March 2006

THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

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MARCH 2006

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

The beginning of this month is also coincidentally the beginning of Lent, when we traditionally mark Ash Wednesday by burning last year’s Palm Sunday crosses and for some having our foreheads marked with the sign of the Cross with the resultant ash. Its a very old but still pertinent symbol that leads us each year to question, even if we are not a regular Church goer ‘What relevance does Lent have today?’

I was thinking about this earlier last month when I was feeling somewhat physically challenged if not quite wimpish, when in southern Sudan it was about 42 or 43 Celsius with very high humidity; there had been no running water or electricity for a couple of days, the food was somewhat unappetising, there was no prospect of a chilled drink and many of the Synod speeches in the cathedral were long and tedious. It made me think along the lines of ‘had this medieval Lent started early?’

But Lent isn’t and shouldn’t be so much about some self imposed denial or hardship but about concentrating the mind on things that really matter – our relationships with each other and with God and we have the chance during Lent to consider the question ‘Where is God’. 

Lent is the time when we particularly think about John the Baptist baptising Jesus and then Jesus going off into the wilderness to prepare for his ministry through fasting and prayer, and later in Lent Jesus prepares his disciples for his death and resurrection but they don’t really take on board what he is saying or preparing them for. When they do realise if their anguish might be interpreted as questioning
‘where is God in all this?’ And this all comes to a head with the desolation of Good Friday, but changes wonderfully with the joy of Easter morning.

In both our parishes we shall be following the York Lent Course – ‘Where is God’ over five sessions starting on Monday 6th March and for the next four Mondays at 7.30pm at Audrey Grindrod’s home Bladentye in Briantspuddle. For Bere Regis the five sessions will be slightly more variable - starting on Wednesday 8th March and thereafter on Wednesday 15th, Thursday 23rd, Thursday 30th March and Tuesday 4th April, all at 7.30pm at The Vicarage.

Then we all get together – Affpuddle and Bere Regis in Holy Week at The Vicarage on Monday 10th April for a shared Holy Communion. This ‘Where is God’ course covers challenging topics – ‘when we face suffering?’, ‘when we make decisions?’, ‘when we contemplate death?’, ‘when we try to make sense of life?’. The sessions feature notable leaders – Archbishop Rowan Williams, Patricia Routledge, and Joel Edwards, with summaries by Dr David Hope and Pauline Webb. I am sure you will find them stimulating and it will be good to explore these big issues together. If you want a copy of the course booklet to read before the course starts please contact Jonathan Haigh for Affpuddle -471768, or The Vicar 471262. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Two other points this month – We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening at Briantspuddle Village Hall in February when Rabbi Neil Amswych from the Bournemouth Reformed Synagogue shared his thoughts about Judaism and his very progressive attitude to our interfaith relations and Judaism in the wider world. He has promised to join us again and we may be able to have a return match in Bournemouth too. A better understanding of our different faiths with a peaceful and constructive celebration of difference will I’m sure lead to a more peaceful world.

Lastly, I am hoping to hold preparation sessions for confirmation candidates with a view to confirmation by Bishop Tim, Bishop of Sherborne later in the Spring. If you have been thinking about Confirmation for yourself or perhaps your teenage children, do let me know. The short course of four or five sessions is an informal exploration of our faith, and our understanding of the sacred nature of our beliefs which affect the way we live our lives and it’s a door to fuller life of faith and it is open to everyone. Do let me know if I can help.

In the mean time I wish you a thoughtful and happy Lent

With love and prayers

DANISH ARMS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

August

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

March
7th Gardening club - Ian Ventham - visit to China
8th Autumn Leaves - Budgies 2.30 p.m.

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
13th Pop in Place Performers Celebration Concert

June
4th Briantspuddle Open Gardens event
6th Gardening club - visit to be announced
14th Autumn Leaves - coach tour to Sidmouth
17th Afppuddle Church fete
24th Bere Regis Church fete
**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

- **5th - 26th March**
- **Lent - No flowers**

**Bere Regis Sidesmen**

- **5th 10.00 am**
  - Mr Bates/Mr House
- **Chalice**
  - Mr House/Mr Smith
- **6.00 pm**
  - Mrs Jutting
- **12th 11.00 am**
  - Family service
  - Mrs England with children
- **19th 9.15 am**
  - Mr Wharf/Mr Smith
  - Chalice
  - Mr Croom/Mr Wharf
  - 6.00 pm
  - Miss Frampton
- **26th 11.00 am**
  - Miss Miller

**Cleaning and Dusting**

- **Cleaning**
  - **4th March**
    - Mr R Robinson and Mrs A Robinson
  - **11th and 18th March**
    - Mrs C Clarke and Mrs M Comben
  - **25th March and 1st April**
    - Mrs R Cleave and Miss P Chesney
- **Dusting**
  - **4th March**
    - Mrs O Curtis and Mrs M Lewis
  - **11th and 18th March**
    - Mrs N Scott
  - **25th March and 1st April**
    - Mrs M Miller and Mrs E Munro

**First Sunday Coffee**

- **5th March**
  - Ann and Rob Robinson

**Coffee Stop**

- **Contact**: Jean Thorn
- **Tel**: 471646
- **Address**: 20 Cyril Wood Court, BH20 7HH
- **E-mail**: Monthly. Cyril Wood Court 1st Saturday 10am - 12 noon

**Drax Hall**

- **Contact**: Mrs Jutting
- **Tel**: 471022
- **Address**: 4 Elder Road BH20 7LY
- **E-mail**: Monthly. Drax Hall 1st Wednesday @ 9.45 am

**Kingsbere Quilters**

- **Contact**: Miss G Miller
- **Tel**: 471745
- **Address**: 3 Boswell’s Close BH20 7JE
- **E-mail**: Monthly. Drax Hall 1st Wednesday and following Tuesday evenings Juniors (8-11) 7.15—9.00 Seniors (12-17) 7.15—10.00

**Kingsbere Music Trust**

- **Contact**: Tim Colquhoun
- **Tel**: 471360
- **Address**: Heatherdow, Brock Hill
- **E-mail**: kmt@tacomus.com

**Lenny’s - Bere Regis Youth club**

- **Contact**: Terry Vine
- **Tel**: 471693
- **Address**: The Bungalow, Lane End, Bere Heath, BH20 7NP
- **E-mail**: terry.vine@tiscali.co.uk

**Mothers’ Union**

- **Contact**: Hazel Green
- **Tel**: 471571
- **Address**: 3 Southbrook
- **E-mail**: Monthly. Turberville Court 1st Wednesday. 7.30 p.m.

