I was starting to write these Easter ‘Thoughts’ with the Mel Gibson film ‘The Passion of the Christ’ in mind. Sifting through the views of this mega box office success with its alleged anti-Semitism and excessive violence the news came through that the people of Spain had voted out their government following the dreadful train bombings in Madrid. And we must all be wondering where are terrorists likely to strike next, and is this another ghastly act of religious violence? How can God let this happen. Don’t we all worship the same God? What is clear is that there is no excuse for such acts. If it does turn out that the criminals who committed this cowardly act in Madrid are indeed Muslims, and that they have done it in the name of their faith, then they are perverting their faith. They are doing great harm to one of the three ‘Abrahamic faiths’ from which our faiths all come - Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

In a not dissimilar way, the terrorists of Ulster during ‘The Troubles’ were thoroughly criminal too, attempting to hide behind the pretence of religious intolerance.

The Liberal Democrat MP Dr Jenny Tonge –whose has been very supportive of our efforts in Sudan-recently lost her front bench job for saying that as a mother and grandmother she could sympathise with the sense of desperation felt by mothers or grandmothers in Palestine. That their children were driven to become suicide bombers, because they were trying to break the oppression they were living under. She upset many people for voicing her politically incorrect thoughts, for there is no excuse for suicide bombing, wherever our sympathies may be. Like the Madrid massacre it is murder and criminally wrong. Yet what can we do to break this fatal cycle of atrocities, which was behind Jenny Tonge’s remarks? How do we get into the mind of those who wish to harm us and destroy our democratic and indeed religious institutions too?

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It is a huge challenge for us all and it seems a million miles away from the comfort of hot-cross-buns and cream eggs of Good Friday and Easter.

Yet peaceful solutions to change were at the heart of Jesus’ message which
culminates in Easter - the greatest Christian festival. Jesus always tried to avoid confrontation with the Jewish leaders and the Roman authorities, and even in his agony on the Cross, he asked his tormentors to forgive him. In that sense he is indeed the ‘Prince of Peace’ and because of what God did through him at Easter we are liberated for eternity, to be active in his service, loving him and one another. And that whatever our faith or none, we are all made and loved by God.

That is why Easter is so important and why it is that we make such a celebration of it. This year in addition to our usual pattern of services, you will see that we are going to be having an additional Easter service to begin our Easter Day celebrations. It re-enacts the story from John’s gospel, chapter 20, when Mary Magdalene went to the tomb when it was still dark and saw that Jesus’ tomb was empty.

So we will begin our first communion of Easter at 6.00am at Affpuddle, just as dawn is breaking. In the service we shall light our new Easter candle from a fire outside the Church and process into Church armed with candles moving from ‘darkness into light’; we shall renew our baptism vows and celebrate our first communion of Easter.

So with all the religious controversy this Lent and Easter, a question for us to ponder: ‘Where is God at work in our communities? To begin to answer this, I do feel that we need to get back to a real sense of the ‘special’ and the ‘holy’ in our worship, so though it is early, do try to make an extra effort and join us and make this Easter really special?

With love and prayers

Our Post Office in Bere Regis

You will see a poem in our Parish Magazine this month with the message that if we don’t use our Post Office in Bere Regis more, we shall lose it. Though it is a business, the Post Office, like the School and indeed the Church are at the heart of our community, and without them we would be so much the poorer. Of course we could go to Wareham or Dorchester or even Briantspuddle, but only if we have the means of getting there.

A true and real sense of Community has never been more important, so do use it whenever you can, then it will be here not only for us now but for future generations too.

The Vicar

**Dates for Your Diary**

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Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
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April
5th PIP AGM Drax Hall 7.00 p.m.
6th Gardening Club—Keith Andrews - Plush Orchids
9th PIP Easter Egg Raffle and Bonnet Parade, Drax Hall 10.00 - 12.00
12th A Step Back in Time exhibition, Drax Hall 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
14th Autumn Leaves tour to Christchurch - car park 10.30 a.m.
24th Mothers' Union Coffee Morning, Turberville Court 10.00am to 12.00pm.
28th Coffee morning at Charlie and Kath’s, Autumn Leaves 10.30 a.m.

May
4th Gardening Club - Mr Tinsley - Underwater Off the Dorset Coast
12th Autumn Leaves, Talk on Air Ambulance, Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.
14th Fork Supper with Pat and John House at West Court 7.00 p.m.

June
1st Gardening Club—Mark Read - Vegetables
8th PIP Village Quiz, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
9th Autumn Leaves, Tour to Sidmouth 10.00 a.m.
19th Bere Regis Church Garden Party

July
3rd Bere Regis Church coach outing to Marimesbury 8.30 a.m.
6th Gardening Club—John England - Iceland
14th Autumn Leaves Rose Competition and Exhibition of china birds
18th Bere Regis Open Gardens
30th Vicarage BBQ

August
3rd Gardening Club—A Summer Evening In A Garden
4th Coffee Morning at Rene and Gordon Phillips's 10.30 a.m.
6th PIP Children’s Activities, Drax Hall 10.00 - 12.00
13th PIP Children’s Activities, Drax Hall 10.00 - 12.00

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Lay Reader Brenda Pitfield - 471391
Church Wardens John House, Westcourt, Worgret Heath - 551266
John England, 10 Southmead - 471469
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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
Geoffrey Booth, David Gibbs, Eileen Jutting, Robert Croom,

Church Officials - Affpuddle
Lay Reader Jonathan Haigh - 471768
Church Wardens John Solly, Symmonds Barn, Affpuddle - 472400
Secretary of PCC Stephen Sanderson, River Cottage, Affpuddle - 01305
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Treasurer of PCC Mike Menzies, Starmoor, Throop – 471263
Organist Ivor Mullins, Grasmere, 12 Parmiter Road, Colehill,
Wimborne. Tel: 01202 889227

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Sanctuary Flower Guild
Lent - no flowers Sunday 29th February until Sunday 4th April
11th/18th Decorating for Easter
25th April/1st May Mrs J Herring Mrs J Kinahan

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

Bere Regis Evensong Readers
4th Mrs Jutting
18th Mrs Lewis

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning Dusting
27th March and 3rd April Miss S Frampton, Mrs H Loxton, Mr T Bates Miss G Miller, Mrs J Harvey
10th and 18th April Mr B James, Mrs M James Mrs G Whittle, Mrs N Scott
24th April and 1st May Mr R Robinson, Mrs A Robinson Mrs O Curtis, Mrs M Lewis

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
Pip Squeaks
A musical youth group. Thursday (except 2nd

Pop in Place
6.00 p.m. - Drax Hall
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. Thursdays 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
ROGS 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
**CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

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

**Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle** 2nd Wednesday - 7.00 p.m. at Briantspuddle Village

**Parish Council Meeting day** Hall. Agenda displayed on Village Hall notice board

**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

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

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

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

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

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

**C.A.B.** Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.-2.00p.m. (closed Wednesday)

Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only)
- Mondays 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

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**Chalice:** 11 April, T Lane & J Haigh; 25 April, M Menzies

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**CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL**

**Sunday 4th April**  
**Palm Sunday**  
The Start of Holy Week
- 8.00am Holy Communion  
  Affpuddle
- 9.15am* Parish Communion  
  *Bere Regis
- 11.00am Mattins & Shortened Communion  
  Affpuddle
- 6.00pm Evensong – followed by PCC AGM  
  Bere Regis
  *Meet at ‘Podges’ - junction of Shitterton & West Street –  
  (weather permitting)

**Monday 5th April**  
**Monday in Holy Week**
- 9.00pm Morning Prayer for Holy Week  
  Bere Regis

**Tuesday 6th April**  
**Tuesday in Holy Week**
- 8.30am Morning Prayer for Holy Week  
  Affpuddle

**Wednesday 7th April**  
**Wednesday in Holy Week**
- 9.00am Morning Prayer for Holy Week  
  Bere Regis

**Thursday 8th April**  
**Maundy Thursday**
- 8.30am Morning Prayer for Holy Week  
  Affpuddle
- 7.30pm Benefice Communion for Maundy Thursday  
  with symbolic footwashing  
  Bere Regis

