For me, the unique virtue of the Church of England is that everyone in this country has a church that they can call his or her own. It is their parish church, because everybody lives in a Church of England parish. And it is the right of anyone who lives in the parish to be baptised, married and, if there is room, to be buried in their parish churchyard too. This helps to put the church at the heart of the community, and family life, and looking at the diary for this year and next, it’s good to see that we have a encouraging increase in the number of baptisms and marriages. But one of the trickiest social and moral challenges that the Church has been wrestling with for many years has been the issue of re-marriage in Church after divorce when a former husband or wife is still living. It is an issue not only for the ‘Established Church’ at national level, but particularly for the local vicar who has the legal as well as the spiritual authority and responsibility too. I have raised this topic at PCC meetings in the Benefice, and I hope this article will help illuminate the debate.

The difficulty has been over the Church’s thinking on what has been called the ‘indissolubility of marriage’, that the vows that are made on the wedding day are made for ‘better or worse…till death do us part’, what is described as a lifelong covenant or promise. Marriage is also considered by the church as a sacrament, that is, something made holy by God, and that the love of husband and wife in marriage is compared with the love of Christ for the Church. This is why as far back as 1957, when divorce was still relatively rare and carried not a little stigma, the General Synod, the Church’s Parliament, rejected any proposals to permit re-marriage even in exceptional circumstances. Consequently couples, one or both of who were divorced, could not marry in their parish church.

In the 45 years or so since then, nearly a half of all marriages in this country end in divorce, and few of us are untouched by it, and I speak with some personal experience. The social and human implications of this are vast and often sad. There are of course many reasons for this and we may say that this is because divorce is too easy and that the Church and State should do more to keep couples together – and indeed there are a number of initiatives to do this. Many people will say that divorce goes directly against Jesus’ teaching – which we can read about in the Bible, for example in St Mark’s gospel chapter 10, but in the
same passage, Jesus also warns us about our hardness of heart. Jesus’ teaching on marriage should not be regarded as legislation; it was after all the legislative approach of the Pharisees, the Jewish Church lawyers that he so often criticised. For me, Jesus’ teaching describes the essential character of marriage as intended by God, and Jesus saw marriage as part of the building of the Kingdom of God. A question we could ask ourselves is ‘what would Jesus do today?’

In 1981, with growing recognition of the increase in failed marriages, and more importantly the Church’s crucial pastoral role in human relationships and family life, a fresh look was taken at the possibility of re-marriage in church. The debate didn’t get the green light that many wanted, but it did permit the parish priest to exercise his judgement, and acknowledged that there may be circumstances in which a divorced person may be married in church during the lifetime of a former spouse. With this discretion, some priests in Church, and out of personal conviction have conducted re-marriages, and I have done so in a previous parish. Last year, legislation was passed that now officially permits a more open policy on re-marriage and I think it’s timely to reconsider such a practice in our parishes.

In a broken relationship, there are often innocent parties, but even where fault or blame might be attributed, we do worship a God who created us in love and wants us to have fulfilled lives. This means not only that we should try to forgive failings and failures and heal the wounds of broken relationships, but also experience the love that God gives to all of us in the opportunity for new starts. It is the love that He showers on every one of us that we should share as we live, here and now, trying to build his Kingdom.

I think I’m right in saying that my predecessors have not conducted marriages in our Churches in these circumstances, so a change in this policy may be concerning to some of you, and I can well understand this.

Here are some guidelines: it should be understood that re-marriage in Church is not automatic and will still be at the discretion of the Vicar. So in any preparation sessions for a marriage, in these circumstances, a discreet but sincere and mutual understanding of the issues of the past will be explored, before I would agree to conduct the marriage. I would also be seeking a clear understanding of the meaning and purpose of marriage; a mature view of the circumstances of the breakdown of the previous marriage and confidence that the couple is ready to enter wholeheartedly and responsibly into a new relationship. I would hope to discern that there has been sufficient healing of the personal and social wounds of marriage breakdown, and that the new marriage would not be consecrating an old infidelity.

I would also need assurance about the care of any children. As a general rule, it is unlikely that a marriage would be conducted if either of the parties have been married and divorced more than once. Now all this may seem rather heavy to some, but I hope it demonstrates how seriously these changes to marriage law are being taken, and it can provide a firm foundation on which lives and relationships
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### June
- **8th** Briantspuddle Open Gardens Day 11.00 - 5.00
- **11th** Autumn Leaves - Summer outing to Sidmouth. Car park 10.30 a.m.
- **14th** Twinning Association - Skittles evening, Drax Arms 7.30 p.m.
- **18th** Church Crawl
- **28th/29th** Garden Party and Flower Festival

### July
- **1st** Gardening club - Marine Life off the Coast
- **5th** Bere Regis 1st School Summer Fayre 3.30pm start
- **9th** 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

### 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

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**can be built,**

Finally, marriage is a gift from God and I hope that these changes, taken with much care, thoughtfulness and prayer, will draw the Church more closely into the realities of life today. I firmly believe that as Christians we should be encouraging marriage and family life, and honour and value it, but we should also be open to a God who forgives, and who brings new beginnings and new life to us all.

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10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
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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
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8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
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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**
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### BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

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**Intercessions:** 8 June, M/H Menzies; 22 June, P Thorniley.

