A ‘Collect’ is a Churchy name for a prayer that is collective and can be read for all. One of my favourites is one of the daily collects from the service of Evening Prayer, the service at the end of the day. It’s called ‘The Third Collect, for aid against all perils’ and it reads:

Lighten our darkness we beseech thee O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

It was written in the 16th century when life was pretty fragile and indeed dangerous for many people. But with record temperatures in the UK these past weeks, and brilliant light, and stifling heat especially at night, it was ironic that I was reading this collect when I heard that our neighbours in North America were suffering blackouts and major failures to their electricity distribution. They do of course suffer much greater extremes than we do; indeed our climate is normally temperate.

I’m often asked what is my favourite worship service. It is of course an impossible question to answer, given that today we have such a wide range of services for many different congregations and occasions. The Eucharist – the communion, is the high point of celebrating what God in Jesus Christ did for us, and more recently it has become the central part of most Churches weekly worship pattern. However, I usually say that the most formative service for me from my youth, when Holy Communion was only once a month, really has been Evensong. I used to go to it with my father, who used to be a chorister in a Cambridge college and was steeped in the 1662 Prayer Book, that we still use today at our 8 o’clock communion service every Sunday, and at Mattins and our own Evensong. There was a sense of self-realisation, even as a callow and probably slightly spotty youth that in Evensong I was drawn into a real sense of the presence of God in an ancient parish Church on the edge of suburbia. It is very difficult to describe the feeling and I suspect a very personal experience for all who share in it. For me it is a mixture of the familiar and the safe and the transcendental too. There is a sense...
of timelessness, almost of suspension. There is a feeling of being enveloped in the
love of God and of thankfulness at the end of the day, especially a Sunday. There
is a sense of preparation for the coming week, exemplified in an anti-climactic
sense in the ‘Nunc dimittis’ after the New Testament reading, when old Simeon in
the Temple holds the baby Jesus and he knows that he is cradling the Messiah, the
Saviour of the world. And all this in the wonderful language of Thomas Cranmer.

You will see from the pattern of services that we are introducing an Evensong at
Affpuddle from September, just once a month on the second Sunday, at 6.00pm in
Summer Time, and probably at 3.00pm or 3.30pm in GMT between November and
April. There has been some expression of interest in this so I hope you will want to
come and join us at Affpuddle on the second Sunday of the month. Consequently
there will not be an Evensong at Bere Regis on the second or fourth Sundays but I
hope that we will be able to develop a more informal service on the fourth Sunday
in due course.

On a different tack, many of you will know that our neighbouring Red Post
parishes are now into their ‘interregnum’ an ancient word literally meaning
‘between kings’. Their faithful and devoted Vicar and Pastor and my more recent
colleagues, Hugh Maddox, has retired.

Hugh was very good to our benefice during our interregnum, and before my
arrival. They will be looked after for the time being for regular services by The Rev’d
James Davies, who was a priest in Poole and presently lives in Swanage. The
search for Hugh’s replacement is about to begin. But there may be times when I
will be called upon to help them out for occasional services and special needs and I’m sure you will agree that we should do this as Hugh was very good to our
benefice during our interregnum and before my arrival. I will be officiating at a
wedding at Winterbourne Kingston on 6th September. I’m pleased to say that Hugh
and Vicky have not moved far – just to the other side of the river Frome. So in
wishing then a very happy and well-deserved retirement, I am sure we shall see
them from time to time. A collection of Hugh’s letters on life from Dorset to his friends and parishioners has
incidentally recently been collected and published. It’s titled ‘Towards integrity?’
and is a fascinating read over 20 years of dedicated service.

I have a few copies priced £5.00 each. Do let me know if you would like a copy.

With love and prayers

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Golden Circle  2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court
Guides  Unit suspended
Kingsbere Quilters  1st Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Drax Hall
Mini Market  10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
Mobile Library  Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. – 4.25 p.m. – Car Park
Mothers’ Union  7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church
Parish Council  7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
              Sub-committees on Post Office notice board
Playgroup Bere Regis  Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792  Wednesday/Thursday PM
Pop in Place  10.00 a.m.- 12.00  Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall
Purbeck Singles social group  Contact Roy Winder – 01929 471456
Pop in Place Poppets  1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Weds (not 2nd Weds) Drax Hall
Rainbows  4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
RBL Gardening Club  8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774
Royal Oak Golf Society  Golf days, last Friday in month – March to October. Contact Guy Storey for further details – 471041
Scouts (10½-15 yrs)  7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
Swimming Club  Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m, Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262
Toddler Group  1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church
Tuesday Club  A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every Tuesday at Turberville Court. All welcome
Twinning Association  Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities
Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)  8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
Village Scrapbook  Jenny Silavs – 471577
W.I. Bere Regis  7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
W.I. Briantspuddle  7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall

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Lay Reader  Brenda Pitfield - 471391
Church Wardens  John House, Westcourt, Worgret Heath - 551266
              John England, 10 Southmead - 471469
Deputy Warden  Mr R Comben, Beechmast, Whatcombe Lane, Winterborne Whitchurch - 01258 881143
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Treasurer of PCC  Gordon Phillips, 102 North Street - 471525
Organist  Tim Colquhoun, Heatherdown, Brock Hill - 471360

**PCC Members**


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Church Wardens  John Solly, Symmonds Barn, Affpuddle - 472400
Secretary of PCC  Stephen Sanderson, River Cottage, Affpuddle - 01305 848812
Treasurer of PCC  Mike Menzies , Starmoor, Throop – 471263
Organist  Ivor Mullins, Grasmere, 12 Parmiter Road, Colehill, Wimborne. Tel: 01202 889227

Church website:  www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
**BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS**

**Bere Regis Sidesmen**
- 7th: 9.15 Mr House / Mr Bates
  - 6.00 Mrs Juttering
- 14th: 11.00 Mrs March
  - 6.00 Miss Frampton
- 21st: 9.15 Mr Smith / Mr Croom
  - 6.00 Mr Woodward

**Bere Regis Evensong Readers**
- 7th: Mrs Juttering
- 14th: Miss Frampton
- 21st: Mrs Lewis
- 28th: Mrs Welton

**Cleaning and Dusting**

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**Sanctuary Flower Guild**
- September 7th: Mrs B Griffin, Mrs N Gibson
- September 14th/21st: Mrs C Lewis, Mrs K Abbott
- September 28th: Mrs J Clifford, Mrs J Kinahan

**CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

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

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

**Babysitting Circle**
- Contact Mary Lillie – 471365

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Briantspuddle Singers**
- 7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall

**Choir Practice**
- 7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.

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

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

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

**Congregational Church**
- 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane
- 10.00 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

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

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**Church Duty Rotas**
Flowers
7th September
14th September
21st September
28th September
5th October
Mrs. Reed
Mrs. Armitage
Mrs. Champion
Mrs. Forty
HARVEST FESTIVAL
Cleaning
Mrs. Thorniley
Mrs. Sanderson
Mrs. Sally
Mrs. Moriarty
Mrs. Thorniley

**Chalice**
14 September, M/H Menzies; 28 September, P Thorniley.

**Intercessions:**
14 September, M/H Menzies; 28 September, P Thorniley.

**Church Duty Rotas**
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**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

**Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice**

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CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7th September  Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins & shortened Communion Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong Bere Regis

