About five weeks ago I hired a scarifying machine – perhaps it should be called a scaryfying machine – to rake out the moss and thatch that had been growing in the Vicarage lawn. It had a huge engine and was almost uncontrollable but it did a pretty good job, though it was very easy to allow the machine to rake off the good grass as well as the bad. I took comfort that it would rain in a couple of days and the lawn would soon recover. But, as we all know, up to the time of writing - on Easter Day, after memorable services at both our Churches - it hasn’t rained more than a cupful and the lawn is looking very sorry for itself. Although we have had some wonderful summer weather in Spring, it seems that we can’t rely on rain, not even in April!

Last month I wrote about the war about to start in Iraq and now it seems, after 25 days or so of fighting there is a sort of peace. There has been a huge reaction when most Iraqis found that the Ba’athist Regime’s influence was at an end, and universal looting took its place, not to mention the toppling of statues of the former president. I read of a patient ventilating machine looted from a hospital being transported on a looted excavating machine, a mind boggling combination of seemingly unconnected items. At first it was difficult to understand what appeared to be a monstrous depravity against other peoples’ property, particularly offices and civic and government institutions, as well as peoples homes. But then I realised that although it is wrong and criminal to behave like that, it was like a cork exploding from a bottle that set free an oppressed people, stopped up for some thirty years, and many of them were lashing out at whatever they saw as authority. The Coalition must concentrate on establishing a fair and just and representative society, with effective local policing, whilst rebuilding essential infrastructure of health and water services and food aid, and in time education. The Christian aid agencies are galvanising their resources to help do this and Christian Aid Week which starts on 18th May will be a good opportunity for us to offer practical help. And in an effort to better understand our Muslim brothers and sisters, I’ll be announcing some dates when we can get together to consider the influence of Islam in the world. But a point to ponder is a remark made by the Saudi Arabian ambassador to London, before the war started: he said ‘issues of
democracy and human rights do not sit easily with Islamic culture’. So whilst we may say that changes must be made, we can only bring about peaceful change by getting alongside and rebuilding with them.

With the war in Iraq over, we should be proud of our Forces in the thoroughly professional and generally constrained way that they set about their task, though the use of cluster bombs is questionable. But now, the debate about whether it was necessary to go to war is re-opening again. The Churches were very opposed to it without a United Nations mandate and though there were very serious Human Rights abuses in Iraq, there has been no real evidence of weapons of mass destruction. Yet our Prime Minister has never been more popular, and some of the thinking newspapers are urging him to be more radical.

It would be too trite to suggest that Iraq needed a scrapping of their political establishment. But now that the Ba’athist regime has been toppled, we do have the chance to help the people of Iraq to establish a free and open society, and we could help provide that new seed and rain that will help them to grow in peace, freedom and justice.

With love and prayers

CHURCH GUIDED TOURS

From May to September, volunteers will be offering guided tours of the church on Tuesdays at 11.00am and on Thursdays at 3.00pm. A new advertising leaflet is being circulated round the Dorset and Hampshire area and it is hoped that visitors, and local people, will come and see what treasures we have to offer. Please feel welcome to come and join in. They will last about one hour.

Thankyou to all those who have indicated that they will help.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May
7th Coffee Morning at ‘Larkspur’, Snow Hill (pink bungalow) 10.30 a.m.
14th Autumn Leaves - Chinese Kites by Mrs Hannay; Drax Hall Competition ‘An Article made in China’ 2.30 p.m.
19th Pop in Place Village Quiz 7.30 p.m.
24th Coach Trip to Buckfastleigh Abbey
31st Mothers Union coffee morning at Cyril Wood Court

June
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.
24th Pop in Place Prize Bingo 7.00 p.m.
28th/29th Garden Party and Flower Festival

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

August
2nd Briantspuddle Horticultural Show

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4th  9.15 Mr Bates/Mr House
   6.00 Mrs Jutting
11th 11.00 Mrs March/Mrs England
   6.00 Mr Ventham
18th  9.15 Mr Croom/Mr Smith
   6.00 Mr Woodward
25th 11.00 Miss Miller
   6.00 Miss Frampton

June
1st  9.15 Mr House/Mr Bates
   6.00 Mrs Jutting

Evensong Readers
4th  Mrs Jutting
11th Mr Ventham
18th Mrs Lewis
25th Miss Miller

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

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

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

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

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

Scouts (10½-15 yrs)
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Twinning Association
Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities

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Village Scrapbook
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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

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Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri
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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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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

| Sidesmen, Readers, Readings and Intercessors |
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| Date | Time | Sidesman | Readers | Readings |
| 4 May | 8.00 | P Badcock | P Thorniley | BCP as set |
| | 11.00 | J Solly | F Solly | 1 John 3, verses 1-7 |
| | | | J Solly | Luke 24, verses 36b-48 |
| 11 May | 9.15 | S Jeanes | M Cropper | 1 John 3, verses 16-24 |
| | | | R Prideaux | John 10, verses 11-18 |
| 18 May | 8.00 | P Thorniley | P Thorniley | BCP as set |
| | 11.00 | D & H Griffiths | | John 15, verses 1-8 |
| 25 May | 9.15 | S Gibbs | P Badcock | 1 John 5, verses 1-6 |
| | | | G Silavs | John 15, verses 9-17 |
| 1 June | 8.00 | R Killer | P Thorniley | BCP as set |
| | 11.00 | K Wharton | K Wharton | John 5, verses 9-13 |
| | | | A Armitage | John 17, verses 6-19 |

