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THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

NOVEMBER 2004
THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

Remembrance & Forgiveness

I think I have shared with you before what a rich time of the year we are in. It is
not just the sense of autumn’s passing mellow fruitfulness and the onset of darker
days and log fires, but real markers and special dates in our calendar. For me this
season starts with The last night of the Proms – the BBC Promenade concerts that
end in mid September; our schools go back and our college and university terms
start and most people have had their holidays. It is in late September and early
October that can be the time for a holiday if my summer weekends have been
busy with weddings.

We celebrate Jesus’ disciple Matthew on the 21st September and St. Michael on
the 29th – hence the term ‘Michaelmas’, when Michaelmas daisies are in bloom.
On the 18th October we commemorate Luke the patron saint of doctors. After
Simon and Jude on the 28th, we mark two very important festivals: All Saints on the
1st of November (or the nearest Sunday) and All Souls the next day, when we
remember our loved ones who have died. Why do we remember, and why is it so
natural and yet so important? The other side of the equation is about forgiveness.
How often do we hear people say ‘that is unforgivable’ or ‘I can’t forgive that’.
Yet the ability to forgive is at the heart of not only our faith but it is also a measure
of a caring and mature society, and remembering is very important because it gives us a sense of place
and belonging and thankfulness.

This is so meaningfully expressed on Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday of November, when, as
a nation with the Commonwealth, we remember and give thanks for all those who served and gave
their lives in the cause of freedom. The evening before the Royal British Legion holds its moving
Festival of Remembrance from the Royal Albert Hall.

It is always a most meaningful event, yet it is always fresh and topical.

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
I think Remembrance Sunday is amongst the most important commemoration days of our whole year. I’m very encouraged that the old practice of stopping whatever we are doing for a minute or two at 11 O’clock on the 11th November itself, as well as on the second Sunday, is coming back into use. And I find our youngest children at school readily grasp the concept of remembering and thankfulness in the beautiful simplicity of our red poppies and in the names on our war memorials and the quietness of remembering. Remembering is not about chauvinistic sentimentality, but about tangible serving, giving and forgiving.

So do come along to our Remembrance services on the 14th and give God thanks for our servicemen and women, and all who have died that we might be free, free to forgive and to love and serve God and one another.

With love and prayers.

Gordon Phillips - treasurer. Tel: 471525

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**November**
- 2nd: Gardening Club—Richard Brown - Lambs Tails
- 5th: Winterborne Kingston Firework display
- 6th: FOBRS - Bonfire and Firework display 6.30 p.m.
- 10th: Safer routes to school exhibition, BR School Hall 1.00 p.m.—8.00 p.m.
- 10th: Autumn Leaves - “Mammals” by Dorset Wildlife 2.30 p.m.
- 11th: Special Constabulary open meeting, Bovington 5.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
- 19th: PIP Children in Need, Drax Hall 10.00 - 12.00
- 27th: Christmas Coffee morning at Cyril Wood Court 10.30 a.m.
- 27th: Xmas Fayre - Autumn Leaves 2.00 p.m.

**December**
- 7th: Gardening Club—Christmas Party
- 8th: Autumn Leaves Christmas Afternoon with Woodbury Hill Singers 2.30 p.m.
- 11th: Mysto Magic for the Children, Drax Hall 10.30 a.m.
- 11th: ‘Roof Raising Feast’ - Church tower appeal 3.00 p.m.
- 18th: PIP Christmas Party, Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.

**January 2005**
- 12th: Autumn Leaves, New Year Party 2.30 p.m.
- 15/16: Open Weekend at Cyril Wood Court

**February**
- 12th: Bere Regis Scouts - Valentine’s Supper

**March**
- 11th: Barn Dance in aid of St John the Baptist Church funds

**July**
- 3rd: Bere Regis Open Gardens

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November 2004

Golden Circle
2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court

Guides
Unit suspended

Health Walks
Tuesdays - 10.30 from Car Park - 471180

Kingsbere Quilters
1st Wednesday. 9.45 a.m. Drax Hall

Mini Market
10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

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

Mothers’ Union
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church

Parish Council
7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board

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

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

Pop in Place
6.00 p.m. - Drax Hall

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

Purbeck Singles social group
Contact Roy Winder – 01929 471456

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

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Organist Tim Colquhoun, Heatherdown, Brock Hill - 471360

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**BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS**

**Bere Regis Sidesmen**
- 7th November: 9.15 Mr Bates / Mr House
- 6.00 Mrs Jutting
- 14th/21st November: Mrs England and RBL Representatives
- 28th November: 11.00 Miss Miller

**December**
- 5th November: 9.15 Mr House / Mr Bates
- 6.00 Mrs Jutting

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**Bere Regis Evensong Readers**
- 7th November: Mrs Jutting
- 21st November: Mrs Lewis
- December: 5th November: Mrs Jutting

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**Cleaning and Dusting**
- 6th and 13th November: Mrs J Woodward, Mrs C Tucker, Mrs R Cleave
- Mrs M Miller, Mrs E Munroe
- 20th and 27th November: Mr E Green, Mrs H Green
- Mrs J Gibbs, Mrs C Burden
- 4th and 11th December: Miss S Frampton, Mrs H Loxton, Mr T Bates
- Mr G Phillips, Mrs R Phillips

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**Sanctuary Flower Guild**
- 7th November: Mrs J Clifford / Mrs H Loxton
- 14th/21st November: Mrs P House
- 28th November: Mrs J Herring / Mrs J Kinahan

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**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**
- 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall

**Autumn Leaves (over 50s)**
- 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall
- Contact Mary Lillie – 471365

**Babysitting Circle**
- 6.00 - 7.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

**Beavers (6-8 yrs)**
- 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

**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.

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- 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

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**Intercessions:**
- 14 November, J Haigh; 28 November, A Grindrod

**Chalice:**
- 14 November, J Haigh; 28 November, T Lane

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## CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

### Tuesday 2\(^{nd}\) November  All Souls’ Day
7.00pm Short service of remembrance for our departed love ones
   Bere Regis

### Sunday 7\(^{th}\) November - Third Sunday before Advent
(Trinity 22)
8.00am Holy Communion  
   Aftpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  
   Bere Regis
11.00am Mattins & Communion  
   Aftpuddle
6.00pm Evensong  
   Bere Regis

### Sunday 14\(^{th}\) November – Remembrance Sunday
Second Sunday before Advent (Trinity 23)
8.00am Holy Communion  
   Bere Regis
9.00am Act of Remembrance at Briantspuddle War Memorial
9.30am Parish Communion  
   Aftpuddle
10.50am Remembrance Service  
   Bere Regis
3.30pm Evensong  
   Aftpuddle

### Sunday 21\(^{st}\) November – Christ the King
(Sunday next before Advent)
8.00am Holy Communion  
   Aftpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  
   Bere Regis
11.00am Family Communion  
   Aftpuddle
6.00pm Evensong  
   Bere Regis

### Wednesday 24\(^{th}\) November
7.30pm Confirmation Service  
   East Lulworth

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Sunday 28th November – Advent Sunday
8.00am Holy Communion Bere Regis  
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle  
11.00am Mattins & Communion Bere Regis

Sunday 5th December – Second Sunday of Advent
8.00am Holy Communion Affpuddle  
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis  
11.00am Mattins & Communion Affpuddle  
6.00pm Evensong Bere Regis

100 Watt Club
1st prize - £10  
MRS H LOXTON - NO 65
2nd prize - £10  
E VEAL - NO 164
3rd prize - £5  
MRS H POLE - NO 122
4th prize - £5  
K GIBSON - NO 245

New members are always welcome.