**Friday 9th April**  
**Good Friday**
- 10.00am Meditation Service for Good Friday  
  Bere Regis
  Ecumenical walk of witness to Black Hill – (bring pack lunch)
- 2.30pm Meditation Service for Good Friday  
  Affpuddle
- 7.00pm ‘Lift High the Cross  
  a service of readings and anthems  
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Saturday 10th April
Easter Eve
7.30pm Easter Vigil of Meditation Bere Regis

Sunday 11th April
Easter Day – ‘Hallelujah’
6.00am Dawn Service of Light & Holy Communion Affpuddle
8.00am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11.00am Family Service for Easter Bere Regis
6.00pm Songs of Praise for Easter Day Bere Regis

Sunday 18th April
Second Sunday of Easter (Easter 1)
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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Sunday 25th April
Third Sunday of Easter (Easter 2)
8.00am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11.00am Mattins & Shortened Communion Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 2nd May
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Easter 3)
8.00am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins & Shortened Communion Affpuddle
6.00pm Evensong Bere Regis
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**BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS**

Practices continue on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm. New ringers always welcome. There will be ringing for a wedding thanksgiving on Saturday 1st May at 11.30am.

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**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Baptisms**

Daniel James Hathway on Saturday 13th March

Millie Sandra Foster on Sunday 14th March,

both at St John the Baptist Bere Regis

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**Funerals**

Florence and Anthony Duke, interment of Ashes in Bere Regis Churchyard,

on 3rd March

Norman Bridle aged 82, at Poole Crematorium on 8th March

Joan Rixton aged 84, at St Laurence Affpuddle on 16th March

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Bere Regis Junior Church

The Next Children’s Activity Morning Will Be On

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, 11th April 2004

In

Bere Regis Church

10 – 11am.

All children between ages 4 & 10 are very welcome.

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

And why not join us for the Family Service (11.00-11.30am) with refreshments for everyone afterwards!
EASTER LILIES

As usual we will decorate the church at Easter with lilies purchased in memory of loved ones. It always looks (and smells) so beautiful and is a lovely way to remember your much-loved departed. There will be a list on the table in the church throughout Lent.

Please sign it and fill in the name or names of those you wish to remember in this way. At Easter the list of commemorations will be placed under the altar cloth. Lilies will be £1.00 as usual so please either give your money directly to me (Jenny Kinahan), John or Pat House or John or Mary England to give to me. I would be really glad to have it by Palm Sunday as the lilies will need to be purchased the week before Easter ready for decorating the church on Easter Saturday.

Thank you.

Jenny Kinahan, Tel 01929 472161
13, White Lovington, Bere Regis.

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NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

PLEASE CONTACT GORDON PHILLIPS FOR DETAILS – 471525
COFFEE MORNING

It is to be hoped that the magazine will be delivered in time to remind you all about the coffee morning at Throop Farm on Saturday 3rd April, from 10 to 12 noon. Joan Herridge has very kindly agreed to host one of her famous coffee mornings for Church Funds. Do come along to buy the delicious cakes, jams and other produce on sale and to meet friends and neighbours.

100 CLUB

When I have finished writing my bit for the magazine I intend to make a start in selling the numbers and hope by the time you read this to have sold all the numbers! The new 100 Club starts in June and there are 12 monthly draws of £10 each with two extra prizes at Christmas. The profit goes towards the building and repair fund.

Philippa Thorniley

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the monthly Council meeting was postponed until 17th March. (Too late for a report in the magazine). Please see the May magazine for reports on the March and April meetings.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

Parish Council Grants to Charitable and Voluntary Organisations 2004/2005 - Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council are able to grant sums of money to various local organisations. Any such group who wishes to be considered for this year’s grant, should apply in writing to the Parish Clerk at 27 Eastdown Avenue, Preston, Dorset DT3 6QN. Applications must be received by 1st May 2004.

Vanessa Ricketts

ADVANCE NOTICE OF SPRING CLEAN OF BERE REGIS CHURCH

Can you spare an hour of so on Saturday 3rd April 2004, to help with the spring clean of our church from 10.00 a.m.? Any volunteers would be most welcome.

Please bring dusters and/or mops. “Many hands make light work”

Tea/coffee will be served so do come and join us.

Jane Woodward 472689

BERE REGIS CHURCH TOWER ROOF APPEAL

Grand Draw

We are holding a draw for the urgent repairs to the tower roof, £175 has kindly been given for the prizes, £100, £50 and £25. Please give your suport by buying the tickets, which are only £1 each.

They are available from the Church Wardens and from the post office at Bere Regis.

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By Eileen

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Like many of his generation Norman Charles Bridle was a Bere Regis man throughout his life; born in the village and living all his life in the village too.

Norman was the eldest of four siblings with sister Faith and brothers Colin and Clifford, and his mother came from Yorkshire. Norman’s father was a gamekeeper on the Debenham estate and the family lived in a keepers cottage on the side of Black Hill.

He grew up as a country boy – with all sorts of wildlife – rabbits pheasants and pigeon for home cooking home, and sometimes something much bigger too. He always said he could never cook like his mother, but living off the land was a way of life.

Schooling was at Bere Regis village school to which the children walked to every day all the way over Black Hill and then of course back again and all the while surrounded by the beauty of nature and on leaving school Norman followed his father into keeping.

As the war started Norman found himself in the Royal Air Force and in particular the RAF Regiment where he was in Aircraft Direction. He worked closely with the US Army Air Force spotting and directing P51 Mustang Aircraft onto their targets.

Though clearly doing work of great importance, Norman didn’t talk about his war experiences and on returning to Bere Regis he subsequently went into the pipe laying business working for a number of contractors. One of his key projects was on the pipe system for Winfrith nuclear research station, taking the cooling water out to the sea. Norman had a reputation as an amazingly hard worker. He was always the one who was inside the pipe doing the hardest manual work, but his feet were always wet and cold – which perhaps told in later life.

By now Norman was living in the bungalow on Rye Hill near Green Close. He was a very devoted son, and after exhausting work on his pipelines he would come home and cook and care for his increasingly frail mother. And he took immaculate care of the home and had an equally perfect vegetable garden.

After retirement in his early 60’s he further developed his interest in the Turf and he would take days away at the races.
**AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS**

**VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

**The Valentine's Supper**

This was a resounding success. 60 guests sat down to a delicious three course meal prepared by the excellent cooks on the Village Hall Committee. Pat Crane and Mary Sherwood had decorated the hall beautifully and suitably (lots of hearts and flowers). Everyone admired the pretty table decorations arranged by Jennifer Champion. After all the expense were paid a profit of £335.54 was raised for the Hall repair and building fund.

At the time of going to press "Shakespeare's Other Anne" has not been staged. There will be a report in next month's magazine.

At the March meeting of the Hall Committee the audited accounts were shown to the Committee prior to presentation at the Annual General meeting. The 2003 results were satisfactory. The Committee have decided not to raise the basic hire charges this year. However, after discussion it was agreed that when the hall was hired for a function when food was served and prepared it would be reasonable to make an extra charge for the use of the kitchen. A small extra charge will be made for the use of the hall for evening meetings when coffee and tea are served. It was considered not to be unreasonable to make these charges as the kitchen has been partially renovated. There is a new cooker, better work surfaces and the use of a full set of cutlery and crockery. The charge would help to defray the cost of electricity and the replacement of broken and chipped crockery and lost cutlery. The regular users will be notified and the charges will become operative from 1st May 2004.

