As I write these ‘thoughts for August’ it is actually St. Swithun’s Day, the 15th July.

I expect most of you will know the tradition that if it rains today it will continue to rain for 40 more days! And as I look out of my study window at the Church, it is alas just beginning to rain. By the time you read this we will know if the legend has any credence.

But who was St Swithun and why the 40 days of rain?

We don’t know a great deal about him. But we know that he was an Anglo-Saxon, born in the late 8th or early 9th century in Wessex and was educated in Winchester. He was chosen by Egbert, who was king of Wessex from 802 to 839, to be his chaplain. He went on to become bishop of Winchester for ten years until he died there in 862. During his time Wessex became the most important kingdoms in England and faced the first sporadic but ominous attacks by Vikings in the South of England. Swithun was famous for his charitable gifts and for building churches. He was buried outside the west door of the Old Minster in Winchester and about 100 years or so after he died, his remains were removed into the old cathedral. This removal of his relics on the 15th July in 971 was supposedly marked by many miraculous cures and by very heavy rainfall. The first evidence of the weather prophecy seems to be a 13th or 14th century entry in a manuscript at Emanuel College in Cambridge. Some people suggest that St Swithun’s rain was to christen the apple crop. But, though that is an agreeable legend, there is not much substance to it. The significance of St. Swithun is that he was very influential in the spread of Christianity in Wessex, where of course we are, that Winchester Cathedral was dedicated to him, in place of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.
I think we are very lucky to have such rich legends and myths in our culture. But one that risks 40 days of rain is not the best of commemorations as many of you take a deserved break in July or August, when we want some dry warm summer sun, especially for those of you camping with your children. Indeed many of them have been talking about their up-coming exploits at school.

With our young children in mind, can I remind you about the Holiday Club for Youngsters, for 3-12 years olds, on the 10-12th and the 15th August, at The Congregational Chapel in Butt Lane Bere Regis? Last year’s event was great fun and this year the theme is ‘Way out West’.

What ever you get up to in the holidays, even if you are staying at home, I do hope you have a very happy and safe holiday and if you are travelling, travel safely, and return refreshed and renewed.

With love and prayers

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**November**
- 2nd Gardening Club—Richard Brown - Lambs Tails
- 19th PIP Children in Need, Drax Hall
- 27th Christmas Coffee morning at Cyril Wood Court
- 27th Xmas Fayre - Autumn Leaves

**December**
- 7th Gardening Club—Christmas Party
- 18th PIP Christmas Party, Drax Hall

Church website: [www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk](http://www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk)
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August
3rd Gardening Club—A Summer Evening In A Garden
4th Coffee Morning at Rene and Gordon Phillips's 10.30 a.m.
14th Autumn Leaves, talk on Arabian Costume and Jewellery 2.30 p.m.
6th PiP Children’s Activities, Fun with Fitness, Drax Hall 10.00 - 12.00
13th PiP Childrens’ Activities, Art Attack, Drax Hall 10.00 - 12.00
20th PiP Childrens’ Activities, Street Dance, Drax Hall 10.00 - 12.00
27th PiP Childrens’ Activities, Instant Theatre, Drax Hall 10.00 - 12.00
10th Holiday Club at Butt Lane Chapel 10am-12.30pm
11th Holiday Club at Butt Lane Chapel 10am-12.30pm
12th Holiday Club at Butt Lane Chapel 10am-12.30pm
15th Holiday Club Family Service - Butt Lane 10.00 a.m.

September
7th Gardening Club—Harvest Supper 1.00 p.m.
11th PiP Performer of the Year, Drax Hall 7.00 p.m.
11th - 19th Dorset Architectural Heritage Week; Church Tours and Tower open
18th Kingsbere Quilters Exhibition at Cyril Wood Court 10.30 a.m.
17/18/19 Twinning Weekend— visitors from Cerences
26th Harvest Festival Family Service - Butt Lane 10.00 a.m.

October
5th Gardening Club—Pat Haskells - Knoll Gardens
9th PiP Jumble Sale, Drax Hall 2.00 p.m.
13th Autumn Leaves - talk by a meter reader 2.30 p.m.
16th Church Gift Day

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Sanctuary Flower Guild
1st and 8th August Mrs C Lewis Mrs K Abbott
15th and 22nd August Bere Regis W I
29th August and 5th September Mrs C Burden Mrs J Gibbs

Bere Regis Sidesmen
1st 9.15 Mr Bates / Mr House
6.00 Mrs Jutting
8th 11.00 Mr Ventham and young people
15th 9.15 Mr Smith / Mr Croom
6.00 Mr Woodward
22nd 11.00 Miss Miller
29th 9.15 Benefice Service at Affpuddle
6.00 Churches Together at Congregational Chapel

Bere Regis Evensong Readers
1st Mrs Jutting
15th Mrs Cis Lewis

Golden Circle
2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court

Guides
Unit suspended

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
6.00 p.m. - Drax Hall

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

Purbeck Singles social group

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

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning
Dusting
31st July and 7th August Mrs C Clarke, Mrs M Comben, Mrs E Jutting Mrs E James, Mrs M Carlyle
14th and 21st August Mrs J Woodward, Mrs C Tucker, Mrs R Cleave Mrs M Miller, Mrs E Munroe
28th August and 4th September Mrs H Green, Mr E Green Mrs C Burden, Mrs J Harvey

August 2004
**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

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

**Bere Regis Sports Club** Open every Saturday night and on all home sporting fixtures

**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

**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.

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**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

