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FEBRUARY 2003

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

I'm quite often asked 'why does the Church have all these different festivals and why do we have different colours for these events?'

The simple answer is that we have a lot to mark and celebrate and be thankful to God for as we go through our Christian year. Making a special effort in our worship helps us to remember why it is special. Worship is about being changed and I hope that is what we feel when we come in and leave church after worship.

The most loved and most recent festival is of course *Christmas*. We had a wonderful time in both our Churches with a great variety of worship. Our children played a very important part in many of them, particularly our First School service as they broke up for their holidays. And then a very lively *Christingle* service at which we had more than 150 children, all eagerly receiving their wonderfully adorned oranges, and without a computer chip or battery in sight and yet still exciting for them. It was a chance to share in the mystery and atmosphere, as at that moment, Christmas seemed to have arrived.

The next really big event is of course *Easter*, the most important date in our Church year but before then we need to prepare for it, and we do this through the season of *Lent*. *Lent* comes from the old word *lentern* or the 'lengthening' of the days as we move into Spring. I always think it must be puzzling for those living in Australia and other parts of the Southern Hemisphere who celebrate their Lent at the same time as we do but with their days getting shorter.

Lent is of course a time of preparation and it starts with *Ash Wednesday* this year, on the 5th March. I'll be writing a little more about it next month. But before then, on the 2nd February, we will mark *Candlemas*- as we did last year. Traditionally it was the time when the all the candles that were to be used in the church in the ensuing year would be blessed, and candles are symbols of Christ's light and love in the world. *Candlemas* is also known as *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple* when we celebrate dear old Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem, knowing that he could die in peace because he had seen and cradled the Saviour, the Light of the World. It's importance as a festival is that it is then, that we leave Christmas and Epiphany behind us and set out mentally and physically towards Lent and Easter.

Now all these different celebrations have different colours for the hangings-the cloth on the altar and the pulpit desk and the reading markers on the lectern, and the Vicar's vestments.

At the most important events such as Christmas and Epiphany and Easter we use white or gold . At Lent and Advent we use purple as a sign of mourning and reflection, except on Good Friday when we strip the altar bare. In ordinary time as it is called when there is not a special event to mark we revert to green. Then for saints' days we use red. Now all this may seem unnecessary but these traditions go back to the early days of the church when few people could read and creating this sense of the visual and spiritual helped make worship relevant and reverent and indeed special and that was very important for all concerned.

For us today making our worship special can be exciting and nourishing too.

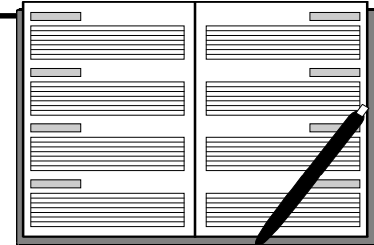
Finally, I realise that it is now a year already, that I have been here amongst you in our parishes. The time really has flown by and I want to thank you for making me so welcome. I feel very much at home and I'm very grateful for all the help I receive. As you know we face huge challenges but I'm sure that if we place our worship at the centre of our faith, and recognise God's spirit in our lives, we can together, make our Church and God a reality in our community.

With love and prayers



A prayer for Candlemas

Loving God who called your Church to witness
 That you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself':
 Help us to proclaim the good news of your love
 That all who hear it may be reconciled to you:
 Through him who died for us and rose again
 And reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 One God, now and forever.
 AMEN



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th Prize Bingo 7.00 p.m.

28th/29th Garden Party and Flower Festival

July

9th Rose Competition & Exhibition of Musical Boxes;
 Competition 'A Doyley'

20th Open Gardens 10.00 - 4.00

August

Mondays 4th, 11th & 18th, Friday 22nd Children's Summer Activities 10 am – 11.45 am

September

10th Coffee Morning at the Vicarage

13th Bere Regis Performer of the Year Competition 7.00 pm

October

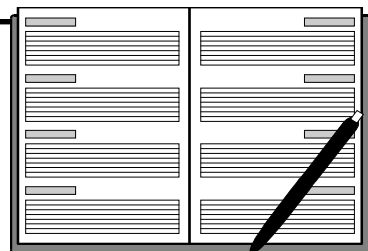
11th Jumble Sale and Auction 2.00 p.m.