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CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2003

Sunday 4th May  Third Sunday of Easter
8.00am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins and Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong  Bere Regis

Sunday 11th May  Vocations Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Christian Aid Week begins
8.00am Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11.00am Family Service  Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong  Bere Regis

Sunday 18th May  Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.00am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Family Communion & Holy Baptism  Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong  Bere Regis

Sunday 25th May  Rogation
Sixth Sunday of Easter
8.00am Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion  Affpuddle

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11.00am Rogation service & shortened Communion Bere Regis
1.00pm Holy Baptism Affpuddle
2.30pm Holy Baptism Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong Bere Regis

Thursday 29th May Ascension Day
8.30am Morning Prayer for Ascension Day Afppuddle
7.30pm Benefice Communion for Ascension Day Bere Regis

Saturday 31st May
Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1.00pm Holy Baptism Bere Regis

Sunday 1st June Seventh Sunday of Easter
8.00am Holy Communion Afppuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins and Communion Afppuddle
1.00pm Holy Baptism Afppuddle
6.00pm Civic Service to mark the 50th anniversary of the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth at Lady St Mary’s Wareham (in place of Evensong at Bere Regis)
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Mrs W Damen - no 299

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MOTHERS’ UNION

The April meeting was held at Turberville Court on 2nd April 2003. Hazel welcomed those present and opened the meeting with prayer. She also thanked the members for their prayers when she was ill. There were 18 members present.

Three members provided a Hunger lunch on 2nd April in Church which raised £59.52 for Christian Aid. Mr Terry Ward from Hospital Radio Bedside Requests gave a talk on his work. This organisation broadcasts patients’ requests to 7 local hospitals, providing a very beneficial and therapeutic service to patients.

Nancy read a letter she had received from Barbara, a member of the Mothers’ Union Australian link giving details of their work, and asking that we remember Rose Motairy who lives in Zambia, in our prayers.

On 9th April three members attended Iwerne Valley Branch lent Service at St Bartholomew’s, Sutton Waldron.

Open Days at The Women’s Refuge in Salisbury will be held on 24th and 25 June, at which 8 members hope to attend.

We are hoping to arrange our Knit and Knatter in September - details to follow.

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Art-work for advertisements can be created, free of charge for simple text, £10 - £30 for complex text and graphics
Jumble Sale
Made £95 profit - thank you to everyone who helped and supported.

Quiz Nights
As from 25th April they will be every other week starting at 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday Club
Still on the first Tuesday of each months from 2.00 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Anyone over 55 is welcome. On Tuesday 6th June we are having someone from age Concern to give us a talk. If you don’t come to Tuesday Club but would like to attend this talk you would be very welcome.

Bingo
Every Thursday at 8.30 p.m

Gardening Talks
On Friday 16th May, Selwyn McGrorty is giving a talk on growing Veg for Showing. Then on Friday 27th June, Jim Barnes will give a talk and demonstration on Flowers for Showing.

BUCKFAST ABBEY OUTING - 24TH MAY
Bere Regis Church outing to Buckfast Abbey on the 24th May 2003.
Please may we have bookings by the 4th May, many thanks.

John House.

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There are leaflets available in both churches, but if you would like to know more about the course and look at some of the study material please contact Pat Chesney Tel 471519
COLLECTORS & BRIC-A-BRAC SALE

(In aid of St Laurence’s Church, Affpuddle)

There will be a collectors and bric-a-brac sale from noon until 5.00pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall and outside in the Car Park on Saturday 21st June 2003.

Stands inside the Hall will cost £10 and those outside £5. Money from these stands will go to the Church, plus any other donations stall holders may wish to make from their sales. Refreshments will be available in the Hall throughout the afternoon.

To attract buyers from outside the village, the Sale will be advertised in the Blackmore Vale Magazine, the Dorset Echo and at prominent road approaches to the village.

Here is your chance to sell unwanted large and small collectors items and bric-a-brac - and at the same time contribute to a worthy cause.

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by 5th May 2003

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Briantspuddle

Sunday 8th June 2003

From 11 am – 5 pm
Adults £2.50, Children under 10 free

Plant Stall
Refreshments
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Lunch time licensed bar

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Neighbourhood Watch

Bill Thorniley has indicated that he no longer wishes to carry on as the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator. This is a voluntary post and if you feel you could take his place please contact me, Philippa Thorniley, as soon as possible.

Village Hall Improvements

By the time you receive the magazine it is hoped that a decision will have been made by the Planning Committee Purbeek District Council about the improvements to the Village Hall and that work can be started with finding funding.

Philippa Thorniley.

Further improvements have been made to the village shop with the assistance of a grant from the Countryside Agency for which we are most grateful. Customers will already have noticed the new front door and now more shelving has been purchased and fitted to allow improved display and yet more stock to be available.

A FAX/Copying machine has also been purchased for the use of the public and both these facilities should be available in the Post Office by the time the magazine reaches you. In providing these services for the village it is intended to keep the costs to a minimum, a copy of a single sided black and white A4 sheet for example will be 5 pence. Colour copying will also be available but at a slightly increased price. FAX prices will depend on destination and length of message.

A further volunteer is being sought to work in the Post Office side to make the rota a little more flexible and to provide cover for holidays. Anyone who is prepared to consider becoming a volunteer and help maintain this valued service in the village is asked to contact any committee member.

P.B.
The Annual General Meeting

The Briantspuddle Hall Committee will be held on Wednesday 7th May 2003 in the village hall. Do come along to find out how the committee has looked after your hall during the past year. If you feel that you could spare some time to help with the management or at any of the events please approach any of the committee members and let him or her have your name.

