Preparing for Lent

Easter is very early this year and so therefore also is Lent.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, this year on the 9th February, and in the traditions of the Church, Lent is a ‘penitential’ season, reflected in the purple of our altar frontals and vestments. It is a time for thoughtful preparation and indeed self denial as faithful Christians prepared for the most important and most holy festival of the year six weeks later, Easter.

Some people still ‘give up something for Lent’; perhaps smoking or alcohol, or cream buns or maybe even caffeine. The medieval Church’s thinking was that self denial focused the mind on the things that really matter-our relationship with God and with each other.

But with this objective in mind, a more positive way of marking our preparations for Easter would be to ‘take up’ something for Lent, and do something positive about our personal relationships.

It seems to me that in our communities, when neighbours fall out - as they do everywhere at sometime - there is so often an assumption of our own self-righteousness, that it makes the mending of relationships and indeed friendships and thus the healing of our personal hurts and communities difficult.

And it doesn’t depend on the seriousness or otherwise of the issues that divide us. We find it difficult to see the issue from any other point of view than our own. Or as Jesus said, ‘we see the speck in our neighbour’s eye, but we don’t see the log in our own’

Furthermore regular churchgoers are just as prone to these break downs as anyone else, we are after all human, every one of us with our frailties. Yet as Christians we are commanded - and should want to love one another.
But the other side of the coin as it were is that when there is a real crisis somewhere in the world, when people are in desperate need, we do respond positively - look at the amazing response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami disaster. But is that easier when the object of our concern is remote and personally unknown to us, but nevertheless the subject of our genuine concern?

The point is that the relationships that we have with each other reflect the relationship that we have with God and vice-versa; and good and right relationships are essential to a loving, caring and dynamic community. Lent is a good time to review our relationships.

Our five part Lent Course ‘Better together?’ could help us do that. They are being held in both our Parishes; they are open to all, they are informal, and there is a guide book to help us through it. You don’t need to be a regular churchgoer; all you need is an open mind. Details of dates and places of meetings are shown below. Each session lasts about 90 minutes.

I do hope you will be able to join us and make this a meaningful and happy Lent and a good preparation for a truly joyful Easter.

With love and prayers

Lent Course 2005 – ‘Better Together’

Affpuddle
Mondays - at Audrey Grindrod’s home, Bladentye, Briantspuddle (at the cross roads in Briantspuddle), at 7.30pm (tel: 01929 471214):
on 14th, 21st, 28th February, 7th, 14th March

Bere Regis
Thursdays - at The Vicarage, Bere Regis at 7.30pm (tel:01929 471262):
On 10th, 24th February, 3rd and 17th March (note not 10th)

Then we all meet at The Vicarage for a Communion service at the beginning of Holy Week on 21st March at 7.30pm.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**July**
- 3rd  Bere Regis Open Gardens 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
- 13th  Church coffee morning at Pat Chesney’s, Tower Hill

**August**
- 5th/19th/26th  Pop in Place Children’s Summer Activities 10.00 a.m.-11.45 p.m.

**September**
- 10th  Pop in Place Performer of the Year competition 7.00 p.m.

**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

February
9th Autumn Leaves talk on stick making with Steve Barrett 2.30 p.m.
12th Bere Regis Scouts - Valentine’s Supper
12th Pop in Place Social Disco, Royal British Legion 7.30 p.m.
23rd Church Coffee Morning at the Vicarage 10.30 a.m.

March
2nd/9th/16th Lent Lunches in Church
9th Autumn Leaves - Jim Waterworth - a Vet 2.30 p.m.
11th Barn Dance in aid of St John the Baptist Church funds 7.30 p.m.
12th Briantspuddle Village Hall Curry Supper 7.30 p.m.
25th Pop in Place Easter Egg Raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade

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.
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 2.30 p.m.

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

THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE
The Vicar
The Reverend Ian Woodward
The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
Tel: (01929) 471262

Church Officials - Bere Regis
Lay Reader Brenda Pitfield - 471391
Church Wardens John House, Westcourt, Worgret Heath - 551266
John England, 10 Southmead - 471469
Deputy Warden Mr R Comben, Beechmast, Whatcombe Lane,
Winterborne Whitchurch - 01258 881143
Secretary of PCC Chris Mauder, 15 North Street - 471342
Treasurer of PCC Gordon Phillips, 102 North Street - 471525
Organist Tim Colquhoun, Heatherdown, Brock Hill - 471360
PCC Members
Geoffrey Booth, David Gibbs, Robert Croom,

Church Officials - Affpuddle
Lay Reader Jonathan Haigh - 471768
Church Wardens Paul Badcock, Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle - 471297
Sandy Moriarty, Brankstone, Briantspuddle - 471747
Secretary of PCC Stephen Sanderson, River Cottage, Affpuddle - 01305 848812
Treasurer of PCC Mike Menzies, Starmoor, Throop - 471263
Organist Ivor Mullins, Grasmere, 12 Parmiter Road, Colehill,

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
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  7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board
Playgroup Bere Regis  Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01929 472765 Wednesday/Thursday PM
Pip Squeaks  A musical youth group. Thursday (except 2nd Thursday)
6.00 p.m. - Drax Hall
Pop in Place  10.00 a.m.- 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall
Purbeck Singles social group  Contact Roy Winder – 01929 471456
Pop in Place Poppets  1.30 p.m. Poppets 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Thursdays Drax Hall
Rainbows  4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
RBL Gardening Club  8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774
ROGS Golf Society  Golf days, last Friday in month – March to October. Contact Guy Storey for further details – 471041
Scouts (10½-15 yrs)  7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
Swimming Club  Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m, Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262
Toddler Group  1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church
Tuesday Club  A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every Tuesday at Turberville Court. All welcome
Twinning Association  Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities
Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)  8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
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.
Parish Council Meeting day
Hall. Agenda displayed on Village Hall notice board

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

Babysitting Circle
Contact Mary Lillie – 471365

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

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

Bere Regis Youth “Lenny’s”
RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays
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.

C.A.B.
Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.-2.00p.m. (closed Wednesday)
Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only)
Mondays 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 6th February   Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima)
8am   Holy Communion   Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion   Bere Regis
11am Mattins & shortened Communion   Affpuddle
6pm   Evensong   Bere Regis

Wednesday 9th February   Ash Wednesday
7pm   Benefice Communion with ‘Imposition of Ashes’* to mark the beginning of Lent   Affpuddle
*optional

Sunday 13th February   First Sunday in Lent
8am   Holy Communion   Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion   Affpuddle
11am Family Service   Bere Regis
12.30pm Holy Baptism   Bere Regis
3.30pm   Evensong   Affpuddle

Sunday 20th February   Second Sunday in Lent
8am   Holy Communion   Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion   Bere Regis
11am Family Communion   Affpuddle
6pm   Evensong   Bere Regis

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11am Mattins & shortened Communion
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Sunday 6th March
8am Holy Communion
Affpuddle
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11am Family Service for Mothering Sunday
Affpuddle
6pm Evensong
Bere Regis
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS
FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
Max Charles William Traynor, on 30th January

Weddings

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis
Nichola Honan and Jayson Ward, on 22nd January

Funerals

At St Laurence, Affpuddle
Phyllis Bowell, on 5th January, followed by cremation at Weymouth

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices have started again at 6.30pm on Wednesday evenings. Meet in the porch if you would like to look or have a go. We always need more ringers to allow for those who are under the weather, on holiday or with pressing family commitments.