November

14th Children in Need 10.00 - 12.00

December

20th Community Christmas Party 3.00 p.m.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

- 12th Autumn Leaves -Films by Tony Bates, Competition a Tea Towel
 19th Coffee Morning at the Vicarage
 21st French Theme Evening and presentation, Sports Club 7.30 p.m.

March

- 12th Autumn Leaves - The Beauties of the Queen's Bodyguard by Mr Tomlin; Competition 'A Royal Souvenir'
 21st Concert in Church by Bournemouth Gilbert & Sullivan Operatic Society

April

- 5th Coffee Morning at Westcourt, to raise money for Choir Robes
 7th Pop in Place AGM 10.00 a.m.
 9th Autumn Leaves Spring Tour
 18th Easter Egg Raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade 10.00—12.00

May

- 14th Autumn Leaves - Chinese Kites by Mrs Hannay; Competition 'An Article made in China'
 17th Coach Trip to Buckfastleigh Abbey
 19th Village Quiz 7.30 p.m.

June

- 11th Autumn Leaves - Summer outing to Sidmouth

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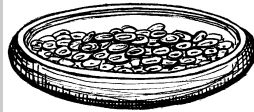
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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS



Sidesmen

2nd 9.15 Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 Mrs Jutting

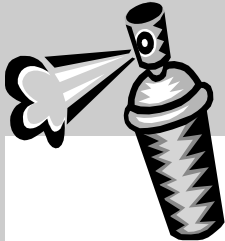
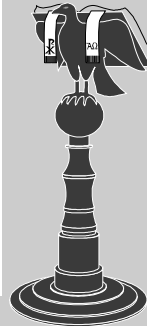
9th 11.00 Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 Mr Woodward

16th 9.15 Mrs Hazelrigg / Mr Smith
6.00 Mr Ventham

23rd 11.00 Miss Miller / Miss Chesney
6.00 Mr Smith

Evensong Readers

2nd Mrs Jutting
9th Mrs Welton
16th Mr Ventham
23rd Mrs Teather

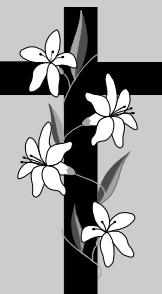


Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning

Dusting

1st and 8th February	Mrs J Woodward and Mrs C Tucker	Mrs G Whittle and Mrs N Scott
15th and 22nd February	Miss S Frampton, Mrs H Loxton and Mr T Bates	Mrs O Curtis, Mrs M Lewis
1st and 8th March	Mr B James and Mrs M James	Mrs E James and Mrs M Carlyle



Sanctuary Flower Guild

2nd February	Mrs J Herring	Mrs J Kinahan
9th/16th February	Mrs G Whittle	Mrs J Woodward
23rd February	Mrs P Jesty	Mrs J Kinahan

Golden Circle

2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court

Guides

Unit suspended

Kingsbere Quilters

1st Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Drax Hall

Mini Market

10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

Mobile Library

Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. - 4.25 p.m. - Car Park

Mothers' Union

7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church

Parish Council

7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board

Playgroup Bere Regis

Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792
Wednesday/Thursday PM

Pop in Place

10.00 a.m.- 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall

Purbeck Singles social group

Contact Roy Winder - 01929 471456

Pop in Place Poppets

1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. Weds (not 2nd Weds) Drax Hall

Rainbows

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

RBL Gardening Club

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

Royal Oak Golf Society

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

Scouts (10½-15 yrs)

7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ

Swimming Club

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

Toddler Group

1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

Tuesday Club

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

Twinning Association

Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities

Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)