Open Gardens

The Hall Committee is organising another Open Gardens on Sunday 8th June. Let’s hope we have a better day for it! If you are able to help with the refreshments in the hall or would like to offer your garden as one of the ones on show do contact Jenny Beedle or any of the Committee members. This event is very popular with people from outside the Parish and means that they have a nice day out and help us to look after our village hall.

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

There was no Parish Council meeting held in April. The Annual Parish Meeting, The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council and the May Parish Council meeting is to be held on Thursday 1st May 2003 in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

At the Annual Parish Meeting the main item of interest to everyone in the two Parishes is the plan to merge the two Parishes to form one Parish Council. A letter about this has been delivered to every house in the Parish. The meeting is open to all electors in the two Parishes.

Parish Clerk

As most people will know I have been the Acting Clerk since June 2002. I have indicated to the Council Chairman that I will no longer be able to do the clerking work after the July meeting. The Parish Council is seeking a new clerk. If you think you would be able to carry out the duties of the clerks please contact me as soon as possible. The work entails keeping the Parish records, dealing with the business of the Council including attending the Parish Council meetings, taking the minutes and looking after the finances. [These are not complicated] The pay is £100 p.c.m, plus expenses. For further details please contact me, Philippa Thorniley.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

EASTER FLOWERS, THE NEW CLEANING AND FLOWER ARRANGING ROTA

At the time of going to press Easter has not taken place so I cannot say anything about the decorations. (Though I am sure the church will, as usual, look gorgeous). However, I have to offer all the ladies on the new flower and cleaning rota an apology. When preparing the list I used as a template last years list and I forgot to alter the current year from 2002 to 2003 and next year from 2003 to 2004. I hope most of you will have looked at the heading (which was correct) and realised that the list delivered to you is the one for the current year.

P Thorniley

SPRING CLEAN

Very many thanks to the same ‘old’ stalwarts who turned out at such short notice in March to get the churchyard looking nice for our first wedding of the year. It really did.

HELP NEEDED

The mowing season is under way and so far we are keeping on top of the grass. Thanks to a few more volunteers, we have been able to fill most of the few vacancies on the rota, but I still need a few more. Anyone who is prepared to give 2/3 hours A YEAR (only), in helping to keep our lovely village churchyard and Peace Garden tidy, for all to enjoy, would be gladly welcomed. Please let me know (John Solly) if you would like to give it a go.

P Thorniley
**YEW TREES**

The 8 upright yews have been mentioned on numerous occasions as needing a good cut-back and it is possible that by the time you read this, the deed will have been done. Be prepared for a shock as they will look very thin and bare for 2/3 years. They will re-grow, however, and this work is normal on such trees, being essential to avoid future branches opening out and breaking. The work has been approved by the Purbeck District Tree and Hedgerow Officer and the P.C.C., and is being carried out by an approved tree surgeon.

Paul Badcock and John Solly

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**CHURCH FETE**

St. Laurence’s Church fete will be held this year on Saturday 5th July in the garden of The Granary by kind permission of Dr. and Mrs. Cropper. There will be numerous stalls and sideshows and more detail will be given in next month’s magazine. Meanwhile everyone is asked to make a note in their diary of this annual event and its new venue.

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**MORE VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

**Artsreach**

The last Artsreach production, Hilary James and Simon Mayer Handel, Hoagy and Hoedown in March was a splendid evening. Hilary and Simon entertained us with a selection of all sorts of different types of music interspersed with very droll comments. Hilary also performed a clog dance. She is quite a big girl and everything moved. I know I had my fears that the stage would not stand up to such energy!

I thought they were wonderful not least because at the end of the show among other comments they said thank you for the way they had been looked after by us.

As I said in last month’s magazine Jenny Beedle, Mary Bentley, Nigel Lord and I are attending a promoters evening at the end of May when we will see what is on offer and put in our bids for next season’s programme.

**100 Club**

At the time of writing I have sold 74 numbers I hope to sell all hundred numbers. The new 100 Club starts in June and that month’s number will be drawn at the June meeting of the Committee.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The cob and thatch barn that became our village hall here in Briantspuddle is recorded as having been rebuilt in 1803, now, my maths isn’t very good, but I think that makes the hall 200 years old this year. Perhaps we’d better celebrate!!

Some mad fool has decided that the hall committee should organise a Village BBQ after the success of the Jubilee celebrations. Perhaps we could all celebrate the bi-centenary of the hall, and being lucky enough to live in such a civilised, beautiful, tranquil and caring community, or, perhaps we could just have a good time with some scrummy food! The provisional date is set as 19th July 2003 so keep that evening free and be ready for some fun.

Another suggestion currently being explored is the idea of staging a Village Festival of Talents. There are so many talented artists and craftspeople in the village and parish that we thought it would be good to celebrate our local talent with an exhibition in the hall. Possible dates being explored are 29th 30th or 31st of August, what do you think?

Of course, we mustn’t forget the Open Gardens on June 8th. Fingers crossed for good weather, and come along for a good day out with morning coffee, light lunches and teas as well as gorgeous gardens and an excellent plant stall.

The Annual General Meeting of the hall committee will be held on 7th May 2003. Do come along and join us, find out what we do and why we do it and maybe even join the committee. The Hall committee is very much in need of new blood, and volunteers with energy, enthusiasm and ideas are always warmly welcomed.