**Chalice:** 8 June, M Menzies; 22 June, J Haigh.

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**Flower Arranging:**
- 1st June: Mrs. Forty
- 8th June: Mrs. Sally
- 15th June: Mrs. Reed
- 22th June: Mrs. Perris
- 29th June: 5th Sunday Venue to be arranged

**Cleaning:**
- 1st June: Mrs. Thorniley
- 8th June: Mrs. Solly
- 15th June: Special Clean
- 22th June: Mrs. Perris

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**ChURCH SERVICES IN JUNE**

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**Sunday 1st June**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins & Communion  Affpuddle
1.00pm Holy Baptism  Affpuddle
6.30pm Civic Service to mark the 50th anniversary of the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth at Lady St. Mary’s Wareham

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**Sunday 8th June**

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11.00am Family Service  Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong  Bere Regis

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**Saturday 14th June**

3.30pm Holy Matrimony  Bere Regis

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**Sunday 15th June**

Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Family Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong  Bere Regis
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Saturday 21st June
2.00pm Holy Matrimony    Bere Regis

Sunday 22nd June  First Sunday after Trinity & Sudan Sunday
8.00am Holy Communion    Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion    Affpuddle
11.00am Mattins & Communion    Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong    Bere Regis

Friday 27th June
12.00 noon Mid-day Prayers    Bere Regis

Sunday 29th June  Second Sunday after Trinity
(Bere Regis Flower Festival)
8.00am Holy Communion    Affpuddle
9.15am Benefice Communion    Bere Regis
6.00pm Churches in Bere Regis joint service    Bere Regis

Saturday 5th July
11.00am Holy Matrimony    Affpuddle

Sunday 6th July  Third Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion    Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion    Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins & Communion    Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong    Bere Regis

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Rosemary Sabine Elkerton

Rosemary was born almost 84 years ago into an illustrious naval family. Her Grandfather, Admiral Durnford had been Commander in Chief South Atlantic, when Ironclads were replacing wooden hulls and sail, and her father, eventually became Captain Royal Navy, having earlier in his career been flag lieutenant to his father. Rosemary continued the family tradition joining up for the second world war, and as a third officer in the WRNS she was posted to the Royal Naval Air Station at Wingfield near Capetown in South Africa, thus continuing the family traditions of the Royal Navy and maintaining the South Atlantic links of her grandfather.

Rosemary was born in Hampshire, one of four children, two brothers and a sister, and home life was near Gosport and schooling was at the Tudor School. Rosemary was a great dancer and after school she taught ballet and ballroom dancing. On joining up, Rosemary's initial specialisation was in WT – wireless telegraphy – but she moved on to become a fighter direction officer and found herself in South Africa. Her task was to direct our Fleet Air Arm aircraft – operating from aircraft carriers converted from merchant ships such as HMS Persuer to their targets, so that they could effectively protect the Fleet.

It was in her Fighter Direction work that she met Elk – he was ‘the pongo air liaison officer’ and even more surprising was that he was in the Royal Tank Regiment. However, the war office and of course God moves in mysterious ways because it was through their service to the Fleet Air Arm that they met.

Elk said that one great advantage he had over the Royal Navy guys at Wingfield was that he was allocated a staff car – an essential item of kit for courting, for exploring the lovely beaches around Haupt Bay, and to impress the girl you were one day to marry.

After the war ended Rosemary and Elk made their separate ways back to England and after demob they were married in St Peter’s Cranleigh Gardens in London, which was Rosemary’s Grandmother’s Church. But not until Elk had of course done the proper thing and asked Rosemary’s father for her hand. They set up home in Cambridge, having bought a house with Elk’s gratuity, and Elk planned to resume his studies at the University, which had been interrupted by the War. However, they set off instead for Eastern Nigeria where Elk, having joined the Colonial Service, had been appointed as a District Officer. So as a
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Consequence he and Rosemary spent 16 years in Nigeria and Cameroon.

Coming from a Naval family with all its inevitable travelling and hospitality, Rosemary who just as well loved travelling, was always a wonderful hostess and outstanding at entertaining visitors to their home and very good at making friends.

Life in the Colonial service in the 1950s and early 60’s could be very demanding and exciting. Transport, especially in the Cameroons was often only on foot and the risk of disease always very high. Without running water or refrigeration, water always had to be boiled and coping with insects became a way of life. Elk says that whenever they were on leave, the London Hospital for tropical diseases was a place they both got to know very well – not quite a second home but a place where they went for regular health checks. And whilst in London they always took the opportunity to see a show, which Rosemary loved.

Throughout all these challenges, Rosemary was a wonderful support to Elk, as wife and helpmate, hostess and true friend. She would not be phased with the prospect of lunch for 12 at short notice. In 1963 Rosemary and Elk returned home to Cambridge and Elk took up his student’s pen for the third time. But this time as a law student at the Guildford law school from where he rapidly graduated to work for Shropshire County Council and then he became the Solicitor for the then New Town of Telford.

So home for Rosemary was near the Welsh borders in Shrewsbury and she was able to develop her passion for gardening as well as entertaining. Over the years, Rosemary became Godmother to four God children and she took her responsibilities seriously.

When Rosemary and Elk eventually retired to Affpuddle, she became a regular member of the congregation at St Laurence, and took her part on the cleaning rota. She was also able to nurture her garden at Greatfield House which she loved. Elk and Rosemary were able to develop their own interests in Dorset, which Rosemary got to love very much indeed. Unlike Elk, she felt she had done enough walking in Africa, although she did love exercising her dogs, and for a while they enjoyed touring in a motor caravan, which kept that sense of travelling for, and the cruel loss of her mobility was a severe blow, to both of them.

Rosemary was a wonderful companion and friend, and a loving wife and we thank God for her and as she ends her earthly travels – may she rest in peace in paradise.

June 2003

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£45
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2002 to be presented at the AGM were approved.

7. Church Fabric. A quote of £2700 for lime-washing the interior walls had been received. Another two quotes would be obtained. The possible acquisition of a dehumidifier for the vestry would be examined.

8. Churchyard. A draft paper giving the guidelines for burials in the churchyard was circulated and discussed. The large Yew behind the Old Vicarage would be thinned and the crown reduced. Quotes would be obtained to cut back the eight Yews in the Yew tree avenue. The Tulip tree by the eastern end of the church was badly infected with fungus. The tree should be pruned to see what happened then if there were no improvement the tree would be felled. Quotes would be obtained for the mowing of the Peace Garden.