Saturday 13th September
3.30pm Holy Matrimony Bere Regis

Sunday 14th September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Racial Justice Sunday
8.00pm Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11.00am Family Service & Holy Baptism Bere Regis
12.30pm Holy Baptism Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong Affpuddle

Sunday 21st September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
St. Matthew
8.00am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11.00am Family Communion Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong Bere Regis

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**CHURCH SERVICES**

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**Sunday 28th September  Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion  
Bere Regis  
9.15am Parish Communion  
Affpuddle  
11.00am Mattins & shortened Communion  
Bere Regis  
No Evensong

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**Saturday 4th October**

12.00noon Marriage Blessing  
Turnerspuddle

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**Sunday 5th October  Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest**

8.00am Holy Communion  
Bere Regis  
11.00am Parish Communion for Harvest  
followed by lunch in the village Hall  
Affpuddle  
6.00pm Harvest Service  
followed by buffet supper in Church  
Bere Regis

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**Bere Regis Church Harvest Supper**

All enquiries regarding the food etc. for the Harvest Supper to Philipa Ward  
please on Bere Regis 471527.
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices start again after the summer break on at 6.30pm on Wednesday 10th September - new members always welcome.

I have had a few people ask if they can go up the tower as they missed the open weekend. Please come along on a 'fine' practice night at 6.30pm and we will do our best to get you up.

Sensible shoes please!

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
Christian John Reynolds, on the 3rd August
Sophie Clark and Declan Horwood, on 17th August
At St Laurence, Affpuddle
William Smith, on 17th August

Marriages
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
Carl Thorne and Maria Cleall, on the 19th July
Kit Clifford and Julia Simpson, on the 2nd August
At St Laurence, Affpuddle
Ian Allenden and Katherine Nesling on the 19th July

Funerals
At St Laurence, Affpuddle
Diane Reed, on the 18th July, and interment in the Churchyard.
Dick Hall, burial of ashes on the 10th August.
At the Civic Cemetery, Bere Regis
Henry Charles Stickley, burial of ashes on the 5th August.
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
Joan Bentley, interment of ashes on 11th August.

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

Bere Regis Junior Church

The Next Children’s Activity Morning Will Be On

Sunday, 14th September 2003
In
Bere Regis Church
10 – 11am.

All children between ages 4 & 11 are very welcome.

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

And why not join us for the Family Service (11.00-11.30am) with refreshments for everyone.
CHURCH PORCH GATES

The PCC has agreed that we should apply for a faculty (the church planning permission) to erect gates to the church porch owing to the increased problems we have been suffering over the last year.

Our volunteer church cleaners have been coping with continuous litter and mess of many kinds as well as those having to repair fittings or the cost of professional help, and the PCC feel that they are being asked to do too much and hope that gates which can be shut when the church is closed will reduce this problem.

We have had an offer from a local blacksmith who has put forward a design and will make them at a very generous cost. The treasurer is holding a memorial donation towards the erection of gates and the churchwardens are asking for anyone who feels they would like to be associated with this project to offer donations to help towards the cost. Amounts large or small will be much appreciated and can be sent to the churchwardens, John House or John England or church treasurer Gordon Phillips.

Thankyou.

MOTHERS’ UNION

There was no meeting in August thus giving us all an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful summer weather. The only other event scheduled (which has not yet taken place at the time of writing these notes) is the visit of Verwood Mothers’ Union on 21st August.

As I reminded you last month the next meeting will take place on 3rd September at 7.30 pm in Turberville Court.

Kay Abbott 472258

KNIT & KNATTER

The Mothers’ Union did a sponsored “Knit & Knatter” some time ago at which 19 villagers had a lot of fun and in a short afternoon raised £180 for the charity of their choice. It was such a success the Mothers’ Union have decided to repeat the event this year on Tuesday 30th September at Cyril Wood Court from 2.00pm

Our thanks to all who took part, helped or judged.

Tuesday Club

Tuesday 2nd September at 2.00 p.m. New members over 55 welcome. You do not have to be a member of the Social Club

Waste Paper

The money raised from 1st August will be donated to the Macmillan Nurses in Dorset

Quiz dates for September are Friday 12th and Friday 26th.

GARDEN WASTE

SHREDDED

All your hedge trimmings prunings and plant waste recycled into mulch or compost.

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Bere Regis

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cmaunder@aol.com
Parish Plan

Commander de Burgh gave a report on the Parish Plan and the presentation at the Horticultural Show. An Open Meeting would be held on 18th September to enable all residents to make final comments before the conclusions were drawn up and the plan was prepared.

The Clerk reported on various correspondence received.

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 8th October 2003 at 7.00 p.m.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Horticultural Show

Once again this was a great success with over 300 entries.

Results

Selwyn McGrorty  BSC Cup  Most points in Veg Section
Jenny Lightfoot  Norman Reed Rose Bowl  Stems of Flowers
Mrs J Shereston  Kyall Cup  Flower Arranging
Janet Croft  Martin Debenham Cup  Cookery
Mrs J Bryant  BSC Rose Bowl  Best Ladies Exhibit
Bert Jeanes  Jubilee Cup  Best Exhibit in Show
Mrs J Shereston  Floral Art Trophy  Best Flower Arrangement
Nicky Killer  Novelty Cup  Animal made with Fruit
Paul Badcock  Lady Debenham Cup  Best Garden
Jack Sherwood  Marjorie Fuller Cup  Best Children’s Exhibit
Anna Killer  Joan Herridge Cup  Junior Floral

Blending in beautifully completing 3 knee blankets, which were then presented to Wareham home and return to 9 Cyril Wood Court or at the October Mothers’ Union meeting at 4.00pm. Those who have not completed their strips will be welcome to take it wool; we are able to provide wool and needles if needed.

Starting at 2.00pm you will be asked to cast on 20 stitches and knit a strip 12 inches long, there will be refreshments during the afternoon and knitting will stop at 4.00pm. Those who have not completed their strips will be welcome to take it home and return to 9 Cyril Wood Court or at the October Mothers’ Union meeting.

On the last occasion Edna Marsh very kindly sewed all the strips together most beautifully completing 3 knee blankets, which were then presented to Wareham Hospital.

Now all we need are sponsors. Forms are available from -

- 10 Elder Road
- 9 Cyril Wood Court
- 8 Stanbarrow Close

I am donating 2 knitting books to the two people with the most sponsors lto add a bit of spice to an enjoyable afternoon, and not too many dropped stitches.

Mary Fegan 472237
**The Church Website**

**Website address**

Bere Regis and Affpuddle church website address is: http://www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk

**Website pages**

The website pages are:

- index/htm - which is the site home page
- afpud/htm - which is a page showing the Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle PCC officials
- bere/htm - which is a page showing the Bere Regis PCC officials
- choir/htm - which gives some details about the Bere Regis Church Choir
- events/htm - which deals with forthcoming events, and repeats the current weekly events
- music/htm - which lists the music for the forthcoming services in Bere Regis Church
- serv/htm - which lists the forthcoming services in both parishes
- tour/htm - which is about conducted tours of Bere Regis Church. There is a link to this site from the Purbeck Tourist site.
- weekly/htm - which contains all the information which is in the current weekly sheet.

