As I was welcoming some visitors to The Vicarage for the last of our Lent Course sessions on ‘Relationships’ a little frog decided to check The Vicarage out. He hopped in, as they do, and he instantly took shelter behind the hamper in the porch.

He was very small, inquisitive, and almost certainly one of last years spawn from the pond in the garden. At the end of our evening session, as I was seeing our parishioners off, I checked to see that he had gone as the outer porch door was left open for him. And I thought he had. He wasn’t anywhere obvious; not in the hamper, nor amongst the umbrellas nor in the little dark places of the porch. So I closed all the doors and settled down to yet more Church paper work, and more importantly to think about Holy Week and Easter.

For those of us who had the chance to join in our Lent course sessions – at The Vicarage and at Briantspuddle, I hope we have been encouraged to think more about our relationships. It may be obvious but the nature of our relationships is about how we relate to each other, how we see and care and particularly how we listen to each other, and how we act on their behalf. How do we relate: to our families; to those within the Church; to strangers; to those, including ourselves, in broken relationships, and to God. The vulnerability of Christ as the suffering servant was brought home to us in our Mothers Union Quiet Morning when we reflected on two poems by RS Thomas – In Church and The Bright Field, and that amazingly arresting painting of Jesus on the Cross by Salavador Dali called Christ of St John of the Cross. As spectators we are, most unusually, placed above the dying Christ as he, and we, look down upon the world he is saving, through his death. The painting lives in St Mungo’s Museum.
in Glasgow, but it is widely available as a postcard and I commend it to you. The definition or rather measure of great art is, I believe, if we are challenged and changed by it. This Dali painting does that and shows very clearly Jesus’ vulnerability, fulfilling his mission as the suffering, servant king.

Now that Easter is behind us for another year, we can reflect on our relationship with the risen Christ and recognise that in all our relationships there is a sense of vulnerability, and we should try to see God in everyone we meet.

Oh, and by the way that vulnerable little frog did spend the night in the porch and he greeted me when I picked up the newspaper on the doormat, but he happily hopped off when I started to read Gordon Brown’s Budget to him.

With love and prayers

PS As you may have noticed on our first page, and following our Bere Regis PCC AGM we now have our new Churchwardens – Bob Croom and Peter Wharf. I am very grateful to them for agreeing to stand. They are both working full time. Bob is Head of PE at The Purbeck School, and is very active with the Wareham Youth Club and Swanage and Wareham Rugby Club. Peter is a consultant in computer systems and is our District Councillor and a Wiltshire and Dorset County Rugby Union referee.

They are both new to being churchwardens, so we must support them in supporting us and, with the Vicar, in leading St John the Baptist Church into the future.

Also, our formal farewell – though neither is leaving the parish – to John England and John House after 65 years of service between them is at a special Evensong, 6pm on 3rd April. We will be singing their favourite hymns and I hope you will join us.

**CHURCH COFFEE MORNING**

This was a great success and very well supported. Thanks to all the helpers and those who came - we made £225 for church funds.

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**September**
- 10th Pop in Place Performer of the Year competition 7.00 p.m.
- 16th — 18th Twinning Association visit to Cerences

**October**
- 2nd Church Harvest Festival
- 15th Pop in Place Jumble Sale and Mini Auction 2.00 p.m.

**November**
- 18th Pop in Place Children in Need 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon
- 26th Church Christmas coffee morning, Cyril Wood Court

**December**
- 17th Pop in Place Christmas Event 3.00 p.m.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April
13th  Autumn Leaves Spring Tour to Stewart’s Nurseries  10.30 a.m.
22nd  Pop in Place AGM
23rd  Church coach outing to Wells Cathedral  8.00 a.m.
23rd  Twinning Association St George’s night supper  7.30 p.m.
27th  Autumn Leaves Coffee morning at ‘Larkspur’  10.00 - 12.00
30th  Pop in Place Pip Squeaks in Concert  7.00 p.m.

May
11th  Autumn Leaves - Pub signs and stories, Robin Curtis  2.30 p.m.

June
6th   Pop in Place Village Quiz  7.30 p.m.
8th   Autumn Leaves Summer Outing to Sidmouth  10.00 a.m.
11th  Mothers’ Union Coffee Morning, Turberville Court  10.00 a.m.
18th  Church Garden Party

July
3rd   Bere Regis Open Gardens  10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
13th  Church coffee morning at Pat Chesney’s, Tower Hill
13th  Autumn Leaves Rose competition and exhibition of bud vases. Talk on Croatia by John Griffiths  2.30 p.m.

August
5th/19th/26th Pop in Place Children’s Summer Activities  10.00 a.m.- 11.45 p.m.
10th  Autumn Leaves - Guide Dog afternoon  2.30 p.m.
BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

**Bere Regis Sidesmen**
3rd  9.15  Mr Bates / Mr House
  6.00  Mrs Jutting
10th  11.00  Mrs England and children
17th  9.15  Mr Croom / Mr Smith
  6.00  Mrs Griffin
24th  11.00  Miss Miller

**Bere Regis Evensong Readers**
3rd  Mrs Jutting
17th  Mrs Griffin

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**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

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

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, Turberville Court

Parish Council  
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Pop in Place Poppets  
1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Thursdays Drax Hall

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

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

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

Scouts (10½-15 yrs)  
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ

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

Toddler Group  
1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

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

Twinning Association  
Contact Ann Robinson — 472424 for all activities

Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)  
8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

Village Scrapbook  
Jenny Silavs – 471577
**CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

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

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

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

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

**Babysitting Circle**
Contact Mary Lillie – 471365

**Beavers (5 3/4-8 yrs)**
6.00 - 7.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ - 471170

**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

**Bere Regis Sports Club**
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**Briantspuddle Singers**
7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall

**Choir Practice**
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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

**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**

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

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**CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL**

**Sunday 3rd April**  
Easter 2

- 8am Holy Communion  
- 9.15am Parish Communion  
- 11am Mattins & Shortened Communion  
- 6pm Evensong and Churchwardens’ retirement party

**Sunday 10th April**  
Easter 3

- 8am Holy Communion  
- 9.15am Parish Communion  
- 11am Family Service  
- 6pm Evensong and PCC AGM

**Sunday 17th April**  
Easter 4

- 8am Holy Communion  
- 9.15am Parish Communion  
- 11am Family Communion  
- 6pm Evensong

**Sunday 24th April**  
Easter 5

- 8am Holy Communion  
- 9.15am Parish Communion with London City Mission  
- 11am Mattins & shortened Communion

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**Church Services**

**Sunday 1st May**

8am Holy Communion
Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion
Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Shortened Communion
Affpuddle
6pm Evensong
Bere Regis

**Thursday 5th May**

7pm Benefice Communion
Affpuddle

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Mrs E James - no 91

2nd prize - £10
Mrs M Stone - no 79

3rd prize - £5
Miss G Miller - no 197

4th prize - £5
Mrs G Whittle - no 44

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BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS
FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals
Charlie Chalk on 11th March at Weymouth Crematorium, and interment in Bere Regis cemetery on 14th March

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
Harry Cleall on 17th March, and cremation at Poole, and interment in Churchyard on 18th March

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS
Practices continue on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm.

THANK YOU - SPRING CLEAN

I would like to say a huge thank you to the five people who gave their time on the 12th March to help with the special spring clean of Bere Regis Church. We may have been small in number but we still managed to achieve quite a lot. Thank you again.

Jane Woodward.

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And why not join us for the Family Service
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ADVERTISING RATES for the year 2005
(Cheques to be made payable to Bere Regis PCC)

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**MOTHERS’ UNION**

Our meeting was held in church when the Vicar celebrated and preached at a Service of Holy Communion. It was the feast day of St Chad, so Ian told us about the man who was an evangelist and missionary and who became a Bishop. The Venerable Bede included a lot about Chad in his writings and we know that he was born in Northumbria and he was taught by Aidan. He was renowned as a very wise and gentle person, who taught his flock what he had learnt from Aidan. He became Bishop of Lichfield and he died on 2nd March 672.

Hazel report on the Deanery Quiet Morning which had taken place in Blandford Parish Church the previous day. It had been led by our Vicar, the Rev Ian Woodward who had provided us with postcard reproductions of Salvador Dali’s Christ of St John the Cross and two poems by the Welsh poet R S Thomas. The occasion had been much appreciated by all who attended, five of whom were from our Branch.

There is a change of programme for April. The relationship pack is felt to be far too long and complex, so we have managed to book Alan and Andrea Smith to come and speak to us about their work in Nepal.

Our June meeting has been moved back to 8th June because the St Aldhelm pilgrim will be visiting the parish on that evening. Offers of accommodation and possibly food would be welcomed by Ian.

Our next meeting will be held at Turberville Court on the 6th April at 7.30 p.m. Non members are always welcome to attend.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391
Charles Chalk

Charles Lionel Chalk, known to everyone as Charlie was born in Wiltshire in 1911, and brought up in Wilton, just to the west of Salisbury. Charlie was one of five with three brothers and one sister. His parents were farm workers and after his schooling, at 14 he followed in his father’s footsteps and became a dairyman.

He met Nelly, who came from Shitterton and they were married in October 1932. They set up home at Lodge Farm, at Broadchalk where their first daughter Brenda was born, and Jean came along ten years later in 1942. The family moved from Wiltshire to Dorset when Charlie and Nelly ran the dairy together at a farm in Lulworth, and by now Brenda and Jean were at school at Bovington. The family moved to Shitterton – Nelly’s own village. Charlie worked for the Halls at Rogers Hill Farm and for the Mills at Lower Woodbury Farm and Jean moved to Bere Regis School. By now Brenda had married Cyril Hewett in Bere Regis in 1954. As we have seen, the life of a dairyman often means moving and Jean and Nelly Cyril were to move to Athelhampton and Winterbourne Zeleton and Higher Bockhampton.

In 1963 Charlie had a car accident and he suffered damage to his knee so he was unable to continue dairying and he became the boilerman at Bovington Camp keeping the soldiers warm. At the same time Jean married at Puddletown, and Charlie and Nelly moved to Bovington and then to Manor Farm Road in Bere Regis finally retiring in the mid 60’s.

Charlie was a devout countryman he loved his shooting and beating and his Springer Spaniels, and his allotment. In retirement Charlie and Nelly enjoyed trips to Bingo in Dorchester and Poole and following his football and horse racing on television.

Alas Nelly died in 1989 and Brenda in 1999.

He moved to Southbrook in Bere Regis after Nelly’s death and lived there with his dogs. And he hated giving his dogs up when his strokes incapacitated him four years ago and he was forced to go firstly in to a residential home and then a nursing home.

Charlie greatly loved and was greatly loved by Jean and his four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He would be comforted to know that his ashes will be interred in the cemetery at Bere Regis with Nelly and Brenda, and with its lovely views of Charlie’s beloved countryside.
Alfred Henry Vallence Cleall was born in 1916. Valence was his mother’s maiden name and Joan says he wasn’t too keen on it. Known to every one as Harry, his passing marks the end of an era, as one former resident of the Village has said to me.

