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with TURNERSPUDDLE

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THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

Lent or ‘lengthening’ of the days in our northern hemisphere is a sign of hope,
indeed hope is one of the great features of Lent and with love is at the heart of
our faith; of what it means to be a Christian. Hope is individual, but most of us look
forward to warm sunny days and the sense of new life all around us to enjoy with
our loved ones.

For us in these latitudes Lent and spring come together. This year spring has been
a long time coming and this winter has been much more like the winters of my
childhood when it was properly cold for longish periods, but even then my
grandparents would say that their winters were ‘always much colder’! More
recently we have had very short winters, indeed this time last year the daffodils
were just about all over and there was concern that there might not be much
choice of flowers to decorate our churches for Easter. And most of us had cut our
grass at least once. But a colder winter - provided our more vulnerable neighbours
are not at risk - is a good thing; we’ve had the best display of snowdrops at
Affpuddle Churchyard that I can remember, and a good frost kills many of the
bugs. And though the frogs first appeared on St. Valentine’s Day to test the water
as it were, it was so cold that they didn’t return for four weeks, but now their
spawn is much more likely to survive so we should see even more frogs next year.

This is all a reminder about new life; indeed we are very lucky with the
distinctiveness of our seasons that we can appreciate the changes to our flora
and fauna so much more. Easter is about new life too, and though it is so easily

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eclipsed by Christmas in our national festivals and holidays, it is so much more important, because as Christians we are an Easter people. It was only through Christ dying and rising again that we can be confident of our own redemption and immortality, and thus liberated from our own needs, that we can live out a life trying to follow the example of Jesus Christ – loving one another as he loves us.

In our Lent groups this year we have been wrestling with the question ‘Where is God’.

On his recent visit to Sudan, Dr Rowan Williams the Archbishop of Canterbury was interviewed by Sir David Frost. They had just visited the al-Gariya displaced persons camp near Khartoum. Sir David asked the Archbishop ‘Do you believe there is a God or do you know there is a God?’ It was a good question for Lent, given the awful state of human suffering in those camps – I know personally how similarly dreadful conditions are in a neighbouring camp called Jebel Aulia. Dr Rowan’s response was ‘I believe there is a God, with all the trust and with all the hope and with all the love that there is within me. I don’t know there is a God, in the sense that I know him sitting opposite me here in Khartoum. It’s not that kind of evidence but it’s what people have called ‘moral certainty’, something I’d stake my life on when it comes to it. Now I say that blithely and hopefully, knowing that with another part of my mind that in a crisis none of knows quite how we would respond’. He went on to say ‘But that’s where the faith of a Church like Sudan is so important – I have seen people (here) staking their lives on this. I pray and hope that when it comes to the crisis I would have that courage’. That seems to me to be a thoughtful and very human response that we can all take comfort and hope in this Easter, and God is indeed in those camps in Sudan as he is here in our parishes.

So, do join us at our Easter services as we celebrate God’s life changing acts through Jesus Christ - there is a great choice for this our greatest festival, including our dawn service of light on Easter morning at Affpuddle.

A very happy Easter to you all

With love and prayers

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**Dates for Your Diary**

**August**
- 6th Open Garden and Rural Crafts, Shitterton Farmhouse 11.00-6.00

**September**
- 9th Dorset Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride
- 16th Pop in Place Community Celebration Day 2.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

**October**
- 7th Auction of Promises in aid of Church funds, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.

**November**

**December**
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April
4th Gardening club - Dr Bob Duke’s ‘Canals’
8th Bere Regis Church special clean 10.00 a.m.
12th Autumn Leaves - tour to Ottery St Mary
19th Autumn Leaves - Coffee Morning at Kath and Charlie’s 10.30 a.m.
29th Bere Regis Church outing to Isle of Wight and Osborne House

May
2nd Gardening club - Chris Hunter - Wall Shrubs
10th Autumn Leaves - The Donkey Sanctuary by Mrs Rawlings 2.30 p.m.
13th Pop in Place Performers Celebration Concert
27th Mothers’ Union coffee morning, Turberville Court 10.30 a.m.

June
4th Briantspuddle Open Gardens event
6th Gardening club - visit to be announced
14th Autumn Leaves - coach tour to Sidmouth 10.00 a.m.
17th Affpuddle Church fete
24th Bere Regis Church fete

July
9th Pop in Place Open Gardens event
25-27th New Forest and Hampshire County Show

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Bere Regis Sidesmen
2nd 10.00 am Mr Bates/Mr House
Chalice Mr House/Mr Smith
6.00pm Mrs Jutting
9th 11.00am Family service
Mrs England with children
16th 9.15am Mr Wharf/Mr Smith
Chalice Mr Croom/Mr Wharf
26th 11.00am Miss Miller
30th 9.15am Mr Wharf/Mr Croom

Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning  Dusting

1st April Mrs R Cleave and Miss P Chesney Mrs M Miller and Mrs E Munro
8th and 15th April Mrs J Woodward and Mrs C Tucker Mrs J Woodward
22nd and 29th April Mrs H Green and Mrs A Jones Miss G Miller and Mrs J Harvey

Sanctuary Flower Guild
2nd and 9th April Lent - no flowers
15th and 23rd Decorating for Easter
30th April and 7th May Mrs P Jesty and Mrs K Abbott

First Sunday Coffee
April 2nd. Bob and Denise Croom
Bere Regis Junior Church

The next children’s activity morning will be about:

Easter

9th April 2006

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

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

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

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

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**Chalice:**
- 9 April, T Lane; 23 April, M Menzies

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**CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL**

**Sunday 2nd April**

8am Holy Communion  
Affpuddle  
9.15am Parish Communion  
Bere Regis  
11am Mattins & shortened Communion  
Affpuddle  
6pm Evensong with the Briantspuddle singers  
Bere Regis

**Friday 7th April**

10.30am Service for Easter with hymns  
Turberville Court

**Sunday 9th April**

8am Holy Communion  
Bere Regis  
9.15am Parish Communion  
Affpuddle  
11am Procession* for Palm Sunday & Family Service with Baptism  
Bere Regis  
*departs ‘Podges’- junction of West Street & Shitterton at 10.45am (weather permitting)  
6pm Evensong & PCC Annual General Meeting  
Bere Regis

**Monday 10th April**

7.30pm Benefice Lent Course Communion (all are welcome)  
The Vicarage

**Tuesday 11th April**

7pm Service of Compline for Holy Week  
Affpuddle

**Wednesday 12th April**

7pm Service of Compline for Holy Week  
Bere Regis
**Thursday 13th April**  
Maundy Thursday  
7pm  
Benefice Communion for Maundy Thursday  
Bere Regis

**Friday 14th April**  
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  
6pm  
‘Lift High The Cross’ – service of meditation and readings  
Bere Regis

**Saturday 15th April**  
Easter Eve  
1.30pm  
Holy Matrimony  
Bere Regis  
7pm  
Service of Compline & Easter Vigil Meditation  
Bere Regis

**Sunday 16th April**  
Easter Day – ‘Hallelujah’  
6am  
Benefice ‘Dawn service of Light’  
Affpuddle  
9.15am  
Benefice Communion for Easter Day  
Bere Regis  
11am  
Family Service for Easter Day  
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Wed - Body Conditioning
Thurs - Aerocircuits

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Sunday 23rd April
St. George - Second Sunday of Easter
8am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11am Mattins & shortened Communion
6pm Evensong & Affpuddle PCC AGM
Bere Regis
Affpuddle

Sunday 30th April
Third Sunday of Easter
8am Holy Communion
9.15am Benefice Communion
3pm Service at the Methodist Chapel
Bere Heath
Affpuddle
Bere Regis

Sunday 7th May
Fourth Sunday of Easter
8am Holy Communion
9.15 Parish Communion
11am Mattins & shortened Communion
Affpuddle
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BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
On Sunday 19th March at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis: Georgie Lily Bosworth

Funerals
On Wednesday 15th March, in Church at Bere Regis, and Poole Crematorium: Evelyn Grace Bryan, aged 89 years

On Friday 17th March, at Poole Crematorium: Walter George Stickland, aged 84 years.