Notification of the Artsreach Promoter's Evening in June was received. It is intended that the Hall Committee should continue to participate in the Artsreach programme. We try to select a range of performances which we think should suit all tastes. Suggestions for the sort of plays and concerts we could promote would be welcome. (We are limited to a certain extent by the size of the stage and the hall).

The Hall Committee try to make some improvement to the hall facilities every year. This year's project is to over haul the electrical system and to make the lighting in the hall more versatile and sympathetic. Quotations are being sought for this project.

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**OBITUARIES**

In fact he was such an assiduous follower of the horses that according to his long time friend Martin Barlow in Bere Regis he was one of the few betting men to be successful. It was, said Martin, only the bookmakers who would have negative thoughts about Norman, for everyone else who met him always had good memories of him and were touched by him.

Norman was proud and independent, totally honest, often failing to claim all his benefit entitlement when he felt he didn't need it.

He enjoyed his pint and a glass of whisky at The Drax and the company of his old friends. He was of course saddened by his sisters death in November last year but he was very proud of his nieces and great nieces and their achievements. - Gaydear and Julie and Rachel.

So for Norman, a country boy, may you rest in peace.

**Joan Mary Rixton**

Joan Mary Rixton has come home, and we give thanks for her life and for all the good that she did and share in the sorrow of Keith and Virginia.

Joan was born in London but after just a few months the family moved to Bloxworth where, as an only child, she was brought up, and went to school.

She went into domestic service in Sir Ernest Debenham’s family and Virginia recalls her mother’s tales of serving the family in their homes in Regent’s Park in London in what is now the Russian Embassy, and down here in Briantspuddle in the country house in Moor Lane.

She met Bill, her husband to be, who was working on the Debenham Estate with the cattle as a dairyman at East Farm.

They were married in June 1939 and lived in a cottage in Affpuddle. Virginia came along in 1941 and Keith in 1945. After a brief spell in Wiltshire they returned to East Farm in Affpuddle where Bill resumed his role as dairyman and they lived in Dairy Cottage where Mrs Bea Debenham lives today. At the end of the 1950’s Bill health started to decline so in 1959 they left East Farm and he took a job with the rapidly expanding UK AEA site at Winfrith, and Bill and Joan moved into a cottage on Brock Hill. One of
their regular tasks was delivering the local Echo newspaper.

As children, Virginia and Keith had a real country life upbringing. Schooling was initially in the Village School at Briantspuddle, and Front doors were always open, and they always felt safe. They were surrounded by the sites and sounds and smells of the country. Keith recalls that as a boy he was caught fishing in Sir Ernest’s private pool.

But gladly, he lived to tell the tale.

In the holidays they assisted with the farm work and Virginia remembers being paid 9d per hour and Keith’s wages were increased to the princely sum of 1/1d, perhaps a case for equality there somewhere today. But the y both have very happy memories of family life in Affpuddle, indeed, their holidays were generally at home, in the countryside. But by now farming was in the blood, for Virginia married a farmer, in 1962, and Keith became a farmer.

Bill continued working until he was 65, but alas and as so often was the case, his retirement lasted but two years before he died. Understandably, after Bill’s death, Joan felt rather isolated up on Brock Hill but she kept herself busy with a variety on interests including as a domestic help at the Pontins Holiday Camp near Weymouth. She enjoyed the company of her fellow workers and she kept on doing that until she was 72.

She always needed to be doing things, but was very happy in her own company. She loved to knit and she was very good at it too — indeed as Virginia describes her she was a perfectionist. Everything had to be flawless.

She moved into Baileys Drove, Wool and joined the gardening club in Wareham, and loved her gardening. She really enjoyed working and liked to be useful.

Always independently minded, but in time Parkinson’s disease and muscle fatigue set in but Joan’s mind remained bright and alert to the end. Just before she died she expressed her conviction that she would be reunited with her beloved Bill, and we can all be sure of that.

May she rest in peace. Amen

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**Frog Spawn, Egrets, Honeysuckle, Bumble Bees... Symonds Barn (4th Feb 04) notes that it’s getting light about 7.45am, and a flock of Little Egrets has frequently been spotted, usually in 2s and 3s but on one occasion about 15 - 20 of them. The pond has buckets of frog spawn after much activity! The garden has winter honeysuckle which flowers all winter on south east wall, and often has bumble bees on it.**

**A good year for Bramblings! 26 Bramblings feeding with Chaffinches on one garden lawn in Briantspuddle.**

**Moths at 12 Bladen Valley** last July include: Yellow Tail, Buff Tip, Black Arches, Elephant hawkmoth, Rosy Footman, Garden Tiger, Peppered Moth, Buff Ermine, Drinker, Early Thorn, Flame Shoulder, Pale Prominent, Scallop-edged Hawk moth, Small Engrailed, Gold Fringe, Scarce Footman, Shuttle-shaped Dart, Small Blood-vein, Straw Dot, Coronet, Common Rustic, True Lovers Knot, Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Setaeous Hebrew Character, Ruby Tiger, The Herald.

**Notes from the Dairy Ring:** There is a starting that my garden that has worked out a novel way of getting a share of the fat and seed cake that I put out for the blue tits in a half coconut shell. I suspect it totally upside down in the apple tree to try and preserve a share of them from the starlings, who otherwise empty it in an hour or two. After much struggling and many contortions to try and reach the food by perching on top of it, the starling now executes a vertical take-off from below and with much flapping of wings manages to get 4 or 5 pecks in before he has to give up. It will repeat this several times in success before going off to the nut or seed container. Very clever, but I should think that the food gain/energy expenditure ratio wouldn’t be good enough to be worthwhile. Great to watch though! Has anyone else noticed similar behaviour?

**End Cottage notes the same behaviour displayed by blackbirds!**

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**Affpuddle Village Wildlife Meeting**

Affpuddle Villagers held a meeting on 11th Feb 04 to discuss how villagers there can best contribute to the Parish wildlife programme (which also includes this newsletter). For details of the meeting, copies of the minutes, and forthcoming Butterfly Survey contact Marion Perrins on 01305 846268.

**Life as an OTTER SPOTTER**

The Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) has a group of volunteers who look out for otters on all Dorset’s main rivers. This is not as easy as it sounds as *Lutra lutra* (otters to you and me!) is shy, nocturnal and still quite rare.

The life of the volunteer otter spotter begins with an informative half-day training session at the DWT’s base near Dorchester. It is here you first realise you are extremely unlikely to actually see an otter (though one was spotted recently on the Piddle near the village) and that your time will be spent mainly looking for otter droppings (politely called ‘spraint’) along the river bank. You examine (and sniff!) various samples and are given useful tips such as “sweet-mushy odour not unlike jasmine tea!” Then, after a guided site visit, off you go to check your allocated sites, ideally four times a year. The rewards are: visiting the County’s beautiful rivers, the satisfaction of discovering otter activity and checking how common it is, and, most importantly, the remote, but exciting, possibility of catching a glimpse of one!

(Interested in becoming a volunteer?
Contact Bronwen (DWT) on 01305 264620.)

This newsletter aims to focus on the vast and rich wildlife in the parish, giving everyone an opportunity to contribute and share stories and ideas. If you would like to contribute, please leave a note in the Suggestions/Comments Box in Briantspuddle Village Shop (above the bird seed) or with Adrian (01305 848362) in Affpuddle.

The Suggestions/Comments Box has produced a number of observations on the arrival of spring. Thanks to those who left their comments, all of which are contained within this newsletter. Keep them coming in! Contributions for Summer newsletter by end of April, please.

The First and the Last...Of particular interest for our records (and for DERC) would be observations on the “first and last”, such as the first house martin and the last brambling.

Jan Hopkins
We would like to express our sadness over the death of Jan Hopkins, who was a contributor and advisor to this newsletter and who was due to give a talk on “Gardening for Wildlife” in January. She will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with Graham at this time.