Born in Dewlish, Harry was the fifth of eight children with five brothers and two sisters. His father was a farm worker and Harry walked four miles to Bailey Gate school each day, each step in his hobnail boots, which had to be repaired each night by Harry’s Dad. The family moved to Brick Hill in Bere Regis and Harry was for a year a pupil at the school on Barrow Hill and then the school moved to our present school on Rye Hill, where Harry was amongst the first pupils. Harry’s mother was known to be strict; it was a busy home, with Sundays made up of Church and Sunday School and bell ringing.

Harry left school in the early 1930s and started as a farm worker with Bedford and Jestys. Harry was not too good in those days at getting up. Harry’s father would find him still in bed when it was time to get up and his father would say that the horse was starting without him. Joan says that Harry and his brother Ted were very much alike and at first it caused a little confusion. Joan was working at the ‘big house’ at Doddings, and Harry was working nearby. At first Joan couldn’t tell Harry and Ted apart but soon she could and they were married here at this very spot 65 years ago, and they moved into their own cottage in Brick Hill. Michael was born in 1941 and then Harry was called up in 1942 into the Royal Artillery and he saw service in North Africa and Palestine. Joan says Harry had lots of stories of his time in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, and Joan fondly recalls a bracelet Harry bought for her in Bethlehem. His war service took him on to Italy and Austria from where he came home in 1945, just before the war ended. He was given a special release from the Army so that he could go back immediately to his farming at Bedford and Jestys without any demob leave. So it was he was reunited with Joan after three years away. Harry made many friends in the Army, and the Army was an abiding influence throughout his life.

Kathleen came along in 1945 and was baptised here in St John the Baptist, and in time Kathleen’s own children were baptised here too.

The four Clealls settled down to family life centred very much in Bere Regis, with occasional days out to Wemouth and Swanage. Michael and Kathlene were both married in 1963, and Kathlene set up home in...
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OBITUARIES

Broadmayne before emigrating to Australia, and much later Harry and Joan were able to visit them.

Harry’s farm work was by now mainly tractor driving and Joan moved to Church Cottages in 1974, and then, in 1987 after his retirement they moved to Turberville Court, where Harry claimed to have the best view in the Village across Black Hill whilst at the same time criticising the bell ringing. Harry loved growing all their own vegetables and he won medals for his parsnips, at the Court Green shows, where there was skittling for a pig.

Following his Army service Harry joined the British Legion and undertook to be the official Standard Bearer for The Legion. Harry was wearing his brown demob suit for his first parade at Broadstone. 40 years later he retired as official Standard Bearer. As Joan says the Royal British Legion was Harry’s life and it is good that the Legion is very much part of this farewell service. Harry and Joan were together for 65 years, and Joan says that the recipe of a long marriage is give and take.

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THE CURRY SUPPER

On Saturday 12th March 52 people sat down to a delicious selection of curries and side dishes prepared by the Village Hall Cooks. Jenny Lightfoot and Jenny Beedle prepared mild chicken Korma, medium hot beef and a really hot pork curry. Vegetarians were also catered for with egg curry and Bill Thorniley’s version of Madha Jaffry’s cauliflower and tomato curry. The meal finished with ice cream and brandy snaps followed by coffee and chocolates. The atmosphere was amicable and full of Indian promise helped along by Nigel’s selection of Indian taped music! Guests were able to buy drinks of their choice from Bladen Social Club who obtained a special extension of its licence for the occasion. After all the expenses were paid the Hall Committee benefited to the tune of £217.

Philippa Thorniley

THE 2005/06 100 CLUB

During April I hope to be selling the numbers for the new 100 Club. Do please buy a number or even two numbers! Out of every £6 paid £4 goes towards the maintenance of the hall. There is a monthly prize of £10 and in December two extra prizes: one for £60 and one for £20. As has been said before this is a fairly painless way of supporting the hall and there is also the possibility of winning a prize as well.

Philippa Thorniley.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Briantspuddle Hall Committee will be held on Wednesday 4th May 2005 at 7.30 p.m. This meeting is open to all residents of the Parishes of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle. At the meeting the Chairman and Treasurer report on the last year’s activities and the audited accounts are presented. The new Committee is elected. The Committee consists of representatives of the organisations who use the hall on a regular basis five elected representatives and two representatives who are co-opted by the Committee.

The Village Hall is one of the two public buildings available for use by the Community and it is important that it is well managed. It is there for everyone for education and recreation. If you are able to make a contribution towards the running of the hall do please come to the meeting.

Philippa Thorniley

Misbehavin

On Saturday 19th February the Village hall hosted the last of the Autumn/Winter Season’s Artsreach productions. Helen Porter and Karen Wimhurst together with Robin and Pete treated us all to a masterly concert of jazz. We were all charmed by the exuberance and expertise of the performers. After all the expenses were paid the Hall repair fund ended up with a profit of £81.

Off The Loom

Over the weekend of 26/27 February the Hall hosted an exhibition of weaving and spinning sponsored by Artsreach. The standard of work exhibited was very high though in some cases a bit unusual. There was a steady stream of visitors who were
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

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Philippa Thorniley

Pampered Pigs Pantry

Staff wanted

If you are efficient, able to work on your own initiative as well as part of a small team and have a genuine interest in local food, you may be the person we are looking for.

We are looking for people to work in our farm shop, due to open on Tuesday 12th April. The work will cover all aspects of the retail trade, including assisting in the preparation of food. Some knowledge of hygiene regulations would help but is not essential, as full training will be given.

Full and part time opportunities available.

Please telephone 01929 472327 and ask for Amanda

Pampered Pigs Pantry

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE, 2PM – 5PM

THE GRANARY,
BRIANTSPUDDLE

Anyone wishing to help at a stall or contribute in any way please contact Sandy Moriarty (471747) or David Payne (01258 837700). All donations of plants, handy work, raffle & tombola prizes, cakes, Bric-a-brac, would be welcome. Please start growing, making, and collecting.