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices continue on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 to 7.30pm. We have been asked to ring for a wedding on Saturday 15th April and we have a visiting group from the Exeter area coming to ring on Saturday 8th April at 11.00am.

EASTER LILIES

As in past years there will be a clipboard in the church during Lent, on the table by 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 altar cloth for the Easter services.

Jenny Kinahan
At the time of writing I have not received Andrea and Allan’s news email. There will be a bumper report in next month’s magazine.

Philippa Thorniley

ANDREA AND ALLAN SMITH

At the time of writing I have not received Andrea and Allan’s news email. There will be a bumper report in next month’s magazine.

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WILDLIFE EVENTS

The last winter talk on the Fascinating World of Bats by Iain Friend was excellent and very well attended. His enthusiasm, knowledge and information was much enjoyed. This will be followed by an Evening walk to look for BATS on Saturday 19th August around Affpuddle from 8.15 pm.

OTHER DIARY DATES include a BUTTERFLY RECORDING DAY - Saturday 27th May with Bill Shreeves. 9.30 am - 2 - 3 pm. Opening Moth Traps, a Butterfly Session followed by the choice of several walks around the Parish to record Butterflies, all led by an expert. No knowledge needed and all welcome. Bring a packed lunch, but light refreshments will be available. There will also be Sales stalls and an exhibition.

A Moth & Wine Evening - Saturday 15th July - at 24 Bladen Valley by kind permission of Graham Hopkins from 9.15 pm to see moth traps in use and Ian Cross will identify and give us details of their fascinating lives.

There will be further details next month, but further information from Tasie Russell 01929 471 414

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George Stickland

George Stickland was always known as George, never by his first name of Walter.

He was born at Woodland, Bere Heath on Christmas Eve 1921. As a boy the family moved to Gentleushaw in Staffordshire returning to Anderson when he was 10 years old. He attended both Winterbourne Kingston and Bere Regis schools. On leaving school George did various jobs before joining the Forestry Commission with his mate Roy Tarbin.

In 1939 at the age of 18 they decided to go to Weymouth and join the Royal Navy as volunteers where he served during the War mostly in destroyers. George had an eventful career at sea but rarely spoke about his time in the Royal Navy until that is during last year’s Trafalgar celebrations when he shared some of his experiences with the grandchildren and great grandchildren. He served in the North Sea, the Western Atlantic and Canada, and Russian convoys and was at the D-Day landings. It was whilst he was on leave during the War that he met Joan at a dance at Morden Village Hall and they were married in 1947. On leaving the Navy he joined Dorset County Council’s Roads and Bridges Department and stayed there until his retirement in 1984. He had a saying ‘that his signposts may not always be straight but they will never fall down’.

On getting married, George and Joan settled initially in North Street Bere Regis before moving to Egdon Close where they have been very happy for many years and where they brought up their two children David and Marilyn, and they have five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. George had a great love for his garden and his allotment on ‘the Cross’ in Bere Regis. It was very conveniently placed for a quick dash to the Fire Station. His favourite saying was ‘I’m just going to pop up the allotment’, whether he went actually to garden or just to prop up the fence and chat to his fellow allotment holders, we will never know. And like most men George had that essential to life – a garden shed, where he spent many happy hours.

George and Joan travelled quite a bit, usually around the Mediterranean but they especially love Austria, but to his regret he never managed to get back to Canada where he had spent time during the War. He
loved the outdoor life and the sea; especially fishing from the beach at Abbotsbury and Ringstead – he couldn’t get on with river fishing – understandable I guess as he had spent so long at sea though he never got round to learning to swim.

And with Joan they shared a great love of Country and Western music and they belonged to several clubs in the area until George lost the sight of one eye and could no longer drive at night. George was very caring and kindly – often tidying other family graves in the cemetery even though he struggled to win the war against the moles up there. He had many friends and a loving family – he will be sadly missed. George was a true countryman who went to sea and came home and he is now at peace and in his new home.

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Eve Bryan

Eve Bryan was a joy to know; I fondly remember her at our little service last Christmas, just before her 89th birthday at Turberville Court when she steadfastly refused the carol sheet, saying that she knew all the words and indeed she did, and she sang well too, with a beaming smile on her face.

I’m very grateful to Eve’s niece Angela for putting many of these thoughts together. Eve was born in West Ham in London on the 22 December 1916, halfway through the First World War. She was the 4th of 5 children, her siblings being Gwen, Sid, Kath and Dennis. Alas sister Kath is now the only survivor but rather frail and living in London. We don’t know very much about Eve’s schooling or childhood but at age 14 she began working for the CO.OP and then went on to work for United Dairies when she was 18. It was there she met a young man who lived over the shop where she worked and he offered to mend the puncture to her bicycle tyre; she accepted, they fell in love and so Fred entered Eve’s life.

They were married on the 19th April 1942 at the Parish Church in Barking, in Essex, and set up home in Salisbury Road there. As hinted a moment ago they both enjoyed cycling and having bought a tandem – a bicycle made for two – they went on long rides exploring the countryside. They upgraded their transport as we might say today to a motor bike and side car so they could travel further a field and thus it

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May 2006. The summer hourly rate has been increased by 30p per hour and the Winter Rate by 50p per hour. It has been unfortunate that this year the Winter had been particularly cold and as a result more oil has been used than in previous milder years. All the regular users have been notified of these charges.

Curry Supper

Unfortunately due to lack of support this event had to be cancelled. It is hoped to have more luck with the next social event arranged by the committee.

100 Club

I had hoped to be able to report that by the time of going to press all the numbers had been sold. I made a start at the beginning of March and have sold

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The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Briantspuddle Hall Committee will be held on Wednesday 3rd May 2006 at 7.30 p.m. at Briantspuddle Village Hall. At this meeting reports will be given on the last year’s activities and the financial state of affairs of the Committee. The election of representatives from the Parish will take place.

All the organisations which use the hall have been given advance warning of the AGM and asked to confirm their organisations’ representative. To date I have been given notice that at least two of the elected representatives intend to retire at the AGM. If you are able to help manage your hall do please put your name forward for election to the committee. Please let me, Philippa Thornley, or one of the Committee members know if your are able to help.

The commitment is to attend the meetings (at the moment together with the AGM there are six a year) when the management of the hall is discussed and to help with the fund raising.

The main fund raising event this year is The Open Gardens which is to be held on Sunday 4th June 2006. At this event it is hoped that the major share of the annual repair fund is raised. The intention is to provide a fun day out for people with excellent and good value food and drink served in the village hall. This has the added benefit of gaining funds from outside the Parish so the burden of the hall maintenance does not fall directly on the residents. Once again if you can help by offering your garden for visitors to view, making or serving food during the day in the Village Hall, providing plants for the plant stall, helping to staff the car park or to help the participating garden owners mind their gardens do please let Jenny Beedle know.