Please contact Gordon Phillips for details – 471525
Bere Regis Church News

From the Registers

Baptisms
At St Laurence, Affpuddle,
Imogen Eve Brown on 10th October

Weddings
At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
Adam Hart & Nicola Dunn on 16th October

Funerals
At St Laurence, Affpuddle
Mary Hughes Nunny on 23rd September
At Poole Crematorium
Norman Griffin on 12th October

Bere Regis Bellringers

You will probably have noticed that four of the bells were rung on Sunday 10th and for the wedding on the following Saturday. Due to the forethought of Mr Griffin and the small, but very important, adjustment of the position of some internal scaffolding, which he was able to get done, this was possible. We soon hope to have all six back in action when the work is completed and the scaffolding can be removed.

Practices should soon be restarting on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm.

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THE BERE REGIS CHURCH TOWER APPEAL

Progress on the repair Work
The scaffolding went up in early September and a temporary roof cover was put in place. This seemed to be the cue for gales and rain to sweep in! In spite of the dreadful weather, good progress has been made and so far no major snags.

The main beam has been successfully enclosed in a steel splint, new steel beams put in place, and new woodwork fitted to support the roof. From the condition of the rotten beam, it is little short of miraculous that the roof had not fallen in. The builders have now been able to adjust the internal scaffolding so that 4 of the bells can be used. Today, Sunday 10th October, they rang out again for the 11 o'clock service.

Work will now continue on the roof, involving two tonnes of new lead!

Progress on the Fund raising
Almost £1,000 has been received in the last month.

A number of the individual donations have come from villagers who have known the Church all their lives and their parents before them. Special meaning for them, and special appreciation to them for their generosity.

Some of the villagers from Affpuddle, Briantspuddle and Turnerspuddle marked their Gift Day envelopes for the tower appeal and £120 came in this way.

The Tower Open Weekend run by the bellringers and their friends raised £205.

A concert in the Church given by 'Cantamus' was greatly appreciated by those able to attend. We are sorry for the choir that there was a clash with the 'Performer of the Year' evening, resulting in rather low attendance. Nevertheless, it was a memorable performance and resulted in a handsome contribution.

To everyone who has contributed this month, very grateful thanks.

How much more do we need? And how can we help?
We have now raised £28,500 but it is not over yet! We still need £6,500 to reach our target of £35,000. Please consider an individual donation, however small. If you can think of an organisation that might be prepared to help, please let the Treasurer know.
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. Completing a Gift Aid form (available from Gordon) will maximise the value of your contribution.

Finally, don’t forget the special fund raising feast that Elaine is organising for Saturday December 11th at the British Legion hall.

J.C.

Stained Glass Windows Appeal

Progress

Last month I wrote of the need to raise £15,000 to protect the stained glass windows from further vandalism. Here is a brief update.

A quotation from Bristol Stained Glass, who are leaded light specialists, has been accepted for the supply of fitted, black powder coated, stainless steel shields. The proposed work, which has been determined with our architect, has just received the approval of the Diocese.

We now have to raise the money. The Treasurer has started the process of contacting organisations who might be receptive to supporting this particular need. But as with the tower, our own fund raising will be essential.

A Bit of History

The stained glass windows date from the major restoration that took place between 1875 and 1878. This work was inspired by the Reverend Francis Warre and carried out to a scheme prepared by Sir George E. Street, the architect also responsible for the Law Courts in The Strand. All the stained glass is by J. Hardman & Co. of Birmingham. The founder of the business, John Hardman, worked closely with Augustus Welby Pugin, the architect and pioneer of the 19th century revival of stained glass.

The west tower window tells the history of St. John the Baptist, patron saint of the church. Working round from the north west, the windows are of the nativity and life of...
**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

| Whist alternate Thursday evenings |
| Bingo every Sunday evening |
| Gardening Club first Tuesday each month |
| Everyone welcome – contact Secretary 472620 |

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**LOGS FROM THE LUMBERJACK**

Seasoned Hardwood Logs  
(no softwood)

Cut and split to customers’ requirements

Reg Adams  
Pennyside  
Bere Regis, Wareham  
BH20 7JF

Full Nissan Cabstar load - local delivery |

£85

Minimum delivery 1/2 load (local only)  
£45  
(1/2 load equivalent to ‘pick-up’ load)

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**FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION FOR CHARITY**

Okenden International is a charity which resettles refugees and displaced persons in their own country, having offered education and training, while they are waiting.

Any old foreign coins/paper money can be sold for cash! I am glad of any unwanted currency – any amount is welcome.

And thank you for all your generosity in the past.

Thank you

Sybil Frampton

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Jesus. The chancel windows depict the passion, crucifixion and resurrection. Along the south side are represented scenes from Revelations. Thus the windows tell of the coming, the life of Jesus and the hereafter and would certainly have been used to teach and to illustrate sermons.

Above the tombs of the Turbervilles is the unique armorial window depicting the coats of arms of those who held the Manor at Bere Regis from the time of King John. At the top, Simon de Montfort, Edmund Plantagenet, the Abbess of Tarrant and then downwards through the successive Turbervilles to the Drax family.

**The Appeal Fund**

Twenty one windows in all have to be protected. If you would like to help, donations can be handed to the Vicar, Treasurer or Church Wardens. Perhaps you might consider sponsoring an individual window; or simply to contribute to the overall cost. Please note that cheques should be made out to “BRPCC Stained Glass Windows” and as before, Gift Aid would increase the value of your contribution.

J.C.
Bere Regis Junior Church

The next Children’s Activity morning will be about

Remembrance

on Sunday, 14th November

in Bere Regis Church
10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

All children between ages 4 & 10 are very welcome.

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

And why not join us for the Family Service (11.00-11.30am) with refreshments for everyone.
was due to take place twenty four years ago, after the sudden death of Norman Reed and has been doing it ever since.

Is there anyone out there who feels they can take over this annual event held the first Saturday in August? Next year’s judges have been booked and the schedule sorted, but this can be altered. Selwyn is prepared to give as much help as possible in the first year of change over.

Our sincere thanks go to Selwyn and Jean for their work over the last twenty four years.

If you can help please contact me and I’ll put you in touch with Selwyn.

**Music/Entertainment Quiz and Supper**

Saturday 20th November 8.00 p.m.

Tickets available from Eric Rolls, Jean McGrorty, Jenny Beadle, the Social club and hopefully the Village Shop.

For further information, phone me Sue Jeanes on 01258 837267

**UK VILLAGES WEB SITE**

Affpuddle and Briantspuddle don’t yet have their own village website. Local businesses may be interested to know that there is a very useful web site called ukvillages.com on which advertisements, information and publicity may be placed.

John Mileham can give you help and guidance on how to go about this.

Robert Mileham 01929 472351

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**Notice to all regular Advertisers**

It is now the time of the year to start thinking about your advertisement for next year — I shall be sending out renewal notices in November.

If you want to make any changes to your ad, it would be wise to get new artwork produced now, so that it’s ready for 2005.

Editor

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**Bere Regis Junior Church**

Are looking!

Do you like working with young children? and have a spare hour once a month, between 10am and 11am, prior to the Family Service to help with our thriving Junior Church.

We have lots of fun with various creative activities, stories, music & prayers. You don’t have to be Arty or Crafty but we would welcome any new ideas.

If you are interested and would like some more information, please contact Karen Smith on 01929 471339
Village skittles
These were held on Saturday 2nd October with eight teams taking part. Bladen Social club A were the winners with the PCC as runner ups.

Harvest Auction
To raise funds for Affpuddle Church, a harvest auction was held on Thursday 7th October. This raised £190. Ivor Mullins was the auctioneer, closely watched by Ted Steele. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event in any way.