This was the first year for a long time when we have not managed to ring at the New Year but our numbers were very few. Sorry to those who listen out for us.

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Saturday 23rd April 2005
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Please book early
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Will Be about

Saint Valentine

& how love affects all our lives

On Sunday, 13th February, 2005

In Bere Regis Church
10 – 11am.

All children between ages 4 & 10 are very welcome.
There will be lots of fun and no charge! – just come along and enjoy yourselves.

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

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS
2005

FEBRUARY
5 QUIZ NIGHT 8.15
12 FUNCTION
19 SUPER LEAGUE DARTS

March
5 POT LUCK MIXED PAIRS
12 SUPER LEAGUE DARTS
25 PETE HOWELL
26 EASTER EGG DRAW
DICE HORSE RACING
QUIZ RESULTS

WHIST ALTERNATE
THURSDAY EVENINGS

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472620

CHURCH WARDENS

Some of you may know that our two very faithful Churchwardens at Bere Regis John House and John England are retiring after nearly 65 years service between them. That’s an amazing record and a sign of great continuity and devotion to service.

Some people may wonder exactly what do Church wardens do.

The Office of Church Warden is an ancient, honourable and very responsible position. They are trusted and respected members of the community. They are the lay leaders of the parish.

The official description of the Churchwardens tasks are laid down in Canon Law (that is Church law).

‘When they are admitted (usually these days by the Archdeacon), are known as ‘officers of the ordinary’ which means they are responsible to the Bishop. They shall discharge their duties as are by law and custom assigned to them; they shall be foremost in representing the laity and in cooperating with the incumbent (the Vicar); they shall use their best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them. They shall also maintain order and decency in church and churchyard especially during the time of divine service.’

All this is quite a tall order but it doesn’t even begin to describe all the hundreds of tasks that John and John have undertaken for Bere Regis Parish Church for so long.

I know that the Church has been a very big part of their lives for a very long time. We are enormously grateful for all that they have done for us and we shall miss them, though will both remain in or near to Bere Regis and hopefully continue to worship with us. I hope you will want to contribute in a practical way to mark their faithful service.

You can give your donations to Gordon Phillips, our Bere Regis Treasurer, at 102, North Street (471525), or Christopher Maunder, PCC Secretary at 15, North Street (471342), or to me at The Vicarage (471262) or in Church.

I hope we will be able to make a presentation to them at Easter.

(And please don’t think that their successors have to serve for so long. We have recently passed a local measure in the PCC that means that new Church Wardens do not serve more that five years.)

Thank you

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CHURCH WARDENS

February 2005

Reg Adams
Pennyside
Bere Regis, Wareham
BH20 7JH
01929 471468

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February 2005

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Seasoned Hardwood Logs
(no softwood)
Cut and split to customers’ requirements

Full Nissan Cabstar load - local delivery
£85
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CHURCH WARDENS

February 2005
TSUNAMI DISASTER APPEAL

Many thanks to all who contributed to the disaster appeal so generously. The sum of £490 has been sent to Christian Aid

Gordon Phillips, Treasurer

ADVANCED NOTICE OF SPRING CLEAN OF BEREGIS CHURCH

Can you spare an hour or so on Saturday 12th March 2005 to once again help with the Spring Clean of our Church?

Any volunteers would be most welcome and we plan to meet from 10.00 a.m. Please bring dusters, and/or mops. Our Holy Cleaners and Dusters already do a wonderful job weekly but this is the opportunity to do that little bit extra.

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

Jane Woodward

LENT LUNCHES

There will be three Lent Lunches this year on 2nd, 9th, and 16th March. They will take place in church from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

The lunches consist of bread and home-made soup, followed by tea or coffee. There are always two different soups and ‘seconds’ are usually available!

Donations for the lunch will go to Christian Aid to support their on-going work throughout the world.

If you would like any further information, or would like to offer a pot of soup, please contact Pat Chesney - telephone 471519.

concerned and greatly appreciated by the visitors. Now they wish to reciprocate and invite us to Lyme Regis on March 17th. They will show us their Museum and give us a tour of the older parts of Lyme Regis and provide refreshments before we leave. I am sure it will be an enjoyable day. Mode of transport, either coach or cars, will depend upon number of people going. If you live in the Parish and would like to come along, please phone Audrey Grindrod on 01929 471214

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

AGM

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 23rd February at 8.00 p.m. There will be no admittance after 8.15 p.m. Any proposals for the AGM must be put in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder and displayed on the Notice Board at least 7 days before the AGM.

Reunion Party

A Reunion Party will be taking place on Saturday 5th March from 8.00 p.m. until 11.30 p.m. for members past and present. Anyone wishing to attend should please phone me on 01258 837267.

Horticultural Show

We are still looking for someone to take over the running of the show.

Village Quiz

The date for this has been arranged for Wednesday 20th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall and Social Club. The cost will be £2 per team.

Membership Fees

These will be due on March 1st - the price will be decided at the AGM.

Sue Jeanes - 01258 837267
**BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS**

**SAT 26 FEB 2005**

At St Joseph’s RC Church, Wool
7.30 pm

with orchestra & soloists including Pippa Goss and Hugh Hetherington
Conductor Dr Richard Hall
Programme includes Mozart’s Litanae Laurentanae
Tickets £8, £5 students, by calling 01929 555 366 or 01305 832069
or on the door

**DORSET AND ACROSS THE SEAS**

On Wednesday 16th March, Tony Bates will be presenting one of his new (and renowned) Audio-Visual Sequences in Briantspuddle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Included in the presentation will be several sequences of our countryside and life in Dorset, as well as some of the fascinating places that Tony has visited overseas. Do come along and enjoy this presentation, whilst supporting Dorset Wildlife Trust (of which Tony is Chairman). Entrance fee is £2, payable at the door, and light refreshments will be available from 7.00pm.

John Solly

**AN INVITATION TO LYME REGIS ON MARCH 17TH - ST. PATRICK’S DAY**

On a May afternoon in 2003, over 30 members of the Friends of Lyme Regis Museum visited Briantspuddle. They were given an extensive tour of the village, with all relevant history, followed by afternoon tea in the Village Hall. Altogether a delightful afternoon for all
MOTHERS’ UNION

The January meeting was held at Turberville Court on the 5th January 2005, Hazel welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers, remembering the terrible disaster in South East Asia, and also for some of our own members - Mary England, Mary Fegan, Eileen Bangay and Christine’s Dad. A letter was read from Eileen Bangay thanking everyone for the get well cards she had received.