8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

Village Scrapbook

Jenny Silavs - 471577

W.I. Bere Regis

7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

W.I. Briantspuddle

7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society	7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall
Autumn Leaves (over 50s)	2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall
Babysitting Circle	Contact Mary Lillie – 471365
Beavers (6-8 yrs)	6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
Bere Heath Methodist Chapel	10.30am Sundays except 2nd Sunday monthly (3pm)
Bere Regis Youth "Lenny's"	RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays Juniors 7.15 – 8.30 p.m. Seniors 7.15 – 10.00 p.m.
British Legion Club	7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday 7.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Sunday
Legion Women's Section	2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ
Brownies	6.00 - 7.15 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
B.R.S.C.	Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri 7.00p.m, Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.
Briantspuddle Singers	7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall
Choir Practice	7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.
C.A.B.	Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.- 2.00p.m. (closed Wednesday) Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only) Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
Camera Club	7.30 p.m 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court
Coffee Stop	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, 1st Saturday, Cyril Wood Ct
Congregational Church	10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane 10.00 a.m. Sunday School
Cubs (8-10½ yrs)	6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ
Dancing classes	Fridays 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.
D.S.S. Van	1st Mon 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings and Intercessors

Date	Time	Sidesman	Readers	Readings
2 Feb	8.00	P Badcock		BCP as set
	11.00	J Solly	F Solly P Thorniley	Hebrews 2, verses 14-18 Luke 2, verses 22-40
9 Feb	9.15	S Jeanes	M Cropper	1 Corinthians 9, verses 16-23
			R Prideaux	Mark 1, verses 29-39
16 Feb	8.00	P Thorniley		BCP as set
	11.00	G & J Silavs	(to be allocated)	Mark 1, verses 40-5
23 Feb	9.15	S Gibbs	P Badcock	Colossians 1, verses 15-20
			G Silavs	John 1, verses 1-14
2 Mar	8.00	R Killer	Server	BCP as set
	11.00	K Wharton	K Wharton A Armitage	2 Corinthians 4, verses 3-6 Mark 9, verses 2-9

Intercessions: 9 Feb, V Wilen; 23 Feb, J Haigh

JH

Flower and Cleaning Rotas

	Flowers	Cleaning
2nd February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Thorniley
9th February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Grindrod
16th February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Russell
23th February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Tucker

CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

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Sunday 2nd February

Candlemass

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11.00am	Mattins & Communion	Affpuddle
6.00pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Sunday 9th February

Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
11.00am	Family Service with Holy Baptism	Bere Regis
6.00pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Sunday 16th February

Third Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11.00am	Family Communion	Affpuddle
6.00pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Sunday 23rd February

Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
11.00am	Mattins & Communion	Bere Regis
6.00pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Sunday 2nd March

The Sunday Next before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11.00am	Mattins & Communion	Affpuddle
6.00pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

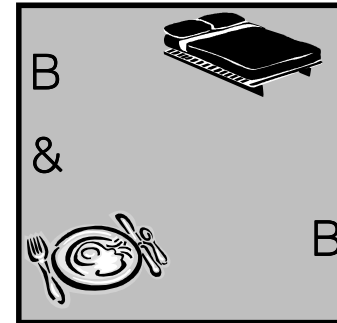
Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday

7.30pm	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday	Bere Regis
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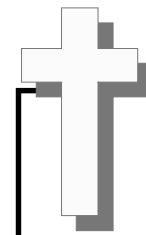
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OBITUARIES



Winifred Johnson

Born Winifred Joan in 1940, at Owermoigne she was known as Winnie or Win. Win was brought up first at Burleston near Tolpuddle and then Puddletown here she went to school and where her father still lives. She was the eldest of 5 children, with her three sisters Dianne, Pamela and Valerie, alas her brother Brian died in 1996.

