March 2004

THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

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MARCH 2004
THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

For more than a month Spring really has been on its way. Affpuddle Church yard has had the most wonderful showing of snowdrops I’ve yet seen and I had my first daffodils trumpeting the end of winter in early February. And now as I write in mid February, I saw frogs spawning in the Vicarage pond. The doom merchants are inevitably warning us to beware of winter returning with that auld Scots saying ‘n’er cast a cloot ‘till May be oot’.

For Christians in the Northern Hemisphere Lent and Easter is associated with spring – the sense of new growth, new starts, and new opportunities.

I’ve shared with you before, that it seems unfair that for our neighbours in the Southern Hemisphere their Lent is autumnal. But down there, they too can stimulate a different, changed approach to the sense of preparing for Holy Week, when for all Christians throughout the world, Lent culminates in Jesus’ last Supper, his washing of the disciples feet, his arrest, torture and crucifixion and finally his resurrection. And through all this every one of us is assured of eternal life and thus we are liberated here and now, to love and serve God and each other.

Simple eh! Well yes it is. But why should we?

Like all good things it helps if we work at it a bit.

And that means thinking about our ‘faith in action’ – that is living today in the real world with Jesus, with all its contemporary challenges. Lent is particularly the best time to do this.

Our Lent course this year is looking at the tough sayings of Jesus – five sessions and every one is welcome. For Affpuddle we meet on Mondays in March at Audrey Grindrod’s home – Bladontye, Briantspuddle – March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Starting at 7.30pm. For Bere Regis, we meet at The Vicarage, also at 7.30pm on Thursdays - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April. On 5th April, the Monday of Holy Week, both groups meet up at The Vicarage, Bere Regis, for a House Communion.

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
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For many of us Lent has been a time to give something up. Perhaps it has been chocolate or smoking. But a more positive way of marking Lent could be to take something up. One practical activity could be to help us with funding repairs to the Bere Regis Church tower roof. The south end of the huge beam holding up the roof has seriously rotted away and we are urgently working with architects and builders to know what the repair costs will be and then we have to raise the necessary funding. We hope to have an outline plan, with costs, by early March so that we can raise the funds and hopefully complete the work before winter comes around again.

A message in all this is that the Church, your Church is very much in the same real world as most of us, where money is often short and repairs are essential.

Please look out for updates on the Tower Roof Appeal and I hope you have a thoughtful and meaningful Lent.

With love and prayers

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**100 WATT CLUB**

1st prize - £25
Miss G Miller, No 197

2nd prize – £10
Mrs H Loxton, No 69

3rd prize - £5
Mrs B Jarvis, No 143

4th prize - £5
Mr E Collis, No 184

New members are always welcome.

Please contact Gordon Phillips for details – 471525

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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March
2nd Gardening Club—Val Hurlston-Gardener - My Favourite Gardens
10th Autumn Leaves, State Occasions, Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.
14th Autumn Leaves, Trip to Christchurch and New Forest 10.00 a.m.
20th Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning, Cyril Wood Court 10.00 a.m.
20th PiP Pip Squeak concert, Drax Hall 7.00 p.m.

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
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 Marlimesbury 8.30 a.m.
6th Gardening Club—John England - Iceland
18th Bere Regis Open Gardens
30th Vicarage BBQ

August
3rd Gardening Club—A Summer Evening In A Garden
March 2004

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

Lent - no flowers Sunday 29th February until Sunday 4th April

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**Bere Regis Sidesmen**

7th  9.15  Mr House / Mr Bates  
3.30  Mrs Jutting

14th  11.00  Mrs March

21st  9.15  Mr Croom / Mr Smith  
3.30  Miss Frampton

28th  11.00  Miss Miller

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**Bere Regis Evensong Readers**

7th  Mrs Jutting

21st  Miss Frampton

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**Bere Regis Church Rotas**

**Guides**

Unit suspended

**Kingsbere Quilters**

1st Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Drax Hall

10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

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**Mini Market**

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

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**Mobile Library**

7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall

Sub-committees on Post Office notice board

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**Mothers’ Union**

7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church

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**Parish Council**

7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall

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**Playgroup Bere Regis**

Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792  Wednesday/Thursday PM

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**Pip Squeaks**

A musical youth group. Thursday (except 2nd)

6.00 p.m. - Drax Hall

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**Pop in Place**

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

Contact Roy Winder – 01929 471456

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**Purbeck Singles social group**

Contact Roy Winder – 01929 471456

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**Pop in Place Poppets**

1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Thursdays Drax Hall

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**Rainbows**

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

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**RBL Gardening Club**

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

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**ROGS Golf Society**

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

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**Scouts (10½-15 yrs)**

7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ

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**Swimming Club**

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

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**Toddler Group**

1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

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**Tuesday Club**

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

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**Twinning Association**

Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities

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**Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)**

8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

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**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 Hall. Agenda displayed on Village Hall notice board

**Parish Council Meeting day**  
1st Wednesday - 7.00 p.m. at Briantspuddle Village Hall

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

**Babysitting Circle**  
Contact Mary Lillie – 471365

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

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

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

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

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

**B.R.S.C.**  
Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri
7.00p.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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**Intercessions:**  
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**Chalice:**  
14 March, M Menzies; 28 March, J Haigh

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During Lent there are no flowers in the church.
**CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH**

**Sunday 7th March – Second Sunday of Lent**
- 8.00am Holy Communion: Affpuddle
- 9.15am Parish Communion: Bere Regis
- 11.00am Mattins & Shortened Communion: Affpuddle
- 3.30pm Evensong: Bere Regis

**Saturday 13th March**
- 3.00pm Holy Baptism: Bere Regis

**Sunday 14th March – Third Sunday of Lent**
- 8.00am Holy Communion: Bere Regis
- 9.15am Parish Communion: Affpuddle
- 11.00am Family Service: Bere Regis
- 3.30pm Evensong: Affpuddle

**Sunday 21st March – Fourth Sunday of Lent**
**Mothering Sunday**
- 8.00am Holy Communion: Affpuddle
- 9.15am Parish Communion: Bere Regis
- 11.00am Family Communion: Affpuddle
- 3.30pm Evensong: Bere Regis

**Sunday 28th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- 8.00am Holy Communion: Bere Regis
- 9.15am Parish Communion: Affpuddle
- 11.00am Mattins & Shortened Communion: Bere Regis

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**NEW SMALL ADS**

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We hope that those of our ringing band who have been under the weather recently will soon be back in action.