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

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CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST

Sunday 1st August - Eighth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins & Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

Saturday 7th August
12noon  Holy Baptism  Bere Regis
3.00pm  Holy Matrimony  Bere Regis

Sunday 8th August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am  Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15am  Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11.00am Family Service  Bere Regis
6.00pm  Evensong  Affpuddle

Saturday 14th August
11.30am  Holy Matrimony  Affpuddle

Sunday 15th August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am  Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am  Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11.00am Family Communion  Affpuddle
6.00pm  Evensong  Bere Regis

Friday 20th August
3.00pm  Holy Matrimony  Affpuddle

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Sunday 22nd August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion & Holy Baptism Affpuddle
11.00am Mattins & Shorter Communion Bere Regis

Saturday 28th August
1.00pm Holy Matrimony Affpuddle

Sunday 29th August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Benefice Communion Affpuddle
12noon Holy Baptism Bere Regis
6.00pm ‘Bere Regis Churches Together’ Service - Congregational Chapel - Bere Regis

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
At St John the Baptist Bere Regis:
Jeffrey Colin Carr, on 20th June
Lawrence Richard Bond White, on 11th July

Weddings
At St Laurence, Affpuddle:
Paul Ridgeway and Julia Barker on 4th June
Timothy Sentence and Caroline McGrorty on 10th July

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis:
Michael Pipe and Sharon Saunders, on 5th June
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Regular practices will start again on Wednesday September 8th at 6.30pm. Any prospective ringers will be welcome.
We have been asked to ring for weddings on Saturday 7th August and Saturday 4th September.

MOTHERS’ UNION

The July meeting was held at Turberville Court on the 7th July. Hazel welcomed everyone to the meeting.
There were apologies from Eileen Bangay and Mary Fegan.
The children’s party in School is to be held on Tuesday 10th July from 1.45 to 2.30pm. The Mothers’ Union are providing the refreshments.
Sally and Kay entertained us with a Quiz and a word game called Town and Country
There is no meeting in August and the next one is on 1st September at 7.30pm in Turberville Court when our speaker is Mrs Brenda Smith’s Miscellany of Motherhood.

K Abbott 472258

THE BERE REGIS CHURCH TOWER APPEAL

What’s it all about?

Earlier this year an inspection revealed that the huge old oak beam that spans the centre of the tower and takes most of the weight of the roof was damp and rotten at its southern end. The lead sheeting of the tower roof was leaking. Other supporting woodwork had sagged and things were clearly going to get quickly worse.

Following a structural survey and architect’s advice, the main beam has been temporarily supported with jacks but major work is required to repair the damage. The tower will have to be scaffolded to allow the main beam to be encased with
What's happened so far?

Following a tendering exercise carried out in conjunction with the Diocese, a contractor has now been selected and it is hoped that work can get under way in Autumn.

We need to raise some £35,000 to be sure of covering all the costs, so fundraising is now moving into overdrive.

Gordon Phillips, Treasurer of the PCC, has been very active over the past two months, contacting organisations prepared to support the restoration of churches and of historic buildings. His work has already born fruit and we are optimistic that the majority of the funding may come from these sources.

In parallel, a battery of efforts and activities has now started within the village to help us raise the total and, equally important, to show external organisations who may potentially contribute, that we care and that we are putting our own backs into it. There have been direct donations and a number of people have put a lot of personal effort into staging events, undertaking projects, and selling produce to contribute. Some £5,000 has been raised so far by this means.

Looking ahead, the Lyrica Singers are staging a concert “Raising the Roof” in the Church on Sunday 25th July and there will be a barbecue in the Vicarage Garden on 30th July, both in aid of the tower roof.

How will we know how it is going?

There will be an article in the Parish Magazine each month; the organisers of all the village activity groups and societies will be kept informed of what is happening and there will be a monthly update posted on the notice board in the Church porch.
How can we help?

Well of course we would be delighted to receive donations. A special account has been set up and contributions should be made to “The Bere Regis Church Tower Appeal” and sent to the Treasurer, Gordon Phillips at 102 North Street, or handed to the Vicar or either of the Church Wardens. If you would be prepared to fill out a Gift Aid form (available from Gordon) that will maximise the value of your contribution.

The Wardens, John House and John England, would also be very keen to hear of any ideas you or your organisation may have that could raise funds or spread the word. Large or small, we need good ideas so that we can put together an interesting programme that will be fun to carry through.

So let’s get going to raise that roof!

100 WATT CLUB

1st prize - £10
No 238 Mrs J. Herridge

2nd prize - £10
No 180 Mrs P. Sharman

3rd prize - £5
No 139 Mrs M. Mason

4th prize - £5
No 230 Mrs B Veal

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

All regular advertisers - please note
Now that the official Bere Regis Village website is up and running, if you advertise in the magazine on an annual basis, the details of your advertisement will automatically be included on:

Parish Council website: www.bereregis.org

Coffee Morning
A Coffee morning in aid of Church Funds will be held at the home of Irene and Gordon, 102 North Street, Bere Regis on Wednesday 4th August at 10.30 am.

Bring and Buy, Cakes, Raffle

August 2004
**BERE REGIS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY**

The Church Garden Party was held on Saturday 19th June at the Vicarage in lovely weather, being very well attended, raising £944.00 for our Church funds as follows.

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The folding bicycle was won by M. Lambert a member of the Sandford School Band which entertained.