Win started work at the former post office and shop in Briantspuddle, cycling from Tolpuddle and later Puddletown to work. No doubt as a sociable youngster she was popular in her work and kept in touch with her friends. It was whilst working at the Post Office that Norman noticed her, asking his friends 'who's that funny girl cycling past'. Equally Norman would notice Win as he rode past on his motorbike, on his way to the dairy in Affpuddle. Anyway they did notice each other and in due course they were married at St. Mary's in Puddletown in 1959.

They settled down to married life at No.4 Affpuddle and later close by to No.1 Hillside. The family grew with Kevin coming along in 1960, Tracy in 1966 and Marc the baby in 1972.

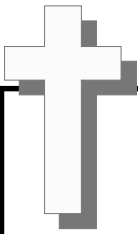
Win was actively involved in local activities, working behind the bar at the Briantspuddle social club and loved playing her darts and skittles there and she was on the School PTA. Norman readily admits that she could be stubborn and that generally she was the boss of the family.

Norman and Marc refer to how lively and indeed noisy family life could be at times, and how they would all go off for Sunday afternoon jaunts.

The family acknowledges that Win didn't whole heartedly take to farming with the same enthusiasm as the rest of them and was known to say on more than one occasion 'that's enough about cows'. But the farming tradition continues with both Kevin and Tracy farming, and Tracy looking after a large herd of cows near Weymouth. The family stayed at Hillside for nearly 40 years during which time Norman would have overseen some 14 generations of the West Farm cattle in the herd - a wonderful sense and example of continuity that is so important in our farming and rural communities.

Some years ago rheumatoid arthritis had started to give Win increasing disability, so when Norman ended his working life at West Farm, they moved to a bungalow at Briantspuddle and he was able to more easily care for Winnie.





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Win was confined to her bed for the last two years, in increasing pain, but still centre of her family which was the most important thing in her life.

She had a quiet faith and we can be sure that she is no longer in pain, but rests in peace.

Geoffrey Ireland

Geoffrey Ireland was born on the 24th April 1924 at Thorne Farm, North Barrow near Castle Cary in Somerset and he died on 30th December at Pulham in Dorset.

After Geoffrey was born, the agricultural slump was starting to deepen and the family left North Barrow and took on Lophill Farm at Langton near Blandford, and it was here in 1928 that Geoffrey's brother John was born. Geoffrey went to school in Blandford, often travelling there on the milk float with his father who delivered milk to the factory there. The family kept poultry, and at week-ends it was Geoffrey's job to feed them. There was a particular Rhode Island Red cockerel who took a serious dislike to Geoffrey and one day, when the bird went for him Geoffrey struck back with a stick and alas killed the poor bird, much to his father's displeasure.

Another enterprise he much enjoyed helping his father with was the family horse business. His father would buy them after they had ended their short haulage careers in London and they would be sent down to London by train. So it was that after school at about 4.00pm he would go to the station and ride a horse back to the farm, leading another and his father would do the same. These horses were then hired out to Dorset County Council for road work. In 1938 Geoffrey left school as his father's health was failing. They were amongst the first farmers to have their herd tuberculin tested and the milk commanded a premium. However, with war breaking out in 1939, the land had to be ploughed for corn.

Geoffrey stayed on the farm throughout the war, hand milking and occasionally going out with the hire horses and carts to Blandford Army Camp. Once they were machined gunned, but luckily he was not hit.

Geoffrey and brother John joined Blandford Young Farmers and as petrol was rationed, they cycled to



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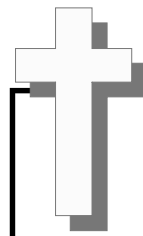
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meetings, sometimes 12 miles each way, and then up early the following morning to do the milking. Once the Young Farmers Club on a social outing to Sherborne found that on the return trip the bus ran out of petrol, so 40 young farmers pulled the coach up the hill at Henford Bottom until it was able to reach level ground.

After the war, farming enjoyed an upturn as produce was short and the more milk and crops you could produce the better.

The family moved to Petersham farm at Holt near Wimborne in 1947.

In January, tragedy struck when Geoffrey's father died at the early age of 51.