Thank you... to Brian Edwards for stepping in at the last minute with a thought-provoking slide-show.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
SPRING RAMBLE on Black Hill
with Brian Edwards (DERC)
Meet at Turnerspuddle Church at 4.30pm. Finish approx 7pm
Thursday 15th April 04
Bring stout walking boots! Due to a restriction on numbers this is ticket-only event.
£1 tickets available from Briantspuddle Village Shop

This is one creature where gardens have definitely made a real and significant contribution to their conservation. It’s likely that more now breed in garden ponds than in more “natural” sites in the general countryside. They spawn earlier than toads, often by early February, and January spawn isn’t unusual, though I find spawning is noticeably later in the parish than when I lived in Weymouth. This year spawn was waiting for us in our garden pond on the 15th February when we arrived back from holiday. From its state of development it had been laid a week or so earlier. Not particularly early, so I’m sure someone in the area can come up with an earlier date.

(Yes they can! See below: Ed)

Frogs come in an astonishing range of colours: mainly shades of brown, greyish or green. However more startling colour schemes are not uncommon: I’ve a photo of a frog that turned up in Dorchester a few years ago in a particularly fetching bright orange. So check out your pond for any vivid colour schemes, and if you haven’t got a pond why not install one this year?

More frog spawn and other observations......

FROG SPAWN first seen in Briantspuddle garden pond on 4th February 04. Also seen at this time - brown furry caterpillar about 1 inch long on the grass at the edge of the pond.

2nd Feb: Frog spawn and newts spotted in Moreton Forest in the water that collects at the side of the track. 8th Feb: Several butterflies spotted in Moreton Plantation, possibly faded small tortoiseshells. Anyone know what they might be?

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**SUMMARY OF ISSUES DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE PCC ON TUE 9 MAR 04**

Churchyard Burial Regulations. A summary of the revised policy for churchyard burials would be published in the parish magazine.

Lent Talks. The talks on other faiths would be postponed until the autumn because of difficulties finding suitable dates in the period of Lent.

Treasurer’s Report. Mike Menzies gave a summary of the Parish finances and the PCC agreed the accounts to be presented at the Parish AGM on 18 Apr 04.

Giving in 2004. It was agreed that the standing committee would make a proposal on the policy for charitable giving in 2004 at the next meeting of the PCC.

AGM 2004. The AGM would be held in the Church at 6pm on Sun 18 Apr 04.

Review of share apportionment. The apportionment of Parish Share would be debated at the Diocesan Synod in June.

Welcome pack. Jonathan Haigh explained the new welcome pack that had been put together containing essential village information for new arrivals in the Parish.

Church fabric. The Parish would apply to the Diocese for a faculty to lime-wash the interior walls of the church. An estimate was being sought for the installation of an induction loop in the church.

Churchyard. There would be a churchyard tidy-up on 20 Mar 04.

Future Events. The following events were announced.

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**Sundays**

**Bere Regis 1: Hamworthy Lions 5**

Given the fact that this replaces an 11-1 drubbing earlier in the season due to the Lions fielding an ineligible player, I suppose that this could be deemed an improvement. I am sure that Nick would look on it slightly differently, though, as his team were once again erratic in their performance. Despite the fact that the Leicester three have had more games than Bere in the past month, at times they were more than matching the Lions, no mean feat against a team that will probably end up as league champions. At other times, the Lions just passed their way through Bere to claim yet another goal. The one shining light was a superb finish from Stuart Moore with his right foot, a sight rarer than a Man Utd clean sheet.

Whilst the Lions were closing in on Sandford at the top of the league with this victory, Bere remain safe in sixth place with only the cup games left to play.

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- Residents’ minibus
- ‘Blue Cross’ members
bottom of the league with a squad so packed there was just no room for the manager (unfortunately, he still insisted on coming along!). On a pitch stickier than a stick insect in a glue factory Bere did not play their best football of the season, but they did have their moments. Wayne’s moment came when he controlled a wickedly bouncing ball on his chest and volleyed a beauty just under the crossbar. Squint’s came when he received a sublime through ball from Neal Percy and hammered it into the net to put Bere two goals in front at half time. Many other chances came and went as Bere found their momentum and, on occasions, sliced Stickland open with surgical precision. Wayne, Andy, Squint and Stu all missed some decent chances, even Spivey lumbered up from the back to try to break his duck for the Saturday side only to power his header straight at the keeper. Yet it stayed at 2-0 until half-time.

Once again Bere’s second half performance did not match their first, as they ambled around for the first twenty minutes of the half. Dean set the tone with his first clearance of the half as he let rip with the ball and a certain part of his anatomy at the same time. There is a certain advantage with playing with the wind behind you, but that does not mean that you should generate your own. Stickland braved this foul play and attacked with gusto, yet could not find a way through. Against the run of play it was Bere who extended their lead with a bizarre header from Wayne Cope. One of Al Moorse’s legendary long throws ballooned off of Wayne’s head and looped into the net as the keeper succumbed to pressure from Squint’s jump. With the game all but won, Kev Cox introduced Adam, Whippett and Shaun Cope to liven things up again. This had the desired effect as all three provided a bit more energy and impetus to the attack. Shaun Cope certainly found the right spaces but still has to find his shooting boots again. Whippett was, well, Whippett and was up and down the left wing like a bee’s wing, terrifying both defences and almost scoring with the kind of kick volley that has made Jackie Chan such a legend. Adam created the final word as he teased and tormented three Stickland players by the corner flag, he is always best with a bit of grass to play in, and winning a corner in the final seconds. He then whipped in a vicious cross that was only half cleared and Rob White was on hand to unleash an unstoppable volley that fair tore the net off.

Back on the winning trail again and back in second place this may be just what Bere need as they start their cup run next week. The only cups Bere have had any interest in the last few years is a nice pair of D cups, this year things could be very different.…
**AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH AGM**

This will be held in the church immediately after a short service at 6pm on Sunday 18th April. All are welcome to attend. This is, in effect, two consecutive meetings, firstly for the churchwardens to be chosen, followed by elections to the PCC and other appointments for the year.

**Charitable Giving**

In addition to meeting its obligations to the diocese and maintaining the church and churchyard, the PCC aims to make donations of money and gifts to charity. At its meeting on 18th May, the PCC will be deciding on the recipients for the parish’s charitable donations in 2004. Although these are limited in number, it helps to have a choice of international, national and local charities, which among other attributes, operate within a Christian ethos and have low administration costs.

Anyone living within the parish who would like to make such a proposal, is welcome to do so. The name of the charity and supporting information should be given or sent to John Solly by the end of April. The final list of recipients will be publicised in due course.

**BURIALS IN AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD**

For the information of parishioners, the following notice has been posted in the church porch. If anyone has concerns or queries, please contact the undersigned:

Our churchyard is one of a decreasing number that still has room for new burials, but this space is limited. There have been, and no doubt will be more, requests from families and friends for burial in the churchyard of those who no longer lived in the parish and were not on the electoral role. These guidelines have been drawn up, and will be kept under review, to ensure that space remains in the foreseeable future for those with the legal right of burial.

Those with a legal right of burial in the churchyard are:

- Any parishioner i.e. an inhabitant of the parish
- Any person dying within the parish

Yet Bere started this game as well as they have started any this season, out from the blocks faster than Dwayne Chambers after a visit to his pharmacist. They completely and utterly dominated the first half with some clinical football, strong in the tackle, quick with the pass but, unfortunately, wayward of shot. Chances came and went and even the likes of hotshot Mahoney and dead-eyed White found their shots ballooning off worse than Richard Branson in a hurricane. They both blamed the bouncy balls, next time they should know to wear sports shorts. It was left to the effervescent Stu Moorse, currently on a streak hotter than one of Gloves’ cars, to put the ball into the back of the net as he planted a delightful finish on the end of a pinpoint cross from Wayne Cope. A free kick from Rob White came within a hair’s breadth (one of Spivey’s as welll) from making it 2-0 and Wallisdown still had no answer.

