March 2005

THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

The Reverend Ian Woodward
The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
Tel: (01929) 471262

MARCH 2005

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

The next few months will see some important changes in our Benefice and particularly in Bere Regis. As I mentioned in last month’s Benefice Magazine, our two Churchwardens at Bere Regis John England and John House are retiring at Easter, after a remarkably long period of faithful service- some 65 years between them. It is somewhat unusual for both wardens to be retiring at the same time, but they have served us for so long that they deserve to be able to leave when they so choose to.

So there will be changes at St John the Baptist and I do hope that you will pray with me that suitable candidates will come forward and stand for election and be prepared to serve us.

They will not have to serve for a long time, the maximum term being five years, and they could return after a break if that were appropriate. With the Vicar they are responsible for the care and safety of the Church building which of course includes our wonderful late medieval roof. But the most important point is that just like the Vicar, they cannot do their job without help, prayer and understanding. The dozens of tasks they will have to oversee, and most of them are small, need to be spread around, and willing volunteers at Bere Regis have been getting fewer and fewer of late. Most of the tasks are not onerous, many of them are enjoyable especially if we can do them together – for example Spring cleaning the Church or giving the Church yard a Spring or Autumn tidy up, or delivering letters or cards to houses in the Village, or helping with fund raising so we can pay our debts!

Another helpful job would be to be a sidesman (or woman), meeting and greeting and perhaps helping with the reading rota too. It doesn’t have to be at every service every Sunday. We will also need help to prepare the Church for weddings and funerals, and most importantly to ensure the Church is unlocked and locked everyday and that it is warm and a good place to be whether you come in for fellowship or for those more private moments.

This is our Church serving everyone who lives here whether they come to it or not, and unless we make it a living, breathing, joyful place where the Body of Christ
worshippers, and that is open to all, we will lose it, or at best find that it becomes merely an historic relic.

I do hope you will think about how you can help: if you find that you do want to help and want to find out more do give me a ring and I’d be delighted to tell you more. And remember you will not be expected to do it forever!

In the mean time we give grateful thanks to John and John for all they have done and hope they will enjoy their retirement and continue to enjoy their Church.

In the meantime, I hope your Lent goes well and that you will join us for our Dawn service at 6am at Bere Regis on Easter morning ‘From darkness to light’, when we can celebrate great change - the end of the darkness of Calvary and greet that dawn of new light and new life and joy in our lives and share God’s gift of love to us all.

With love and prayers

PS If you wish to make a contribution to their retirement gifts you can give it to Gordon Phillips our Treasurer, at 102 North Street, Tel 521525, or Chris Maunder our Secretary at 15 North Street on 471342, or to me at the Vicarage 471262, or any of the above in Church.

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1st prize - £25
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I VENTHAM - NO 292

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E STEELE - NO 150

5th prize - £5

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

PLEASE CONTACT GORDON PHILLIPS FOR DETAILS – 471525

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.
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

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.
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

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Church Wardens John House, Westcourt, Worget 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
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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
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Sanctuary Flower Guild

13th February to No flowers - Lent

20th March

26th March Decorating for Easter

27th Easter Sunday

Bere Regis Sidesmen

6th 9.15 Mr House / Mr Bates

6.00 Mrs Jutting

13th 11.00 Children

20th 9.15 Mr Smith / Mr Croom

6.00 Mr Woodward

27th 11.00 Miss Miller

Bere Regis Evensong Readers

6th Mrs Jutting

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. – 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

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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

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**CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

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

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

- **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**
  - 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.

- **D.S.S. Van**
  - 1st Mon 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.

**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

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

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Sunday 6th March  Mothering Sunday
8am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion  Bere Regis
11am Family Communion for Mothering Sunday  Affpuddle
6pm Evensong  Bere Regis

Sunday 13th March  Fifth Sunday of Lent
8am Holy Communion  Bere Regis
9.15 Parish Communion  Affpuddle
11am Family Service  Bere Regis
3.30pm Evensong  Affpuddle

Sunday 20th March  Palm Sunday
8am Holy Communion  Affpuddle
9.15 Procession* & Parish Communion for Palm Sunday  Bere Regis
*departs ‘Podges’- junction of Shitterton and West Street at 9am
11am Family Communion  Affpuddle
6pm Shortened Evensong  Bere Regis
and PCC Annual General Meeting

Monday 21st March  Monday of Holy Week
7.30pm Benefice Lent Course Communion (open to all)  The Vicarage

Tuesday 22nd March  Tuesday in Holy Week
7.30pm Service of Compline with homily for Holy Week  Bere Regis

Wednesday 23rd March  Wednesday in Holy Week
7.30pm Service of Compline with homily for Holy Week  Affpuddle

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Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} March  
Maundy Thursday  
2pm Bere Regis School End of Term Service Bere Regis  
7pm Benefice Communion Service Bere Regis

Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} March  
Good Friday  
10am Service of Meditation for Good Friday and Walk of witness to Black Hill Bere Regis  
2pm Service of Meditation for Good Friday Affpuddle  
7pm ‘Lift High the Cross’ Bere Regis  
(service of meditation & readings)

Saturday 26\textsuperscript{th} March  
Easter Eve  
7pm Service of Compline - Easter Vigil of meditation Bere Regis

Sunday 27\textsuperscript{th} March  
Easter Day  
6am Dawn service of Light and Holy Communion Bere Regis  
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis  
9.15am Parish Communion for Easter Day Affpuddle  
11am Family Service for Easter Day Bere Regis

Sunday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April  
Second Sunday of Easter  
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle  
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis  
11am Mattins and Shortened Communion Affpuddle  
6pm Evensong Bere Regis
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS
FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
At St John the Baptist Bere Regis
Emma Louise Woods, on 13th February

Funerals
At Poole Crematorium
Albert William Charles Brett, on 1st February

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis:
Bertram Charles (Bert) Bush, on 9th February, followed by cremation at Poole

EASTER LILIES

As in past years there will be a clipboard in the church during March, on the table opposite the door, for you to write down your dedications for Easter Lilies to remember your departed loved ones at Easter time. Lilies will be £1.00 each. I will leave a tin by the clipboard for you to put your money in or you can give it directly to me or to one of the church wardens if you prefer. The Lilies will be used to decorate the church for Easter and the list of dedications will be placed under the alter cloth for the Easter services. Many thanks.

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Saturday 23rd April 2005
Cost £15
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EASTER

On Sunday, 13th March, 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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(Cheques to be made payable to Bere Regis PCC)

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Parish Council website: www.bereregis.org
**MAKING POVERTY HISTORY IN 2005**

You may have heard people talking about the ‘Make Poverty History’ Campaign which is being promoted this year by a coalition of charities, faith groups, unions and celebrities.