**Links**

There is a link to the Archbishop of Canterbury’s website. Clicking on this will superimpose the Archbishop’s website over our website. I try to update it each week to bring up his latest sermon or important speech. Clicking on the X will remove his page from the screen and take you straight back to our website.

Bishop David’s page takes you straight to the Bishop of Salisbury’s website, and will bring up his monthly letter.

The Patron’s page will take you to the Balliol College page. There are 21 other parishes which come under their patronage. Our site is linked from their site. That means that anyone visiting their site can click on Bere Regis and come to our site.

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**Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th August the following business was discussed:

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed. In Matters Arising the Clerk reported on delays in arranging a new Parish Council bank account. Consultations on the boundaries were delayed until after the holiday season. The 2003 Audit was arranged for 17th November.

**Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were discussed and recommendations to the District Council were agreed:

- Erection of finger post for shop and village hall. This was a retrospective application made by the Parish Council who noted the application.
- The Parish Council were notified of a grant of permission for tree work at Alderly, School Lane Briantspuddle.
- Notice of appeal for an extension and construction of a conservatory at 3 Briantspuddle. After discussion the Parish Council made the following observations that there were no objections but the development should be in keeping with existing buildings with regard to materials used.

**Parish Council Responsibilities**

The allocation of Parish Council responsibilities was made. A list of the Councillors and their area of responsibility would be displayed on the Parish Notices Board.

Updated Standing Orders and Code of Conduct had been prepared by the new clerk. In accordance with normal practice as set out in the National Association of Local Councils Model a resolution to permanently add, vary, or revoke a Standing Order shall when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council. (This would allow time for the Councillors to properly consider the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. A vote would be taken at the next meeting.)

Authority was given to pay the quarterly grant as agreed at the AGM to the Shop and Post Office, to pay for grass cutting and the clerk’s monthly remuneration and expenses.
We had about 50 visitors to the Parish Plan Stand during the Horticultural Show on Saturday 2 August, with great interest shown in the map of the Parish, the results of the questionnaire survey and the wildlife presentation (put together by Tasie Russell). A number of fresh topics were offered and some reinforcement of existing issues discussed, all of which will go into the information pot. Apart from thanking everyone for their contributions so far the main purpose of this article is now to rally support for the presentation of the survey on Thursday 18th September.

The Briantspuddle village hall has been booked from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. After a little light refreshment we will give a Powerpoint presentation of the results so far with all the detail to hand for open discussion of any of the questionnaire topics. After this there will be an opportunity to raise any fresh topics and to obtain a measure of support for any particular issues raised. The overall aim is for the Working Group to finish the evening satisfied that it is going forward with valid Parish opinion, so please come and listen and also to feel free to discuss what affects you most if you think that it is not being properly taken into account.

Please put the evening of September 18th in your diary and look forward to seeing you there.

C de B

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**CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION.**

As many will have seen at the Exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 30th August, The Friend’s Committee intends running a competition for a Christmas Card Design for reproduction and sale in the shop. Entry to the competition is free and it is hoped that many will take part. A cash prize is offered for the winning design in each of two categories, the first is for those above the age of sixteen and the second is for those below that age on 1st September 2003. Amongst other qualities consideration will be given to form and colour for ease of reproduction. The cards to be produced will be no larger than six inches by four inches and entries should be no bigger than A4 size. Entries should be handed in to the shop and the closing date for the competition is Friday 3rd October. For any further information please contact a member of the committee.

P. Badcock

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**Castle Farm**

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- Access to village shops
- Large conservatory
- Views over unspoilt countryside
- 24 hour care staff
- Owners with 23 years’ experience
- Complies with new standards
- Residents’ minibus

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- In 12 acres of gardens and grounds
- Character country house
- Upgraded to comply with new care standards
- 24 hour nursing care
- Residents’ minibus
- ‘Blue Cross’ members
Harvest Concert

Performed by
St. John’s Church Choir

7:30 p.m. 4th October
Bere Regis Parish Church

Refreshments provided
Retiring Collection on behalf of the Church

BARN DANCE
AND
FABULOUS
FARMHOUSE SUPPER

Briantspuddle Village Hall

Saturday 27th September
7.30pm – midnight

Tickets £7.00 each
From Jenny 471498 or Jan 471778

A raffle will be held in aid of the
Joseph Weld Hospice
Because the yard is leased to the Hall and Social club, these two organisations maintain and insure the yard. The area is not a public car park, and is insured for the users of the hall and club only. Any unauthorised persons using the yard are doing so uninsured, so any accident/incident occurring there could have serious implications for the Hall and Social Club. The last thing we want is an accident involving someone who shouldn’t be in there in the first place, and where that someone sues the Hall and/or Social Club committee.

We took advice, and were advised that one thing to do was to put up a sign, we didn’t want to be wordy, so a simple sign has been commissioned alerting the public to the fact that the yard is for hall and club users only. Some halls actually put gates on their parking areas, but this seems a bit excessive, however in an increasingly litigious society steps must be taken.

Jenny Lightfoot

MORE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

July and August have been quiet as far as the Hall is concerned. It is a time to do special jobs such as “Spring” cleaning and other repairs. However the Committee have not been totally idle as far as Hall Management matters are concerned.

I have been negotiating the Autumn Artsreach and Film programme. I am happy to be able to report that we have been given dates for the Autumn and Winter Artsreach performances.

On Saturday 11th November, to mark the 40th anniversary of the death of Edith Piaf, a trio, Platinfinitee, have put together a programme of Piaf’s well known hits and other songs. On Friday 16th January 2004 Eduardo Niebla will give a concert of Flamenco Jazz. Finally, on Friday 26th March, Richard Derrington [Mark from the Archers] is returning to give a performance of Shakespeare’s Other Anne which has been written by one of the Archers’ script writers, William Smethurst, and is about the Dark Lady. In addition to these theatrical treats the Hall Committee is participating as usual in the Purbeck Film Festival. Our performance will be held at 7.30 on Saturday 11th September. This year the Film will be ‘84 Charing Cross Road’ with Anne Bancroft and Anthony Hopkins. The film will be combined with a supper and tickets, costing £6.00 to include the cost of the supper, will be available from mid September from either the Festival Office at Wareham or from me Philippa Thorniley.

A provisional date for a Moviola performance has been booked for Saturday 31st January 2004. It has been suggested that ‘The Scarlet Tunic’ would be a good choice and enquiries are being made to see whether it is available on DVD. I am also hoping to be able to have a performance of The Golden Goose again. This is to be combined with an afternoon tea and to be held on a Sunday afternoon. This has yet to be arranged.

Philippa Thorniley
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

Harvest Festival

The Church will be decorated for Harvest Festival on Saturday 4th October from 10.00 to 12 noon. Gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables, foliage and other produce will be most gratefully received and should be brought to church on Saturday before 10.00 a.m. Fruit, vegetables and produce will be taken to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester to be used for the benefit of the residents. The Cheshire Homes no longer have a use for the giant marrows which some people bring to church. By all means bring them to church for the decoration (Harvest Festival would not be Harvest Festival without giant marrows) but I do have to say that they will be dumped on the church compost heap when the church is cleared during the following week after the service.