Winter skittles
This is now underway with six club teams in the Monday League and two teams playing in the Dorchester league on Fridays

Bingo - still every Thursday (none on 11th November)
Quiz - every other Friday - 12th and 26th November
Christmas Quiz - Friday 17th December

New Windows
The new windows for the porch have now been made and installed. Thanks to Ken Fox of Dorchester and Bert Jeanes. I've got the job of painting them when time and weather permits.

Horticultural Show
HELP - It is with regret that we have to advise that Dr Selwyn McGrorty has decided he no longer wishes to organise the show. Selwyn stepped in to run the show just weeks before it
SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER
BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS
at St Osmund's Church, Osmington
7.30 pm
AN ADVENT CONCERT
Conductor: Dr Richard Hall
Organist: David Bruce-Payne
Tickets £6
from
01305 832966
01305 833681
More information from Jane Soole 01305 832069
A Christmas Programme with

The October meeting was held in Church when Rev Ron Wood the Vicar of Sixpenny Handley celebrated Holy Communion. There were 12 members present with apologies from - Margaret Bartlett, Olive Curtis, Shirley Day, Mary Fegan, Edie Green, Angela Jones, Kay Marsh, Brenda Pittfield, Penny Sharman and Ian Woodward.

Hazel thanked Rev Ron Wood for taking the Service, and said we wished Ron and Pam all the best for their new Parish in the New Year.

Hazel informed us that Shirley Day’s operation was successful, and we wish her all the best for a pleasant recovery.

The next meeting will be on the 3rd November 2004 at Turberville Court, AGM and sale of Mother’s Union Christmas Cards.

Kay Abbott, Secretary, 472258
BLOXWORTH CAROLS

As well as the annual performance of a selection of local carols collected by the former vicar of Bloxworth, Rev Pickard-Cambridge, at Bloxworth Church on Sunday 12th December at 3.00pm, this year Richard Hall, the Bloxworth carollers and instrumentalists have agreed to give another performance at Bere Regis Church at 5.30pm on the same day.

For those who have never been to Bloxworth to hear these very rousing carols this is a chance to come to your local church to listen to, and even join in some of them. There will be a retiring collection towards church funds.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN

Thank you to the five stalwart women and one stalwart man who polished all the pews and other furniture, vacuumed the hassocks and polished the floors on 2nd October. The church looked gorgeous and an odour of polish was mixed with that of sanctity!

Philippa Thorniley

HARVEST PRODUCE

The following letter has been received from Mr. Smith, the Manager of Leonard Cheshire Homes in Dorchester.

“Thank you for once again donating the produce of your Harvest Festival to our homes. The young people do enjoy the food and we are especially appreciative of the efforts made to make jams and chutneys from the produce. Please pass on our grateful thanks to the PCC and all the congregation.”

VILLAGE SCRAP BOOK

I am indebted to Terry and Dawn Lane of Briantspuddle for the gift of an intriguing collection of documents dating from February 1939 to July 1939. They came to light during a late Spring Clean (from the back of an old cupboard at their home) and concern the evacuation of refugees from Germany, with particular regard to children. The documents consist of:-

A letter from E.N. Cooper of the Home Office (Aliens Department) Page Street, London addressed to Sir Charles Stead, CBE, MVO, (no address given), dated 22 June 1939.

A letter addressed to Dear Secretary from Oliver Dyke, After Care Department for the Movement for the Care of Children from Germany, Ltd (British Inter-Aid Committee) based in Bloomsbury House, Bloomsbury Street, London W.C.I, dated 26 June 1939, and two letters addressed to Dear Sir/Madam both from the same movement (again no address given) and both dated 5 July 1939, one of which asks for information on any boys wishing to train in agriculture.

There are 6 booklets included in the bundle, 4 of which are monthly Bulletins of the Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees covering February to May 1939; a memorandum of Information concerning Local Guardian Committees May 1939, and a booklet on The Homecraft Method and refugee Communities 1939.

Terry has suggested that, in view of Sir Ernest Debenham’s pioneering work in the agricultural field, he may have been approached for assistance with the evacuation scheme. Prior to the conversion of the Dairy Ring to private dwellings (where the documents were found) the Ring was the base for Sir Ernest’s Model Dairy and other business interests.

I am aware that children from Europe, many of them Jewish, were sent away to safety at that time, and I would be very interested in hearing from anyone who may have some knowledge or thoughts on Dorset’s role in the scheme, with particular reference to Briantspuddle. I can be contacted on 01929-471577.

Jenny Silavs
come and join us at the

Briantspuddle Christmas Fair
Saturday 4th December
at 2 p.m.

in the
Village Hall
Briantspuddle

Father Christmas
will arrive at
2.30 p.m.
so don’t be late!

Christmas gifts, teas, bric-a-brac,
cakes, raffle. Meet Father Christmas
and have a festive time!
entrance free

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP

We have reached the end of another season and thanks to the very hard work of many volunteers, the churchyard has been kept well under control and looking good during the year. This was in spite of global warming and grass growing ever faster and longer! Thank you all very much.

The Autumn Clear-up is planned for the morning of Saturday 27th November from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon.

Please come along if you can spare an hour or two (hot drinks around a bonfire will be laid on). There are the usual end-of-season chores, including leaf-clearing, path clearing and generally tidying up for the winter. Helpful tools to bring along include rakes, spades, forks, strimmers, loppers, path-edging tools and receptacles for collecting leaves. I look forward to seeing you there; the more the merrier!

If you are unavailable on 27th November but would be happy to help at another time, please phone me to discuss what needs to be done.

Any queries – please phone me on 01929 471747  Sandy Moriarty

ST LAURENCE’S CHURCH AFFPUDDLE.

The Vicars’ Board

The Vicars’ board was made from an oak wardrobe formerly used in the vestry and purchased by The Reverend Dennis Shaw, second-hand, in 1977 from Mr. Roy Hogg, the upholsterer, in Bere Regis. It cost £8. Early in 2004, Mr Ivan Cox converted the now redundant wardrobe into a board. When finished, Mr Cox and Audrey Grindrod took the board to the sign writer, Mr. Andrew Hand, in Bournemouth. It was finally completed in May 2004, and hung in the church during that summer by Sandy Moriarty, the Church Warden, assisted by his wife, Erica.

The total cost of the board was £745. To raise funds, coffee mornings were held at Audrey Grindrod’s home in 2000 and 2001, which raised £434. Later came a donation of £150 and the PCC agreed to pay the remainder, which amounted to £161. The board was blessed on October 10th 2004.
An inscription on the back of the board gives the names of the carpenter and the sign writer with the date when it was made. Though the list of names is very long, beginning in 1326, it is a worthy reminder of the thousands of people who have worshipped in this lovely church during very nearly seven hundred years.

Audrey Grindrod

Vicars of Affpuddle

1326 ? ADAM
1327 THOMAS BEAUCHAMP DE CHABREDON
1348 JOHN MEIR DE OSMINTON
1361 JOHN HYNE
1428 JOHN BOLE
1446 JOHN BARON
1453 RICHARD PORTER
1455 JOHN TREBELE
1461 JOHN BARON
1463 JOHN HOWCHYN
1477 THOMAS ROLY
1479 JOHN CRANBORN
1525 WILL ELYS
1534 THOMAS LILLYGTON (still vicar in 1552)
1711 JOHN LEGG
1728 CHARLES RYAL
1738 JAMES YOUNG
1750 FILL COX
1756 SAMUEL LAMBERT MILBORNE
1787 WILLIAM M. ETTRICKE
1808 JAMES LEONARD JACKSON
1828 RICHARD WALDY
1868 HENRY PEARCE WILLIAMSFREEMAN
1902 WILLIAM SHIRLEY
1908 HORACE MORLEY BROWN
1913 HUGH BASIL BROWN
1934 LEONARD COOK
1937 GEORGE CHATTERTON
1940 WILLIAM FREDERICK GRACE
1943 PAUL MEYER OSBORNE
1946 CHARLES BUCKINGHAM BAKER
1954 BADEN BALL
1960 HERBERT ALLISON JOHNSON
1977 DENNIS SHAW
1984 JONATHAN BURKE
1993 GRAHAM ROBLIN
2002 IAN WOODWARD

A letter has just been received from Mrs. Nickinson, the Director of Fundraising at Joseph Weld Hospice.