Our thanks to all who gave so much, helped prepare and all who worked so hard running the stalls, also our thanks to Ian for the use of the Vicarage and garden.

Gordon Phillips - Treasurer

**CHURCH GUIDED TOURS**

Have you been on one of our Guided Tours? Tuesdays at 11.00am or Thursdays at 3.00pm for about 3/4 hour. You will learn a lot about your Church and parish.

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB**

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Winifred Joan Gladys Stickley was born on 26th September 1923. At that time, her parents were living on Tower Hill, from where she would have had an excellent view of her parish church. Here she was baptised, confirmed and married, so it is appropriate that her family chose to be here today. The family moved to Woodbury Hill and her brother Ken was born in 1928. Joan, as she was known to all of us, began her school days at Sitterton, where Eric, her future husband, also went to school. Ken remembers their childhood on Woodbury Hill. They would earn a bit of pocket money from visiting shooting parties by opening the gates on the hill to allow the vehicles through.

There was one very frightening occasion when a bomb fell on the hill. No-one was seriously hurt but the windows were blown out and the roof tiles were raised. Joan suffered a minor injury to her foot. Woodbury Hill Fair was an opportunity to earn a bit of extra cash and Joan did so by serving teas. After leaving school, Joan went into service, working for a time at White Lovington. She became personal maid to Lady Bridgewater who, on one occasion, took Joan to Longleat for Christmas and the New Year. Following the death of her husband, Lady Bridgewater moved from White Lovington and Joan went to work at Huish Manor, the home of the then Clerk to Dorset County Council, Mr C.P.Brutton. The outbreak of World War 2 changed lives everywhere and for Joan it meant working for the Forestry Commission before joining the Women’s Land Army. Joan was working in the Dorchester area and Eric, who she had first known at infant school, cycled in to Dorchester three times a week to see her.

Joan and Eric were married in October 1944 and spent their honeymoon in London where they experienced the VI doodlebugs and V2 rockets. On returning to Bere Regis, they set up home in Butt Lane. Terry was born the following year and the family then moved to Blind Street.

Desmond was born 14 years later and the family’s next move was to Bovington where Eric had been appointed care-taker at the then Secondary Modern school. Joan later described those 20 years as the happiest time of her life. She worked in the school canteen and as a cleaner and she loved being with the children. It was during those twenty years that Joan and Eric decided to see a bit more of the world. They enjoyed two holidays every year and visited Switzerland, Austria, Norway, Sweden and
Denmark. They were in Germany when the Berlin wall started to come down and visited other countries which have experienced conflict including Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia, as well as Spain, Italy, Monte Carlo and France.

Retirement brought with it a more relaxed way of life centred on the family, which includes grandchildren and six great-grand children. Joan had always been a keen knitter and had been a willing helper serving teas at cricket matches. She enjoyed a game of bingo and always loved dogs. This is reflected in the family’s chosen charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind. Joan had not enjoyed good health for a while but she had been a member of the Monday Club at Wool where she enjoyed their outings and she had also been a short-mat bowls player. Her last holiday was a Turkey & Tinsel break in Falmouth about 18 months ago. Although she had needed a wheelchair for any distances recently, her final illness and death came as a great shock to the family. Eric is very aware of the fact that if Joan had lived, they would have celebrated their diamond wedding later this year. Eric remembers Joan as a wonderful wife and mother.

We offer our sincere condolences to Eric, Terry, Desmond and their families, and to Joan’s brother Ken who she re-named Bob at a very early age. May you all know the comfort which the Lord Jesus has promised to those who mourn. Just before she died, we think that Joan experienced a foretaste of heaven. She spoke confidently about going there, so we can confidently entrust her to the mercy of God, whose word promises that nothing will be able to separate us from his love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Dorset Latvia Link will once again be running a stall at the kind invitation of the organisers of the annual Horticultural Show, which takes place in the village hall on Saturday 7 August 2004. Stalls will be located in the car park adjoining the hall, as usual. All proceeds will again assist a number of young, underprivileged Latvians from our Link village of Ikskile to attend their annual Summer Camp. Last year we were able to realise this dream for four youngsters and we hope to be able to add at least one more to the list this year. Fund-raising for the past year has produced £170 to date and we are hoping to better last year’s total of £200. Friends of the Link, work colleagues and many other kind folk have provided us with a steady stream of books, bric-a-brac and toys throughout the year - all we need now is good weather. Hope to see you there.

Jenny Silavs
Open Gardens
As promised I am letting everyone know the final total for the Open Gardens.
Gross Takings £3523.88
Expenses to include advertising, printing of brochures, provision of food and hall hire, diesel for the bus, amounted to £886.12.
Leaving a net total of £2637.76.
This is a fantastic result and that together with the fund raising already done (which has raised a profit of £915) will more than cover the planned rewiring which is to take place during August.

Rewiring of the Village Hall
The Hall alone will be rewired during August. The work will take between one and two weeks and will start on Monday 9th August. The Committee apologises for any inconvenience this might cause hall users but hope that we have your understanding that such essential work has to be done.

Entertainment Programme for the Autumn and Winter
Apart from the Artsreach and Purbeck Film Festival performances, the Hall Committee is planning a series of talks and films (arranged through Moviola). When the programme is finalised it will be distributed throughout the Parish and individual events will be publicised on the Notice Boards. There will be a small charge for each of these events to cover hall hire and the cost of providing the speaker/film.