The Harvest Lunch

There will be a harvest lunch in the Village Hall after the 11.00 a.m. service at Affpuddle on Sunday 5th October. The meal will consist of beef stew and dumplings with vegetables and potatoes, the vegetarian alternative will be bean moussaka, (vegetarian meals must be requested when tickets are purchased), followed by puddings, which have yet to be decided, but will be made from garden fruits. There will be biscuits and cheese for the diabetics and tea or coffee after the meal. Tap water will be available to quench thirsts. If you require something stronger than Adam's ale please bring it with you (plus of course something to open the bottle). Glasses will be provided. This event is not designed to be a fund raiser but on the other hand it cannot be provided from church funds. Tickets costing £3.00 will be available from the beginning of September. The price has been calculated to cover the cost of the meal and attendant expenses, if there is any surplus then this will be given to the London City Mission.

Please buy your tickets from me, Philippa Thorniley, as soon as possible and no later than 30th September. Regular readers of the magazine will remember that I have not done the miracle course on loaves and fishes and have to have warning of numbers likely to attend. Numbers will be limited to 40.

Philippa Thorniley

Church Special Clean

Advance Notice- The Autumn Special Clean of the church will take place on Saturday 11th October. More details next month.

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

Village Hall News

Barn Dance

Right, the next thing that’s being staged at the hall is the annual Barn Dance. We are pleased to invite you to enjoy a truly superb supper and some truly atrocious dancing. There will be a dash of laughter thrown in and a bar provided by the social club to oil the wheels of this enjoyable and sociable evening. Do come along and bring your friends, the cost is a mere £7.00 for an evening where the meal alone is worth double that sum, but hurry and get your tickets (phone 471498 or 471778) as previous years have been a sell out!

Several people have stepped forward to offer their kind and much needed assistance with the hall improvement project and as soon as the summer holidays and the ‘Festival of Talents’ over we plan to move swiftly forward.

Yoga

For those who may be interested, yoga classes continue in the hall, and begin again on September 17th at 5.30pm. I attend these classes and can fully endorse their figure, fitness and stamina enhancing properties. We don’t lie around with our legs around our necks but do a wide range of postures and breathing techniques with a sprinkling of meditation and relaxation thrown in. The class has a friendly atmosphere and an easy going and understanding male teacher called Andy Pearson. For any information phone 471002.

Yard

There may be a new sign up in the Hall Yard by the time you read this, if it’s not there then it soon will be.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEP
5&6 BERE REGIS AMATUER THEATRICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS ‘SOMETHING FOREIGN AT THE LEGION’
10 DARTS FINALS NIGHT
13 DARTS – POT LUCK MIXED PAIRS £1.00 7.45P.M.
20 QUIZ NIGHT 8.15 P.M.
21 HARVEST FESTIVAL 7.00 P.M.
26 DARTS FINALS NIGHT

OCT
4 DARTS SINGLES K.O. £2.00 7.45 P.M.
18 MEN + WOMEN AND UNDER 18s
18 FUN GAMES EVENING
25 DARTS POT LUCK MIXED PAIRS £1.00 7.45P.M.

NOV
1 CHEESE AND WINE EVENING £2.00
(Watch this space for the theme of the evening)
2 QUIZ NIGHT 8.15 P.M.

Whist
alternate Thursday evenings

Bingo every Sunday evening

Gardening
Club first Tuesday each month

Everyone welcome

100 WATT CLUB
1st prize - £25
Mr R Angel - no 20
3rd prize – £10
Mrs M Eastment - no 142
4th prize - £5
Mr A Standfield - no 51
2nd prize - £10
Mr M Miller - no 30
5th prize - £5
Mrs D Hall - no 121

New members are always welcome.

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Much has happened since the last missive. You will remember the problems we had with a shortage of water last month. Well, we became rather fed up with it all and escaped to Kathmandu for a long weekend to stay with friends and cool down a bit. We were also able to explain the water problem to the people at UMN and when we arrived back, “Lo and Behold” we had water all day and every day!! As you can imagine it has been a great relief, especially as the temperature has risen and we have had a couple of very hot weeks with very little rain. Our trip to Kathmandu was good for us as we caught up with friends and went to English speaking church, which we miss here. The services at Nepali church in Butwal are OK but we don’t understand very much even though we can sing the songs.

The most important event recently was the 40th Anniversary Graduation of Butwal Technical Institute students which took place last Saturday. It was a hot day with clear blue skies and everything went really well. I say this with surprise, as in Nepal things are all left to the last minute and as I am learning, just happen. A few weeks before the event I got together with some of the staff and we organised an invitation card and explanatory letter which I thought would be sent out immediately. No, I was told, for if you do that it is forgotten. So, two days before the event, the invitations are delivered and you have to make sure that all the local worthies have been invited even if you don’t think they’ll come. You then follow up with phone calls the day before the event and hope you will get your audience.

The morning arrived and the hall was set out with labels for the students and places for the press and other guests. Settees were arranged on the platform and a red banner with the appropriate 40th anniversary wording put up behind the stage. It all looked very smart and I then repaired to my office where Santos and Samjanna, two of my young staff friends from BTI, put me into my sari. I have to admit that although I can do my own it’s much better when they do it!! Anyway it’s a good way to practise Nepali and have a good laugh at the same time. We all went down to the hall at 12 o’clock, when it was all supposed to start. Half the graduates and prize-winners hadn’t arrived and less than a quarter of the seats had been taken. The proceedings began at about 12.30 and the hall was still less than half full. I must say I was getting twitchy as some of the graduates still hadn’t arrived. Suddenly, at about a quarter to one people began to arrive and fill up the hall. The last graduate arrived as the speeches were finished and the prize-giving was about to begin (was that a sensible move?) so I breathed a sigh of relief. Needless to say no-one else seemed to be worried as apparently this is quite
Club Events & Notices

The Cricket Club will be holding their annual presentation evening and grand draw of 2003 on 4 October 2003.

THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

On Saturday 2 August 2003 The Dorset Latvia Link was one of a group of charities/organisations running a stall in the car park attached to the Village Hall. This was combined with the annual Bladen Social Club Horticultural Show, and The Link is very grateful to them for the opportunity to fund-raise in this way. It was a beautiful day, for which we were also grateful given that last year’s event was marred by torrential rain. We raised £90.00 on the day and, with donations of £50.00 following the event were able, after costs of the stall and transfer fees, to send approx £187.00 (approx 100 Lats) to Latvia to assist with a Summer Camp for orphaned and underprivileged children.

Thanks are due especially to Jennifer Champion for her continuing support (with a sales pitch that has to be seen to be believed - fridges to Eskimos pales into insignificance by comparison) and for the fun and laughter we had throughout the day. Thank you also to all those who donated books and bric-a-brac, assisted with the packing up, brought us cups of tea and generally ensured a successful outcome. Finally to the staff of CMS (UK) and to George & Anne Forty, our grateful thanks for their donations.

We were able to support the Summer Camp this year instead of our usual beneficiary viz the Children’s Paediatric Clinic connected with Ikskile. Advice from Dr Lelde Samite, the director of the Clinic, is that the Latvian equivalent (very loosely) of the NHS is providing more funding for health care, and children, I am pleased to say are a priority. We have a long association with the Ikskile Summer Camp so were delighted to be able to help in some small way. Sadly Lats don’t stretch as far as they used to but it means that a few more children are able to attend this year than anticipated. We thank you all for making this possible.