LENT LUNCHES

Thanks to all who attended the Lent Lunches this year, and a special thanks to those who provided a variety of delicious soups or who helped in any other way.

The lunches were very enjoyable occasions and, thanks to everyone’s generosity, £208.50 will be sent to Christian Aid. This will be used for the charity’s on going work in various needy areas of the world.

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Not this week though! With the Saturday side not playing Adam drafted in the spine of the team in the shape of Spivey, Mahoney and Cope and it would be no exaggeration to say that if Bere were any more dominant then they would be Margaret Thatcher. Flowing moves, one touch passing, Bere had everything except the final touch as the Wanderers penalty area was more charmed than an Irishman in a field full of four leaf clovers. Unbelievably, it was Wanderers who took the lead in a moment that will have Ian MacKlin putting his head in his hands for many a month, except that in this form he would miss! An innocuous long range shot barely reached Ian and as he casually moved to control it the ball hit the inside of his shin and trickled into the net. No longer Ian ‘The Cat’, he has now been renamed Ian ‘The Catastrophe’. No matter though, with the amount of pressure Bere were exerting it was no surprise that they equalised, a precision finish from Wayne Cope as he lobbed the onrushing keeper. The second half continued in the same vein, yet it was Wanderers who again took the lead. In a penalty decision softer than a velvet puppy Dean was adjudged to have pushed the Wanderers forward in the box (painful!) and the penalty was duly slotted away. From thereon in the Wanderers goal was in more danger than a school trip to Neverland. Shots rained in on the Wanderers goal, yet still the score remained 2-1. As Bere became more desperate, two corners in the final minutes encouraged our Jolly Green Giant to leave the safety of his goal and attempt a Peter Schmeichel, red nose and all. To no avail, though, and Wanderers were relieved to hear the final whistle and steal all the points in a crime to rival anything Agatha Christie could dream up.

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The March meeting each year is the Annual Parish Meeting at which Parishioners are invited to raise points as they so wish. It is also at this meeting that the Chairman summarises on the years activities of the Council. This year he was able to report on the Parish Plan and the progress with the Youth Shelter. The Cemetery Committee were thanked for their obvious efforts to make the Cemetery attractive. The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their support throughout the year.

In my last report I stated that the Council had embarked upon obtaining a loan to enable the Youth Shelter to be completed this year. Also included is the cost of a new bridge over the stream by the Scout hut. This will be an integral part of the footpath from Sitterton to Rye Hill via Southbrook. The footpath on the western side of Rye Hill, which is to be provided by the County Council though financed by BP, will create a ‘safe route to school’. In all the Council have borrowed £12,000 for a period of ten years but it will see these works completed at long last.

In his report the Chairman stressed his definition of a village – school, churches, shops, a post office, pubs, a surgery and houses for the people. He expressed his concern that unless all the facilities are used then we could lose them and then as they dropped out of the equation, the village is affected. He urged all Councillors to get their Parish Plan Questionnaires completed and posted.

The Council is concerned about Affordable Housing and further to the Housing Needs Survey that was conducted earlier, they will be inviting a Housing Association to come and talk to them about possible ways forward. Of course the problem that we have in the Parish is sites and it is to be hoped that sufficient sites to meet the needs of our young – and older parishioners can be identified.

The Council is concerned at the continual need to repair the Youngsters Play Area. The items are not cheap and each year we have to budget £1200 for these repairs. In addition the Council is anxious about the rubbish that accumulates within the Play Area. We do appeal to parents to stress the need for more care – particularly with glass. One may well ask why glass bottles end up in the area. Does one hear questions being raised about the Young Persons Shelter. Well its up to them to look after it, the Shelter which is due to arrive around Easter time is made of a heavy grade steel. No doubt it will be re-decorated from time to time but the Council hope that the young people will appreciate it and treat it as their own. It is specifically for them and the Council has worked very hard to achieve what was asked for some years ago. We all hope that they will enjoy it.

CM
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BERE REGIS PARISH PLAN

Just a short update this month to keep you in the picture as to what is happening.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who completed and returned a questionnaire. As I write, there are 10 days to go before the date set for returns and we have received close to 200 responses.

There are some clear overall ‘Top Topics’ emerging. There are also many ‘good ideas’ and a number of you have used the ‘anything else’ space to suggest overall planning approaches that combine several problems and opportunities.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to distribute around 1,600 questionnaires and to everyone who agreed to display a poster. And thank you to the shops, the Post Office and the Golf Club for handling the returns boxes. Also to James, Geoffrey and Pip for the web sites.

So what happens now?

Members of the Steering Committee are reading through each and every one of the returned questionnaires, noting the overall points coming through and marking up each line of response as corresponding to one or more of some eighty descriptions that we have set up in a data base. In this way we will get both the ‘feel’ for what you are saying and the statistical breakdown of what is most important for you. We will also pick up the ‘bright ideas’ and the phrases some of you have used which express very well the points many of you have made.

Our task is then to analyse everything and to design ways in which we can best tell you all the outcome, and suggest what topics should go forward into the next stage of detailed planning. At this stage, we envisage an open day display with presentations, together with a write-up of the highlights – but we shall have to see what we think most appropriate once we have all the results. My guess is that far post. Bere never gave up and Andy Curtis was unlucky with two headers just in front of goal, but this was not to be Bere’s day.

Bere still remain second, but both Lychett and Cranborne are fast catching up.

Sundays

Longfleet St Mary’s 6: Bere Regis 0

Two goals better than last week, Bere must feel a little happier this week. In fact, give them another three weeks and they should achieve a 0-0 draw!! Unfortunately, Kevin Percy’s birthday party on the night before meant that Bere were down to eleven players once again and it is all credit to them that they pushed this team as hard as they did.