The main event of the evening was a selection of slides taken by Brenda whilst she and her husband Fred were on holiday at Lake Garda, Verona and Venice, it was really outstanding.

Nancy Gibson received a Calendar, letter and Christmas Card from our Australian Link wishing the Bere Regis Mothers’ Union a very Happy Christmas.

Hazel received a letter from Beckingsale House thanking everyone for the donation of £10.00.

We concluded our meeting with a cup of tea and our New Year custom of Members’ gift exchange.

Our next meeting will be at Turberville Court on the 2nd February with a Video Show - “The Right Change”.

Kay Abbott Secretary 472258

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the January meeting of the Parish Council, a letter was read from Mr Richard Elston, the Project Manager of the Hardy’s Egdon Heath Project. The project is proposing open grazing of Oakers Bog by the means of cattle grids and boundary fencing. Members of the Council agreed to invite Mr Elston to the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 9th March to discuss this matter. Members of the public will be informed as soon as possible if Mr Elston is available to attend in order that they too may attend the meeting and address him on this issue.

Planning applications were considered for Queenspost, Briantspuddle, to convert the first floor flat and store to commercial use. Further planning applications were received for Oakers Wood Cottage, this being the third set of applications received for this site, proposing the demolition of the single storey extension and construction of a new extension and detached garage.

In January last year, it was minuted, “that the Parish Council would concede ownership of the boundary wall to the owners of 26 Briantspuddle subject to agreement on height, which would depend on the safety and stability of the wall and its foundations.” It was also agreed that prior to the future Village Hall development, a survey of the wall would be undertaken by the Council, to ascertain structural integrity. A letter would then be drafted, approved by the Council’s solicitor and the Parish Council for attachment to the deeds of no.26. Further to this, and at the January 2005 meeting of the Parish Council, the contracted survey report was received and discussed. The Council agreed to forward this report to the District Solicitor in order to progress this matter further.

Also at the January meeting Council members agreed to explore the initiative of First Responders. This is a scheme set up by the ambulance service that trains members of the community in the skill of first aid, in order that a quick response can be made to emergencies in outlying areas. The designated “First Responder” would be first on hand at emergencies such as heart conditions and be equipped with a defibrillator in order to stabilise casualties until the professional paramedics could arrive on the scene. The Clerk has agreed to explore this matter further and will report back at the next meeting of the Parish Council, which is on Wednesday 9th February.

TWO YEARS IN NEPAL

Thank you to all those who attended the presentation at the village hall describing the two years that Allan and Andrea Smith have spent living and working in Nepal. Generous donations made during the evening provided £145.30 to support social aid work in Butwal, Nepal.

COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning will be held at the Vicarage on 23rd February starting at 10.30 a.m. There will be a raffle and bring and buy and we do hope you will come and enjoy a friendly chat to pass a cold February morning.

Any unwanted gifts would be most welcome in either the raffle or on the bring and buy stall.

Do come!!!

MC
Curry Supper

Instead of holding a Valentine’s Supper this year (Valentine’s Day is on a Monday!) the Hall Committee thought it would be fun to have a curry supper. This will take place on Saturday 12th March in the Village Hall 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

There will be a selection of curries to suit, it is hoped, all tastes (mild, medium, hot and vegetarian) followed by a suitable pudding.

Tickets costing £8.00 will be available from Philippa and Jenny Lightfoot and to be sure that you are not disappointed please get your tickets sooner rather than later. Due to hall regulations numbers will be limited to 60. The Social Club will be running the bar so that you will be able to buy wine or beer to go with your curry. It is expected to be another splendid evening.

Phyllis Bowell

Phyllis Bowell was born at Leyton, London on March 19th 1915. Her father came of a painting and decorating family in Bow which he inherited but failed as many did in the Second World War. He had suffered shell shock during the First World War and was invalided out but never fully recovered. Her mother was born and christened Mary Gertrude King. Phyllis was christened Gertrude also but was shy of the name and avoided using it as much as possible.

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In due course, although the war seemed to be approaching they stayed close with Phyllis by this time working on secret clerical work at the Air ministry. On one occasion they were discussing marriage and Phyllis said ‘For two pins I would marry you tomorrow!’ Ernest who usually carried pins in his lapel rushed off and bought a whole packet and gave them to her. Marriage then was quite a different affair and particularly married women were not expected to work but keep house. As the family business was deteriorating, Phyllis was then the only breadwinner so would not leave the family to be married.

They therefore married spontaneously and secretly in a registry office with two witnesses plucked from the local park, people they had never seen before or since. This was January 16th. In September of that year Ernest was evacuated to Liverpool and Phyllis who, like many was obliged to keep a packed suitcase at the Air Ministry, walked out to join him leaving the briefest of messages for her parents that she was leaving and that, by the way, they were married.

The new Mr and Mrs Bowell moved to a council house in Barkingside where, in time their two sons Victor and Philip spent some of their early years. Whilst the War was on the family were twice ‘bombed out’. Firstly whilst they were in the shelter and the house received a direct hit; and then when they elected to stay in the house, convinced that the raid was passing over, their shelter was destroyed. After the War, in 1952 the family moved to Wigmore in the Medway Towns in Kent where Phyllis took on a fresh challenge of a new cub pack, as Lady Cub master for a pack of up to 40 boys. Because of the basis of cubs being Kipling’s Jungle Book, she would read the relevant parts to new recruits herself as part of the initiation process. She took the cubs camping, (proper camping in tents, in rain and shine) on many occasions and organised with Ernest's help the many assistants, Rovers scouts (18 year olds) and other adult assistants.

Phyllis's own boys recall cycling trips in the Kent countryside looking for wild orchids. After acquiring the relevant qualifications by travelling to London for classes, she taught shorthand, typing and commercial subjects at Fort Pitt in Chatham in evening classes. Phyllis enjoyed an abiding interest in reading. She could be so engrossed that she would at times lose track of other things she was expected to be doing. She was also fascinated with languages and she undertook extended studies of French, Spanish and Latin. This led to ever more adventurous holidays. Initially in the early days by corridor train to Cornwall but particularly later to France initially by bicycle to visit Phyllis's pen friends in
Sundays

Bere Regis 1: Greenridge 4

So what did Santa have in his sack for this Sunday team then? Little Saint Nick White was still injured. The youngsters were still off playing with their playstations. Steve Thurston tried his hand at Colin Macrae rallying, and not the playstation game. The only thing that the long suffering manager Adam Rogerson could be thankful for was that he himself was not injured. Spoke too soon.....the second half saw an injury to Adam and Bere were struck down to ten men.