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Sunday 4th April – Palm Sunday
8.00am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion with *Procession Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins & Shortened Communion Affpuddle
12.30pm Holy Baptism Bere Regis
6.00pm Evensong, followed by PCC AGM Bere Regis

*Meet at junction of Shitterton and West Street – (weather permitting)
**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Funerals**

5th February at Poole Crematorium;
Anthony Harry Duke, to be followed by interment in the Churchyard.

16th February at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis;
Dick Percy, followed by interment in the Parish Cemetery

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**HISTORIC CHURCH BIKE RIDING**

We have been supporting the Dorset Historic Churches Trust in our September sponsored bike rides. Last September we had cyclists from both our Parishes – Stephen Sanderson, David Payne and Richard Killer from Affpuddle and Elaine Standfield, Mandy Spivey and Mandy Foster from Bere Regis and we are very grateful to them all. I’m only sorry that I couldn’t ride the whole day but I had to take a wedding in the afternoon.

At the Trust’s recent ‘AGM and Thank-You’ to the parish bikers and organisers, we had the chance to informally register our need for funds in the near future for our Tower Roof repairs at Bere Regis and we are hopeful that the Trust will be able to help us.

The Vicar

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**PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

**BERE REGIS CHURCH COACH OUTING**

to Malmesbury Abbey and Abbey House Gardens  
(as shown on BBC Gardener’s World last year)

3rd July 2004

Cost £15 to include entrance to garden

For details and booking contact John and Pat House on 01929 551266  
8.30 a.m. depart
The April meeting was held at Turberville Court on 4th April, Hazel welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer. There were apologies from Nancy Scott, Kay Abbott and Mary Fegan. The guest speaker was Mrs Wendy Staples of Homestart, who is the Scheme Manager for Bournemouth and Poole.

Homestart began in Leicester 30 years ago by Margaret Harrison on a one to one basis of parents supporting parents. It is a voluntary service offering friendship, support and help to parents with a child under the age of 5. The service worked with 60,000 children in 2002. There are 300 schemes working in the United Kingdom and 30 with Forces in the Far East. Poole started a part-time scheme 9 years ago with one full-time and 20 part-time workers and 50-60 volunteers.

Funding comes from Social Services, grant-making trusts and local network funds. The Management Committee includes members from statutory agencies, social services, police but all must be parents themselves. Training and support is given to workers on stress management with young families, child protection, domestic violence, child development and parents with mental problems. Police checks are made on workers and volunteers. All volunteers are non-threatening, non-intrusive, accessible, flexible, mobile and working with families will do anything as friends although friends only for a short time until the family is able to cope.

Families are referred to Homestart mainly by Health Visitors, Social Services and by Child Development Departments at Poole and Bournemouth Hospitals.

What type of family?

Any with a child under 5, on low income, with poor housing, in conflict, ill-health, poor diet, depression, lacking in confidence, breakdown of family, multiple births, or disabilities. The workers do not advise but support and listen. They do not give money, but help with budgets, giving a helping hand. Homestart workers visit on a weekly basis 2 - 4 hours a week in the family home. Family groups meet one morning a week offering activities for parents and children. Volunteers raise funds, take families on outings to pantomimes etc. It is inter-racial. Cost of Homestart averages £80,000 a year, with local authority funding.
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Other Notices

Lent Service - Wednesday 10 March 2.30pm at Fontmell Magna
Lent Quiet Morning Tuesday 16 March 10.00am - 12 noon in Blandford Parish Church.
Diocesan Festival Thursday 25 March at 2.00pm in Salisbury Cathedral - Banner carriers needed.
Step Back in Time (Easter Monday) at Drax Hall. Volunteers needed from 12 noon onwards to man Mothers’ Union Stall.

John and John, Churchwardens

Parish Council website: www.bereregis.org
WINEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 5th March 2004 at 2.00pm at Bere Regis Congregational Church, Butt Lane

Service prepared by the Christian Women of Panama - the theme being ‘In Faith, Women Shape the Future’

Speaker: Mrs Brenda Pitfield - all welcome.

PURBECK SCHOOL MUSICIANS EVENING

we had a most enjoyable concert in Bere Regis Church given by the very talented pupils of Purbeck School.

The Church was full and £250 was raised in a retiring collection.

We are hoping that they will be able to come and entertain us again next year.

John House.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF SPRING CLEAN OF BERE REGIS CHURCH

Can you spare an hour or 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

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**MUSIC IN RURAL CHURCHES**

**OPUS ANGLICANUM, in collaboration with local singers**

**Concert: SACRED JOURNEY**

at St. Christopher’s Church, Winfrith Newburgh

**Saturday, March 20th, 6.00pm**

Singers from the Purbecks will be joining forces with a highly acclaimed early music vocal group to collaborate in the performance of a programme celebrating Sacred Journey and Pilgrimage in Winfrith Church on March 20th.

Opus Anglicanum (5 men’s voices and a BBC reader) is described by South West Arts as “extremely impressive, most thought-provoking and exuding enthusiasm at all times”, and by Classic FM as “assured and polished”. They have established a scheme ‘Music in Rural Churches’ by which small rural communities can afford to have a top quality concert in their own church. Local people have formed a chorus to join Opus Anglicanum in three sung items in the concert.

On Saturday, March 20th singers from around this area meet in the morning for a workshop with the group’s director John Rowlands-Pritchard learning some Gregorian chant and a new piece specially commissioned for the project from Malcolm Archer, organist of Wells Cathedral. In the afternoon they will be putting the finishing touches to their performance with Opus Anglicanum and the evening they will present their work to an audience from the surrounding area.

Other music and texts will include work by Vaughan Williams, Palestrina, Judith Bingham, Thomas Tallis, T S Eliot, Bunyan, Robert Frost, and Chaucer.

Opus Anglicanum has performed at Gloucester Three Choirs Festival, BBC Radio 3, National Trust, Festival de Walonie; and also has considerable experience of running chant workshops in schools, communities, for cathedral and church choirs and for English Heritage. This scheme combines O.A.’s expertise at giving workshops, with their individual programmed sequences of sung and spoken words.

An enthusiastic chorus from around the Purbecks drawn together by the organiser, Sue Bartholomew, together with O.A. will combine to create a very special and memorable concert.

For tickets for the concert, or to join the singers workshop, please get in touch with Mrs. Sue Bartholomew, The Glebe House, Winfrith Newburgh, Dorchester, DT2 8JR

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Dick Percy

Dick Percy was a complete man of Bere Regis, in that he was born here, baptised here in St John’s, educated here, confirmed here, married here, and now at the end of his life commended and committed to God here.

Born in 1925, he was the eldest of three siblings, with brother Jim and sister Helen. His father Harry was a local blacksmith on Rye Hill, just past the school, and brother Jim tells of Dick playing football with Dick in the main road – an unthinkable place to play today. Schooling was close by at the village school.

