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THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

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MARCH 2003

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

This year Easter is almost as late as it can be, and I’m often asked why is Easter never at the same time in consecutive years? The reason is that the date of Easter springs from our Jewish as well as our Christian heritage.

You will probably remember that in the Bible, Jesus died, in Jerusalem at the time of the Jewish feast of the ‘Passover’. This is a celebration of the time about 1500 years before Jesus Christ, when the Jews, were in captivity in Egypt. They were extremely despondent and fed up with being slaves to the Pharaohs. Under Moses’, who was born in Egypt and nurtured in the Pharaohs’ families, they escaped the ten plagues including frogs and gnats and flies and boils, and hail and locusts including the final plague of the death of the first born, by marking their doors with lamb’s blood. So God’s angel of death ‘passed over’ the Jewish houses, and because they were ready to flee at a moments notice, they escaped via the Red Sea. After travelling in the wilderness for 40 years they arrived at the Promised Land which today we call Israel. Now that’s a heavy condensing of Jewish history but it shows us that our Christian Easter is firmly linked with the most sacred of Jewish festivals ‘The Passover’. And the date of Jewish ‘Passover’ and therefore Christian Easter, is set by the paschal or passover moon – which is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

The spring equinox - when day and night are equal in length - is always fixed. So this year, the next full moon after the equinox on the 21st March is on Wednesday 16th April, so Easter is on Sunday 20th April. Incidentally the latest that Easter can be is the 25th April.

Now all this juggling with dates may seem to be of little importance, but I believe it helps us to understand the Israelites’ escape from Egypt and their wanderings in the wilderness for so long before the reaching their Promised Land. Their story is a symbol and a sign of our own lives, as we journey with Christ to His Promised Land in the Kingdom of Heaven. But in the meantime, he wants us to live out our lives to the full, what St. John calls the abundant life, in the Kingdom of God, here on earth, sharing his love with each other.

We begin our preparations for Easter with the six weeks of Lent – the ‘lengthening of the days’ as we travel through Spring. We start Lent with our Ash Wednesday service in Bere Regis Church on the 5th March at 7.30pm. During the service we will
offer the tradition of ‘ashing’ when a little of the ash from the burning of last years palm crosses distributed on Palm Sunday, is inscribed on our foreheads with the ancient words ‘Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ’.

As I said last year, when many people took part, please don’t be put off if you’re not used to this ancient custom, there is no compulsion to be ashed though it washes off very easily. For many it is an important sign and symbol that in Lent and Easter we die and rise again to new life in Christ. So please do come to our service anyway, and I do hope that you will be moved to join in.

With love and prayers for a good and meaningful Lent,

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Junior Church is Changing!

**THE NEW SUNDAY CLUB**

Starting Sunday 13th April 2003

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

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

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**August**

2nd Briantspuddle Horticultural Show

Mondays 4th, 11th & 18th, Friday 22nd Pop in Place Children’s Summer Activities 10 am – 11.45 am

**September**

10th Coffee Morning at the Vicarage

13th Pop in Place Bere Regis Performer of the Year Competition 7.00 pm

**October**

11th Pop in Place Jumble Sale and Auction 2.00 p.m.

**November**

14th Pop in Place Children in Need 10.00 - 12.00

**December**

20th Pop in Place Community Christmas Party 3.00 p.m.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March
12th Autumn Leaves - The Beauties of the Queen’s Bodyguard by Mr Tomlin; Competition ‘A Royal Souvenir’
21st Concert in Church by Bournemouth Gilbert & Sullivan Operatic Society

April
5th Coffee Morning at Westcourt, to raise money for Choir Robes
7th Pop in Place AGM
9th Autumn Leaves Spring Tour
18th Pop in Place Easter Egg Raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade

May
14th Autumn Leaves - Chinese Kites by Mrs Hannay; Competition ‘An Article made in China’
17th Coach Trip to Buckfastleigh Abbey
19th Pop in Place Village Quiz
31st Mothers Union coffee morning at Cyril Wood Court

June
11th Autumn Leaves - Summer outing to Sidmouth
24th Pop in Place Prize Bingo
28th/29th Garden Party and Flower Festival

July

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The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
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Mr J England, 10 Southmead - 471469
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Geoffrey Booth, Molly Carlyle, Ian Ventham, Susan Hazlerigg,
David Gibbs, Eileen Jutting, Fred Pitfield, Sybil Frampton,

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Sanctuary Flower Guild
2nd March  Mrs P Jesty  Mrs J Kinahan
9th/16th March  No flowers - Lent
23rd/30th March  No flowers - Lent

Evensong Readers
March
2nd  Mrs Jutting
9th  Mr Ventham
16th  Mrs Griffin
23rd  Miss Chesney/Miss Miller

April
6th  9.15  Mr House/Mr Bates
6.00  Mrs Jutting

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Golden Circle
2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court

Guides
Unit suspended

Kingsbere Quilters
1st Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Drax Hall

Mini Market
10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

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

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

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

Playgroup Bere Regis
Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792

Pop in Place
10.00 a.m.- 12.00  Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall
Contact Roy Winder – 01929 471456

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

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

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

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

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

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

Toddler Group
1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

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

Twinning Association
Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities

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

Village Scrapbook
Jenny Silavs – 471577

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

W.I. Briantspuddle
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall

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CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society
7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall

Autumn Leaves (over 50s)
2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall

Babysitting Circle
Contact Mary Lillie – 471365

Beavers (6-8 yrs)
6.00 - 7.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

Bere Heath Methodist Chapel
10.30am Sundays except 2nd Sunday monthly (3pm)

Bere Regis Youth “Lenny’s”
RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays
Juniors 7.15 – 8.30 p.m. Seniors 7.15 – 10.00 p.m.