A second half dressing down must have occurred because it was a different Wallisdown that showed up for the second half. More fired up and appealing for everything they began to dominate the game. Bere still looked the more likely to score though as the defence remained rock solid, with Britney, our stand in keeper, staking his claim for the US keeper’s spot ahead of both Howard and Friedel. Any other day and Mick Mahoney would have found the corner not the keeper. A bit more confidence and Andy Curtis would have struck first time and the game would have been assured, as it was it remained on a knife edge until the referee decided to make his mark. An arbitrary decision to send off the next player who swore meant that Mick Mahoney received his marching orders and Bere were down to ten men. Still the defence held strong, with White and Spivey showing that age is merely a state of mind, until they wake up the next day and can’t move. The breach was finally made when Whippet, in one of his kick anything moods, made the fatal mistake of doing this right on the edge of the area. The referee pointed to the spot and, despite Bere’s protestations that the foul was outside the area, the penalty stood and Wallisdown levelled. Bere could not raise their game enough to get a winner and the game ended with honours equal.

It was interesting for Bere to then go and watch the end of a game on a nearby pitch and hear the kind of language that would make a docker wince. It’s a funny old game......

**Stickland Utd 0: Bere Regis 4**

After a few bad weeks this game was just what the doctor ordered, a game against
the big boys and sometimes you get to play some very good players. The up side is that when you do, you do not actually look too bad. Especially when you consider a distinct lack of Rob White, Tony Lumsden and Andy Curtis for various reasons ranging from babysitting to Spanish plumbing (no that’s not a disease!). In the first half Bere gave as good as they got and, at times, a bit more. Allendale were certainly the best football team Bere have played this season and a joy to behold with a pass and move football that had Bere in a spin. Yet the defence held true for most of the half and when the midfield and attack cut loose they were unstoppable, especially Stu Moorse, slippier than an eel in a Vaseline factory as he writhed his way through the fragile defence. Despite this, Allendale struck first with a goal more suspect than a Leicester player on holiday as the attacker handballed not once but twice on his way to the goal.

At 1-0 the task looked difficult and Kev Cox steeled his players for the mountain to climb. Whippet showed the way as he ran to the pitch and attacked with gusto, unfortunately it was his own players he attacked…with snowballs from the remnants of a very deformed snowman (obviously reliving his childhood in the mountains with the other yetis!). If only Whippet was as talented on the pitch as he is with a snowball. Alas no, as within minutes he bundled over an Allendale forward in the area and Bere were soon 2-0 down. As shown by the amount of smokers in the team, Bere are no quitters and they pressed harder than a dry cleaner on overtime. Kev Cox himself missed two gilt edged chances with one touch too many in the six yard box and a wayward header just when Spivey was steaming in behind him ready to slap the ball in off that famous forehead. Allendale finished the game with yet another dubious goal as a shove in the penalty box went unnoticed and the ball was struck firmly into the net from the edge of the area.

Slipping back to third it looks like Bere have only one more chance to retrieve the runners up spot by beating Wallisdown Sports away next week.

Wallisdown Sports 1: Bere Regis 1

Given the current rules on the content of reports such as this from the DCFA I could not possibly comment on the referee in this game as, unlike Premiership managers, my pockets are not deep, as many would testify. Suffice to say that if any team can get this man to referee for them then they will be lucky indeed. He is a complete and utter asset.

- Those not in the parish but on the electoral roll.

Permission for those not having the right of burial may be given by the incumbent taking into account special pastoral concerns, but this “should be granted sparingly for it infringes the rights of the parishioners for whose interment the churchyard is primarily intended”.

Guidelines agreed by the Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle PCC at its meeting on 9th December 2003.

- Those with the ‘right of burial’, as defined above, may be buried in a new grave in the current burial area (on the right of the path leading from the main gate), or alternatively, interred as in a) or b) below.
- Those without the ‘right of burial’ may be allowed burial in the churchyard if:
  a) Interment is in a current family grave with available space, or
  b) The cremated remains are interred as in a) above, or in the cremation ‘area’, or
  c) There is an identified plot available in the ‘old’ part of the churchyard and there is a long and close relationship with the parish. If no spaces are available, permission for burial in the current area should only be given in very exceptional circumstances.
- New graves should be sufficiently deep for two coffins where relevant.
- It is policy not to reserve grave spaces in this churchyard.

John Solly (Churchwarden)

EASTER FLOWERS

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 10th April from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. Gifts of flowers and foliage will be most welcome and should be brought to church on Saturday morning before 10.00 a.m. I do not usually organised a collection for the purchase of flowers for Easter as flowers and foliage are more plentiful then. (Let’s hope the daffodils last until Easter!)

Do come along and help with the decoration.

Philippa Thorniley
THE NEW CLEANING AND FLOWER ARRANGING ROTA FOR THE YEAR 1/4/04 TO 31/3/05

By now the rota will have been distributed to all the cleaners and flower arrangers. This is good opportunity to thank you all in advance for helping the church in this way. Please remember the four special cleans on 12th June and 16th October 2005 and 8th January and 19th March 2005.

The March Special Clean
At the time of going to press this has not yet happened. There will be a report in next month’s magazine.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Saturdays

Stur Marshall Res 1: Bere Regis 1
It must be the generous nature of this likeable bunch of lads that makes them gift wrap points to the lower teams in the league as, once again, Bere squandered a hatful of chances and allowed Stur Marshall to equalise whilst still on their half time snooze. Despite the absence of their rock at the back, as Spivey went off to relive his youth watching Jethro Tull (the group, not the inventor of the seed drill...he’s not that old) he was hardly missed in the first half with Dean Rogerson acting as the Deputy Headmaster and giving a lesson in the art of heading. Neal Percy and Stu Moore were on top form on the flanks, tormenting the defence like a mongoose with a cobra. The only thing missing was the finish as chance after chance went begging. The one goal in the half came from Stu Moore’s devilry once again as he tempted the last defender into the type of tackle that would easily make Roy Keane’s memoirs. Shaun Cape duly dispatched his fourth penalty in two games and Bere were one goal to the good at half time with the wind behind them...ready for the onslaught.

Unfortunately, Stur Marshall had not read the script. From the restart they strolled through Bere’s defence as if they weren’t there (which they weren’t) and equalised. For the next forty four minutes controversy raged, the referee whistled more than a builder at a Miss World contest and Bere’s chances of a trophy this year fell flatter than a hedgehog crossing Brands Hatch. The first player to see red was from Stur Marshall as a sly punch to Rob Whiter than White was spotted by the referee. Yet still Bere could not score as the Stur linesman was waving his flag like a royalist in Jubilee year. Eventually, Stu Moore snapped and had the audacity to comment under his breath about the linesman. Unfortunately he had lucked upon a referee with hearing keener than a bat with a hearing aid and he was off for an early evening stint at the shop. Bere huffed, Bere puffed, but ended up going we, we, we were robbed, all the way home. Despite this setback, Bere still retained second place and victories in the last four games would guarantee that they remain there. Stranger things have happened, but not very often!!

Bere Regis 0: Allendale A 3
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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The March meeting each year is the Annual Parish meeting. This is the meeting when all members of the Parish are invited to attend, as traditionally this was when they could raise items of concern. These days the Council allocates a ‘period for public consultation’ at each meeting and this serves the same purpose. This year we had one member of the Parish in attendance. At this meeting the Chairman reports on the activities of the Council during the preceding twelve months.

Thus the Chairman referred to the much-improved state of the Cemetery and thanked the sub-committee members for their efforts. The Council is grateful to Mr John Cleave who has voluntarily laid the hedges on our boundary. We have improved our care for our forebears and it is a great shame that we are unable to cater for our visiting peers by providing a decent toilet. Another year has gone by and the building remains unused. In the meantime the Council is proceeding with the Youth Shelter and as the lighter evenings come along we hope to see some progress.