At least the next game represents a real chance for points against the only team that Bere have beaten this season. Watch this space…..

Bere Regis 1: Lloyds TSB 2

Still watching? As you can see, we have a picture as pretty as Iain Dowie and Peter Beardsley’s illegitimate love child (what a player though!!) as Bere lose again. However, thanks to that infamous film director Joan Macklin, this game is now available on video. The director has managed to mix several genres into one movie to bring you an absolute blockbuster. We have the combination of the elegance and brutality of Coxxy’s tackles in Crouching Tiger Hidden Kevin. We have the ball punching power from Rocky I, II and III in the shape of Ian ‘Safe Knees’ Macklin. Something for the ladies? We have both Sean and Ryan Pettitt in Deuce Bigalow, our male gigolos, although we miss seeing Ryan scoring on camera, one for the extended DVD perhaps. The comedy is provided by Adam ‘Sandler’ Moss swinging from the crossbar, throwing mud at angry Scotsmen, bouncing the ball off the head of even more agrierg Scotsmen and keeping the crowd in stitches. Buy it now from all good video stores and look out for the sequel…..Sandford away next week, with more scoring than American Pie and Basic Instinct put together.

Sandford 5: Bere Regis 0

If there is any such thing as a ‘good’ 5-0 defeat, I suppose this was it. Sandford may have won, but there was not much between them…apart from the goals!! Sandford march on towards the title, but Bere must feel that their luck will change soon.
half. The second half was a bit better, but that’s like saying Michael Jackson is a bit better than Gary Glitter. A soft penalty saw Stickland get back into the game and a combination of the post, the bar, the keeper, the referee and the constant misses ensured that Bere ended up with just the one point.

**Stur Marshall 5: Bere Regis 2**

The following report has been edited for legal reasons:

A complete and utter travesty! The referee was an absolute xxxxx who sent off Shaun Curtis (whoever he is!) in the first ten minutes for calling him a xxxxxxxxx, when he actually just called him a xxxxxxx xxxxx. Despite this Bere led 2-1 at half time against a team bristling with combination players and thanks to a couple of precision finishes from Simon Walker. The second half was even worse! The xxx made the kind of decisions that would make Collina’s hair turn white. Eventually, enough was enough and after xxx was overruled for yet another offside decision that led to a goal he threw his flag down and told the xxx that he could stick the xxxxx up his xxxxx. Unfortunately for us he was unable to without a tub of xxxxxxx and a couple of xxxxx, much as we would like to have tried. Yet another defeat and even second now looks in serious trouble. Xxxxx!!

**Gillingham Res 1: Bere Regis 0**

Despite blizzard conditions, Bere were still forced to travel to deepest darkest Dorset for a game against another reserve team bristling with combination players. Despite this, and without key players such as Wayne Cope and Adam Moss, Bere gave them a good run for their money.

Things did not look good, though, as Gillingham strolled through straight from the kick off and shaved the crossbar, then camped out in Bere’s half for the first twenty minutes. This was thanks to their tricky little French midfielder, so crafty you could stick a tail on him and call him a fox! He ran the show for them, despite only turning up to watch, and made Bere’s players look old and clumsy, which some of them are. However, Bere battled and, slowly but surely, weaved their way back into the game. Indeed, arguably the best chances of the game fell Bere’s way as Shaun Cope forced a couple of cracking saves and Tony Lumsden missed a peach of a chance from inside the penalty area.

The second half remained tighter than Gordon Brown’s purse strings and, as the half wore on, it seemed that one goal would do it. A perfect cross into the area found the outstretched leg of the Gillingham forward and the ball crept in off the net. It will take us at least a month to do the analysis and prepare the feedback, so the first half of May is the possible timing.

In the meantime, if you have further thoughts that you did not manage to include in your questionnaire, please let any member of the Steering Group know. It is never too late for a good idea and never too late to volunteer!

John Cleave
Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group

We shall keep the web sites updated: either www.bereregis.com or the Parish Web Site at www.bereregis.org and follow links about Parish Plan.

**SAT 23 APRIL**

Haydn’s *The Creation*
Dorchester Choral Society with The Occasional Singers
St Mary’s Church, Edward Road, Dorchester
7.30 pm
**Soloists:** Hannah Wahlin: Soprano
Brian Parsons: Tenor
Adam Green: Baritone
**Conductor:** Christine Page
**Tickets** £10, £8 (senior citizens) £3 Children under 18 yrs
**From:** Harmony Music, The Forum & Nicoll World Travel, High East St Dorchester
**Further information** 01305 832069
Illegal Drinking

Purbeck District Council intends, at our May Council meeting, to make drinking in certain public places illegal – in line with similar actions by many other Councils across the country. The police will be able to arrest individuals and to “require the surrender of containers of alcohol” – confiscation in other words. Fines of up to £500 can be levied. Town and Parish Councils have been consulted and assuming they agree then the Police will have powers to deal with anti-social drinking in specifically designated areas. The designated areas will include large parts of Swanage; Wareham and Upton. In Bere Regis it is scheduled to apply to North Street; West Street; Church Lane; Manor Farm Road; Old Barn Road; Turberville Road and car park; and Elder Road and the land adjacent to the stream. Any person can make representations to the Council about whether or not an order should be made and the areas to be included. Contact Glen Harding at Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham if you wish to comment.