British Legion Club
7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday
7.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Sunday

Legion Women’s Section
2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ

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

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

Briantspuddle Singers
7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall

Choir Practice
7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.

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

Camera Club
7.30 p.m 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court

Coffee Stop
10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, 1st Saturday, Cyril Wood Ct

Congregational Church
10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane
10.00 a.m. Sunday School

Cubs (8-10½ yrs)
6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ

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

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

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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**CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH**

**Sunday 2nd March**  The Sunday next before Lent
8.00am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am  Mattins and Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

**Wednesday 5th March**  Ash Wednesday
7.30pm  Benefice Communion for Ash Wednesday  Bere Regis

**Sunday 9th March**  First Sunday of Lent
8.00am  Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am  Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11.00am  Family Service  Bere Regis
2.00pm  Holy Baptism  Bere Regis
6.00pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

**Sunday 16th March**  Second Sunday of Lent
8.00am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am  Family Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

**Sunday 23rd March**  Third Sunday of Lent
8.00am  Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am  Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11.00am  Mattins and Communion  Bere Regis
6.00pm  Evensong  Bere Regis
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ChURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

Sunday 30th March  Mothering Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent
8.00am Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday  Affpuddle
11.00am Family Service for Mothering Sunday  Bere Regis
6.30pm Ecumenical Service for Mothering Sunday at the Congregational Chapel, Butt Lane, Bere Regis

Sunday 6th April  Fourth Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins
8.00am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins and Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong  Bere Regis

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
9th February - Jack Nightingale
100 WATT CLUB

1st prize - £25
MR T BATES - no 15

2nd prize - £10
MRS E STANDFIELD - no 49

3rd prize – £10
MR I VENTHAM - no 292

4th prize - £5
MR R ANGEL - NO 20

5th prize - £5

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

PLEASE CONTACT GORDON PHILLIPS FOR DETAILS – 471525

LENT LUNCHES IN BERE REGIS

We look forward to seeing you!

You are invited to soup and rolls in Church at 12 o’clock on the following five Wednesdays in Lent. Do come and join us on 12th 19th and 26th March and the 2nd and 9th April. Your hosts on the different Wednesdays will be different organisations including the choir, the Mothers Union, the Mind the World group, and other Church members. Donations will be made to Christian Aid.

Please telephone Sybil Frampton (471643) to book yourself in, in good time for the soup makers to get going! And as you’d expect in Bere Regis the watercress soup is the very best!

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Bere Regis Junior Church

The next Children’s Activity Morning will be

Mothering Sunday
on
Sunday 30th March
in
Bere Regis Church
from
10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

All children between ages 4 and 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
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

EASTER LILIES

Lent begins on March 5th and as usual we will decorate the church at Easter with lilies purchased in memory of loved ones. It always looks (and smells) so beautiful and is a lovely way to remember your much-loved departed. There will be a list on the table in the church throughout Lent. Please sign it and fill in the name or names of those you wish to remember in this way. At Easter the list of commemorations will be placed under the alter cloth. Lilies will be £1.00 as usual so please either give your money directly to me (Jenny Kinahan), John or Pat House or John or Mary England to give to me. I would be really glad to have it by Palm Sunday as the lilies will need to be purchased the week before Easter ready for decorating the church on Easter Saturday. Thank you.

Jenny Kinahan, 13 White Lovington. Tel: 01929472161

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The service this year takes place at Milborne St Andrew church at 2.00pm on Friday 7th March 2003.

It has been prepared by the women of Lebanon. The speaker will be Mrs Florence Mary Ball from Longmead and is entitled ‘Holy Spirit, fill us’. If you require transport contact Mrs Mary England or Mrs Janet Morris.

CHURCH OUTING

A Coach trip to Buckfast Abbey on the 24th May 2003.

A Monk will give a guided tour of the Abbey, then a scenic tour of the South Devon Coast with a stop at Dawlish.

Depart at 8am, return at about 6.30pm. Cost £10 per person.

Phone John and Pat on 01929 551266.

Don’t Forget,

Bere Regis Church Coffee Morning at Westcourt. Please bring cakes & produce, Bring and Buy etc.

John and Pat.

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Rates for charitable, community or non-profit organisations are charged at 50% of above.

Art-work for advertisements can be created, free of charge for simple text,

£5 - £10 for complex text and graphics
Our February Meeting was held at Tuberville Court, and Hazel our Leader welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer, she also gave a warm welcome to Cychza Burden our new member, and accepted apologies from Angela Jones and Penny Sharman.

Eileen Bangay asked if anyone could help to make fancy dress for 3-4 year olds at Beckingsale House, and a couple of the ladies said they would try around and would let Eileen know.

Brenda read a letter from her Mothers' Union friend in Australia giving details of the various activities, and also of the glorious weather they were having.

On 17 March Prayers for Ireland at 2.00pm will be held in Church, followed by a Committee Meeting in Christine’s house at 2.30pm.

On 25 March there will be a combined Quiet Hour and Lady Day Service from 11.00am to 1.00pm in Blandford Parish Church. All members will be most welcome to this special Lenten time of prayer and worship which will be led by the Deanery Chaplain Rev Ron Wood. If you would like to bring your lunch with you, you will be welcome to stay and have it in the Church where there will be coffee available.