**Mobile Library**

- **Contact**: Dorset County Council
- **Tel**: 01305 224440
- **Address**: dorchestermobielibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk

**Purbeck District Councillor**

- **Contact**: Peter Wharf
- **Tel**: 472246
- **Address**: The Old Vicarage West Street
- **E-mail**: peterwharf@hotmail.com

**Royal British Legion Club**

- **Contact**: Mrs Glo Curtis
- **Tel**: 472620
- **Address**: 32 Old Barn Road
- **E-mail**: Glo.curtis@dorset.probation.gsx.gov.uk (work)

**Royal British Legion Gardening Club**

- **Contact**: Mrs Megan Stone
- **Tel**: 471627
- **Address**: 2 Manor House
- **E-mail**: Monthly. RBL 1st Tuesday. 8.00 p.m.

**RBL Women’s Section**

- **Contact**: Mrs Eileen Maidment
- **Tel**: 471616
- **Address**: 9 Elder Road
- **E-mail**: Monthly. RBL 3rd Wednesday. 2.00 p.m.

**St John’s Choral singers**

- **Contact**: Tim Colquhoun
- **Tel**: 471360
- **Address**: Heatherdow, Brock Hill
- **E-mail**: tac@tacomusic.com

**Twinning Association**

- **Contact**: Mrs Ann Robinson
- **Tel**: 472424
- **Address**: 3 Southbarn, Sitterton, BH20 7HU
- **E-mail**: southbarn@tiscali.co.uk

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- **Mothers’ Union**
  - Monthly. Turberville Court 1st Wednesday. 7.30 p.m.
- **Mobile Library**
- **Pop in Place**
  - Weekly. Drax Hall Monday and Friday mornings 10.00 — 12.00
- **Purbeck District Councillor**
  - Monthly surgery. Turberville Court, Communual Lounge 1st Saturday @ 9.30—10.00
- **Royal British Legion Club**
  - Monthly at the club 3rd Monday @ 7.30 p.m.
- **RBL Gardening Club**
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- **St John’s Choral singers**
  - Monthly. Turberville Court, Communual Lounge 1st Saturday @ 9.30—10.00
- **Twinning Association**
  - Meetings and events arranged as and when.
**Bere Regis Junior Church**

The next children’s activity morning will be about:

**Sunday 12th March**

All children between ages 4 and 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 am - 11.30 am with refreshments for everyone afterwards!

And another Special Family Service in March to celebrate:

**Mothering Sunday**

*Service starts at 11.00 a.m.*

*Everybody welcome*
### AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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

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**Flowers and Cleaning**

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The Special Clean scheduled for the end of March will now be on Saturday 20 May as the Special Cleans are now three times a year as opposed to four.
CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH

Wednesday 1st March
7pm Benefice Communion Service with Ashing Bere Regis

Sunday 5th March
First Sunday of Lent
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Shortened Communion Affpuddle
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 12th March
Second Sunday in Lent
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11am Family Service Bere Regis
3.30pm Evensong Affpuddle

Sunday 19th March
Third Sunday in Lent
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11am Family Service Bere Regis
12.30pm Holy Baptism Affpuddle
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 26th March
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15 Parsh Communion Affpuddle
11am Family Service for Mothering Sunday Bere Regis

Sunday 2nd April
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passiontide begins
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Shortened Communion Affpuddle
6pm Evensong with the Briantspuddle Singers Bere Regis
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
On Sunday 19th February, at St Laurence, Affpuddle
Reuben Sidney John Lewis of Lower Cranesmoor, Bovington

BERE REGIS CHURCH
SPRING CLEAN

There will be a special Spring clean of the Church on Saturday 8th April at 10am. Anyone who is willing to spare an hour or so to help will be most welcome. We attempt to clean/polish parts of the Church that are not possible to do during the year by our worthy band of cleaners and dusters. Also tea/coffee will be served so do please come and join us.

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices will continue on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30pm.

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(Cheques to be made payable to Bere Regis PCC)

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Rates for charitable, community or non-profit organisations are charged at 50% of above.

Full year advertising is based on complete calendar years. Adverts inserted for part years are charged at a pro-rata rate of the full year cost.

Art-work for advertisements can be created, free of charge for simple text, £10 - £30 for complex text and graphics.

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**NEW SMALL ADS**

**B&B**

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Shitterton, Bere Regis  
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550 Year old Cottage  
Scrumptious food  
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info@honeycombecottage.com  
www.honeycombecottage.com

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Tel: 01929 462916

Exercise classes on Mon and Wed at Bovington Nursery School - 8.00 pm  
Thursdays at Wool CEVA 1st School - 7.00 pm  
Mon - Aerobic workout  
Wed - Body Conditioning  
Thurs - Aerocircuits

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**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 alter cloth for the Easter services.

Jenny Kinahan

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**GRASSBY FUNERAL SERVICE**

**CHAPEL OF REST**

**24 HOUR SERVICE**

**MONUMENTAL MASONS PRE-PAYMENT PLANS**

Tel: 01305 262338  
Fax: 01305 251049  
Email: info@grassby-funeral.co.uk  
Web Site: www.grassby-funeral.co.uk

8 PRINCES STREET, DORCHESTER, DORSET. DT1 1TW

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
The February meeting was led by Nancy Scott and Margaret Miller. Nancy welcomed everyone and especially our visitor Jan.

We were reminded by Brenda of the Women’s World Day of Prayer at Bere Regis on 3rd March and the Archdeaconry Service at Parkstone on 24th March. Names were taken of those wishing to attend.

We have been asked to prepare a Lent lunch on a Wednesday in March. Christine gave her Treasurer’s report. Our speaker was Bernard Bettles of Swanage Rotary Club who spoke on the Children of Chernobyl. The Rotary club has sent aid to the devastated area of Byelorus and each year hosts a month long visit of 9 and 10 year olds from poor rural homes there. Members found the talk very interesting.