JENNY SILAVS, Hon Sec

normal for Nepal. The afternoon finished with various presentations and some slides of Butwal 40 years ago, when the Institute was first built and the first 3 students were enrolled. Everyone seemed very pleased with the occasion and we met lots of interesting people, including former students.

The first part of this newsletter was from Andrea, Allan’s contribution follows:

The monsoon season is a difficult time to make good progress with work and projects. The rate of work drops because of the heat and humidity, and the roads suffer from rock falls and landslides. So things can take a lot longer to complete than you would have experienced two or three months ago. However, after very protracted discussions the electric generating authority finally decided to proceed with our proposals for the repair of the hydro electric station at Jhimruk, which has been put out of action by Maoist terrorist action. So that is now a high priority project, and we are about half way through. For part of the work I needed a lathe far bigger than anything available at the NHE works here at Butwal. My first thoughts were to use the equipment used at a steel rolling mill, nearest being in India. However we then identified a large sugar mill that the Chinese had built in Nepal, and which had just the right lathe. So I have been travelling to this sugar mill about 30 kilometres away to supervise work. The trip is through the jungle of the Terai, lots of birds including Indian Rollers to see, also troupes of rhesus and langur monkeys. The ground is very flat and wet, where the jungle is cleared they grow rice, the water level is just about at ground level. Houses are built on platforms of rocks, with the floor about two feet above the water level. The sugar mill work is seasonal, like a sugar beet mill in England, at present they are only doing maintenance work, and we always have an audience to watch what we are doing. I counted 16 standing watching, which was a fairly typical number.

I have bought a bicycle; it will let me see a bit more of the countryside around Butwal. It is a Chinese bike, with gear change, and is supposed to be better made than the normal Indian bikes that most people have. I have been trying to get a similar bike for Andrea, but without success so far. It is impossible to order anything, they either have it in the shop, or you just have to keep visiting in the hope something suitable will turn up. Despite looking like a mountain bike it is very heavy. I’m not sure that the frame isn’t made from solid steel instead of tube. But for a new bike, with 21 speed gear change, I paid about £45, and got a tyre pump and lock added as a further discount. Yesterday afternoon I was out in the flat country towards the Indian border when it started to rain –
monsoon type rain. I sheltered for a while, but as we were due to have supper with some friends I had to ride back through the rain. I was soaked right through of course, but as the temperature stays somewhere near 30° centigrade even when it rains I wasn’t cold. Nepal has been on the brink of collapse of the peace talks between the Maoists and the government. It is a very complex problem, with no properly elected or constitutional government, just an interim government nominated by the King. Not all of the undertakings and agreements that the government makes are honoured by the army, who don’t fully recognise the legitimacy of the government. So we were very worried that the talks would collapse, and the Maoists return to the armed insurrection, that was making over half of Nepal very difficult or impossible to work in. The Maoist side were making their point by having a “hunger strike to death” in Kathmandu, however in true Nepali fashion when you look at the detail it is a “relay hunger strike”, which means they take it in turns not to eat, for a day or so, and then the next guy continues the “hunger strike to death” for the next day. Despite the humour it remains a very dangerous and unstable situation.

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Bere’s captain, Russell ‘Monstaah’ Hewitt had no qualms on batting first, and it was tough going for Bere’s young charges at the head of the innings with Abbotsbury’s bowlers pinning home hopes out to dry until The Postman delivered with another half-century, but it was to prove indecisive as the visitors used their bowlers well, varying their pace curtailing the run rate.

The away team then cruised to 111 for 2 chasing 118 to win, and Bere had given up. Gren Elphinstone-Davis has a knack of popping up during the final overs to bag wickets, and the Milborne youngster netted three victims, and The Postman notched two, and Abbotsbury needed 4 from the final over. They scrambled 2 byes and 2 singles with two balls to spare, so the jinx continued and Bere had to wait to see if they would finish second outright.

The final hurrah of the season was their fourteenth game and at home to Martinstown. Bere could finish second along with Cattistock should they win. Martinstown were sadly relegated and were playing for pride. They batted first and their first four batsmen played with aplomb taking advantage of the swift outfield and registered a total of 103 for 6 off their 18 overs.

Bere made heavy weather of their goal after 10 overs when they were 51 for 1 suffering the loss of Nick ‘Slickster’ Cheeseman for 23. Texas Tom Bennett was in no mood to give up his wicket and with the captain they steered Bere home with 15 balls to spare and a share of second.

It was a most satisfying end to the season as stated by Bere’s Director of Cricket Gordon Tucker. All of the games were enjoyed by player, umpire, scorer and spectator alike proving to be a great advert for the league and its administration and village cricket in general. Roll on 2004.

Forthcoming fixtures

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BRCC Tour 2003 to East Cornwall
league withdrawals and monsoon type conditions robbing them of a revenge mission to Sherborne. The first of two tales during the last calendar month unfolded at Beaminster, a club and ground steeped in tradition, and a thoroughly decent venue to play cricket at.

Bere’s league position held no peers with them sitting on the top of division 5 with a comfortable 2-3 point cushion from their nearest rivals who were gearing up for a tense run in culminating on 25 August for Bere’s trip to Speedliners at Redlands, Weymouth. The business of Bere’s batting has been wholly dismissive this season with the batting display stretching right down to number 9 or 10. They owed a lot of this to the inspirational leadership of Martyn ‘Poomy’ Price who recorded his second fifty of the term along with Sir Charles Way whose experience and general know how has rubbed off on Bere’s tyros.

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It looked for all that the job was done yet Corfe Mullen were intent on ruining Bere’s party, and they too rose to the occasion and took the game to Bere hitting more boundaries than you shake a stick at. They were in the driving seat until key wickets fell at crucial times, with Graeme ‘Bathandle’ Price holding on to 2 late catches to send the bumper crowd into raptures, and Bere wrapped up affairs by 14 runs, although they seemed out of it with 10 or so overs left. A performance of immense spirit and team effort. They now require a further 11 points from their last two game to secure the title, the second promotion in two seasons.

Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2

Bere’s destiny lay in their own hands for capturing second spot in division two of the Evening League. The two remaining games were both at home to Martinstown and Abbotsbury. The first scheduled encounter with Martinstown was postponed following a torrential downpour, thus being rearranged for 5 August.

Bere’s season had one or two milestones, and one was away to Abbotsbury in the second round of the knockout cup back in June when the veteran campaigners from South Dorset despatched Bere for the second time in two seasons.
BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council was extremely pleased with the efforts by the volunteers to clear up the streets in readiness for the Open Gardens day. It was a wonderful effort by everybody concerned - even the County Council gave us an extra sweep, thanks to our County Councillor, Malcolm Shakesby. The Council approved a vote of thanks to the PIP for organising the event.

The Chairman, accompanied by our County Councillor, called on Superintendent Lynn Hart who commands the Eastern Division of the Dorset police. He reported that it had been a useful visit as he was able to tell her of the problems experienced in the village. He asked for a Police presence around the centre of the village on Friday and Saturday nights and she has stated that she will do her best to provide it. The matters of vandalism at the Church and in the Cemetery were discussed. We now have a Community Beat Officer (CBO) for the Village, but like the Community Wardens he is thinly spread over a wide area. Everybody is encouraged to meet PC Alan Burt and to make him aware of your concerns. Sadly he is not just a CBO as he is also required to fulfil a response role as well. An important point that was stressed by the Superintendent was the importance of reporting incidents. She admits that the Police may not be able to respond immediately but if incidents are reported they do have an obligation to follow it up. In so doing a true picture of the problems can emerge and steps taken to plan counter measures. Many people apparently say that reports have been made but the Police have difficulty in tracing a record.