Please note our Coffee Morning at Cyril Wood Court is on the 31st May between 10.30am and 12.00noon.

Eileen Bangay had a Media Study Programme on how children aged 10 or under are allowed to watch TV without parental consent. We divided into groups of 5 and it was extremely interesting, and we all agreed that children of that particular age group should be supervised. On the 2 April there are 3 members of the Mothers’ Union providing a Hunger Lunch in Church which will consist of soup and rolls, tea or coffee, and will cost £2.50, which will go to Christian Aid.

We concluded our meeting with tea and biscuits, and also our gift exchange.

Our next meeting will be held in Church on 5 March when Holy Communion will be celebrated by our Vicar the Reverend Ian Woodward.

Kay Abbott - 472258

Practices continue on Wednesday evenings at 6.30.

There will be ringing for a wedding on Saturday 5th April at 1.30.
Fundraising for Bere Regis Church

Gala Concert in Church
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BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

On January 15th the W.I. members met and voted on closure, which was carried. A local W.I. Advisor took the vote and explained that the first step is suspension for three years. During this time if anyone wishes to start up again, the records etc. could be returned. After that any funds being held would be released to general funds. This is the second time that Briantspuddle W.I. has closed and sixteen years ago a former member, Mrs. Phyllis Bowell had worked hard to re-instate it, with success. We were grateful to Mrs. Bowell on this account and she was presented with a lovely bouquet and two matching ‘bud’ vases. We also arranged a transfer of money raised at the Christmas Fair, to ‘Compassion in World Farming’ and have since received a letter of thanks from this organisation.

So – “that is the end of the news”!

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At the February meeting the following business was discussed.

Road Matters including the dangerous cross roads at Waddock Cross. The Purbeck District Local Plan and the proposal to build 600 houses at the Redbridge pit site. Captain Badcock prepared a report on the meeting he had attended with other representatives from neighbouring Parish Councils. A meeting is to be held at Crossways Village Hall on 26th February to discuss the implications on the surrounding neighbourhood. If you have views on this or other matters in the Local Plan please make your feelings known to the Purbeck District Council.

The Parish Council are taking steps to clarify and properly record the boundaries of the property they own.

Commander de Burgh reported on the progress he is making with the preparation of a Parish Plan. A proposal was made at the January Parish Council meeting to combine the two Parishes of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle to form one Parish Council. More details will be given in the April magazine and electors will be invited to give their views on this matter at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in May.

The Village Hall and Social Club development was discussed. The Social Club have withdrawn from the plan but the Parish Council wish to submit an amended plan to include renovations to the kitchen, the W.C.s, provision of disabled W.C., dry and convenient storage facilities and the provision of an extra room which could be used for meetings and in conjunction with events which are held in the village hall (as a changing room when Artsreach events are held in the hall, to set out meals, for use as a bar etc.).

Mr. Rolls reported on the meeting he had attended to make plans for the provision of a leisure bus to Dorchester in the evenings.

A letter had been received from Defence Estates notifying the Parish that the Ministry of Defence intend to contract out the management of the defence lands in the area to a Private Finance Initiative. Amongst other things this could have a bearing about the types of leisure activities which are held there.

The Parish Council have made strong representations about any event that will involve noise which might be held at weekends.
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD EARLY SPRING CLEAN

We plan to have a short working party on Saturday 8th March from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Everyone is welcome as usual. This will be a general tidy up in anticipation of an early spring?! Do please come.

John Solly.

NEW FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTAS FOR 2003/2004

It is not too late to volunteer to do the cleaning or flower arranging for 2003/2004. Please let Philippa Thorniley (01929) 471497 have your names and the times of the year you would be able to do the work.

CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN

There will be a pre Easter Special Clean of the Church on Saturday 22nd March. Please come along and help get the church cleaned up for Easter. Please bring with you dusters and polishing cloths.

Depending of the number of volunteers it is hoped to be able to polish all the furniture and wooden floors, wash the stone floors and vacuum the hassocks.

SUMMARY OF MATTERS DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE PCC ON 3 DEC 02

1. Donation of an Altar Cross to the Church in Crossways. It was agreed that the altar cross should be transferred from the property register of Affpuddle to that of Crossways.

2. Midweek Services. The midweek services would take place at 8.30am.

3. Woodwork from Old Organ. Woodwork from the old organ would be salvaged for use in the making of the board recording the Vicars in the Parish.

MORE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

In January we had a Moviola film, “Last Orders”. This was a humorous put poignant story of a dead man’s last wishes for the disposal of his ashes off the pier at Margate. We had flash backs to his life with all the humour and regrets that such recollections might bring. 45 people attended the film, ice creams, pop corn and coffee were served in the interval and after all expenses were paid £51 was raised for hall funds.

As I write I have just finished a stewarding duty for the Farming Matters Art Exhibition sponsored by Artsreach which took place in the Village Hall. At 2.00 a.m. on the Sunday when I left 150 people had visited the exhibition. The standard of exhibits was very high, somewhat unusual but of an excellent standard. It was obviously something that everyone enjoyed and it is hoped that it will not be too long before we are able to host another exhibition. (I’ve just come back from clearing up the hall and 200 people visited over the weekend and we received donations of £80 which has more than covered the hire costs. Commission on sales have yet to be notified).

The last Artsreach event of the season, Simon Mayor and Hiiary James, Hoagy, Hornpipes, Handel and Hoedown will take place on Saturday 15th March 2003. The tickets costing £5 are available now from Philippa Thorniley. I have had some very good reports about this event. Early booking is recommended.