9. Programme of Events.
   a. Church Fete. The Church Fete would be held on 5 Jul 03. The Croppers had kindly offered to host the event.
   b. Coffee Morning. A Coffee Morning would be held in May. Date and venue to follow.
   c. Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival and Lunch would be held on 5 Oct 03.

The May meeting was held at Turberville Court on the 7th May at 7.30 p.m. There were 19 members present.

Hazel welcomed Tony Gatwood who gave us a talk entitled “Angels and Hymn Singing”. A selection of hymns interspersed with scripture portions read by members, combined to illustrate the main theme.

Several of our Mothers’ Union members are already in teams for the Pop in Place Village Quiz on the 19th May. Some of us hope to go along as spectators.

On 31st May, Mothers’ Union Coffee Morning will be held at Cyril Wood Court from 10.00 a.m.—12.00 noon. Admission free.

On 31st May and 7th June, Hazel and Kay will provide the flowers in Church on behalf of the Mothers’ Union, arranged by Jean and Cychxa. On Wednesday 4th June, at 7.30 p.m., the Rev Robin Hungerford will celebrate Holy Communion, with enrolment of new members.

Kay Abbott - 472258

This will take place on Wednesday 18th June. Please see weekly notice sheets for details, or contact Fred and Brenda Pitfield on 471391.
Bere Regis Junior Church

The Next Children’s Activity Morning
Will Be On

Sunday, 8th June 2003
In
Bere Regis Church
10 – 11am.

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 afterwards!

The other important thing is to make sure we can describe the Parish we all live in. As well as thinking about the issues that affect our way of life any comments on the Parish “Vital Statistics” should be made to the Steering Group now – photographs which help illustrate features of the Parish would also be very useful.

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SUMMARY OF MATTERS DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE AFFPUDDLE PCC ON 4 MAR 03

1. Altar Cross. The altar cross was still awaiting presentation to Crossways.

2. Repairs to Tower. As the insurance premium to cover tower work by builders was very high there would be consultation with the architect to establish whether a steeplejack or similar person could carry out the work at a lesser cost.

3. Vicar’s remarks. The Vicar thanked Jonathan Haigh for his support with the approaching Lent course and the PCC for their help over the Christmas season. He also briefed the PCC on his recent attendance at a meeting of the Sudan Ecumenical Forum in South Africa.

4. Treasurer’s report. The treasurer gave a short summary of the Parish finances. The state of income for the current financial year (Jan & Feb) had been quiet and healthy and almost entirely income. The full effect of loss of income due to expiring covenants and their associated standing orders balanced against the new standing orders generated through the financial awareness campaign should be clear by the beginning of April.

5. Financial Awareness Campaign. The campaign had been very successful with an increase through the various receipts of £8327. The result of the campaign meant that over the next three years the increase in income would exceed the income in the parish quota.

   a. Appointment of Officers. Paul Badcock, Stephen Sanderson, Erica Moriarty and Audrey Griffiths had stood down and John Royal and Bill Thorniley would be standing down at the AGM on 27 Apr 03. Paul Badcock would be standing down as church warden but was happy to remain a member of the PCC. Sue Gibbs, David Griffiths, Irene Flint and David Nestling had offered to serve on the PCC and would be proposed at the AGM.
   b. End of Year Account. The proposed treasurers report and the accounts for
In the light of the decision by the Annual Parish Meeting it was agreed to proceed with the merging of the two parishes to form one parish which would be called the Parish of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle. It was also agreed that in the event of the joint Parish being formed then at least one councillor would be nominated to be responsible for the interests of Turnerspuddle, Throop and Brockhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall’s planning application for permanent permission for use of the land at Rogers Hill on Wednesdays for training purposes was considered. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed not to oppose this application.

The clerk reported that outline permission had been granted by Purbeck District Council to T.W. Bamlett and Sons to build an agricultural workers cottage at Throop.

The monthly accounts were paid together with the annual grants as agreed in December.

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**Parish Plan Project**

Although this article was written before the Parish Plan questionnaire “Vital Response” was sent out, we hope that everyone over the age of 11 will have completed one and returned it to the Project Steering Group by the end of May. The intention is to analyse the response during June in order to present the initial findings to the Parish Council on 9th July and again publicly, by way of a display at the Briantspuddle Horticultural Show, on 2nd August.

The whole idea of this project is to properly raise the profile of any issues that affect way of life in the two Parishes. Completing the questionnaire is therefore really just the beginning of a process of identifying where change might make a positive difference for everyone’s benefit. If you feel you want to discuss something important to you, even if you did not complete the questionnaire, do not wait to be asked - talk to a member of the Steering Group (Campbell de Burgh, Stuart Wilson, Bob Holman, Nick Gore, Martha Tucker, Caroline Lord or Joan Herridge) as soon as possible.

Once we have a feel for the issues that people want taking forward we will list them and if necessary devise a more focussed questionnaire, or hold a public meeting possibly inviting an expert on the subject along to help get at the detail. With all this work done we would then hope to produce a draft Parish Plan in late Autumn for everyone to comment on and for the Local Authorities to have a look at.
I 00 Watt Club

1st prize - £25
Mrs K Smith - no 224

2nd prize - £10
Mr G Phillips - no 195

3rd prize – £10
Mrs B Veal - no 231

4th prize  -  £5
Mrs Ruffle - no 99

5th prize  -  £5

New members are always welcome.

Please contact Gordon Phillips for details – 471525


There will be a Summer Clean of our Church on Saturday 21st June at 10.00 o’clock. We would really welcome all those who can spare a bit of time to join in and do a bit of extra cleaning and dusting of our village church in addition to the weekly cleaning/dusting which our band of volunteers already do. Do come along and join in this worthy cause and could you please bring your suters and cleaning cloths, but no spray on polish!

Jane Woodward

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual General meeting of the Parish Council and the May Parish Council meeting were all held on 1st May 2003.