In early 1954 Geoffrey was awarded the tenancy of Bere Down Farm in Bere Regis and later that year he Mary, the daughter of his neighbouring farmer at Roke Farm.

Geoffrey installed a large poultry house hatching, selling and breeding poultry.

In 1959 George was born and two years later Anne arrived. His farming enterprises continued apace

And in 1976 he bought Lipgate farm at Pulham and Geoffrey and Mary and George and Anne moved in there. Meanwhile Geoffrey had a new sideline-renting out bulls.

Sad times came with the sudden death of Mary in June 1992.

Geoffrey had suffered respiratory problems for many years and by now they were beginning to trouble him more. The worrying times with the Foot and Mouth disease, drops in milk and grain prices bothered him and he had long bouts of bronchial trouble. He had cut down on his business commitments but he still did more than many men much younger than him.

He took great pride in his son and daughter and died peacefully at home as he wanted.



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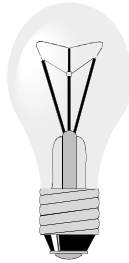
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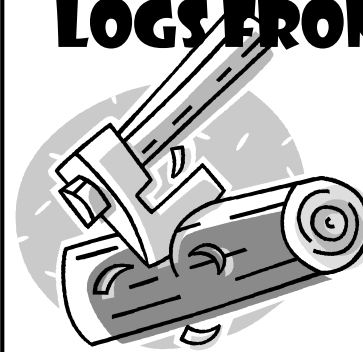
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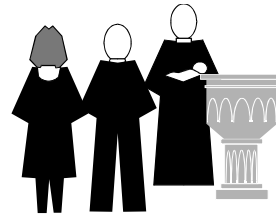
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Baptisms

At St. John the Baptist Bere Regis



22nd December

Pippa Barnard

Chloe Farina O'Donnell

12th January

Tamsin Elizabeth Miller and Sophia Alana Bradshaw

Funerals

At St. John the Baptist Bere Regis

20th December

Patrick Cope

7th January

Geoffrey Ireland

At St. Laurence Affpuddle

8th January

Winifred Johnson



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AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

At the January meeting of the Parish Council the following business was discussed.

The Purbeck District Local Plan. This could have a big effect on all residents within the Purbeck area. The Local Plan and modifications can be viewed at the District Council Officers and local libraries. The proposed development at Redbridge could have an effect on the traffic within this area.

The Parish Council discussed a draft document for a local plan. This will be circulated to all houses within the next month or so.

Planning applications for alterations to 1 The Pines, Briantspuddle and the construction of an agricultural dwelling on land at Throop were discussed.

The Parish Precept for the forthcoming financial year was agreed and applied for.

The Village Hall and Social Club Development was discussed and plans were made to submit a revised plan for renovation to the kitchens and W.C.s and to create much needed storage.

Complaints were received about the condition of the recycling area at Tolpuddle Ball.

It was suggested that the separate parishes of Turnerspuddle and Affpuddle should be combined to form one Parish and the Acting clerk was instructed to pursue this matter further.

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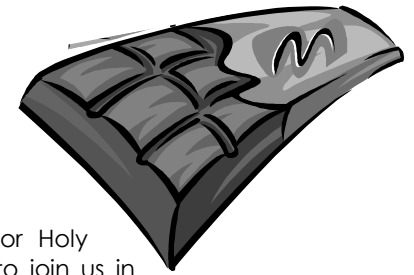
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BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

LENTERN THOUGHTS IN BERE REGIS & AFFPUDDLE



or a friendly way to get ready for Holy Week and Easter

Traditionally Lent is a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter and I hope you might like to join us in reflecting on our values and faith and how we relate our beliefs to the way we live our lives. With this in mind, in the five weeks of Lent from Ash Wednesday on the 5th March, running up to the beginning of Holy Week which starts on Palm Sunday on the 13th April, we will be looking at a Lent Course based on the popular book and film *Chocolat*.