Despite all this and despite losing 4-1 and despite it being cold and wet and windy, this reporter (with exclusive access into the hallowed changing rooms, what do you mean nobody else wants to!) found the Regis players in good humour after the game. They had battled well against a tricky team; they had not been outplayed, even when down to ten men; and they had even taken the lead. A near post corner from Adam found Ryan Pettitt and he exploded into a whirlwind of arms and legs to unleash an overhead kick from nowhere into the net. The main reason for the good humour, though, was Ian Macklin’s recollection of his booking. A penalty decision against Bere meant some frustration and Ian took it all out on the ball, that flew like a bullet into the stomach of a Greenridge player who dropped like a stone. He may not be laughing when he receives the £8 fine.

Next to come, the old foe Sturminster Marshall and, hopefully, the green shoots of recovery seen today will finally bloom into flower.

Mini Soccer (Under 8’s)

No games....it’s Christmas!!!

OBITUARIES

Normandy and Provence. There was a notable occasion when the transfer across Paris from one station to another was done in limited time and halfway Phyllis’s chain broke so she scooted her bike, oily chain in hand to be in time to catch the train south.

Later, trips were done to France and Spain by car, initially a 1947 Hillman Minx with Phyllis skill at French being put to great use. Victor and Phillip recall an occasion when on a family holiday in Greece and the plan was to enjoy a circular tour of part of the country. But soon after the start of the venture they noticed a signpost pointing to site of particular historical interest that Phyllis had been reading about. So the family diverted more than a hundred kilometres to see the antiquities.

She qualified as a teacher, and when, in the early 1960s Ernest’s career meant moving to UKAEA at Winfrith, Phyllis started teaching at Kemp Welch School in Poole. There she encountered some very difficult girls but still managed to see the good side of them and was particularly pleased when they achieved results against many difficulties. She was much loved by many of those girls as well as her teacher colleagues, and years later they would come to see her at home in Bladen Valley. She retired from teaching in the early 1980s and back in Briantspuddle, Phyllis took a very active part in village life being a staunch WI member and managed to restart of the village WI after it folded for a while.

She was a long time member of the Briantspuddle Singers and only had to stop as a result of her stroke although she still visited on Tuesdays to listen to the other singers and enjoy their company. Philip says that he would never have done any music without her encouragement, and even in those dark days of his piano lessons his mother still supported him even when he did not practise enough. Phyllis played the piano largely for her own pleasure until less than a year ago and was helped by her teacher Tim Colquhoun from Brockhill. Her interest in music ran through all sorts and she had been very keen on Gilbert and Sullivan as well many short piano pieces. She sang around the house to herself and most particularly to children and grandchildren. All those little nonsense things like ‘Dance mister Thumbkin...’ as well as the old well loved children’s rhymes. Her grandchildren remember the freedom her home and garden gave them with support, and particularly good food, when they were there playing in the garden or in the house bumping down the stairs. Her ‘Spanish Superb’ was a treat a special dessert that they all looked forward to. She also encouraged her children and grandchildren to cook by providing guidance and materials without any worry about the mess they
made. Phyllis’ granddaughter Corrie says: ‘I remember her fondly for the funny songs she sang to Mark and I as children, her wonky arthritic fingers and her creased up face when she smiled. She enriched my life.’

In the garden she worked tirelessly and is well remembered by many locally, following behind the lawnmower or tending her many plants. A visit to the house would inevitably involve a guided tour of what was flowering or coming up in the garden with a willing exchange of knowledge about the plants she grew. Victor says that Phyllis enjoyed a stimulating love of learning and with it sense of wonder that lasted throughout her life.

She brought light and life to so many and we give thanks for her life today.

OBITUARIES

Saturdays

Bere Regis 1: Lychett RT 0

A nice easy game to blow away the cobwebs is what the doctor ordered. Unfortunately, it must have been an NHS doctor as Bere’s first game back was against the team that had hammered them 5-1 in the last game before Christmas. Thankfully, the situation was the same for both sides as Lychett had not played for a few weeks. Even better news was the return of some key Bere players in the shape of White, Lumsden and Cope, the spine of a team that had turned to jelly without them.

Playing into the wind in the first half (yes, Spivey lost the toss again!) Bere had to battle to keep in contention and Dean’s first Saturday game in goal was a real test. He was more than equal as he dealt with two one on one situations with consummate ease. Bere’s No. 3 keeper indeed! Given the amount of possession that they had, it was some credit to Bere’s defence and hard working midfield that these were the only two clear chances Lychett had in the first half. In fact, as Bere finally knocked off some of the rust they could easily have scored a couple themselves near the end of the half as Shaun Cope hit the near post from a difficult angle and the far post with a thunderbolt of a shot that came back to Squint so fast it was all he could do to knock it just past the gaping goal.

In the second half with the wind at their backs Bere barely looked troubled. Lychett were kept to long range shots, which Dean gobbled up except for one Roy Carroll moment to keep the crowd on their feet. As the half wore on, Bere just kept getting closer and closer to that elusive goal. Finally, with 15 minutes to go, Neal Percy hit a near perfect corner to the back post and Squint volleyed gleefully home. The final quarter of an hour had the crowd on the edge of their seats (if they had any), but Bere’s two old gits and two young whippersnappers in defence proved impassable. Meanwhile, the forwards were finding more and more gaps as Lychett pressed and should have wrapped the game up with several gilt edged chances. As it was, Rob and Spivey slowed the pace at every opportunity to kill time, despite Kevin Cox being more eager than a beaver on uppers! One final heart-stopping cross into the area in the final seconds was insolently headed away by Spivey, to be followed by the final whistle and scenes of jubilation not seen since Al Moorse last helped with the nets.

The result not only gave Bere their first win in weeks and a modicum of pride after their humiliation, it also meant that they leapfrogged Lychett back into second place in the league. There is still a long way to go yet though in this season and the only thing you can rely on with Bere is their unreliability......
Paul and Kevin Moss, a defensive partnership that ranks alongside Morecambe and Wise for sheer talent. It was said that Kevin Moss covered every blade of grass in this game, but that was only by lying on it as he was put on his backside more times than Frank Bruno by Neal ‘Twinkletoes’ Percy. Goals started to pour past a beleaguered Rob White in goal as even Kev Cox got in on the act, obviously still believing he is a young man, with a pinpoint header past his own keeper. Shaun was like the proverbial fox in the chicken coop, picking his spot and scoring at will. Even Carl Dyke got in on the act with a well placed shot past Robbelaar White. Desperate times called for desperate measures and there is no one more desperate than Dacre. Realising that Stu Moorse was their focal point and with the added luxury of playing with no referee, he began to carve him like a Christmas turkey, one particular tackle so vicious you could see Dougie making a mental note to charge an extra 10% next time Earl goes shopping at Spar. Eventually this tactic worked as the Old Gits worked their socks off knocking the youngsters boots off and Kev Cox pulled one back to make up for his earlier mistake. Pete Larder was working miracles in the goal, though, and it remained 5-2 until the last minute of the half, when he let a simple cross through his arms and into the goal.

