftesbury was equally feared given that they had despatched all sides with ease so far. It was Bere’s batting that stepped up a notch to surpass the 200 mark and then witnessed a severely depleted Bere side successfully defend that target much to the delight of the captain-Peter Gilersuriya Cheeseman. The welcome relief of batsmen returning to form has given the decimated bowling ranks some much needed breathing space. Rivals Shroton and Blandford were beaten consecutively to push Bere into mid-table in what is fastly proving to be a competitive division. The ‘forty-pointer’ at Blandford was crucial to the ongoing, fledging recovery, and it was joyful to witness Alan Green hitting the winning runs. The visit of Dorchester II was again a stern test, and another yardstick for Bere to measure their progress by, and despite spilling no less than eight catches Bere were home by 14 runs in a high scoring affair. So came talk of promotion, but all was blown away in the July dust when Broadstone came to town and wrecked Bere’s impressive run. It took
3 Jul  Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2  (18 over game)
BERE REGIS  70 for 6
(P Fripp 22no)
HAZELBURY BRYAN  74 for 5
(R Davis 2-14)
5 Jul  NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
BROADSTONE II  266 for 9  BERE REGIS  172 allout
(N Carruthers 53, K Brown 29, D Rogerson 25)
6 Jul  NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5
BERE REGIS  190 for 4  (C Way 29, D Rogerson 78no, M Tatchell 44, D Scott 21no)
FERNDOWN  124 allout  (M Tatchell 4-40, R Fripp 3-24)
11 Jul  Touring Match
BERE REGIS  151 for 5  (P Macklin 46, S Hewitt 25, D Scott 40, N White 27no)
OLDFIELD PARK  89 allout  (N White 4-8, R Phillips 2-14)
12 Jul  NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
SWANAGE  117 for 8  (R Davis 3-30)
BERE REGIS  121 for 3  (K Brown 79no)

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August 2003

**BERE REGIS SCHOOL**

The school has come to the end of another busy year and people are starting their long (for the parents) summer holidays. Yet there are still a few things to do.

Firstly I must thank everybody who was involved in the very successful school fete. Well done.

The school has a vacancy for a school cleaner/caretaker. The job involves 15 hours per week and will start in September. Please contact the school office or myself if interested.

Personally I would like to thank all my fellow governors who have helped the school and me during the last 12 months. The year has seen four governors depart. They will be hard to replace. If interested in becoming a parent governor please contact either Debbie Scott or myself.

Mr Pip Evans, Chair of Governors

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Applications for grants in 2003-2004 MUST be received before 31st October 2003, otherwise it will not be possible to consider them.

Applications forms can be obtained from:
Miss M. Frampton,
William Frampton Educational Foundation,
Park House,
Moreton,
Dorchester, DT2 8RH

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18 JunDorchester & District Evening League Division 2 (18 over game)
BERE REGIS 135 for 2
(D Rogerson 39no, S Hewitt 46no)
PUDDELTOWN II 79 for 7
(G Elphinstone-Davis 2-20, P Macklin 3-2)

21 JunNSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
BLANDFORD II 178 allout
(S Cheeseman 3-23, D Rogerson 3-43)
BERE REGIS 179 for 7
(K Brown 38, D Rogerson 39, A Kent 27, S Cheeseman 27no)

22 JunNSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5
SPEEDLINERS 90 allout
(R Fripp 3-9)
BERE REGIS 91 for 9
(D Scott 48)

25 Jun Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2 (20 over game)
BERE REGIS 145 for 6
(D Rogerson 58, S Cheeseman 28no)
CHESELBOURNE 137 for 8

27 JunEvening Friendly
E.C.C. QUARRIES 97 allout
(R Davis 4-1, B Bird 4-11)
BERE REGIS 96 for 8
(P Fripp 19)

28 JunNSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
BERE REGIS 235 for 7
(R Hewitt 62, D Rogerson 51)
DORCHESTER II 221 for 4

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**BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB**

**Cricket Results**

7 Jun NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2

BERE REGIS 202 for 5
(N Cheeseman 31, R Hewitt 40, A Kent 34, D Merritt 26, N Carruthers 37)

SHAFTESBURY 124 for 9
(C Holland 3-31, D Rogerson 3-37)

8 Jun NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5

BERE REGIS 261 for 5
(R Fripp 35, M Price 54, C Way 39, D Rogerson 29, D Scott 45no)