It is expected that the Committee will take part in the Artsreach programme and the Purbeck Film Festival. Whilst these events do not earn “mega bucks” the Committee retains a proportion of the ticket price plus any “added value” in the form of the sale of refreshments and wine. Apart from making a small amount of money these events are fun and over the years there have been some excellent plays, concerts, other performances and films at a very reasonable cost and on our “own doorstep”.

Hire Charges

It is regretted that due to rising administrative charges (electricity, oil, insurance and wages) it has been necessary to raise the hire charges with effect from 1st
was they came to Dorset. Falling in love with Dorset they decided to move and in 1961 they settled in Sandford Caravan Park at Holton Heath.

It must have been an enormous change for Eve who until then was used to the busyness of East London and the fringes of Essex. Eve worked in the Camp shop while Fred worked at Decca Records and then the Admiralty until he retired.

Then they moved into the newly built flats in Manor Farm Road in Bere Regis and so began many friendships which continued right up to Eve’s death, and it is very good to see many of those faithful friends paying their respects. In Bere Regis Eve joined Autumn Leaves and ladies meetings and was renowned for making herself helpful by selling raffle tickets at many functions. When Fred’s health deteriorated they moved to the flats below them in Manor Road and they could often be seen walking arm in arm to the Post Office or down to the Drax Arms or the Royal Oak.

And this continued until sadly Fred died on the first of January 1996. Many of Eve’s good friends rallied round her in the first difficult months of her widowhood and she decided in time to move into Turberville Court with friends and security around her as she grew older. Eve subsequently kept our health services busy with operations on her eyes, hips and shoulder, and amazed everybody with how quickly she returned to health. Eve’s motto was ‘I do what I’m told to do’ and for her it seemed to work. During her last year Eve became very tired and spent time in hospital suffering from anaemia and later cancer. She went back into hospital in the New Year and died very peacefully at the beginning of March, leaving her many friends, and her family, missing her terribly but with grateful and fond memories. Eve’s ashes will be buried with Fred’s in the Churchyard here. Eve, may you rest in peace.

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At the March meeting of the Parish Council planning applications were considered for Higher Throop Farm, Briantspuddle, to erect an agricultural workers dwelling, Weatherby House, Ashley Barn, Briantspuddle to erect an external canopy, extension, pergola and additional windows in gable end and a retrospective application to erect lights around the riding school at Tonerspuddle Farm to enable use after dark.

Cllr P Badcock gave an update on meeting that was held with Mr Munslow of Dorset County Councils Highways Department regarding the letter of objection submitted by the council regarding the application to install cattle grids in the Oakers Bog and Throop Heath areas. Mr Munslow stated that he would not be able to recommend the granting of the application against the wishes of the local residents backed by the Parish Council. The application has been forwarded to the Secretary of State for a decision and the Parish Council have requested to be kept informed at every stage.

It has been reported recently that there has been an increase in dog fouling in Briantspuddle. All dog owner are asked to act responsibly as this is not only unsightly, but an offence that carries a heavy fine. Thank you!

Elections will be held on the 4th May for the District and Parish Councils. The latest date for receipt of candidates’ nominations is 3rd April 2006.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12th April.

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remember Mick Mahoney’s screamer to win the game in the last minute….

Juniors

Bere Dragons 6: Dorchester Stars 0
Scorers: Laurence (4), Ollie, Harry

Weymouth Cougars 4: Bere Dragons 1
Scorer: Harry

Bere Dragons 1: Weymouth Colts 3
Scorer: Jake

There is no doubt that when this Bere Dragons side is on song they sing some very sweet music indeed. Against Dorchester Stars, they were extremely melodic, with Laurence acting as conductor. A masterclass of trickery and pinpoint finishing eclipsed the stars and gave Bere’s cup campaign a memorable start. This was not just a one man show, though, as the team played their way through the opposition with ease. Ollie’s precise shooting was frustrated only by Dorchester’s exceptional keeper, whilst Harry finally got the goal his performance deserved with a tap in at the far post in the last minute. Against the Cougars, Bere watched their 1-0 lead from the first half disappear in a, shall we say, robust second half that gave Bere a lesson on how to win the game the hard way! The old enemy were next, in the form of Weymouth Town’s academy team, a team that Bere have drawn twice against this season. Bere came close again, but this time Weymouth pipped them at the post. The Cup final is now probably beyond them, yet I am sure that they will continue to play football the way it should be played…….beware of sleeping dragons!

Cricket

All are very welcome at the indoor cricket nets at Blandford Sports Centre on Sunday April 2nd, 9th and 16th from 2pm until 3pm.

Don’t let the season start without you…….

Events

Easter Egg Draw

The Eggsciting, Speggtacular and Eggsclusive, Easter Egg Draw will be on Sunday April 16th at 8pm.

MOTHERS’ UNION

At the March meeting we had our monthly meeting in the church which included in the Ash Wednesday service. Beatrice was made a member and two other ladies were welcomed.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Lent Lunch on the 8th March.

Dates for your diaries:

Saturday 27th May Mothers’ Union coffee morning at Turberville Court
Thursday 20th July Table Top Sale in Blandford Corn Exchange

The next meeting is 5th April and will be a talk by the Rev Ian Woodward on Judas, which will be held in Turberville Court at 7.30 p.m.

New members are always welcome.

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ANNUAL MEETING 2006

Sunday 9th April at 6.45pm following Evensong at 6pm

Agenda

1. The election of two Churchwardens
2. The election of up to 12 members (excluding ex-officio members)
3. The election of Sidesmen
4. The election of two Deanery Synod representatives
5. The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 20th March 2005
6. Matters arising from those minutes.
7. For the consideration of:
   a. A copy of the electoral roll
   b. An annual report of the proceedings of the Council
   c. An annual report on the financial affairs of the Council
   d. The audited accounts of the Council for the year ending 31st December 2005
   e. The audited statement of the funds and property of the Council
   f. The adoption of the annual accounts
   g. Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Council
   h. A report on Deanery Synod
   i. Other matters of Parochial or general interest
8. Appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts
9. The Vicar’s report
10. Any other business
11. Closing Grace

The annual meeting of parishioners is open to any resident of the Parish whose names are entered on the Church electoral roll, and the persons resident in the

were added to the fray that Bere found their scoring touch again. Two shuddering tackles from Bungy caught Hurst at sixes and sevens and Shaun was on hand to complete a double quick double.

Despite Kangaroos being above Bere, they were caught on the hop (I have been waiting all season to use that!!) by a Bere side playing for places in the semi final. Spivey gave away his now traditional penalty to let Kangaroos take the lead, but Bere’s midfield were in the mood today, no more so than Kev ‘The Wolverine’ Cox who chased the ball down, won possession and unleashed a shot that deflected into the net. The bounce was now in Bere’s step as they tore into the Kangaroos and won the game thanks to a superbly timed flick from Ady Moore and a sublime finish from Wayne Cope. The down side was an injury to Ginge that may put him out of the semis, who’d be a manager....