At the time of writing the Valentines Supper has not taken place. However, all the tickets were snapped up and there is a waiting list. There will be a report in next month’s magazine.

In April I will be selling 100 Club numbers for the forthcoming year which starts in June. Each numbers will cost £6.00. Of every six pounds £4 will go towards the Hall maintenance funds and £2 towards the prize fund which will be the same as last year, £10 for each monthly prize with two extra prizes in December of £20 and £60. this is a very painless way of supporting the Village Hall and perhaps you might even win a prize!

Philippa Thorniley
March 2003

I expect there are one or two people out there who still have some vestige of interest in the future of plans to improve village hall facilities.

The state of play at present is the February 2002 plan has now been formally withdrawn. After 6 long years of following planners suggestions and requests, the Hall Committee has now decided to revert to a plan originally commissioned many years ago. We intend to have one more concerted attempt at provision of adequate storage, kitchen arrangements, toilets and small function facilities.

We hope, in this attempt to gain the active support of the whole community for, by following this line we are doing what is necessary for the future of the hall.

One way people can support the Hall is to use it as rates are very reasonable. Another way is to join the Committee. There will be an AGM in May where the opportunity for people to become new Hall Committee Members will arise.

Thank you for your attention.

Jenny Lightfoot Chairman

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Once again may I remind you that membership fees are due this month and must be paid by the 31st or the registration fee will have to be paid again.

Sunday opening as from Sunday 2nd March. We will open at 12.30 p.m. and not 12.00 noon and will close at 1.30 p.m. with the option of staying open until 2.00 p.m. if warranted.

Later in the year, we are going to have some talks on gardening, so watch out for notices. The first one will be in May. Don’t forget the Horticultural Show on Saturday 2nd August.

Sue Jeanes

WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION

for Briantspuddle Village Hall and Bladen Social Club

We would just like to thank the Village Hall Committee, Parish Council, Social Club and all those who have given their time so generously and worked tirelessly on this project to update the Village Hall and Social Club. We feel there are probably many, like us, who commend them for all their ongoing efforts. Many thanks to you all.

Peter and Sue Taylor.
BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

There was a strong visitation of Parishioners at the February meeting expressing their concern on a number of topics. One Parishioner spoke of the return of the travellers to the Picnic Area and requested that something be done. Sadly the Parish Council can do little more than express their concern to the County Council and request that further steps be taken to protect the areas that the travellers descend on. This will be done but as was stated, these actions take time.

Several parents of the younger children who frequent the play area expressed their concerns on the condition of the play area. As reported previously the wood chips have been contaminated with glass from broken bottles etc. Sadly we seem unable to prevent the older children from using the area and spoiling it for the younger children. The play area is a constant task for repairs and maintenance and the Council budget over £1500 each year. The Community Wardens visit the area when they are in the Village and report their observations, however the Council are unable to employ anybody to constantly clear it up. Thus the state of the area is dependent upon the good services of the parents of children using it. Clearly the problem is the glass and the youngsters who deposit bottles without any thought. Nobody seems to know them or where they live but they are of our own and one day they may be the parents of young children wishing to make use of the play area - safely. Where, one may ask, do they learn this irresponsibility? The Council hopes to be able to make the area safer and several ideas are being looked into. In the meantime the Council is aware that the older children have desires for their own ‘area’. Ideas abound and it is hoped that a meeting can be set up with them - again. The Council has learned of some money that could be applied for as schemes to reduce crime and disorder do attract some funding. However at the end of the day it is likely that the available sums for both the play area and the older children’s area will be but a fraction of the costs actually required, which leaves the balances to be raised by fund raising.

The School Governors attended the meeting to express their concerns about the traffic on Rye Hill by the school. Some Councillors were pleased to see that the speed limits had been embossed on the road surface and that slow warnings had been included before the school. Others thought that they were ineffective. Sadly the County Council Roads Department had failed to remember that they had promised a return visit to the Parish Council at this meeting and the Governors were hoping to meet with them. The DCC officers will be asked to a future meeting to discuss the plan that had been suggested by the Governors to improve the safety along this road. Our own County Councillor advised the meeting that the problems of the C6 were being reviewed by the County Council.

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

People from other Dorset villages often comment on what a wide range of activities we support in Briantspuddle.

The Hall Committee do their very best to hold events and performances for every taste with the hope of luring as wide a section of our community as we can into enjoying the hospitality we have on offer.

It has come to my attention that despite our best efforts at publicity, some people discard our leaflets with no more than a cursory glance. Please don’t - slogging around delivering these is no easy task and you may be disregarding something thought provoking, enjoyable or entertaining without even appreciating the fact.

We have now begun a regular Yoga class in the Hall on Wednesday evenings, 5.30pm - 7.00pm, if you are interested please phone 471498 or 471002 to join us - or come just come along!

The Keep Fit class is on Thursday mornings 9am – 10 am and goes from strength to strength. If you are interested in participating please phone 471200 or drop in to find out more.

As well as Artsreach, Moviola and the Purbeck Film Festival, we plan to hold another Open Gardens this year and the annual Barn Dance will be held at the end of September (hopefully the 27th) as usual mark it in your diaries all you dancing gourmets!

Can I take this opportunity to ask any potential Garden Openers for June 8th 2003 in Affpuddle, Briantspuddle and Throop to contact Jenny Beadle on 471002 with details of your garden.