Dick’s father Harry died when Dick was only 9, and they had taken on the Forge the year before. That meant that blacksmithing came to an end but the family was able to stay on in the house.

Dick’s family life was hard – sister Helen was often inside doing housework, and Ellen, his Mum was working down at the Cress Beds. Their home overlooked the Cress Beds, and Jim tells the story of their Mum waving at them with a handkerchief on a stick. This was an instruction to put the kettle on so that at the end of the day, and on returning from work, a cup of tea was ready for them. One of the most vital jobs was to keep the home fire going, so wood collecting expeditions across the road on Black Hill were frequent tasks.

But there were good family times with summer picnics on Black Hill too.

The Church here was a central part of the Percy family life. Both boys pumped the organ here, and Church was twice on Sundays. After morning service in the choir and Sunday School in the afternoons, they sometimes went to Evensong with their Mum, and always dressed in their ‘Sunday Best’. Sometimes there were Sunday walks to Bere Heath.

Dick left school on his 14th birthday in 1939, and the war had started.

He started work at the cress beds, but being an agricultural worker, he wasn’t conscripted immediately, joining later when he was 19, in 1945. And he joined the Royal Artillery, seeing service in Germany and Palestine, and Jim says he enjoyed his time in the Army.

Returning home in 1948, the family had by now moved.
accurate so we are also becoming more confident of its use both as an agenda for the Parish Council and as supplementary planning guidance for Purbeck District Council.

There will be a covering letter with the draft explaining how to make further comments and possibly containing a small questionnaire seeking specific views on particular issues, but we really hope that we have covered sufficient ground to bring this exercise to a close in April. Obviously if there is a general outcry that we have got something badly wrong then we will have another public meeting and a second draft, but hopefully that will not be necessary. It will then have been some 15 months since we started and although the process itself has already been useful, the document we produce will come into full use, owned by the parish at large and reviewed annually by the Parish Council.

C de B

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That is a sweet retreat,
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From the rustic grey stone bridge
On a balmy Summer’s day,
I could see

As I watched with glee
The minnows dart away.

In this tiny piece of Dorset,
Where time, it seems stands still,
The song of a bird
Was all I heard
In this place that’s so tranquil.

I could say of this pleasant place,
In words I dare not muddle,
Of Dorset Dear
I beg you hear
The place is Bryantspuddle.

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OBITUARIES

to Sitterton Close, and Dick returned to the Cress Beds. After a couple of years, in the early 50’s, Dick joined George Barnes in his building company. It was a booming time in the building trade and Dick developed his building skills to the point where he struck out on his own. Trading as R.H. Percy, he undertook many contracts in Bovington, and at the atomic research centre at Winfrith. At one point he was engaging some 20 workers on his team. He began to develop a reputation for building club premises, and built for the Royal British Legion at Lytchet Matravers and various clubs and halls in Sandford and Dorchester, and also in Scotland.

Dick had met Betty in the early 1950’s. She too was a village girl, working at the Cress Beds and in 1955 they were married here at this very place, and in March next year they would have celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. After their wedding they lived at the family home in Sitterton for a few months until the home they built at 61 West Street, was completed.

Dick worked all hours, all his life. The holidays they did take were centred around one of his great loves, racing at Cheltenham and Salisbury – he was a very keen follower of the Turf and an ardent student of Form. Dick and Betty were always kindly and generous, particularly to the Travelling Community, who knew they could always get a cup of tea or make a sale at 61 West Street.

Dick had green fingers, anything he touched would grow, and his garden was always in good shape.

Although having seen service in Germany and Palestine, Dick didn’t like ‘abroad’ too much, apart from one notable trip to Belgium for a Beer festival. Another feature of Dick’s experiences was his brief spell in the Village Fire Brigade.

Although not gifted with children, Dick and Betty had many, many friends and family relations too. They were really good friends to so many. Their neighbours Betty and Michael and their family of Kim Kevin and Paul and Peter were seemingly part of their family, and we share their grief with them.

In the early 1980’s Dick’s Betty was increasingly unwell and she died in 1984, when Dick was only 58. Dick continued working flat out, perhaps even harder than before. But not long after Betty died, Dick was diagnosed with diabetes, and his mother Ellen died in 1987. He eventually retired in the mid 1990’s, but even then he never really retired, he was still working on new projects in his mind.
As Dick’s health deteriorated, he went to live with Betty and Michael. In retirement he settled into a routine of Tuesdays in the Drax Arms, Fridays down at the Royal British Legion and Saturdays at the Bloxworth Club, where he loved playing cards with his chums. Sadly sister Helen died two years ago.

Dick was always a great trencherman, as Betty says ‘he had to follow his stomach’.

The last couple of years for Dick were in a nursing home, where Dick’s independence of mind often showed through.

Dick will be remembered by so many here as a Bere Regis man through and through, it was the centre of his life. May he rest in peace.

Financial Matters

Arrangements were in hand to transfer the Parish Council’s bank account from Portman Building Society to Barclays Bank. Authority was given to pay the accounts due.

Any Other Business

Mr. Rolls reported that the tree guards on the new planting for the by pass were breaking up and becoming very unsightly. The Clerk would contact the Dorset County Council about this matter.

Mr. Highman drew the meeting’s attention to the problem connected with explosions on M.O-D. land. These explosions occurred during training sessions by the Royal Marines. There were fears that the vibrations resulting from the explosions could cause damage to properties within the neighbouring parishes.

Mr. Highman had contacted Major Preston at Bovington and was advised that the situation should be monitored. In the meantime it was suggested that note should be taken of days and times when explosions occurred and vulnerable properties should be monitored by their owners and complaints should be made to Major Preston at Bovington.

The Next Meeting

Due to other unavoidable commitments by the Chairman and Clerk the date and venue of the next meeting was changed to Wednesday 17th March 2004 - see Notice Board for venue.

Slightly adrift due to difficulty in getting all the right people together for a meeting with Purbeck District Council officers we are finally over that hurdle but with a few amendments to make. We now hope to have a Draft Plan ready to issue to everyone in the parish and all the contributors by the end of March for comment back by the middle of April.

So far the substance of the Plan has not been changed, so we are fairly sure that we have the document in the right perspective and properly reflecting the majority view as derived from the questionnaire and public presentations. All proposed amendments have been aimed at making sure that meaning is
At a meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th February 2004 the following business was discussed.