At the Annual Parish Meeting the Village Organisations gave reports of the work of their organisation during the past year.

The main item of business was to discuss and vote on the proposal to take steps to combine the separate parishes of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle to form one Parish. A letter explaining this had been delivered to every house within the two Parishes at the end of March. Several of the Turnerspuddle electors present were concerned that the identity of Turnerspuddle might be subsumed within the greater whole of the enlarged Parish. Other people were concerned that the name of Turnerspuddle might be lost by giving the new Parish a different name. After a great deal of discussion it was agreed to take steps to merge the two parishes with the proviso that the name should continue to be the Parish of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle. The Parish Council was asked to give assurance that in the future the combined Parish would nominate a Parish Councillor to take particular note of the concerns of the Turnerspuddle, Brockhill and Throop parts of the parish.

At the Annual General Meeting Reports from the Chairman on the Council activities of the previous year and the Clerk on the financial state of affairs were presented. During this meeting there was a lively discussion period. The main area of discussion being the proposal by the Hall Family to apply for permanent planning permission to use land at Rogers Hill for motor cycle training purposes on Wednesdays. The overgrown condition of some of the hedges bordering the Parish roads was also noted.

At the Parish Council Meeting Mr. Charles Barter was elected as Chairman and Mr. Eric Rolls was elected as vice chairman.

During March the Acting Clerk had indicated that she was no longer prepared to carry on as clerk. It was agreed to advertise the post again. In the event of no suitable candidate coming forward satisfactory arrangements would have to be made for the equitable sharing of the clerks duties.

Commander de Burgh reported on the progress of creating a Parish Plan. Arrangements were made to pay the accounts as they arose.

The matter of the boundaries of the Parish Council property was discussed. It was agreed to write to all the owners of neighbouring properties setting out the situation as was presently believed to be true and asking for confirmation of these facts or the production of documentary proof if a contrary position was taken.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN

On Saturday 14th June 2003 there will be a special clean of the church. Please come along and help with this important task. Please bring with you dusters and polishing rags. Depending on the number of people who turn up it is hoped to be able to polish all the wooden floors, wash the stone floors, polish all the furniture and vacuum the hassocks.

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At the Annual General Meeting of the Briantspuddle Hall Committee held on 7th May the Chairman Jenny Lightfoot reported on the previous year’s activities. The Treasurer Philippa Thornley presented the audited accounts and gave a report on the financial affairs of the Committee during the last year. The following organisations had not yet nominated their representatives, The Parish Council, The Parochial Church Council and the friends of the Shop and Post Office. The existing representatives took part in the elections. Mrs. Jeanes was the new Bladen Social Club representative and Mrs. Bentley continued to represent the Briantspuddle Singers. Jenny Lightfoot, Jenny Beedle, Sheila Pearce, Nigel Lord and Philippa Thornley were elected onto the Committee. Richard Gibbs and Jim and Pat Crane were co-opted onto the Committee. The new Committee elected Jenny Lightfoot as Chairman and Philippa Thornley as Treasurer. Sheila Pearce agreed to take on the job of minute Secretary and it was agreed that Jenny Lightfoot would continue to deal with the correspondence.

Jenny Lightfoot thanked the two retiring members of the Committee Frances Solly and Jan Hopkins for their valuable contribution towards running the Hall. Both Frances and Jan indicated that they were more than willing to help out at the various events to be held during the forthcoming year.

Under any other business Paul Badcock proposed a vote of thanks to Ron Jones of John Stark and Crickmay Partnership and Bert Jeanes for all their help on the project management team during the past months. It was a relief that the first step towards the hall refurbishment had been accomplished, namely obtaining planning permission. Now the work would begin in putting together a package to present to potential funders. John Solly proposed a special vote of thanks to Jenny Beedle for all her valued work as chairman.

At the monthly meeting following the AGM the following topics were discussed, the matter of tidying up the hall yard, the Hall Yard Risk Assessment, finding quotations for re-thatching, a sign for the yards, the community premises licence, the way forward with the hall improvements, the current financial statement. The May 100 Club prize was drawn. The winner was Joan Herridge. Fund raising for the forthcoming year was discussed.

BERE REGIS CHURCH FETE AND FLOWERS
Fete in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday 28th June
Teas Stalls Cakes Bric-a-Brac etc.
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Prior to the May meeting getting under way the Chairman, on behalf of the Council, presented Mr John Cleave with a framed series of pictures in recognition of the restoration work that he had completed during the past year. He has not been in the village for one year yet but in that time he has transformed the hedges around the Cemetery by laying them in the traditional manner.

Being the first meeting for this Parish Council year, the Chairman and Vice Chairman were due for election. The Council requested that the present holders of these positions continue in office to which they agreed. Thus the Chairman for this year will be Mr Tim A Maunder with Mr Laurie Fairhurst as the Vice Chairman.

The Council discussed the reported traffic excesses along Elder Road and concluded that a survey should be requested. There has been no report on the traffic survey that was conducted previously but the Council wishes to emphasise the fact that we are seeking to encourage pedestrians moving across the road to use the proposed ‘safe route to school’ and the use of the area by the older children with their shelter. There is already the young children’s play area so that all in all it is a busy road and we need to slow the traffic down.

The District Council is about to publish an Appraisal of the Conservation Area of the Village. This is a very interesting document with plenty of photographs and illustrations and well worth a place on any Bere Regis bookshelf. No doubt copies will be available through the District Council but no details are known at this stage.

The Council discussed the Cemetery at some length and were pleased with the overall appearance now that several trees and bushes have bee removed and the grass cut more frequently. However the Council is concerned that young children are seen playing around the graves and climbing the fencing. This is very dangerous so parents are requested to warn their children not to play in the Cemetery please. Children are only permitted in the Cemetery when accompanied by an adult.

The Council is concerned about the recent incidents of crime within the District, particularly break in and removal of property. Clearly there is a need to be aware of the dangers and to take the necessary measures to prevent it happening.