The committee meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of the month and as you may have noticed, it also organises regular village events, as well as administering, maintaining and running the charity. So, if you have ideas as to how things could be improved, and have the energy to put those ideas into action, come along and give it a whirl!!

At the moment the committee are involved in doing a risk assessment on the yard, a tedious business, but apparently necessary in these litigious times. The

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The vehicular traffic on the Green Lane from Snow Hill down to Townsend was the subject for debate at the April meeting. This lane had been blocked off by the Estate but had been re-opened after the County Council gave instructions whilst they investigated its status. Historical connections were quoted in support of its status as an access to the fields. The matter is being further investigated.

The Council had been advised that the PDC Licensing Board is to hold its May meeting at The Drax Hall to hear the application for an entertainment’s licence for the Royal Oak. This meeting, which will be open to the public, will be on Tuesday 13th May at 10.00am. Parishioners expressed concern about the wording on a notice that had appeared outside the Royal Oak during the previous week.

The recently formed Play Park Committee, reported on their meeting and on the progress to improve the existing facilities. The Council is grateful to this Committee for working so hard to improve the play area.

Parishioners expressed their concerns about the travellers and their coming and goings at the Picnic Site and at Gallows Hill. It appears that the ownership of the land at the Picnic Site has been in dispute since the Army own most of it but the County owned the remains of the original road. It has now been decided that the Army should take possession of the whole site. In turn they will clear the area and create a Picnic/Viewing Site. It is anticipated that the Travellers will be cleared off the site in the near future. The Council were advised that the County is seeking specified areas where Travellers may stay so that the new legislation whereby Travellers are only permitted on specific sites can be enforced. If Travellers then park themselves on other sites they can be moved on without the need of the delaying Court actions.

The Council have been advised that the Military Traffic restriction signs for the area of road by the school should be appearing soon. They will advise a speed restriction of 20mph and of the limited times for heavy traffic to access the area.

The Council were very pleased to learn of the progress with the provision of a Youth Shelter. A very successful meeting had been held with the Youth, the residents and the Police together with the Wardens. Cllr Storey had prepared a
design for the Shelter and the area between Elder Road and the stream and all had agreed to proceed. An application for planning approval will be made. Funding for this project is available from a variety of sources and Cllr Foster is to be congratulated for his efforts in finding those sources.

The Council were advised of a proposal for a Wind Farm at Winterbourne Zelston. An exhibition has been held at Blandford and Councillors were invited to attend. It was very encouraging to see and hear of the favourable response to the proposal from people who live closest to the sites.

CM

This is a very quiet time in the year with only the Committee AGM occurring. However in the next month we will be looking to see what the Arts Reach programme can provide us with.

CM

Gill and Joe Cleall would like to thank everyone for the flowers and messages of sympathy. They have been greatly appreciated at this time, knowing that so many people were thinking of us.

A special thank you to the Doctors' Surgery and nurses for their kindness to Dick and Dad.

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3  POT LUCK MIXED DARTS PAIRS 7.45 p.m. £1.00
10  CARPET BOWLS SINGLES 8.00 p.m.
15  FUNCTION
17  QUIZ 8.15 p.m.
24  DARTS SINGLES K.O. 7.45 p.m.
    £2.00 PER PLAYER - LADIES & UNDER 18’s/GENTS

JUNE
7  CHALLENGE NIGHT – ASSORTED GAMES 8.00 p.m.
21  POT LUCK MIXED DARTS PAIRS 7.45 p.m. £1.00
27  CRIB FINALS AND PRESENTATION NIGHT

JULY
5  FUNCTION
11  INTER CLUB – DARTS – SINGLES AND PAIRS
12  DARTS CHALLENGE – MEN v WOMEN 8.00 p.m.
16  FUNCTION
17  INTER CLUB – MIXED PAIRS AND FINALS
18  QUIZ  8.15 p.m.
24  CRIB ROUND ROBIN

Whist alternate Thursday evenings
Bingo every Sunday evening
Gardening Club first Tuesday each month
Everyone welcome

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**PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Council Minutes**

In my role as Chairman of the Interactive Electronic Group on the Council we have instituted electronic distribution of the vast majority of the minutes and agendas to those Councillors who accept them - there are still a few Councillors who will not accept this new process but the vast majority are now on line. This will save hundreds of thousands of unnecessarily printed pieces of paper - as well as doing our bit for the environment!

**Licensing Hearing**

Further to the Parish report, I have been informed that the Health & Licensing Panel hearing will be on 13th May starting at 10 a.m. in the Drax Hall and I expect it will take the whole morning. I can not officiate at this one because it is in my ward. The hearing is open to all members of the public and anyone can speak at it. If you require any help or assistance prior to the hearing the Officer to ring is Trevor Heritage whose telephone number is 557220.

**Communal Aerials – Turbeville Court**

I have been asked to check on the possibility of Purbeck D.C. installing satellite television aerials into Turbeville Court flats for the residents. The Council have decided not to do this in the light of the total expense involved for all Purbeck properties of around £60,000. It is hoped that if the Council’s housing stock is transferred to a Housing Association that they might consider this on the transfer.

**Surgery**

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

Peter Wharf, District Councillor

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**BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

More details are now available for the next Twinning visit to Cerences which is taking place in September.

As last year, a coach will be booked and this will depart from the car park in the village at 10.30 a.m. to catch the 12.30 p.m. Bartlelour sailing from Poole on Friday 19th September.

The return crossing leaves Cherbourg at 7.00 p.m. on Sunday 21st September.