Planning Applications

At the time of the preparation and posting of the Agenda no planning applications had been received. However, an application was received by the Clerk the day before the Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk had discussed this matter with the Planning Department at Purbeck District Council and it was agreed to defer discussion by the Parish Council until the next meeting in March, which it could be listed under the Agenda Item “Planning Applications”.

This prompted a discussion on the method of dealing with planning applications. The District Council were under pressure from Government to “turn around” planning applications as quickly as possible. This requirement conflicted with the need for consideration at their meetings by the Parish Council. It was agreed that where possible the District Council would be asked to defer a decision so that any application relating to the Parish could be advertised on the Meeting Agenda to allow representations by the public and discussion by the Parish Council. It was pointed out that those members of the public who were considering alterations and building on their land which required planning permission should be aware of this when making an application for planning permission.

Boundaries with Parish Property

The matter of the boundaries of the Council’s property with neighbours continued to be discussed.

Philippa Thomiley.
Bere Regis Church Fundraising Event

**FORK SUPPER**

at West Court

**Friday 14th May**

7.00 p.m.

Limited number of tickets available so book now!

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to include a glass of wine

**Details from John and Pat**

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**Artsreach**

It was too late to include a report on the Eduardo Niebla guitar duo on 15th January. 88 people enjoyed a fantastic performance of jazz and flamenco guitar music. After all expenses were paid, £110. was raised for hall funds.

**Possession** - This film was shown on 31st January. The audience was somewhat disappointing but 31 people enjoyed this film about a pair of emotionally repressed academics who uncovered a passionate love affair between two outwardly respectable Victorian poets. The story was based on A.S. Byatt's Booker Prize winner about poetry, passion and scholarship. Despite the small attendance we managed to raise £17.00, for hall funds.

**Valentines Supper**

There will be a report about this in the next magazine. At the time of going to press there has been a sell out of tickets.

"Shakespeare’s Other Anne".

The final Artsreach event of the Winter season, Richard Derrington in "Shakespeare’s Other Anne” takes place on Friday 26th March 2004 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets costing £5 will be available from the beginning of March or whenever a "flyer" is delivered to your house.

"Shakespeare’s Other Anne" is written by Archer’s writer William Smethurst, an intriguing drama set backstage at London’s Globe Theatre. Shakespeare’s passion for a “Dark Lady” is well known, but under what scandalous circumstances did he take a highborn lady of the court to bed? And how did he get mixed up in the fraught romance between a young half French girl and a London apprentice? Back in Stratford was Anne Hathaway, the wife of his choice: but was there another Anne whom he passionately loved and dramatically lost? Research reveals the real “Shakespeare in Love”. Promising stuff!

Philippa Thomiley

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**SUMMARY OF ISSUES DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE PCC ON TUE 9 DEC 03**

**Red Post Parishes** The Vicar announced that Geoff Waring had been appointed as the new incumbent of the Red Post parishes with effect from Jun/Jul 04.

**Lent Talks** The Vicar said that he was organising speakers for the Lent talks.

**Retreat** The Vicar said that he was looking at the possibility of holding a retreat to consider the Mission work of the Church.

**Deanery Synod** Jonathan Haigh distributed a report on the matters under discussion at the meeting of the Deanery Synod that took place on 4 Nov 03.

**Treasurer’s Report** Mike Menzies gave a summary of the Parish finances.

**Churchyard Burials** The new policy document for burials in the Churchyard was agreed.

**Review of Share Apportionment** John Solly said that the count of all those who attended services during the trial run in October had been completed successfully.

**Church fabric** Paul Badcock reported on the various works being undertaken to the church fabric.

**Churchyard** John Solly reported on work in the Churchyard.

**Date of Next Meeting** The next meeting would take place on Tue 9 Mar 04.

**SPECIAL CLEAN**

On Saturday 27th March 2004 between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon there will be a pre Easter special clean of the church. Please come along and help clean the church for Easter. Please bring with you dusters and polishing cloths. Depending on the number of people present it is hoped to be able to polish all the furniture, vacuum clean the hassocks, polish the wood floors and wash the stone floors.

Philippa Thomiley
COFFEE MORNING

Mrs. Joan Herridge is holding a coffee morning in aid of the Church at Affpuddle at her home, Throop Farm, on Saturday 3rd April from 10.00 to 12 noon. Entrance will be £1. There will be all the usual stalls: raffle, cakes and produce, bric a brac and plants. Everyone is most welcome. Joan is famous for her lovely coffee mornings so be sure not to miss this one.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD SPRINGCLEAN

We plan to have a working party on Saturday 20th March from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome as usual. This will be a general tidy up to get the churchyard and Peace Garden into shape for the year. Many hands make light work, so please come.

John Solly.

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The Drax Hall Committee

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Monday the 12th of April
10am until 4pm
At the Drax Hall

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half will be seen on the next X Files episode as Mulder and Scully try to discover where the midfield disappeared to. Poole Wanderers took advantage of this space and were soon scoring more easily than Lord Brocket in the jungle. None of the goals would feature too highly in any ‘Goal of the Month’ competition, but you don’t get points for style in this league!! To add injury to insult, Dean Rogerson pulled his hamstring and, with no subs left, ended up as the third keeper of the game for Bere, with as much mobility as a sloth on crutches.

However, with only two games left and a healthy lead on the second bottom team Bere can feel safe in the knowledge that they have survived another season in Division 1.

Longfleet St Marys 4: Bere Regis 2

Yet again an air of disbelief wafted around Nick Macklin as he watched his young stars throw it all away for the second game in a row. Leading both 1-0 and 2-1 thanks to goals from Sean Pettitt and Wayne Cope you would have thought that they would have got something from this game. However, with the space in front of the defence left emptier than Tony Blair’s promises by the midfield the defence were left, like Jordan’s plastic surgeon, with their hands very full. 2-1 became 2-2, became 2-3 and then 2-4 before any Bere Regis players realised that the best form of defence is actually defence. Once this was realised Bere once again got back in the game and could have claimed a share of the points with better finishing. It is hard enough kicking your heels waiting for games as Bere will have to do in this diminished league, but to do it on the back of a defeat makes things worse.

The one consolation is that Bere know there is no team that they need to fear when the Cup competition rolls around. All they have to fear is fear itself...and Nick Macklin if the midfield ever disappears like this again!
BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The February meeting this year may well be marked in future years for its importance as the beginning of a look into the future of our village. The Council has a number of essential subjects to consider and so it has been decided to undertake an appraisal and to develop a Village Plan. Such a Plan will look at facilities in the village which will include Housing and Education. Everyone will say that we have gone through all of that before, but it is all change now and Local Structure Plans are to be replaced by Regional Structure Plans. Our task must be to ensure that our ideas for our village of the future are represented.