The second half was a different story altogether. An inspired tactical switch to play the old 8-3-8 formation and boot the ball up front worked wonders. A goal from Linden soon after the break pulled it back to 5-4, then came the turning point of the game. Kev Cox created a bit of space for himself on the half way line and slotted a pinpoint pass for Spivey to chase. Many thought he would be no match for the young defender, but like a cheetah he sprinted past him. Many thought his shot would miss by a country mile, but like a bullet it flew into the bottom corner. Many thought they would never hear the end of this…and it is very likely that they will be right!! Having drawn level, there was only going to be one winner now. Kev Cox curled in a peach, Linden White pulled out a plum, Adrian Moore lost his cherry, and Jimmy Green showed us his banana with a curling effort into the top right hand corner from fully 30 yards that had goal written all over it from the moment it left the magical boot. The Young Whippersnappers were in pieces, quite literally, as whenever they approached the Old Gits defence the likes of Paul Moss, Gaz Pitfield, Earl Dacre and Steve ‘Hacker’ Cheeseman hit them so hard their teeth rattled. The superior fitness, or fatness in some cases, showed in the end as the Old Gits won the second half 7-0 and the whole game 10-5. The trophy is back in its rightful place, the drinks are on the bar and all is right again in Boxing Day, until next year........
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU TIME

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the purchase of flowers with which to decorate the church for Christmas. £24 was contributed and I was able to buy masses of pinks and chrysanthemums. The church looked beautiful when everyone finished decorating it and at the time of writing some of the flowers are still usable.

Special thanks to Lindy and Phil Ventham for dealing with the erection, decoration and, later on, the dismantling of the tree. They excelled themselves and the tree looked beautiful with masses of baubles, tinsel and lights.

On Monday 20th December I took three boxes of presents which had been presented at the gift service to the Dorchester Cheshire homes. They were most grateful for all your kind gifts and for the fact that we continue to remember them at Harvest and Christmas time.

Philippa Thorniley

THE SPECIAL CLEAN

Thank you to the four doughty ladies who turned up to help with the special clean on 8th January. With their efforts all the pews and furniture were polished, the hassocks were vacuumed, the chancel floor polished and the church was finally swept through. These special cleans together with the efforts made by the weekly cleaners help to keep our church looking spick and span.

Philippa Thorniley

THE TSUNAMI APPEAL

On behalf of the PCC I have offered to help organise a collection to buy and fill two aqua boxes to help with the tsunami relief appeal. The Aqua Box is a stout plastic box with a lid which has a fitted top and water purification tablets. The box is filled with useful equipment to help those poor souls who have been affected by the disaster to have clean water and get “back on their feet”. The Aqua Box scheme is organised by the Rotary and Chris Maunder has been most helpful in

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football reports

The Boxing Day Extravaganza

Old Gits 10: Young Whippersnappers 5

Revenge is a dish best served cold and it was flippin’ freezing on this Boxing Day morning as the Old Gits trooped out to take back the trophy so impudently taken from them last year. You could certainly see how much it means to them as the Old Gits pulled out all the stops to bring some Bere Regis legends back to life. The old favourites were, obviously, still there (Jimmy ‘The Riddler’ Green; Adrian ‘The Joker’ Moore; Linden ‘Catwoman’ White; and Pip ‘The Penguin’ Evans) to scrape the mould off boots still not cleaned from last year. This year, though, some raw aggression was needed and so both Moss brothers were present (on a strictly raw meat diet for the past week), as well as ‘Scatman’ Allen, Gaz Pittfield and the piece de resistance...Steve Cheeseman, a man who doesn’t even know how to spell friendly! They even had room to include a little bit of trickery, in the form of Chris Oram, and the sheer spending power of Dougie Moore, club sponsor (I am sure Mr Abramovich would get a game for Chelsea if he asked) and father of the infamous Moorse brothers (given the skills he showed us, their mother must have been one hell of a footballer!). The Young Whippersnappers were taking things just as seriously, with a team that consisted of almost all the Saturday and Sunday side put together, a guest appearance from Nick ‘Rooney’ White, as well as the drafting in of young Stu Moorse from his debauched university lifestyle to remember some of his glory days (both of them!). The scene was set; the old gits had oiled both inside and outside; Linden had sellotaped his knees back together (I kid you not!); Pete Larder had pulled on the keeper’s jersey (I kid you not!!!); Let Battle Commence......

As usual, it was the Old Gits who started the brightest and were all over the youngsters for the first minute, Oram showing us what we have been missing with a delightful cross and Spivey showing us why he remains in defence with a laughable volley. Once the effects of the alcohol had worn off the Old Gits, the Young Whippersnappers started to give them a lesson in total football. With the defensive capabilities of Adam Moss, Al Moorse and Luke White; a midfield cornucopia including Stu Moorse, Simon Walker and Neal Percy; and a front line including Wayne Cope, Shaun Cope and Pete Macklin (who have scored about 653 goals between them this season) Bere needed something special in defence. Unfortunately, all the Old Gits had was the whiff of Special Brew from the likes of
The new cleaning and flower arranging rotas start from the first Sunday in April. New volunteers are always required to replace people who move away or get too old to clean the church and do the flowers! The cleaning takes about an hour to sweep through the church, dust the pews and other furniture, and mop the wooden floors. This can be done at any time prior to the Sunday listed. The brushes, mops, and dusters are stored in the vestry cupboard.

The flowers take anywhere from half an hour to one hour depending on the number of vases the flower arranger wishes to do, the vases which had to be cleared away, and the time the flower arranger takes to arrange flowers. The PCC has bought a new shed which is situated under the yew tree to the side of the path leading to the main gate. The vases are now stored in this shed, though there are a few vases in the vestry cupboard. The wire and oasis are also stored in the shed. The flower arranging can be done from Thursday onwards before the Sunday listed. The main criteria is to make sure that there is at least one fresh arrangement on the pedestal by the hagioscope. If you feel like doing more arrangements, please feel free to do so! The number of times a year you would be required to help is usually two. I try to arrange the cleaning times at about six-monthly intervals. Most of the helpers who do both the flowers and cleaning prefer to do both tasks for the same week. The new Rota will be prepared at the end of February, so please let me have your names and addresses as soon as possible. I am assuming unless I hear to the contrary that if you already clean the church and do the flowers that you will continue to do so. As has been said before this is a wonderful way to help the church. If the church had to employ a cleaner it would cost at least £4.85 per hour (based on the minimum wage for adults). So you can think of the time you spend cleaning as a really practical contribution towards church life. After all to quote George Herbert “a servant with this clause make drudgery divine who sweeps a room as for Thy laws makes that and the action fine” (I hasten to add...)

