The summer holidays are almost upon us and we all hope for some rest and deserved relaxation and some fine sunny weather too. It is in particular a time for our children and young people. Summer should be a time of discovery especially for our youngsters, in this lovely part of Dorset where we are surrounded by so much natural beauty.

However, I hate to suggest a sour note in the midst of Summer, but the holidays are a worrying time for our Church in Bere Regis. It is vulnerable and a repeated target for vandalism from some of our young people, especially on their long school holidays and too often without very much to do.

Many of you will be aware that our Church has been suffering increasingly serious bouts of vandalism. The damage ranges from obscene graffiti sprayed on the walls of the Church porch, and attempts to set fire to notices and the notice boards there, spitting, and most recently to the deliberate destruction of our highly valued stained glass windows. The floodlights have been bent and the glass in the path lamps smashed. Attempts were made to break into the boiler house and youths have been climbing on the roof of the Church lavatory. More seriously has been the under age smoking of tobacco including cannabis, and the drinking of alcohol, not only in the porch but also in the Church itself. We have suffered the release of fire extinguishers, and cycles and scooters have been ridden in the nave and candles destroyed and obscenities written in the visitors’ book. These atrocities are but a small part of what we have suffered in the past year.

This is a very sad situation because in the most part the vandalism is mindless. Not all the vandalism is by our local youth; some come in from other villages.

A question for all of us is how is it that so many of our young people have no idea of the sanctity of the Church, nor any sense of its special place in our local history and village life?

The real danger is that the vandalism and violence will destroy the Church building itself, for every one of us in this village holds this priceless treasure in trust.

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
for future generations. Unless we prevent the escalating violence against it, our fabulous Church will cease to exist. So what can we do about it?

The simple solution would be to close the Church and the Churchyard except for formal worship, but that would deny the Church to those who seek quietness and reflection, and to our visitors whom we are encouraging to help us with our financial challenges. So it’s a dilemma. In the past I have attempted to reason with the youngsters who abuse the Church, but I regret that the intensity of the vandalism means we have now come to the point where we will prosecute those who commit criminal acts there.

We are in discussion with the police about a number of measures including erecting gates to the porch and the installation of a CCTV system. But such schemes are expensive and it is not what we should be raising money for. The most effective action is visible adult presence, which doesn’t cost anything. If all of us in the village would walk through the Churchyard and pop in to the Church whenever we can, that is the best deterrent.

We are working steadily with our schools to teach our children about the Church, to get them to value it and respect it and indeed to defend it, and encouraging with this is, it is a long-term process.

In the first place of course parents are responsible for their children’s behaviour, and parents should know where their children are, especially late at night. But we should all be prepared to help make our community a place where everyone of any age, and where all property, is respected, valued and cherished.

The positive development of our children and young people is crucial to our common life – the following wise words appeared in the magazine of one of my former parishes:

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

IF
a child lives with criticism, She learns to condemn.

IF
a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.

IF
a child lives with tolerance, She learns to be patient.

IF
a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.

IF
a child lives with praise, She learns to appreciate.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July
1st Gardening club - Marine Life off the Coast
5th Bere Regis 1st School Summer Fayre 3.30pm start
5th St Laurence’s, Affpuddle, Church Fete. The Granary
9th Autumn Leaves - Rose Competition & Exhibition of Musical Boxes;
    Competition ‘A Doyley’. Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.
20th Pop in Place Open Gardens 10.00 - 4.00
26th Twinning Association Annual BBQ, Sitterton House 7.00 p.m.

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

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

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IF
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Church Wardens  Mr J House, Westcourt, Worgret Heath - 551266
Mr J England, 10 Southmead - 471469
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Treasurer of PCC  Mr G Phillips, 102 North Street - 471525
Organist  Mr T Colquhoun, Heatherdown, Brock Hill - 471360

**PCC Members**

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**Church Officials - Affpuddle**

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Church Wardens  Captain P Badcock, Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle - 471297
Mr J Solly, Symmonds Barn, Affpuddle - 472400
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Organist  Mr I Mullins, Grasmere, 12 Parmiter Road, Colehill, Wimborne. Tel: 01202 889227

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**PCC Members**

**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
Contact Roy Winder – 01929 471456

**Purbeck Singles social group**
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**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

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen - July
6th 9.15 Mr Bates / Mr House
   6.00 Mrs Jutting
13th 11.00 Mrs England / Mrs March
   6.00 Mr Woodward
20th 9.15 Mr Smith / Mr Croome
   6.00 Mr Ventham

Evensong Readers
6th Mrs Jutting
13th Mrs Lewis
20th Mr Ventham
27th Miss Frampton

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning
Dusting
5th and 12th July Mrs J Woodward, Mrs C Tucker, Mrs R Cleave
19th and 26th July Miss S Frampton, Mrs H Loxton, Mr T Bates
Miss G Whittle, Mrs N Scott

Sanctuary Flower Guild
6th July Mrs P House
13th July Forsters Mrs C Lewis
19th July Wedding
20th/27th July Autumn Leaves Mrs K Jeeves
**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

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**Chalice:** 13 July, T Lane; 27 July, M Menzies.

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**Flower Arranging**

- 6th July: WEDDING - Mrs. Thorniley
- 13th July: Mrs. Haigh
- 20th July: WEDDING - Mrs. Russell
- 27th July: Mrs. Russell

**Cleaning**

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**CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY**

**Sunday 6th July**
8.00am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins & Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm Evening Service - Rev Hugh Maddox  Morden

**Sunday 13th July**
8.00am Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11.00am Family Service  Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong  Bere Regis

**Saturday 19th July**
2.00pm Holy Matrimony  Affpuddle
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**Sunday 20th July**
8.00am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Family Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong  Bere Regis

**Third Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins & Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm Evening Service - Rev Hugh Maddox  Morden

**Fourth 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

**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Family Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong  Bere Regis

**Church Services**
**Wednesday 23rd July**

1.45pm  First School Leavers Assembly  Bere Regis

**Sunday 27th July**  
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

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**OBITUARIES**

**Dennis William Skinner**

Dennis William Skinner was a Bere Regis man through and through. He was born in North Street in January 1928, and the family moved to West Street in 1930 when he was two. Dennis was the eldest of five siblings – Gerald who died in 1991, Ray, and Leonard and Janet the youngest.