Parish Councils are very good authorities where footpaths are concerned. They fight to defend the routes, the access and the correctness of that access. With the ‘right to roam’ legislation there are differences of interpretation that are being tested before the Definitive map is finalised. We have one such case that is being reviewed in our Parish. This is Bridleway 27 over Black Hill where the Trail Riders Fellowship is objecting to the erection of a horse stile and motorcycle inhibitor. The fear is that by permitting motor vehicles on the bridleway, the surface will deteriorate.

The meeting opened with a lively Question Period from the Parishioners in attendance. From this discussion it was learned that the work to ‘beautify’ the roundabouts is to be undertaken in the Spring, having been promised for last Autumn. The long completed ‘Conservation Area’ report has still to be published and one Parishioner suggested that the new houses being built in North Street ought not to have been approved until the design had been tested against the Conservation Area Report. Other subjects included the BP transport of LPG, the gate at the end of North Street and Council Tax. The Council is represented on the North Purbeck Task Group - the latest name for the Crime Prevention Committee - and at their last meeting it was very clear that the emphasis is now on attempting to provide so that crime is prevented. An example of this is our Youth Shelter and indeed the bulk of the money allocated for this to date has come from Police sources and not the Parish. However it is incumbent on local Councils to make provision so that crime is reduced.

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The Council has reported the very poor condition of the directional road signs on the roads and we have now heard that work to improve them is scheduled after of the side there were shouts of ‘Cox out’, luckily this was not taken as an order as the players much preferred playing with ‘Cox in’. This did indeed galvanise the side though and Rob White took it upon himself to save his manager and the team with a match winning performance. Rob loves to go down in the box and, at the first opportunity, he jinked his way into the area knocked the ball past the defender and left his foot there to be scythed down for a clear cut penalty. Once again, Shaun Cope obliged from the spot and Bere were level. Rob White was now rampant (what a horrible thought) and mesmerised his way around and through six players to get in a scoring position, only to spoil it with a shot lamer than Mick Mahoney. Al Moorse gave Bere their last scare as he tried a bit of trickery of his own, was tackled and the forward tried an outrageous 40 yard lob over Dave that was a whisker away. A minute later Bere were in front as Rob White, playing as an out and out forward, latched onto a through ball and calmly rounded the keeper to slot into the empty net. Miller interrupted the Rob White show for a while with some skill of his own as he turned the last defender and hared in on goal, only to be hacked down for Bere’s third penalty. The crowd yelled for Miller to take it, but nobody was going to deny Shaun his penalty hat trick and Bere were 4-2 up. The final word was left to the White Wizard as he threw more dummies than a petulant baby to give himself a shooting opportunity on the edge of the area, then lashed it into the bottom corner.

A 5-2 win and the crowd were back smiling again. Bere were still in the race for second and helped themselves to some well deserved jars in the bar, though nobody was going too close to Rob as he relived his last goal for the hundredth time.....

Sundays

Bere Regis 1: Poole Wanderers 6

The joy of victory was short-lived. One week later and Bere were well beaten by a Poole Wanderers side that always aim to entertain. The first half was an evenly matched affair and Bere were actually first to find the goal as Sean Pettitt towered above a static defence to power a header home. Unfortunately, Bere then had the first of several reshuffles as Paddles had to be withdrawn with a back problem and was replaced by Britney in goal. This obviously had an effect as just before half time Wanderers equalised.

The second half was a different story as the Wanderers came out firing on all cylinders, whilst Bere were distinctly two-stroke. It is likely that this second
nice cup of cocoa watching Grandstand (or more likely Men and Motors looking at their faces). Two slack goals conceded by a lacklustre defence, one when Whippett tried his first ever backheel only to give the ball straight to a Linthorpe player, and Bere had got what they deserved.

The second half was a more rousing performance with the wind at their backs, but the damage had already been done. Linthorpe never got out of their half as Bere unleashed an onslaught the like of which is only seen when Whippett goes for a haircut. Bere threw everything but the kitchen sink at them yet somehow their defence prevailed. The keeper was outstanding, had trials with Celtic apparently, the goal was charmed, especially when Spivey hit the post, and Bere ended up as pointless as Coxxy’s charm school lessons. The only consolation was a goal from Stu Moorse/Tony Lumsden, they are still arguing over who got the final touch! A mighty cheer from Linthorpe greeted the final whistle as they knew they had guaranteed the title, whilst Bere merely slunk off with their tails between their legs. Valentine’s day may be another week away, but there were a few broken hearts at the end.

Bere were now back to third in the league again, but their destiny is still in their own hands…all they have to do is win every game!

Bere Regis 5: Shaftesbury A 2

Bere are back in winning form again…just!! A very different Shaftesbury team lined up against Bere this week from the one two weeks ago and throughout the first half Bere’s class showed. Shaun Cope had a hatful of chances, and a very big hat at that, but still managed to miss them all…he was not alone, being joined by Wayne, Neal, Stu and others. When Shaun did finally hit the target it was from the penalty spot as Stu was upended in the box and this time he made no mistake. Shaftesbury almost had a chance themselves as their forward finally beat the offside trap, but once again Al Moorse showed his immense potential as he sprinted to get level then timed his tackle to perfection. Bere should have taken heed of this warning.

As Bere ambled out for the second half they were full of confidence and almost scored again from the kick off but for a saving tackle. A beautiful sunny day, some lambs for the slaughter, what could possibly go wrong. Then the roof fell in! A seemingly innocuous cross was not cut out and Rob White nodded the ball into his own net under pressure. Two minutes later and brimming with confidence Shaftesbury struck again as Stu Moore was too busy berating Spivey for not marking to notice his own player ghosting in at the back post and he lashed it into the roof of the net with glee. Bere were in tatters and the crowd were turning ugly (well, uglier than normal anyway!). Unhappy with Kevin Cox’s management

The great news from the Drax Hall is that we have been granted a £4000 grant from the County Council to enable essential works to be undertaken, particularly with reference to the Disability Act. These works will cause a disruption when being undertaken but I am certain that everybody will understand and accept the need for the work. The Grant is very generous and the Committee is grateful for the money but we will have to continue with our own fund raising to complete the work that is necessary.

On March 17th we have an Artsreach performance when The Forest Forge Theatre Company present The Belle of Bonavista Bay. This is the story of an early 19th Century family who left the south coast of England for the forbidding shores of Newfoundland. Two hundred years later a young descendant makes the journey back in search of her family roots. The play is presented with live music and stirring folk songs from the Canadian North. The Belle of Bonavista Bay is a story of love, loss and longing which seeks to move and amuse in equal measure.