Philippa Thorniley
that you would be considered to be God's servant and not the Church's!)

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would be able to help with both these tasks. I will be constructing the new rota at the end of February and I would like to have all the relevant information to hand before I start!

Philippa Thorniley

**AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP**

Thanks to the hard work of volunteers much was achieved in 2 hours at the ‘Clear-Up’ last November. Summer is now in sight and besides the mowing rota, which begins in early March, there is the need for a Spring ‘Clear-Up’. This is planned for Saturday 19 March from 10.00am until noon (same day as the Church Interior Clean).

Please come along if you can spare an hour or two. There are the usual spring chores, including pruning, path edging and general tidying up for the summer. Helpful tools to bring along include rakes, spades, path edging tools, pruners and receptacles for collecting fallen branches and other rubbish. I look forward to your company!

If you are unavailable on 19 March but would be happy to help at another time, please telephone me to discuss what needs to be done.

Any queries – please telephone me on 01929 471747  Sandy Moriarty

But our God is not a God who just stands by and does nothing. He has acted. In Jesus Christ He stepped into our shoes as a man, God the Son. He came to suffer and die, not in some sentimental martyrdom, but so that His righteous anger against sin could be appeased and the penalty paid for those who place their trust in Jesus Christ and receive His free gift - forgiveness of their sin and admission into God's family. All this was motivated by the love of God - a total commitment that took Jesus to the cross and beyond to the empty tomb. And, unlike some of the pledges made during the recent appeal - Our Father God is faithful and will keep His part of the covenant. Now that's a new dimension of love that will touch us for time and eternity.

I am always available to answer questions or be of help to you if you have any questions concerning your beliefs. Just ring up and make contact.

With love in Jesus Name,

Pastor Jim Morris The Manse Flat, Butt Lane Tel: 01929 471270

If you wish to know more the God's plan and programme of salvation, may I invite you to join us for a special series of informal discussion Lent Groups as we approach Easter. They begin on Tuesday 15th February at 7.30-9.15pm at the Manse, Butt Lane, and continue every Tuesday with the last meeting on 15th March. On Good Friday (25th) we shall be joining with other Christians in the village for our annual Walk of Witness up Black Hill (set off from Surgery at approx.11.15am) On Easter Sunday (27th) we have a special Family Service at 10.00am in the morning, and an Easter Songs of Praise Celebration at 6.15pm - both services in our Chapel.

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
A commitment of love from God

With Valentine's Day fast approaching this month on the 14th it would seem appropriate to centre our thoughts on the great theme of love. Many of us are still recovering from the tragic event that broke on Boxing Day and occupied our thoughts and prayers for much of January. I am of course referring to the Tsunami earthquake that sent a great wave of death thousands of miles across the Indian Ocean, claiming over 160,000 lives from many nations. Within a few hours, and in the days that followed another wave was directed at the many innocent victims of this disaster. It was the wave of compassion and generosity that sprung from thousands of ordinary people who wanted to do something to help their fellow man and gave what they could to help. Even within our own village, hearts and pockets have been touched as many of our local organisations and social groups have organised events and collected much-needed money for the Tsunami Appeal.

But as the aftermath of this tragedy fades in our memories as other news stories hit the front pages, the need to rebuild and rehabilitate millions of traumatised people will require a commitment of love on the part of some that will go beyond a one-off gift and will extend over a period of many years. It is to be noted with sadness that much of the money pledged will not materialise, such is human nature. Love, real love, is much more than heightened emotion. It is an act of will that involves long-term commitment. Nowhere do we find this more clearly displayed than in God's commitment to us in sending His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for us to redeem us from our sin and a lost eternity.

Some may find it difficult, perhaps even hypocritical, for a Christian Minister to be writing about the Asian Tsunami and the love of God in the same article. Certainly many will be asking, "Why does a God of love allow such a natural disaster to happen?" Before you rage at the unfairness of it all, and at God, we need to zoom out and look at the bigger picture. The biblical history of the world tells of the creation of a once good world, in which death and suffering are not "natural" at all, but intruders. They occur because of humanity's rebellion against its Maker (see Genesis 3). As man was both the tenant and the steward of the natural world then this sin of rebellion signed the death warrant not only for man but also for the planet on which he lived and toiled. In Genesis 3:17 God says the very ground is cursed because of man's sin. We are reminded daily that we are dying people living on a dying planet. Part of that curse is that not only is the atmosphere around our planet being contaminated and spoiled, by also inwardly the planet is breaking up - hence the great movements of the tectonic plates that brought about the Boxing Day earthquake.

The Parish Plan is making very good progress and the team under the guidance of Mr Jon Cleave is working very hard to keep to the programme. The time is coming for Public Participation though sadly the two Public Meetings will have happened by the time this is published. However there are to be plenty of notices concerning them so it is to be hoped that they will be well supported. The big step forward though is the distribution of the Questionnaire to all households for all Parishioners over the age of eleven years to respond to. This is a very important document as it will provide the data upon which the whole plan will be based. Please treat it seriously and follow the specific instructions for its return. All responses are confidential and nobody will know who has responded.

The Council were advised of a suggestion to form a Patient Participation Group within the area covered by the Medical Practice. Such a Group might be a forum to feed back suggestions for the improvement of services to patients, develop projects to meet the needs of fellow patients, e.g. with transport for patients and the distribution of medication, act as a representative group to influence the local provision of health and social care. Such a Group might fund raise for specific items of medical equipment or aids to patients. The Council thought that this was a good idea and well worth investigating further. If you are interested then please mention it in your response to the Parish Plan Questionnaire. Interestingly there is an example of assistance to the Parish in the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 18th January 1905. The minute records that Dr Lys of Bournemouth had offered the Council a bath-chair and it was accepted with thanks. Just one hundred years difference – but with similar intentions.

This month the Youth Shelter took a big step forward towards its actual arrival.
The Council is aware that time has gone by and little appears to have happened. However money had to be found and plans submitted for approval. The Shelter and the Kicking Wall have been ordered and they should be around by Easter. We still have to find some more money but we feel confident that that will be available when required. The Council is at the same time looking at the finances for another bridge over the Bere Stream close to the Scout Hut. This will permit an extension of the Board Walk towards Southbrook, and subsequently up to the School.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 10th February at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall.

CM

The work on the toilets is nearing completion and thus will complete Stage 1 of the improvement plans. Stage 2 will see the ramps to provide easier Disabled Access into and from the Hall. The final stage will involve the kitchen area.

All of this work costs a great deal of money and the Committee have been
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fortunate in successful fund raising and obtaining grants. However more is required and so the fund raising will continue to see the task through. To this end the PIP is arranging a Concert as a tribute to and in memory of Cis Lewis on 30th April. Details of tickets etc will be made in next months magazine.