Another pleasing report was received concerning the Children’s Play Area where the new Committee are really making a great influence on its condition. All of the mums are doing their very best to make the area safe and the Council is most grateful.

For the horticulturists among my readers, you might be interested in the grass clippings from the cemetery used in the park.
The AGM was held during April and this year we had a dozen Parishioners in attendance. Kath Jeeves remains as Chairman and the Committee was re-elected with two additional members. The ambitions for the coming year were discussed with the usual aim of providing good events to the Parish. In return we hope to improve our funds so that the necessary works of both repair and improvements may continue. There will be some ‘live’ theatre - professional casts - and we will try to have the a film night for a change. Our aim will be to provide anything at the least price possible which means that we then rely upon a good raffle and refreshments to boost the funds. Please do try to support Kath and her committee.

CM

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 12th June at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall.

CM

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who attended my 65th birthday celebrations at the Royal British Legion. I was please to receive donations of cash for the Plastics Unit at Salisbury Hospital totalling £264.50. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Special thanks to Andrew and Julie Lye for the Disco and to Pastor Jim and the rest of the band for the live music, to Jan Nurrish for designing and printing my invitations and to Megan Stone for the fantastic decorations on the cake that was made by Elaine. Finally, thanks to Elaine and Alison for arranging what turned out to be a very enjoyable and special evening.

CM
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disappeared over Snow Hill. The game ebbed and flowed yet Bere took a vital 5 wickets for 10 runs with Nick White (3-35) and Steve Cheeseman (3-14) taking the home favourites to the brink, but a dogged last wicket stand in the dew and black night gave for a classic encounter.

Plush required 15 rom the final over with the young White to bowl it. The vast crowd prayed for a wicket, yet the home side were happy to concede singles as the visitors needed boundaries. they got one from the fourth ball setting up a frantic finale. The last ball was edged over the keeper-Shane Hewitt yet Cheeseman had retreated to the boundary and was able to collect and return for a gleeful Hewitt to remove the balls and secure a three run win.

It was a match played in the true spirit of the game, being a great advertisement for the league. After an immense display of captaincy from Bere’s skipper, they now have to travel in round two to face either Abbotsbury (who they play there on 13 May) or last season’s opposition-Post Office.

Forthcoming Fixtures/Events

Sun 1 June  Beaminster (home)
Wed 4 June  Hazelbury Bryan (Evening League home)
Sat 7 June  Annual Football Six-a-Sides
Sat 7 June  Shaftesbury (away)
Sun 8 June  Corfe Mullen (away)
Tues 10 June Cattistock (Evening League away)
Sat 14 June  Shroton (home)
Sun 15 June  Lytchett Matravers (away)
Wed 18 June  Puddletown II (Evening League away)
Fri 20 June  E.C.C Quarries (Evening friendly away)
Sat 21 June  Blandford II (away)
Sun 22 June  Speedliners (home)
Wed 25 June  Cheselbourne (Evening League home)
Sat 28 June  Dorchester II (home)
Sun 29 June  To be confirmed
June 2003

**PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Elections**

On May 1st elections were held for one third (8) of the 24 Purbeck District Council wards. The results are shown in the table below. Previously the make up of the Chamber was 17 Tories, 3 Independents, and 4 Lib Dems. Although the results below show no change in the majority group, there has been a reduction of its size. One of the Tories will be elected as the Chair and he/she does not normally vote unless it is a tie and then they have a casting vote. Whilst this may not necessarily make much difference, it may marginally increase the influence of the Independent Group. I will keep you informed.

**ELECTION RESULTS - 1st MAY, 2003**

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cup, and were wary of the experience and ability that they were up against with Plush being an established side in the league. The Bear, Monstaah, Eric Hall and Shrek (to name but a few nicknames) had to captain the side as Pete Macklin was on holiday. The Bear had no hesitation in batting first and agreeing that the game should be 18 overs per side given the imminent falling light in early May.

The Slick in his third game in five days was requested to open the innings with the ever present Texas Tom Bennett who was playing on the back of an impressive first campaign last year. The brief from the captain was to rotate the strike, and The Slick followed this instruction to the letter putting his young counterpart through his paces, before he once again opened up the infamous Golden Gate to be bowled through bat and pad for a swift 9 runs.

The Bear had opted for the number three spot in order to apply enough deep heat to get through the night. He added 11 runs before holing out at extra cover. Three wickets fell in the forties before the sprightly Alan Green hooked up with the left-handed Shane Hewitt. It was their positive approach to the running between the sticks that impressed the growing crowd on a balmy May evening that was perfectly suited to the game. They had a maximum of six overs to take Bere to a total worth defending, and there was mass terrace talk of what score would be enough. The captain had settled for 90.

The 15th over was key to the Bere innings as they plundered 14 runs including a magnificent six from Shane Hewitt that cleared one of the largest boundaries on Plaintain Park. Eventually there was one quick run too many and Green was run out sacrificing his wicket for the cause, a trademark of his epic career at the BRACA. Hewitt remained to resume the run chase with Nick White and they took the score along to 95 for 6.

The visitors were keen to shift along with the daylight shortening fast. They signalled their intentions with some big hitting from the start, and Bere assisted this with some extras for the scorers to ponder. However it was a dream start for Bere as they took four wickets in the first three overs. Paul Fripp removed the leg stump of a Plush opener, followed by a moment of pure athleticism from The Bear at short mid-on snapping up a catch just millimetres from the turf. There were two supremely well-judged catches from the young Gren Elphinstone-Davis, and Plush were 7 for 4 with Bere sensing an upset in the making against the division one side.