If you haven't done this before, let me tell you, it's good fun, people are most appreciative AND you get a free supper in the Village Hall at the end of the day - what more can a body ask!!!
March 11th. "Impressions" with Ann Hopkins from Bideford. Members may bring a visitor free.

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taking into account the impact of greater traffic flows with the expansion of business at Winfrith.

For a long while Councillors have complained about the condition of the roundabouts at the entrance to the Village on both the A31 and the A35. The feeling has been that they both require tidying up. It has been suggested that the Council endeavour to find firms who would be prepared to sponsor a roundabout and dispense some 'tender loving care' to improve their appearance and consequently to raise the initial impression of the Village.

The Council were advised of a transport scheme run by the Wareham Transport Action Group and named ‘Home Hopper’. This is a scheme based in Wareham but extends from Bere Regis to Corfe Castle and Wool to Holton Heath for people who find it difficult to use public transport. Information on this service is available on 552586, 550268 or 556655.

CM

The Management Committee being conscious of the requirements of the Disability Access Act have applied to the County Council for a grant to assist with the essential works required. We do not expect to learn of the outcome to our request until the new financial year starting in April.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall will be held on Wednesday 30th April at 7.00pm. It is to their credit that the present members of the Committee have served for many years and have kept the Hall going through thick and thin. Without their efforts the Hall would not be as it is today and regarded by many visitors as a very nice place. We need to keep it going and though the present team have not expressed desires to leave, it is essential that some fresh faces join the team. If anybody has desire to help with one of the symbols of the Village, please do come along to the meeting or telephone me on 471342. It is only by having a strong Committee that we will continue to have a Hall that is able to meet the needs of the Village. We are lucky that it is a busy Hall so that we ended the year with a credit despite the repairs that were necessary.

CM
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MARCH

8th
Carpet Bowls 8.00 p.m.

22nd
Pot Luck Mixed Pairs – 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 m.

29th
Cheese & Wine £2.50 each (includes food and first glass of wine)

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keeper (who by now had got up, cleaned his kit and was busy reading the paper), he was driven wide it was remarkable that he could even see the goal let alone hit the side netting, as he eventually did. From thereon in, Semaphore took the game by the scruff of the neck (and the Bere Regis players) and did not let go.

They equalised just before half time in a goalmouth scramble and then increased their lead early in the second in a goalmouth scramble. They increased their lead even further late on with a thirty yard belter that screamed into the……not really, unsurprisingly it was yet another goalmouth scramble. With ten minutes to go Bere finally threw caution to the wind and let them have it. This resulted in the one decision that the referee gave Bere in the game, a penalty that Nicky Rooney slotted home with the confidence of the young. Despite a finish more furious than a Hollywood star in the wrong magazine the final whistle came too soon and Bere’s rise up the league was halted in some very muddy tracks.

ENTERTAINMENTS

1st March – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (Teams of 4)
For one night only the Anne Robinson of Bere Regis will be stepping down in favour of a new quizmaster…so come on down because tonight the Price will always be Right. Why not pit your wits against the Sports Club’s finest brains, a contradiction in terms if ever there was one.

20th April – EASTER EGG DRAW
As the great bard once said ‘If chocolate be the food of love….stuff yourself silly’, or something like that. Tickets are now available for the great BRSC Easter Egg draw where you will find so many eggs even Steve Ives is impressed! You just can’t lick it….so come and buy a ticket!!

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PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting

The January Council meeting reviewed the Council Tax projections for next year. Purbeck District only accounts for 9% of the total; the rest is decided by Dorset County Council who have yet to tell us what their plans are. However it is clear that the support from Government has been drastically reduced and this will place an extra burden on all of us unfortunately. I will report back when we know the outcome.

Council Houses that have been sold are still subject to strict rules as to who they can be resold to in order to give local people priority on any houses that become available thus keeping some houses in the village effectively reserved for “locals”. I spoke at the recent Council meeting on this subject as a former resident of Bere Regis had applied to buy an ex-Council House. Because this individual, who was brought up and raised in the village, has been outside of the village for longer than three years on a medical course they were disqualified from buying the property. Up to now this case has been in confidence but now the decision has been made it is in the public domain. Decisions to suspend these rules have to be voted on by the full Council and they only overturn the rules very rarely. I was grilled by all the Councillors for 30 minutes on this before they voted to make an exception for this individual and allow the potential purchase to go ahead. This is the first time this has happened since I have been a Councillor and another application for a house in Bovington at the same meeting was refused!

Electronic Government

We have been granted £200K for this year and (probably) £200K for next year by the government which has to be spent on government approved projects. These projects are very rigidly defined and we cannot use the money for any other purpose; if we do not spend it we lose it for ever! I continue to Chair the Council group overseeing the introduction of these funds designed to bring “electronic government” to Purbeck. A small part of this money is being used to implement a system to streamline the storage and retrieval of all the Council’s planning documents which will bring us in line with most other Councils. If we do not do this we will have to buy additional space to store these millions of documents that have to be held for years and years. This will therefore save us all money!

Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the

Semaphore Arms 3: Bere Regis 2

‘Pride comes before a fall’, they say. ‘It’s a funny old game’, they say. ‘Don’t play an army team on a swamp of a pitch in the wind and the cold, even if they are bottom of the league and you have just beaten the champions’, they say. Alright they don’t, but they bloomin’ well should do given Bere’s latest lacklustre performance. Having endured the third degree to get into the camp (thankfully, they never found Galer’s loaded weapon) there was little time to warm-up before the game. What was even more worrying was the sight of Semaphore employing a double sweeper system….and that was just brushing the water off the pitch. In such conditions Bere never looked comfortable and Semaphore were on top from the word go.