Next month’s Service will be on 1st March at 7.00 pm when we shall join the Ash Wednesday Communion Service. Beatrice is to be admitted as a member and Helen welcomed from her previous branch.

Margaret Miller
Village Quiz
The Village Quiz date is yet to be arranged but this will take place during April.

Waste Paper
PLEASE KEEP YOUR OLD NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES COMING. Sorry no junk mail
or cardboard. I have reproduced the following letter from Weld and Trimar
Hospice and CCD Trust:

Dear Mrs Jeanes

On behalf of everyone at the Trust may I thank you very much indeed for your
most generous donation as a result of the collection and sale of old newspapers
and magazines. I am amazed at how much money can be raised by the sale of
these old newspapers. Please pass on my thanks to all those involved.

As one merged organisation we are now able to offer a completely seamless
service to our patients, whether they require home care, day care of all in-patient
care. You can be assured that every penny will be used for this purpose.

Caroline Nickinson, Director of Fundraising.

Horticultural Show - Saturday 6th August 2006

Sue Jeanes

APOLGY FROM THE EDITOR

I am very sorry if anyone sent a
contribution by e-mail for the
March magazine during February
and has discovered that it’s not
been included this month.

I transferred to broadband at that
time and seem to have lost a few
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THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST BERE
REGIS - PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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
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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

BLUES EVENING

The Blues evening in the village evening was a great success and I think that all those who came really enjoyed themselves. Harry and Dave are masters of the acoustic Blues guitar and performed a good variety of melodies, including numbers previously made famous by Muddy Waters, Nina Simone and Van Morrison. Harry’s last number “Arizona” had the audience spellbound. Over 50 people came from as far as Yeovil (!less than 20 from the village!) and £179 was raised for Save the Children which is great. Thank you to all who supported it. Some feedback would be much appreciated as to whether it is worth arranging another similar evening later this year, or next as live music always seems to raise everyone’s spirits.

Vivi Armitage. 01929 471200 or by email; viviarmitage@ntlworld.com

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Membership Fees
Membership fees are due on the 1st March and must be paid by 31st March after which an extra £1.50 is charged.

Reunion Party
There will be a Reunion Party on Saturday 4th March. All are welcome but please let Sue know if you are intending coming to help us with the catering arrangements.

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info
Andrea and Allan have finally got new visas which can be renewed annually in October. This is a great relief and it means that they can make some long term plans for Butwal Technical Institute. At the time of their sending the email they were on an unofficial holiday due to the elections being held in Nepal. There has been a certain amount of danger with intimidation of candidate and bombs being let off. Andrea and Allan have been keeping their heads down! One of the few plus sides to the election is that the electricity has been turned on the whole time! (How to bribe the voters?!) The weather is now warmer and they have taken the opportunity to explore the area which included a trip to a village some fifteen kilometres outside Butwal where friends lived. The area is very beautiful and also fertile with an abundance of flowers and vegetables. Their friends treated them to a delicious rice lunch.

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

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Artsreach - Shakespeare’s Ladies Club

The last Artsreach performance of the season was held on 21st January. Alison Neil performed her play “Shakespeare’s Ladies Club”. The play was very well researched with a beautiful set and costumes. Alison Neil’s performance was excellent. However, for me it missed the bus. Despite all the good points I have mentioned I found it somewhat long and the first and second halves not very well connected. It is a shame because the other plays she has researched, written and performed have been so interesting and have gripped the imagination from start to finish. Having said all of this I think most people enjoyed the play. After all expenses were paid £66.89 was raised for Hall repairs.

Curry Supper

This is to be held on Saturday 11th March 2006 at the Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. The tickets costing £9.00 will include a two course meal (a choice of beef, chicken, pork, egg and vegetable curries with rice and side dishes and delicious puddings, with coffee or tea to follow). The Bladen Social Club will be running the bar. Tickets are available from, me, Philippa Thorniley as soon as possible and no later than 8th March.

Some people may not like curry but don’t let that stop you attending. An alternative main course (a chicken fricassee) can be arranged. Just say so when booking - unless we know it won’t be made!

Important Notice about the Open Gardens

Please note that the Open Gardens is to be held on Sunday 4th June and not 11th June as advertised in the Village Calendar and the previous “Dates for your Diary” section in the Parish Magazine.

100 Club

I hope by the time you read this I will be well on my way to selling the numbers!

Philippa Thorniley
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

At the February meeting of the Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council we welcomed Police Community Support Officer Lindy Christopher. Concern had been expressed to the Police about the rising level of petty theft and vandalism in the area and Ms Christopher explained new arrangements for Community Beat Teams coming into effect. She also requested that any incidents of theft need to be reported to the Police in order that they are aware of the true levels of crime. This can be done over the telephone and won’t necessarily mean a visit from the Police if it is not wanted.

The Council have sent objections into Dorset County Council regarding the application made by English Nature to install cattle grids in Oakers Bog and Throop Heath on the grounds of safety, necessity, expense and general “roadside clutter”

A mobile library service visits Brianstpuddle and Affpuddle on a fortnightly basis and is open for all the community and all ages to use and is free to join. The mobile library provides a range of books for all ages, including children’s books, large print and talking books. There is also a small selection of DVDs available for hire. Visits to Brianstpuddle are at the War Memorial of Friday’s 15:00 – 15:15 and Affpuddle by the Church wall also on Fridays 15.25 - 15:40.

Cllr C Barter read out a letter received from Purbeck District Council regarding the traffic danger on the B3390. Dorset County Council have much of the responsibilities to make improvements along this road, and the Council has been invited to sit on the Warmwell Liaison Group to discuss concerns about the B3390.

The next meeting of the Parish council will be held on Wednesday 8th March.

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP

The Spring Clear-up is confirmed for Saturday 18 March from 10.00am until 12.00 noon. Do lend a hand if you can spare the time. Hot drinks and doughnuts will be the sustenance on this occasion. If you are unable to help on 18 March, but would be happy to do so at another time, please telephone me on 01929 471747.

Sandy Moriarty

AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE PCC

The PCC met on 16 January 2006 and discussion including the following:

The Treasurer provided a detailed report and payments were agreed which included: £30 to the Hardship fund of St Mary’s School, Puddletown; the Diocesan “Fairer Share” amount of £18,490.08 and to Bere Regis towards the Vicar’s expenses, £995.00.