The cost per adult will be £40 and this includes coach hire, ferry crossing and all accommodation and food - all you need to add to this is incidental expenses and a small gift for your host family. There will be the usual visit to the Leclerc hypermarket on the Saturday morning - an ideal opportunity to stock up on wine, cheese, pate etc.

If there is enough interest from families with young children, then it is likely that the rate for children will be subsidised as before, or we will offer an all inclusive family ticket (2 adults and 2 children under 16) for around £100.

The visit two years’ ago was over subscribed and we had a waiting list for places on the coach so please book your place early by phoning Ann Robinson on 472424 or Barbara Vernon on 471272.

Our next social evening, to raise funds to help subside child places on the trip, will be a Skittles evening at the Drax Arms. This will take place on Saturday 14th June from 7.30 p.m. As usual, there will be basket meals available and tickets will be £5 to cover the cost of the meal. To help Steve plan the catering, please give names in advance to Judy Newton on 472163.

Finally, if you fancy a cheap trip to France this month, there is a special Brittany Ferries day trip to Cherbourg taking place on Monday 19th May. The outward crossing is on the Condor Vitesse fast craft and leaves Poole at 7.30 a.m. The return journey is on ‘Bartlelour’ and leaves Cherbourg at 7.00 p.m. arriving back in Poole at 10.15 p.m. The price is only £19.95 for 2 passengers, £39.90 for 4 passengers and £19.95 for a car. To make a reservation call Brittany Ferries on 0870 9013 800 quoting reference code E03LM1 no later than 9th May 2003.
THE SWINGS
The Sports Club met with the NPFA in April to discuss what needs to be done to retain the swings. Given the space restrictions, it would appear that the only alternative was to retain one set of swings and it was decided that this should be the cradle swings for younger children. In doing this, funding will still have to be sought to remove the other set of swings, make this single set safer or, if that was not possible, purchase and install another set of swings. If anyone is interested in helping to raise these funds would they please contact the Club secretary, Mandy Spivey, on 01929 471908.

YOUTH CRICKET
Youth Cricket begins on Thursday 8th May from 6.30 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. The cost is £1.00 per night.
For Boys and Girls aged 8 years and upwards.
The change of night has come about due to several things, but most importantly it will allow access to use the artificial wicket.
We are looking forward to seeing past and future budding cricketers.
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Childrens’ play area with climbing frame, swings and slides in our large beer garden
Aylesbury ducks and Bantam chickens and of course the pub is dog friendly

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had. Still, it was worth having a penalty conceded to see Paddles turn back the years and dive to pluck the ball athletically from the air. If only he was as good at house buying!! The game was completed by a fine diving power header from West Quay, at which point the ref put Bere out of their misery. Perhaps the headlines on Monday will be ‘Bere Regis Not Invincible’……tell us something we don’t know!!

Bere Regis 5: Windgreen, Corfe Mullen 1

All good things must eventually come to an end. The British Empire…..Only Fools and Horses….Rob White’s single life….and the greatest Bere Regis Sunday side in living memory (though you must bear in mind that Nick’s memory is starting to fade with age!!). A team that has risen from the wasteland that is Division Five to the glory of sixth place in Division One played its last game together as many of the veteran players, with their best years now well behind them, are either put out to stud (nominations on a postcard please) or shot (even more nominations on a postcard please). It was, therefore, fortunate that the last game was home to Windgreen, allowing many of them to hold back the years for just one more game and shine again. It took a few minutes for them to wear off the rust of a long break, but once the passes started to find their mark it was a joy to behold once again. The sight of Bungy floating a 20 yard shot into the top corner; Rob White barracking the referee; Chris Oram bamboozling the opposition with more feints than a nervous doctor; Spivey slapping the ball off that famous forehead; and above it all Mark Gale’s dulcet tones echoing across the ground. Windgreen’s equaliser took some of the shine off the majestic first half performance, but the second half soon put them in their place. When Rob White put Bere in the lead late in the second half after a period of utter domination you could see the opposition visibly wilt. Andy Curtis made sure of top scorer for the season soon after and put the game out of reach. As Bere piled on the pressure, Rob White blasted another, soon followed by one final nail in the coffin from Andy Curtis. This is the way it was meant to finish…..three goals in a flowing, final five minutes…..Bere on form and unstoppable!!
Bere Regis 0: Holt Utd 4

When playing against the top of the league team you want your strongest, fittest and most athletic 11 players, or at the very least 11 players. Unfortunately, with more dropouts than Johnny Wilkinson, Kev could only scrape together 10 to start the game. Things were also not helped by Whippett not realising it was a 2 o clock kick off and ambling in half way through the first half. The 1-0 score line at half time was, therefore, quite respectable. Although Bere started the second half with a full team they were soon down to 10 again, losing Shaun Cope to injury (a whack in the wedding tackle that gave him more crushed nuts than a Cornetto!). To only concede four goals in such circumstances was a remarkable performance and Bere can take heart for the last two games to come.