The popularity of the book was that it was centred around chocolate and a unmarried mother who sets up a chocolate shop selling the most delicious home made chocolates and chocolate drinks in a rather conservative French village, much to the disapproval of the establishment and particularly the local priest!

I'm sure the course will be fun and stimulating and hopefully get us thinking. It should appeal to all of us whatever point on our journey of faith may be – even if we haven't yet started out or if we think we've been around God for a long time.

The Affpuddle group will be meeting on the five Mondays of Lent at 7.30pm – starting on 10th March and on through the 17th, the 24th, the 31st March and finally the 7th April. Meetings for the Affpuddle Lent group will be at Jonathan and Penny Haigh's house at Hazel Cottage, 25 Briantspuddle (tel 471768)

The Bere Regis Group will meet on the five Thursdays of Lent starting on the 6th March and on through the 13th, 20th 27th March to the 3rd April. These meetings in Bere Regis will be at the Vicarage starting at 7.30pm.

Each session will last about an hour and a half with a cup of tea or coffee or may be chocolate! Then we shall all get together to share an informal house communion service at the Vicarage at the end our course on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm.

It would help our understanding of the course if you were able to view the film before the courses start. Let me or Jonathan (471768) if you would like to borrow a copy of the film to view. Copies of the Lent course book are available from Brenda Pitfield (471391) or Jonathan, or from me at the Vicarage.

I do hope you will want to join us at either course irrespective of where you live, to prepare for the life changing events of Holy Week and the joy of Easter.

Thank you, Ian (471262)

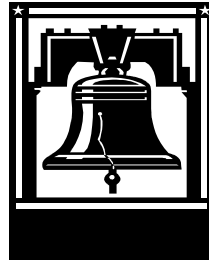
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The service this year takes place at Milborne St Andrew church at 2.00pm on Friday 7th March 2003.

It has been prepared by the women of Lebanon. The speaker will be Mrs Florence Mary Ball from Longmead and is entitled 'Holy Spirit, fill us'. If you require transport contact Mrs Mary England or Mrs Janet Morris.

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices continue on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30. New members always welcome.



CHURCH EVENTS

Don't forget the Coffee Morning on 19th February. This will take place at 10.30 a.m. at the Vicarage. Gifts for the Bring and Buy stall will be most acceptable.

MOTHERS' UNION

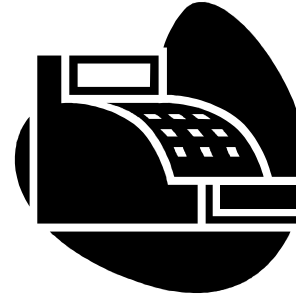
The January meeting of the Mother's Union was cancelled due to the weather.

Our next meeting will be held on 5th February 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in Turberville Court. Will members please bring a small gift for the gift exchange.



Kay Abbott – 472258

BRIANTSPUDDLE POST OFFICE AND SHOP



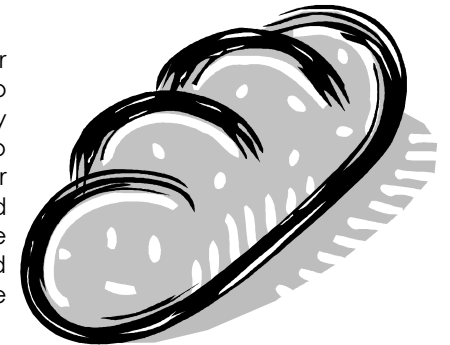
As was mentioned in last month's magazine, the village shop finished 2002 in a good financial situation and we all now look forward to building on this during 2003.

For two days before Christmas, a glass of sherry and/or a mince pie were offered to all our customers. Then, on Monday 23rd December, when the shop closed, all the volunteers, who turn out in any weather to open the shop or fetch the bread and newspapers, were invited to celebrate with wine and nibbles. Only a couple of volunteers were unable to attend and a very enjoyable lunchtime get together took place. My heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who so kindly support my efforts and politely ignore my idiosyncrasies!