A number of items were discussed under the headings of Church Fabric and Churchyard. These included the planned induction loop system; an agreement to have the old Lectern Bible of 1830 restored; faculties have been sought for the repair of the churchyard walls and of some gravestones.

The next meeting of the PCC is on 6 April 2006 at 7.30pm.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 23 April 2006 at St Laurence’s church following a shortened evensong.

THE PARISH OF ST.LAURENCE AFFPUDDLE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING 2006
Sunday 23rd April at 6.45pm following Evensong at 6pm
Agenda
1. The election of two Churchwardens
2. The election of up to nine 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 10th April 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 of the financial affairs of the Council
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Juniors
January/February
Dorchester Raiders 1: Bere Dragons 3
Scorers: Ollie (hat-trick!)

Bere Dragons 1: Poole Colts 0
Scorer: Jake

Poole Colts 2: Bere Dragons 0

Thank God for the Under 9’s Dragons. As both adult teams start to falter the youngsters continue to go from strength to strength under Mark’s watchful eye and bawling mouth! Three tricky games were negotiated well, the best match being the away win against Dorchester Raiders when Ollie showed us what scoring is all about with yet another hat-trick and a performance that surely can’t go unnoticed by Sven for June (2015 that is!). The Poole Colts manager must have noticed this because both home and away against them he was a marked Dragon (in more ways than one!). With Ollie forced off at home it was down to Jake to take on the shooting boots and he duly obliged with the winner in the first half. This, for one marvellous week, took Bere to the lofty heights of second. However, the last game against Poole was another hard encounter and this time Bere were outmuscled by a very physical Colts team. Still no silverware, but the Cup awaits this team of fire breathing dragons.....

Cricket

Forget the snow, frost and rain....the cricket season is fast approaching and training has already started! All are welcome to join in the indoor cricket nets every Wednesday at Milton Abbey School, from 7.00 until 9.00 in the evening.

If you are at all interested, please contact Herbie Swann on 01929 472812.
with a clear run on goal, scored the winner. He must have missed out on his Sanatogen that morning!

A poor performance against Cranborne still finished with a hatful of goals from a team so woeful in defence even Spivey scored against them! Against a defence that would make Stonehenge seem positively agile, Spivey ghosted in at the back from a corner and volleyed a cracker that almost burst the net, his first competitive goal for three seasons. Despite being pegged back by a smart finish from Cranborne’s lively forwards, Ginge soon restored their lead from a corner again and then split the defence for Oram to score on his birthday (21 again!). The second half was much the same as Bere hardly moved out of gear to score another couple and finish the game off. Shaun Cope powered a drive past the keeper, whilst Bungy threaded an exquisite pass through for Adrian Moore to finish with aplomb. An even poorer performance against Easton gave Bere their worst defeat of the season (so far!). Despite being hammered by a few lofty teams, this was much worse because it was a game Bere should have won by a country mile. Two defensive mistakes gifted Easton their goals. Meanwhile, in front of goal Bere were finishing as well as Devon Loch! Despite around 6,350 corners Bere’s only goal came from a Wayne Cope penalty when Squint was felled in the box (painful!). A game to forget and a season that could still end in disaster if Bere do not pull their socks up!

Sundays

January/February

Dumpton Academicals 5: Bere Regis 0

Dumpton!!

Not much more to say really, except that the new team spirit started to falter, which is one thing these youngsters cannot afford to lose. Injuries, weather and birthday parties have conspired to make this the only game of the month but, hopefully, the new Bere Regis will return in their next match.
The opening question from a parishioner at the February meeting came as a surprise to all Councillors as it was stated that a description of a proposed extension consisting of many houses had been included in our Parish Web Site. The surprise was that the Council had not been requested by any developer, or had it given approval for its inclusion. Equally no Councillor was aware of it being included. In this case it was the Grainger Trust, who own the land from the watercress farm through to Sitterton. The Council has, of late, been on the receiving end of requests by developers who wish to talk about future extensions to the village. The Chairman suggested that we could be likened to a honey pot with the bees (developers), buzzing around outside. In response the Parish Council have stated that their policy is to provide ‘affordable housing’ that meets the numbers stated in the Housing Needs Survey conducted in April 2004. Our Rural District Councillor, Peter Wharf, has written elsewhere of the Spatial and District aspects for the provision of housing. Our needs within the Parish are for twenty four units of ‘affordable housing’. These homes can be placed on ‘in fill’ sites or on what are known as rural ‘exception sites’. Rural Exception sites are defined as those communities with less than 3000 population, situated next to existing settlement boundaries indicating proximity to transport links and some local services - shops etc. ‘Exception Sites’ are an ‘exception to normal planning policy’ exclusively aimed at meeting local need. All the homes provided on such a site must be for people from the surveyed community, or who come from the community and have been forced to move away by prohibitively high accommodation costs. All housing provided on an exception site must be affordable to local incomes and remain affordable ‘over the long term’. Thus the Council has a policy which it believes meets the needs not only of those in the Survey but also in line with the results of the Parish Plan Questionnaire. The next step is to find sites, as defined above. For this the Council has requested assistance from Synergy, the Group that incorporates the Purbeck Housing Trust. It is also likely that other Trusts may be approached to advise in due course.

It is to be hoped that between Councillor Whart’s article, and this statement, that any rumours which may have been started, with the item being included in our Web Site, may be negated.

Parishioners will be aware that the long awaited ‘Safe Route to School’ pathway will be underway when this is published. This will provide a safer environment for all pedestrians on Rye Hill when completed. Also when the new bridge (The Munro Bridge) is in place there will be a link across The Moor from Southbrook to the Board Walk.

A month of mixed fortunes for the Regis as a good start was spoiled by a truly awful final result against Easton. The main problem is that, against the league leaders like Purbeck and Lytchett, the players raise their game. Against the likes of Cranborne and Easton they look as motivated as a sloth in a massage parlour.