Sundays

West Quay Marina 7: Bere Regis 0

West Quay were out for revenge and boy did it show. With the kind of squad that Alex Ferguson can only dream about West Quay still signed on a couple more players especially for this game. In contrast, Nick had the kind of squad that nightmares are made of, with more injuries than the civilian population of Baghdad. To start with Bere looked pretty good. They were passing the ball well, a few shots on target, some decent crosses, but enough about the warm up when we actually kicked off there was only one team in it. Bere put up some stiff defensive resistance for as long as they could but defeat was inevitable and once the first goal went in it was simply a question of whether Bere could keep them below double figures. This was barely achieved as West Quay showed why the only points they had dropped all season was against Bere earlier in the season. The game was summed up by a throwaway remark from the referee having just given West Quay a penalty, ‘Come on give us a break ref’, shouted one tired and balding defender….’I have been’ replied the ref, and in all fairness he probably
The coach trip to Cadbury Garden Centre and the Mendips was enjoyed by 55 members and friends on a fine but sometimes chilly day. They were able to enjoy the lovely range of flowers and plants and also see the countryside in its first spring greens. The May meeting is on Wednesday 14th May at 2.30 when Mrs Hanney will be talking about ‘Chinese Kites’. The competition is for an article made by the Chinese. On Wednesday 7th May there will be a Coffee Morning at Kath Jeeves’s from 10.00 to 12.30 in aid of the Autumn Leaves. There will be coffee & shortcake and the usual stalls. Kath & Charlie’s bungalow, Larkspur, is the pink one up the hill behind the Post Office and Spar Shop.

**FOOTBALL REPORTS**

**Saturdays**

**Stickland Utd 3: Bere Regis 3**

A local derby such as this can bring out the worst in normally sane, placid people...so just think what it does to Kev Cox! It will, therefore, come as no surprise to regular readers that Kev saw red once again, although in all fairness to Kev the referee was about as useful as a chocolate teapot. The frustrating thing was that Bere once again played the better football, but just could not kill the game off. Lee Webber returned to scoring ways with a couple of well struck goals and John Close continued his lucky streak with another fortunate strike. Unfortunately, Bere’s defence continues to leak like an incontinent drunk and, when Kev got his marching orders once more (that boy marches more than the whole of the Iraqi army) Bere were content to hold out for a deserved point.

**Bere Regis 2: Forest Inn 0**

After losing to the bottom of the league a couple of weeks ago Bere were not likely to make the same mistake twice. Whilst the score line suggests a close game, it was in reality more like Real Madrid against Man Utd. Bere’s attacking play was poetry in motion and as for the defence; well you were more likely to see a stripper in your local pub than you were to see a Forest Inn goal. The only thing lacking was the finishing to match the wonderful approach play. You can rely on Lee Webber to score though (which he did), and as for a penalty taker, who else would you expect but the ever-reliable Kay Kay O’Coxxy. Like Lisa Riley’s boyfriend, Kev Cox is used to handling the pressure and he coolly slotted home to give Bere an unassailable lead. With four hard games left Bere have made their position in Div 3 safe and are now looking towards Europe, for their football tour that is!

**Bere Regis 5: Poole Royal Mail 6**

This game had everything. Goals galore, fabulous football, an incompetent referee and a robbery in the changing rooms (now that’s something you don’t get in the Premiership!). The game itself swung more ways than Michael
Basil from Winfrith Hostas gave us a very enjoyable talk for the April meeting. It seems that hostas come in many different sizes and colours with some even having scented flowers.

For the May meeting we are going to visit The Cider Mill and Nursery at Owermoigne leaving the car park by the Doctors at 6.30pm. Please let Adrian or Elaine (471774) know if you want to go so they can work out if we will have enough cars and drivers.

On Sat, August 16th we are arranging a trip to look round Dobies Trial Grounds near Newton Abbot, Devon. We anticipate leaving Bere Regis around 8.30 am to be at Dobies around 11.00 am. This should give us time to look round for a couple of hours and go on to a Garden Centre next door for a look round and for interested parties to lunch in their Restaurant.

There is no charge for the Trial grounds so costs will be down to just the coach fare and whatever you spend in the Garden Centre and Restaurant. Please book with Adrian or Elaine (471774) so that we can get an idea of costs for the coach.

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BERE REGIS W.I.

Corfe Spinners demonstrated their expertise with spinning, weaving, use of natural dyes and knitting. Four very charming ladies had lots of interest in their use of the spinning wheel and drop spindle. Ann Richards of the spinners was asked to judge the daffodil competition which was won by Mrs Jane Wilson.

Group Meeting held at Winterborne Zelston with a talk on The World of Colour, a fun evening with a quiz and lovely homemade biscuits.

Dates for your diary:

Group Quiz, Drax Hall, Bere Regis, Monday 12th May
Group Walk, Lytchett Matravers, Monday 30th June
May Meeting Resolutions and Scrapbook
June is Members Evening
Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, Drax Hall, 7.30pm

BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

The result of the ‘Design a Poster Night’ on the 11th March, following careful deliberation by the judges, resulted in Holly Gamble’s poster design being declared the winner. The runner-up spot was awarded to the poster designed jointly by brothers Daniel and Robert Owen. Their prizes being an Easter Egg each, all other entrants will receive a small Cadbury’s Creme Egg for their efforts. The winning design will be used in the near future to help publicise the youth club.

The Pool Challenge took place as planned on the 18th March using a knock-out format, or should that be a mystery format, as I still have not managed to ascertain if the competition was actually completed. However, everyone seemed to have enjoyed taking part and as it was just for fun the desired result had at least been met.

A resemblance of order was restored for ‘The Quiz’ on the 25th, with members calmly trying their best to answer all 29 questions correctly. At the end of the quiz there was an outright winner in Sam Colton who takes the first prize of an Easter Egg. The runner-up spot being filled by Thomas Rolls who will also be receiving a slightly smaller egg.

The presentation of the Easter Egg prizes will be take place on the club night of the 22nd April. Prize winners please note!