"On behalf of everyone connected with Joseph Weld and Trimar Hospice, Dorset’s Hospice and Respite Care Centre, may I thank you very much indeed for forwarding to us this most generous donation raised from the raffle at your recently held barn dance. Please will you pass on my gratitude to everyone concerned at Briantspuddle Hall Committee."

£120 was raised by the raffle held at the barn dance on 25th September.

Philippa Thorniley

Briantspuddle Post Office and Village Shop

The AGM for Briantspuddle Post Office and Village Shop will be held in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Thursday, 9th December 2004 at 7:30 pm, everyone is welcome. It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend.

The Shop Committee will be elected on this evening and Friends of the Post Office and Shop will be invited to take part in the election of the committee for the coming year.

Nomination forms are available in the shop and should be forwarded to Judy Cowley, Alderley, School Lane, Briantspuddle, Tel. No.: 01929 471574, no later than 2nd December 2004.
tickets will cost. I am hoping for approval from Moviola to charge £3 but I may be overruled and the tickets might cost £4.

On 27th November we have the first of the Artsreach productions. Mellstock Band will perform their Christmas show “Christmas is Come”. They last performed at Briantspuddle in 1997. It will be a polished and entertaining show. Tickets costing £6.00 are available from me, Philippa Thorniley, from the beginning of November.

Some dates for your 2005 diary, Tasie Russell from the Briantspuddle Wildlife Group has asked me to remind you about the Group’s January talk to be given by our very own Graham Lightfoot about the River Piddle. This talk will be on Wednesday 19th January.

I have finally got a date for the “Golden Goose”. This film together with other Dorset Films will be shown in Briantspuddle Village Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 16th January. The film will be followed by a splendid home made high tea. (All the Village Hall cooks will be hard at work making delicious cakes, scones, tea bread, sandwiches etc. etc.) This is a date not to be missed. Further details in the December and January magazines. (For those who have only recently come to live in the Parish “The Golden Goose” is a film made by Angela Lady Debenham, Lady Neill’s mother, with all the parts played by villagers. It was made in the early sixties on locations in and around the village. It was last shown as part of the 1997 Purbeck Film Festival).

Philippa Thorniley

THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

At the last meeting of the Parish Council Paul Badcock indicated that he had had enough as far as the Development Project was concerned. He was disheartened by the length of time it was taking to make any progress.

On 29th September a special meeting of the Briantspuddle Hall Committee was held to discuss the problems of the project. At this meeting Paul formally tendered his resignation from the Development Project. There is now no leader of the Development Project. After discussion it was agreed to defer any further progress on the project until the boundaries and other matters have been dealt with by the Parish Council.

The Hall Committee is concerned that work on disabled access and the installation of a disabled toilet which was to have been included in the Development Project have been set back. Plans are being explored to convert the ladies W.C. into a dual disabled/ladies toilet. This will be a temporary solution until such time as the project is resumed and the hall improvements are updated.

Philippa Thorniley

AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNESSPUDDLE PCC

The most recent meeting of the PCC was held on 21 September at the Vicarage, Bere Regis, and chaired by the Vicar. Key points reported, discussed or agreed were as follows:

Vicars’ Board: this is now erected in the church, recording the names and dates of vicars of Affpuddle back to the fourteenth century; dedication on 10 October. Audrey Grindrod was thanked for all her work in researching and producing this.

Hire charges: were agreed for use of the church for a private concert in November.

Historic Churches Bike Ride: thanks were expressed for all who rode in, or helped with, this on 11 September, with a special mention of Emma Menzies, aged 6, who rode 16 miles.

Gift Day: this raised £350 for Affpuddle and £110 for the Bere Regis tower repairs.

Charities of the Year: these will be Farm Africa and the Joseph Weld Foundation.

Deanery Synod: at their meeting on 23 June, members heard explanations of the work of Church House, Salisbury, and the roles of the various diocesan boards and committees; also about the healing ministry in Dorset Archdeaconry. The “Fairer Share” proposals, for a new system for allocating parishes’ quota contributions, continue to cause misgivings to members but it was noted that the Diocesan Synod had approved the proposals by a large majority.

Parish Magazine: due to the costs of producing it, the difficulties of the current system for collecting subscriptions in arrears, of raising more advertising revenue and of making the magazine more appealing to readers in Affpuddle parish were discussed. Members of the parish are urged to provide more material for the magazine. Meanwhile, starting in 2005, it will only be delivered where subscriptions are paid in advance; a note will go out with January’s issue explaining this.

Events being arranged: “Comparative religion” talks on Islam and Judaism in the Village Hall in late November or December; a concert in Affpuddle church by the Casterbridge Male Voice Choir in early 2005 in support of the Bere Regis church tower appeal; programme of services over the Christmas period (see next month’s magazine for these).

Church lighting: improvements were noted and are continuing, and Sandy Moriarty was particularly thanked for arranging restoration of the chandelier; he is the only person who should touch this as it is easily damaged.

Furniture: a contractor has inspected the pews for woodworm and reported no reason for concern at present. Dampness affecting vestry cupboards can be
reduced if flower arrangers avoid putting wet oasis away in them. Ideas were progressed for further furnishing of the vestry, and of the children’s corner in the north aisle.

Churchyard: the new storage box will be used for gardening equipment and items which currently cause clutter in the vestry, but not for high value items as it will not be locked. Adjustments and repairs are in hand to the churchyard gate and the notice board. The autumn churchyard clean-up will take place on 27 November. Sandy Moriarty has now taken over the mowing rota from John Solly, and wishes to extend the rota at each end due to the longer grass-growing seasons we now experience.

Faculties: it was agreed to make two faculty applications, one for some essential repairs to fittings on the church tower to keep rainwater out, and another for the installation of a stone bench on the south side of the Peace Garden (precise position to be finalised) in memory of Mrs Judith Ram and her daughter Carolyn Bennett.

The PCC will meet next on Tuesday 11 January at Bladen Tye, Briantspuddle.

JH

TRASH INTO CASH FOR THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Do you have any of the following?

Used inkjet printer cartridges

Unwanted mobile phones

These can be recycled for cash in aid of the Mission to Seafarers, which cares for seafarers around the world. If you have any of these which you would like to donate for this purpose, please take them to Penny Haigh at Hazel Cottage, 25 Briantspuddle (leave them on the doorstep if there is no reply) or phone Penny on 01929 471768 and she will collect them from you.

Please note that toner bottles and cartridges, ribbons and Epson cartridges are not included in this scheme.

PH

Village Hall News

On 22nd September the first of the Autumn lectures/films was held. Linda Poulsen who used to be the Education Officer at the Museum gave a very interesting talk with illustrations about Mediaeval Pilgrimage which was a form of early tourism. Pilgrims visited various sites throughout England and Europe to purge their sins and to see sacred relics. From what Linda told us it would have needed a forest of trees to provide all the wood for relics of the True Cross and the Holy Blood of Halles Abbey had to be supplemented with duck’s blood! The talk was an interesting insight to our ancestors attitudes to religion. In England the pilgrimage business was swept away with the Reformation when the King’s commissioners revealed the various scams employed by the various pilgrimage sites.

The Barn Dance which was held on 25th September was as usual a wonderful evening which everyone enjoyed. Ivor Hand provided the music with Ms Gundry doing the “calling”. Jenny Lightfoot excelled herself and provided a delicious supper. The profit is expected to be in the region of £200 and the proceeds of the raffle, which amounted to £120, were given to Joseph Weld Hospice.