Despite constant pressure Bere actually managed to take an undeserved lead when Britney tiptoed his way through the puddles and the Semaphore defence and drilled a shot into the bottom corner. Who knows what would have happened if, soon afterwards, Rob White had buried a gilt edged chance. A perfect glancing header from Bungy sent him clear, but Rob was confused when the keeper slipped in the mud and fell flat on his arsenal shirt. Like a certain Liverpool forward he made ‘Emile’ of it and, still determined to go round the Surgery

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opposition were finally ready Bere were raring to go, which probably explains the most sumptuous 33 seconds of football Bere have played all season. From the kick off, Bere carved a chance with such precision that the Ship never even touched the ball. After ten or twelve inch perfect passes the ball came to Chris Oram on the edge of the area who faked to shoot, cut back slightly, then unleashed a drive that fairly rocketed into the net. From there....it was all downhill. Kev ‘Britney’ Speers was like a forgetful fisherman, he just couldn’t find the net; the midfield made headless chickens look positively calm; whilst the defence looked as shaky as a nervous jelly. Luckily this was the Ship Inn we were playing, who were even worse. The second half was no better, with Bere’s only moment of class being their second goal when John Close picked out Nick White perfectly at the post and he slotted the ball calmly into the corner. As the midfield flooded forward it was only a matter of time before the Ship caught Bere on the break. A magnificent save from Paddles kept one shot out but he could do nothing about the goal itself and Bere had to endure a tense final few minutes. Another three points, but a great improvement will be needed for the arrival of the runaway leaders next week.

Bere Regis 3: West Quay Marina 2

I can see the headlines now....‘West Quay Crumble at Fortress Regis!!’, well actually they really say ‘West Quay Not Invincible’ but that’s not the point. West Quay arrived unbeaten for two years. West Quay arrived as current Div 1 champions. West Quay arrived as runaway leaders with ten wins out of ten. They left with their tails between their legs, humbled by a team who finally did everything right. In perfect playing conditions Bere looked championship material as they soaked up all the pressure that West Quay could bring to bear, then broke in true ‘Arsenal’ style to cut the West Quay defence to ribbons.

A first half that will be remembered for years saw a defence more secure than a Heathrow Terminal, a midfield more creative than an Enron accountant and an attack that sparkled more than Bungy’s new BMW (who said farmers were poor!). West Quay had no answers to the questions that Bere were posing and their opening goal was a thing of beauty. A sweeping cross field ball from Nick White found John Cleall in acres of space. Quick feet found him some extra space and the time to look up and find Britney hovering at the back post. A quick shimmy left the defender deader than Elvis and he gave us the finish the move deserved. 1-0 at half time and Bere were in dreamland. The second half soon woke them up as West Quay found another gear and soon equalised.

For the next quarter of an hour West Quay showed why they were top of the league as Bere chased shadows, but
Bere still managed to play through the puddles and were much the better team in the first half. They went in one goal to the good, thanks to Bere’s ‘wunderkind’ Stu Moor as Kev continues with his youth policy (Sven must have been watching us!!). Whilst Bere continued to outplay the opposition in the second half, with Bere’s defence there is always the chance of the odd goal (a penalty), or two (just plain bad defending). But that is why we have the old warhorse Ricky Cummings on the pitch. Turning his back on that international career (beach football in Ibiza) has done wonders for his club football and he was perfectly positioned to get the thinnest of touches on a late corner that gave Bere a deserved point.

Bere Regis 6: Handley Sports 0

After a defeat against this team earlier in the season Bere needed to be wary. However, after the dream start of a precision header from John Close Bere never looked back. Ricky Cummings scored from close range, then Squint took on the goal scoring mantle with two finishes in quick succession from some exquisite pass and move football. The half time tea always tastes nicer at 4-0 up and in this relaxed frame of mind they soon picked up where they left off, with another goal from Ricky. With the game beyond them it was unfortunate to see Handley resort to a bit of afters, and I don’t mean sticky chocolate pudding. It was extremely unfortunate for one poor Handley soul as he followed through on one seriously angry Brummie. The young lad never knew what hit him as ‘Haymaker’ Dacre gave him such a slap his ears were probably still ringing at school on Monday. Even down to ten men Bere were still well in command of the game and they added one more to the final score with a free kick from ‘Zola’ Close (Gorgonzola that is!). Another win and Bere continue their long climb up the league.

Sundays

Ship Inn 1: Bere Regis 2

Over the last few weeks Bere have endured more cancellations than your average Virgin Trains passenger. In fact, the previous week West Quay tried to play us on a pitch so icy I swear I saw Torvill and Dean in the changing rooms. However, the conditions were perfect for this trip to Wool and Bere arrived in good time to have a proper warm up and chip away at some of the rust. It was, therefore, somewhat surprising to arrive and find no markings, nets, flags or even goalposts and a pitch more grassy than Gloves’ bedroom. The masters of improvisation, Bere were soon warming up in the local village hall and when the
FOOTBALL REPORTS

Saturdays

Milborne St Andrew 2: Bere Regis 3

These are the sort of games that Bere need to pick up points from and that is precisely what they did... just! Kev Cox needed to plug the large gap in his defence from last week so it was good to see Dean Rogerson back as a perfect fit for that gap, and I mean that in the nicest possible way. It was also good to see that Squint’s sense of direction remains just as bad as, with everybody else knowing the game was at Puddletown, he mistakenly assumed the Milborne game was in Milborne. I dread to think where he would go for an Arsenal game! Finally, Kev had a full team and they started in conditions so foul even Michael Fish would have warned against playing. Nevertheless, against the wind they played some good football and deserved to go in level at half time, which is precisely what they were thanks to yet another Ricki Cummings finish. In the second half you felt the flood gates would open, mainly because of the rain, but Bere could only manage a scrappy own goal. When Milborne equalised you felt it was not to be Bere’s day but, thankfully, Bere have come to rely more and more on a Close finish, John Close that is. The player with a bigger engine than a Jumbo Jet and more tattoos than the Edinburgh Military was in the right place at the right time and Bere were looking to the giddy heights of Div 3 once again.