Philippa Thorniley
This year’s sponsored Dorset Historic Churches Trust cycle ride takes place on Saturday 11th September anytime between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm.

Its aim is to raise funds, in equal amounts, for the D.H.C.T. and the church or chapel of your choice. The cycle ride (or you could walk or go on horseback) can be as long or as short as you want, visiting churches en route.

The idea is to be sponsored for each church or chapel you visit during your ride. Make your own route or join the group from Affpuddle to ride around some of Dorset’s beautiful churches.

Help is needed in both our churches on the day to welcome visiting cyclists and to sign their forms.

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

It might seem a bit early to be talking about Harvest Festival but since our celebrations this year are to be on the first Sunday in September, I thought some advance warning would not be out of order.

Harvest Church Decorations

The church will be decorated on Saturday 4th September from 10.00 to 12 noon. Gifts of: fruit, vegetables and produce will be most welcome and should be brought to church before 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 4th September. As usual the produce will be given to the Leonard Cheshire Foundation who run homes for the mentally handicapped in Dorchester. The fruit, veg, tins, jars and packets of food you give are a great help. I am told that they are even able to use the marrows. You will recall in the past that we have warned that these could be used for decoration but not taken to Dorchester.

Harvest Lunch

I am organising a Harvest Lunch after the 11.00 a.m Harvest Festival Service. This is intended to be a social event and not a fund raiser. If there is any money over after all the expenses have been paid it will be given to a suitable charity.

The meal will consist of a hot chicken dish [chicken with cheese crumble topping], potatoes and vegetables, followed by puddings (yet to be decided) made from garden fruit with biscuits and cheese for the diabetics, tea or coffee will be served at the end of the meal. There will be water available to drink and it is suggested that those who would like an alternative should bring it to the lunch! Glasses will be provided but don’t forget to bring a bottle opener! There will be a vegetarian alternative BUT PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU REQUIRE A VEGETARIAN MEAL WHEN YOU BUY YOUR TICKET in order that I may cater efficiently. The meal will cost £3.00 per person and tickets should be bought from me from 9th August.

Philippa Thorniley

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as we present a fast-moving, fun-packed Christian-based Holiday Club. Look out for the advert overleaf. It runs from 10*-12* August and concludes with a special Western-style Family Service on Sunday 15th. The Butt Lane Chapel will be converted into a Wild West frontier town called Bere Creek, where together we shall look at the trials and tribulations of the early pioneer settlers as they trundled across the great Prairies of North America in search of their dreams. We shall see how God can help us young and old alike, as we face the challenges of life. The two-hour daily programme on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starts at 10.15am and will include lively music, fun games and competitions, craftwork and puppets - and lots more. And admission is absolutely free. All we require is for parents/guardians to fill in a consent form, which can be sent in ahead of Club, or presented on the day.

We look forward to seeing many of our village youngsters at the Club and a number of families at the Family Service on the 15th.

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Second childhood!

This month I think I’m regressing back into my childhood! My grandson, Harry recently celebrated his fifth birthday in fine style and Nanny and Grand-dad were duly invited to the celebrations and to share in all the excitement of opening presents. One gift in particular brought back fond memories of my youth. Harry, along with his elder brother, Jacob, are now the proud possessors of a brand new swish Homby 00 gauge train set. Naturally, because of their tender ages these dear lads entrusted their dad, along with grand-dad, to set up this basic set on the dining room table. We had incredible fun running this scale model of the Virgin Express train, along with a more modest Tank engine called Percy, round and round the table. (Well I did say it was just a basic set!) And as the boys interest waned and they moved onto other pursuits, the two older ‘kids’ began the serious business of planning a layout. To date half the double garage attached to the house has been commandeered for further development! And my wife and our daughter in law just stand in quiet amazement at these two “anoraks”, poring through copies of old Railway Model magazines dating back to 1954!! Sad, but true!

Jesus once said that if you want to enter into a right relationship with God and therefore enter into His kingdom, you need child-like faith. Notice I said child-like, not childish. It simply means approaching the Almighty with the simplicity of a child’s heart and mind. Maybe some reading this feel that Someone as important as God hasn’t got time to spend on rather small insignificant human beings. You’d be wrong of course, because He loved you so much that He was willing to die for you. Every life is special to Him. And, like the majority of earthly parents, He enjoys giving us presents to unwrap. Precious gifts of love and hope and faith and joy! The kind of gifts that don’t wear out! We used to sing a chorus when I was a young Christian. It went something like, “Lord You caused my heart to dance and made my mouth to sing!” and It captured exactly what God can do through Jesus in the lives of those who trust Him in child-like faith.

This month we focus especially on the children and young people in our village.

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At the July meeting the Council received the Housing Needs Survey Report. Mr Andy Lloyd the Housing Enabler presented his report and for this part of the meeting there were some Parishioners who had responded with specific requests, in the audience. With a 22% response we were very pleased. The recommendation is that we require 24 housing units to meet the needs of those people that responded. Fortunately being a small Parish with population of less than 3000 people we are able to use ‘exception sites’ for the provision of Affordable Housing. These sites are an entirely distinct land use category and cannot be used as levers for commercial development. The Council must now consider the report and decide whether to ratify it or not. If it is accepted then the Council, together with the Enabler, will be looking for suitable locations, within the requirements of the rules covering exceptional sites, in order to pass the scheme on to a Housing Association.