The acquisition of the land between the scout hut and Sitterton is likewise proceeding. When this is achieved the Parish Council will be responsible for it together with the board walk. Perhaps this is the time to warn of the slippery surface on the walk, which in the past we have had a chicken wire covering which itself is dangerous when it breaks up. We simply ask that walkers take care.

The major concern of the Council has been the C6 – the road by the school. It is to be hoped that thanks to BP we will have some road management schemes in place this year that should make the road safer for the children and all other users. The Chairman rounded up his report by commenting on both the Drax Hall and the new Village Hall. The former will have some important work conducted this year and a planning application will be made on behalf of the latter. All in all a busy Council year.

The Council, in preparation for the forthcoming Village Plan, decided to conduct a Housing Survey to establish what sort of needs exist. A letter with a questionnaire will be delivered to each house in the Parish. The occupants will be invited to complete the questionnaire and to post it in a collecting box in the Post Office by the end of April. This should allow everybody around three weeks to complete the questionnaire. Families with relatives who have moved away but who would like to return to the village are particularly asked to include them.

The next step with the Village Plan will be at the May Council meeting when we will be having a Presentation from Dorset Community Action (DCA). This meeting will start at 6.30pm and all persons interested in the future of your Village are invited to attend. The Council meeting will be held after this meeting.

ethnic group can be blamed for the death of Jesus - it was the cumulative effect of sin on the part of the whole human race that moved a Loving Heavenly Father to such drastic action that all - Jew and Gentile alike - might come to full salvation.

Here in Butt Lane we shall be remembering and celebrating those three days that changed the world! We invite you to join with us. On Good Friday at 10.00am there will be a brief Service of Meditations on the Cross and its implication in our lives. This will be followed by our annual Good Friday Walk of Witness where we walk with our Christian brothers and sisters up to Black Hill for a brief Service. Hymns and Prayers will be shared along the way. The walk begins at the Surgery at 11.15am approx. Then on Easter Sunday we shall have Family Praise and Worship at 10.00am and a special 6.15pm “Songs of Praise” - Easter Special.

For any wishing to make enquiries about Mel Gibson’s film, “The Passion of the Christ” - the telephone number to ring is 020 8781 1742. For those with questions either from the film or about the Easter story please contact me at the address below for some free literature.

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Terry Vine, Youth Leader Telephone 01929 471693

April 2004

The X Rated Christ

As we approach Easter this month we are confronted once again by that mighty demonstration of God’s love for us through the death of His Son, Jesus, and His subsequent victory over the grave through His resurrection. The passion of Easter - Good Friday in particular - gets a high profile this year with the launch of Mel Gibson's controversial film, 'The Passion of The Christ'. It is an extremely powerful film and many believe it to be true to the historical account given to us in the New Testament. The film's opening in the USA saw it beat "Lord of the Rings- the Return of the King" to hold the record for the biggest 5 day opening box office ever.

Criticised for its horrific portrayal of the sufferings and death of Christ (it carries an (18) certificate) it portrays in graphic detail the degree of suffering Jesus was prepared to undergo. One critic has accused Gibson of turning the 'greatest story ever told' into the 'grisliest story ever told'. At the time of writing I have not had an opportunity to see the film, but I have a feeling that this de-sanitised portrayal of Our Saviour's death is uncomfortably close to the truth. I know from emails I have received that many who have seen the film have been deeply moved, whilst others have come away asking, "Why did Jesus have to die like this? What does it mean?"

The fact that Jesus had to endure such a tortuous, horrific death was because sin is a disease of our human nature that holds within it the seeds of violence, destruction and ultimately death. It was that sin that drove Jesus to lay down His life on the Cross. Personally I do not believe that the film’s content to be anti-Semitic. The Bible says, “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” and that “the wages (i.e. the outcome, the penalty) of sin is death”. No one cultural or

The Drax Hall Committee

Bere Regis - A step back in time

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April  2004

A very big event for April and one of interest to all who are fascinated by and love our Village. A Step Back In Time – a Pictorial Exhibition of Bere Regis.

The Exhibition will be held on Easter Monday the 12th of April from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Drax Hall. There will be lots of photographs, pictures and postcards of how Bere Regis used to be. The displays will be categorised into sections on The Church, Education – including lots of old school class photos, Farming and Agriculture, the Watercress Industry, Woodbury Hill Fair, Village views and buildings and lots more to numerous to mention.

Many Village organisations will be there displaying their archives. I am sure that many of you will see either yourselves or members of your families.

We also have the Bere Regis Website with many pictures available for you to look at and a digital imaging show on the stage ongoing all day of hundreds of old views etc of the Village. Fred Pitfield, local historian, will be on hand to answer any of your questions, as will other collectors of this type of material. Why not bring that old photo you have always wondered about and see if you can find out more?

There will be an Egg Hunt game where you have to choose where the Easter particularly keen to hear from anybody with ideas, which they are prepared to share for the betterment of the village as a whole. Do please make a date for Thursday 13th May.

There is concern that children are playing in and around the Cemetery. They are climbing the trees outside which overhang the steel fence. This fence has sharp spikes and the Council is concerned lest there be an accident involving a child on the spikes. We simply ask that parents and families tell the children of the risks and direct them away from the danger. We are also concerned that some older young people are using the new shelter for whatever pastime results in empty bottles being left around. Apart from being in bad taste, cemeteries can be dangerous if boisterous behaviour results in memorials being damaged.

The District Council has now published the long awaited Conservation Area Report. It is a good publication and worthy of being used as a reference by all people interested in the Village. It will sit very well alongside Mr Pitfield’s Book of Bere Regis and the 1980’s Parish Council Appraisal. This latest publication is the result of the efforts of Mr Peter Fysh and his colleagues together with the District Council officers. It is to be hoped that from now on all planning within this specific area will be referred to this report.

DRAX HALL

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There will be an Egg Hunt game where you have to choose where the Easter
Bunny has hidden his eggs on a large aerial photograph of the Village. There will be Raffle for a pair of framed prints of West Street and North Street and a general prize raffle. Refreshments will be available in the Lower Room where there will also be an ongoing slide show of Bere Regis Carnivals over the years.

If you are young, or not so young, if you have lived in the Village all of your life or you are new to the Village, then this is an exhibition not to be missed. Admission is one pound per person – no concessions.

We look forward to welcoming you to take a ‘step back in time’

Alison and Paul Bennett.

The hall has many kind benefactors from time to time and the Committee would like to record its gratitude to Mr Whitelock of Elder Road who has generously donated his piano to the Drax Hall. It is a very good instrument and has many hours of music left in it. Amazingly Mr Whitelock tells me that he still has the original invoice of its purchase in 1931 - £7 10 0d (£7.50 today)

Another generous donation of £50 has been received from the Woodbury Hill Singers. Coming at a time when we are having to spend out on improvements and essential repairs, it is a very timely indeed.

The Management Committee’s Annual General Meeting will be held in the Hall on Friday 23rd April at 6.30pm. Everybody is invited – please come and help to run our Village Hall.

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SINGERS UNITE TO SING BRAHMS REQUIEM

Singers from Bere Regis are preparing for the Dorset Guild of Singers’ concert at Poole’s Lighthouse Centre on May 8th. They will be joining with singers from all over the County to perform the Brahms’ Requiem and Dvorak’s Te Deum. It will be an exhilarating experience for the members of the Guild choirs - Purbeck Arts Club Choir, Wareham Choral Society and Briantspuddle Singers, joined this year by Weymouth Choral Society, to sing in such a large choir in the Lighthouse with professional soloists – Fiona Clarke and Rodney Clarke and the Dorset Sinfonia orchestra. The Guild’s guest conductor this year is Nigel Carver.