If I were Jose, I would be blaming injuries, the referee, the pitch, Arsene Wenger and God. But I’m not and this was simply a case of our luck finally running out. In an ideal world Ginge would have lasted for more than 15 minutes (on and off the pitch!); Squint’s inch perfect lob would not have been cleared off the line; YMCA’s forward would have been marginally offside for their first goal rather than marginally onside; Coxy would have buried the sitter he skewed wide; and Bere would have held on for a plucky 1-0 win. Unfortunately, we live in the real world. A world where several great chances are missed; Bere’s defenders are easily outpaced; YMCA’s forwards find the corners with every shot; and Spivey decides to concuss himself in the last minute and miss out on the fun and frolics of a night out in Dorchester with the lads! If life is like a box of chocolates, why do we always end up with the nougatty one!!

Sundays

Bere Regis 3: Broadstone Cons 2
Scorers: A Rogerson, K Cox, M Mahoney

Bere Regis 3: Horse and Groom 8
Scorers: M Walker (2); S Cope

Let us remember the games where Bere come back from 2-1 down in a comeback that would have Rocky scratching his head in disbelief. Let us forget the games where hangovers mean that the game is started with only ten men. Let us remember a peach of a goal from Adam Rogerson. Let us forget the games that go pear shaped. Let us remember Kevin Cox running 40 yards to harry the defender into a mistake then finish at the keeper’s near post. Let us forget a defence about as safe as £50m in the hands of Securitas. Let us
Football reports

Saturdays

**Wareham Rangers 2: Bere Regis 2**
Scorers: W Cope, C Oram

**AFC Hurst 1: Bere Regis 5**
Scorers: R White, D Rigler, W Cope, S Cope (2)

**Bere Regis 2: Kangaroos 1**
Scorers: K Cox, W Cope

**Dorchester YMCA 5: Bere Regis 1 (Cup Semi Final)**
Scorer: A Moss

It is a shame that the only bad result this month was the one that mattered most!

Wareham Rangers fielded a few of their combination players, yet still Bere showed that they are at home in such illustrious company. Despite going a goal down when the ball bounced over Ginge’s head (Losing height as well as weight!), Wayne tucked a near post cross neatly away to keep Bere level at half time. Disaster struck soon after the break when a handball decision against Spivey gave Wareham a penalty more dubious than a nursery school run by Gary Glitter. Bere were not downhearted though and it was Wayne Cope, having tormented the Wareham defence all day, who set off on a run past several defenders then teed up the ball for Chris Oram, cooler than an arctic cucumber, who passed the ball into the net for the equaliser and a well deserved point, followed by an even more well deserved pint!

On a day windier than a ‘sprout and baked bean’ eating competition Bere indulged in a spot of strolling in the park as they took all the points in a game that was not for the purists amongst you. There was more chance of Bungy completing a crossword than Bere completing a pass, yet still they were 3-1 up thanks to that midfield dynamo Dave ‘It’s Dave’ Rigler. It was his corner that set up Rob’s headed goal and his shot that fairly burst the net for a second. A third from Wayne killed off the game, but that didn’t stop Hurst trying to get back in the game, ably assisted by a neat piece of misjudgement from Dean in goal, flapping like an excitable seal at a corner! It was only when Bungy and Shaun

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**Bere Regis Church Coffee Morning**

At Gordon and Irene’s - 102 North Street
Wednesday 3rd May from 10.30 a.m. — 12.00 noon
Cakes, jams, bring and buy, raffle.

Entrance - 50p

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**100 Watt Club**

1st prize - £10
Mrs E James - no 90

2nd prize - £10
Mr C Barnes - no 154

3rd prize - £5
Mrs P House - no 42

4th prize - £5
Mr R Angel - no 20

New members are always welcome

Please contact Gordon Phillips for details – 471525

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Parish whose names are entered on the register of Local Government Electors by reason of such residence. Nomination papers for candidates for Churchwarden must be received by the Vicar before the commencement of the meeting. They must be proposed and seconded by parishioners as described above, and the candidate must also sign the nomination form indicating his or her agreement to stand. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary Christopher Maunder 01929 471342 or the Vicar 01929 471262.
Bere Regis Church Outing to the Isle of Wight

Osborne House and Ryde

29th April 2006

Depart Turberville court car park 7.30 a.m.

Cost: £20 to include entry to Osborne House (or if an English Heritage member coach/ferry only - £14)

Tickets from John and Pat House
BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Just a reminder about our St George’s Night event this year which will once again be held at Briantspuddle Village Hall and will take the form of a medieval banquet – dress appropriate to the occasion optional. Again, the seating has to be limited to 60 people. Ticket prices £8.50 - the same as last year - available from Debbie Scott (31 West St, Bere Regis opposite Central Stores. Tel: 471657) by sending a stamped-addressed envelope, cheques to be made payable to “Bere Regis & District Twinning Association”. Do come along for what promises to be another most enjoyable evening with good food (different menu from last year) and local musical entertainment.

By the time this goes to press, our twinning visit with Cerences for the first weekend in June will be that much nearer. Whilst members have been circulated asking for host families, non members are also invited to take part by offering accommodation. The Committee has been busy making plans for an enjoyable weekend at a particularly lovely time of the year – and all we will need is some warm early summer weather! Contact: Ann Robinson (Tel: 472424).

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH DECORATION FOR EASTER

This will take place on Saturday 15 April between 9.00am and 12.00noon. The back-up team will be there to make coffee and clear up. Contributions for the purchase of flowers would be most welcome, however small. Please give your donations to Liz Whatley, Audrey Grindrod or Erica Moriarty by Wednesday 12 April.

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Sunday 23rd April at 6.45pm following Evensong at 6pm

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April 2006

**SPECIAL CHURCH CLEAN**

The Special Clean scheduled for 20 May has been changed to **Saturday 7 May** as there is a wedding on 20 May. The Special Clean will take place between 9.00am and 12.00noon, as usual. Please come along and help if you can, even for a short time. If you cannot manage 7 May, perhaps you could do something to contribute to the cleaning during the week prior to 7 May. Just let Audrey Grindrod or Erica Moriarty know please.

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be misrepresenting God and can be charged under the trades description act! All Bible believing Christians are liars or at the very least grossly deceived. However, Paul spells out the most awesome consequence of rejecting the resurrection when he says, “you are still in your sins”. A fearful consequence that will affect everyone on the planet, whatever they believe.

If Jesus was not raised from the dead, His death on the cross is invalidated and the root problem of man’s heart, namely personal sin, has not been dealt with. Without the Living Lord Jesus Christ there is no hope for anyone when they die – we face a ‘guilty’ verdict on the Great Day of Judgement. We all face an eternity locked outside of God’s Presence (*The Bible description of this is ‘hell’).* Without the resurrection all hope of eternal life evaporates and Christians today are just a bunch of deluded no hopers, clinging to an empty message of salvation that is about as useful as a life boat with a big hole in it!

Thank the Lord then that Paul goes on to assert in no uncertain terms – **BUT CHRIST HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD!** Down through the generations millions have discovered the ‘domino effect’ of knowing Jesus as a Living Saviour. Because Jesus rose in mighty triumph on the Third Day – death and the grave could not hold Him – He opened up a new and living way of forgiveness for those who will put their trust in Him. Because **He lives** we have a message of hope to share; because **He lives** we have a faith worth living and dying for; and because **He lives** we can be assured of our future for both now and eternity.

May you know the glorious ‘knock-on’ effects of God’s love in your home and family at this Easter time.