CORFE MULLEN II 173 for 6
(R Fripp 3-66)

10 Jun Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2 (18 over game)

BERE REGIS 143 for 3
(N Cheeseman 51, D Rogerson 26, P Macklin 37no)

CATTISTOCK 143 for 7
(P Macklin 2-19, D Rogerson 3-21)

14 Jun NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2

SHROTON 95 allout
(D Rogerson 5-42, C Holland 3-31)

BERE REGIS 96 for 4
(A Kent 35no, N Cheeseman 27)

15 Jun NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5

BERE REGIS 188 allout
(M Price 32, P Macklin 49no)

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS 189 for 3

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Entries close on 13th of August

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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

Bere Regis Open Gardens
Thank you to everyone who opened their garden to the public and to all the people who helped or donated to the raffle or made cakes. Thank you also to everyone, who supported this event by buying programmes and viewing the gardens, more details will appear in the September magazine.

Summer Activity Programme.
The Pop In Place have arranged a Summer Activity Programme for children again this year during August the dates are...
Monday the 4th at 2pm Multi Sports
Monday the 11th at 10am Jewellery Collage and card making.

standards seem to be forever changing. We are hoping and praying that in some small way we can introduce them to the eternal values of the Lord Jesus Christ. This will be done in a positive, but low-key way as we look at the seaside events relating to Peter the fisherman.

On Sunday 17th at 10.00am we invite you to join us for a special Holiday Club Family Service, when the children will be able to share some of the things they have been doing and the competition prize-winners will be announced. It would be such an encouragement if you could plan to be there as a family.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Club and we pray that the love of Jesus will touch everyone who enters into this family event!

May God bless you as you have fun in the sun!
Pastor Jim Morris
The Manse Flat, Buttl Lane
Tel:01929 471270

The WI Members Evening was enjoyed by all.
The Model Village at Corfe Castle was very nice and we were made most welcome.
The September meeting is on 16th September when the speaker will be Mrs Erbetta on what’s new in haberdashery and crafts.

The Pop In Place is at the Drax Hall
The sun is out, the sky is blue,
Seaside Rock is just for you!

I am writing this during the mini heat wave in mid July and I hope that by the time you read this in the August edition of the Parish magazine the weather hasn’t peaked too soon. August is the main month of the children’s holidays and is usually a very trying time for parents at home as they endeavour to fill up the days! Well, for just a few days we are hoping to provide a bit of respite for besieged parents, guardians and carers. In addition to the excellent Summer activities programme for children being organised by the Pop In Place Team (see the advertisement on the Pop In Place pages) the Congregational Chapel is sponsoring a Christian-based Holiday Club programme for three mornings this month – 13th—15th from 10.15am – 12noon– absolutely free for all youngsters from 4 to 11 years old. The only requirement is that a registration and consent form is completed for each child. Most children will have brought these leaflets home from school, but if you need extras please give me a ring on the number below. The completed forms can be posted through the Manse Door in Butt Lane at any time before the Club, or brought on the day of the Club.

“SEASIDE ROCK” is a fast-moving three-day holiday club programme, packed with creative teaching, games, competitions, lively music, Bible focus and craft ideas. The front of the Chapel will be transformed into a seaside beach scene, complete with deck chairs and even a Beach Shop and Café. During the morning the children will be introduced to the various members of the Team and for the very young Harry Hedgehog will be helping things along, aided and abetted by Sunny (a ‘muppet’ type puppet), who will be running the Shop and Café. From the moment they arrive the programme will move from ‘dancing on the beach’ – a gentle aerobics work out for all ages to meeting Peter, the fisherman, who will have some wonderful and amazing stories of how he met Jesus. The 5 and unders will have their very own PEBBLES CLUB. After refreshments it’s into groups for some beach craftwork. In between there will be all sorts of games and surprises. It’s an event not to miss. I will be leading a Team of dedicated and responsible workers (with all the leading helpers having gained CRB clearance) who will have the welfare of the children at heart. Mums (and Dads) with toddlers are welcome to stay and sit in.