I would like to explain a little about the background to this campaign, and give you some ideas about what you can do if you would like to support it.

Research shows that there are many reasons why people remain poor, many of them beyond an individual’s control. Over recent years, the aid agencies have worked together to focus on one particular aspect of the problem at a time. Thus, in the years leading up to the new Millennium, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Cafod and many other agencies all concentrated on putting pressure on Governments to cancel the Developing World’s unpayable debts.

The common theme is now Trade Justice, but because as yet only about a third of the promised debt relief has actually been delivered, debt cancellation has not been dropped from the agenda. Much of the pressure has been kept up by the Jubilee Debt Campaign, which, together with the Trade Justice Movement, has now become part of the bigger umbrella group, Make Poverty History.

This year, 2005, is a special year for British campaigners, because not only is the G7 group of rich nations meeting in Scotland in July, but also the UK takes over Presidency of the EU for 6 months, from July. These two bodies make important decisions on finance and trade, which affect the lives of millions of people in the Developing World. It is a unique opportunity for us to make our voice heard in support of the three main goals of the ‘Make Poverty History’ movement: Trade Justice, Debt cancellation, and more Aid.

Several people have said to me, after seeing the devastating Tsunami in Asia, ‘Why not just cancel all the debt?’; and indeed, if you look at the headlines after the recent G7 meetings, it sounds very much as though there has been a decision to do just that. However, it is not that easy. The G7 countries still expect to find the money to replace the debt repayments, and they have only agreed to continue talking about how to reconcile their differences in this area. To quote the German Deputy Finance Minister: ‘There are worlds between what Gordon Brown wants and what the US is prepared to accept.’ It is not a done deal, and we need to continue to put on pressure. I have postcards available which you could send to the G7 Finance Ministers if you would like. (Some also in Bere church.) ......... Perhaps trade issues interest you more? – In March you will be able to look at information on trade issues in Bere Regis church. You can read about Agatha, a chicken farmer in Ghana, who hoped to be able to send her son to school with the income she made from selling chickens at local markets. Cheap imports from Europe and America have undercut her prices. The Ghanaian
Government wanted to protect its own producers by imposing a tax on foreign imports, but the IMF says that it cannot. The same rule does not seem to apply to rich producers, who impose huge tariffs on some Third world imports. Developing countries need a level playing field - and indeed special help until they are strong enough to compete openly in world markets, and work themselves out of poverty. Campaigners are calling for fairer rules for developing countries.

If you would like to support this aspect of ‘Make Poverty History’, you could join in the massive Vote for Trade Justice. (Aim: 1 million votes. Again, I have cards.)

Or, you could take part in the Global Week of Action for Trade Justice – 10th-16th April 2005. Activities include:

- **11th April**: Fast for Trade Justice. – A one day fast in solidarity with the 850 million people who go to bed hungry every day.
- **15th-16th April**: All night candlelit Vigil in Whitehall, London. Contact me for more details.

Also: Christian Aid has white Make Poverty History’ armbands on sale at £1. – They can be worn whenever you wish.

**Date for your Diary:**

**2ND JULY 2005 - MAKE POVERTY HISTORY RALLY IN EDINBURGH**

Thousands of people will be converging on Edinburgh for this event. — How about you?

Philippa Ward, 16 Blind St. Tel 471527

**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.

**BRIANTSPUDDLE HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

A new Secretary is urgently needed.

The Horticultural Show is held on the first Saturday in August every year. Since the show started in 1969 it has, and will continue to be, sponsored by Bladen Social Club.

Selwyn and Jean McGrorty, who have organised the Show for the last 24 years, will give as much help and support as is needed in the first year.

Without a new secretary this year’s show will be cancelled. For more details ring

**Quiz dates**

Friday 4th and Friday 18th March.
Friday 1st, Friday 15th and Friday 29th April

Sue Jeanes - 01258 837267
development of pupils and collective worship. This report was equally good and echoed much of what was stated in the Ofsted report. “The ethos of the school is very good. Its distinctive quality runs through all aspects of school life, generating a sense of purposefulness and community”. “Provision for moral and social development is very good. A positive approach is encouraged through a clear moral code.” “Behaviour is very good” and “The overall quality of collective worship observed is very good”. These are just a few of the comments that reflect the qualities of our school.

Mark Warder, Chairman of Governors, commented “Our head teacher Viv Burgess, who has just celebrated her 1st anniversary with the school, has brought commitment, energy and vision and together with great teamwork, support and hard work from all staff, governors and pupils have all contributed to make considerable improvements to the school. The Inspection Report reflects this and is a just reward for everyone involved in the life of Puddletown First School. What a great start to the New Year!

The full version of the report can be found on the school’s website: www.puddletownfirst.dorset.sch.uk

Sue Chapman, On behalf of the Governors
Puddletown Church of England VC First School

**DORSET AND ACROSS THE SEAS**

16th MARCH in Briantspuddle Village Hall...don’t miss this great opportunity to see Tony Bates’ latest visual extravaganza! Light refreshments available first, from 7.00pm onwards. Entrance is £2 at the door, in aid of the Dorset Wildlife Trust.

John Solly

**STAINED GLASS WINDOWS APPEAL**

**What has to be done**

All 21 windows have to be fitted with black powder coated, stainless steel shields. This is at the insistence of the insurers as a result of repeated vandalism. The work has been agreed with our architect, approved by the Diocese, and a supplier appointed. Patterns have been made of each and every window and manufacture is about to get under way. The cost will be £15,000.

**A Reminder of the History and what the Windows depict**

All the stained glass windows date from the restoration that took place between 1875 and 1878. This work was inspired by the Reverend Francis Warre and carried out to a scheme prepared by Sir George E. Street, the architect also responsible for the Law Courts in The Strand. The stained glass is by J. Hardman & Co. of Birmingham.

The west tower window tells the history of St. John the Baptist, patron saint of the church. Working round from the north west, the windows are of the nativity and life of Jesus. The chancel windows depict the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection. Along the south side are represented scenes from Revelations.

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

A grant of £10,000 has been received from the Dorset Historic Churches Trust, which is a magnificent start and greatly appreciated.

It is up to us to raise the remaining £5,000. So far, the Appeal has received £1,125 from individuals and village groups. Thank you all who have contributed, and especially for the individual sponsorship of the west window.

If you would like to help, donations can be handed to the Vicar, Treasurer or Church Wardens. You might also consider sponsoring an individual window: or simply to contribute to the overall cost. Please note that cheques should be made out to “BRPCC Stained Glass Windows” and using Gift Aid would significantly increase the value of your contribution.

The warmth and colours of the stained glass windows add hugely to the look and feel of the church – I do hope you will want to join in ensuring their future.

J.C.