Plush possessed some players of power and experience and they had held some in reserve with their 5th wicket they batted themselves into contention with selective hitting and some astute decision making pushing Bere on the defensive. The home side’s grip on the game was severely, almost fatally weakened as Plush’s score progressed to 69 for 4 with 31 needed off 4 overs. Nick White was thrust into the fray. His ability to take wickets at crucial time came to the fore as he dismissed the dangerous Plush number 6 for 38 with a low dipping full toss that hit the base of the stumps. Four runs later he removed the Plush captain and Bere were back in the game, yet the dark was turning to gloom as the sun
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 Blaxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com.

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Elaine wishes to thank all her very generous friends and acquaintances who donated in excess of £100 towards the above charity. I believe we will have raised in excess of £1,500 altogether. It was a lovely day on 4th May in spite of a rather doubtful weather forecast.

For those who are interested, we started at Crossways, came over to Throop Clump and Bere Heath. Old Puddletown Road to Worget, Holme Bridge to East Lulworth, Coombe Keynes, East Burton, Moreton and back to Crossways, some 28 miles.

Thanks to all

Elaine Standfield

deemed to be a slight on the slow side, with Bere hoping to harvest wicket or two early on, and young all rounder Nick White duly delivered with two quick scalps in his first three overs.

The Broadstone machine was gearing up for a mammoth total however being 82 for 2 after the first 20 overs. Essentially it was a flawless hundred from the home captain that sent Bere reeling and crashing to a titanic defeat. Bere’s fielding was distinctly flat-footed and would surely improve over the coming weeks with bigger challenges ahead such as Swanage and Wimborne.

Bere’s reply was muted in the extreme with nobody recording a significant contribution other than Andy Kent and Nick ‘Slick’ Cheesean both registering 19, yet the score was helped along to 112 for 9 with the captain unbeaten on 12 at the death.

The Sunday XI captain-Martyn ‘Poomy’ Price also resided over a team that had been the subject of a promotion from 2002. The league’s restructuring and the withdrawal of teams had meant that Bere were elevated to division 5 of the Sunday section and the division was further reduced following the announcement that Mowers of Owermoigne had pulled. So 16 contests awaited Bere’s Sunday heroes. The first was Ferndown at home.

The Poom had secured the signing coup of Matt Tatchell on an extended contract from last season, so Bere’s challenge would have an added impetus as the explosive Tatchell can turn games on their heads. The backbone of the team remained messrs. Fripp (R & P) A Green, M Price D Scott with an assortment of graduates from the GT Cricket Academy. There was no mystery about the Ferndown innings’ early overs as Reg Fripp carved his way to figures of 3 for 17, and it was a position that the visitors could barely recover from. All Bere’s bowlers chipped in with wickets shared and Ferndown were restricted to 114 allout from 44.4 overs. Bere had the task of scoring 115 at 2.5 runs per overs, so a circumspect approach was expected from Bere’s openers, yet Fripp had only added 12 before falling and the captain himself could muster only 4 runs, and Bere were 48 for 3 and in an early spot of bother. The pairing of The Slick and Tatchell for the fourth wicket was the pivotal moment in the game as they added 75 unbeaten runs with some solid yet chancy strokeplay to steer Bere home. Tatchell went to his fifty off the last ball with a straight drive that rattled off the sightscreen next to the press enclosure. So a great start for the Sunday boys, but less so for the Saturday outfit.

The Evening League gave Bere a tremendous opportunity to blood new and young talent in a competitive arena during 2002. They too had achieved promotion in their inaugural season and the schedule has become tougher giving an extra three games, the first being a home cup tie in the first round of the knockout cup against Plush of division one.

It was the second year running that Bere had faced top flight opposition in the
FERNDOWN 114 allout  
(R Fripp 3-29)  
BERE REGIS 118 for 3  
(M Tatchell 51no, N Cheeseman 23no.)  
7 May Dorchester & District Evening League Knockout Cup Round One  
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Cricket has returned to the BRACA (Bere Regis Athletic Cricket Association) once again, as they embarked on their 20th season in the league since the heady days of reformation back in 1983. The club celebrated a triple promotion from the fruits of their 2002 season’s labour, and even managed to coax former Chairman and head drinker Duffy Pearce from his hideout in Weymouth to present the awards last November to the Saturday XI. For the present the time has come for all to be focused on the tasks that lie ahead. There can be no bigger challenge for the Saturday XI and their diminutive captain Peter ‘Gilersuriya’ Cheeseman returned for another season at the helm of what promises to be a turbulent season on the pitch. Old foes and demons have to be confronted during the season, and the first encounter that the league’s faithful old fixture computer threw up for Bere was a trip to old adversaries Broadstone II.  

An arid late March and on into April has given many groundskeepers nightmares. It was ironic that as soon as the cricket season approached then the weather would markedly deteriorate. The Bere Selectors were given an almighty mountain to climb for the first round of fixtures as no fewer than eight players were out injured or unavailable. Rick ‘Papa Smurf’ Davis had succumbed to a debilitating shoulder injury and crucially Ian Hardy last season’s premier strike bowler had gone the entire Winter nursing a similar ailment. In addition to this were injuries to Chris Oram (knee) and Dean Rogerson (hand) the outlook was as bleak as the weather for the trip to a sodden Delph Woods.  

After a conscious decision was made for the game to go ahead, Bere won the toss and bowled given the impending conditions and a weather forecast about as reliable as the stock market. As it turned out the clouds abated by inches during the day to give comfortable conditions at the end. The wicket was...
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ENTERTAINMENTS
7th June: Annual 6 a side tournament

A feast of football, where names like Beckham, Zidane and Owen can all be seen (on the backs of replica shirts admittedly!). All joking aside, the standard of football is normally pretty good with the cream of Dorset football on offer, as well as some of the local heroes mentioned in these very pages. Don’t miss it!!