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

**EASTER SERVICES**

Bere Regis Congregational Church

Butt Lane

**Sunday 9th (Palm Sunday) at 10.00am**

**Friday 14th (Good Friday) at 10.00am** followed by “Walk of Witness” through village & a brief United Service on Black Hill

(meet at Surgery 11.15am)

**Sunday 16th (Easter Sunday) at 10.00am**

Family Praise and Worship

**Easter Songs of Praise at 6.15pm**

All Chapel Services led by Pastor Jim Morris – everyone welcome!
The Domino Effect

I remember watching some time ago on television a competition for toppling rows and rows of dominos. The winning design and combination made compelling viewing as with just one flick of a single domino, hundreds, maybe thousands of dominos went down in quick succession. As we are coming up to Easter this month I thought I would refer to the ‘domino effect’ of the physical resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We are living in uncertain days, when all manner of beliefs are being questioned. Sadly, I am ashamed to admit that many clergymen, who should know better, have marginalized or even dismissed this central truth and reality of our Christian faith. They dare to question the accurate Biblical record of this amazing and wonderful event in world history. In doing so they empty the glorious Gospel message of its power and impact.

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthian church wrote, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, about the danger of dismissing this life-changing historical event. He writes, “If there is no resurrection of the dead then even Christ is not raised. And if Christ is not raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that He raised Jesus from the dead. But He did not raise Him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep (died) in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.” (1 Corinthians 15:12-19).

Do we not see here the logical argument as Paul describes the ‘knock-on’ effects of the Resurrection? If Jesus was not raised from the dead then by implication He did not triumph over death. The whole lynchpin, the pivotal truth of the Gospel would be removed and Christianity would collapse like a pack of cards. If Christ is not raised, then our preaching is in vain – I have no message of hope to offer and no good news to share. As a minister I might as well throw it all in and get myself ‘a proper job’! Take away the resurrection of Jesus and you have nothing left except a pious memory of a good man – a man who is dead.

But it would also affect our faith. Faith is activated in the human heart as you hear the message that Jesus died AND ROSE AGAIN. Take away the resurrection and what is left on which to rest your faith a rotting corpse, storybook memories and some moral teaching He left behind. Moral teachings that can only be put into force with the help of a Living Lord Jesus, working through the power of His Spirit in us.

But worse is to come – if there is no resurrection then Christians can be found to be false witnesses about God. They dare to question the accuracy of the Biblical record of this amazing and wonderful event. In doing so they empty the glorious Gospel message of its power and impact. The whole lynchpin, the pivotal truth of the Gospel would be removed and Christianity would collapse like a pack of cards. If Christ is not raised, then our preaching is in vain – I have no message of hope to offer and no good news to share. As a minister I might as well throw it all in and get myself ‘a proper job’! Take away the resurrection of Jesus and you have nothing left except a pious memory of a good man – a man who is dead.

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The wild flowers include primrose, cowslip, foxglove, red campion, field poppy and ox-eye daisy. There are others, less colourful perhaps, which are also important to our butterflies and moths and these include nettles and brambles. Nettles are particularly favoured by Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral and Peacock butterflies. The Small Tortoiseshell reappears in the spring having over wintered as the adult. After pairing, the female selects a sunny place amongst the nettles to lay its eggs on the underside of the fresh young leaves. The newly hatched caterpillars first spin a web there, then begin to feed voraciously. When fully grown, each caterpillar crawls away to form a chrysalis suspended from a stem on a pad of silk. Eventually, the butterfly emerges from the chrysalis and the cycle is able to start all over again.

Bramble flowers are an especially good source of nectar which is sought by the butterflies using their proboscis. One can hope to see those mentioned above and many others such as Commas, Painted Ladies and Gatekeepers, and scarcer ones such as Silver-washed Fritillaries. The foliage is also an important food but particularly for some moth caterpillars. Many of us have gone blackberry picking but blackberries also tempt butterflies and other insects.

Nettles and brambles are important for other wildlife too, including some mammals and birds, providing food and cover. These two plants can however be invasive and may need some careful management on occasion.
of the well grown nettles for example results in fresh growth which provides the opportunity for a successful second brood of some butterflies. Encouraging both plants in suitable places however will help maintain the whole life cycle of some of our more colourful butterflies and ensure that the churchyard is much more than just a refuelling station for any that just happen to be passing by.

The Wild Flower Group met in the churchyard on 16 February to discuss plans for the current year. It was agreed to monitor and record the butterflies seen in the churchyard during the rest of the year and report the findings. Anyone interested in being involved with this project would be most welcome. To find out more, please ring Marion Perriss on 01305 848268 or Vireen Middleton on 01305 848362.
Do you have a vision for Bere Regis? If so Bere Regis Parish Council needs you. It needs you in two distinct ways. Firstly please consider coming forward and be nominated to stand for the election on Thursday 4th May. There are eleven seats available and it would be marvellous to have at least twelve nominees. We would then have an election and Parishioners would be able to choose their Councillors. Nomination papers are available upon application to the Purbeck District Council’s Deputy Returning Officer, Peter Aston, who can be contacted on 01929 557221 or via e-mail on peteraston@pubeck-dc.gov.uk. Nomination papers have to be returned by Noon on Monday 3rd April. This means that after this item is published that there is precious little time to get the papers into Wareham. However this information has been displayed on the Parish Noticeboards for at least a fortnight.

Secondly everybody can give strength to the Parish Council by turning out to vote. How wonderful it would be if we could have a Council that commanded support from over half the Parish. The Polling Station is going to be open from 7.00am to 10.00pm on election day. Please everybody, make the effort to vote.

Parish Councils have a great future. Whereas in the past they have been seen as a “talking shop” they will in only a few years time be the actual “doing Council”. The Government is producing a White Paper that will reorganise Local Government and it is putting great emphasis on to the very local present third tier. The frustrations of the present arrangements whereby the Parish has to seek the solution to simple tasks from the County or District will change to the Parish actually being able to solve it. Then when the streets are not cleaned it could be the Parish’s fault for not arranging it. All of those other tasks which the Council can have little say in, one that annoys the writer is the state of the Board Walk and the Riverside Walk. Though we ask for the work to be done it seems to take an eternity to get results. These changes will come in due course and to make them work it will probably mean that we will have to link with neighbouring Councils to share the costs. Anybody who is interested in reading about the Ministers’ thoughts on the subject should look into www.odpm.gov.uk.

Our Council has a great future. We are going to receive a very well produced Parish Plan and that will serve as our guide over the years ahead. We are not trying to just react to today’s matters, The Plan takes us years ahead in an endeavour to keep the Community alive and active.

Back to today! The March meeting of the Council is the Annual Parish Meeting which is open to all Parishioners to attend and to speak about any problems that
they may have. Sadly we attracted just the one Parishioner but she drew attention to the new pathway on Rye Hill. She reminded us that the object of providing the new path was to make the walking to school route safer by providing a wider footpath on the western side of the road. She had compared the two footpaths and found that the new path was no wider than the old one at fifty seven inches. Fortunately a drawing was available for consultation and this indicated that the width should be a nominal two metres – seventy eight inches. The Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the County Council to this and request that the pathway be provided as originally specified. Our County Councillor was also present and promised to convey the same message to the County Council the next day.