May I remind everybody that this is a professional company performing in our Village Hall and we are extremely lucky to have them back for a second time this year. Please do try to come along.

The half term puppet show was lovely and was thoroughly enjoyed by the full house.
Cancer Research UK
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for a
Scottish Coffee Morning
at
Cyril Wood Court - 10.00 a.m.
Stalls With Home Made Produce

BERE REGIS SWIMMING CLUB

Saturday 24th January was a special
day for the Bere Regis Splashes when
during a celebration party, we were
presented with accreditation
certificates from the Amateur
Swimming Association and Sport
England. The awards were presented
by Western Counties ASA President,
Gordon Smart. In gaining Swim 21 Silver accreditation we became the first club in
Dorset to do so. We also gained Sport England’s Clubmark accreditation.

For a small village teaching club, we feel proud to have been given these
prestigious awards. This has been achieved through the hard work of our
committee, swimming teachers and the commitment of our members and their
parents who come along each week to support our activities.

Well done everyone

received the ball on the edge of the area then turned and shot all in one fluid
movement to find the top corner of the net. Despite a few scares, one being a
memorable goal saving header from Young Al Moore who came from nowhere
to save a certain goal, Bere finished the half still ahead.

The second half was, quite simply, magnificent. It was just like watching Arsenal
at the top of their game as the defence kept Shaftesbury at bay and the midfield
broke forward like lightning at every opportunity. For
the second goal, Neal Percy cut loose and ran through
the midfield like a will of the wisp before releasing
Adam Rogerson to slide the ball under the keeper. For
the third goal it was Stu Moore’s turn on the opposite
wing to shine with a twisting run and inch perfect pass
picking out Andy Curtis who slotted home. All this time
Mick and Squint were bossing the middle of the park to
such an extent that Shaftesbury looked as
enthusiastic as a puppy who’s just lost his Andrex (I am
open to any sponsorship offers…). Even when
Shaftesbury did manage to get past this committed
midfield they had to run the gauntlet of Whippett, just
back from his snowboarding holiday and playing like a
Yeti with attitude. As soon as a forward received the
ball Whippett was sliding in to get either ball or man with not a care as to which
was first. Bere were so much in control that Rob White was even allowed a little
comedy moment as he was caught in two minds as to whether to head the ball
(never a good idea with Rob, might spoil the hair) or kick it and ended up doing
neither, looking about as co-ordinated as a Neville brother. Luckily the centre
forward was laughing so much he fluffed his shot completely. One more goal for
Bere gave us the icing on the cake as Stu Moore slid in at the back post and Bere
were home and dry, or away and wet given the conditions….but happy.

As a result Bere moved into second but had the ominous task next week of taking
on the top of the league to try and close some of the gap.

Bere Regis 1: Linthorpe 2

The less said about this the better as Bere gave their most disappointing
performance of the season when Linthorpe were
there for the taking. Yes Linthorpe were
runaway leaders of the league, yes they had
already beaten Bere once this season, but if
this is the best that the league can offer then
I’m the Queen of England. In the first half,
Bere were not only mentally still in the
changing rooms, they were at home with a
surreal afternoon came with the ‘alternative’ team talk from Kev Cox, and I quote, ‘I can’t think of anything to say at the moment, so let’s give it ten minutes...’. Winston Churchill eat your heart out!! In the football match itself the strangeness continued when none other than Andy Curtis fired in his first goal of the season. Yes the same Andy Curtis who has been so unlucky in front of goal he could kick himself... and miss that too. Just to prove it was no fluke, he did it again soon after from another immaculate pass by Wayne Cape. Meanwhile the defence were complaining of boredom as Handley’s first meaningful shot on goal did not come until the 80th minute, so amused themselves by watching one of the locals taking their Shetland pony for a walk around the pitch. You should have seen the size of her pooper scooper!! Bere Regis were 2-0 up at half time playing against the wind, so think what they would do with the wind behind them.

The second half started brightly enough as none other than Mark ‘One shot’ Miller was in the right place again at a corner and drilled the ball home. However, things went downhill from there as both teams seemed more intent on kicking each other than the ball. With the game degenerating into a humdrum affair Kev brought Adam on to add some punch to the attack, unfortunately he misunderstood and soon found himself in trouble with the referee. Bere were certainly not their normal flowing selves, apart from the occasional move, and in the end both teams were glad to hear the final whistle. If Bere had attacked the Handley defence with the same gusto that they attacked the sausage and chips in the pub afterwards then it would have been a far different story.....

Still, another three points and Bere are still in the hunt for second place, although Cranborne are matching them point for point.

Shaftesbury A 0: Bere Regis 4

On a filthy wet and windy day in January this game, believe it or not, was all that Dorset football had to offer. Most of the players were hoping that this game would also be postponed as they huddled in their cars waiting for the off with the rain lashing and the wind howling. Yet, when the whistle blew to start the game in the Shaftesbury gales on a pitch with more bobbles than a Christmas cardigan, Bere mysteriously transformed into a team once again. The twelve good men and true that made the long journey north played their little hearts out and were rewarded with a famous victory. The Shaftesbury team itself was bristling with talent as, with other games called off, they called in the big boys. Yet Bere rose to the occasion and were worthy winners. They laid the foundations in the first half with a battling performance that was crowned with a memorable first goal. Tony Lumsden

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Council Tax

There has been much argument as to the level of Council Tax for the coming year starting in April. It has not been decided as we go to press, but as soon as it is I will let you know. Many of us have been campaigning for much lower increases than in previous years and I am hopeful that the County Council is beginning to listen to the strength of feelings against the recent years of double digit increases.

Second Homes

I have been asked by countless people to clarify some of the issues about second homes. In doing so I am trying to avoid giving any personal opinions. The table I produce below is in the public domain. Currently second homes are charged Council Tax at 50% (i.e. a Discount of 50%). The Government’s proposal is to reduce the discount to a minimum of 10%, which would bring in a significant extra sum to the Purbeck area, around £700,000 – 90% of this would, potentially, be spent by Dorset County Council (DCC), the Police and the Fire Service across the whole of Dorset. The District Council recently attempted (probably unsuccessfully) to persuade DCC that the majority of this extra revenue should be spent in the district as Purbeck has approximately 20% of the second homes in the County whilst having a much lower proportion of the County’s population. The numbers of second homes are listed opposite.

Sky TV

The new body scheduled to take over responsibility for Housing from Purbeck District Council (Purbeck Housing Trust) have promised me that they will consider enabling reception of digital communications (Sky TV to you and me!) at sheltered schemes after the transfer, which, following the vote in favour, is currently planned for the middle of this year.