The Parish Plan is developing and an application has been made for a grant. A Parish Plan is a document identifying all the relevant issues of importance to a community to include issues of social, economic and environmental concern. It is far more comprehensive than a parish appraisal or village design statement. If it is to represent the views of the entire community everyone should have an opportunity to participate in its preparation. It needs to be based upon information provided through research, survey and consultation. The final focus needs to be upon action through the development of an action plan and identification of who is responsible for each action. It is a requirement of the Countryside Agency that a copy of the final Action Plan is circulated to all households within the Parish.

The next step is the establishment of the Steering Group, which is tasked with looking for the improvements to the Parish Structure. The Group needs to be representative of the Parish, but not the Parish Council. It is recommended that

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

_Courtesy of Pat House_

**Mackerel with orange and lemon stuffing**

- 2 oranges, peeled and chopped
- half an onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 2oz fresh white bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley
- finely grated rind of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- salt and pepper
- 4 medium sized mackerel, washed, cleaned and the fins trimmed
- lemon slices to garnish

Line an ovenproof dish with buttered foil. Mix the orange, onions, breadcrumbs, parsley, lemon rind and juice together. Season well. Fill the fish with the stuffing and place on the foil.

Cover loosely with foil and bake in a slow oven for 30 to 40 minutes. Place mackerel on a serving dish, garnish with lemon slices and serve with a green salad and new potatoes.
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only two Parish councillors serve and that neither be the Chairman of the Group. The Group will only exist for one year after which the final plan is prepared and that it is then passed over to the Parish Council who will use it as a guide to those items that the Parish thinks are important. Thus the plea is that we are looking for people to come forward to serve on the Steering Group. We had some people who submitted their names at the original meeting and they will be contacted. If anybody – ideally including a young person – would volunteer would that please contact Mr Jim Parsons on 471050.

The Council have had to survey the memorials in the cemetery to check their safety. Several were found to be less secure than they were when set up and in time we will need to contact any relatives, if indeed there are any left, to make the memorial safe. This is going to be a long task and if relatives cannot be found it may be necessary to have the dangerous part laid down. In the meantime the Council asks that parents warn children of the potential dangers of playing in and around the cemetery.

The Poole Hill roundabout is due to be grassed over later in the summer, which should save it from becoming a mud pond.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 12th August at 7.00pm.

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**DRAX HALL**

The Committee have worked very hard to obtain quotations for the necessary works and it looks as if the work will be done during the autumn months. Sadly this means that we will not be able to put on our normal ‘live theatre’ performances this year. However next year we can look forward to some good theatre and more comfortable toilets! The works are not cheap and we are grateful to PIP for organising so many events that have contributed to the funds. Of course we include the supporters and people who opened gardens. Thank you.

**Other Drax Hall News**

As you are aware the Drax Hall Committee are working hard to raise funds to make significant improvements to your village hall and we are nearly at our target but we just need you, the community to support our Pound Per Person appeal advertised in this magazine and to attend the amazing Light n Shade Concert at the Drax Hall on Saturday the 4th of September at 7.30pm.

**About Light n Shade**

Light n Shade are a fantastic local Bournemouth based group their recent work has included performing for Thames Television, they are four girls and four guys one of whom some of you will know it’s Duncan House anyone who heard Duncan sing at the Thank You for the Music concert in March will know that we are in for a real treat. Light n Shade performs close harmonies and vocal solos and really are a joy to hear. The concert promises to be a most enjoyable and relaxing evening with a bar if you fancy a glass of wine while watching the show.

Please come and support this concert that the group are doing completely free of charge to raise urgent funds for the Drax Hall Tickets are £5 each this will include a light supper and they are available from me Alison Bennett 472023 or Kathleen Jeeves 471175

Your help with the final part of our fundraising is vital so please put the concert in your diaries for the 4th of September and give us a call to buy your tickets.

Alison Bennett Hon Secretary Drax Hall Committee

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**THE THOMAS WILLIAMS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

In September the Trust will be considering applications from those that live in the Parish, are under 25 years of age, and may need assistance with Educational expenses. Applications from Youth based organisations are also invited. Please note that applications will now be considered annually in September only and not as in previous years when they have been considered at both April and September meetings. Previous beneficiaries are also eligible to re-apply. Applications should be received before 25th August 2004. For an applications form please contact: The Secretary to the Trustees, Mrs Claire Gamble, 17 Boswells Close, Bere Regis (Tel: 471682 or e-mail clairegamble@tesco.net)

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We have raised a lot of money already through Open Gardens
and the Exhibition and various other fundraisers but we still
need more to complete new toilets and disabled access.

Some of you will say what about a new hall, well we still hope
that will happen in the future, but it is the future and we are
faced with keeping the Drax Hall going until such time.

So please if you have ever been to a concert or belong to any of
the village groups and organisations that use the hall, if you have
ever visited the hall for any type of event we need your support
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**Performer of the Year Competition**

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The closing date for entries is the 14th August.

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**BERE REGIS W.I.**

The members’ choice was an evening at the Priest’s House Museum and Garden in Wimborne. We left Cyril Wood court at 6.45 p.m. and went in convoy to Wimborne. We were welcomed on arrival and encouraged to wander freely around museum and garden.

The visit ended with tea and cakes in the garden. Everyone agree that it had been a lovely evening.

Thanks were extended to the museum members for making our evening so delightful and to Mrs Gibson for organising the event.

The next meeting is on 21st September with a speaker from Ridgeway Radio. Visitors are welcome to come to this meeting at the Drax Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**GARDENING CLUB**

John England gave a very interesting slide show at the July meeting. Many thanks for your efforts John.