There was a Music Night on the 8th April which sort of turned into a Playstation, come Darts evening. It just goes to show that we are very flexible, as long as people are enjoying themselves.

There will be no club on the 15th April, due to staff team members being away having a well earned short break.

Canoeing is scheduled for Sunday 27th April, providing that there is sufficient support from members to take part. There is no charge for this activity but those taking part must be able to swim at least 50 metres lightly clothed and have a signed Parents Consent Form.

In May it is planned to hold Outdoor Games on the 7th, followed by Kite Making on the 13th, ‘Stage Fright’ on the 20th and to end off the month with Fimo Modelling on the 27th.

Monies are still coming in from the Sponsored Night Hike and the full total will be published next month.

New members are always most welcome.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, Tel: 01929 471693
This is the sixth season that the ROGS have turned out and this year started well for new Captain, Mr Paul Ebsworth.

The first game of the new season was a Stableford competition for the GRS Trophy played at Rushmore Park at Tollard Royal. We are so fortunate in Dorset to have some lovely courses in idyllic settings and there is none better in my opinion than Rushmore Park these days.

Now extended to eighteen holes over chalklands, the greens and fourways are magnificent. The view from the 7th tee across Dorset and Wiltshire is truly breathtaking. The index one eighth hole par four is as good a golfhole anywhere and I believe that Rushmore Park will become a regular venue for Royal Oak Golf Society.

This season will be different for ROGS members than any other season for two reasons. Firstly, we are eating dinner at every golf venue this year with Came Down, Isle of Purbeck and Bramshaw the jewels of the season.

Secondly, we are sad to report that at the present time we are not affiliated to the Royal Oak in West Street, Bere Regis. All communications in future should be through our Secretary, Guy Storey on 01929 471041.

The scores for the GRS trophy were the highest the society have ever scored which indicates our improvement in our general play. Brian Whiffen off 21 came in which 40 points with Alan Mattey second with 28 points and Guy Storey, third with 36 points.

There were two nearest the pin competitions and these were won by Alan Mattey and our Vice Captain, Russell White and the longest drive was won by Alan Mattey (not a bad day out for Alan).

Our next day out is Friday 25 April 2003 when ROGS descend on Moors Valley Golf Club to play a Greensome pairs competition for the Jim Corbin cup.

The Shaun Brady knockout trophy is underway and the first round is to be completed by the 25 April 2003.


During the recent Iraq War two phrases came into use in our media. As the Coalition Forces set out their agenda they continually stated that their aim was to bring about a ‘regime change’ in the country. As the Iraqi forces collapsed and the main cities were taken the jubilant scenes of the Iraqi people greeting the incoming allied forces were soon overtaken by scenes of desperate and distasteful looting. Suddenly another phrase was being bandied about by the media – a ‘power vacuum’ now existed in the land.

As with many other churches last month we celebrated Easter and I thought again on these two phrases. The scenes greeting Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey were reminiscent of the entry into Baghdad. Indeed to the jubilant crowd, dancing and shouting excitedly, “Hosanna to the Son of David” – here was the main Man to liberate them from the oppressive rule of the Roman Empire. After all He had walked on water and He had brought Lazarus back to life after four days in a stinking grave! Surely there were no limits to this Man’s abilities and power!

But there were two very different sets of agendas at work on this occasion. Truly, God was working towards a regime change, but it was far more radical and fundamental than a mere military coup. It was a transforming change that affected the human heart for that is at the root of all that is wrong in our world today. The human heart cannot be changed by military force or political or religious indoctrination. The sinful, selfish human heart in its relationship to a Holy God can only be changed by the power of Jesus as demonstrated on the cross and through the empty tomb. As Jesus laid down His life by allowing Himself to be put to death on the cross, He met the just requirements of God’s law. In overcoming death and breaking the hold of sin He makes available to us a new life.

We all need a regime change in our lives. The word ‘regime’ simply means a system of government and management. Until we allow ourselves to come under the new management of King Jesus we will invariably miss out on the very best that life can give us. And when we experience the love and forgiveness of Our Father God there is no power vacuum – He promises to fill us inwardly by His Holy Spirit – the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead.
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Marti Debenham
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The successful applicant will be paid £40 per month.
For further details, please contact 471512.

April has been a successful month for the Play Park Committee; after being given the funds from the Parish Council we were able to obtain the paint to renovate the play park equipment. The weather held on 12th and 13th of April and we were able to re-paint the play park equipment; Repair the fence and trim back the trees. The committee would like to thank all members and their partners for giving up their weekend to help out. A special thank you goes out to all of the children who also worked so hard. They were Holly Hudson, Jessica Kennard, Hugh, Robert and Daniel Owen, and Luke White. Also a big thank you to Dick White who lent us his trailer.

The play equipment has certainly benefited from its face-lift, and hopefully will benefit local children for years to come. We have also received confirmation from the Parish Council that the concrete rubbish bins are on order and will soon be put in place. The next step after Easter is to address the issue of floor covering, and apply for funding for Latex matting. All enquiries please phone 01929-472583
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**POPI IN PLACE NEWS**

**Easter Egg Raffle and Easter Bonnet Competition.**

At the time of writing, we have not held this event, so I will give more details next month. We would like to thank all the kind people who have donated Easter Eggs for the raffle and special thanks must go to Mrs V Barnes who has again this year donated the first Prize Egg. Her kindness is very much appreciated.