Bere Regis 4: Stur Marshall Res 2

The one thing you are always guaranteed with the Regis at the moment is goals and this week was no different. First Stur scored, Wayne equalised almost immediately, and then Squint with a tap in left Bere 2-1 up at half time. As the football flowed like sweet wine in the second half Bere increased their lead through John Close, only to be pegged back by a goal more freakish than Michael Jackson. Bere were merely toying with the opposition though and, as Stur flagged near the end, John Close was on hand to seal a deserved victory.

Linthorpe 2: Bere Regis 2

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Annual General Meeting – Thursday 20th November 2003

Christmas/Presentation Evening - Bulbury Woods 13th December 2003

**BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF CANCER RESEARCH UK**

The AGM was held in Bere Regis on Monday 10th February.

We enjoyed a most successful year and would like to thank everyone who helped achieve this.

The committee would be delighted to welcome NEW MEMBERS. We arrange two or three fund raising events during the year which is worth while as well as being good fun.

A new SECRETARY is being sought at the moment and anyone who would be willing to give a small amount of time to take over this important position please contact HELEN on 459523.
GARDENING CLUB

Jan Hopkins gave a very interesting talk at the February meeting with superb slide of Dorset Wildlife Trust reserves.

In a change to the programme, on Tuesday 4th March, Val Hurlston - Gardener will speak on the History of Gardening and the Winfrith Hostas will now be on the 1st April.

We are planning a visit to Dorset Wildlife Trust’s wildflower meadows at Kingcombe sometime in May/June and will keep you posted.

We have now changed our committee meetings to the last Wednesday of each month and anybody who would like to join us would be most welcome at Megan’s at 7.30 p.m.

Andy Morrison 472343

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have entertained Milborne St Andrew Over 60’s for their New Year Party and Upton Young at Heart Club for their Valentine afternoon.

We meet at Kath’s - “Larkspur” Snow Hill, Bere Regis every Monday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. New singers welcome.

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Finally I leave you with these thoughts about Lent:
Fast from criticism, and feast on praise;
Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy;
Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace;
Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment;
Fast from jealousy, and feast on contentment;
Fast from pride, and feast on love;
Fast from selfishness, and feast on service to others;
Fast from fear, and feast on faith”.

With love in Jesus’ Name,
Pastor Jim Morris, The Manse Flat, Butt Lane - 01929 471270
BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

It was Pizzas for all on the 21 January, as members invaded the kitchen to try their hand at a spot of cooking. Having needed the dough, allowed it time to rise, rolled it out and added the toppings, it was into the oven. The smell of baking soon started to fill the air and everyone soon became impatient to sample their masterpiece of culinary delight. The result as they say is in the eating and as it turned out nobody was to be disappointed.

‘What’s My Line’ took place again on the 28 January and proved as popular as ever. It turned out to be a close run thing with just one point separating the two teams at the end. Several of the occupations, that team members had to guess, had similar type mimes and this lead to a number of ‘No’ answers from the contestants. The exercise did at least make the members think about the technique of asking questions and framing answers.

A smaller group than usual made the short trip across to Blandford for swimming on the 5 February. The flu bug, which has been doing the rounds, having laid a few members low at the time. Those that did make the trip once again having an enjoyable evening out. The next swimming session takes place on the 5 March with a 6.15 pm start time from the club.

Carpet Bowls Challenge Match, on the 11 February the youth club members were able to seek revenge over the ladies of the RBL Women’s Section. For various reasons this annual event was held over from last year, this therefore being the 2002 showdown. Although the youth club had won all the encounters of the distant past, the ladies had become unbeatable over the past four years. This then was a night of tension, would the youngsters be able to put the record straight? The answer was Yes They Could! but only just, they took the very last game to finish winners by three games to two. The ladies once again kindly provided a fair feast of cakes and sandwiches as well as their spirited opposition. A very enjoyable evening indeed and we look forward to this years challenge event.

As we begin our preparations for Easter this month in our Chapel we are holding a series of Tuesday night Fellowship meetings entitled, “In the Shadow of the Cross”. These will be held at 7.30pm in the downstairs room of the Chapel Manse in Butt Lane beginning on Tuesday 11th March. There will be time for prayer, Bible study, reflection and discussion as we work through six fascinating study sessions. We are hoping to gain a biblical perspective on the lives of the Pharisees and priests, the people in the crowd, the Roman soldiers, the dying thieves and Jesus’ faithful followers. We will also reflect on our own position in relation to the Cross and the sacrifice made there for us. If you are looking for deep inner peace of mind and heart, or just want to know more about the unique nature of Christianity, you are most welcome to join us.
TEESHIRT painting is on the programme for the last Tuesday of the month, when it is hoped that members will remember to bring along a teeshirt, or some other item, they would like to paint. I hope to have a few blank teeshirts on sale that night, should any be required. As this activity does tend to be a bit messy, members are advise to wear some old clothes that night.