Food for Barn Dance

We will need some finger buffet food for the Barn Dance, if you can help with this we will be most grateful.

Pat House.

NEW YEAR CHEER FOR PUDDLETOWN FIRST SCHOOL!

Puddletown First School has kicked off the New Year with a glowing OFSTED report following their recent inspection! In the overall evaluation it states that “the school provides a good and rapidly improving quality of education in a warm, friendly ethos and succeeds in including every pupil in all aspects of school life. Teaching is good overall and much of it is very good. The head teacher provides good leadership and management. The school gives good value for money.”

Praise indeed in the world of Ofsted, where “satisfactory” means what most people would term as good, i.e. meets expectations, therefore the words “good”, “very good” and “excellent” mean much more and these are hard earned. The head teacher, teaching staff and pupils all received praise and positive comments from the Ofsted Inspection Team.

In brief, the school’s main strengths were:

- “good”, and in many lessons, “very good”, for quality of teaching and learning, with “very effective” teaching assistants
- “very good” in provision for pupils’ spiritual, moral and social development,
- “good” for pupils’ achievement in English, science and ICT (information & communication technology) and
- “very good” provision for children who experience learning difficulties.
- Standards in writing and ICT are above average and attendance is well above the national average. Achievement in maths is average and is improving rapidly with improved levels of resources. Pupils’ achievement is good overall as a result of good teaching throughout the school. The Report states that the school provides a good quality of education with a good curriculum and very good use of ICT skills in a number of subjects. The school takes good care of its pupils, who also have opportunities to become involved in extra-curricular activities.

Ofsted reported on the few areas for improvement that had already been identified by the school and for which improvement plans are already in place.

As Puddletown First School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled First School it also has a separate Denominational Education Inspection (Section 23). This reports on the ethos of the school, provision for spiritual and moral
Further to the January meeting of the Parish Council, when a letter was read from Mr Richard Elston, the Project Manager of the Hardy’s Egdon Heath Project, I am pleased to inform residents that Mr Elston has agreed to attend the March meeting of the Council on Wednesday 9th March at 7.00pm at Briantspuddle Village Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend to hear the proposals of the project, which include open grazing of Oakers Bog by the means of cattle grids and boundary fencing. There will be a short period of open discussion prior to the monthly meeting, in order that residents and members of the Council may ask questions and voice concerns.

Planning applications were considered for 4 Throop Cottage, 33 Briantspuddle and further planning applications for Oakers Wood Cottage, this being the fourth set of applications received for this site, proposing the demolition of the single storey extension and construction of a new extension and detached garage, only this time with a thatched roof.

Also I am pleased to advise that some progress has been made regarding the Council’s decision to explore the initiative of First Responders. Readers may remember, 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. I have spoken at length to Mr Robby Millham of the Dorset Ambulance Service and he has agreed the need for a defibrillator in the area. The next step is to ascertain if any members of the public would be interested in becoming volunteers for such a scheme. No formal medical background is required, as full training would be given, however a good local knowledge is essential, as is own transport at this stage. In the future it is hoped that vehicles will be provided and further first aid training will be given in order to cover a more comprehensive range of medical emergencies. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please could they call the Parish Clerk on 01305 835264; it is hoped to get this scheme up and running towards the end of the year.

Bere Regis Parish Church

BARN Dance
at the Purbeck School Hall, Wareham

Friday 11th March
7.30 - 11.30 p.m.

Music provided by “The Hillbillies”
• Licensed bar
• Easy parking

Tickets:
£6.00 adults  £4.00 under 16’s to include finger buffet

Available from:
John House 01929 551266
John England 01929 471469
Bob Croom 01929 471905
**THE POPPY APPEAL**

Those of you who live in Briantspuddle and who donated either via the house to house collection or at the Village Shop will be interested to learn that you all donated £78.50. The total Bere Regis District Collection amounted to £2058.87 so your donations amounted to 3.81% of the whole. Thank you for your generosity.

Philippa Thorniley

**MORE NEWS ON THE VISIT TO LYME REGIS ON MARCH 17TH AT THE INVITATION OF THE FRIENDS OF LYME REGIS MUSEUM**

We plan to leave Briantspuddle around 10am in a coach. The Friends will meet us outside their museum and will show us the museum collection. At lunchtime we can find a pub or cafe, or even take our own sandwiches if the weather is good. In the afternoon we will have a conducted tour of the older parts of Lyme followed by tea at the museum. The cost of the coach will be £8.50p per person provided we get 30 people. So rally round for a good day out! Please phone Audrey Grindrod on 01929 471214 as soon as possible.

**PUDDLETOWN SURGERY - OPENING TIMES FOR EASTER**

Over the Easter period the Surgery will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Monday.

If you are unwell while the surgery is closed always ring 01305 848333. Our recorded message gives you the number of the Dorset Emergency Care Service who will take details of your condition and pass these on to a doctor. In cases of accident or extreme emergency you may be advised to ring 999 and request an ambulance. For general medical information, advice or reassurance, ring NHS Direct on 0845 46 47.

The weeks preceding Easter are very busy in the dispensary and we ask you to order your repeat prescriptions well ahead of time, allowing a few extra days before you come to collect wherever possible.

Many thanks.
The Golden Goose and other films

This event was a sell out. On 16th January thanks to Artsreach and Trilith it was possible to once again see the Golden Goose and other films which included Iwerne Minster in the Great War (this has now been given a voice over using the letters of the Squire of Iwerne writing to his son, which makes the film which already is interesting even more poignant); we also saw a short film of the 1937 Centenary celebrations at Dorchester Brewery and a colour film of Wimborne Market in 1945.

The Golden Goose was magnificent. Several of the original cast attended the show and after the film gave their memories of the making of the film. In the film it was wonderful to see lots of the older residents (some of whom are, alas, no longer with us) the film was punctuated by remarks such as “Good Heavens that’s so and so”. The actor playing the Vicar had a fine head of hair in those days as did Jack and several other of the male cast members! After the film the audience had a delicious tea which was served in the Social Club. It was a chance for lots of people to meet up after over forty years. The Hall Committee and the Social Club shared the profits after all the expenses were met and each organisation benefited to the tune of £117. All in all it was a very happy occasion and illustrated what the hall is for, namely to let the community meet in pleasant surroundings to see old friends and meet new ones.

Misbehavin and The Weaving Exhibition

At the time of writing these two events have not yet taken place. There will be a full report of both events in the April Magazine. I am hoping for another sell out for Misbehavin! There has already been a brisk trade in tickets.

Curry Supper - Saturday 12th March

Tickets costing £8 available from Philippa Thomiley and Jenny Lightfoot. There may be tickets available when the magazine is delivered (sales have already started).