In November (on 17th to be precise) there will be a film show. “Bon Voyage” is a French “Art House Film” with sub titles. It is a fast moving French comedy/drama about a group of Parisians fleeing from the German invasion in 1940. Big cast Isabelle Adjani, Gerard Depardiue, Gregori Derangere Virginie Ledoyen Yval Attal and Peter Coyote (who is American). All you aspiring French speakers and those who cannot speak French come along and have some comedy with your culture. Who knows you could be surprised!

Perhaps the Bere Regis twinning association might even make the trip “over the hill” and see how much they can understand! I always think that if you have a smattering of the language you see the sub title and it makes it easier to understand the words that have been said. I must admit that when I came to the Harvest Festival service which was partly in French it was fascinating to see the French version of familiar prayers and Bible passages. At the moment I am not sure how much the
Windgreen Corfe Mullen 3: Bere Regis 1

A better effort than last week, but Bere still cannot that elusive first point of the season. The most memorable part of the game was Nick White’s contribution, cramming more into twenty minutes of football than most mere mortals can do in a season. Firstly, he lashed in a marvellous goal just to remind us all of what we have been missing in his absence through injury. Secondly, he got booked, once again just to remind the referees what they have been missing during his absence through injury. Finally, he got injured again, probably to avoid any more bookings and a serious cash flow problem as a result. Bere missed more than enough chances to take this game, but on the bright side at least they made the chances.

Adam has yet to field his strongest eleven so must be fairly encouraged with a closer result, but there is still a long, long way to go yet.

Bere Regis 0: Branksome Railway 9 (CUP)

They say that if you have nothing good to say, say nothing........

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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The October meeting was preceded by a presentation by the Police. The local Commander Inspector Downer, was accompanied by her Sergeant, a Special Constable and our new Community Beat Officer, PC Lyn Adams. Each described their tasks in countering crime in this area. They were quizzed in detail by Parishioners about particular incidents, particularly in the vicinity of The Cross. PC Adams is very keen to meet as many people as possible when she is undertaking her duties as our CBO, however it must be understood that that is only one of her tasks. We welcomed her to Bere Regis and we look forward to seeing her around the streets.

Modern policing, using fewer Constables, requires good communications. Unless incidents are reported the Police can not take action to resolve it. Many times it has been stated that when an incident is reported it is essential to note the date and the time, to obtain the name of the person to whom the report is made and to obtain a Crime Number. It is then possible to trace the incident, if necessary, at a later date.

Complaints have been made that the telephone messages are not dealt with effectively or that one is left in limbo as it has proved impossible to get a contact with the Police. It is essential to be patient and calm throughout. The Police advised us of another number to be used in reporting incidents. In emergency situations then use 999. If it is a lesser incident use 552222 as this connects to a service which links all Police Stations. Thus if Wareham is busy or unmanned then the message is passed to another Station that is available and then passed to the relevant Section to be dealt with. The Police require our help and given that they do reduce the fear of crime. Compared with many other places we are fortunate to live in a safe area.

The Council also had a briefing from Mr Andrew Brown, of The Dorset County Council, concerning the Safe Routes to School. This will be the subject of an Exhibition and Public Consultation at the School on November 10th. As the road up by the School is predominant in this matter everybody concerned with any thoughts on that road should try to attend and make comments.

The Council draw your attention to the excellent start that has been made towards the compilation of the Parish Plan. This is your chance to produce a Plan that will guide the Parish Council in the future. So many people wish later that
On the bright side, Bere stuffed them like a turkey at Christmas! From the moment that the keeper punched a wicked corner from Adam into his own net Bere never looked back. This time it was Shaun Cope’s turn to plunder a flimsy defence and get his first hat trick of the season. A sublime back heel from brother Wayne set him up for his first goal and Bere headed down the tunnel 2-0 up and looking prettier than the cast of Hollyoaks. This despite several glaring misses that should give Adam and Wayne nightmares for weeks.

The second half started shakily for Bere. A penalty for Shaftesbury after young Mosser tried the type of tackle that his uncle would have been proud of in his heyday, forget the ball where’s the man! At 2-1 the game, like Graham Norton, could have gone either way. Luckily, Shaun Cope was on hand to latch on to a through ball and slot home. Unfortunately, Bere’s defence lapsed again and another penalty could have brought Shaftesbury right back into the game. They had not reckoned on the agility of Neal Percy as he guessed the right way and held the ball at the second attempt. The finale was left to Shaun Cope as an inch perfect free kick from Rob White found him in space and he lashed the ball on the volley into the net from fully 25 yards out.

Mission accomplished Bere made their merry way home, wondering who they would get in the next round. Unfortunately, Bere missed the glamour teams like Drimpton and Pymore (Dean’s personal favourite, but only because he mixed up the syllables) and have ended with a home tie against Piddlehinton. Football’s coming home looks like it!!

Sundays
Bere Regis 2: Sandford 9

This could be a long and hard season for Bere’s youngsters in Division 1, where the cream of Dorset football awaits them ... a small consolation at the end of the day. You learn from your mistakes and the team certainly learnt a lot in this game!
embarrassing own goals or leg breaking tackles from these hardened supporters. Handley, like Tony Blair on the Iraq war, had no answers and were relieved to be only 4-0 down at half time.

The second half was a bit more pedestrian as Bere took their foot off the accelerator and moved to cruise control. In contrast with the first half, the defence had a bit of work to do, but with the class of White, Spivey, Moore and Rogerson at the back, Dave was little troubled in goal. The only two rays of light in a very murky half were the two headed goals by the Regis. First, an absolute blinder from Si Walker as he rose like a salmon to power the ball in off the bar. Second, Deano Rogerson chased the ball across the area like a terrier and still managed to head in unmarked. Now holding a very healthy lead, Kev felt confident enough to bring on the subs, giving Kevin Port, Adam Moss and Paddles a bit of a run (or a stroll in Paddles case). It was good to see the future of Bere Regis in young Adam Moss, fresh from his U18 Dorset trials, who knows he may even get off with probation!

Back to the game though and despite Paddles forgetting his goalkeeping gloves (a bit like Schumacher leaving his car in the car park) no more goals were seen and Bere ran out deserved 6-0 winners. Bere remain top of the league, although a stiffer test awaits in the form of AC Matravars, unbeaten in Div 4 last year and more pumped up than Arnie’s pecs. Bring it on!!

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A new timetable – just for Bere Regis – is being produced. It will be delivered throughout the Parish within the next month – make sure that you get your copy.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 11th November at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall.

BERE REGIS PARISH PLAN

The Rural White Paper in November 2000, “Our Countryside – The Future” launched parish plans as part of a shift to more devolved government. The aim is for local communities to take more control of their own lives, to say what they want doing in their own neighbourhoods and to work with others to get it done.

Parish plans link into district and regional plans. If we are clear what we want for the parish and where our priorities lie, we will be in a much stronger position to make it happen. We will be able to fight our corner for limited funds just as well as other parishes who have already completed plans.

A parish plan is a statement of how the community sees itself developing over the next few years. It:

- reflects the views of all sections of the community;
- identifies which features and local characteristics people value;
- identifies local problems and opportunities;
- spells out how residents want the community to develop in the future;
- prepares a plan of action to achieve this vision.

So what are we doing about it?

Earlier this year, the Parish Council obtained a budget from the Countryside Agency and called for volunteers to undertake the task of developing a plan for Bere Regis. Having initiated the project, the Council will take a back seat whilst parishioners themselves develop the plan. The plan has to be completed within a year.