Other attractions
Keep your eyes peeled for such treats in June as ‘A Question of Sport’ and the perennial favourite ‘Pop Quiz’. Dates can be found on the Sports Club notice board outside the Drax Arms, or by asking your friendly neighbourhood shop assistant.....Joan Macklin. See you there.......
literally!) and the three points were never in doubt. The closest they came prompted a wonder save from Dave that makes David Seaman’s recent effort seem ordinary. At the other end, the second part of the plan almost came to fruition when a searing break from the defence gave Wayne Cope the chance to whip the ball in for Ricky to plunder his hat trick, if only he had a left foot! In the end, Shaftesbury were begging the referee to put them out of their misery (not a wise move with a German referee!) and Bere were left with a famous victory and a precious three points. Having just beaten third in the league, the last game against second in the league no longer seemed so daunting.

Poole Borough Res 4: Bere Regis 1

And so to the last game of the season. Poole Borough were already celebrating a runners up spot and probable promotion, with their reward being the chance to play their last game on the Combination pitch. Bere were celebrating the fact that they had managed to get a team together, even managed one sub this week, but there was a tinge of sadness. This was to be the last game for Bere’s wunderkind Stuart Moorse as he moves on to greater things, no not the Premiership but university life where he will be educated in the important things in life…..gifts and booze! As a reward for years of loyal service he was made an honorary forward in the absence of Ricky Cummings, who had gone fission this week. Things started brightly enough for Bere and both teams had some fairly decent chances, but it was Poole Borough who opened the scoring with a 25 yarder from the edge of the area that was placed to perfection. Soon after came the turning point as the Borough had a player sent off for a rash challenge on Stu. This seemed to inspire them to greater things, whilst Bere looked lost amongst all the space. When Borough scored another from a tap in at the back post (where were you Whippet!) it was no more than they deserved.

Bringing on Dr Dacre at half time for an injured Squint certainly had some effect, but two comic goals handed the points to Poole on a plate. The first was thanks to a ‘girly’ back pass from Dean that the forward latched onto and then tempted Dave into giving away a penalty, which was despatched with ease. The second was thanks to five minutes of madness from that legendary slaphead, Spivey. One intended clearance smacked unerringly into the broad chest of Dean and straight into the path of their forward. Chasing back he then had a chance to redeem himself, but could only slice his second clearance straight up into the air. When it eventually came down from the clouds it was, inevitably, to a Borough forward again who knocked it gratefully into the net. After this, Bere were determined to get on the score sheet and, following some relentless pressure they finally got their reward. Stu Moorse, in true Heskey tradition, collapsed like a pack of cards in the
A very successful coffee morning was held at the home of Kath and Charlie Jeeves at which over £70 was raised for Autumn Leaves funds. Thanks are due to Kath and Charlie for all their hard work in organising it and getting the garden looking so beautiful on the day.

A report on the May meeting will be in the next edition of the magazine.

The June event is a coach outing to Sidmouth on Wednesday 11th June starting from the Car Park at 10.30am. Cost £5.50. Bookings to Kath Jeeves (471175) as soon as possible as tickets are going fast.

Beresford Res 0: Bere Regis 2

The trip to Shaftesbury was daunting enough after an 8-1 thrashing earlier in the season, but with more people missing than the Iraqi cabinet the task looked impossible. Kev is not the type of person to say die though, unless it is directed at the referee with a swear word in front of it anyway, so in desperation he called up the old veteran campaigner Spivey for his first experience of Saturday football in many a year. After a late arrival at the game (the latest being Squint who had to be surgically removed from his duvet) Bere didn’t even have time to warm up before the German referee, keeping up the national stereotype, started the game at exactly three o’clock. The game was not a pretty sight, with a pitch harder than John Close on Stella and bouncier than Jordan on a trampoline. In such circumstances, the sight of Rogerson and Spivey at the heart of an impregnable defence gave the midfield and attack some heart that the odd nicked goal could win it. When the first goal came it was more of a gift than a steal. That wily old predator Ricky Cummings was wise enough to put pressure on a back pass and when the keeper scuffed the ball straight to him on the clearance he chipped it straight back over his head for the opening goal. Whilst Shaftesbury continued to have most of the possession they could do little with it and Bere scored again before half time with a goal that epitomised what Whippet does best….and worst. Picking up the ball on the half way line he kicked it yards ahead and was off like a rocket, leaving players in his wake. When his second touch went another thirty yards ahead towards the waiting defender you felt that was it, as did the defender, but Whippet didn’t! The defender’s next thoughts were probably unprintable as Whippet continued his sprint and hit both him and the ball at approximately the speed of sound. Once the defender had flown over his head, Whippet composed himself, looked up and scooped an inch perfect pass to Ricky unmarked in the centre who lashed it into the net.

At 2-0 up Bere’s game plan for the second half was to soak up the inevitable pressure and hit them on the break. As the Shaftesbury team took the pitch to the chants of ‘Red Army’ from their fans, both of them, you started to wonder whether this would work. In the end, it worked like a charm. The midfield and attack worked like dogs to give Shaftesbury no time on the ball and, when they did manage to get a sight of goal, there was always a defender’s foot head or chest in the way. Add to this the fact that Dave Ramsey, in goal, was on fire (not
The trip to the Cider Mill and Nursery was enjoyed by 35 members with the clock collection being particularly interesting.

Jimmy Barnes will be sharing his showing expertise with us on Tuesday 3rd June.

A trip to the Kingcombe Centre at Powerstock to see the wild flowers is being planned for Sat. 21st June. It is likely to be a half day outing – more details to follow at the June meeting. If you are interested please let Adrian or Elaine know on 471774.

The July 1st meeting will be a talk on marine wildlife off the coast.

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Fiona Williams gave an interesting talk and slide show about the history of her family during World War 1. Her family medals and memorabilia were familiar to many members.  
Due to a change of the constitution this was our AGM however it was a paper AGM with the same committee standing for the next 12 months.  
The June meeting is a mystery to the committee as it is members evening.  
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Unfortunately, the canoeing session planned for the 27th April had to be postponed, as the lake was not available. This was due to a change of ownership of the lake, and was completely beyond the control of the Dorset Scouts who very kindly allow the youth club the use of their facilities there. The good news is that the situation has now been resolved, and access to the lake is now once again available. The next session being scheduled for Thursday 26th June.