The August meeting on Tuesday 3rd will be an evening in an English garden courtesy of Ian & Di Ventham. We will meet up at Sitterton Farmhouse at 8.00 pm. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

Entry forms for the R B L flower show can be handed to Cyril at the meeting on the 3rd or at the British Legion hall on the evening of Thursday 5th August.

The Harvest Supper will be held on Tuesday 7th September, 8.00 pm at The British Legion hall. Elaine will be taking bookings at the next meeting.

Andy Morrison 472343
Elections
Following the Council election results all members’ special responsibilities are allocated afresh. I have been allocated the following portfolios.
Chair: Health and Licensing (overseeing the new Licensing legislation due out next year to, amongst other things, liberalise opening hours). More on this in a later report.
Chair: Interactive Electronic Government (overseeing a government grant to electronically enable Councils)
Vice Chair: Scrutiny and Review
Board Member: Purbeck Housing Trust (The new not-for-profit Company managing what was the Council Housing stock)
Member: Planning Board; Standards Board; Personnel Panel and others!

Purbeck Shooting School
The Planning Board have reviewed the sound readings conducted over the last 8 months and have found that on the occasions that sound could be detected (sometimes the wind drowns out the sound) that the 55 Decibel watershed has only been breached on two out of twenty readings. As a result it has been decided that, subject to continued random monitoring, the School will be allowed to continue to operate and will not have to build any more sound barriers other than the one it has now completed.

Reorganisation
Now that Housing has transferred to Purbeck Housing Trust we are reducing the size of the Council to match our reduced responsibilities. This involves the Chief Executive taking early retirement and some other changes of responsibilities involving the staff at Westport House. As I have some experience of managing a major organisational change within a large business my suggestion that we (the elected members) should track and monitor progress to ensure we do achieve the expected benefits was immediately accepted. Guess what, I am on the review panel overseeing this reorganisation.

The Pop In Place – Open Gardens Event
The Open Gardens Event which was held on Sunday 18th July offered a variety of different types of garden throughout the village. The event was a resounding success and raised a grand sum of £1,165.
This event was organised by the Pop In Place project team but all hall users will benefit as the proceeds will be donated to the Drax Hall.
Thank you to everyone who made a contribution and to the garden owners who made this event possible.

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
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. We are currently rehearsing for the Performer of the Year Competition on Saturday 11th September.

Summer Activity Programme
We are running the Summer Activity Programme again this year at the Pop In Place for children aged 5 to 16 years. Details are as follows:

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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

SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL - BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

On Monday 17th May members of the governing body meet with representatives from Dorset County Council (Road Safety and Traffic Management), Mrs Annette Brooke MP, Mr. Malcolm Shakesby, Dorset County Councillor and Mr. Malcolm Munro Parish Council representative.

The meeting took place on Rye Hill to demonstrate how dangerous the traffic was when children arrived for the start of school.

This meeting was arranged following a previous meeting between Mrs Annette Brooke MP and Bere Regis First School Governing Body where concern was raised about children’s safety on the route to and from the school. The main safety issues are: the speed and volume of traffic passing the school, the narrowness of certain parts of the footway on the eastern side of the C6 (school side) and the lack of a continuous footway opposite the school, (western side of the C6).

A preferred “safer walking route to and from the school” has been identified some 18 months previously by the school and requested for consideration through the school travel plan process. This includes a request for a new extended footway opposite the school, linked to a formal signalised crossing.

Following discussions on site, the following action was agreed. A brief will be drawn up by DCC for Dorset Engineering Consultancy (DEC) for two alternative schemes/feasibility studies.

Scheme A is for the provision of a widened footway on the school side of the main road, leading from the current School Crossing Patrol site to the school pedestrian entrance.
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Thursday 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm (not second Thursday)

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Volunteers are always welcome
Scheme B is for the provision of a new length of footway opposite the school to link with the existing footway, to include the provision of a “puffin crossing” outside the school. This is Bere Regis First School’s preferred scheme. If a “puffin crossing” is deemed to be inappropriate or too expensive then the school crossing patrol would be moved to outside the school.

Both schemes/feasibility studies are to be safety audited before consultation with interested parties. The school hopes to hear more from the DCC in September.

The Governing Body has for several years been warning of the dangers of the traffic on Rye Hill to many parties. Our consistent pressure resulted in the local MP taking up our cause. The DCC are progressing with their feasibility study. However funding will always be the issue: an extended pavement costs approximately £75,000 and a ‘puffin crossing’ £50,000. The school understands BP have promised monies to DDC for improvements on the C6. The school is hopeful the BP money will be used to improve the pavements on Rye Hill.

Bere Regis School has been also been given a small grant to spend on our School Travel plan. We are therefore considering using these funds towards shelters at both entrances to the main school building to protect parents and children from the weather.

A representative of the Governing body also attended the DCC Transportation Exhibition at the Drax Hall on 23rd June. The exhibition provided details of the proposed southerly by-pass. A 20 mph calming on the C6 outside the school was also mentioned but allegedly only when the by-pass is in place.

In the short term the school still believes an improved pavement on the C6 is the best way forward.