A small group of volunteers has now met to think through how we might approach the task; how we can establish what are the most important
considerations for the village; who might need to get involved; the likely timetable etc. The idea is to suggest how we might do the Plan for Bere Regis and then to ask the whole village to approve the process before starting the real work.

We need more volunteers! There will be opportunities to get involved at every stage and in many different ways. If you have skills that you think may be helpful, contacts with particular groups in our community, access to resources that might be helpful, or simply a strong wish to be part of building the future, please get in touch! The start-up group is still settling but John Cleave (471 463) who is chairing it, or Jim Parsons (471 050) would be very pleased to hear from you.

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thanks to a controversial goal from Shaun Cope that seemed to have offside written all over it, but given that their linesman was from a different solar system, let alone planet, the referee waved play on and Shaun scored. To say that Bere simply went to sleep after this goal would be like saying Rip Van Winkle had a cat nap! Sloppy substituting meant that Bere played three minutes with only ten men, as Adam tried to extricate himself from all kinds of jewellery, leaving so many holes that when the wind was in the right direction you could hear a little tune coming from his face! Sloppy defending gave the Marshall two clear heading opportunities, which they snapped up with glee and from an unassailable position Bere were starting to look nervous. Thankfully Bere had given themselves enough of a lead to hold out and another three points were safely banked. One supporter was even heard to say that this was the best team he had seen playing at the Rec for some years, his guide dog just barked!

Still, maximum points from three games are all you can ask for and Bere remained the team to catch.

**Bere Regis: 6 Handley Sports 0**

Despite sitting pretty at the top of the league and Handley languishing near the bottom, Kevin impressed on his players that there are no easy games in this league and Bere could not relax against any team. Nobody listened of course, but coincidentally this was certainly how Bere played in the first half.

The team was, largely, unchanged from the winning formula of last week, with the only exception being a rest week for Paddles at his own insistence due to his habitual back problem (net rash from last week!). This consistency has started an almost psychic (or psychotic in Kev’s case) relationship as they stroked the ball around with consummate ease. Bere had more movement than Mr Timberlake; more hunger than Mr Prescott; and more ideas than Mr Einstein. Handley were mere spectators in a maelstrom of football as Hurricane Wayne hit town and caused the kind of damage that only Florida can understand. With brother Shaun as chief provider Wayne plundered his third hat trick in four games in the first half alone, each one a delight. The best of the four goals in the first half, though, was provided by Squint in a move that would have had Brian Clough looking down approvingly. Instinctive one touch passing down the left, an inch perfect cross from Wayne and an unstoppable finish from Tony even earned a round of applause from the crowd, an honour normally reserved for
celebrations usually reserved for winning a cup final; or Kev Cox buying a drink; or Stu or Al Moore helping with the nets; with more hugs than a love struck bear. Bere played out the last few minutes with little problem and pocketed another three points.

With two wins in a row, Bere found themselves in a surprise first place after two games. Luckily, Kev Cox doesn’t know the meaning of the word complacency (no really, he doesn’t!) so the visit of Sturminster Marshall next week should keep Bere on their toes.

Bere Regis 6: Stur Marshall Res 4

Bere have always struggled against the Stur, as shown by two cringe worthy draws last year. However, with the same team available this week as last Kev must have felt hopeful.

This thought soon passed as within five minutes of the start the visitors took the lead with a goal softer than a streaker in the Arctic. Despite this setback, or maybe even because of it, Bere soon established their dominance and were soon playing the passing game that reaped such dividends against Cranborne. The midfield are improving with every game and they gelled once again this week with slick passing, great movement and Neal ‘pacey’ Percy showing the kind of speed that would have Linford Christie trailing in his wake (and that’s with half a ton of jewellery pierced about his body!!). The other bonus is Wayne Cope playing in a patch more purple than a whole field full of grapes. Magic touch, inspirational passing and the finishing to match he is starting to look more like Rooney every day, just a few trips to Soho and he’s made it. The first goal saw the Cope brothers at their best as a fierce cross shot from Shaun found Wayne steaming in to side foot from close range. From thereon in the first half was all Bere as they pulled Stur apart. They took the lead thanks to Wayne once again as he rounded the keeper only to hit the post and find Neal Percy picking up the pieces, slotting the ball into an empty net. Bere went in at half time 2-1 up and looking good. The second half started just as well as Wayne picked up from where he left off, teasing the defender into a rash challenge in the penalty area and winning a penalty. Shaun confidently placed the ball, despite missing four practice penalties before the game, and powered the ball into the net. The game soon became even more like Wayne’s World as he scored twice in quick succession for his second hat trick in three games, equalling his total tally for last season in just three games, I’d like to see Henry manage that!! Bere were 5-1 up and cruising, but you can never turn your back for a moment with Bere and before you could say defensive mix up Stur had pulled one back. Bere further increased their lead

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**The rebuilding work inside the Hall is going well and is on schedule. The Hall has been able to be used but only the new disabled toilet is available for use as yet. We anticipate completion of the inside work in the next few weeks. The roof is now leak proof so those rows of buckets which became familiar in times of rain are no longer required.**

To cover the costs of this work the Hall received grants from the County Council, The Hall and Woodhouse Community Chest, The Williams Trust, The Kingsbere Quilters, The Parish Council, The Woodbury Hill Singers, the ‘Pound for the Drax Hall’ Appeal and from The Pop in Place who organised many events. Many people have been involved throughout the Village and the Management Committee is most grateful to them all.

Watch out for the forthcoming events in addition to the normal meetings etc.

Saturday 13th November - Table Top Sale with raffle, competitions and refreshments.

Saturday 11th December – Mysto the Magician visits us – ideal for the all ages.

Monday 13th December – The Drax Hall Christmas Bingo – lots of wonderful prizes.

Remember this is your Village Hall. Please do come and use it.

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**NOTES**

I would like to thank the Bere Regis Quilters for their kind donation of £300. We are very fortunate in having such talented ladies in our village. Thank you to you all. The Exhibition was superb.

Also to Hall & Woodhouse for an award of £600 which I was privileged to receive.

A further £300 from the Williams Trust.

This is a great help towards the improvements to our Village Hall.

Kath - Chairman
FOOTBALL REPORTS

Saturdays
Bere Regis 2: Cranborne Res 1

Last year, Cranborne beat Bere twice in games tighter than Lisa Riley’s thong. This time it was Bere’s turn in stormy conditions both on and off the pitch to get a deserved three points. With a force 10 gale at their backs in the first half it was vital that Bere took enough of a lead to last the second. No surprise, therefore, that Cranborne took the lead as Dean showed the kind of co-ordination in heading the ball that would have Stephen Hawking laughing! Not only did he miss the ball completely in the wind but the ball struck his hand for a very dubious penalty decision. The penalty itself was just as comical as the Cranborne player scuffed it towards goal and Paddles dived past it. Thankfully, this was just the incentive Bere needed to have a real go at the opposition and the rest of the half saw Cranborne penned in by a Bere team more fired up than a pyromaniac in a fireworks factory. Tackles were firing in from both sides, a little bit of fisticuffs from our very own Ahmir Walker after a diabolical tackle from a Cranborne player, but Bere could still not find that elusive goal. Neal Percy was, once again, awesome going forward on the right, running the full back more ragged than a tramp on a dress down day. Yet, it was not until the last minute of the first half that Bere finally managed to get their deserved equaliser. A nice deep corner by young Percy found Wayne unmarked at the far post and his header was precision itself just inside the post.