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
# Properties defined as second homes December 2003

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**Bere Regis Fire Service**

We are only two weeks into the new scheme and I am please to say the new system is working well. Morale is high as personnel enjoy more free time.

We welcome new recruit Marc Yeandle and are preparing him for basic training at West Moors training centre.

Since the start of the year we’ve had 19 call outs. We have attended 4 false alarms, 2 chimney fires, 3 road traffic accidents, a scrapyard fire at Dorchester, a bonfire at Bovington and standby duty at Portland. The L4T has been called twice — to a barn fire at Hilton and a bench fire at Blandford. We have also attended four vehicle fires.

On 24th January we attended a vehicle fire opposite the Gliding Club. On arrival, it was identified as a Road White Line marking vehicle being loaded with approximately 20 propane cylinders we feared the risk of an explosion and so closed the road. Assisted by colleagues from Wareham, brought the incident under control.

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What a dramatic picture that is of life for most of us. When life is peaceful, or there are only a few ripples or squalls, we feel we can deal with them in our own strength and self-sufficiency. But what happens when the sea of life gets rough and even life threatening? Who, or what, have you got to hold on to then? Your family, friends or finances maybe? Yet how secure are they in an ever-changing, insecure world?

But there is a rock that every person can choose to take hold of, and be held by, for now and all eternity. That rock is Jesus Christ. Every Christian can say from personal experience, “I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the strength of my salvation, my stronghold.” Psalm 18:1-2.

The Lord has not promised to keep us from life’s storms, but to keep us through them as we trust in Him. Has Jesus Christ become your rock yet? Have you anchored your life into Him? If you want to know the security that only Jesus can give for this life and the next, then ask Him to forgive you for having done things your way and let Him take control of your life. It does mean giving up your own self-sufficiency and independence, but in exchange Jesus will give you His strength and His direction for all of life’s ups and downs, whether caused by small ripples or large waves!

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The word crisis is now so widely used that we have almost become immune to it. So often it is applied to businesses or governments which may well have brought a crisis upon their own heads.

There is, however, a crisis in agriculture and its associated services that is rarely discussed, but which is having devastating effects on the lives of those involved. There are many causes of this situation, but the human cost is at times so bad that despair and clinical depression are becoming increasingly common. Some farmers have seen their incomes fall to such an extent that they have taken on ever-increasing overdrafts. Others who have rented their farms can see no way of retiring and having a home in the area where their friends are. Some farm workers have lost their jobs and cannot find a house in the countryside. The list is endless.

To try to help those affected, the Farm Crisis Network has been set up. In simple terms it consists of a number of volunteers who have agricultural backgrounds, and who firstly provide a listening ear. All conversations are undertaken in complete confidence. Volunteers can be contacted by telephone, and are also willing to visit a caller by appointment. Depending on the nature of the crisis, the volunteer has access to properly qualified professional advice to help resolve immediate difficulties. We are also in touch with organisations that can provide emergency funding to pay food and heating bills when income is insufficient, and others that can purchase homes to rent in the area where the farmer or farm worker has lived.

The work of the FCN is offered completely free of charge, and initial professional advice is also provided free. The most important point is that we can only help those who make contact with us. The Dorset office is located at Suite 6, Somerleigh Gate, Somerleigh Road, Dorchester, DT1 1TL and the phone number is 01305 250977, and the office is open five mornings a week. There is also a National Helpline - 07002 326326 (7 a.m. to 10 p.m.). If you are one of those affected by the crisis in agriculture, or know someone who is, please make contact so that help can be offered.

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

**VENUES 2004**

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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
BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

The two teams taking part in ‘Give Us a Clue’ on the 20th January certainly had their work cut out. Although the clues enabled most of the titles to be identified, with just a couple going for the bonus, some very interesting arm waving took place along the way. At the end, the team lead by Sam Colton took the honours, winning by six points over their opponents.

Everyone took a turn at entertaining on ‘Karaoke Night’, some were brave enough to go solo, while others paired up as duos and then there was the mass group approach. Why do the words on the TV screen always seem to be going that bit faster that the music? The evening voted a success, subject to any pending recording contracts, could feature again later in the year.

The club’s members tried their hand at Glass Painting on the 10th February, only this time pieces of clear talc sheet took the place of glass. This is a safer practice, though it turned out to be rather difficult when it came to painting on the colours. As the talc sheet coming from a roll, it would not lay flat but kept arching very slightly, causing the paint to run. With the help of a roll of sticky tape, to keep the sheet fixed down firm and flat, solving the problem. That was until trying to force dry them over the radiators, when the same problem arose once more. Eventually, members left the club holding their creations at arms length.

‘Our Environment’ is the name of the game on the 17th February, when members will have an opportunity to identifying the ways in which our local environment is changing. They will consider the location of open spaces, forests, farmland and roads, then try to predict just what future expansion of the village could take place. Just what would any future village map of ten, twenty or fifty years look like? It will be interesting to see their ideas.

There will be a welcome return of ‘Give Us a Clue’ on the 24th February, before the ‘Arts and Craft’ month of March arrives. Then there will be plenty to do with, ‘Fimo Modelling’ on the 9th March, ‘Tie and Dye’ on the 16th and ‘Test Your Sense’ on the 30th. Carpet bowls takes place on the 23rd March, just to get the young members competitive spirit going again.

New members are welcome; it is only £2.50p a year for Juniors (8-11) and £4 a year for Seniors (12-17) and remember, there are no weekly subs to pay! For further information call in at the Youth Club or contact the leader.

Let’s Vine, Youth Leader - Telephone 01929 471693

THANK YOU

Des Lambert and family would like to thank everyone for their cards, kindness and messages of sympathy, following the sad loss of Leo.

Thank you all very much.

Des, Trev, Anne and Jane

FAIR - TRADE FORTNIGHT 1ST - 14TH MARCH

This year sees the 10th anniversary of Fair-trade Fortnight - a time when all the supermarkets highlight the Fair-Trade products now available. Often they have special promotions, so if you have never bought a Fair-Trade product this could be a good time to try something. If you already know how good the products are then it could be the time to stock up! Perhaps your club or organisation might consider serving Fair-Trade tea and coffee at your meetings.

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We will not be holding a special event in Bere Regis this year but there will be a number of things happening in Wareham - details in next month’s magazine.

Pat Chesney

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

The February meeting was entertained with a very funny talk by Mrs Babs Doswell with her experiences of a lady brewer in the second world war. She had so many amusing experiences and anecdotes from her years at Simmonds Brewery in Reading and finished her talk with a late Christmas monologue. The competition was for a biscuit tin.