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Exhibition of Quilting
at Cyril Wood Court on Saturday 18th September
10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Raffle for the quilt will be drawn at 4.00 p.m.
Admission £1 to include coffee/tea and biscuits
The R.o.g.s mid season tour this June took us to a very hot and sunny Dartmouth Golf & C.C, and it turned out to be a very popular venue with good food and accommodation plus a fantastic golf course. The par 3 18th 214yards over water had to be seen to be believed. The main competition was played over three days with the winner having the highest Stableford score being the winner. There was also plenty of other prizes to be won with near pins and long drives and the two's money to be won.

Day one turned out to be a tough round of golf on a hot and dry course but Rob Hall managed to tame it with an excellent round of golf with 35pts, Roger Johns with 34pts and Jim Corbin on 31pts.

Day two brought a 9.30 start and I must say there were a lot of hung over faces on the 1st tee, Mr Hall managed to put his opening tee shot in the car park while a very pale Rob Parry had the look of a startled rabbit caught in headlights but despite all the sore heads the scoring was good with vice captain Graeme Price getting 36pts Roger Duncanson 35pts and the two Jims, Weatherall and Corbin getting 33pts. With the two round scores combined there were five players in contention G. Price 65, R. Duncanson & J. Corbin 64 and R. Johns & A. Hewitt 62pts all trying to win the gold medal and the £40.00 first prize and to lift the Challenge Cup at the annual Xmas do.

The two's money which had not been won in the opening 2 rounds now stood at £54.00 and with a magnificent gesture from Mr Duncanson of matching that figure was well worth winning. So with all to play for we started the last round, the two's money was won in the end by A. Hewitt and G. Tucker both picking up £54.00 each, they say beware the injured golfer and so it proved to be with J. Corbin nursing a groin strain (must be over doing the viagra again) coming through to win the competition with an overall score of 99pts 2nd as he was last year was R. Johns with 96pts and in 3rd place G. Price with 94pts. very well done lads.

I would like to thank all of you for making it a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

The final over all scores are as follows.

1st       J. Corbin  99pts
2nd       R. Johns  96pts
3rd       G. Price  94pts
4th       P. Ebsworth  76pts
5th       Jim Corbin (99pts)
6th       Roger Johns (96pts)
7th       Graeme Price (94pts)
8th       Rob Parry (88pts)
9th       Rob Hall (87pts)
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Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from March through to October.
New members are invited to join.

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

A G M – Thursday 18th November 2004. Drax Arms 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

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

See next page for normal monthly Captain’s report.
Hello all you golf fans the ROGS fresh from their mid-season tour tackled a tough but superb Came Down. The weather was good and so was the golf. As usual Came Down did us proud with great food and warm welcome. The standard of golf this year has been exceptionally high with the top three places all scoring in the high thirty's. In first place, playing with a new set of clubs purchased from the Guy Storey golf shop, was our President Mr Paul Ebsworth with a grand score of 38pts. In 2nd place with another fantastic round was Tom Crabtree on 37pts and in 3rd place on 36pts was Jim Weatherill. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Jim well in his new job and hope he gets the time to play golf with the ROGS again in the future.

The long drive was won with a massive hit of fully 320yds by John Ruskin. The near pin in two shots went to Tom Crabtree on the 3rd hole, near pin on the 6th went to Paul Ebsworth, and near pin on the 15th was won by Roger Johns.

The two's money was shared by Brian Whiffen and Richard White.

The next report will be after our next fixture at Parkstone Golf Club which I am sure will be the highlight of this season — see you there.

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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

The annual rose competition was held at the July meeting where there were 11 roses - the winner of the Rose Bowl being Mr Frank Knight and the roses were given to Mrs Iris Bush. Twenty five pictures and ornaments of birds were in the exhibition and the afternoon finished with a cream tea.

At the August meeting on the 11th the speaker will be Mr Hawkes about Arabian and Bedouin costume jewellery and dress. The competition is ‘a Necklace’.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank all my friends in the village who have prayed for me and phoned, written and visited me in hospital over the past five months.

In particular, the constant support of Philippa Ward, Brenda Pitfield, Hazel Green, Eileen Bangay, Angela Tozer and if Ian, our Vicar, has aided greatly to my complete recovery. Thank you all. Mary Fegan

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This academic year has been very challenging for the governors and senior staff of the school. There is throughout Dorset a decline in the number of children entering First and Primary schools. This decline in turn means less money for the school as pupils equal pounds. So the governors, including Mr Battishill the headteacher, have had to make some tactical decisions which will have to be re-visited during 2005. Let me explain.

The biggest decision was how to replace our deputy headteacher Mr Alan Frame who resigned unexpectedly to take up the role of headteacher in Blandford. Mr Frame has performed a wonderful job in his short time at the school. Our ICT is excellent due to his insightfulness and enthusiasm. Our tracking of children’s progress and consequently targeting for improvement has been upgraded significantly by Mr Frame. He will be greatly missed and I thank him for all his efforts and wish him every success as headteacher in Blandford.

In late 2003 we already knew the school would have a problem with the budget during 2004/2005 and approached the Local Education Authority (LEA) who were at first very supportive. After consultation the main conclusion was we did not wish to go down the route of a compulsory redundancy just to ensure our budget balance. The children’s education was paramount. But then Mr Frame resigned and the LEA’s position drastically changed as there was now no need for a redundancy. A grant for additional funding was not authorised and left the school having to put in place a balanced budget which was difficult considering our staff costs and lack of new pupils. Approximately 86% of budget is spent on staff so any reduction in budget inevitably puts pressure on the teacher numbers.