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Terry Vine, Youth Leader Tel: 01929 471693

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Beavers Newsflash!
The age at which children can become a Beaver has recently dropped to 5 yrs 9 mths. This is great news for all those little “Eager Beavers” who thought they had to wait until their sixth Birthday. Please contact Kim Benjafield on Tel: 471170 to book your child in.

Beavers will still take place on Wednesday evenings but now at the earlier time of 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

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

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

Jumble Sale
The Committee would like to thank all those who kindly supported the Jumble Sale held at the Scout Hut in January. £200 was raised for the Scout Group funds; this will be put towards a much needed new tent.

KS.

CHOCOHOLICS AHOY!
For anyone who has a liking for chocolate, Saturday March 8th will present an opportunity that it would be a pity to miss! - Just go along to Cyril Wood Court between 10.0 and 1.0, and head for the chocoholics corner at the far end of the room. There you will find not only a selection of delicious chocolate to try, but also a range of food made with chocolate or cocoa and numerous other tasty ingredients. We want you to try them all – or as many as you like! – and judge its quality for yourself.

This may seem a highly unusual offer to find just after the beginning of Lent, but there is a reason for it! - The two weeks from March 3rd – 16th inclusive have been designated ‘Fairtrade Fortnight’, and throughout the Purbeck area, people who support the idea of giving producers in developing countries a fair wage for their work, will be putting on events to advertise ‘Fairtrade’ products.

Take Guillermo, who lives in the Dominican Republic. This 47 year old father of four runs a small cocoa farm; but he is also president of his local farmers’ association, and helps administer the benefits that Fairtrade brings to the community. This has enabled medical workers to provide free advice and medicines to local people. In addition, a nursery, funded by the small but guaranteed profit that Fairtrade producers earn, is providing the farmers with fruit trees at low cost. The trees shade the cocoa plants, and give the farmers an alternative source of nutrition and income.

Guillermo’s message to shoppers is simple :- ‘We promise to provide you with a good quality of fruit, so long as you promise to keep buying more!’

Fairtrade is concerned with the environmental as well as the social conditions of their workers, and encourage banana farmers to stop using chemicals on their crop. ‘The bananas are sweeter’ says one Ecuadorian farmer: ‘they have a better scent’.

We shall have some Fairtrade bananas on sale at our Fairtrade Fair on March 8th (see poster)! - Also a supply of some of the other foodstuffs which come under the Fairtrade scheme. - And other tastings! - You don’t even have to like chocolate! - There should be plenty for all tastes!

We hope you will come and support us on March 8th, 10.0 – 1.00, at Cyril Wood Court! You will be helping other people by doing so, but we’d like to feel you would also have some fun yourselves! - See you there?

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

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Open Meeting to discuss the Development of Pip Squeaks.

Thursday the 6th of March 6pm until 7pm at the Drax Hall.

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Funday Friday Prize Bingo. 7th of March 10.30 eyes down

Please note that this date has been changed from our original events programme due to unforeseen circumstances.

Everyone is welcome, come along and bring a friend.

Energy Advice and free light bulbs at the Pop In Place.

On Friday the 21st of March, at the Pop In Place, 11 am until 12 noon a member of the Energy Advice Team will be available to talk to you on matters of energy efficiency. Please Pop In and see them, everyone is welcome even if you have never called in before. There will be a free economy light bulbs for all those who fill in a simple questionnaire.

Pop In Place Poppets. Parents, Baby and Toddler Group.

Meet at the Lower Drax Hall from 1.30 until 3pm on the following dates in March

- Wednesday the 5th of March. Biscuit Making
- Wednesday the 19th of March. Painting
- Wednesday the 26th of March. Decorating Easter Shapes

New people are always welcome, call Mandy on 472583
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Chicken and Leek pie

- 1 chicken
- 1 onion
- 1 bay leaf
- a few sprigs of parsley
- 3 leeks
- salt and pepper
- puff pastry
- egg and milk for glazing
- 2 teaspoons cornflour

Wipe the chicken inside and out, truss it and put it in a large saucepan, cover with cold water. Peel and cut the onion in half and add to the chicken with the bay leaf, parsley, salt and pepper, cover with a lid and bring slowly to the boil, then simmer gently for about 1 hour until the chicken is cooked, draw off the heat and let the chicken cool in the liquid.

Take any fat from the surface of the stock and take out the chicken.

Measure half a pint of the chicken stock into a small saucepan and thicken with the cornflour.

Remove the skin and bones from the cold chicken and cut the flesh into bite sized pieces. Trim the leeks and cut lengthways and wash thoroughly, chop the leeks.

Put alternate layers of the chicken and leeks into a pie dish season with salt and pepper and finely pour over the thickened stock, cover with puff pastry, brush the pastry with beaten egg and milk, bake in a medium oven for 25 minutes then reduce the heat and bake for a further 20 minutes. Serve with new potatoes and a green vegetable.

Donations for the Pop In Place Easter Egg Raffle.

We would appreciate donations for our Easter Egg Raffle, this will be held at the upper Drax Hall on Friday the 18th of April including an Easter Bonnet Parade. Anyone wishing to have Eggs collected please ring Colin and Gwen on 472335.

Round Table Children's Wish Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this appeal details of the amount raised will appear in the April Magazine.

Alison Bennett.

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