Our Member of Parliament attended the August meeting and was particularly interested in the discussion on local crimes and problems. Her current avenues of interest in the Parish are the problems of traffic by the school, the Royal Oak, the future of the Community Wardens and responding to young people who e-mail her stating that ‘there is nothing to do in Bere Regis’. On a wider Parliamentary basis she is serving on the Select Committee that is concerned with the proposed Sexual Offences Bill.

The Ministry of Defence has modified its proposals with the Picnic Area to the south of Chamberlaynes. As a result this will be much smaller and more open to view. Thus it is hoped that the Travellers will be deterred from trying to stop there. In the meantime the concentration of Travellers at Gallows Hill are being moved on - at some time.

The Youth Shelter along Elder Road has

NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5

Opportunities have been few and far between for the Sunday heroes owing to

Sadly Bere suffered their first in what was to be a three game losing streak. The league leaders rattled up a dominating 266 for 7, yet Bere could have no answer to the pace from Pimperne’s strike bowlers, having most of Bere’s openers performing the Riverdance towards the legside, particularly Dean ‘The Postman’ Rogerson who suffered for his 21. There was time for a Bere salvage mission from Steve Cheeseeman (50) and 33 from the plucky Shane Hewitt.

A defeat at Cattistock followed when once again Bere’s skipper Peter Giersuriya had to shuffle his pack. Bere remain short on bowling as has been the case with some 4-5 bowlers on long term injury or not available. Bere bowled their way into the game with the side being curtailed to 165 for 9. The Postman bagged 4 wickets. The dampness of the track had convinced Bere’s skipper to bowl first, and his selection was fully vindicated until Bere’s batters had another off day falling a miserable 40 runs short of their target with the captain himself top scoring on 26.

The home game against Shaftesbury had taken on a supreme significance and almost an 80 pointer as Bere really needed one more win to survive in division 2. Bere’s form was alarming in this division where everyone is beating each other leaving the bottom 5 squeezed together. The visit of Shaftesbury coincided with the Annual Vice-Presidents’ Barbecue. It was to be the away team whose barbie tasted better at the end as Bere were left in reflective mood.

Bere posted a total of 233 for 6 with Kevin Brown top scoring again with 78 on his return from a three game break on holiday. His shot selection was exemplary interspersed with awesome power. He was backed up by The Postman who hit yet another half century ending on 68. It appeared that the job was done for Bere at tea, as the sun beat relentlessly down in what was the hottest weekend on record. Shaftesbury were straight out of the blocks and took the game to Bere, who still could only muster four recognised bowlers. An assertive hundred from the opposing captain was the winning innings, and the visitors romped home with 5 balls to spare, giving Bere a lesson in running between the wickets and strike rotation. The coming weeks are going to prove a vital cog in the season with three tricky trips to make, and that elusive victory remains out of reach.
(R Fripp 3-31, M Tatchell 3-29)

5 Aug  Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2 (18 over game)
MARTINSTOWN  103 for 6  (S Cheeseman 2-23)
BERE REGIS  104 for 1  (N Cheeseman 23, T Bennett 39no, R Hewitt 33no)

7 Aug  Evening Friendly
WINFRITH NEWBURGH 93 for 4  BERE REGIS   94 for 2  (N White 37no.)

9 Aug  NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
BERE REGIS  233 for 5  (K Brown 78, D Rogerson 68)
SHAFTESBURY  234 for 3

10 Aug  NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5
BERE REGIS  233 allout  (M Tatchell 48, T Bennett 40, G Price 35, D Scott 28)
CORFE MULLEN  219 allout

Reports

NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
A defining moment in Bere’s season was the victory at Swanage, which came from unexpected quarters. Bere’s hard-line selectors certainly had to earn their corn for the coming games undertaking a juggling act straight out of PT Barnum’s. The trip to Pimperne was viewed with apprehension as they were streaking away at the top of the table, and possessed an explosive side with both bat and ball, using their wicket to its utmost.

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The Committee are extremely grateful to the PIP for the promise of funds generated from the Open Gardens Day. It is planned that some of the money be used towards the necessary works required by the Disability Act that comes into force in October next year. Thanks are due to the PIP also for clearing the area at the rear of the Hall. This area is not seen by many people, but it is vital that it is kept clear as it is on our emergency route from the Hall. One Saturday last month a team organised by the PIP with lots of familiar faces filled a skip with the rubbish of many years. They then prepared the ground for seeding with grass. Our neighbours have been most co-operative and we are grateful to them as well as the PIP party.

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and the Council is grateful to Cllr Keith Foster for obtaining the funds, to Cllr Guy Stoney for designing the structure and to District Councillor Peter Wharf for his efforts at the District Council.

The Council received a letter from the Winterbourne Kingston Parish Council requesting that it give support to them in their endeavours to prevent the construction of the wind farms in the Winterbourne Valley. The matter was discussed at length and at the conclusion the Council was evenly divided on its response. The Clerk was directed to advise their Council that we were unable to offer support. However if Parishioners wish to object then they are advised to write to the DART group who are leading the campaign. Leaflets are available in the shops.

It was reported to the Council that due to a confusion of address, an ambulance and police car took ninety minutes to find the caller who lived in one of the main streets. In this case the name of the house had recently been changed. Unfortunately the caller did not quote the house number - hence the delay. Fortunately all was well in the end but it is a lesson from which we can all learn.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 11th September at 7.00pm

CM
We have been allocated three performances from Artsreach with two of them from the Forest Forge Theatre Company. On Wednesday 17th September we have them with their own written play named ‘Raising the Roof’ which is a reminiscence play about the ups and downs in the life of a Village Hall. The concerns of the management committee, which is in crisis because of new Health and Safety Regulations whilst the roof is in danger of falling in . The problem is to find the solution - money. A gala fund-raising event is planned with all the characters of the Village partaking - the Belly Dancers doing The Sound of Music etc. A great evening is assured - Forest Forge have always been a wonderful success at The Drax! Please come and support our efforts - yes we have a leaking roof!

Tickets from 15 North Street. 471342. Prices Adult £4.00; Cons £3.00.

In October at the half term we have a puppet show on Wednesday 29th October in the afternoon. This is Martin Bridle in ‘A Fishy Tale’. Wonderful for the children - of all ages! More about this next month.

CM

We are looking for new members to join our friendly group. We get together regularly to have coffee and a chat, whilst organising activities to raise money to make a real difference to the people our charity helps.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children’s (NSPCC’s) aim is to end cruelty to children. Thanks to continued support from you, the NSPCC is able to provide a range of services and education programmes.

If you would like to join us or find out more, please contact Eleanor Pack, Local NSPCC Co-ordinator on 01823 346346 or e-mail:epack@nspcc.org.uk.
For more information about the NSPCC visit our website: www.nspcc.org.uk

Many people in the village are anxious to be able to take advantage of the facilities of Broadband. You may not be aware that the Bere Regis exchange needs to have 200 people register for Broadband in order for BT to set in motion the conversion of the exchange. Currently 82 people have registered.