Against Purbeck, the most difficult part for players like Coxxy was getting out of the changing rooms, as he skated round the village hall on his studs like he was auditioning for Dancing on Ice. Once on the pitch Bere were more than a match for their league leading opponents and took a deserved lead when Ginge ‘The goal machine’ Osmond stumbled one into the net from a corner. As the second half progressed Bere looked on course for victory and even squandered a couple of decent chances, which they were left to rue when Purbeck equalised late on with a floated cross that curled agonisingly past Dean. Against Lytchett, it was a similar story. Despite having a spanking of Tory politician proportions against them earlier in the season, Bere’s scratch side took the game to them and deserved at least a point. The only black spot in an otherwise bright performance was a misplaced pass from young Mr Moore that went straight to a Lytchett player who,
The Annual General Meeting of the Hall Committee takes place on Friday 7th April at the Drax Hall. This is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to make their feelings known on the running of the Village Hall. There have been many changes in the past year and there are more to come. New faces on the committee are always welcome, but even if you have no wish to serve on the committee your thoughts on your Village Hall are always welcome. It is very interesting hearing the comments of visitors who rank our Village Hall very highly. This is even from theatre groups who have to carry their props up the stairs, which is encouraging.

Shortly after this is published we will be hosting the Forest Forge Theatre with their production of ‘The Country Woman’. This is a very popular group and they will cleverly perform a play that has probably twice as many parts as they have cast.
At the February meeting, after a short AGM and presentation of the accounts, we had a talk by an expert in growing and cultivation of Hellebores (the most common one probably being known as the Christmas Rose) by Diana Guy of Witchampton. She brought a wide selection of hellebores in pots to illustrate her talk and a set of colour slides for those she had not brought. Members were able to purchase some of the plants. Arrangements were made to visit her garden on March 4th and details of this will be published on posters nearer the date.

The March meeting is to be held at the RBL on Tuesday 7th March at which Ian Ventham has agreed to talk about his recent visit to China. As well there will be a Spring Show which mainly covers spring flowers but includes classes for chitted potatoes, simnel cakes, biscuits and home made marmalade. Schedules from Cyril Bennett in Blind Street.

There will be two ‘On Plot Competitions’ this year for the Best Flowering Container and the Best Vegetable Plot to be judged during the last two weeks of July.

New members are always welcome.

The Association’s AGM was held on Monday, 6th February at Bere Regis Sports Club.

Judy Newton took the Chair as our Chairman, Roger Angel, was indisposed. The Chairman’s report, highlighting a successful year’s activities was read and agreed.

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Hon Treasurer and Hon Secretary agreed to stand for another year. Two members of the committee who had asked to stand down were thanked for their hard work and input over the last few years, and one of our newer members, Annabel Shaxson, has kindly volunteered to be our Membership Secretary. Whilst the membership is still buoyant, the Association could do with more members, and families are particularly welcome as they help forge the links with the younger generation in Cerences. Membership still stands at £5 per household and anyone wishing to join should contact any of the names below.

Our St George’s Night event this year 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 (to be arranged) will probably be a similar price to last year - £8.50 - and anyone who wishes to come should contact Debbie Scott, our Treasurer, after 13th March. Posters will be displayed by mid-March, giving further details.

Whilst our funds are reasonably healthy, it was felt that there was no room for complacency with the visit of our friends from Cerences over the weekend Fri 2nd – Mon 5th June, so do please support any events we organise to help finance this visit. More details to follow.

Contacts: Chairman: Roger Angel Tel: 472163
Deputy Chairman: Judy Newton Tel: 472163
Hon Treasurer: Debbie Scott Tel: 471657
Hon Secretary: Ann Robinson Tel: 472424
Hon. Membership Secretary Annabel Shaxson Tel: 471193 AR
March 2006

Pastor Jim Morris The Manse Flat, Butt Lane Tel: 01929471270

This month we begin serious planning and preparation for our children’s Summer Holiday Club. This year it’s called, “Out of this World!” and has a space theme. For your diaries the dates are 8th, 9th, 10th and 13th August here at the Chapel. The countdown has begun! So watch this ‘SPACE’!

Bere Regis Chapel – Worship every Sunday at 10.00am includes Junior Church for youngsters
Mondays – Toddlers Group 1.30-3.00pm (during term time)
Wednesdays – Early Day Café (for mums to be and new mums)
10.30am – 12 noon - (contact Lynda Essex on 07766257902 for details)
Fridays – Sonseekers Youth Club for ages 7-12 6.00-7.30pm (during term time)

March 2006

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’S CLUB

We had a fine series of slides of the local countryside set to music by David Chubb entitled ‘The Magic of Nature’ showing his excellent photography and art in putting the slides together as a programme. The competition was for one daffodil which was won by Mrs Pat House.

The March meeting will be held at the Drax Hall on Wednesday 8th March at 2.30pm at which one of the members, Mr Frank Wallis, will talk on his hobby of breeding Budgerigars. The competition will be for a card or picture of a bird.

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**Recipe of the Month**

*Courtesy of Pat House*

**Bacon Ratatouille**

*a good topping for jacket potatoes*

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 onion chopped
- garlic
- 8oz diced bacon
- 2 medium courgettes
- 6 tomatoes, skinned and quartered
- 8oz can chopped tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon tomato puree
- Ground black pepper

Heat the oil and salt the onion and garlic for a few minutes, until softened.

Add the bacon and fry until crisp.

Add the sliced courgettes, quartered tomatoes, canned tomatoes and tomato puree. Stir well, cover the pan and simmer for 10 minutes.

Season with pepper and serve with the jacket potatoes or chunks of granary bread.

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**V.I.P. Treatment!**

Our two grandsons, Harry and Jacob, are hoping they may get selected for a very special children’s event coming up in June this year. Along with many thousands of other youngsters they have logged in their application to attend a special Garden Party for youngsters at Buckingham Palace. This is all part of Her Majesty’s 80th birthday celebrations. Only one thousand ‘golden tickets’ will be issued and no doubt for those fortunate enough to be drawn out of the hat it will be a day to remember – with full V.I.P. treatment.

On a slightly less grand scale Janet and I were privileged to be given some much sought-after tickets to be part of the cheering audience for ITV’s Saturday night show, “Dancing on Ice”. We arrived in good time at the Elstree Studios and were directed to the V.I.P. queue. Our son, Craig (Harry & Jacob’s dad) was even more thrilled when we learned that the whole show is housed in the same studio where the film “Star Wars” was shot. We all ended up with yellow security wristbands marked V.I.P. The live atmosphere of the show, beamed live to millions of viewers, with cameras zooming overhead, the drama on the ice where nervous celebrities had to perform their stuff in a blaze of lights all added to a memorable evening.