The Council is trying to make progress with the Sustainable Affordable Housing. A meeting is being arranged with Synergy, the parent company of the Purbeck Housing Trust but there are minor difficulties in trying to arrange a suitable time and date. We are seeking their assistance as they are able to obtain Government Grants to build Affordable Housing. In the meantime the Chairman has attended a meeting at which an alternative method of funding, by creating a Community Land Trust, was discussed. This is being used in a number of locations in Dorset. The one that the meeting discussed is at Worth Matravers. It is to be hoped that we might obtain a quicker solution by creating a CLT in Bere Regis.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th April at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall.

DRAX HALL

The Hall was packed for the performance of ‘The Country Wife’ by the Forest Forge Theatre Company. As ever they were very original with this performance. The stage was set across the hall so that the audience was split into two groups – nobody could complain that they did not have a good view. As ever it was a brilliant performance and sixty very satisfied customers returned home.

The AGM of the Hall Committee is to be held in the Hall on Friday 7th April at 7.00pm. Everybody is invited to attend, and if you would like to be involved in running your Village Hall then this is your chance to join in. Our Hall, for all of its shortcomings, is very popular with the various theatre groups and others that come to perform or use the Hall.
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April 11th, “From This Day Forward” By Mary Kelley from Warminster

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I would like to thank everybody who sent flowers, chocolates and get well wishes when I was in Poole hospital.

Thank you once again.

Pam

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

April 11th, “From This Day Forward” By Mary Kelley from Warminster

GARDENING CLUB

At the March meeting Ian Ventham gave an excellent talk with slides about his visit to China.

The April meeting on Tuesday 4th will feature a talk by Dr Bob Dukes on ‘Canals’. He has been involved in work on the canals of neighbouring counties and may well explain why there are none in Dorset.

The Spring Show, postponed from March due to the weather conditions, will be held at this April meeting. Schedules are available from Cyril Bennett, Blind Street.

Cancer Research UK

We need helpers to assist with fund raising activities - two local events held each year.

Anyone interested please contact Helen Drye on 01929 459523 or Babs Stormont on 01929 459005.

Come and join us for a fun event on Saturday 20th May 2006 at 7.30 pm with “The Hambury Toun” Folk Band at The Drax Hall, Bere Regis

Tickets £7
Delicious Ploughman’s Platter
Fruit Punch
Bring your own Wine
Raffle Prizes

Bere Regis Toddler Music Group

Fridays – 10:30 a.m.
Contact Liz Teather
01929 471216
April 2006

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

An excellent talk on budgerigars was enjoyed by fifty members by our own member Frank Wallis. He brought several birds and told us how to prepare the budgies for shows.

Two new members joined us.

Our next meeting is our Spring Tour to Ottery St Mary - to Otter Nurseries. This is on Wednesday 12th April, leaving the car park at 10.30 a.m. and back by approximately 6.30 p.m. The price will be £6. Ring Kath on 471175 as there are only a few seats left.

TEN reasons why this is an occasion not to be missed!
1. The Guild was founded by Joan Brocklebank, the first County Music Organiser for Dorset, 60 years ago
2. The new work celebrates the lives of two much loved young people who died in their 20s/30s (see below)
3. Richard Dickins (BIOGRAPHY AVAILABLE) is a well known and hugely respected conductor. He is director of music at Imperial College London. He is well known and much admired for his inspiring conducting by Dorchester singers in particular. He has long links with Thomas Hardy School through fellow musician Peter Oakes who directs the Thomas Hardy Singers. He has just made a CD with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and was featured on the TV series “Faking It”. He and his ICSO played for the much acclaimed performance of Britten’s War Requiem by Dorchester singers two years ago at Lighthouse, Poole.
4. The new work by Peter Hope “Along The Shore” is beautiful to sing.
5. Verdi’s Requiem stands alone as a mighty work and is described by many musicians as his best opera.
6. Peter Hope (composer/arranger) lives in Dorset; his life and work was celebrated recently on BBC Radio 3 in a programme with Brian Kay. He works with international singers and other musician (eg Jose Carreras and Jessie Norman are but two). BIOGRAPHY AVAILABLE.
7. The words of “Along The Shore” are a poem written by one of our members, Anthony Gannon, in memory of his two daughters who died of separate illnesses in their 20s/30s. The profound words and the music fuse beautifully, intensely and all the conductors as well as the singers are unanimous in their praise for the piece which is for choir, orchestra and soprano soloist.
8. The ICSO is invited all over the world. (BIOGRAPHY AVAILABLE)
9. Working with young singers from Thomas Hardy and young players from Imperial College transforms what is already an astounding singing experience.
10. Dorset Guild of Singers choirs: Briantspuddle Singers (conductor Richard Hall, director Dorset Rural Music School), Wareham Choral Society (Andrew Smeltham), Purbeck Arts Club Choir (Jay Buckle). Every other year we have a joint concert which in recent years has been held at Lighthouse and we invite another choir to join us. On this occasion we have invited two—Dorchester Choral Society (director: Christine Page, Choral Animateur for Dorset Music Service)
SAT 6 MAY, 2006

Celebrating the Dorset Guild of Singers 60th Birthday

SAT 6 MAY, 2006

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PETER HOPE
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Good Friday Salmon Pie

4 salmon steaks
1lb puff pastry
1 med onion, chopped
3oz butter
2oz mushrooms, chopped
1 egg beaten
2oz fresh brown breadcrumbs
pinch ground allspice
4tbs milk
salt and pepper
2tbs sherry
3tbs lemon juice
1 egg, beaten, to glaze

Skin the salmon steaks, line a shallow pie dish with pastry, fry the onion in a little butter until soft, add the mushrooms and breadcrumbs and fry for 3 minutes, stirring all the time. Remove from the heat and add the spice, egg and milk, stirring well. Season to taste and put aside to cool.

Arrange the salmon steaks in the pastry case and cover with the mushroom mixture. Bring the sherry, lemon juice and a little butter to boil in a small pan, cool slightly and then pour over the salmon. Cover with the remaining pastry, brush with beaten egg to glaze, and bake for about 45 minutes. Serve with some nice new potatoes and a green vegetable.
Future of District Councils

There has been much speculation of late as to the future of District Councils. The Government has expressed concern that the public find the different roles and responsibilities of the Parish (e.g. Bere Regis), Town (e.g. Swanage), District (e.g. Purbeck), Unitary (e.g. Bournemouth), and County Council (e.g. Dorset) are confusing to the electorate. Whilst I agree with this viewpoint I am concerned that combining or amalgamating into one large and amorphous County Council would not be the answer. There is a consultation exercise with all Councillors underway at the moment and when it produces some useful information I will report back to you.

The sticky problem of recycling envelopes

I was asked by a resident of Affpuddle why envelopes could not be recycled. Well it took some time to get a definitive answer but here it is!

“In these days of increased environmental awareness and our desire to minimise our waste as much as possible it is frustrating to be told that some things cannot be put in your recycling box. One product which
Pop In Place Celebration Year

This year is the 10th birthday of the Pop In Place so we are organising events to mark the occasion.

‘Lets Celebrate’ Concert – Saturday 13th May – 2.00pm and 7.00pm

We look forward to our ‘Lets Celebrate’ Concert on Saturday 13th May 2006. (Please note this is a date change to that published in the Village Calendar.) This is a very special concert; a celebration of 10 years of shows featuring song, dance, drama, poetry and instrumentals; all performed by local people.