The Committee is planning further events so watch this column for details. This is your Village Hall. Please do come and use it.
**PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**General Election**

To be able to vote you need to be registered. You can check if you are on the register by popping into Westport house in Wareham or ringing a very helpful young lady called Leigh who will check it out for you (see details below). If you are not registered you will need to fill in a form which Leigh will send to you. Previously the electoral register was only updated once a year around October. Now it is updated throughout the year. The rolling registration dates are as follows:

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Anybody not registered would need to have submitted their forms by 12 April in order to be included on the electoral register if a General election were to be held after May 3rd (my personal guess), but do not wait until then if you can help it. There is no monthly update during September, October or November during the annual canvass period when all households are asked to register. The first point of contact for registration, postal voting etc. is Leigh leighjohnson@purbeck-dc.gov.uk Telephone 01929 557219.

**Licensing**

The implementation of entertainment and liquor licensing reform came a step nearer recently, when the Government published its long awaited Draft Regulations under the new Licensing Act 2003. Under this legislation, responsibility for licensing will pass from the Magistrates to local councils.

Although local authorities such as Purbeck District Council have had access to the Act for over a year, the Draft Regulations are most important. They provide the detail of how the new licensing regime will operate, including forms, plans and operating schedules. However, the Government will not publish the final

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**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

_Courtesy of Pat House_

**Potato Cakes**

- 2oz dripping
- 8oz plain flour
- half teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 8oz potatoes, boiled and mashed
- 2oz finely grated cheese
- 2fl oz skimmed milk
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- salt and pepper

Melt the dripping in a pan and stir in the flour and bicarb. Add the mashed potatoes and cheese, mix well. Then add the skimmed milk, parsley and season to taste and stir to a fairly soft dough.

Roll out the dough on a floured surface to about half an inch thick and then cut into rounds with a 3inch cutter. Place on a well greased baking sheet and bake for about 15-20 minutes until well risen and golden. Split open and serve with plenty of butter.
purification tablets, becomes the water purification plant and a source of good clean water. If anybody is interested in offering items to fill such boxes then please do contact me on 471342. Aquaboxes cost £45 – if a group of people would like to prepare one for sending then the task can be shared around. Again have a word with me.

Rotary is a world wide organisation and we only deal with Rotarians at the receiving end. Thus we have been able to send money that we know will only be spent by the local Rotarians who are working hard to benefit the survivors. In example the local Rotarians are making up boxes of basic equipments to start a household off from nothing. These boxes cost only £6.00 each because they are being set up using local resources.

Finally the Rotary Club of Wareham would like to thank all those people who have responded. We are very grateful.

CM

Property Wanted

Having been widowed last year, my Dad is now wanting to relocate to Bere Regis so that I can keep an eye on him!!!

If you have a house which you are thinking of selling, we could be very interested – especially if it’s in Shitterton or on the west side of the village.

His ideal house would be (but anything similar considered):

- Detached, three bed, two receptions
- Small/medium, manageable garden
- Garage and good sized, private drive
- Study and conservatory
- Price range £250k - £500k

If you can help - please give me a call on 01929 471780

Many thanks

Alison Debenham

Regulations, or the fees structure, until this month. This is very worrying for local authorities, as it allows very little time to make preparations for the expected deluge of applications from current licensees, following 7th February 2005, when the conversion process is scheduled to begin. However, if the timetable set by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) remains unchanged, all pubs, clubs, restaurants, theatres, cinemas, village halls and similar, will have until 6th August 2005 in which to submit their applications to convert their current licenses to the new system.

On the question of fees, the suggested fees structure issued by the DCMS is in line with non-domestic rateable values, or business rates as they are known. The draft fees suggest that pressure from the liquor and entertainment trade has kept licence fees at a lower level than expected. This is better than expected news for the trade, but bad news for local authorities.

The Government has always promoted its intention to set fees sufficiently high, to allow Councils to recover in full the administration costs of the new system, in addition to the costs of inspection and enforcement. However, most Councils fear that the recovery of such costs is unlikely, causing an additional burden on local council tax payers. Purbeck District Council has therefore sent a strongly worded protest to Tessa Jowell MP, the Minister concerned.

Still, whatever happens in the next few weeks, it is clear that in November 2005 the old regime of ‘permitted hours’, ‘drinking up time’ and other outdated practices will be swept away. The Government hopes that more flexible hours of trading for the pub, club and restaurant trade, will put an end to the problems currently encountered, when customers spill out onto the street simultaneously from licensed premises. As Chair of the Licensing authority all I can say is that only time will tell.

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.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAREHAM

When the impact of the South East Asia Tsunami was becoming obvious a campaign of collecting funds was initiated within the Club and we found the response very enlightening. In only two hours over £350 was collected by two members outside Somerfields in Wareham. We then decided that we required a licence before the next sessions and after that had been obtained three intensive days of collection were organised. This resulted in a total of over £5500 being collected.

The Club is now preparing ten Aquaboxes, two purely water purification boxes and two Shelter boxes which provide tented accommodation for ten people each with sleeping bags etc. The Aquaboxes provide a means to send specific items of equipment to people who have nothing or at the least very little in order to survive. When empty the box, which is equipped with water
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The first phase of the development of our school grounds is underway. With funds from the Playground Partnership Grant we have purchased six magnetic wall games - 2 x snakes and ladders, 2 x noughts and crosses and one each of chess/draughts and four-in-a-row. We also have two new large picnic tables with table top car tracks for the children to play with. The next phase of the work is to develop our all weather footpath around the field, an activity trail and slide. This work is being co-ordinated by Adrian Moore, a governor and parent at the school. Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated.

We regularly have visitors in school, who work with the children. These range from musicians and theatre groups to dance and drama teachers. This week I received a letter from Simon Stone, a drama teacher, and would like to share extracts of it with you.

"I wanted to tell you what a superb Year 3/4 Class Miss Bennett’s were yesterday. I can say truthfully and without exaggeration, that in my 36 years of teaching they were in the top three of any class I have had the pleasure of being with. Every child was so attentive to information and instructions and gave 100% in bringing the range of activities to life. They were always enthusiastic and responsive and brought the Greek Agora (Market Place) alive as I have seldom seen in 12 years of offering it to dozens of schools in Dorset and Hampshire.

At lunchtime I was also impressed with the lovely atmosphere in the playground. It was especially delightful to see and hear older children being kind and attentive to younger ones. A truly memorable visit!"

The Local Education Authority are about to embark on the ‘Great Debate’ with an invitation for all communities to influence the future of Dorset schools. Further information, details and updates will be published regularly on the County Council’s website: www.dorsetcc.gov.uk/greatdebate.