Th March meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th March at the Drax Hall at 2.30pm when the speaker will be Mr Tomlin on ‘State Occasions’. The competition is for a medal of any kind.
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Purbeck Football Tournament

Children from Bere Regis School have recently been to a football tournament at Purbeck Sports Centre. They played Lychett first and lost 3-0, but they played their best. Lychett won last year so they were a very good team. We waited a long time until the next match where we played Stoborough and we won with an amazing 9-0 so that meant we got 3 points and were in a good position. When we played Swanage we won again 3-0. This meant we had 6 points so we were tied with Sandford. We had to win the next match to get through to the next round. We lost by 2 goals, the score was 5-3, but we were all pleased with ourselves and went home with happy faces.

By Harvey - Class 4

Cedric Likes Helping Children

Bere Regis School has helped Cedric working for the National Children’s homes by raising £424.95. Cedric has helped lots of homeless children. When they have no homes Cedric helps them out. We had to do some games in a book and we had to get the answers right. The games were fun. Cedric came to visit us to say thank you for all the money we raised.

By Kyle - Class 4

Bring and Buy Sale

At Bere Regis School we had a Bring and Buy Sale in the library. It was full of people so we had to go in groups. I was in the third group to go in. The children brought lots of things in. We raised £135.50 for the Blue Peter Appeal. That is a lot of money. There were cake stalls, video stalls, toys for sale, a lucky dip and last of all a book stall. I enjoyed the lucky dip. Blue Peter were raising the money for children with disabilities.

By Katie - Class 4
Wanted!

Our Cluster Extravaganza in the Summer Term is based on playground games and rhymes. Do you have memories of your school days that you could share with the children? Please jot them down or tell your child’s class teacher.

Easter Service

On the last afternoon of term (Friday 2nd April) we will have an Easter Service at the Church from 2.00pm. We would greatly appreciate your company on this occasion as the children will be performing a new selection of songs.

RECIPe OF THE MONTH

Courtesy of Pat House

Parsnips Molly Parkin

This delicious vegetable casserole goes well with Roast Lamb traditionally eaten at Easter.

- 2lb Parsnips
- 1lb Tomatoes
- 5 tablespoons oil
- 3oz butter
- salt and pepper
- 6oz grated cheddar cheese
- half a pint single cream
- 4 tablespoons white breadcrumbs

Peel the parsnips and cut away the hard central cores and slice them thinly. Skin the tomatoes, remove the seeds and cut the flesh into thin slices. Heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the parsnips for a few minutes.

Grease a 2pint casserole dish with half the butter, and place a layer of parsnips over the base, sprinkle with a little salt and pepper and a little cream before covering with a layer of tomatoes. Spread a little more cream and cheese over the tomatoes and repeat these layers until all the ingredients are used finishing with cream and cheese. Top with breadcrumbs and dot with remaining butter. Cook for about 45mins in a moderate oven.
Bere Heath Farmers and Friends will be meeting at Bere Heath Chapel with Slides presented by Brian Edwards at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 17th March.

All interested friends will be most welcomed.

Light refreshments to follow. There will be a retiring collection to defray any cost and supporting Chapel Funds. Any questions ring Tony on 471934.

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Present

Thank You For The Music

On Saturday the 20th March
7pm at the Drax Hall

Tickets £3 each from Alison 472023

All proceeds to the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance

In Memory of Nick White
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)

Poppets Activities for March:
- 4th March Video show
- 11th March Colour a picture
- 18th March Play Dough
- 25th March Making salt dough

For more information contact Mandy on 472583.

The Pip Squeaks – Musical Youth Group

The Pip Squeaks are now working on the ‘Thank You For The Music’ future production. Dates for rehearsals are 4th, 11th and 25th March. 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.

Pop In Place – A.G.M.

On Monday 5th April 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. This could be your way of helping the local community.

Dates for your Diary
- 20th March Pop In Place – Pip Squeak Concert 7.00pm Drax Hall
- 5th April Pop In Place – AGM 7.00pm Drax Hall
- 9th April Pop In Place – Easter Egg Raffle and Bonnet Parade 10am to 12noon Drax Hall

Woodbury Hill Singers

The singers have entertained Upton Over 60s Club and Residential Castle View, Poundbury.

New singers welcome - call Kath on 471175 or just come along to ‘Larkspur’ Snow Hill (Pink bungalow) on Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

A donation of £50 has been given to the Drax Hall in aid of new curtains for the top windows.

Gardening Club

Dorset Wildlife Trust stepped into the breach for the February meeting as the wind power company were unable to provide a speaker. Instead of hot air we had a look at lots of glorious slides of the wonderful county in which we live.

For the meeting on Tuesday March 2nd, as well as a talk from Val Hurleston-Gardener on her favourite gardens, we will also have part one of our Spring show. Don’t forget to bring along your entries. If you do not have a schedule give Elaine a call on 471774.

If you think you can get away without putting anything in part one of the spring show, part 2 will be held on Tuesday April 6th together with a talk from Keith Andrews from Plush Orchids.

Having a show in two parts should be fun, so why not give it a try?

We still have stocks of 8ft bean canes at 20p each - please give me a call if you need any.

Andy Morrison 472343
Pop In Place Social Evening Report

On Saturday 31st January the Pop In Place had a social evening with Karaoke and Disco at the British Legion Hall. The event was a resounding success enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a memorable occasion.

The Pop In Place – Open Gardens Event

The Open Gardens event will take place on Sunday 18th July. We need your kind offers of gardens for this event, by the end of March, in writing to Alison Bennett, 3 Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis. We will require you to get in touch with us in writing even if you have opened your garden in previous years. Many thanks in advance for your kind offers.

Thank You For The Music

On Saturday 20th March is a community concert arranged by the Pop In Place and as a tribute to Nick White the proceeds will be donated to the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. Tickets are available from Alison on 472023 or at the Pop In Place at £3 each on a first come first served basis. Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment, cash with orders please.

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.

Appeal for additional Volunteer Drivers

We require some additional volunteer drivers, to cover the more isolated areas, who could collect and return clients. If you are able to help for a couple of hours per week, to enhance people’s quality of life by allowing them to attend our project, this could be your way of helping the community. For more information contact Alison on 472023 or Dr. Tim Harley.
**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
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Volunteers are always welcome

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At the January meeting we had Mr Kevin Pickering and Mr Steve Gambol from Bere Regis Fire Station who gave us a very interesting talk and video on Fire Prevention and Safety in our homes.

The March meeting is Mr Inghley with ‘Songs of the Sea’ and we also have a competition for a daffodil in a vase.

New members are always very welcome.

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