We have now appointed Miss Rachel Bennett as the class four teacher from September 2004 for one year. Miss Bennett has been working effectively in the school this year and it means we have valuable continuity when Mr Frame leaves. Miss Buckett and Mrs Tibbey who job share in Class 3, will take on the leadership role in the absence of the headteacher.

But due to the falling number of pupils we have been unable to retain the post of deputy headteacher or appoint a...
permanent replacement in Class 4. During 1999 we had 97 children. At present the roll is only 86. Predicted numbers for September 2004 are a very disappointing 75 children. Only 7 children will be joining the reception class. This continuing decline has resulted in the school only being able to offer Miss Bennett a temporary one-year contract.

We may not be able to maintain the current four class system if children numbers do not increase in 2005. Parental choice also has an effect on the school with on average 25% of eligible children in the school’s catchment area being sent to other schools. In September 2004 we will only receive 50% of eligible children despite receiving excellent results in national assessments.

Bere Regis School’s pupils' results at Key Stage 1 in 2003 are VERY HIGH in comparison with the national average according to the recent report by the Office for Standards in Education. The highest grade A* was awarded in both Reading and Writing. These results reflect a continuous marked improvement in previous years. In Mathematics a grade of A was given, meaning the results are well above the national average, and in line with 2001 and 2002 results.

In addition the school received an excellent report from Dorset LEA Pupil and School Improvement team. It stated:

- Best within the family schools deemed similar.
- Good provision for able pupils in maths.
- Last four years have improved at a rate which is above the national trend.
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) excellent progress throughout the school.
- SEN better progress than in either LEA or similar school.
- Very good leadership of head and deputy head.
- Forward thinking in delivering a wide and stimulating curriculum.
- Impressive ICT.

To add to our list of considerations is the Purbeck School Review. The County Council has delayed its decision by one year whilst they look at the 'bigger picture'. The review did NOT contain any option to close Bere Regis School. In fact the favoured option suggested that the First School would become a Primary school once again and we would extend the leaving age from 9 to 11 years.

The falling pupil numbers is a Dorset wide problem. The situation in Purbeck is similar to that elsewhere in the county, with a demographic change leading to fewer children. In particular the Purbeck area has the highest number of second
homes in the Dorset area. Recent reviews in both Blandford and Shaftsbury have taken place and are being implemented due to falling pupil numbers. The outcome in both was to re-introduce Primary Schools with children being educated for longer in their local primary school.

In summary we will keep the four class structure during the 2004-2005 academic year. During the last quarter of 2004 the Governing Body will (subject to pupil numbers and Purbeck Area Review) appraise the number of classes which can be sustained.

If you wish to know more or speak to the Governing Body I suggest you attend the Annual Parents meeting being planned for the Autumn term. Any views would be appreciated.

Mr Pip Evans, Chair of Bere Regis School's Governing Body

OTHER FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

As we reach the end of another school year it is time to reflect and celebrate the achievements of the children of Bere Regis School.

The government are now putting the emphasis on Excellence and Enjoyment in Education. At Bere Regis School the children work hard and achieve high standards through a broad, balanced and fun curriculum. Through careful, detailed planning the staff at the school have fulfilled all the requirements set for literacy, numeracy, IT and Religious Education within the National Curriculum. What we have also done is give the children exciting and unique experiences to broaden their outlook and challenge their thinking. Thanks to the fantastic work of our Parent Association (FOBRS) we have been able to invite theatre groups, guest speakers and specialist drama and dance teachers into school to work with the children. Similarly, visits to Kingston Lacey House, The Life Education Centre, Weymouth, Dorchester Museum/Roman Town House and football tournaments would be impossible without their support. These activities make the curriculum exciting and the learning fun.

There has also been much enjoyment this year during our Activity Weeks. Book Week, Science Week, Out of Doors Week and our Fitness Fortnight were full of practical challenges that enabled the children to learn to work together as well as learn more about themselves and the world around them.

With support from the Basic Skills Agency we were able to hold two interesting courses for parents, which focussed on ICT and Literacy and Numeracy skills for them.

We now have first class ICT facilities, which our children use in a variety of ways every day. These facilities are not utilised during the evenings and we would warmly welcome groups who would be interested in making use of them (subject to a small charge!).

The future looks exciting. We have developed our old Class 3 into a library and with help from FOBRS and the Williams Trust have enough books to begin loaning them out on a regular basis from September. We would also like to develop its use for parents and the wider community. Offers of help and ideas will be warmly welcomed.

Sadly we say goodbye to our Year 4 children who will be starting at Sandford Middle School in September. We also say goodbye to Mr. Alan Frame, who leaves to take up his post as Headteacher at Downlands First School in Blandford. Alan has brought many benefits to the school, not least his enthusiasm and expertise in ICT and his determination to always do his best for the children. We wish him every success.

In September we welcome 8 new children into our Reception Class. They will be coming into school for mornings only until January.

Our new teacher in Class 4 is Miss Rachel Bennett. She has worked in the school this year and has a great deal to offer our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who regularly give up their own time to help in school. Rev. Ian and Pastor Jim lead regular assemblies and support trips and activity weeks. Mrs. Burns, now not a Governor, continues to run her popular pottery club. Mrs. James, a Volunteer Reading Helper, visits each week to play games and share books with our children. Finally thanks to Pat Swift who excites our able mathematicians with her puzzle and challenge workshops. We are very proud of our school and all who work and learn in it!

If you feel you have a skill which we could utilise please contact us. We are currently looking for gardeners and any skilled craftspeople!