Social Evening

On Saturday the 12th February at 7.30pm the Pop In Place has arranged a Social Evening at the Royal British Legion hall for people of all ages. This will be a non-smoking event, very informal with a chance to have a chat with other people. The bar will be open, music will be provided by A J Sound, and you will be treated to a Ploughman’s Supper. We really hope that you will come along to this event where everyone will be most welcome.

Entry is by ticket only, due to catering purposes, and is available at £ 2.00 each from the Pop In Place, Monday or Friday, or Tony (471934), Gwen (472335), Alison (472023).

Pop In Place Poppets – Baby and Toddler Group

The Poppets Parent/Carer Baby and Toddler Group meet on a Thursday 1.30pm to 3pm. (during term time). This group provides a useful link for young families both as a social occasion and also for friendship. For more information contact 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 it’s 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.
The Environment Agency is looking to recruit a keen individual in the Bere Regis area to act as an official Meteorological Office daily rainfall observer. This voluntary position requires the observer to measure rainfall on a daily basis at 09:00 GMT 365 days of the year. You would be one of over 60 other observers in the South Wessex area providing a valuable data resource which is used by both the Met Office and the Environment Agency, for such purposes as flood modelling, water resource management and water quality investigations.

You would need a keen interest in rainfall measurement and a location which is open and not over-sheltered by trees, houses, fences etc. All equipment, stationery and training will be provided by the Environment Agency.

So, if you think you have a suitable location and you are interested in becoming an observer, or know of somebody who would be, please contact Felicity Liggins at the Environment Agency on 01258 483387 or email felicity.liggins@environment-agency.gov.uk. Alternatively you can write to Environment Agency, Hydrometry & Telemetry, Rivers House, Sunrise Business Park, Higher Shaftesbury Road, Blandford Forum, DT11 8ST.
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VENUES 2005

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 24th June President’s Cup Barton on Sea Golf Club
Friday 30th September Rob Hall Trophy Salisbury and South Wiltshire Golf

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

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Tsunami Appeal Coffee Morning. With the £144.00 raised at Alison’s New Year’s Eve party and the £50.00 donation from the Kingsbere Quilters mean that the total sum given to the DEC Tsunami Earthquake Appeal was £632.62.

This is a very good effort especially as the coffee morning was arranged within three days; not giving much time for publicity. We do hope that people will continue to think of the plight of the counties affected by this disaster in the weeks and months ahead and that further events will also generate as much support and generosity.

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

We realise that it is difficult to think of the summer but we do need to have written confirmation of all the people within the Village who would be willing to open their gardens on Sunday 3rd July.

The proceeds will be given to the Drax Hall for improvements to the kitchen to include new sink, units, worktops, tiling and flooring. With the completion of the new toilet facilities and the ramps the Hall will be able to offer much better facilities to all of its users which will benefit a great many people in our own community.

Now as for “...is my garden good enough...” or “...is it the right time of year...” don’t worry! As long as it is safe for the public to visit it really is not important that the garden is a show piece. Some Village gardens have splendid views, some are natural, some show what can be done with a very small space, and some are rich in vegetables.

Whatever you have to offer our programme we will be delighted to hear from you. Please write to Alison Bennett, 3 Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis by 31st March or do it now so you do not forget!

8th February 2005 Jenny Moore from Wareham, Jenny’s title is Floral Topia.

Pat House
Bere Regis WI held their December meeting at Bloxworth where they had a Skittle and Buffet evening. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Miss Miller was presented with flowers in recognition of her work delivering the Home and County magazine for a good many years.

Some of our ladies took part in a Knitathon raising £212.80p for the Children’s Society and a blanket which was given to one of our older members.

We invite anyone who would care to come to our pancake race on February 8th 10.30am in North Street.

JN

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
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Pop In Place Pip Squeak Youth Group with emphasis on
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The Pop In Place aims to draw the Community together in
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Following the Christmas and New Year break, the youth club reopened on the 11th January with a session of the popular “Give Us a Clue” game. The make up of the two teams resulting in a Boys v Girls challenge. At the end of the ten rounds, it was the Girls team, which came out on top, winning by six games to four. The boy’s team losing out when they failed to guess one of their games and the girls picked the answer up for a bonus.

The members will be bringing along their CDs and tapes on the 18th January for a “Music Night” to run their own disco and dance session. This system ensures that everyone’s taste in music is catered for, no matter what his or her choice, although a degree of tolerance may be required.

Darts is the name of the game on the 25th January, when members will all be entered in a “Darts Competition”. This will be a pairs event with names being drawn out of the hat in order to select the pairs taking part.

On a lighter note, everyone will have the chance to get creative on the 8th February as part of the “Fancy Dress” evening. Prizes will be given for the best entries and following the judging, there will be there will be music to dance to.

Back to games again on the 15th February for a “Pool Challenge Competition”, this again will be a pairs event with partners names being drawn at random.

To help bring a more global perspective, the youth club will once again be running a series of themed evening. The first one will be a “Mexican Night” on the 22nd February. Members being invited to dress up in clothing Mexican style and to try food of Mexican origin. Should be hot stuff, me thinks.

March brings a slant towards Art and Craft, on the 8th there will be “Tee Shirt Painting” and this is followed a week later by “Scraper Board Art”. Perhaps there will be a splash of coloured shirts seen around the village as the weather warms up, and some interesting pieces of art adorning the walls of a number of local households.

As March comes to a close members will at least have something to sing about, as they take turns to impress each other on “Karaoke Night”, taking place on the 22nd.

“Chill out Night” is on the 29th March, an evening for members to relax and do

The year started with a party for the members which consisted of entertainment - first by members of the committee who, with Kath Jeeves at the piano, sang some seasonal songs, little gems from Kath Jeeves' joke book, Pam Hoare and her monologues, John England with 'The Gasman Cometh' and by Janet and Jim Morris who kept us amused with songs and stories. This was followed by a party tea with cakes and jellies and a grand free raffle. In lieu of a subscription and buying raffle tickets members were asked to contribute to the Tsunami Relief Fund which they did generously and with a donation from the Woodbury Hill Singers a fine total of £200 was raised.

The February meeting is on Wednesday 9th at 2.30pm in the Drax Hall when the speaker will be an award winning walking stick carver Mr Steve Barratt with his talk entitled ‘Sticking to it!’ The competition will be for a walking stick.

New members are always welcome - just come along with your 50p. You will get tea, entertainment, maybe win a raffle prize and a chance to borrow library books.

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their own thing, to reflect and plan for the coming summer months.

Membership became due on the 1st January; all members who have not yet paid are asked to do so promptly. Membership charges are remaining the same as last year, £2.50p for Juniors (8-11) and £4.00p for Seniors (12-17).

New members are most welcome, just call in on any club evening at the Royal British Legion Club in North Street.

Terry Vine Youth Leader, Tel: 01929 471693

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.

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

Many thanks
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