Bere came out for the second half with some trepidation given the conditions, but deciding attack is the best form of defence they went for the throat from the off. Forced to pass the ball around due to the wind conditions they suddenly found how easy it is to play the game of football. Confidence oozed through the team as the midfield snapped into the tackles, the defence became an impregnable barrier and the forwards played with the kind of understanding that comes from years of practice in the Cope back garden. All that lacked was a goal from a performance that eventually forced Cranborne into a hit and hope approach, which almost worked but for one of those Spivey tackles that rolled back the years to the time he had hair and pace (sounds like a comedy duo!). With ten minutes to go, Bere finally made the breakthrough that their total football deserved. An inch perfect cross from a Kev Cox free kick (I never thought I would write that!) found Squint unmarked in the area and his perfectly timed header (nor that!) arrowed into the top corner. This sparked the kind of...
Drax Hall Committee

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November 2004
Following the very successful visit of our friends from Cerences in September, a letter has been received from Jill Haywood. It is reproduced below.

“Dear Ruth
Would you please say a great big ‘thank you’ to your Committee and to all those who helped to make our weekend such a memorable event.

We were overwhelmed by your hospitality and the warmth of your welcome. For many of us it was an opportunity to renew friendships made on previous occasions; for others it was a first visit to Bere Regis, but everyone, young and old, was unanimous in saying what fantastic time they’d had, and I’m quite sure they will be talking about it for many months to come.

We really appreciate all the hard work and effort that went into organising the weekend, and we look forward to the opportunity of repaying your hospitality when you visit us in 2005.

Once again, many thanks from us all.

Love Jill.

The proposed dates for next year’s visit are the 16th—18th September 2005 — yet to be confirmed.

Shirley Day would like to thank all her friends from the village who sent cards, flowers and good wishes during her recent spell in hospital. It was really kind and thoughtful of everyone and as soon as she is out and about she will thank you all herself.

As you contemplate another dose a daily bad news in our world, remember the One Who is the Light of the World - and invite Him into your life today.

With love in Jesus’ Name

Pastor Jim Morris

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P.S. As we approach another Remembrance Day, there are increasingly fewer living survivors from the Two World Wars - all the more reason not to let their memory fade away. "They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them." An Evening Remembrance Service with the Royal British Legion will be held in Bere Regis Chapel, Butt Lane on the 14th November at 6.00pm. Please make an effort to join us for this time of worship and thanksgiving.

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Light in a dark world

I was reminded again of an important truth last month. It came in the midst of our Sunday Service worship, which although well ordered and structured, is always flexible enough for spontaneous Holy Spirit led worship. We were engaging in our usual time of open prayer for our world and our community. At such times members of the congregation are free to lead us in prayer. It had been another bad week in the world - the barbarous murder of hostage Ken Bigley; the shooting in Nottingham of a 14 year old schoolgirl; the High Court ruling on premature baby Charlotte and another senseless mass bombing, this time in an Egyptian resort frequented by ordinary Israeli families seeking solace from the fear of daily suicide bomb attempts in their own land. The prayers righty reflected the sadness and gravity of each of these tragic situations.

Towards the end of this time of intercession, someone, in obedience to the prompting of the Lord, spoke out a gentle word of encouragement from the Lord. God was speaking directly and spontaneously into our Service (yes - Our God does speak today). The words were like soothing balm and put these world events into a Christian perspective. The substance of these few words were along the lines, "do not fear, my children, for as the darkness deepens, so the light of my Son Jesus will shine the more bright in you". The lesson that I had learned many times in my life was reinforced that Sunday morning. It was a simple reminder that having a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ enables us to cope with all the dark things that are part of a world that has largely turned its back on its Creator God.

Jesus said, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink - for rivers of living water will flow from within him". (John 7:37,38). It's like a deep subterranean stream that flows deep within the human heart - and the 'flavours' of that stream are God's perfect love, a joy that does not depend on circumstances and a peace that transcends human understanding.

So as we move into the winter months, remember there is One who understands what life is all about. The One who is the Light of the World. Are you tired of the constant demands being made on your life? Jesus understands. He was pressurised by the crowds - yet he took the burdens of each day to his heavenly Father. Are you disappointed in people? Jesus understands. Remember, Judas sold Him out then sealed the deal with a kiss! Have you been unfairly treated? Jesus understands. He was accused of being 'a lush, a friend of riff-raff '. (Matthew 11:19 - The Message paraphrase). Conspiracies abounded against Him. So He is well able to help us in our daily situations.

Paraffin

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were happy to send a hit squad out but can not do it for "private" properties. I have therefore asked the owners of the Doctors' surgery and the BT building if they could organise it. These incidents also need reporting to the Police otherwise the Police tell me that it does not happen! The Council are happy to remove this unsightly graffiti immediately they are notified but are powerless to do so on, technically, private property.

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

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who sent letters and cards of condolence, to all who attended Elsie's funeral and to those who made donations to the Royal British Legion (Bere Regis) in her Memory.

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Recipe of the Month

St. Clement's Tartlets

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- 1 orange
- 1 lemon
- 30z butter
- 3oz sugar
- 2eggs, separated
- a few drops vanilla essence

Line individual tartlet tins with the pastry. Finely grate the rinds from the orange and the lemon. Cream the butter and the sugar together, beat the egg yolks and stir into the butter and sugar mix. Squeeze the orange and add 2 tablespoons of it’s juice to the mixture. Stir in the citrus rinds and the vanilla essence.

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Welcome ROGS watchers everywhere. This month the Society was on the road. All the way down to Windwhistle Golf Club in Chard, Somerset. It was a completely new venue for the Society and what a great venue it turned out to be. The course was in great condition with lush fairways and quick tricky greens, but despite that the scoring was again very impressive. The Captain as usual lead from the front with his two playing companions of Jim Corbin and Rob Hall. 26 other members and 1 guest followed and between them played good golf on a lovely course.

The long drive went to Mr John Ruskin (a topped 3 iron that went about 3 miles) next month he’s got to play his shot left handed with a blind fold on to give the rest of us mere mortals a chance to compete.

The two’s money was not won this month so it will carry over to our next venue at Ashley Wood, the near pin was won by an on form Jamie Lake, he also won best 28 handicapper (a bottle of port from the Captain) and also received a Bronze medal for his 3rd place finish. In 2nd place was Gordon Tucker and it gave me great pleasure to award the Gold medal and the Hackers Trophy to Shane Mooney with a fantastic score of 40 points.

As it was the Rob Hall Hackers Trophy, Mr Hall put up a prize for the best score on the par 3s for 20 handicappers and above which on the day went to Andy Sonner. Well done to everyone how took part.

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G Adams 31
Captain 30
K Percy 29
J Corbin 28
R Johns 28
B Whiffen 28
R Parry 27
B Jones 23
R Hall 22
T Fincham 18
Guest R Burridge 26.

2nd G Tucker 37
J Flower 35
M Crisford 31
J Ruskin 31
G Price 29
R Smith 29
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You are invited
to a Public Consultation Exhibition
to view proposals for the

Bere Regis Safer Routes to School Scheme

On
Wednesday 10th November
1pm to 8pm

in the Main Hall of Bere Regis School,
Rye Hill, Bere Regis

Officers from Dorset County Council
will be in attendance

Please Come and Have Your Say!

\[ 'Improving the quality of life for people in Dorset, now and for the future'\]
It was very pleasant to have a change of venue for the last meeting due to the alterations in the Drax Hall. The speaker was from Ridgeway radio attached to Dorchester hospital. We are now looking forward to sampling the new facilities this month in the hall, with a talk from the Air Ambulance.

The final day came and we went to the famous Cadbury World. They told us how chocolate began and how it is made. Along the way we got free chocolate and at the end we went into the biggest chocolate shop in the world! It was a phenomenal experience for everyone. That night we had a delicious dinner, and then later we sat round the fire and told funny stories.

EVERYONE agrees that all in all our camp was absolutely brilliant.

By Robyn Murray, Hannah Spurdle, Brenton Gregory, and other Scouts from Bere Regis Troop
The following days we did activities on site such as climbing, abseiling and archery with instruction by a South African man called Jason. He made it look so easy but we had a great laugh as well.