As we drove back through the frosty late evening air to Bere Regis I looked down at my yellow wristband, and pondered on the three letters there – V.I.P. – I had been made to feel like a Very Important Person. The Bible says that our God is no respecter of persons – that simply means He has no favourites – everyone is important to Him. In fact we are told that He is not willing that any single person should perish, but that all should be saved. What is even more amazing is that He feels this way about us even though He knows what we are really like. He sees that we are all V.I.P.’s – Very Independent People who often insist on doing things ‘my way’ and generally try to cope with all life’s demands without His help. We are all born with that independent streak within us. He also sees that we are V.I.P.’s – Very Irresponsible People – not only in terms of what we have done to the planet we have charge of, but also by the irresponsible way we behave to our fellow human beings from time to time. Sadly He also sees that we are V.I.P.’s – Very Indifferent People – often adopting a complacent and uncaring attitude.
PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Highways and Roads

After many years of complaining about a variety of issues and receiving no reply I finally made contact with the Transport people at Dorset County Council. We have agreed that we will meet to review all the issues relating to Bere Regis and I will report on progress in due course.

Waste

At the risk of sounding as though waste is the only issue that excites me may I remind everyone that the recycling bins in Turberville Court Par park remain open and available for clothes, plastic bottles, paper and glass bottles.

Sports

Some time ago I offered Bere Regis to be the pilot project for the whole of Purbeck for children to participate in sports away from the Purbeck Sports Centre but run by the Centre. Below is the text from an announcement by the Sports Centre on the progress of the scheme.

Children across the District are taking part in Taekwon-do lessons as part of the Purbeck Sports Centre “Out in the Community” initiative. This initiative aims to reach out to local communities and increase participation in sports and recreation activities in and around the Purbeck area. The programme is
particularly beneficial for those who might find it difficult to travel to the Sports Centre in Wareham.

The project was successfully piloted in November with football coaching run by AFC Bournemouth at Bere Regis First School and the Taekwon-do lessons are the latest activity in the scheme which is being run for the next month across 12 local schools. These again were started at Bere Regis First School.

Taekwon-do is a Korean Martial art and literally means Foot (Tae), Hand (Kwon) Art (Do), the art of Hand and Foot fighting. The sport is very structured and controlled and thus helps children to increase their self-esteem, understand healthy competition and develop life skills; as well as improving their fitness levels whilst giving them an ordered framework within which to channel their energies and interests.

Telephone Directories

I was asked whether it was possible for the residents of Bere Regis to receive both Telephone directories from BT as we are on the edge of two areas covered by Bournemouth as well as Mid Dorset. BT have said that the Mid Dorset book can be requested and it will be delivered at no cost other than posting and packing which is £3.65.

Purbeck District Council Website

Following the quiz last month here are the answers.

1. Name three general public swimming sessions offered at the Sports Centre? **Early Bird, lane swimming, inflatable fun session, parent and toddler, over 60 sessions, adults only, ladies only**
2. What is the National Benefit Fraud Hotline? **0800 854 440**
3. In what year was the Wareham Town Walls Management Plan adopted as a policy? **2001**
4. Where is the weather station located? **The Swanage NCI Coastwatch Hut ‘The Lookout’ at Peverill Point**
5. How many members are there on the Purbeck Community Partnership Board? **15**
6. How many members did PDC have when it was established in 1974? **21**
7. Where does the Lawrence Trail start and finish? **The Tank Museum, Bovington**
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 Angela on 01929-472261.

Dates for the Diary

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W.I.

January was very busy with lots of business, but as Megan Stone was poorly we had no Sugarcraft, instead we had lots of fun with a quiz and enjoyed lovely refreshments supplied by our President.

In March we are going to meet in the Church with a talk by Sybil Frampton. This should be interesting to all members old and new. New members always welcome

BERE REGIS PARISH PLAN

Over the past months, focus groups have been at work to develop ideas & plans around the 10 topics that were found to be of most interest to Parishioners as a result of the Questionnaire. The topics are:-

- Traffic (safety, noise, congestion, parking etc.)
- The Environment & its upkeep (both countryside and village)
- Facilities for young people
- Amenities and services (e.g. medical facilities, waste collection etc.)
- Housing (especially 'affordable housing')
- Community Hall (should we have a new one?)
- Protecting against over-development (back in the news....)
- Law & Order
- Public Transport
- Employment opportunities & tourism

The output generated by these groups will now be pulled together by a small editorial team, who will eventually produce a final Parish Plan document. That is still some way in the future.

First we have to check that we’ve got the facts right, fill in any missing parts, and make sure all the sections are consistent and add up to a clear picture of where our priorities should lie.

Then we expect to stage a presentation day in the Drax Hall and to publish a
draft plan for everyone in the parish to see and comment on. Comments will be taken into account before a final version is given to the councils of Bere Regis, Purbeck and Dorset.

In the meantime, when good opportunities arise, we have seized them. For example, thanks to the work of the Public Transport topic group, you can now find up to date details of all available buses and other services on the village web site at http://www.bereregis.org/LocalTransport.htm

If you have any thoughts or ideas you think would contribute, please let me know by e-mail to jon@joncleave.go-plus.net or drop me a line at "Wind Rose", Snow Hill.

John Cleave, Chairman of the Parish Plan Group.

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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.

It will be a day to say thank you to all the Villagers who have supported us over the last ten years.

Open Gardens 2006

Thank you to all those people who have kindly offered to open their garden for the Open Gardens event on the 9th July. If there is anyone else who wishes to put their garden forward please do so by 14th March. Offers of gardens for this year’s event should be made in writing to Alison Bennett at 3, Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis, BH20 7LU. The offers need to be submitted by this date so we can arrange the insurance for the event.
**POP IN PLACE NEWS**

**Drax Hall Closure for Refurbishment**

Please make note in your diary or on your calendar. The Drax Hall will be closed from the 20th March to the 24th March inclusive while the kitchen is being refurbished. There will be no Pop In General session on the Monday and Friday, no Poppets Baby and Toddler group on the Thursday, and no Pop In Performers on the Thursday evening.