Albert Brett

We are here today to give thanks for the life of Albert William Charles Brett, and Joyce has asked me that this service should be a time of thinking about and sharing our gratitude for all that he meant to Joyce and their families and friends and all that was so good in his life.

Albert was born on the 1st August 1921 in Willesden in North West London; the eldest of three children, sisters Daphne - who alas died in 2003, and Eileen who lives in Norwich, with husband Ken and their son Robert, Albert’s nephew.

Albert’s father was a railwayman with the Southern Railway, and when the children were young the family moved to Alperton, a little further out of London, and Joyce says there was always a strong sense of family. After school Albert joined a local electrical engineering company, and then he followed his father and joined the Southern Railway at Victoria Station in London. Then, as the war started, Albert joined up and entered the Royal Air Force as an electrical engineer. He joined a little known part of the RAF deployed as an Armoured Car Company protecting oil pipe lines between Iraq and Palestine, providing vital fuel supplies for the Allied war effort. He was also deployed in the Middle East support of the Eighth Army, providing ground to air communications, and later serving in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Albert very much enjoyed his service career, surviving on one pint of water a day for drinking and that it was not to be used for washing, because, he would say that ‘they all smelt the same’

He ended the war as a corporal and kept in touch with his chums throughout his later life. Albert returned to the Southern Railway, but he felt it was not the same as it was before the war. But it was in January 1946 – 59 years ago, that Albert and Joyce met, and Joyce says that it was at Baker Street station in London. And they married at the end of 1946. Joyce was living in Bexley Heath in Kent and was an book keeping machine operator working for The Building Trades Benefit Scheme. Albert asked Joyce if there were any jobs going where she worked; there were and so Albert joined Joyce, starting in the Administration Department, and he stayed with the organisation all his working life, retiring in 1986 as Services Manager.

But long before then, after they were married, they set up home in Wembley, and later moved home across London to Lewisham and then to Fulham, and finally settling in Crawley in Sussex, to where, Albert’s company shortly after, and very conveniently also
move to. So no more commuting, and by now Joyce was working locally so life was less stressful.

One of Albert’s great passions was motor cars and driving them. They often drove on the Continent, thousands of miles to the Black Forrest in Germany and to Austria and to Spain – and his cars were always Volvos. There is something safe and enduring about them. With retirement, Albert and Joyce moved to Bere Regis; they knew the area from holidays in Cornwall and the South West with their little dog Matty, and they were delighted to find the Bitchams Mead development where they settled down very happily.

They discovered and developed a love of cruising – and as Joyce says it was always with P&O. Their cruising took them to many places – the Mediterranean, the Canaries and the Azores but their favourite places were in the Baltic and especially Norway and the Fiords in Summer when the midnight sun was so spectacular. They made many good friends cruising and Joyce has many lovely photographs of their times at sea.

Albert valued the friendships he made in Crawley of his fellow freemasons and Joyce continues the tradition, playing an active part as a Past President in the Puddletown Ladies Lodge.

Albert was poorly in his later days and Joyce very much valued the support of the staff at his care home in Ferndown. And as Joyce says ‘looking back they had a happy and full life’ Albert’s sailing days may have ended but we can be sure that as he leaves us over the horizon he is coming home to his harbour of rest and peace.

Bert Bush

Bert’s son-in-law Jeremy Davies writes:

Bertram Charles Bush (Bert) was born in Norwich on 6th March, 1914. He gained a scholarship to the City of Norwich School. He was awarded a scholarship to University but was unable to take it up and took position of secretary to the Manager of Norwich City FC, with whom he subsequently moved to Southampton.

Following the outbreak of war, Bert volunteered for the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He married Iris on 15th February, 1941, was posted overseas in November and didn’t see her again until 1946.
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.....

Mini Soccer (Under 8’s)
Bere Dragons 1: Dorchester Magpies 1
Scorer: Jake

Bere Dragons 1: Gillingham Town 14
Scorer: Jake

Okeford Utd 0: Bere Dragons 2
Scorers: Jake, Jordan

The kids of Bere have done us proud this season. A crowd of enthusiastic parents, grandparents and football lovers have seen them try their little hearts out all season. Ably led by Mark Miller and Luke White they have transformed into a neat little unit and only needed a bit of luck in games like the Magpies game to win a few more. Gillingham was a lesson in how to play football, but it was good to finish on a high with a win against the second in the league, with top scorer Jake and top defender Jordan both scoring. The team can go into the Cup with a little bit of hope, mainly hoping that Gillingham are not in their group!!

Bert rose rapidly through ranks to Warrant Officer. He saw active service in North Africa and was mentioned in despatches for defusing a land mine on which his sergeant was standing. He subsequently saw action in Monte Casino and Anzio, where he was again mentioned in despatches for bravery.

Bert returned to Iris in November, 1946 and their daughters Geraldine and Claudette were born in 1948 and 1951. He was club secretary with Bristol City FC from 1956 until 1971. It was during his time there that he arranged for the Jules Rimet World Cup Trophy to be paraded at the ground for a testimonial match. Having been entrusted with the safety of this famous trophy, Bert kept it in the waste paper basket in his office and then under his pillow overnight!

The family moved to Bere Regis in 1971 and after a brief spell in amateur football management, he ‘rejoined’ the Army as a civilian, becoming Chief Clerk at Bovington Camp. Following his retirement in 1979, he became active in village life. He worked in the village Post Office for 12 years and audited the books for most of the village organisations, but it was the British Legion, of which he was president, that was his real love.
There was even the fearsome sight of Wayne Cope on the bench this week. With such a team, a draw was almost a disappointment. Goals from Pete and Wayne gave Bere this share of the points and a hope that there are better things to come.

**Bere Regis 3: Hamworthy Lions 6**

`Are you West Quay in disguise?` the crowd should have chanted. A few familiar faces, more attitude than Ann Robinson with PMT and a few decent footballers, it was all too familiar for the Sunday veterans on the sidelines as the old nemesis came back to haunt them. And yet…..Bere could have got something from this game too. Hamworthy took the lead, Texas Tom pegged them back. Hamworthy went ahead again, Shaun Pettitt pegged them back. Hamworthy hammered in a third, Texas Tom pegged them back once more. A fourth goal for Hamworthy, Bere ran out of pegs!! Two more goals for the Lions ensured all three points, helped by a Grobbelaar moment from Ian Macklin in goal as he raced out to the ball only to be foiled by a swirling wind and a bit less pace than he thought he had.

This young team can certainly take heart from a gutsy performance that would certainly have beaten lesser teams. Away to the leaders next week will not be a walk in the park, but points are certainly available against lesser teams in the weeks to come. They may be bottom of the league at the moment, but is that `The Great Escape` I can hear……

**Longfleet St Marys 8: Bere Regis 1**

Sadly no, I think its `The Great Pretender`! One minute, Bere are matching the league leaders and then they lose a goal, or two, or three. Then they come out for the second half and lose a goal, or two, or three…...and then it`s the final whistle. Yes, they always score and this time it was Texas Tom slowly catching Pete at the top of the marksmen`s charts. However, their defence is about as solid as Michael Jackson`s and they certainly don`t find it childsplay!!