Please come and support your local singers. The concert is on Saturday 8 May at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12 from members or the Arts Centre Box Office. For details and tickets contact Sarah Welton (tel.471562).
Monday 3\textsuperscript{rd} May 2004

Open Day

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- 6 med eggs
- 3oz fresh white breadcrumbs
- 1lb sausage meat
- 1 extra egg for binding
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- pinch ground nutmeg
- salt and pepper to taste
- 6 streaky rashers

Boil the eggs for about 5mins. as they will cook again when they are baked.
Mix sausage meat and breadcrumbs, add the parsley, nutmeg, salt and pepper and bind together with the spare egg.
Line 6 patty tins with the rashers, divide the sausage meat mix into 6 equal portions and enclose the eggs in the sausage meat, put them into the bacon lined tins. Bake for about half an hour in a fairly hot oven.
Drain the eggs on kitchen paper while they are still hot, to remove excess fat.

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**Bere Regis W.I.**

Mrs Johnson gave an excellent performance on Jane Austen and her times. She arrived in her Jane Austen costume and entertained us with excerpts of C18th readings. She sang unaccompanied most beautifully and without apparent effort. An evening much enjoyed.

April AGM and You think you know Dorset, Quiz

May Resolutions and committee surprise, and we are not going to tell you what the surprise is or else it won’t be a surprise!

Meeting 3rd Tuesday of the month, Drax Hall, at 7.30 and we are always pleased to see new faces

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**PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Bere Regis By-Pass

Dorset County Council’s Cabinet met on 3rd March to review the outcome of the recently completed Purbeck Transportation Study. At this meeting they agreed to look again at upgrading the A351 as well as unveiling their initial proposals which included projected by-passes around Wool and Bere Regis. I stress that these proposals are to be included in the latest Structure Plan and as such are subject to seemingly endless consultation and discussions and may take many years to implement – in whatever form the final outcome is! The diagram overleaf is merely indicative of the general route.

**Car Sharing**

Dorset County Council and other Local Authorities have linked together to form “carsharedorset.com” which is a free countywide car share scheme for Dorset.

Anyone can log on and register to share car journeys to work, school, the shops, for leisure or work-related trips anywhere in Dorset and beyond! The scheme is also linked into a national database of journeys.

Happy Car Sharing!!
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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Pop In Place Poppets – Baby and Toddler Group

The Poppets Parent/Carer Baby and Toddler Group meet on a Thursday 1:30pm to 3pm. (during term time). This group provides a useful link for young families both as a social occasion and also for friendship. For more information contact Mandy on 472583.

The Pip Squeaks – Musical Youth Group

The Pip Squeaks have just completed the ‘Thank You For The Music’ future production. The response from all of the young people who took part was fantastic we take our hat off to them. We meet on a Thursday 6pm to 7.45pm at the Drax hall, apart from the second Thursday as its Parish Council. New members are always welcome.

Dates for your Diary

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9th April  Pop In Place – Easter Egg Raffle and Bonnet Parade 10am to 12noon Drax Hall

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Beavers are a mixed group of boys and girls and can begin at 5¾. We meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. during term time. We have 16 beavers at the moment but 20 are our limit. You are welcome to join, please contact Hammy. We have recently changed our badge system that gives the beavers a chance of many more badges, including activity badges, which are great fun. We are doing the Discovery Challenge now. The children are having great fun finding out how carnations and celery can change colour, and how magnets work. We have three terms a year Jan, Easter and Sept when subs are due. A joining fee of £5 is charged at the beginning for the cost of scarf and badges in all sections. We have links with our other sections, and like to take Beavers on outings. We have 3 leaders who have special names and parents are more than welcome to stay and help. Summer time we go tracking, hiking with the cubs. We also visit local places, for example, the Church, and the Fire Station.

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CINDY MUSCATO COLONY HELPER = (BOBTAIL’S RABBITS)
KIM BENJAFIELD BSL& ACSL = (HAMMY’S HAMSTERS) 01929 471170
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OKENDEN INTERNATIONAL – PROMOTING SELF-RELIANCE FOR REFUGEES

Thank you to Affpuddle, Briantspuddle, and Tolpuddle, Bere Regis and Winterborne Kingston for all your unwanted old currency. I have been collecting since 1999 and all your contributions have been sold for a grand total of £1,013.23!! That is amazing as some of the coins look very tinny and some of the paper money is very scruffy. Okenden have raised a total to date of £106,544 and are still hoping for more.

They teach refugees vocational skills relevant to the local economy so the range is from book keeping to candle making and carpet weaving.

All old currency of any type to me please.

Sybil Frampton – tel: 471643

POP IN PLACE NEWS

Thank You For The Music

On Saturday 20th March a community concert arranged by the Pop In Place as a tribute to Nick White was a resounding success. The range of talented acts was a real pleasure to watch and the generous response from the local community was fantastic. All of the proceeds have been donated to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Pop In Place – A.G.M.

On Monday 5th April at 7.00pm the Pop In Place are holding their Annual General Meeting. We require some additional volunteers to play an active role in the support of the Project. Being a volunteer and a team member can be a most fulfilling experience as the Project provides support to the local community to prevent rural isolation. This could be your way of helping the local community.

Pop In Place - Easter Egg Raffle and Bonnet Parade

This event will take place on Good Friday in the Drax Hall from 10.00am to 12noon. Come along to take part and to join in the fun.

Pop In Place - Village Quiz

On Monday 7th June at 7.30pm the Pop In Place are holding the annual Village Quiz. Anyone can enter a team, consisting of four people, and the entry fee is only £1-00 per person. Come along and join in this fun evening.

The Pop In Place – Open Gardens Event

We have now received sufficient offers of gardens for this event which will take place on Sunday 18th July. Many thanks for your kind offers.

Transport to and from the Pop In Place

We are able to offer regular transport to and from the Pop In Place. If you require this service please contact Alison on 472023.
Pop In Place - Bere Regis

“Bringing the Community Together”

**Pop In Place Sessions** – Monday and Friday mornings
10 am to 12 noon

**Pop In Place Poppets** - Baby and Toddler Group
Thursday 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm
(term time only)

**Pop In Place Pip Squeak** Youth Group with emphasis on
music, dance and drama
Thursday 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm
(not second Thursday)

The Pop In Place aims to draw the Community together in
a variety of creative ways why not visit us you will be made
very welcome.

The Pop In Place is at the Drax Hall

For more details Tel: Alison 01929-472023
Angela 01929-472261

Volunteers are always welcome

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**ROGS**

c/o Mr G R Storey, Secretary
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www.bereregis.com e-mail: golf@bereregis.com

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

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ROGS on tour - Dartmouth 18th—20th June. Thailand 20th—30th October

A G M – Thursday 18th November 2003. Drax Arms 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

Christmas Cup of Good Cheer - Bulbury Woods GC - Saturday 11th December

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Nowadays, we generally refer to it simply as “The Williams Trust” and many are aware that it makes financial contributions towards the education of young people in the Parish, especially in cases of greatest need.

But who was Thomas, and what exactly does the Trust aim to do now?

The Start

Thomas belonged to the branch of the Williams family based at Herringston, south of Dorchester. He had been in business at Morlaix in Brittany and returned to Shitterton House in 1688 where he lived as a bachelor until his death in 1728. (See Fred Pitfield’s ‘Book of Bere Regis’).

In 1719 Thomas established the original Trust, which brought into existence the boys’ school at Barrow Hill and provided for the education of a number of poor children from the Parish. Members of the Williams and Bond families have continued to be associated with the Trust over the centuries, and two serve today as Trustees. Likewise, the vicar of the time has always been a Trustee.

The lands that formed the original assets of the Trust included a house, garden and orchard at Hollow Oak, to the west of the Bere Stream by Doddings. In 1719, the property came with the right of “……..digging clay & chalk, making & burning brisks & lyme…….” Other land and property was on the east side at the top of Rye Hill, and on Barrow Hill (originally known as Bugbarrow) including what became the Boys School and master’s cottage. Further land was at Rush Mead, to the west of Roke.