**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 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)

**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.

**Celebration Concert – Saturday 13th May – 2.00pm and 7.00pm**

We look forward to our Celebration 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

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HOUSE BUILDING POLICY WITHIN BERE REGIS

Following a series of questions at the February Parish Council Meeting it was agreed that I would clarify the current position with regard to development within Bere Regis and outline Purbeck District Council’s (PDC) and Bere Regis Parish Council’s current policy.

Since the Government Inspector’s report into planning and development within Bere Regis in 2002 (which ruled against any of the proposed developments in Bere Regis) there has been no change to existing policy. However Purbeck District Council (PDC) has, as they were required to, recently advised the South West Regional Assembly (SWRA) of the number of dwellings that they believe are capable of being built in the whole of Purbeck between now (2006) and 2026 - this is some 105 dwellings per year (reduced from 145). This is the input to a process that could take many years and is

Pop In Place - Bere Regis

“Bringing the Community Together”

Pop In Place Sessions – Monday and Friday mornings
10 am to 12 noon

Pop In Place Poppets - Baby and Toddler Group
Thursday 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm
(term time only)

Pop In Place Performers Performers of any age are welcome for music, dance and drama
Thursday 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm
(not second Thursday)

The Pop In Place aims to draw the Community together in a variety of creative ways why not visit us you will be made very welcome.

The Pop In Place is at the Drax Hall
For more details Tel: Angela 01929-472261
Alison 01929-472023

Volunteers are always welcome
known as the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). PDC feel that this number (105) could be met from infill sites with no need for large scale developments. Bere Regis Parish Council has identified the need for 24 “Affordable Houses” to be built here over the next few years and that is currently the sum total of housing development supported by the Parish Council. Any other developments that you hear about are pure speculation on the part of developers.

A recent and somewhat speculative planning application for Bere Regis, which was inadvertently loaded onto the Bere Regis website, led to many residents being concerned as to what was happening. In order to clarify the situation I posed a series of questions to the Community Planning Officer at PDC (the person in charge of this whole process) and he has responded to me as follows (below in italics); anything I have added (to aid clarity) I have put in brackets.

As you will understand we are going through a review of planning policy and this starts with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). At the present time the (South West) Regional Assembly are going through a “pre-deposit” consultation on the draft RSS. PDC’s view on housing numbers within the District has been communicated to them, i.e. 105 dwellings per annum. The developers are also queuing up to give their views on the RSS. They will put a lot of effort into this process, especially (those) who have sites which do not fit the current spatial pattern for the South West which is being proposed - i.e. the (main) focus (is) on the principal urban areas of Poole and Bournemouth. This is why I believe they are active in the village (of Bere Regis) at the moment.

Under the current version of the RSS it is highly unlikely that we would be looking to allocate large scale housing development at Bere Regis - any allocations may well be limited to sites for affordable housing to meet local need, and any proposals would be subject to local consultation (this is the Parish Council at a minimum).

Our revised planning policy will have to fit within the framework set by the Region. Under the current version of the RSS it is highly unlikely that we would be looking to allocate large scale housing development at Bere Regis - any allocations may well be limited to sites for affordable housing to meet local need, and any proposals would be subject to local consultation (this is the Parish Council at a minimum).

If I can also reiterate that current local plan policy - which is what (the) Planning Board (of PDC) use when determining applications for planning permission - (it) would not support large scale development at Bere Regis - infill only.

PDC officers are not encouraging any developers to prepare development schemes in the District, however we are advising them (as we are required to do so by law) on process and this will continue.

At the present time the planning policy for Bere Regis is as it was at the time of the
Inspector's report - however as I have pointed out above, planning policy for the entire Region is changing.

If the SWRA agree our figure of 105 dwellings per year then no large scale development will be required anywhere in Purbeck. Even if the RSS was changed by the SWRA to increase the number of houses required to be built in Purbeck then the Officers tell me that Bere Regis is almost the last place PDC would look for any major developments. Of course this can all change with a change of government policy or as a result of action by the ODPM (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister) who can overturn the SWRA’s policy or even a Government Inspector’s ruling.

In summary Purbeck District Council’s view is that we are capable of supporting 105 new dwellings per year and that this would not require large scale developments anywhere in Purbeck. My own personal view is that we are safe from large scale developments but that we should all remain vigilant. The Parish Council’s view is that they welcome appropriate planning applications that meet the already identified requirements for affordable housing. The Parish Council Chairman, Chris Maunder, has stated they support any applications that meet our criteria for ‘in fill and exception sites’ within the parish boundaries of Bere Regis, and that are capable of being integrated into the existing village infrastructure. Chris will describe in more detail in his report the important definition of “exception”.

For those people reading this on the Bere Regis web site: In order not to clutter up the Bere Regis web site with potentially a welter of speculative development proposals we are not going to include them directly on the web site. However, we will list all the developers’ internet link addresses (below) so that anybody who wants to access development proposals can do so if they wish to.

Peter Wharf, District Councillor
and Legion club. The process of affiliation is controlled by RBL Headquarters at Pall Mall, this being Affiliation No. 231 nationally. The previous 230 affiliations have all involved either an Army, Air, Sea Cadet or Scout group. Bere Regis Youth Club ‘Lenny’s’ is the very first Youth Club to be affiliated to the RBL nationally, considering the youth clubs routes as a former RBL Youth Section it is perhaps fitting that the club should hold this honour.

Club activities are now back to normal with ‘Give Us a Clue’, ‘Video Night’, Carpet Bowls, ‘Games’ and ‘Cooking’ all on the programme.

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

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As part of the British Gas/Help the Aged Partnership, which also funds the National Benefits Advice Programme, Age Concern Dorchester has successfully helped over 300 Dorset people claim over £300,000 per year in welfare benefits.

Anthony Page, Information and Advice Co-ordinator at Age Concern Dorchester, said “Millions of pounds go unclaimed every year, often because people do not realise that they might be eligible. We hope that this year, many more older people in Dorset will not only see the benefit of claiming, but actually get the benefit they are entitled to.”

For further details, telephone Diane Brisenden at Age Concern Dorchester on 01305 269444 and ask for a free benefit check.

Don’t Miss Out This Winter!