Allotments

The ODPM (John Prescott) is currently undertaking work, in conjunction with University of Derby, to help ensure that allotments and other green spaces are properly preserved, promoted and cared for. They are currently in the information gathering stage and I have included links to the two online surveys that they are asking all Council’s allotment officers to fill in. The first is related to the overall policy for allotments and the second is for each site. Whilst they are not intended to be filled in by the general public they do give an indication of the current positive attitude to allotments and are well worth a look if you interested.

Policy questionnaire
http://www.derby.ac.uk/red/allotment/allotpolicy.htm

Site questionnaire
http://www.derby.ac.uk/red/allotment/allotments_site_clone.htm

Football reports

Saturdays

Handley Sports 0: Bere Regis 2

There are times when football becomes a chore and this was certainly one of them, but without the benefits of a 70 grand a week salary. The wind was bad enough, but when the rain starts to slice through your body even an afternoon’s shopping starts to look appealing. In the end this was a workmanlike performance from Bere. Against the wind in the first half Bere needed to keep a clean sheet, which they managed with some comfort. In fact, the best chances fell Bere’s way. Spivey managed to slap a header off his infamous forehead that was frantically cleared off the line (or even over the line with the benefit of video replay and a few pints). Then at the death Sean Pettitt screamed a left footer marginally wide of the post. Meantime, Kev Cox’s outstanding managerial contribution was managing to get himself booked without even being on the pitch, as he moaned at the referee so much you would think they were married. In the second half, Bere did enough to win the game without really trying too hard. Wayne Cope acrobatically gave them the lead with an overhead kick from a pinpoint Pettitt cross. Soon after, Handley had their only real chance of the match as their forward out-sprinted the defence and rounded the keeper, only for Spivey to clear the ball off the line. That aside it was, like Dean’s stomach, all Bere and Shaun Cope finished the game off with a goal that went in straight from his corner kick, his second this year!

Bere Regis 1: Stickland Utd 1

If at the end of the season Bere end up Mother Hubbard they will look back on this day and regret. It’s not even as though they can say ‘We wuz robbed’. Okay, the referee was about as useful as a European Cup Final ticket in Barcelona. Okay, Wayne and Shaun had enough chances to fill both boots and a couple of wellies. All that aside, Bere were pretty awful!! In the first half, with the wind at their backs, they were lucky not to be 3-0 down in the first ten minutes as they were outplayed by the team second bottom in the league, with only Dean earning his crust in goal with some fine saves. Their passing was poorer than a church mouse who has just been mugged; their tackling was weaker than London’s Olympic bid; and as for their shooting, about as straight as Julian Clary! Even their goal was a fluke as Neal Percy floated a cross over that managed to find the top corner, although the build up play was the only passing move of the
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**Surgery**

Surgery are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turbervile 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.

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On 8th April at 7.00pm in the Lower Hall we will be holding the AGM of the Hall Committee. This is the opportunity for anyone to learn of the activities and to see where the monies have been spent etc. It is also the opportunity to come along to offer ideas and to take part in the running of the Hall during the coming year. Do think about coming along – it is the Village Hall, not the Committee’s Hall. If you cannot get to the meeting, but wish to join the vibrant team, contact our Secretary – Alison Bennett – on 472023.

After all of the present phase of works inside the Hall are competed we are prepared for a visit by the Wessex Players on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm. They are presenting that old favourite of Thomas Hardy – The Mayor of Casterbridge. For those who enjoy the Forest Forge Players it should be noted that this adaptation was presented by Forest Forge at the Salisbury Playhouse. It should be a very good evening’s entertainment by a professional team. Seats will cost £4.50. Bookings on 471342.

It is to be hoped that we will be able to get the Forest Forge Players and others later in the year.

There is to be a Grand Concert in the Hall on Saturday 30th April as a tribute to Cis Lewis who did so much in her lifetime for all good causes in the Village. Tickets will be available from Kath Jeeves and Alison Bennett.

Coming up quickly – in July – will be Open Gardens run by PIP. The Hall has benefited extremely well from past Open Gardens – you can enjoy those benefits – see our new toilets!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION

Mrs Maidment, our Chairman, accompanied by Mrs Dann, attended the Dorset County Conference held at the Corn Exchange in Dorchester.

They took with them our members contribution to the County knitting competition. This consisted of 12 sets of mitts and hats for deprived children in central India. One of our members, Mrs Reed, came runner up in this competition. Well done. Our branch collected two certificates for work for the Legion over the past year – again well done.

At our meeting in January, we listened to our choice of music and the reasons we

To All Village Societies, Clubs and Associations

I have been asked to try to create a regular page(s) giving a comprehensive list of the contact details for all the various social and community associations within Bere Regis and the surrounding areas. This will probably replace the Church and Village Activities section at the back of the magazine.

As you can see, it will take the format overleaf – but clearly there are a lot more still to come!!!!

If you would like your organisation to be publicised in this way, please could you contact me (by e-mail if at all possible) to provide the following details:

- Name of Association
- Contact Person
- Contact Address
- Contact Telephone Number
- Contact E-mail address
- Details of regular meetings

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MINISTER CHALLENGED ON DORSET’S HOUSING PROBLEM

On Wednesday 9th March Housing Minister Keith Hill met with Andy Lloyd, the Rural Housing Enabler for Dorset Community Action to discuss tackling Dorset’s affordable housing problem.

Through Jim Knight MP, local Rural Housing Enabler, Andy Lloyd had a unique opportunity to enlist the support of housing minister Keith Hill in hearing the challenges of delivering affordable homes in rural Dorset.

Purbeck and West Dorset have great need for rural affordable housing which is not easy to deliver. This was brought to the attention of the Housing Minister. Even though the South West is very grateful for Government increasing overall Social Housing Grant by 40%, it is still crucial to ensure more of this goes to rural communities. Rural schemes are more expensive for housing associations to deliver. Therefore, the request was made to earmark cash to geographic areas, not just to those schemes that seem to require least grant. However, even though more money may get through to rural communities, the amount is still small in relation to the number of homes needed, on average 10 per parish.