If anyone does feel that this service would be advantageous for them, perhaps they could register.

CRICKET RESULTS

18 Jul Evening Friendly
E.C.C. QUARRIES  114 allout
(N Cheeseman 5-14)  BERE REGIS  107 allout  
(D Scott 21, M Tatchell 21)

19 Jul NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
PIMPERNE  266 for 7  
(S Cheeseman 4-45)  BERE REGIS  165 allout  
(D Rogerson 21, S Cheeseman 50, S Hewitt 33)

30 Jul Dorchester & District Evening League Division 2 (18 over game)
BERE REGIS  117 for 5  
(D Rogerson 52no, S Hewitt 21)

2 Aug NSA Dorset Cricket League Saturday Division 2
CATTISTOCK  165 for 9  
(D Rogerson 4-41)  BERE REGIS  115 allout  
(P Cheeseman 26)

3 Aug NSA Dorset Cricket League Sunday Division 5
BERE REGIS  261 allout  
(M Price 51, C Way 51, D Scott 29)  BEAMINSTER  125 allout
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LSVT - The “Large Scale Voluntary Transfer” of the Council’s housing stock

I asked the Housing Manager, Mr Robin James, to give me an update on the proposal to transfer Council houses and flats to the Purbeck Housing Trust; below is his response.

“In the biggest exercise of its kind ever undertaken in Purbeck, the Council is consulting its tenants on a proposal to transfer their homes to a new not-for-profit locally based organisation called Purbeck Housing Trust (PHT). This is the culmination of three years of work, which started with a thorough appraisal of the challenges facing the Council.

The Council believes that transfer is in the best interests of tenants. The Council knows that the Trust would provide a much larger programme of modernisations and improvements than the Council could provide now or in the future. The Trust would also have the resources to provide a more responsive repairs and housing management service.

Earlier in August, all of the Council’s tenants received full details of the proposal and were asked for their comments. These will be considered at the beginning of September prior to a ballot arranged for October 2003. All local tenants are being encouraged to have their say both by voting in the ballot and by attending a drop-in information session being held at Turberville Court on Wednesday 3rd September between 9am and noon.

If tenants vote for transfer a major modernisation and improvement programme will take place over the next five years. Within this timescale the Trust plans to spend £12 million on works including the replacement of over 750 kitchens, over 550 bathrooms and the installation or upgrading of over 740 central heating systems.

Further information on the proposal is available from the Housing Services team by telephoning the freephone helpline on 0800 389 7210.”

Assuming a positive vote by the tenants in October there will be a debate and vote by the Council soon after that.

Licensing

A new system for the granting of liquor and entertainment licensing is to be introduced as a result of the Licensing Act of 2003 being passed. This will transfer responsibility from Magistrates’ courts to the District Councils (i.e. Councillors) as of to you all. In our own way as a church we were trying to sow the seed of God’s Word in the hearts and minds of the children - seed that can blossom and flourish into a fuller faith in later years. That is our sincere prayer. We have received many favourable comments about the Holiday Club and that encourages us to start planning for next year - it may even become an annual event in our village life! In the meantime we continue to offer an all year round ministry to children in our Junior Church which meets every Sunday at 10.00 am.

Our next Family Service will be held on Sunday 14th September at 10.00 am when we shall be celebrating Harvest Festival. We invite families to come along and children to bring something to put on the harvest table. A friendly welcome is assured for everyone. We shall be giving thanks to God for His faithfulness in supplying our daily provision but we shall also be thanking the Lord for His gift to us of the smiling faces of children and youngsters as they heard about Jesus and His love.

May the Lord Himself provide for your needs at this time With love in Jesus Name,

Pastor Jim, The Manse Flat, Butt Lane Tel: 01929471270

BERE REGIS W.I.

On the 4th & 8th August the W.I hosted cream teas and ploughman’s lunches for the cycling touring club who were celebrating their 125th anniversary in Dorset. People of all ages, from babies in trailers to senior citizens thoroughly enjoyed Jan’s garden and superb home made food which the ladies supplied and served with charm, despite the melting weather.

Next meetings:
Drax Hall 7.30
16th September
What's new in haberdashery and crafts, where we welcome new faces
October 21st
Memory improvement in 45 minutes

W.I Committee
Celebrating God’s goodness!

As I write this page the warm evenings of summer are still with us but all around soon will be the reminders that we are moving into another season. Harvest time will soon be with us once again. I am reminded that the Christian Harvest Festival has its roots in the Jewish Feast of the Ingathering (of the harvest), a seven day long time of feasting and worship - what a party! It was a reminder of God’s goodness for His people. With all the food we in the West have, we’ve more reason than most to be grateful for what we are about to receive, and no excuse not to celebrate!

The ministry of the Church is largely a sowing ministry - we sow the seed of God’s Word and endeavour to ‘water it’ by regular prayer and loving practical help but we acknowledge that it is God who causes things to grow. Jesus taught that this principle of sowing and reaping applies not just to the natural physical realm but is equally applicable in the spiritual realm. Last month we stepped out in faith (and for some, also with a little apprehension!) to hold the first Children’s Holiday Club in the recent history of our Congregational Church. The four-day programme involved morning meetings of fun packed, fast moving action and the forty or so youngsters who attended thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Christian faith in a fun way. The events surrounding Sunny and his dog “Ruff” in their Beachfront Cafe was always hilarious, but we learnt some valuable lessons about trusting in God. Not to be outdone Harry Hedgehog made an impact on the 5’s and unders. In addition we met “Simon Peter” who told us all about his meeting with Jesus, we learned memory verses that involved catching fish and bursting balloons and we sang along with Suzie to the Seaside Rock theme song. The event concluded on the Sunday with an unusual Family Service. It was great fun for the children. And I have a sneaky suspicion that the adults on the Team also had a whale of a time - I know I did!!

Yes, “Seaside Rock” was a fun time and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who worked so hard to make the whole event a success. Help this year came not only from within the ranks of our own fellowship but also others in the wider community who offered their services so willingly. A sincere ‘thank you’ next year (probably March 2004) for most licence applications. It has been estimated that “upwards of half a million people will need some sort of working knowledge of this law” (quoted from Licensing Review magazine July 2003). As you can imagine most Purbeck District Councillors will have to undergo extensive training, including myself, and we have little time to do this as some of the final aspects of how the law is to be implemented are yet to be agreed! I will keep you informed of progress!

Planning Board

The outcome of the August 28th review of the progress of the implementation of planning conditions set for the Purbeck Shooting School will be too late for inclusion in this report; however I will report back in detail next month.

Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turberville 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

NEW FOOTBALL CLUB - PURBECK PANTHERS FC

FOOTBALL is available for youngsters of all abilities in the Purbeck Area. Purbeck Panthers FC has been registered with the Football Association and the Dorset County League and is fielding a team of under 10’s.

The club has also registered under 8 and under 9 teams and seeks players from local First Schools. The aim is to soon establish other sides in a range of ages and abilities to play in league fixtures and tournaments, as well as providing other activities for members.

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This month a full house of members were entertained by Jeff King of Weymouth who kept us amused with tales of falling scenery, improper dress, mixed up lines and those terrible members of the pit orchestra all making an actor's life sometimes 'Not an 'Appy One'. He not only gave a fascinating talk but added the occasional song. He had the difficult job of judging the 'Ascot Hat' competition.