Dennis was very familiar with the Church. As a child he sang here in the choir, and was a regular worshipper too. He also pumped the organ and was not unknown to let the air escape just to mischievously let the music slow down. In his childhood he was keen gardener, helping his father look after three allotments. Schooling was at Bere Regis School until he was 14, and he just missed being called up into war service. But he did however become a member of the ARP in Bere Regis. Dennis did this whilst doing his first day job of being a shepherd at Bere Down with his sheep dog ‘Rover’.

Janet recalls Dennis bringing his baby lambs home to West Street to rear them or at least to get them started in...
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life when they were rejected by their mothers and they wouldn’t take milk. Dennis was a real country boy, at a time when horses were more prevalent than tractors. His granny lived up on Woodbury hill and he spent a lot of time up there, and no doubt country ways became ingrained and revealed his natural affinity with animals, looking after them in all weathers. Janet tells the story – and this sounds as if it were straight out of the script for ‘Dads Army’ - of the local Drax Arms based Home Guard on patrol on Black Hill and a very distinctive metallic rattling sound was heard. Consequently an alert was exercised fearing that this noise was a precursor to a German invasion. It turned out that the noise was not the feared ‘Hun’ but a goat chained to a gate.

After his time as a shepherd at Roke, Dennis became a dairyman at Stanborough Farm in West Street.

Dennis’s Father died in 1953, when Dennis was the only man at home, his three brothers being away on their National Service, and to help the family in a practical way, he kept chickens, sometimes as many as 200. But with his brothers he also kept and locally raced greyhounds. Dennis had a change of career when he went into the building trade, working at Winfrith for some time and on other local projects. In 1990, he retired a little early to look after his mother, who by now need 24hour nursing.

Away from work Dennis enjoyed his pints at the Drax Arms and the British Legion, and his golf at Wareham and Studland and other local courses. He enjoyed travelling, including with friends, to Florida. And he particularly loved his horse racing, studiously observing form, both on TV and for real on visits to Salisbury Racecourse.

Dennis was easy going and patient. Janet says he couldn’t be hurried. He was a contented man yet with a sense of humour and often given to practical joking. He was tolerant except towards what he called ‘yankee’ films and soap operas. He loved following sport loudly supporting his beloved Manchester United whenever they were on TV, and enjoyed his cricket and golf too.

Dennis was uncle to 8 nieces and nephews and great uncle to 17 and known to some of them with great affection as ‘Dennis the Menace’. In recent years he was diagnosed with diabetes and spent increasing time with his sister Janet in Southbrook, and he died sitting in his chair in the sunshine in her garden.

A neighbour said to me the other day that Dennis was a happy man, and that is a gift. His quiet faith made him at home in his Church, may he rest in peace.
**BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS**

**BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS**

There will be no practices on Wednesdays throughout July and August. Thankyou to all those who have helped over the past year. Our ringing band has been reduced by Sam Milburn and Tracey Diment leaving the parish and over the last few months Bob Holman suffered cracked ribs from his car accident, Peter Austin has had hand and wrist problems and Fred Lewis has been struggling with sciatica so not only do we have to be fit to get up those 50 stairs but cope with bell handling as well.

We have had a problem with our 4th bell and we have asked a Guild belfry examiner to look over it and the rest of the peal which have not had an inspection since 1981. We hope they do not find too many problems which cannot be fixed locally. We are very lucky to have someone like Adrian Standfield who does regular oiling and small repairs and Mark Newbould, an expert in splicing ropes and mending flags.

If the bells are given a good report we should have change ringers from the Wimborne area visiting on Saturday 5th July at 4.30 and we have been asked to ring for weddings on Saturday 19th and 2nd August.

**MOTHERS’ UNION**

The June meeting took the form of an Enrolment Service in Church followed by Holy Communion conducted by Rev Robin Hungerford of Winterbourne Stickland. Hazel Green was commissioned as leader and five members - Cychxa Burden, Angela Jones, Betty King, Penny Sharman and Rev. Ian Woodward were enrolled. There were nineteen members present.

The coffee morning at Turberville Court raised £160, and our thanks goes to everyone who supported this event. A special word of thanks to Angela the warden at Turberville Court, who kindly placed the facilities at our disposal.

The July meeting will be a Social Evening on Wednesday 2nd, at Shirley’s house in Shitterton.

On 17th July a Table Top sale will be held in the Corn Exchange, Blandford from 12 noon to 1.00pm. We need 2 or 3 volunteers to help at this, so if you can spare an hour or so please give me a ring on the number below.

On 30th July a “Wave of Prayer” will be held in Bere Regis Church (Morton Chapel) from 5.15 to 5.30. This is open to everyone.

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Art-work for advertisements can be created, free of charge for simple text, £10 - £30 for complex text and graphics.

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Kay Abbott 472258
There were two planning applications for consideration. DOE Notice of Proposed development by the Secretary of State for Defence - Notification for the construction of six troop shelters on the Bovington Training area. Mr. T. Lane - Erection of a satellite dish on a listed building. There were no objections to either planning application.

Under any other business Captain Badcock informed the meeting that an anonymous member of the public had complained to the Planning Department at Purbeck District Council about the erection of a finger post advertising the shop and village hall which was sited on an existing post at the cross roads. As a result of this “friendly action” a planning application would have to be submitted for retrospective permission to erect the sign. This would cost the Parish Council £30.

At the July meeting it was agreed that the responsibilities of the Councillors would be allocated. The acting clerk together with the new clerk would deal jointly with the preparation of the agenda and take the minutes. After the July meeting the new clerk would take over.

**BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB**

Our recent coffee morning raised £200 so we now have enough for new flooring in the Pool Room. Thank you to the helpers and all who donated or attended.

Our next event is the Horticultural Show and Summer Fair on Saturday 2nd August from 1.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to have a stall please phone me on 01258 837267.

Bladen Social Club Opening times—Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—8.00 p.m. until 11.00 p.m. Sunday 12.30 p.m. until 2.00 p.m.

We are still collecting newspapers and magazines, but we cannot take cardboard. The money raised is still going to Cancer Care Dorset.

Sue Jeanes

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GARDEN WASTE
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All your hedge trimmings prunings and plant waste
RECYCLED
into mulch or compost.
We provide the machine AND the operator, £12/hr.
Call Mike 471263

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**Bere Regis Junior Church**

The next **Children’s Activity Morning**
will be on

**Sunday, 13th July 2003**
in
Bere Regis Church
10 a.m. – 11a.m.

All children between ages 4 & 10 are very welcome

There will be lots of fun and no charge – just come along and enjoy yourselves!