There will be two performances: the matinee at 2.00pm and the evening at 7.00pm. Tickets are available cost £2.00 each; book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Community Celebration Day – Saturday 16th September

The Pop In Place has planned a Community Day to provide something for everyone. The format will be:

2.00pm Children’s Entertainer and Refreshments
3.30pm Durnovaria Silver Band and Cream Teas
7.30pm Loose Connection Band and Supper

The Loose Connection is a popular live band that plays and sings anything from Robbie Williams to The Beatles.

During the day there will be photographic exhibition in the Lower Room of all of the Project’s work and a Painting Exhibition on a Celebration theme by the children of Bere Regis School.

All of these events are free of charge and open to everyone on a first come basis. Once there are 100 people through the door we will not be able to take any more until some leave.

Everyone is most welcome: people who have worked for the Project in the past, those who attend the sessions or groups, or even those of you who have never been before but are interested in the Project.

often causes confusion is envelopes which, as they are predominantly paper, one would naturally assume could easily be recycled.

The problem with envelopes is two fold, firstly the gummed flap, whether licked or self sealed, by nature is sticky, this stickiness causes a problem when the paper is pulped and reprocessed into new product, (usually newsprint for the publishing industry) as it tends to make lumps in the mix which reduces the quality of the end product.

A second problem is with window envelopes, the window is usually made from a type of plastic which will not pulp when mixed with water (the first stage of the recycling process). The un-pulped pieces of plastic end up as flecks in the finished paper, these flecks are weak points which can cause a break in the paper as it runs through the drying rollers at up to sixty miles per hour.

If you have the time and inclination you could of course remove the gummed and window sections of the envelope and then put it in your recycling box, although this may be too time consuming for many people; another alternative is to re-use the envelope, using a label to cover the original address and resealing the flap if not torn.”

Elections

Elections will be held on Thursday May 4th for eight of the twenty four District Council seats including that of Bere Regis. In order to comply with The Representation of the Peoples Act there will not be a report in the May magazine. I am sorry to say that for this reason there will be no surgery in May.

Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month (except this May). 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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Pop In Place - Bere Regis

Easter Event

Good Friday the 14th April
10.00am to 12noon

Venue
Drax Hall

Come along and show off your Easter Bonnet and keep this old country tradition alive. You could even win a prize

Easter Egg Raffle

Refreshments:

Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Hot Cross Buns
**POP IN PLACE NEWS**

**Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Pop In Place will be held on Friday 28th April 2006 at 10.30am at the Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis.

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

Everyone is most welcome.

**Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Raffle**

This event takes place on Good Friday 14th April 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.

**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 Pop In Place Performers**

Performers of any age will be most welcome. We meet on a Thursday 6pm to 7.45pm at the Drax hall, apart from the second Thursday as its Parish Council. We work in our various workshop groups and focus on music, dance, arts and craft, and drama. You must register by filling in a registration form and paying £1.00 on your first visit then 50p per week thereafter. (No children under class 3 age please)
SUNDAY 7th MAY 2006
10.00 am to 5.00 pm

Kingston Maurward House, Dorchester, home of Dorset’s College of the Countryside is hosting the annual Plant, Garden and Craft Fair on Sunday 7th May. All kinds of fascinating crafts and specialist plant stalls will make a colourful and interesting display and admission also includes the Animal Park and the splendid formal Gardens.

This is a very popular annual event open from 10am to 5pm, with many specialist plantsmen offering a wide range of plants for sale, and advice to go with them. This year you will find bedding plants, herbaceous perennials, herbs, roses and lavenders, water gardening, rare shrubs and plants, garden furniture, wrought ironwork and - for the first time – a plant swopshop. If you take along a good quality named garden plant you can swop it for another to take home.

Individually hand crafted items will be for sale inside the House, including unique jewellery, wood turning, glass, pictures, hand made cards, cosmetics and books. Demonstrations throughout the day include garden design, making a buttonhole, growing and exhibiting sweet peas, and a special ‘Gardeners Question Time’ with Kingston Maurward horticultural staff.

Kingston Maurward House with its sweeping lawns and 5 acre lake makes a wonderful setting. Situated 2 miles east of Dorchester on the A35 there is plenty of space for car parking, and refreshments will be available all day.

For this one special day all children under 12 can visit Kingston Maurward for FREE! Admission to the Plant Garden and Craft Fair costs just £3.00 for adults, seniors £2.00. This one charge includes entry to Kingston Maurward Gardens and Animal Park for the day. Everyone can stroll through the extensive gardens, picnic on the lawns and visit the Animal Park as well as enjoying the Plant, Garden and Craft Fair.

Individuals or groups wishing to take trade space are welcome to contact Lizzie Lucas on 01305 852719.

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Pop In Place - Bere Regis

Annual General Meeting

Friday the 28th April at 10.30am

Venue
Drax Hall

Appeal for Volunteers

This is your opportunity to help your community. New volunteers will be welcomed onto the Project Team.
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Healthy Schools Award

This term the school is being assessed for the Healthy Schools Award. The Award recognises the work the school does to promote a healthy lifestyle for all its pupils and staff. The free Fruit and Vegetable Scheme has been popular with the majority of children and it is hoped that we will soon be a chocolate free zone. We are fascinated by the Government's commitment to reintroduce “hot school meals” for all pupils by 2008. As we had all our kitchen and dining room facilities removed in 1980 it will be interesting to see how it is going to work!

As part of our membership of the Grange PE Partnership both staff and children have benefited from extra clubs and training. After football sessions with Bournemouth FC the children enjoyed Tae Kwon Do training ~ over 70% of the children regularly attended the four sessions.

We have been involved in Walk to School Weeks and have followed this up with daily “power-walks” around the school grounds ~ two circuits are about half a mile.

Our work towards Healthy School Status encompasses physical, mental and emotional aspects as well as helping children to pursue healthy lifestyles and to reject any temptation to experiment with unhealthy practices.

The week beginning 13th March was Healthy Eating Week when the children participated in activities specifically related to getting and keeping healthy. The School Council ran a healthy “tuckshop” at playtimes that served up a range of healthy snacks that included the normal fruit and vegetables, bread rolls, cheese and yoghurt. Many children tried and enjoyed new eating experiences. Many parents generously gave up their time and ran activities making fruit kebabs, fruit smoothies, sandwiches and pizzas and we thank them for their support.

If anyone has any ideas for school projects linked to the community we would be very happy to consider them. Please contact the school on 471334.
In the February meeting we entertained ourselves with memories of our childhood. We were joined by some much loved but rather elderly Teddy Bears and Dolls. Very interesting photographs were produced of attractive babies. It was very much enjoyed.

Yet another successful pancake race, held at the Sports Club this year. The children enjoyed themselves as usual and sent us a super thank you card. The adult race was won by Mrs Maycock. Proceeds of £101.48p are to be spent on cutlery for the Drax Hall.

April meeting AGM & Resolutions and as the March meeting was in the Church the Daffodil in a vase competition is to be held at this meeting.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Drax Hall at 7.30pm all welcome.

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A ‘Chill out Night’ was held on the 14th March when members were able to mix together and chat, play games of cards, darts and pool.

There will be an opportunity for everyone to try their hand at ‘Cooking’ on the 28th March, who knows what culinary delights will be available for tasting at the end of the evening.

A new programme is being planned for the coming months and will include a Carpet Bowls Match with the youngsters challenging their parents.

New members are always welcome just call in on any club night or contact the leader on the telephone number below.