Never mind at least you don`t play teams like this away from home every week…..except for next week in the Cup……

**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
This game was won by Bere’s midfields and forwards as their opposite numbers felt more pressure than Andy Fordham’s belt buckle. As early as the third minute this pressure forced an error and Sean Pettitt pounced to fire a shot into the far corner. A perfect through ball from Wayne found Si Walker galloping through and a delightful finish made it two. Shaun Cope could not stand to sit back and watch and fired in one of his own. Wayne Cope then got in on the act with a precise finish off the post to make it four and with the job done made way for Stu Moorse to relive his glory days (both of them) on the left. This allowed Sean Pettitt to move up front and carve out two beautiful chances for Shaun Cope, who finished in style with his hat trick completed by a perfectly struck volley from fully 25 yards out. Whilst the glory goes to the forwards, this was a half built on the tackling and passing of Squint and Mahoney in midfield, showing more bite than Janet Street Porter.

After this, the second half was always going to be a bit of a let down. It took an Okeford goal to liven Bere up again and they were soon creating chances again. Simon Walker was looking particularly lively today and tempted the defender into a challenge that had penalty written all over it. Despite the calls for Spivey to take it, he was one of the few in the team old enough to remember what happened to Gareth Southgate and insisted that Shaun Cope should make the game secure. One perfectly taken penalty later it was all over bar the shouting, which is why Kev Cox brought himself on as he let off a tirade that made Roy Keane seem like a cherub in comparison. Simon Walker finished off the scoring with the most precise finish you will ever see, passing the ball into the corner with the touch of an artist. There was still time for the most surprising act of the day, the referee giving an offside that the Okeford linesman missed (for those non-veterans, this is on a par with spotting a yeti riding the Loch Ness monster), but there were no more goals for the soggy crowd of die hard Bere fans.

Bere still lie second, but with a much improved goal difference and the hope that AC are starting to look over their shoulders.

**Sundays**

**Bere Regis 2: Sturminster Marshall 2**

The green shoots of recovery are certainly noticeable. A full squad of fourteen players is most welcome. A determined defence of youngsters such as Moss, Moorse and Owers, with old man Rogerson for that wise old head. Something for the ladies in midfield with both Pettitt brothers and a Walker...oh yes, and Mick Mahoney. Then, the goal machine Pete Macklin and Texas Tom Bennett up front.

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**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS**

**SPECIAL CLEAN**

The pre Easter Special Clean of the Church will take place on Saturday 19th March 2005 from 10.00 to 12 noon. Please come along (armed with dusters and polishing cloths) to help clean the church ready for Easter.

Philippa Thorniley

**EASTER FLOWERS**

The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 26th March from 10.00 to 12 noon.

Since there are usually plenty of garden flowers I do not make a collection to buy the flowers with which to decorate the church. However, gifts of cut flowers and foliage would be most welcome and should be brought to church before 10.00 a.m. on Saturday. Help with the decorating is also most welcome.

Philippa Thorniley

**THE CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTAS FOR 2005/06**

It is not too late to volunteer to join the 2005/06 Flower and Cleaning Rota! Please let me have your names by 6th March 2005.

Philippa Thorniley

**THE TSUNAMI APPEAL**

On 29th January the Village Hall at Briantspuddle was open from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon to receive contributions towards the purchase and stocking of Aqua Boxes to assist in the Tsunami Relief. Everyone’s generosity exceeded my wildest dreams. You were all magnificent! During the morning £602 was donated together with approximately one hundred pounds worth of donations in kind (these included toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, plastic plates, bowls and...
mugs, tools, string, note pads, pencils etc. etc.). Thanks to your generosity it has been possible to buy and stock four Aqua boxes and make a substantial donation to one of the Disaster charities. Thank you to all of you, many of whom had already supported the appeal, for your kindness and generosity. Detailed accounts have been displayed on the notice boards in Affpuddle and Briantspuddle.

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One final point to mention from this game is the use of technology to assist referees. In particular, a set of sensors on the heels of their boots so that when they walk backwards they can sense any cheeky player bending over behind them and not fall “A over T” into the mud. Of course, Rob White was innocently tying up his boots at the time……

Allendale 0: Bere Regis 3

So Arsenal and Man Utd think they have keeper problems. At least their keepers don’t miss the game because they have a lot of work on like Paddles did this week. With Dean still nursing an injured thumb it was left to Neal Percy, still smarting from the five goals last time, to fill the gap between the sticks. He certainly was an inspiration as Bere struggled against a spirited Allendale team. The first half went according to plan. Simon Walker headed in a pinpoint Shaun Cope corner; Squint headed in a pinpoint Wayne Cope cross; Rob White shouted a lot; Darren Spivey kicked or headed anything that moved, except the ball, and Dean sliced the ball like Jack The Ripper on overtime. Typical fare, lit up by an instinctive one handed save from Neal to deny Allendale right at the death. Unfortunately, Bere never really came out for the second half. Perhaps they were still thinking about the money stolen from their changing rooms at half time, even with Inspector Moorse in the team. Allendale certainly took advantage and slowly and surely started to take over the game. They shaved the post, they hit the bar, they had numerous free kicks on the edge of the area, but nothing could get past Neal ‘Safe Hands’ Percy. With his goal more charmed than a gypsy in a field of four leaf clovers Allendale were never going to score and in the dying minutes, as Allendale pressed, Bere took advantage of a quick free kick and Andy Curtis shot home. Bere retain their second place and look forward to the visit of a resurgent Child Okeford next Saturday.

Bere Regis 8: Child Okeford 1

What can I say? On a muddy pitch; in the pouring rain; against a team that we beat only 1-0 away; without Rob White (off to reign in Spain on a plane); and Paddles; only two subs and one of those was Kev Cox; this game could not have looked any more like a banana skin if you painted it yellow and gave it to a monkey! Yet what we got was a magnificent first half performance that ended with Bere six goals to the good and the game virtually over as a contest.
Football reports

Saturdays

Milborne St Andrew 0: Bere Regis 3

Windy, wet and miserable! No, I am not talking about our erstwhile manager, more the weather conditions for this local derby. Things were not helped by Milborne’s rather original tactics of padlocking both teams out of the ground. This proved somewhat ironic as Bere’s defence proved just as secure against a team that has been averaging 5 goals a game this season. Despite the necessity of having to play Adam Moss at left back, who looked about as natural in that position as Jackie Stallone’s face, Milborne’s celebrated forward line could not get past Bere’s veteran defence. Milborne had most of the play with the wind at their backs in the first half, but that ageing trio of ex-Milborne players, Paddles, White and Spivey, had a point to prove. Along with Dean and Adam on the flanks they ensured that Milborne had only long range shots and a spectacular overhead kick from their Filipino international (the lengths some teams will go to in getting players!) for all their effort. In fact, it was Bere who should have gone in at the break with a lead as Shaun squandered a fabulous chance and Squint had a blatant penalty turned down.