And why not join us for the Family Service (11.00-11.30am) with refreshments for everyone
At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th June 2003 the following business was discussed.

Appointment of New Clerk. Mrs. Ricketts, who had seen one of Diana Holman’s pieces in the Echo telling readers about the Acting Clerk having to give up in July and for anyone interested to come forward, rang up for details. Interviews were held, satisfactory references were obtained and Mrs. Ricketts was offered and has accepted the post to start at the July meeting. Her appointment was confirmed at the June meeting.

Among other business which was discussed was the progress with the Parish Plan. (I believe there is a report elsewhere in this edition of the magazine), the Purbeck Local Plan and the Redbridge Pit development. Various road matters. Clarification of the Parish Council boundaries was also discussed and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

The Parish Council learnt that Bill Thorniley had given up being the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. A vote of thanks to him was minutes. The Parish Council were pleased to learn that John Russell had taken over.

Planning matters - Arrangements were being put in hand so that the local public could view plans appertaining to the Parish within the Parish. It is hoped that an extra set of plans will be available and that any plans can be viewed by prior appointment at a suitable place within the Parish. More details will be given after the next meeting.
A simple guide to the theory and understanding of music
Run by The Kingsbere Music Trust

Come and enjoy an entertaining and enlightening course designed for both the beginner and the more experienced music enthusiast. Musical theory is not a mystic science; it is indeed quite straightforward. Understanding the basics is part of the enjoyment of music itself.

Why did Bach write a collection of 48 preludes and fugues all in different keys? What is a fugue for that matter? Why does so much “pop” music rely on the “tonic” and “dominant” seventh? Why was the “tritone” declared un-holy and the work of the devil by the mediaeval church? What are pentatonic, diatonic and chromatic scales? What is the importance today of the “Ionian” and “Aeolian” modes? Why is the configuration of a piano keyboard the curious shape it is? Why are some instruments known as “transposing” instruments? What is a “figured bass”? If you are puzzling over the answers this course is just the thing for you.

The course comprises a series of weekly evening one hour talks and presentations, with historical and theoretical instruction, practical demonstration (and a good deal of listening to music!), covering essentials from how to read music to Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Grade 5 Theory, with quite a bit more thrown in for good measure. The series is designed for fun and general interest, and also to help those needing the necessary theory qualification for post-Grade 5 instrumental work. There will be a little home-work for those of particularly studious disposition!

The course will be run at Cyril Wood Court, Bere Regis, from 10th September 2003, to April 2004. In early March those wishing to sit the ABRSM Grade 5 Theory exam will be able to do so.

Please send for a detailed syllabus sheet and have a look through it. Applications for places on the course close at the beginning of September. Ring 01929-471360 or 07850-861415, drop a card to “Kingsbere Music Trust, Heatherdown, Brockhill, Bere Regis, BH20 7NH”, or email kmt@tacmusic.com.
WANTED - TODDLERS WITH TIME ON THEIR HANDS

Are you aged 2 years 6 months or more? If so why not come to our friendly caring play group and learn to play, draw, sing and have lots of fun for a few hours a day. We are located at the back of the Bere Regis First School which makes the transition to proper school very easy. Funding is available from WDCC from the school term after your third birthday.

Telephone Carole on 01305 848792

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Monday to Friday 9 am - 4 pm
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AFFPUDDLE

CHURCH FETE

The Granary, Briantspuddle

2003

SATURDAY 5TH JULY, 2PM – 5PM

TEAS, CAKES, PLANTS, BRIC-A-BRAC, GAMES, PRIZES, TOMBOLA, ICES, POP CORN, COCONUTS, BALL POND

Weymouth Concert Brass Band

ENTRANCE 50p, CHILDREN FREE (IF ACCOMPANIED)
long and productive meeting with Lois Rose the Village Halls Advisor, and, upon her advice we are currently searching for a few expert volunteers to form a small project team.

We have been told that ideally people with experience in business, building, accountancy, fundraising, and indeed running any large project such as this can be used to form the core of a management team. These people do not need to be members of the hall committee. So may I make a plea for those of you who have skills that could be valuable to the hall project, and are willing to help, to make yourselves known to either Paul on 471297 or myself on 471498.

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU.

Jenny Lightfoot (chairman)

Open gardens ~ Treasurer’s Report

What a fantastic day we had! Such a change from last year. All of us helpers whether in the kitchen, behind the bar, serving teas or manning (sorry personing) the gardens never drew breath. We were all hard at it from before 11.00 a.m. when the Open Gardens Opened until past 5.00 p.m after closing time.

I went to the bank with £3127.10. I estimate that our net profit will be £2400. At the time of writing I am still awaiting claims for expenses. This is a truly wonderful total and a great help towards our repair and rebuilding fund. So far this year Hall Fund Raising has raised over £3000 and there is still the Barn Dance and the Autumn Artsreach events to come.

I am sure Jenny will be writing a piece in the magazine but it never hurts to say thank you again and again to all the wonderful people who opened their gardens, manned the gate, served the food, manned the plant stall and provided the delicious home made food on offer.

Philippa Thorniley

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH FETE

A plea for contributions of Cakes, plants, and tombola prizes would be welcome. Please contact Audrey 471214 or Mike 471263.

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the June meeting the Council expressed its concern about the seemingly lack of grass cutting throughout the Village and the approach road verges. The Clerk is to write to the authorities to ascertain the situation. Members were particularly worried about the weeds growing in gutters on the roadside. In days gone by such weeds would have been removed by the manual road sweeper but our monthly visitation by the mechanical machine does not produce such good results. Again the Clerk is writing to the authorities concerned reminding them that the gardens throughout the village are being opened in July and we certainly do not want these weeds on display!

The Council awaits the outcome of its application for planning approval for the Youth Meeting Hut. It was hoped that a decision would have been received but nothing had as yet. This is very upsetting for the Youth and the team behind the application as until such approval is obtained no funds can be applied for.

For some months now the Council has been seeking agreement with the County Council for the roundabouts at the entrances to the Village to be ‘adopted’ by local commercial organisations. Sufficient interest in the scheme has been shown by local firms and we have been waiting for the County Council to finally ‘cross the tees and dot the eyes’. Again there seems to be delay but the aim is to rid ourselves of the weed strewn roundabouts and hopefully replaced by something attractive the likes of which may be seen around Poole and Bournemouth.