Andy Lloyd and Jim Knight suggested a new approach could be supported by government encouraging people to set up local housing funds - people want to help out, as witnessed by the recent tsunami experience, and what could be more worthwhile than local affordable homes? The Minister was interested to hear that the new Bridport Property Trust would be a suitable vehicle for this idea.

Another suggestion which Jim Knight supported was allowing market towns to benefit from the excellent ‘exception site’ policy which the government has recently re-committed itself to, which allows low cost land to be used just for local housing. Market towns have great need to catch up on affordable housing, which this policy, perhaps combined with local funds, could do.

Also a plea was made for the planning system to respond positively to innovation, particularly for community benefit. Many individuals and groups have very good ideas which may not fit exactly into planning policy. It is important that this resourcefulness is not wasted and that planning can

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
Follow that Man!

As I write this month’s page for our Congregational Church there is evidence in the weather that Spring is well on the way and the frosty mornings grow less and less. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be enjoying a moderate springtime climate. Certainly all around us there is evidence of the annual miracle of nature’s ‘resurrection’. I am writing these notes on Budget Day and no doubt our Chancellor will be prudently fattening us all up ready for the forthcoming General Election.

In the run-up to such an event the inevitable party manifestos will be wheeled out and paraded around our streets - thousands of words and reams of paper on which will be printed all manner of promises, carefully worded to provide ‘get out’ clauses in the likely event of them not being fulfilled. Having just celebrated Easter I have again been rejoicing in the clear, unambiguous ‘manifesto, set out by the Lord Jesus Christ. At the beginning of His earthly ministry, He entered the local synagogue in Galilee on the Sabbath day and was handed the scroll of Holy Scripture to read. Recorded for us by Doctor Luke (Luke 4:18,19) this is what He read.

“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

He then applied these words to Himself. Jesus was setting out His agenda – not merely a political agenda – He is referring here to much more than a social manifesto covering the poor and the vulnerable, the release of prisoners and a determined health scheme. He is referring to man’s greatest need – to be released from the poverty of sin and death, to have one’s eyes opened to the reality of God; to be set free from the oppressive domination of sin and to experience God’s favour! In short - complete salvation and forgiveness – putting right the rift between ourselves and God and granting us eternal assurance. He backed up this manifesto with a whole host of promises. For example, “Come to me all you who are weary and support diverse needs.

The point was made that sustainable development, which the government is strongly promoting through new legislation, has many tangible benefits regards affordable housing. Along with the use of sustainable materials come the benefits of fast, more economic construction methods, and homes costing much less to heat. This could greatly reduce the cost per square metre for housing associations, thus allowing more homes to be built with less grant. Local Authorities in North Devon and Somerset are encouraging state of the art sustainable construction schemes for affordable housing for these very good reasons.

Andy Lloyd described some innovation taking place in Purbeck. Purbeck District Council Planners with Andy are pilotting a new approach which should reduce the time taken to get top planning permission once need is established. This will be applied in Bere Regis on the 19th March and involves the whole community having an opportunity to express its views on suitable locations. This will be done with a planning officer on hand to make sure people make choices that fit in to policy and will mean that time won’t be wasted approaching land owners whose land does not fit into policy or have community support. Although Bere Regis have experienced a delay due to tying in with the Councils Housing Roadshow, in future this will mean much smoother progress and less delay, one of the major problems in getting schemes up and started.

Andy Lloyd commented: “The Minister understood the added costs in rural areas which means our bids for housing grant are sometimes not competitive. Moving the funding system so funds are allocated geographically rather than on grant efficiency could bring about greater success”.

Jim Knight said: “I am acutely aware of the pressures facing this area. When it comes to housing local people are having a hard time. The meeting provided an excellent forum to flush out problems and discuss new ideas. It was clear that solutions exist but action must be taken both locally and by Government to ensure these ideas are made a reality. I am very excited by the work happening locally via Andy’s team at Doset Community Action, and Purbeck Planners trying to shorten timescales. It is important to embrace innovation by engaging all the relevant stakeholders including the local public. I am very confident we can start seeing these ideas transformed into low cost affordable homes”.
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- juice of 1 lemon
- 3-4 tablespoons caster sugar
- quarter pint double cream

Clean trim and slice the rhubarb, put into an ovenproof dish with the sugar and lemon juice, cover and put into a med oven to cook until tender. Leave to cool then puree in a food processor. Mix the rhubarb with the cream and chill before serving.

COFFEE MORNING

At Kath and Charlie’s, Larkspur, Snow Hill (Pink Bungalow).

In aid of funds for Autumn Leaves over 50s club,

10.00 - 12.00 noon

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Wednesday 27th April

BERE REGIS SCHOOL

This Spring Term seems to have been a very short but very busy one.

Fundraising

Each year the school likes to support one of the national charities and this year was the turn of Barnardos. The children were sponsored to look after a decorated egg for a week and to varying degrees succeeded in not breaking it! We have also supported the Tsunami Appeal, the Blue Peter Clothing Appeal, Marie Curie Cancer Care and Comic Relief this term. We have been overwhelmed by the support given by all the village community and thank you all for the encouragement given to the children.

Playground Partnership

The next phase of our playground development has been completed with the installation of a fitness trail at the bottom of the field. The trail has a safety surface and pathway that makes it accessible from the playground in all weathers. The garden too has undergone a transformation with beds being laid out in geometric shapes.

Dinomotion

Our Class 4 children have joined other Purbeck school children for the performance of Dinomotion at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. They performed admirably and were a real credit to the village.