Older people in Dorset are being reminded to check whether they have received their Winter Fuel and Age-Related Payments this winter. If they haven’t received their payments then they need to contact the Pension Service, check their eligibility and make a claim. All claims must be received by 30 March 2006.

Winter Fuel Payments of £200 are paid to households with someone aged 60 or over on or before 25 September 2005. Households with someone aged 80 or over could get up to £300.

Six young members from the club together with two leaders, and other young people from Winterborne Whitechurch Youth Club and Dorchester Scouts, visited Portland for a residential over the weekend 27-29 January. The group were based at the YMCA in Easton which is situated fairly close to the Portland Sculpture and Quarry Trust (PS&QT) workshops in Easton Lane. The youngsters were accommodated in comfortable bunk beds with two sharing a room, each room having its own television. The weather was very cold indeed with a biting North Easterly wind, in the YMCA however it was really warm.

A loose object being blown about on the roof by the strong wind did cause an irritating noise throughout the night, although only the leaders seemed to suffer any loss of sleep. The weekend residential being a follow on from the groups one day visit to the PS&QT workshop on the 15 January when they were introduced to stone carving. Over the weekend the young members produce a number of sculptures, ranging from lettering and designs on flat surfaced stone to the more intricate 3D articles such as lizards, fish and snakes.

On the Saturday evening the group visited the lighthouse to see the light working. The wind was still bitterly cold and blowing strong, standing at the base of the lighthouse watching its four beams radiating far out over the sea on an ink black night felt rather strange. Those intense white beams revolving around high above our heads gave a sense of standing under a large space craft, as in ‘Close Encounters of the Third Kind, “Beam me up Scottie”. The group will be visiting Portland again on the 24-26 February for a further residential weekend. This time they will be making up moulds and casting out a maze that will eventually provide the background for displaying their own sculptures. The last day will involve a walk along the coast from South Down to Lulworth Cove, on route the group will be able to view the effects of erosion caused by the wind, sea and visitors.

The 14 February was a special night for the youth club, for this was the night when the youth club and the Bere Regis Royal British Legion Branch formal affiliated. The young members were joined by members of the Legion Branch, Women’s Section...
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Age Concern Dorchester, which is a part of the British Gas/Help the Aged Partnership and the National Benefits Advice Programme, has successfully helped over 300 older people in Dorset to claim nearly £350,000 per year in welfare benefits.

For further details and a free booklet, telephone Diane Brisenden at Age Concern Dorchester on 01305 269444 and also ask for a free benefit check.

NEW FOREST SHOW

There is a great Show planned for July 25th - 27th at New Park, Brockenhurst. Definitely one of the highlights of the social calendar, the Show provides all the traditional displays of countryside activities and a range of entertainment to suit every taste and age group.

By popular demand the Dancing Diggers are back this year plus a few surprise events to be announced shortly. Anyone wishing to exhibit should contact the Show office now on 01590 622400 - competitors will be able to download their booking forms from the web site from April when the schedules go out. Further details available on www.newforestshow.co.uk

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.

Lin Hudswell, Constituency Organiser - Mid Dorset & North Poole
14 York Road, Broadstone, Dorset, BH18 8ET. T: 01202 658629 F: 01202 658420
On Saturday 25th March, the Wessex Branch of the Royal School of Church Music is arranging a “Come and Sing” afternoon and evening of Fauré’s “Requiem”, and “Tantum Ergo” by Louis Vierne. This is open to everyone who would enjoy a good sing! The cost is £5 per head which includes tea. If you need a copy of the Requiem score you can borrow one on the day. The Tantum Ergo will be provided for everyone. The fun begins at 2.30pm, at St Peter’s Church, Parkstone.

The Director is the eminent organist David Bruce-Payne who now lives in Weymouth, and whose appointments have included being Assistant Organist at Westminster Abbey, and Organist and Master of the Choristers at Birmingham Cathedral, as well as teaching music at Birmingham Conservatoire. Apart from composing and performing he is also an examiner for the ABRSM.

This will be a popular event (we have booked over 25 people locally already) so book your place straight away. Booking forms are available from the KMT on kmt@tacmusic.com or 01929-471360, or from the Bookings Secretary, RSCM Wessex Branch, The Glebe House, Winfrith Newburgh, Dorchester DT2 8JR

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There are many different versions of AntiVirus programs available, from the household names such as Norton or McAfee, to the less well known AVG or NOD32. Three of them – Norton, McAfee and NOD32 – require a purchase, whilst AVG has a free version available for download.

It’s always been my opinion that you get what you pay for in this life but in this field it’s almost the opposite. Some companies will play on the fact that without a good AntiVirus program you ride the risk of losing all your work, saved documents and family photos. Yearly charges are commonplace with nearly all the AntiVirus programs available.

Personally, I use AVG, and have done for many years. Having used the free version I decided last year to upgrade to the paid version. I find its protection second-to-none. In my experience the more commonly known programs have missed viruses and have, certainly in the case of one well-known program, resorted to the kind of tactics once employed by the KGB, to hide its applications so that you cannot remove them once installed.

I was recently introduced to the fourth program on the list, NOD32. At the time I didn’t know anything about it and have since learned of its high reputation. It’s fast becoming a very popular program and it goes to show that even someone like me, a self confessed computer ‘geek’, can get left behind when complacent. However, until I know all the facts I’ll continue to recommend the program I know best. Maybe one day I’ll change that opinion but I’ve got to be sure of what I’m recommending.

For now I’m going to recommend AVG AntiVirus and you can download it from: http://free.grisoft.com.

If you have any questions, or comments, about this article then send me an email at phil@meavic.co.uk. I’ll be happy to fill in any blanks and answer questions via email or phone if I can.

Phil Collins
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Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from March through to October.

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**ROGS on tour**
- China Fleet Golf Club, Tamar Eustuary. 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

**COMPUTER CORNER**

This is the first article in a monthly series which, I hope, will give everyone a better understanding of some of the finer points of using a computer and making the most of the internet. It’s not meant as an ‘advertorial’ but as a method of educating the magazine readers as the parish community becomes more switched on to computers and the internet.

For the first article I’m going to concentrate on AntiVirus programs.

For those of you who are unsure, an AntiVirus program protects your computer...