The Chairman reported that he had represented the Council at the Coronation Commemoration Service at St Mary’s Church in Wareham. It was an impressive occasion with representatives from Councils far beyond Purbeck District.

Dog owners/walkers are reminded of their responsibilities concerning dog waste. One particular area that has been brought to the Council’s notice is that of Snow Hill and Boswells Close which it was suggested is a popular area for morning walks. The Council will consider putting in a dog bin if the problem persists but these things are not cheap and require a site.

A recent meeting of the Crime Prevention Panel in Wareham learned that there is a tendency not to report what appear to be minor criminal activities. This is to be discouraged as unless all matters are reported the Police have little data upon which to plan their strengths for the future. The local numbers for incidents are - Wareham Police 01929 552222 and Winfrith 01929 462727.

CM
DRAX HALL

We have attended the Artsreach evening during the month and presented our choice of shows for the coming year. As has become usual now we have asked for a couple of Puppet Shows for the Autumn and Spring half-term holidays as these have always been popular.

We have asked for the Forest Forge Theatre for three performances in the Autumn, Christmas and Spring. This is more than we have asked previously. Also we have asked for a musical evening as we have not had this before, particularly on a Saturday night. No mention of titles, names or dates as we have only made our bids at this stage. When Artsreach produce their programme there will be further announcements.

In the meantime we are planning to re-decorate the Hall both inside and out as it is getting into an untidy state. Of course in the back of our minds we have the updating work to be undertaken in line with the statutory requirements, which summing up means a need for money!

CM

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

New Council

Following the elections in May the Annual Council meeting was held at which it was decided which committees Councillors would sit on. I continue to Chair the Electronic Government Steering Group which oversees the expenditure of a government grant to computerise Council procedures; as well as being on the Planning Board which considers all contentious planning applications. I am also on the Standards Board which reviews any complaints against Councillors plus I am on Personnel Panel which considers appeals and regrading recommendations for Council employees. This year I have been appointed as Vice Chairman of the Scrutiny and Review Group which scrutinises how Purbeck spends your money to ensure that you gain value for your Council Tax. I intend to ask some searching questions!

Planning Board

In view of the very high level of interest in the status of the Purbeck Shooting School planning conditions implementation I have asked that a progress report

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

If you live in Affpuddle, Briantspuddle, or Throop, you can’t possibly have failed to notice what a rip-roaring success our open garden day was this year.

There were so many people streaming into the area that we ran out of car parking, entry maps and eventually energy. . . . but we’re not complaining, and hope that every visitor will come again next year.

As chair of the hall committee I must wholeheartedly thank all those willing people who helped to make the day so brilliant. The Daily Echo that gave us a smashing spread, showing graphically what a delightful place this is to visit, the ‘garden openers’ for their kindness and hard work both before and on the day, and the whole village hall committee and their band of trusty helpers who literally slogged themselves to a standstill. I am pleased and thoroughly heartened by the strength of commitment you all showed to raising cash for the new development of the hall.

However, I reserve a special plaudit for Jenny Beedle who despite a demanding full time job and family found time to take on the overall organisation of the event including the catering …… She’s a saint!!!

Such a glorious day, following on from our recent successful planning application, and hearing the news that funding, though difficult, is not impossible has left those on the hall committee feeling just a tiny bit optimistic for the future. (I hope that’s not a case of famous last words)

The next thing that we have to celebrate is the bi-centenary of the building of the hall, AND, the 20th anniversary of the founding of the charity and setting up the committee.

What we are planning is a birthday BBQ party in the hall yard, and had planned on the 19th of July, that date is now changed due to other commitments!! But we can’t let this important year go by without a party, so watch this space for information.

With regard to the development of the hall facilities, Paul Badcock and myself have had a
July 8th will be our Club Show, open in the afternoon. There is no meeting in August.

September 9th “What's it all about” with Pam Bluer from Clapton in Gordano.

With over 30 years motor vehicle experience, 10 years of which has been spent with Honda and Toyota main dealers, we are delighted to offer competitive, high quality servicing and maintenance.

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...may be able to help. If you can't face the hassle of selling your car privately, we buy all cars for cash at a time to suit you. And we have a variety of cars for sale. Please 'phone or visit the website for full size photos of all our cars.

If what you want isn’t there, let us try to find it for you. Impartial advice for any motoring matters comes free! Part exchange welcome.

We have now moved to St. Christophers Garage in Winterborne Kingston where the cars can be viewed - preferably by appointment. Alternatively, see the cars at www.halcyonmotors.co.uk  Don MacLeod (01929) 459394
be given to a future Planning Board so that we may all find out how it is moving along. I will let you know when the meeting is, copy deadlines permitting.

We recently refused permission to build a 17.5 Metres high telecommunications mast, dish and antenna on the top of Black Hill. The refusal was more to do with the environmental impact than with a blanket refusal as we felt that with mast sharing and landscaping the impact could be massively reduced. The company are now appealing against our decision and it will be heard by a Government Inspector in due course.

Elections
After months of speculation the Government has now announced that the European Union Elections and the Local Elections will be combined next year on 10th June 2004. Provision will be made in the new Local Government Bill to extend the terms of office of those District Councillors who would normally retire/seek re-election next May.

Bere Regis and Bloxworth are unaffected; the districts affected by this will be Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster & Upton East and West, St. Martin, Swanage North & South, Wareham and Wool. There are no Parish/Town Council Elections scheduled at this time although of course there might be by-elections and if so they too will be held on 10th June.

Drains
I was asked by a resident, some time ago, to chase Dorset County Council about a blocked drain on West Street, just before the slip road to the main road, which was causing frequent flooding and presenting particularly dangerous conditions for driving when wet. I have now been assured that “the drain in question has been jetted clear and should now be working”.