Thank you

Myself, Eileen Hewitt, would personally like to say thank you for all the get well cards I received while I was in hospital. I would also like to say a big thank you to the doctors and nurses at the surgery for the care they have given me since I have been at home. I am now making progress.

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Annual General Meeting

Friday the 22nd April at 10.30am

Venue
Drax Hall

Appeal for Volunteers

This is your opportunity to help your community. New volunteers will be welcomed onto the Project Team.
President – Robbie Hall
Captain - Graeme Price
Secretary - Guy Storey

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

ROGS on tour - St Mellion/Trethorne 17th - 19th June
- Ft Lauderdale, Florida 11th - 21st October

Venue

Date    Trophy  Venue
Friday 25th March  GRS Trophy  Wheathill Golf Club
Friday 29th April  Jim Corbin Cup  Meyrick Park Golf Club
Friday 27th May  Whitbread Shield  Yeovil Golf Club
Friday 24th June  Captain's Cup  Broadstone Golf Club
Friday 29th July  Landlord's Cup  Wareham Golf Club
Friday 26th August  President’s Cup  Barton on Sea Golf Club
Friday 29th July  Rob Hall Trophy  Salisbury and South Wiltshire Golf

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A G M – Thursday 17th November Bere Regis Sports Club 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

Christmas Cup of Good Cheer - Bulbury Woods GC - Saturday 10th December

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April 2nd 2.30 at the Winterborne Kingston Hall, "New To You", with various stalls including, Brick-a-brac, Plants, Books etc.

April 12th - Music of the Night with Irene Hick from Bournemouth.
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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.

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

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**Annual General Meeting**

The Pop In Place Annual General Meeting takes place in the Drax Hall on Friday 22nd April and starts at 10.30am.

This is your opportunity to help your community, new Volunteers will be welcomed onto the Project team.

Everyone is most welcome.

**Spring Concert ‘A Little Bit of Dorset’**

This event takes place on Saturday 30th April at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall.

We are staging a tribute concert in memory of Cis Lewis who was one of the leading lights of our community. The second part of the concert will have a Dorset theme and will be an evening not to be missed with a variety of acts including country dancing, folk songs, and of course the much loved William Barnes poetry.

The Concert is in aid of the Drax Hall new Kitchen appeal.

Tickets are £ 4.00 each (to include supper and show) are available from the Pop In Place, from Kath 471175, or from Angela 472261.

Come along and join the fun, everyone will be made most welcome.

**Bere Regis Open Gardens Event – 3rd July - 10am to 4pm**

We thank all the kind people who have sent written confirmation that they are willing to open their gardens on Sunday 3rd July.

With the programme of gardens offered this year the event will certainly be a delightful day.

The proceeds will be given to the Drax Hall for improvements to the kitchen.
On the 22nd February, the final of the Pool Competition, between Kyle Everett and Sam Hall, held over 15th February was won by Kyle Everett who defeated fellow finalist Sam Hall. This being followed by the main event, a ‘Mexican Night with members enjoying plenty of tasty and very hot Mexican food. Some members turned up in fancy dress to match the occasion and took part in a competition. The winner of the event being Robert Spivey, who along with Kyle the winner of the pool competition, collected prizes for their efforts.

‘Tee Shirt Painting’ painting on the 8th March was again very popular, nearly everyone remembering to bring a shirt to paint although there were tee shirts on sale for those who wanted to buy one. The group worked well together by patiently sharing the paints, brushes and sponges. The only problem encountered was trying to iron the shirts to seal the paint and finding the painted designs had not dried out sufficiently. At the end of the evening, only a few had to take their shirts home to iron, when they had dried out properly. A practice Fire Drill took place during the evening, inline with the youth club Fire Safety Policy and Procedures, with everyone making a safe and controlled exit to the assembly point.

For the first time in a number of years, members were able to try their hand at Scraperboard Art. Various designs being carefully etched with craft knives and cocktail sticks by exposing the silver or gold foil behind the black covering layer. Casual games of darts and pool were played as background activities for those who were quick on the draw and finished their artwork early.

March activities conclude with a ‘Karaoke Night’ on 22nd and a ‘Chill-Out Night’ on the 29th.

Looking ahead, the Spring Programme, April will include a ‘Music Night’ on the 12th, Rounders on the 19th and an ‘Aussie Night’ on the 26th. The later will involve a fancy dress competition and Aussie style food but no Kangaroo Steaks.

In May there will be ‘Model Making’ on the 4th using re-cycled bits and pieces, ‘Outdoor Games’ on the 10th, ‘Tie and Dye’ on the 24th and ‘Quiz Night’ on the 31st.

‘Carpet Bowls’ get June off to a start on the 14th, followed by ‘Rounders’ on the
The March meeting we had a visit from Mr Jim Wentworth from Higher Ansty who is now a part time local vet who kept us amused, and educated, in the life of a vet - originally in Barnard Castle, Yorkshire, in Carlisle and for many years as a ministry vet in Surrey, Devon and latterly Dorset. He had his funny and lighter side of dealing, not only with animals, but often more difficult owners and we learnt quite a lot about the more inner details of cows and sheep.

The competition was for a picture of an animal which Mr Wentworth judged.

Instead of a meeting in April there is to be a coach trip to Stewart's Nurseries in Christchurch and a drive round the New Forest starting from the village at 10.30am. There were a few seats left as I write at £5.50 so names to Kath Jeeves as soon as possible please.

There will be a Coffee Morning at Kath & Charlie’s house ‘Larkspur’ Snow Hill at 10.00am on Wednesday 27th April. Usual stalls and proceeds to Autumn Leaves.

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St. George’s Day Coffee Morning

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