Bere soon started to turn the screw in the second half and they certainly deserved to break the deadlock. A well rehearsed free kick routine saw Rob White blast the ball into the wall and Mick Mahoney volley the rebound into the bottom corner of the net. Milborne redoubled their efforts and could have equalised but for some last ditch defending by Dean and some athleticism from Terry ‘The Cat (Litter)’ Vater in goal. The second goal made all the difference and Squint had a blatant penalty turned down.

Shaun Cope supplied it with the flukiest, or the best, corner you are likely to see, whipped straight into the far corner of the goal. Shaun did say at half time that he was going to do this, but he also said that Spurs would beat Crystal palace so you cannot believe everything he says. Bere were certainly on top from that moment on and the tackling from Squint and Mahoney in midfield to protect this lead was a joy to behold. Milborne gambled more players forward but Bere’s defence remained solid and a powerful header from Dean started Bere’s best goal of the day. Wayne received the ball on the left and picked out his brother on the right with pinpoint accuracy. One touch to control and then a power drive from Shaun seared into the far corner of the net. Milborne struggled to find that elusive goal, but Rob White was calling all the shots and Paddles was saving them. Bere ran out deserved winners and remain second in the league.
Hello everyone! We need your help!

This month we are sending out a questionnaire, to find out what you, the Parishioners, believe the Parish should have a Plan about.

It is a very simple and very short questionnaire, but its importance is very huge.

The results will determine what we spend weeks of time making plans about – plans that could eventually determine part of your personal future. For example, schooling for your children; jobs for your family; facilities for you in your old age; the availability & affordability of housing; sport & recreation facilities; how and where the traffic flows (or comes to a stand-still); our countryside; and so on.

Please put your thinking caps on, decide what is most important to you, and tell us through the questionnaire.

We are asking everyone over the age of 11 years to give their views. Not likely to be top of a teenager’s priorities! If you have children, or work with them, please encourage them. Put it this way - if their ideas come through strongly, they cannot be ignored. But if nothing is heard……….. well, don’t be surprised if nothing is done.

In addition to individual views, we are giving all the businesses, clubs and organisations, church groups, the major land-owners and visitors the opportunity to complete the questionnaire so that we get input from everyone with an interest in the future of our Parish.

The returns will be analysed in April. Then we will have a public event to tell everyone the outcome.

Yes, it’s democracy in action. But unlike a referendum on Europe, it’s right here, right now, right on our doorstep. Right?

John Cleave, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group

For further information please see www.bereregis.com or the Parish Web Site at www.bereregis.org and follow links about Parish Plan, or see the articles in the December and January Parish magazines.
The singers have started their 2005 programme by entertaining at Piddletrenthide for a 90th birthday and Young at Heart at Upton.

KJ

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 of the opposite page - 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

Many thanks
Editor
alison.debenham@virgin.net
(additional contact details on back page)

Purbeck District Council want to hear residents’ views on local housing issues including planning, affordability, energy efficiency and housing improvement. An interactive roadshow is being held in Bere Regis School on Saturday 19th March. Open from 10am until 4pm, the roadshow is aiming to attract as many people as possible from the Bere Regis area so the Council can gather the opinions of local residents.

The theme of the roadshow is ‘Housing: planning it; building it; living in it’, and senior officers from relevant departments will be available to answer questions and stimulate discussion. Residents will be encouraged to make comments, visit displays on issues such as the provision of disabled facilities and to make choices on how they would allocate government funding on housing issues in Bere Regis.

It is hoped the day will be informative, fun and also useful for both the Council and residents. Views expressed by local residents will be gathered to help inform the Community Plan for Dorset, the Local Development Framework, the Fit For Purpose Housing Strategy and the Private Sector Housing Strategy.

Residents of all ages are encouraged to attend. A poster competition has been set up for young residents aged between 4 and 11 years old. They will receive an entry form from school and are asked to draw what they believe the house of the future will look like. Older residents will be able to distribute ‘monopoly money’ to different housing initiatives to express their preferences for various strategies. There will be plenty of energy saving advice on offer and free energy saving lightbulbs for visitors.

For more information about the event please contact Sarah Moran, Communications Officer, Purbeck District Council. 01929 557201 or email sarahmoran@purbeck-dc.gov.uk

Iris Bush wishes to say thank you to all neighbours and friends for the many beautiful cards and kind words sent to her on the death of her beloved husband Bert, who died on 3rd February.

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Second Homes

You may remember that legislation was introduced which allowed local councils to restrict the discount on Council tax on second homes to 10% where it was previously 50%. This additional revenue was to be used to help regenerate those areas that had been blighted by too many second homes. This resulted in certain towns and villages being somewhat empty for large parts of the year and the potential closure of schools, surgeries and amenities due to the lack of permanent residents. This could lead to the development of “ghost villages” with some villages feeling as though they had lost their sense of community.

Dorset County Council (DCC), in line with government guidance, promised that the money raised from this change would be allocated to those areas most affected. We were told that “much the greater part of the revenue raised by this would be allocated to Purbeck which has by far the highest concentration of second homes in the County”. DCC have now reneged on this and are using the money for “front line services”. Thus the extra money raised is being put into one overall “pot” to reduce the increase in Council Tax for all the residents of Dorset. Both the political parties in Purbeck District Council are up in arms about this although there is surprisingly little we can do about it as the government’s guidance can be ignored without any sanctions whatsoever!

Council Tax

By the time you read this we will have settled on the level of Council tax for the coming year. It looks very much like the increase will be held to just under 5% which is still much too high for most of us but is required to meet the many additional responsibilities that have been placed upon the Council. One tenth of the total amount raised goes to Purbeck District Council with the rest going to Dorset County Council (including the Police and emergency services).

Durlston Bay

Some time ago I wrote of my unhappy experience acting as a member of the
Today the cross remains a potent symbol of God’s love for a lost world. I recently read these words - “the cross means different things to different people. For some it’s just a fashion symbol to hang, glittering, around an elegant neck; to others it’s an implement of torture designed to kill in the most painful way imaginable; for still others it’s a constant reminder of the sacrifice made by God’s Son, Jesus Christ, 2,000 years ago.” Why did He die? He died to rescue us from a godless eternity; He died so that you can have life in all its fullness; peace amidst the inevitable pain and suffering of this world.