Having been involved with running similar Clubs for the best part of thirty years I can assure you it will be a fun-packed event. But behind the fun and games there is a serious intent to lay down some basic moral principles for the youngsters. Children grow up very fast (too fast) into a world where values and...
The Pop In Place Bere Regis

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BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

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Well summer has arrived at last and its time for getting out and about. The youth club members will certainly be doing that alright, with trips down to Shore Road at Sandbanks. There will be Beach Bar-B-Qs on Tuesdays 22 July, 19 August and 9 September with plenty of ‘Fun and Games’, plus plenty of burgers and hotdogs. Those attending just need to bring a towel, swimming costume and plenty to drink plus the sun block cream.

In August there will be an Evening Walk on the 12 and Tee-Shirt Painting on the 26.

September will see the young members involved in various competitions, with a Quiz Night on the 16, a Carpet Bowls Challenge on the 23 and Outdoor Games on the 30. There are also plans to run a trip to Paultons Park at the end of September or in early October.

Unfortunately due to the non-availability of the legion club on Wednesday evenings, until at least the end of September, there will not be any youth club on the first Wednesdays of the month.

As always new members are most welcome, it only costs £2.50p per year for juniors (8-11 years) and £4.00p for seniors (12-17 years). We will all be please to meet any potential new members, just call in and see us.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader

Along North Street in Bere Regis on a Tuesday evening you will find a dedicated number of villagers attending their training session at the fire station.

The fire station is crewed by members of the village who are able to offer their time to enable the fire engine to respond to any emergency. They undertake initial basic training prior to being allowed to crew the fire engine and then enter a competency based training period for two years. Even after that period, continuation training is carried out weekly, where they learn new skills or receive lectures on issues such as Health & Safety, Community Fire Safety or Equality and Fairness in the Workplace.

Unfortunately, like so many villages in the United Kingdom with their own part-time fire station, maintaining enough personnel to enable the fire engine to respond to all calls is becoming an ever-increasing problem.

If the Bere Regis fire engine is unable to leave the station because of a lack of personnel, it is down to the fire engines in surrounding towns, such as Wareham, Hamworthy or Dorchester, to respond instead, leading to a delay in the normal response time.

If you are between 18 - 50 years and would like to know what firefighters do for their community and how it can benefit you, just take yourself down to the local station and contact Gary Hewitt, the Station Commander on any Tuesday evening. You don’t have to be available all the time and if you’re concerned about your strength or fitness - don’t be! We can always assist, if necessary. You may find this is just the job for you!

Phil Allen, Area Officer, Dorset Fire & Rescue Service

Somewhere in sleepy secluded Shitterton a young man was in need.

Tom had suffered a debilitating accident. For his own independence he required some money for a powered wheelchair. Fortunately, mild mannered local, Ian Ventham heard of his plight. Having slipped his Y-fronts over his trousers in West Street’s phone box (nearly getting arrested in the process) Ventham-Man stepped out and took on the challenge.

In previous years Ian and his wife, Di, had hosted a gathering of folk for worthy causes. This year they were looking to dissolve into their deckchairs and enjoy the
peace and beauty of their garden. However, never a man to shirk his superhero responsibilities, there was nothing Ventham-Man could do but organise a spectacular to beat all Shitterton Spectaculars.

Within weeks all tickets were sold out, leaving many usual event-goers with nothing to do that evening, but make their own entertainment. Ventham-Man and his faithful assistant, Super Di, joined forces with David ‘Action Hero’ Hills, Phil ‘Superman’ Ventham and Phil ‘Tambourine man’ Nicholson. Together they gathered together a horde of hard working helpers and BIFF! BANG!!! POW!!!!... before anyone knew it Independence Day was here.

As the warmth of the day’s sun slowly melted, the noise of social chatter began to drown the drone of the A31. Students and grafters, company directors and real workers, and one particularly entertaining Ceroc dancer took to canvas clad lawns of Ventham City Gardens. Having soon worked up an appetite, Super Di was at hand with a wide range of dishes prepared by herself and her happy helpers.

Meanwhile, back in the Beer Tent, everyone was drowning their thirst with wines, beers and less alcoholic lovelies.

Darkness descended and soon it was safe for Jim Etherington to step out in public. A local megastar and the main event of the evening, Jim took to the stage. Under the close supervision of his band, his re-workings of folk and rock classics kept the crowds moving, whilst his social observations amused all.