Surgery
Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and in the Bloxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. 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.
Cèrences

Opposite the Mairie. 10 minutes from beautiful sandy beaches. Spacious, attractively furnished, three bedroom apartment on two floors - comprising living room, kitchen, bathroom. All linen included.
10% reduction for Twinning members.
Available from Easter until end September.
Contact: Jill Haywood, Le Bois Tanney, 50510, Cerences, France.
00 33 233 512571

Club Events

26 Jul BRCC Annual Vice-Presidents’ barbecue from 7.30pm onwards. All are most welcome to attend.

CANCER RESEARCH UK
Please come and support us for a
SKITTLE EVENING
SATURDAY 26th JULY at 6:30 pm
BLOXWORTH SOCIAL CLUB
TICKETS £6 includes GLASS OF WINE & SUPPER
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Castle Farm
Retirement Home
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01258 857642
- Access to village shops
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- Views over unspoilt countryside
- 24 hour care staff
- Owners with 23 years’ experience
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- 24 hour nursing care
- Residents’ minibus
- ‘Blue Cross’ members
scampered run or two, it all came down to the final ball with four needed and Texas duly thrilled the crowd with a four through square leg to send Bere up the table with their third win. A truly remarkable game.

TOURING & FRIENDLY MATCHES
The Cricket Club Vice-Chairman was unable to secure a home fixture with Milton Abbey School, so it was another trip to the aesthetic school and its grounds to play its teachers and groundstaff. For some it was another opportunity to sample the local delicacies and ‘fill their boots’. A jovial high scoring game was played by all with the host side accruing a massive 151 from their allotted overs. For the first time in a number of years Bere entertained a touring side on a Bank Holiday, this time it was Sandridge CC of Hertfordshire, who have a host of teams in The Saracens Hertfordshire Cricket League. They travelled with a large party of around 50 personnel. An exchange of pennants and pleasantries culminated in Bere batting and Dave Scott and Peter Macklin rescued Bere and turned the game on its head with a stand of 99 in ten overs with Scott leading the scoring charts with 72 and Macklin second with 41. The tourists were circumspect in their response, but some intelligent running between the sticks and an astute run rate acceleration saw the match tied on 189. Honours were even in a keenly contested event with the club cementing a good cricket and social link with a touring side.

Forthcoming fixtures
3 Jul HAZELBURY BRYAN (a) Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2
5 Jul BROADSTONE II (h) NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
6 Jul FERNDOWN (a) NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5
9 Jul PURBECK FOSSILS (a) Evening Friendly
11 Jul OLDFIELD PARK (h) Tour match with team from Bath area
12 Jul SWANAGE (a) NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
13 Jul BRANKSOME (h) NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5
16 Jul CATTISTOCK (h) Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2
18 Jul E.C.C. QUARRIES (h) Evening Friendly
19 Jul PIMPERNE (a) NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
19 Jul BRSC V FROGS (h) Weekend friendly with barbecue
but crucially 2 maidens which are about as rare as an empty Slickster tea plate in this
code. The visitors were rarely up with the
required rate, but a superb 5th wicket stand
get them right back in the game, whittling
away the run rate to a more manageable 9
per over. But late wickets from Steve
Cheeseman, another catch from fielder
supreme-Green Elphinstone-Davis saw off
Puddletown’s hopes in another game
enjoyed by all and an advert for the
league.

The next round in the 2003 season’s
odyssey was the second round knockout
cup adventure away to Abbotsbury. Armed with the knowledge that Bere
batted poorly on their track two weeks ago, Abbotsbury invited Bere to bat, and
Nick Cheeseman and Poom Price added a confident 12 runs for the first wicket
before the first of two run out mix-ups turned the game the way of the home side.

Tom Bennett was soon to fall unusually not registering a decent score, then
skippar Macklin was run out without scoring and soon Bere became 35 for 8
before Steve Cheeseman and Paul Fripp added 29 to the score and Bere’s efforts
ended in a miserable 64. Abbotsbury had no problems in achieving their target,
overcoming the indifferent bounce to book a place in the quarter finals, leaving
Bere to ponder.

After such a sapping defeat in the cup, Bere switched their attention to the
league and a home date with Hazelbury Bryan. The visitors had done their
homework realising that Bere had not batted second all season and decided to
bat first. All things went according to plan for the first 7 overs as Bere were in the
driving seat as Hazelbury were 26 for 3. Pete Macklin snaffled three catches all in
the wide mid-off position. The middle order of Hazelbury started to shine, and
some colossal hitting lifted their run rate to over a run a ball and push the game
beyond Bere. The demoralising target of 135 to win from 108 balls was enough to dent the most
positive of outlooks, however Bere openers Nick Cheeseman and Tom Bennett
took up the baton and started the first 9 overs with some astute strokeplay and
rotation of the strike. At the half way mark Bere needed 8.3 runs per over and the
openers were bogged down in the face of some stingy bowling. The Slickster fell
after decided to go for broke for 41 to a blinding catch on the point boundary.

Texas Tom dipped his Stetson and pondered his moment on when to accelerate
he last another partner in the form of Spiceboy Price, but was joined by the
captain for the last push. 24 runs were needed from 12 balls, 18 off the last over.
With the assistance of an extra or two, a huge mid wicket six from Macklin and a
July 2003

A full coach of members travelled to Sidmouth on a lovely sunny day and enjoyed the beautiful gardens and shops. There was plenty of time for strolling on the promenade or taking a deck chair or just looking at the sun sparkling on the sea.

Our next meeting will be on the 9th July at 2.30 when we will have the rose competition - One Rose on a stem - which you do not have to grow yourself. Please bring your Musical Boxes to have a good exhibition. The competition is for a Doiley. This meeting is our open day to the village and all will be welcome. There will be a cream tea and usual raffle, stall and library.

‘A big thankyou must be given to Kath for all her hard work organising this lovely outing and for all that she does for us during the year’

Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from March through to October. New members are invited to join.

Date (all 2003)  Trophy  Venue
Friday 28th March  GRS Trophy  Rushmore Park Golf Club
Friday 25th April  Jim Corbin Cup  Moors Valley Golf Club
Friday 30th May  President’s Cup  Came Down Golf Club
Friday 27th June  Whitbread Shield  Dudsbury Golf Club
Friday 25th July  Landlord’s Cup  Isle of Purbeck Golf Club
Friday 27th August  Rob Hall Hackers Trophy  Bramshaw Golf Club
Friday 26th September  Captain’s Cup  Bulbury Woods Golf Club

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

A full coach of members travelled to Sidmouth on a lovely sunny day and enjoyed the beautiful gardens and shops.

Bere’s bowling and fielding would have to be exemplary for them to prevail, and they started in reasonable fashion pegging the home side’s big hitters back and the run rate in check leaving the home team 49 for 4 and needing 42 from 8 overs. Bere slowly edged their way into the game with Abbotsbury needing 4 off the last over, however Rick D was hit for four off the third ball and effectively-game over, but it was a game won or lost with true spirit.