But of course the Easter story does not end there – on the third day He rose again in the world’s greatest demonstration of everlasting life – and HE IS ALIVE TODAY! So may I extend to you a very sincere invitation to come and hear about this GOOD NEWS at our Chapel in Butt Lane. Here are some details of those meetings:

• Lent Meetings on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm (1st, 8th and 15th March) in the Manse in Butt Lane. An informal time of sharing and looking at the impact of Jesus’ words from the cross. Led by Pastor Jim Morris

• Palm Sunday – Hosanna in the Highest! – at 10.00am (20th March) led by Pastor Jim Morris

• Good Friday Morning Worship at 10.00am (25th March) led by Rev Ray Healey followed by

• United Church Walk of Witness at 11.15am (meet at the Surgery) and walk to the top of Black Hill.

• Easter Sunday Family Service at 10.00am (27th) – a celebration service for all the family led by Pastor Jim Morris

• Easter Sunday Evening at 6.15 pm – Easter Songs of Praise Celebration – led by Pastor Jim Morris.

Have a happy Easter – but try not to let it get hijacked by Easter bunnies, chocolate eggs or hot cross buns – or even two Bank Holidays, there’s more to Easter than calories and a 48 hour holiday!

With love in Jesus,

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

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk

Panel scrutinising the actions of the Council and Councillors in handling the landslip at Durlston Bay. Whilst the dust has now settled there still remain some “fragile” relationships although I continue to act as Chair of Licensing and Electronic Government and a number of other bodies - and hope to continue to do so.

Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and in the Bloxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com.

Peter Wharf, District Councillor

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Six hours that changed the world!

As I write these notes the Chapel has just begun a five-week Lent course series based on the words that Jesus spoke from the cross. The word ‘Lent’ has its origins in an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning Spring fast. Spring is the time of year when new growth and life appears after the seemingly long harsh months of winter. It’s a time of hope, aspiration and expectation with a promise of new life for all.

This season leading up to Easter is a good time to re-assess and re-appraise our lives – a kind of combined spring clean and stock check! For many it means giving something up – a period of self-denial and self-restraint. But it is also a time for giving something out by acts of self-sacrifice and deeds of kindness. For Christians, there is no greater demonstration of this than Our Lord’s ultimate death on the cross.

We often sing the famous hymn, “When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died” – but in our Lent studies we are trying to imagine what the Son of God surveyed as He gazed down from His unique vantage point. What did He make of this motley collection of fallen humanity that had gathered for this very public execution? There were the sneering, scoffing religious leaders; the cruel mockery of the Roman soldiers who had pressed the crown of thorns onto His sacred head. Beside Him even one of the criminals shouted words of selfish contempt, “Come on Jesus – Save yourself – and us!” And around the cross on this sombre day were members of his family – and somewhere right at the back of the crowds, shamed-faced and crest-fallen, were His very own band of followers who had deserted Him.

During the six hours of His agonising death, seven short statements fell from the lips of the Saviour, the first of which is the most poignant and relevant to us today. “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing”. No thoughts of Himself, no retaliation (and He was capable of cosmic-size retaliation!) – no twisted anger and bitterness; no self-pity and whinging – simply unconditional love and forgiveness. During those six agonising hours Jesus took upon Himself the very wrath of God. He suffered and died in our place and opened up to us the possibility of full forgiveness. Six hours that changed the world. But how many of us today appreciate that? How many have actually responded to God’s great gift of eternal life? A gift not purchased with human currency – a priceless gift purchased through the shedding of blood – for you and me.
Distance Night:
Distance Night held on 29th January was a great success with 31 members managing to improve on their previous distances swimming a total of 2,560 lengths or 40 miles (across the channel and almost back again!). Eight children attained their 5,000 metres badge, the highest awarded by the ASA. I would like to give a big thank you to all our patient counters who did a great job on the night. Well done everyone!

Swimming Teachers:
Since my plea for more swimming teachers, 4 people have stepped forward and said they would help. This has been a wonderful response and I am very grateful to Nick, Megan and Tom for their enthusiasm and expertise on poolside. Sam is currently under training and should be teaching on poolside sometime in March. I am sure that all our new teachers will all be a great asset to the Club for many years to come.

Mini Polo:
The Club will be entering 2 teams for a Mini Polo tournament at Bridport on Sunday 20th March.

Annual General Meeting:
Our Annual General Meeting will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 13th April at Bere Regis School. After a short meeting we will be presenting certificates and badges attained by our members over the past few months. Everyone welcome!

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The Playground Partnership Project is proceeding well. So far this term the children have enjoyed playing six new magnetic wall games, which include noughts and crosses, snakes and ladders and four-in-a-row. There are also two new large picnic tables with car tracks on the top. Over the next few weeks we are hoping to begin work on an adventure trail and path around the perimeter of the field. We are very grateful to the volunteers who have helped get this project so far so soon. Both governors and parents of the school have been very active. There is still much to do and any assistance would be gratefully received. Our thanks also go to FOBRS (the Friends of Bere Regis School) who have supplied us with bats/balls/hoops/ropes for our ‘Craze of the Week’ playtime activities.

On March 17th Class 4 will take part in the Isle of Purbeck Schools Music Festival at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. The children have been working hard and enjoying the songs they will be singing. Tickets can be purchased from the Lighthouse at £5 each.

We were all shocked by the tragic events in the Indian Ocean during the Christmas period. A number of children were very keen to support this worthy cause. After discussion it was decided to hold a non-uniform day on January 14th. A total of £80 was raised and this has been forwarded to the Tsunami Earthquake Appeal. The children are very grateful to everyone who supported them in their efforts.

**WANTED - A POTTER!** We have our own school kiln but are in desperate need of someone to help the children with their creations. If you are able to help, please ring 471334.

Steve Battishill, (Headteacher)
UPDATE FROM BERE REGIS SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Just to let you all know, if you didn’t already, that the school was awarded £10,000 by Woolworths to enhance the external facilities of the school. The money is being spent on numerous projects including the playground, playing field and garden.

We will be opening the school’s grounds on 3rd July as part of Bere Regis Open Gardens. Of course there is much to do and any volunteers would be grateful received. Contact the school on 471334 if you wish to help.

Under our extended school initiative we are looking to make better and longer use of the school’s buildings and facilities. Any one interested in offering after school clubs and learning for both the young and not so young then please contact us. Any budding musicians, dancers, keep fit enthusiasts, computer experts, etc willing to run a club or evening class would be welcomed.

We continue to press for our safer routes to school plan to be implemented and are waiting for Dorset County Council to progress. The consultation regarding the widening and lengthening of the pavement on the west side of Rye Hill was a success and we provided details in a previous issue of the Parish Magazine.