Kite Making will take place on the 13th May, now that the winds seem to have returned, when it is hoped that everyone will be able to get their construction airborne.

On the 20th there will be an opportunity for everyone to show just how good they are at acting. The evening entitled “Stage Fright”, will hopefully uncover some rare local talented young people and set them off treading the boards to fame.

Fimo Modelling will end off the month on the 27th, members will be able to make articles and models from this clay like substance. Once finished the items are all placed into a hot oven and carefully baked until they become rock hard. Having been allowed to cool they can be taken home and used as paperweights, toys, key rings, etc. I just hope that I do not end up burning anything like I did once before.

With June fast approaching and dry hot weather expected, we all hope, its off to the beach once again on the 10th. When we will be heading down to Shore Road, Sandbanks for a Beach Bar-B-Q, a few games and a paddle.

On the 17th there is an Evening Hike starting at 6.30 pm, just for fun, around the local countryside. We will be taking a some food along with us and having a bean feast in the woods.

As always new members are most welcome and membership is open to all young people aged 8 to 17 years. Please contact me for further information or call in on any youth club evening.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader
For the ROGS outing in April they were playing for the Jim Corbin Cup at Moors Valley.

The competition was a Greensome Pairs, which allows both team members to tee off, and then they pick up the worst ball of the two played and play out the hole with alternate shots. The score is stableford and the winners were Russell White and new member Richard (Tich) White with 39 points.

The second pair were Martin Debenham and Shane Mooney with 35 points on a card play off.

The twos competition was worth £47.00 and this was shared by Russell White and Richard White, and Brian Whiffen and Tom Crabtree. The winners of the nearest the pin were Guy Storey and Graham Price, and the longest drive winner was Roger Johns.

Dinner was at the Moors Valley Club and despite the fact that it rained all day and we only had one shower between 24 of us, we did all enjoy our day out. Even in the rain there is something beautiful about our countryside in April and Moors Valley was a pretty as ever.

The draw for the next round of the Shaun Brady Knockout Cup was held after dinner and with some big names already out we could have a new name on the cup this year.

Please note that the Bere Regis Sports Club have a new web address www.bereregis.com and they kindly list all ROGS activities.

Next month ROGS are at Came Down in Dorchester to play for the Presidents Cup and this year’s President is Robbie Hall.

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A big thank you to all those who helped to make the Poppet’s 1st Birthday Party, on the 19th of April, such a great success. A special thank you goes to all of the parents who donated food, and Alison and Paul Bennett who helped decorate the hall with all of the toddler group’s artwork and collages. It was nice to be able to leave their work up afterwards so that others could enjoy it, and appreciate what an integral role the children play in our community.

Bere Regis School

Bere Regis School is celebrating for several reasons. It has just received its second schools achievement award for improvement in pupil progress. The Governors, are very pleased on this remarkable result as this is the second year running the school has received recognition for continual improving school standards. To receive it two years in a row is evidence on how well the children are being educated.

Spring term has also seen the opening of a brand new classroom providing a new class for year 4 and 3 pupils. After re-organisation of classrooms this is allowing much needed library facilities combined with a multi purpose room for extra activities such as drama and art. Mr Battishill and staff are very pleased with the additional space in the school providing excellent opportunities and resources to expand the curriculum.

The new classroom was opened by “Razer” from BBC’s Robot Wars to the enthusiasm of all the children

In addition new faces will start in the summer while some more familiar ones leave the school.

Miss Suzanne O’Brien and Mrs Ann Harding leave us during the summer. Miss O’Brien’s replacement was appointed in May to take over the reception class. Whilst we are actively looking to find a careraker, cleaner and lunchtime supervisor to replace Mrs Harding, I thank them both and wish the best in the future.

Mr. Pip Evans, Chair of Governors, Bere Regis School

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- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of half a lemon
- Pepper
- 2 tbsp toasted sunflower seeds

Cut the watermelon into bite-sized pieces, removing all the seeds. Halve the peaches and take out the stones, then slice the flesh into manageable pieces. Tear the salad leaves into bite-sized pieces and combine with the fruit in a large salad bowl.

Crumble the cheese over the salad, add the olive oil and lemon juice, season with pepper and toss gently. Sprinkle over the seeds and serve.

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We have cancelled the Bingo planned for the 24th of June at 7pm but we will be going ahead with the Funday Friday Prize Bingo booked for July the 11th at 10.30 at the Pop In Place.

Open Gardens at Bere Regis
Sunday the 20th of July 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. programmes are available from the Drax Hall at £2.50 Refreshments available at the Drax Hall all day. Please support this event all profits will go towards improvements to the Drax Hall.

Here is how you can help to raise funds for your village Hall. We will need help serving refreshments during the day. We need donations for the raffle on a garden theme.

We need donations of cakes to serve with refreshments.

If you are able to help with any of this please call into the Pop In Place on Monday or Friday and put your name down on the lists or telephone Alison 01929 472023 and let her know how you can help.

Pip Squeak dates for June and July.
On the following dates we will be running the Musical Youth Group new members are always welcome Particularly those interested in Percussion and drums :-

Thursday 5th June
Thursday 19th June
Thursday 26th June
Thursday 3rd July
Thursday 17th July - End of term party

Poppets dates
for June and July are as follows new people are always welcome telephone, Mandy on 01920 472583 for details.

Wednesday 4th June - Decorating cakes
Wednesday 18th June - Music and Movement
Wednesday 25th June - Football Skills
Wednesday 1st July - Making musical instruments
**Child Protection Update.**

We are pleased to announce that Team Leader, Alison Bennett, and Assistant Team Leader, Julia Lye, have completed the NSPCC exam in Child Protection Awareness and that we are nearing completion on having all our direct contact volunteers Police Vetted.