The next trip on the road for Bere was Martinstown with their impressive state of the art pavilion and ground. Again Bere batted first with Shrek at the helm this time around and he led the way with a glorious 65 from 56 minutes including 10 fours, a six and a Deep Heat medallion. He was ably assisted by Alan ‘Ever’ Green who hit 22 not out brimming with singles and two boundaries. Bere registered their best total so far being 112 for 5 off 18 overs. The bowlers have proved more than equal to the tasks set them so far and it was unique to have a significant number of runs to play with. The weather was most unsavoury with a bizarre mist descending on the ground and the hills all around, yet it was Rick D who rose above the gloom with dew and drizzle emblazoned on his grey beard he took four wickets for 24 runs as Bere witnessed and survived a late ‘Town rally to triumph by 21 runs. Former Bere football stalwart-Gary Barrett visited Bere to play for Puddletown 2nds in the first home league clash of the season for Bere. Bere were keen to build on the first win from the previous week, and yet again they batted first with the powerful opening pair Texas Tom Bennett and Slickster Cheeseman. It was Bennett to fall first as his mis-timed chip to cover was snapped up, so Cheeseman and Russell ‘Bear’ Hewitt took up the charge and feasted on the visitors bowling hitting 109 runs from 12 overs. The short boundary was proving to Cheeseman’s liking and he clubbed 4 sixes and 4 boundaries in a powerhouse innings of 54 not out. Hewitt meanwhile was wielding the blade to effect until he pulled up whilst attempting a brisk single and he sustained a back injury hampering his running and turning circle. He would play no further part and seemingly be out for sometime, a blow indeed to Bere’s weekend hopes.

Bere had hit a daunting 133 for 3, Puddletown needing 7.3 an over. The form of the Davis’ have been a revelation during the evening battles, and they combined to dent the chances of Puddletown with Rick D claiming two wickets

some big hitting as Bere batted first. However Bere’s scoring emulated that of the Ukraine entry in the Eurovision Song Contest and it remained to be seen if a small total of 80 could be defended, in spite of Pete Macklin taking 20 off the last over.
top score of 21 for Reg Fripp gave Bere a stoic start. He fell in the 25th over paving the way for Tom Bennett who continued his remarkable form by compiling 40 from no time at all, partnered by Alan ‘Sgt Wilson’ Green and spice boy Price returning from lady duty. A total of 167 runs came from the last 25 overs with Price ending on 37 after a textbook display of running between the wickets.

The Beaminster reply was swift and decisive with Bere’s young bowlers receiving some hammer in the first 20 overs, yet they managed to claim 5 wickets and the mopping up exercise was completed by Reg Fripp (3-44) and Peter Macklin (4-31) who returned to the fold after a nasty injury, a heartening sight to the selectors given the current injury situation.

Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2

Competition has never been fiercer for places in the Bere sides with the fixture list being full to the brim. The Evening League has generated an enormous amount of interest in players, officials and supporters alike giving for many an exciting evening down the BRACA (Bere Regis Alcoholic Cricket Assoc.). Being the smaller cousin of the weekend format, the 18 or 20 overs per side event is proving to be a hit with the locals with the turnstiles clicking more than ever.

Bere have progressed in the cup and have secured a mid-table status in the league. Young skipper Peter Macklin has intermittently led the side with help from Russ ‘Shrek’ Hewitt following a nasty injury sustained at Abbotsbury. The first league test was away to odds-on favourites for the title-Cheselbourne who are virtually impregnable on their own carpet. Bere mustered a sorry 56 from their 16 overs with only the Poom offering resistance with the bat. The bowling was most positive as the home side used up 14.4 overs before the winning run was hit with Gren Elphinstone-Davis fulfilling his promise and his father’s shoes with his bowling of unerring line and length.

A trip to Abbotsbury was next up, and the squad left the club with only a couple of members who could remember the bygone days when Bere played Abbotsbury on Saturdays/Sundays with their cinema seats in the changing rooms and Martin ‘Mugsy’ Mullins performing an outrageous dive in a gully just beneath the imposing monastery on the hill. Time has moved on and the hosts have concentrated on Sunday and evening league cricket with Bere firmly in their sights. It was agreed the skippers that the game should be 18overs per side, and the weather was going to have its say as a shill westerly blew in from Chesil Beach and navigated the valley across from Swyre.

Bere’s in form bat has been Nick ‘Slickster’ Cheeseman and he unsettled the bowlers with...
The toss for the game was all-crucial as Summer had finally opened its doors and the heat was to play a factor. Bere had to field first and toiled for the first 35 overs only bagging 2 wickets before an 8 wicket blast saw Cattistock shot out for 188 when 200 plus seemed inevitable. Chris Holland proved he had the knack taking a hat trick in the last over, the first for many seasons at the BRACA. Bere’s batting never troubled the visitors, and despite some indifferent bowling Bere’s total read 72 all out, with another victim for the injured list-Rick Davis who pulled a hamstring whilst fielding.

**NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5**

There could never be a more stark contrast between the Saturday & Sunday teams’ fortunes. Martyn ‘Poomy, The Wool Stopping Service’ Price could afford a feeling of contentment given the fact that his Sunday XI had played four and won four games since the start of the campaign. Once again the policy of bloodling youngsters from the GTCA (G Tucker Cricket Academy) alongside veteran and seasoned campaigners has paid dividends both on and off the pitch.

With an equally demanding challenge set of them as their Saturday counterparts, the Sunday side has met old adversaries as well as new and dismissed all. First up was Branksome who are a forward thinking club with a lot of youth talent and strong on their own patch. Bere travelled to Wallisdown and bowled the home side out for 77 and Sir Charles Way and the captain took Bere to a slightly shaky but comfortable 5 wicket win. Bere’s most legendary rivals during the last 4 seasons have been Sherborne, who have tracked Bere through the divisions for some time. The groundstaff at Bere had prepared an absolute diamond track for the contest with batting first being a must to maximise full usage of the premier Bere turf. The skipper batted first and Bere compiled an impressive total of 172 for 6 with Texas Tom Bennett going in at 4 and carrying his bat to the end of the innings for an notable 45 not out with support from Dave ‘The Saint’ Scott who blasted 44. There was a typically industrious 22 from emerging talent Shane Hewitt. It soon became apparent that Sherborne were shy of a player or two and they were blown away by the bowling of the Fripps (Reg & Paul) who bagged three wickets a piece wrapping up affairs inside 32.1 overs.