The Parish Plan is also important to the school. We understand a questionnaire is being sent out to households in the parish. We hope when completing your questionnaire you will consider the school as an important asset to the village. If so please make reference to it when completing the questionnaire.

Here are some ideas for the parish plan questionnaire put together by the children, parents, staff and governors which you may wish to put in the questionnaire:

- Wider pavement on Rye Hill
- Off road parking for school
- Cycle route to school
- Village nature trail
- Easier access to the countryside from the school
- Bus shelters for the children being picked up around the village going to Sandford and Purbeck and Lychett. At moment they all get very wet at Green Close, West Street and Doctors surgery.

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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.

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.

Dates for your Diary

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**Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Raffle**

This event takes place on Good Friday 25th March from 10.00am to 12noon.

This is your opportunity to show off your artistic flair, and keep a Dorset tradition, by creating an Easter Bonnet. The best bonnet in the parade will receive a prize. Refreshments will include tea/coffee and hot cross buns. There will also be an Easter Egg Raffle. Come along and join the fun, everyone will be made most welcome.

**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 garden.

**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, White Lovington or South Mead.

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

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Many thanks to all those who supported our February coffee Stop in aid of the Tsunami disaster appeal. The sum of £50 was raised.

This has been forwarded to the Rotary Club of Wareham towards their Aqua Box scheme.

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

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

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

**BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP**

March 8th “Picked for Pleasure” by Denise Parfit from Shaftesbury. Bring a visitor FREE.

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

Pat House


**AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB**

A most enjoyable afternoon when over 55 members were given a demonstration of a ram’s horn being made into a shepherd’s crook by Steve Barrett who is a National Winner of walking stick makers. He also showed a selection of his walking sticks’ white handles made as a deer’s head, and otter’s head etc. Many sticks were brought from members for the competition and Steve commented on them. A most entertaining afternoon for us all.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th March, at 2.30 p.m. at the Village Hall when we shall have a vet — Mr Waterworth giving his experiences. The competition is a Picture or Card of an animal. 50p at the door including tea. New members very welcome — just come along and enjoy a very pleasant afternoon with us all.

KJ

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**BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

The Twinning “Twelfth Night” buffet supper helped to get the New Year off to a good start! It was a most enjoyable evening starting with a welcome glass of Kir, and food and wine contributed by members, mainly with a French theme. Ruth Draycott kindly brought 3 Galettes des Rois (Epiphany cakes) from Normandy, which added to the theme. The evening included a Trivia Quiz with questions based on Christmas/New Year, organised by 3 members of the Committee (rumours that the questions originated from “University Challenge” were completely untrue!) and was won by Bob and Sue James. Everyone agreed it was a lovely way to end the festive season, and Peter and Pat Wharf were warmly thanked for allowing their home to be used for this occasion.

The AGM then took place at the Sports Club on Monday, 19th January. The Chairman, Ruth Draycott, gave a review of another successful year for our Association, and added that after 7 years’ involvement as a Committee member, one time Secretary and lately as Chairman, she felt it time to stand down and to make way for new blood. She also added that she had seen the Association grow from an acorn to a sturdy oak tree, and extended her thanks to all Committee members past and present for their hard work, and to members of the Association for their loyal support. Ruth was warmly thanked by Roger Angel and Judy Newton for the immense amount of hard work and time which she has devoted to the Twinning Association. She will be very much missed but has kindly agreed to be a co-opted member of the Committee for our exchange visits with Cerences. As a “thank you” Ruth was presented with a beautiful photo of Bere Regis and countryside, kindly taken by one of our members Tony Bates, and which will look lovely in her home near Cerences.

Roger Angel has kindly agreed to be our new Chairman, with Judy Newton as Deputy Chairman, and both were welcomed and thanked for taking over. There are some changes to the Committee which will be detailed in the Spring newsletter.

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The Twinning Association remains in full swing and the visit to Cerences, which is planned for the 16th-18th April, is still on schedule. So just a couple of reminders - The St George’s Night Supper on 23rd April [please see advert overleaf for details. If you request tickets by post, please enclose a SAE and make cheques payable to Bere Regis and District Twinning Association].

Our visit to Cerences is still planned to go ahead 16th-18th.
September. Travel arrangements have yet to be confirmed, but it is most likely that we will depart from Portsmouth 13.00 hours on Friday, 16th and arrive back at Poole about 22.00h on the evening of Sunday 18th September. Finally, as always, please do "watch this space" for any other events which may take place this year. Our membership stands at around 60 households, and new members are always welcome, and....our annual membership fee is a bargain at £5 per family!

Bere Regis & District Twinning Association

Are holding a

Traditional
St George's Night Supper
At
Briantspuddle Village Hall

Saturday 23rd April 7.30p.m. - 11.00p.m.

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Bere Regis W.I.

The dark January evening was whisked away to the brighter weather in the Channel Islands. It was an interesting and informative slide show by Mr John England that highlighted the differences in travel over the last thirty years.

March 15th    Learn what to do with that bouquet
Also the daffodil in a vase competition

March 29th    Spring Group Meeting at Creekmoor & Oakdale — Rev Timbrall’s clerical errors.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, new members are always welcome, at the Drax hall at 7.30pm.

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BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

The Darts Competition held on the 25th January revived the wrong-handed game rules, the 10 members taking part had to use the hand that they did not normally play with. After one or two shaky throws, members quickly became competitive with the rules proving a real leveller. The competition was called to a halt at the completion of the semi-finals due to the end of the evening arrived all too quickly.

The final itself took place the following week on the 8th February, with Robert Spivey defeating Kyle Everett in claiming top spot. The main event of the evening was the ‘Fancy Dress Competition’. Nine members contested the event in which Daniel Spivey kept his family name at the top yet again. Looking every inch the Lady in his long dress and wearing a black wig, he really caught the judge’s eye to take first place.

On the 15th February, the ‘Pool Competition’ also adopted the wrong-handed approach in order to provided close matches. For the second time in only a couple of weeks, a competition had been halted following the semi-finals, again due to time running out. The final, between Kyle Everett and Sam Hall, being held over until the following club night.

‘Mexican Night’ takes place on the 22nd February and members are invited to get into the mood by dressing up in appropriate apparel. There will be plenty of tasty and hot, very hot Mexican food to try. Members are also asked to bring along some suitable snacks and nibbles.

During the month of March, members will be able to enjoy ‘Tee Shirt Painting’ (8th), ‘Scraper Board Art’ (15th), ‘Karaoke Night’ (22nd) and a good old ‘Chill Out Night’ (29th).

With the lighter evenings and warmer weather, I hope, outdoor games and competitions will be back on the ‘Spring programme’.

Terry Vine  Youth Leader, Telephone: 01929 471693