The income from the Trust properties was to be applied:

“ to teaching and clothing six poor children of the parish of Bere Regis as many of them as conveniently might be of the tything of Shitterton to be appointed by the Trustees. And the said donor directed that none of the said children should be under the age of seven, nor above fourteen: that they should be taught to read, and to write and to account and also the Church Catechism which they should answer in the Church when required; and that all , or as many as conveniently might be should be boys.”

The Intervening Years

We have no information on how the Trust operated in the 18th century but there

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are records of further endowments.
1773 – Rev. Henry Fisher £100 for use of the charity school.
1784 – Mrs. Nevill Pleydell £5
1813 – Rev. Thomas Williams £100 invested for benefit of the schoolmaster.

The Trustees ability to fund education depended on successfully collecting the rental income from the properties and in this they were more or less successful over the years –

“Caleb Almer gave up the tenancy of the land on Rye Hill ............ As he is at this time (1842) reduced nearly to pauperism, & blindness, and moreover the Trustees could only claim a certain amount within the statute of limitations it was determined to accept £12 from him in lieu of all further claim which was accordingly paid...........”

On the positive side, Mrs. Ley at the end of the 19th Century was paying the Trustees £1 a year for “the use of walking under the trees and on the mound on Barrow Hill”. And at about this time the sum of 10/= per annum was being received from the Drax Estates for “the right of sporting over Williams’ land”.

Not only had rents to be collected, but there were outgoings on insurance and upkeep.

Tithes were a regular source of confusion. They were complicated by the fact that certain of the vicars rented Williams Charity land and were due a church tithe on it.

Sometimes income exceeded expenditure. In 1879 the Trustees were sufficiently confident to increase the number of boys supported to 8 each year and in 1880 they increased the schoolmaster’s salary from £10 p.a. to £15 p.a. Pretty generous this, since it had been at £10 since 1819 when Mr. Curtis was the schoolmaster!

By 1900, the number of boys supported was down to 4 as the income fell short of requirements, which included a large amount of maintenance to the School House and cottage. The cost of a suit made by the village tailor went up from 14/6 to 20 shillings in 1903 and that had the Trustees looking at cheaper, ready made articles! (Paradoxically, they also decided to incorporate the Williams crest into the boys’ buttons at extra expense!)

Problems with collecting rents, tithing, and carrying out and paying for maintenance led the Trustees progressively to divest of the land and properties from the late 19th-century onwards.

The last of the properties were sold off in the early 1970’s and were those on Barrow Hill including the original Old School House. At the time the buildings were in very poor state of repair and maintenance costs were eating up the whole of the Trust’s income.

The monies raised from property sales were invested in securities approved by the Charity Commission to provide a regular income.
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The Trust Today

Happily, the extent of poverty and the lack of educational facilities which gave rise to the Trust in 1719 no longer exist. In their place, however, the students of today face ever rising contributions to the cost of their education.

So the current Trustees seek to help young people in the Parish with a contribution to their educational costs.

The Trust also supports the educational work of the Junior Church and a number of organisations in the village who set out to give youngsters an education for life in the broadest sense of the term. Over the years it has helped the Scouts; kindergarten and play group activities; swimming and football. It also helps the Bere Regis First School with funds towards facilities not normally provided by the local education authority.

Funds are limited and though they do enable today’s Trustees to support more than 6 sets of boots and suits (!), requests usually exceed the available income. So the Trustees seek to give priority to requests where there appears to be greatest need and those with the possibility of greatest benefit.

Who can apply, when and how?

If you are under the age of 25, live in the Parish and are in need of financial assistance, then you may apply as an individual. The Trust supports individuals with special needs, those who have difficulty meeting travel costs for secondary education, and those going on to all types of further education and training, both academic and vocational.

As an organisation, you may apply if you are working with youngsters of the Parish along the lines outlined above.

The time to apply will in future be once a year, before the start of the academic year, when the results of exams are known and offers of places have been made. (This is a change from the past, when awards have been made in April and September.)

Keep an eye open for advertisements which will appear in the Parish Magazine in July and August, which will tell you how and where to apply. If you miss these, or want further help, contact the Secretary to the Trustees, who is Claire Gamble (471 682).

J.C.  Feb 2004
WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The singers have entertained the rotary Daffodil Party at Wareham presenting a Cockney afternoon.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

50 members enjoyed a wonderful talk by Mr Tomlin, a retired Beefeater, who spoke on the opening of Parliament, the Royal Garden Parties, the Royal Investitures and an insight into the Royal Banquets.

Many different medals were displayed for the competition and members gave various descriptions of how the medals were obtained.

All in all, a very interesting and happy meeting. Tea was served and a raffle drawn.

The next meeting is our April tour to Christchurch and the New Forest, leaving the car park at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 14th April. It will cost £5.50 and there are only 2 seats left.

New members are always welcome — no joining fee. Phone Kath on 471175.

A coffee morning is to be held at Kath and Charlie’s “Larkspur”, Snow Hill (Pink bungalow), on Wednesday 28th April from 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m. in aid of Autumn Leaves. Please support your over 50s.

Donations welcome — cakes, jams etc etc. Bring to Kath or ring 471175 and she will collect.

Thanks to the members and everyone who supports the Club.

KJ
Bere Regis & District Twinning Association

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Saturday, 24 April 7.30pm - 11.00pm

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On 20th April we have Katie Baxter from Ringwood and her subject will be “Inspirations”

Pat House

St George’s Night Celebration - Sat 24th April, 7.30pm, Briantspuddle Village Hall
In order to swell the Association’s coffers, before the visitation of the Normandy Knights and their Ladies in September, we are holding a festive Banquet to mark the day of our Patron Saint - St George! Knights, ladies and damsels are invited to attend the Hall of the Manor of Briantspuddle to enjoy the delights of the beef of Old England cooked in red wine, followed by a delicious selection of traditional English puddings, or cheese. (Special dietaty needs by prior request). Wine and ales available from the pay Bar. Entertainment - not to be missed! Dress appropriate to the occasion or optional. Tickets £8.50 available from:- Ann Robinson, 3 Southbam, Sitterton, Bere Regis Tel 472424 Sheila Pearce, The Old School, Briantspuddle Tel 471919 Kate Brice, 4 Bere Road, Winterborne Kingston Tel 471035

SPECIAL TRIP TO NORMANDY TO MARK THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORMANDY LANDINGS, MON 24th MAY 2004

The Bere Regis & District Twinning Association has been contacted by the Poole-Cherbourg Twinning Association regarding the above trip. Brittany Ferries and Condor have agreed to a special rate for the inaugural crossing of the Condor service from Poole to Cherbourg on Monday, 24th May. This is open to the general public, and not just twinning members. Brief details are as follows:-

Depart: 7.30am from Poole on Condor Fastcraft ‘Vitesse’, arriving Cherbourg 10.45am (French time)
Return: 7.00pm from Cherbourg on Brittany Ferries ‘Barfleur’ arriving Poole 10.15pm (UK time)
Cost: £15 for 2 persons or £30 for 4 persons (tickets only sold in pairs), £15 for a standard car only

Fastcraft de Luxe seats can be reserved at an upgrade of £2 per seat.

IN ADDITION: A coach tour to Bayeux and the ‘D’ Day landing beach area is being planned, limited to 46 places, £12 per person.

The coach will depart and return to Cherbourg Ferry Terminal with time to explore Bayeux and to have lunch. There will also be a short shopping stop en route. This tour will include a visit to Omaha beach and the Battlefield of La Pointe Du Hoc.

Bookings for ferry: Brittany Ferries. Tel. 0870 9013 800, quoting reference EO4LM1
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