A demanding task was waiting Bere when they faced Beaminster at home, and arguably the best wicket had been prepared by Mr Peeks and his men for this year. The decision to bat first was vital and Bere were happy to post a total on a wicket where batsmen could play their shots with a uniform bounce. A season’s
Reports

NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2

Bere’s premier eleven, the Saturday team started life in division two of the Dorset Cricket League with some 8 players injured or unavailable giving the ever-present captain Pete Glersuiriya a nightmare for selection and continuity. There were two cancellations both at home to Swanage and Pimperne so any form of momentum was severely hampered as Bere searched for a way forward following the debilitating defeat away to Broadstone.

The next challenge came in the form of Wimborne 2nds who had already despatched Broadstone and were a combative unit on their on pitch. The storm clouds were gathering all around the Blackmore Vale and Cranborne Chase leading up to the match raising fears of another washout, yet remarkably Wimborne remained dry and the home side took full advantage on a good pitch made for batting. They amassed 185 for 8 with Bere’s bowlers and fielders more than doing their bit in the grand plan keeping the score under 200.

Chris Holland showed the way with a great late spell. The Bere reply never really took off despite a solid start from the top three. The innings fizzled out on 125 for the loss of 9 wickets, Andy Kent was top scorer with 32 on his old stamping ground. Cattistock were next, and Bere’s first home game. The visitors were steeping in Dorset Cricket legend, being a force in village cricket for decades so once again Bere were facing a mountain to climb, and in desperate need of a pick-me up to kick start their season.

ROGS

On the last Friday in May the ROGS descended on West Dorset and Came Golf Club (Came Down) in Dorchester. It was the first time the Society had played this course because under normal circumstances Came Down does not accommodate golf societies on a Friday.

However, our reputation went before us and Came Down saw the sense in letting our local society onto their hallowed fairways.

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Nick George was the Winner on the day with 35 points and Roger Duncanson coming second from Ian Macklin on a card play-off at 33 points each.

The ‘Longest Drive’ was won by Graham Price with Gordon Tucker winning ‘Nearest the Pin’. No one scored a ‘Two’ on the day and therefore £27 will be carried over to the next outing.

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**BERE REGIS**

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(R Hewitt 23, A Kent 32)

25 May NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5

BERE REGIS

172 for 6

(T Bennett 45no. S Hewitt 22, D Scott 44)

SHERBORNE

69 allout

(P Fripp 3-13, R Fripp 3-14)

26 May Touring Match

BERE REGIS

189 allout

(P Macklin 41, D Scott 72)

SANDRIDGE (Hertfordshire)

189 for 7

(K Brown 3-24)

29 May Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2

BERE REGIS

133 for 3 (18 over game)

(N Cheeseman 54no. R Hewitt 37 no.)

PUDDLETOWN II

112 for 7

(R Davis 2-27, S Cheeseman 2-37)

31 May NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2

CATTISTOCK

189 allout

(D Rogerson 3-37, C Holland 3-31)

BERE REGIS

72 allout

1 June NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5

BERE REGIS

210 for 7

(R Fripp 21, A Green 20, T Bennett 40, G Price 37)

BEAMINSTER

134 allout

(R Fripp 3-44, P Macklin 4-31)

3 June Dorchester & District Evening League Knockout Cup Rnd 2
Cricket Results

9 May  Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2
BERE REGIS  56 allout  (16 over game)
CHESELBOURNE  61 for 2

11 May  NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5
BRANKSOME  77 allout
(R Davis 5-19, P Fripp 3-25)
BERE REGIS  78 for 5
(C Way 31)

13 May  Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2
BERE REGIS  80 for 4  (18 over game)
(N Cheeseman 26, P Macklin 27 no.)
ABBOTSBURY  81 for 7
(S Cheeseman 3-18, R Davis 2-16)

19 May  Evening Friendly
MILTON ABBEY SCHOOL  154 for 7  (20 over game)
BERE REGIS  143 for 8
(A Green 43, P Fripp 27, N Cheeseman 27)

22 May  Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2
BERE REGIS  112 for 5  (18 over game)
(R Hewitt 65, A Green 22no.)
MARTINSTOWN  89 for 9
(R Davis 4-24, N White 2-21)

24 May  NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
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POP IN PLACE NEWS

Village Quiz Report.
Well done to the team from the Drax Arms who were the winners of the Village Quiz 2003 second went to the Foresters and third the Pop In Place. There were 11 teams and a good time was had by all, thanks to Alison and Denise who arranged all the questions and to Julie for being Ann Robinson for the night! and to all the rest of the Pop In Place Team who helped out with the raffle and the refreshments. Finally thanks to all the teams who supported this village event.

Summer Activities for Children.
The Pop In Place will be holding a Programme of Summer Activities for children aged 5 years and upwards, more details of the programme will appear in a separate advertisement in this magazine. We are offering many exciting
workshops that will be suitable for all ages and all of our helpers have had CRB checks and have been cleared to work with children.

Please book early to avoid disappointment as there are only limited places available contact Julie on 01929 472069 for registration forms.

**Prize Bingo**

On Friday the 11th of July at the lower Drax Hall we will be holding a Prize Bingo morning eyes down at 10.30 am if you need transport let us know everyone is welcome to come along.

**Bere Regis Open Gardens Sunday 20th of July starts at 10.00 am**

Please support this event, many local people have been working very hard in order to open their gardens to the public on this day. The programmes are available from the Drax Hall at £2.50 each as in previous years, and children are free there will also be a special raffle with a garden theme, the first prize is an excellent gas BBQ plus many more super prizes. Refreshments are available all day at the Drax Hall in the afternoon cream teas will be on sale, there will also be a cake stall.

Offers of help are welcome particularly offers of cakes please call in the Pop In Place and put your name on the list.

Most of all we need you to buy the programme from the Drax Hall and to visit the gardens and to support the event, all the profits will go to improve the Drax Hall and this will benefit us all, we look forward to seeing you on the day.

There is a voting slip in the programme for you to vote for the garden that you most enjoyed visiting, and a crystal bowl will be presented to the owners from the Ancient Order of Foresters.

The Event will still go ahead if it rains just get those umbrellas and raincoats out! ! !