Membership Fees for the year 2006: Juniors (8-11) £3 and Seniors (12-17) £5

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Having spent a good eight hours toiling at the Drill Hall the group were relieved to get back to the YMCA for their main meal and a hot shower. On Sunday the weather was still very cold with a North Easterly wind blowing strong. OK if you were staying undercover but the group had the pleasure of a trek along the coastal path from South Over car park along the cliffs tops to Lulworth Cove. Just as the group were leaving the minibus at the start of the trek sleet mixed with an odd flake or two of snow started to fall.

Fortunately, it was only a passing shower and the remainder of the journey stayed dry with the sun finally breaking through the grey clouds when the group stopped for their lunch break. In spite of the strong icy wind and slippery grass sections the youngsters coped very well. For some, with a fear of heights, climbing up and down some very steep sections of path was a real challenge but with a little help and support from the other group members, the faced and overcame their fears. Stopping for a photo call at Durdle Door on route is of course mandatory and some of the group even manage a smile. A visit to view Stair Hole with its world famous crumpled rock strata marked the end of the journey and everyone enjoyed a brief visit to the shops before boarding the minibus and returning home.

The young club members have so far undertaken two residential weekends and three separate one day visits to the Jurassic Coast. The project is due to be completed by the end of May, following two further one day visits and the exhibition of their sculptures in the Dorset County Museum.

“"The help and advice that I was given resulted in a successful claim for Attendance Allowance, a reduction in Council Tax and a small weekly amount of Pension Credit, which I had not previously applied for as I didn’t think I was eligible.” (Dorset resident)

AGE CONCERN DORCHESTER URGES LOCAL PENSIONERS TO CLAIM THEIR CASH

Steep increases in Council Tax and fuel bills are proving a major headache for many older people in Dorset. A low basic state pension, coupled with the spiralling cost of living, has left many local residents struggling to make ends meet.

That’s why Age Concern is launching Your Rights Week, its annual campaign to encourage older people to boost their income by claiming the money benefits which are rightfully theirs. And with pension and benefit rates set to rise, now is the time for older people in Dorset to stake their claim.

Age Concern Dorchester has organised an Information & Coffee Morning during this year’s Your Rights Week 2006 to encourage people to claim their benefits. This will take place on Saturday 8 April from 10.00am to 12 noon at Dorchester United Church on South Street, where there will also be opportunities to find out more about tax, wills, insurance and other issues.

Diane Brisenden, Welfare Benefits Adviser at Age Concern Dorchester, said: “It’s appalling that so many older people are struggling to make ends meet while huge amounts of benefits cash are going unclaimed.

“The claiming process can seem time-consuming and complicated but it really doesn’t have to be. We have benefits volunteers who can offer checks and help fill in forms for older people across Dorset. As part of the British Gas Help the Aged Partnership, which funds the National Benefits Advice Programme, we’ve helped over 300 older people claim benefits worth about £350,000!

“We would urge older people in the area to telephone 01305 269444 for a benefits check. It could really improve their weekly income.”

Age Concern Dorchester has a free booklet called ”Enjoy the Benefits of Getting Older” which is available for older people and gives information about the benefits that can be claimed. Telephone Diane Brisenden on 01305 269444 for a
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copy and also ask for a benefit check.

Age Concern’s annually updated guide, ‘Your Rights 2006-07: a guide to money benefits for older people’, published to coincide with the campaign, will also be available from Age Concern Dorchester, priced £5.99.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The singers have entertained the Senior Club at the Allendale Centre in Wimborne and the Rotarians Daffodil afternoon.

We meet at Larkspur, Snow Hill (Kath’s) every Monday at 2.30 p.m.

THE STAG BUS

A parishioner has highlighted a recent announcement in the Advertiser which is promoting the possibility of a bus service organised by the Swanage Transport Action Group which could be expanded to include other areas if there is sufficient demand.

She has been advised that if enough people call the registration line - 0845 6024547 - there could be an opportunity for additional services within Purbeck.

LOCAL MP

Annette Brooke MP holds regular surgeries in the constituency each week. For details of forthcoming surgeries and to make appointments individuals should phone 01202 693555.

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BERE REGIS YOUTH ‘LENNY’S’

Youth club members took part in another popular ‘Give Us a Clue’ evening on the 21st February. The game involved two teams taking it in turns to try and describe the titles of films, books, shows, TV programmes, etc to their team mates. Although this may sound to be fairly easy, some of the mimes and gestures lead to a great deal of fun and laughter.

Lateral thinking was clearly not an attribute for the majority of team members, many of whom seemed to miss the meaning of some very clever and articulate gestures and mimes. The evening certainly scored 10 out of 10 for entertainment and 12 out of 10 for enjoyment. In the end the team called ‘Buffy’s’ out scored ‘The Blood Sucking Monkeys’ by 10 to 4 to become the clear winners.

The second Heritage Discovery Project residential weekend, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, took place over the weekend 24th to 26th February. The weather was exceptionally cold with artic winds bring a snow shower to Portland on the Friday. Once again the young members were based at the Portland YMCA in Easton, in the warm and comfortable accommodation the cold outside was soon forgotten.

However, on venturing outside after breakfast the ground was still covered in a layer of the crisp crunchy white stuff. Following a short journey in the minibus the group youth club members soon arrived at the Portland Sculpture and Quarry Trust workshop at the Drill Hall. On the Saturday youngsters were split into two groups and sent off to undertake two different tasks.

One group spent their day covering sculptures, which they had carved on their previous visits, in clay to form mould patterns which would be used to make plaster casting. The other group, lucky to be working in the warmer part of the main building, were set a task of designing a model of a Maze, setting it out in wooden blocks onto a baseboard and then covering in clay. The mould once dry would be used to make a plaster cast of the pattern and so produce a positive model of the Maze design. Following a very welcome lunch break including hot drinks from their flasks, the afternoon saw everyone busy filling moulds with plaster as if there were no tomorrow.

While the smaller casting taken from the moulds of the sculptures were successfully removed, the larger casting of the Maze had to be left for the staff to remove the following day.
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Friday 24th February JCabs Trophy East Dorset Graeme Price
Friday 31st March GRS Trophy Long Sutton
Friday 28th April Jim Corbin Cup Queens Park
Friday 26th May Whitbread Shield Axe Cliff
Friday 30th June Captain’s Cup Dunwood
Friday 28th July Landlord’s Cup Isle of Purbeck
Friday 25th August President’s Cup Meon Valley
Friday 29th September Rob Hall Trophy Canford Magna
Friday 27th October Zoom Trophy Lyme Regis

ROGS on tour - China Fleet Golf Club, Tamar Estuary. 14th - 16th July
AGM - Bere Regis Sports Club. 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 15th November
Christmas Cup of Good Cheer/Dinner Dance - Bulbury Woods - 9th December

Dorset Golf & Country Club (East Dorset)

An early start to the ROGS ninth season this year as the Society agreed an extra fixture to play the J-Cabs Travel Trophy at The Dorset Golf & Country Club, formerly East Dorset Golf Club, as many of us know it as.

A splendid turnout of 24 members plus 1 guest arrived early to enjoy a bacon butty and a bucket of balls to stretch those rusty limbs on the driving range.

An enjoyable round commenced in sub artic temperatures, three words from a well known phrase come to mind (freezing, balls, & brass monkeys). However with the low temperatures and a very heated and competitive round was had by the ROGS with record scores being recorded.

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