**New Community Team for 2003 - 2004**

- **Team Leader**: Alison Bennett
- **Assistant Team Leader**: Julie Lye
- **Secretary**: Amanda Kennard
- **Treasurer**: Ray Jones
Community Team
Angela Jones, Denise Smith, Pat Gibson, Tanila Gale, Liz Gale, Trish White, Margaret Bell, Gwen Vowles, Colin Vowles, Cecilia Clarke, Suzie Gee and Tracey Diment.

If anyone is interested in coming along to our meetings you will be very welcome call Alison on 01929 472023 for details.

Pop In Place Poetry Reading Morning
Friday the 16th of May at 10.30 at the Lower Drax Hall everyone is welcome to come along and read out their favourite poems or we will read them out for you, we also enjoy hearing poems that people have written themselves. There will be refreshments available so why not Pop In!

Village Quiz Monday 19th of May
Pop In Place Village Quiz on Monday the 19th of May Starting at 7.30 at the Upper Drax Hall. Teams of four are required to pay £4 per team to enter. You can also come along as a spectator this will cost you £1. It’s sure to be a fun evening so why not get a team together and join in. There will be no individual answering and all teams will fill in answer sheets.

The quiz is open to individuals who want to make up a team of friends, to organisations, to teams from a work place, just put your team’s name on paper and send it along with your £4 entry fee to Alison Bennett 3, Rye Hill Close or to the Pop In Place by the 12th of May. There will also be a raffle and refreshments and a shield for the winners. Please come along and support this event.

Bere Regis Open Gardens Sunday 20th July 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thank you to all the people who have offered to open their private gardens. We will need some extra help with this event so please get in touch if you would be willing to help on a rota to serve teas etc. We will also need many people within the community to help with catering by baking cakes please call in and put your name on the cake list. The profits from this event will go to make improvements to the Drax Hall, the Hall we are all currently using so it would be very nice if all the user groups could help out in some way as the event will benefit us all.

Biscuit Donations to the Pop In Place.
The Pop In Place is open now four times a week and we are currently purchasing...
and using a lot of refreshments, if anyone would like to put an extra packet of biscuits in their trolley when they go shopping and donate them to us we would be very grateful. This will help to keep our costs down as we don’t wish to have to increase the costs to the clients.

**Pip Squeak**

The Pop in Place Musical Youth Group Pip Squeak meets on Thursday the 1st of May 6pm until 7.30pm

Thursday the 15th of May 6pm until 7.30pm

Thursday the 22nd of May 6pm until 7.30pm

Back again on the 5th of June same times as above. If anyone is interested in joining the group or helping out as a tutor please give Alison a ring on 01929 472023

**Poppets**

The Pop In Place Parent Baby and Toddler group meets on Wednesday the 7th of May - Pastor Jim and his banjo

Wednesday the 21st of May - Decorating cakes

Wednesday 28th of May - Playdough

The group meet at the lower Drax Hall from 1.30 until 3pm

Any offers of help would be welcomed by the leader Amanda Kennard 01929 472583.

**Farewell to Di Owen**

We would also like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Di Owen and family. Di is leaving Bere Regis and returning to Wales, during her time here she has been involved with the Pop in Place and has been assistant to Amanda, we wish her well in her new home and thank her for her help.

We are pleased to inform you that Trish White will now be taking over the role of Assistant Poppets Leader and we welcome her aboard.

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

*thanks to Pat House*

**Haddock in Cheese Sauce**

- 4 fresh 6oz haddock fillets
- 6oz peeled prawns
- 2oz butter
- 1oz plain flour
- half pint milk
- 2oz cheddar cheese
- 1 small onion
- 3 fluid ozs double cream
- salt and pepper
- seasoned flour

Wash the fillets and pat them dry.

Coat each fillet with seasoned flour. Uhaddock

se half the butter to grease a shallow ovenproof dish and arrange the fillets in a single layer in this.

Melt the remaining butter in a small saucepan and add the flour, cook for a minute, then gradually add the milk to make a white sauce. Grate the cheese and blend into the sauce together with the finely chopped onion. Stir the prawns into the sauce, season with salt and pepper and stir in the cream.

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**COFFEE MORNING**

the Coffee Morning at Westcourt on the 5th of April was a huge success, not only financially but was a lovely social occasion, even the weather was ordered especially for us.

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The wonderful result was £900 for our Church funds.

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Unfortunately, or should we say, fortunately, there are too many names to list but we would hope you know who you are. THANKS ONCE AGAIN.

Carol, Brian and Claire

Woodbury Hill Singers

The singers have entertained The Rotary Daffodil afternoon and the Sunshine Club, Wareham.

New singers welcome - ring Kath 471175.

We meet every Monday at “Larkspur”, Snow Hill (Pink Bungalow) at 2.30 p.m. Tea and cakes too!

Farming Long Ago

Harvest Folk - A Dorset Village Long Ago

Just over Woodbury Hill and through Bere Wood is the Estate and Village of Bloxworth. “Harvest Folk” is the third book on the village by Anthony Blad and is based mainly on nearly a hundred Wills which were written by those who lived there between 1573-1798. Nearly everyone was involved directly or indirectly in farming and many had friends or relatives in Bere Regis.

Elizabeth Strangeman whose Will was dated 1739 owned a bower on Woodbury Hill which was valued at £100. She left it to her son, John, to be inherited when he reached the age of 21. Another with interests in Woodbury Hill was William Howlett whose Will in 1631 mentions that he had “stuff” there valued at eighteen shillings.

The Book (RRP £9.50) can be obtained from

The Bere Regis Post Office

Or the Author

Anthony Blad - 01929 459355