**Advance Notice Bere Regis Performer of the Year Saturday 13th September 7pm at the Drax Hall.**

The Performer of the Year Competition has been arranged for Saturday the 13th

husband and her 9-year-old daughter. You see our friend Diane had long ago had a personal encounter with her Saviour and now as she approached that ‘valley of the shadow of death’, she feared no evil, for the Presence of her Saviour was right there. For many hours together we were able to laugh and sing and praise and pray – it was beautiful!

I read recently in some devotional notes these words about death. “It’s an appointment none of us can avoid, cancel or escape; even those who eat right and take their vitamins. Exercise may buy us a few more heartbeats, medicine may grant us a few more years, but in the end, there is an end! There is a story of an old Scottish Christian on her deathbed whose pastor asked, “Maggie, are you afraid to die?” She replied, “No, my Father owns the land on both sides of the river.”

Don’t let your pride steal away that assurance that both Maggie and Diane had! Wherever you are in the cycle of life remember that with Jesus in your heart – THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

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**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S INSTITUTES**

May’s meeting was the resolutions evening where we discussed care for the elderly, children’s diets and vocational training. A lively debate followed. After tea there was a very enjoyable social time with a wordsearch of Dorset villages and a follow me quiz.

July 15th Comic songs of the 20th Century August 4th and 8th hosting cyclists to ploughman’s lunches and cream teas.

Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Drax Hall, 7.30. All welcome.

JN
Learning about heaven from a child

Sometimes events come together that make us focus more forcefully on life and death issues. This happened to me at the beginning of last month when on a Sunday I had the privilege of conducting the Dedication Service (similar to a Christening Service) for Abigail, our 6 month old grand-daughter and then on the Monday Janet and I spent time with a dear friend in Wiltshire dealing with the news that her cancer had become more aggressive and she had literally days to live. David was moved by the Lord to write Psalm 139 and in verses 2 and 3 he comments, “You know when I sit and when I rise ….you discern my going out and my lying down”. Later in verse16 he says, “all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” His love was there with us at our beginning, even before we were formed in our mother’s womb. And that same Eternal Love can be with us when we reach the end of our earthly days.

As we celebrated the new life of baby Abigail one of my cousins commented “it’s a nice change for us all to come together for a happy event”. Like so many scattered families these days we only seem to come together for funerals. He was right in one respect, but completely wrong in another. A Service at the end of someone’s life, ‘though sad, can be a joyful occasion as we celebrate their life and have a real assurance that they have indeed gone to a heavenly home. The Bible tells us that we can be sure of our personal salvation if we put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and His completed work on the Cross and His victory over death through His resurrection.

Jesus used a little child to teach His own disciples about getting into heaven. They had been arguing like overgrown school kids about who was going to be the greatest when they all got to heaven. Setting the little child in their midst, He said, “ I tell you the truth, UNLESS YOU CHANGE AND BECOME LIKE THIS LITTLE CHILD, YOU WILL NEVER ENTER HEAVEN”. It doesn’t matter how much we try to analyse these words, we cannot wriggle out of their eternal significance. Our pride, our ego, our sense of independence can rob us of that quiet humility that alone will lead us to acknowledge our total dependence on God and in child-like (not childish) faith reach out to Him.

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of September please start to give some thought to your performances, entry forms are available from Alison 472023 or from the Pop in Place from August all spectators will need to purchase tickets at £2 each they are also available from Alison. Would anyone like to sponsor the trophy for the Young Performer of the Year this year? The adults have a shield that we use each year but the youngsters have a trophy to keep this means replacing it each year, we will also present the Pop in Place Volunteer of the Year Awards at this event and a sponsor for them would also be welcome if you are interested in assisting with any of this contact Alison who will let you know the cost.

**Pip Squeak dates for July**

Thursday the 3rd July: 

Thursday the 17th July end of term party bring food donation. Back on Thursday the 4th September for final rehearsals for Performer of the Year Competition entries from Pip Squeak.

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**Poppets dates for July**

Wednesday the 2nd of July Making musical instruments

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Wednesday the 30th Teddy bears picnic

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Bere Regis Scouts attend “District Banner Camp” on weekend 16-18 May

The District Banner Camp is the annual camping competition held at Buddens Scout Activity Centre. Unfortunately, the appalling weather meant many planned activities were curtailed. This report was written by two of the scouts:

We arrived at camp at 6.30pm on Friday. We began putting the tents up. We had a great time doing this until it rained! For supper we had cup-a-soup and hot-dogs – it was scrumptious.

We woke at about 6.00am. We cooked bacon, eggs and sausages. We also tried to toast bread! We had flag-break at 11.00am. After this there was inspection when all the tents were inspected to see how clean and tidy they were. We got points for this. Then it started to rain – camp was still cheerful though thanks to Jonathan, our comedian. After the rain had cleared we made lunch (sandwiches and crisps). Then it rained again. After a few hours we did an activity which was very good fun. We cooked dinner of soup, meat and pasta and fruit. A bit later we went to the camp-fire where we performed a comedy sketch. Other troops had a chance as well. Then we had supper as before and then it was “lights-out” - but we kept our light on anyway!

We woke a bit late on Sunday but kept quiet so nobody knew (so don’t tell them!). For breakfast we had eggs and bacon. Then it was flag-break and inspection. At lunch we had bread, crisps and biscuits which were Hannah’s emergency rations (thanks Hannah, you’re a lifesaver [Leader’s Note – they had plenty of food but I expect they ate it all on the first day]!). Then we had to pack our tents away. This was difficult in the heavy rain – the more it rained the harder it got – eventually we dragged the tents under the dining shelter. It rained so hard we couldn’t do the planned activities, so we were bored but started to sing songs. We waited for what seemed ages, then suddenly it was like the sun coming out. It was our parents! They’d come to “rescue” us. (Leader’s Note: Beckie told me “We were so wet we might as well have jumped in the lake!”) We came fourth out of 8 teams.

Despite all, we had a great time. Why not come to Scouts at Bere Regis, Monday nights 7:30pm to 9:00pm - be there or miss out!

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- 8oz marscapone cheese
- 2 tbs double cream
- 4 ripepeaches, halved and stoned
- 2 tbs chopped walnuts
- 8 strawberries
- 4 mint sprigs

In a bowl, blend cheese and cream.
Spoon mixture into peach cavities. Sprinkle walnuts over the cheese and serve with the strawberries and mint sprigs.

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