There was a short break in the middle for an auction and raffle, and prizes donated by companies and individuals across the County were shared out among the charitable partygoers. By the time the crowds had dwindled and Jim Etherington had been safely sedated, £7,000 had been raised and substantial further donations were still due. Tom can now get the powered wheelchair he so desperately needed and can also buy some of the gym equipment required to strengthen his body.

Reassuringly, the A31 can now be heard between the songs of blackbirds and sparrows. The outwardly underpanted Ventham-man, his ever-happy sidekick Super Di and the rest of his tireless superhero co-ordinators can return to their garden chairs and their usual guises. But without them the evening would not have been possible. Likewise, the hugely entertaining Jim Etherington and his band and all the helpers before, during and after the event, made such a wonderful occasion possible.

Thank you, it truly was spectacular.
There is good news - and it is the generosity of individuals and parishes in the UK that has enabled so much to be done to create the success stories. We thank your readers who have been donors over many years - further donations can be given through the 2nd Sunday collections at Bere Regis in August or direct to the Fund’s Hon. Treasurer (formerly of Bere Regis PCC): Robert Stallard, Garden Cottage, Tank Lane, Broad Chalke, Wilts. SP5 5EP.

This year’s sponsored cycle ride takes place on 13th September from 10 a.m. to 6.0 p.m.

If you have not participated before, the aim is to get sponsored for each church you visit during the day, either on bicycle, on horseback or walking.

Half the money you collect goes to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and the other half to the church or chapel of your choice.

Last year a group from Affpuddle visited 37 churches, but hope to do a shorter circular route this year and stop somewhere for a picnic lunch. Why not join us?

We are also looking for volunteers to sit for an hour or so in our churches to welcome visitors and to sign their form.

If you would like a sponsor form, can help us on the day or need any more information, then contact your local organiser.

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Ethiopia remains poor, but the help that is given provides real opportunities and gives hope where only hopelessness existed.

Projects supported have included education, health and income generation schemes - issues that must be tackled if long term change is to be achieved. Despite the current food shortages, many individuals and communities are better placed to cope because of the developmental work of the last ten years: famine will always have its tragic victims, but we are continuing to work to tackle the root causes of poverty and famine. Families have been enabled to support themselves and their children within the community.

SMCF has secured funding for an Urban Agriculture Programme in Debre Birhan - enabling families to be self sufficient through learning how to grow crops and keep animals at a household level - selected individuals are trained to teach others so that as many as possible learn new skills. Towards the east of the country, in Dire Dawa, a reforestation project has been established within a community suffering from acute poverty. Providing fuel and preventing soil erosion are the obvious advantages - but prevention of flooding and job creation have also been achieved, as has the increased availability of good agricultural land. Income generation has also been created from this positive approach to a number of problems.

Supporting children through provision of tutorial sessions, as well as additional food, educational materials, clothing and financial support has led to improved performance at school, more positive attitudes and real health gains. Specific projects are currently operating in Bahar Dar and Debre Birhan - partly funded already, the results are amazing, and it is hoped that others will want to support these effective and innovative projects.

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**THANK YOU EVERYONE**

Tom and Debbie, Rob and Anne, Mick and Sally would like to thank all of their friends, neighbours and everybody who has given them such overwhelming support during the past difficult year since Tom’s accident.

In particular, we would like to thank those who organised and supported the Shitterton Spectacular, and associated fund raising, in aid of a special wheelchair and equipment that Tom will need to help in in the years ahead. Special thanks to Ian and Di for the use of their home for a truly memorable evening.

The magnificent sum of £14,000 that has been raised will make a huge difference to Tom’s life and we are extremely grateful to all involved.

**Rob Harper**

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

Thanks to Pat House

*Pickled Mackerel*

This makes a very nice starter and also a light lunch in the hot weather with some French bread.

- half pint water
- juice of 1 lemon
- 2 bay leaves
- 6 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp ground pepper
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 onion peeled and thinly sliced
- 8 fresh mackerel fillets

Put the water, lemon juice, bay leaves, vinegar, salt and pepper into a saucepan and bring to the boil, simmer for 5 mins, add the sliced onion and simmer for another 4 mins.

Put the mackerel fillets into a baking dish and pour the hot marinade over them. Bake in a med. oven for 20 mins.

Take the dish out of the oven and carefully turn the mackerel over, allow them to cool in the liquid. Cover with cling film and keep in the fridge for three days before serving them.
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