One night there was a cooking competition, each patrol had £20 to spend in the local supermarket and then come back to site to cook on open fires. Natalie was judging the meals. The “Bad lad’s army” were 3rd, “Paggle Estate” were 2nd and BIBRS were 1st.

The following day we all went to the Black Country Museum where we split into our patrol groups. We had a picnic lunch on the grass; it was a very hot day!
Summer Camp 2004, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

If you think that Scouts are all geeky lads in shorts and caps, who spend all their time telling rubbish jokes about woggles and tying knots and lighting fires, then think again! This summer ten girls and five boys spent four hours in a cramped minibus, crawling along at 50mph on the M5 to Bromsgrove. Blackwell Court Scout Campsite is where we spent the week camping in 50 year old tents that leaked in the wet (they weren’t that bad – Chairman) and we experienced cold nights in the middle of SUMMER! Despite all that we had a fantastic time throughout the whole week. The first couple of days were spent getting used to camp, for example the surroundings and setting up our latest technology patrol areas: alter fires and using sticks and string to make camp gadgets. Firewood was also collected, sawn and axed in the wood-cutting area in order to prepare a roaring flame.

After setting up we went horse riding in the Mendip hills, we also took a picnic and ate it enjoying the beautiful scenery on the moors. After our journey back from horse riding we stopped off in Bromsgrove to have a slap up meal in Pizza Hut. We all had far too much ice cream and lemonade which made us all hyper for the rest of the night.

Additional Help Required

If you are able to spare a few hours to help your community we would welcome you as a Volunteer onto our Project Team. Contact us at the Drax Hall on a Monday or Friday morning or telephone Alison on 01929-472023.

Dates for your Diary

19th November Friday Children In Need

BERE REGIS SCOUTS

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**Jumble Sale**

The Jumble Sale was a resounding success. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to this event and to the volunteers 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. This group provides a useful link for young families both as a social occasion and also for friendship. For more information contact Trish on 01929-472418.

**The 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 had a meeting on 7th October to discuss the future development of our Youth Music Group, to vote on a new name, and decide the format for the Christmas Production.

**Children In Need**

On Friday 19th November 10.00am to 12.00 noon we are running our Children In Need fund raising event. Please come along to the Drax Hall and support our effort. Everyone is welcome. All funds collected on this day will be donated direct to the BBC Children In Need appeal.

**Open Gardens 2005**

Following the feedback from this year’s very successful event we are planning to hold next years ‘Open Gardens’ on 3rd July 2005.

Although this may seem a long way ahead

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**BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’**

Having brought along their CDs, members had an enjoyable evening on the 21st September by playing a selection of their favourite tracks. However nobody ventured to give a display of disco dancing, instead all seemed happy just listening to the music, playing games of darts and pool or talk amongst themselves.

On the 16th November, members will be busy creating designs for a Christmas Card. The card designs will all go into the Dorset Youth Association annual Christmas Card Competition. The winner of the competition, open to all DYA affiliated youth clubs, will have their design used as the Association’s annual festive greetings card. Extra incentive, if it needed, comes in the form of prizes for the winner and runners-up.

The youth club’s annual ‘Talent Competition’ takes place on the 30th November, giving the membership an opportunity to show just how good a performer they are. The winner and runner-up both being invited to go forward to the Dorset Youth Association final taking place in Dorchester during mid December.

Taking up a seasonal theme, a ‘Christmas Crafts’ evening takes place on the 14th December, when young members will be able to make various decorations to take home. The following week, it will be all fun games at the youth club annual ‘Christmas Party’. Each member being asked to provide a small supply of cakes, crisps, or sandwiches, etc and bring along a CD or two, which will help make the party go with a swing on the 21st.

The Youth Club will close over the Christmas and New Year holiday period, re-opening again on Tuesday 11th January 2005.

New members are always welcome, just call in on any club night you will be most welcome.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, Tel: 01929 471693

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**CHRISTMAS CAROLS - BERE REGIS SCOUTS**

An evening of Carol Singing has been arranged for the evening of Thursday 16th December. All scout members, parents and friends are welcome to join in – the more the merrier!!!
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Pop In Place - Bere Regis

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10.00am to 12noon

Venue Drax Hall

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Cakes will be welcome and donations of raffle prizes and of course donations of cash.
Pop In Place - Bere Regis

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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
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The Pop In Place is at the Drax Hall

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book character. We are currently looking to develop our school library to include books for parents. Donations of any unwanted books would be greatly welcome.

FOBRS Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will take place from 2pm on Sunday 5th December this year. There will be the usual stalls and Father Christmas will be here to take the children’s orders! We hope you are able to join us for this happy festive occasion.

Christmas Play

Our School Christmas Play this year will take place on Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December. The two evening performances are for parents and are “ticket” only events. However, the afternoon performance on Monday at 2.00 pm is open to those in the village who would like to attend, particularly those with young children.

Carol Service

The final afternoon of term, Friday 17th December will see us at the Church for our Carol Service. We will be singing carols old and new and would love to see as many people as possible join us at 2pm on this joyous occasion.

And finally some fantastic news!

Before the end of the Summer Term Mrs Lane led the staff and pupils in a review of the playground and general school environment. This involved the children in auditing what was currently available to play with, seeking the views of all people involved outside in the playground and putting together a plan of action. With the support of our governor, Adrian Moore, Mrs Lane put in a bid for support from Woolworths Playground Partnerships. As a result we are one of only twelve schools in the country winning a top award of £10,000. We will now be able to turn our pupils’ ideas for the playground into reality over the next year. Well done everyone!
Harvest Festival
Many thanks to all those parents and friends who contributed so generously to our Harvest display at the Church. As usual there was a wide variety of produce donated which, combined with the Church’s own, was greatly appreciated by the Cheshire Home to which it was delivered. The children enjoy their visits to the Church thanks to the warm welcome we always receive from the Reverend Ian. Thanks also to the many, who joined us and congratulated the children on their fine, enthusiastic singing.

Open Day
On Wednesday 10th November we are holding an Open Day at the school and hope that as many people in the village as possible will come and see how an effective small school works. From 9.00 am to 3.00 pm please come and join the children in their lessons and see a wide range of activities and examples of pupil’s work across the whole curriculum. Come and see the pupils and teachers in action, have a chat over a cup of tea, ask any questions you may have and get a feel for school. Parents of pre-school children will be particularly interested in the wide and varied curriculum we have to offer our children in one of Dorset’s finest school environments. After 3.00 pm the teachers and teaching assistants will be available to talk to visitors about our planning for mixed age classes and how we cater for the needs of children of all abilities. Our Open Day corresponds with our Parent Consultation Evening and the Public Consultation on the proposed changes to the pavement along Rye Hill to the school, which will take place in the hall.

FOBRS Bonfire Party
This annual event will take place on the evening of Saturday 6th November on the field below the school. There will be food and refreshments available and it should be a fun time for all.

Book Week
The week beginning Monday 22nd November is Book Week in school. As well as a Book Fair, the children will be sharing favourite stories and poems and dressing up as a favourite
Beauty and the Beast
Friday 7th January 2005
The Lighthouse Theatre - Poole
Coach leaves Bere Regis at 6.30 p.m.

The Ancient Order of Foresters - Court Prospect 6575 are once again organising a trip to the pantomime in Poole.

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The November meeting will be held in the Drax Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday 10th at which there will be a slide presentation by a member of the Dorset Wildlife Trust. The competition is for a brooch depicting a bird, animal or insect.

The Autumn Leaves Christmas Fayre and Bazaar is to be held at the Drax Hall on Saturday 27th November at 2.00pm. Entry free and donations of items for the stalls will be much appreciated by Kath Jeeves.

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