Next month, Wednesday 10th, will be the 33rd Birthday Luncheon for members at the Drax Hall starting at 1.00pm.

The cost will be £4.00 and you are asked to contact Kath before the 8th to let her know if you intend to come for catering purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

To enable us to organise a rota, we would be grateful if any volunteers for this task would please record their name and the time/times that they could be available on the forms which are in the church now. If you would like a sponsor form, can help us on the day or need any more information, then contact your local organiser.

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ROGS

On Friday 25 July 2003 ROGS played for the Landlords Cup at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club. This was the initial trophy played for the first time the ROGS played in 1998 at Bulbury Golf Club.

The Friday morning saw a huge downpour and continued past 12 noon which was our original tee time. Fortunately, the management of Purbeck Golf Club recognised our dilemma and suggested we could go out later at 1 pm which we did, and by then the rains had ceased.

You normally find that venues such as Purbeck always give you something but then nature takes it back again.

What Purbeck Golf Club gives are unprecedented views over Poole Harbour and there cannot be a better view in England. However, the height of the venue also attracts currents of air and these can be quite strong.

Well, the rain cleared, we saw the views and then the wind hit us, I know I lost 6 golf balls and some lost a lot more amongst the heather and gorse.

Some holes are very long, one being nearly 600 yards, some are blind shots like the fourth par four called ‘Old Harry’. No matter what your playing skills are at Golf you never forget your round at Purbeck.

Martin Debenham came in 1st with 28 points with Tom Crabtree second on 26 points and our Captain Paul Ebsworth on 25 points.

The winner of nearest the pin in 2 shots on the 4th hole was Graham Price. The longest drive was won by Roger Johns and nearest the pin by Roger Duncanson.

The final of the Shaun Brady Knockout Cup between John Bryant and Ian Macklin will be played at Came Down.

The next venue is Bramshaw in the New Forest on Friday 29th August and this will be 36 holes on both the New Forest Course and the Manor Course playing for the Rob Hall Hackers Trophy.
RECIPE OF THE MONTH

thanks to Pat House

Runner Beans with Tomatoes

- 1lb Runner Beans
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 clove Garlic
- 2 large ripe tomatoes
- salt and pepper
- you will need a large frying pan with a lid

Trim the beans and wash them and cut them into thin strips. Heat the oil in the pan and put the beans in and cook them for about 2 mins. Add the chopped garlic to the pan stir and cook for another 2 mins. Add a cup of water, turn up the heat and let them cook until the water has almost gone.

Meanwhile, halve the tomatoes and scoop out the seeds chop the flesh finely and just before the water has gone in the pan add the tomatoes salt and pepper and stir for 2 mins. The beans should still be crisp and bright green. Serve them immediately with grilled meat or fish.
Grants are available for young people living in the Parishes of Moreton, Affpuddle and Briantspuddle, who are undergoing apprenticeships, further or higher education, or a period of training of any other description, and who are in need of financial assistance for the purchase of books, travelling to and from school or college, or payment for accommodation.

Applications can only be accepted from those who live within the boundaries of the Parishes of Moreton, Affpuddle and Briantspuddle. Those who live outside the parish boundaries may apply to either the Ashley, Churchill and Horner Trust (Crossways) or the Williams Trust (Bere Regis).

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

Applications forms can be obtained from:
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Entry 50p Everyone is most welcome
Funday Friday Poetry Reading

Friday 19th of September everyone welcome, bring along your favourite poems to read starting at 10.30am. Free coffee to all who read poems out.

Poppets Baby and Toddler Group

Starts back after their summer break on Thursday the 11th of September 1.30pm until 3.00pm note the different day. Telephone Mandy Kennard 472583 for more details.

Pip Squeak Musical Youth Arts and Craft Group

Starts back on 4th of September if you are taking part in the Performer of the Year that includes all students from last term please. New students are very welcome, please phone Alison Bennett 472023 for more details.

Our first planning meeting will be on Thursday the 18th of September at 6pm this will be a meeting to discuss the future development of the group and a chance for everyone to put forward their ideas.

Pop In Place Jumble Sale and Auction Saturday 11th October 3pm at the Drax Hall.

We will be at the hall from 8am onwards on the day of the Jumble sale to take in your donations of jumble, sorry we unable to take any before that, due to a lack of storage space.

If you want to donate an item for the auction please contact Tony on 471934. Entry will be 50p to include a cup of tea and everyone is most welcome.

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
profit was made. This will be given to the Drax Hall along with last years takings to commence some significant improvements to the building that will hopefully bring it into line in time for the new disabilities act.

Stop Press:
The Open Gardens day for next year will take place on Sunday 18th July 2004.

Thanks to the Pop In Place big Strong boys
Thank you to all who gave up their Saturday last month to clear the back of the Drax Hall so that the fire exits can be easily maintained. We do hope that who ever has been using the back of the Hall as an alternative to Wareham tip will stop doing so now!!!

Bere Regis Performer of the Year Saturday 13th September at 7pm at the Drax Hall
Come along and enjoy the local talent and vote for your favourite performance. There will also be a panel who will decide the best Young Performer and the Performer of the year.

The Pop In Place Volunteer of the Year, Youth Volunteer and Volunteer who has shown outstanding commitment to the Project will be receiving their awards.

Tickets are available for this event at £2 each from Alison Bennett or the Pop In Place, hurry to avoid disappointment this is always a night to remember! ! !

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Pop In Place Pip Squeak

OPEN MEETING
Thursday 18th September
6pm at the Drax Hall

The Pop In Place is holding a meeting to discuss the future development of the Pip Squeaks group its your chance to put forward your ideas!
If you are interested in:-

  * Making up your own dance moves!
  * Learning to sing
  * Playing the keyboard
  * Playing the recorder
  * Playing Percussion or Guitar
  * Or art and design

Then come along and find out more, we run a youth group with emphasis on Music & Art
Everyone is welcome to come along!

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Performer of the Year Competition

Saturday the 13\textsuperscript{th} of September
7pm at the Drax Hall

Tickets £2 each tel 472023

There is an adult and Under 16’s section
trophies for the winners. Entry forms from
Alison Bennett on above number.

Entries close on 13\textsuperscript{th} of August

Don’t delay enter today!

The Pop In Place Bere Regis
Pop In Place Sessions – Monday and Friday Mornings 10 am - 12 noon

Pop In Place Poppets – Baby and Toddler Group
Wednesday 1.30 p.m. -3.00 p.m. (not second Wednesday)

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

Everyone is most welcome
The Pop In Place is at the Drax Hall

For more information on all P.I.P. Projects Tel: 01929 472023

POP IN PLACE NEWS

Bere Regis Open Gardens Report
Thank you to everyone who opened their garden to the
public we had 15 private gardens and this year we were
pleased to include the Parish Church as part of the
programme.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the
refreshments and the cake stall and to everyone who donated a raffle prize.

Congratulations to Carole and Pete of 7 North Street
who won the public votes for the garden that you most
enjoyed visiting, and special thanks to the Foresters who
donated the crystal bowl as the prize.

Heartfelt thanks to all my team of volunteers who play a
vital role, allowing this event to function smoothly. Finally
thanks to all the village people who visited the gardens.
We are delighted to inform you that a total of £1,030