To those of you who have not yet visited the shop, a hearty welcome is extended – do come and check us out, you may well be surprised that such a small shop carries such a varied stock.

For example, we hold baking ingredients such as flour, dried fruit, glace cherries, chocolate and various sugars. We also have a variety of fruit juices, lemonades, tonic water, spring water, milk, squashes and ginger beer. There is a choice of at least ten cereals and numerous tin foods and cooking sauces, some frozen foods, plus cat and dog food, bird nuts, cleaning materials and much more. We also carry a range of reduced or sugar free items.

Bread is ordered daily and the order includes some spares. Newspapers can also be ordered. Each week we have a delivery of cakes from Puddings and Pies. We also order fresh meat from a Dorchester butcher and after two days in the chiller any unsold items are frozen. The shop price is the butcher's price. Ham, pate, bacon, smoked mackerel and eggs from local suppliers are also available.



John Russell

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

At the time of going to press the film "Last Orders" has not yet been shown. Preparations are in hand for the Valentine's Supper. Tickets costing £7.00 are available from Philippa Thorniley to include the three course meal, a pre-supper glass of sparkling wine and coffee and chocolates after the meal. Vegetarian and diabetic options are available and should be made when purchasing tickets.



I made a mistake when advertising the Art Exhibition in last month's magazine. This will take place on Saturday 8th and 9th February from 10.30 to 4.00 on both days. Admission is free. The exhibition is sponsored by Artsreach and is entitled "Farming Matters". Leaflets will be delivered to all houses within the Parish

On 15th March the final Artsreach production of the 2002/03 season will take place. It is Hoagy, Hornpipes, Handel and Hoedown. With Hilary James and Simon Mayer. Tickets will cost £5.00 and there will be a bar.

Philippa Thorniley

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 26th February at 8.00 p.m. There will be no admittance after 8.10 p.m.

Membership fees for 2003 are due on the 1st March. The actual amount will be decided at the AGM.

Bladen Social/Youth Club Reunion Party is on Saturday 1st March at 8.00 p.m. This is for all members past and present. If you would like to attend please phone me on 01258 837267.

The provisional date for the Village Quiz is Wednesday 26th March. Teams of four are requested. Letters will be sent to village organisations, but anyone is welcome to enter a team. Please notify the club of your team name.

Sue Jeanes

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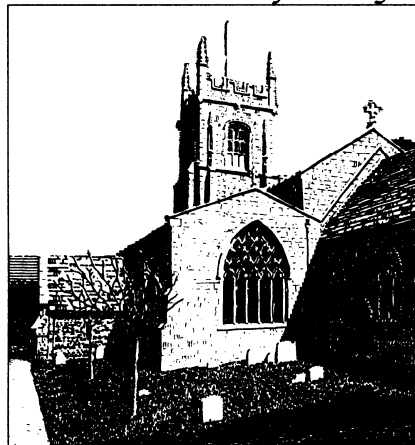
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

8th	PotLuck Mixed Pairs – 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.
17th	A.G.M. 8.00 p.m.
22nd	Quiz Night 8.00 p.m.

MARCH

8th	Carpet Bowls 8.00 p.m.
22nd	PotLuck Mixed Pairs – 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 .m.
29th	Cheese & Wine £2.50 each (includes food and first glass of wine)

Whist alternate Thursday evenings
Bingo every Sunday evening
Gardening Club first Tuesday each month

Winter Quiz sheets now available from the Club, £2.50, to be returned by 5 April
Everyone welcome

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

Christmas Flowers and Church Decorations

Thank you very much to all those kind people who contributed towards the purchase of flowers to decorate the church for the Christmas Services. £48 was raised. Thank you too to those who decorated the tree and the church for Christmas. The decorations looked beautiful



Christmas Gift Service

I am reproducing the letter dated 19th December received from D.R. Short, Admin. from Leonard Cheshire Dorchester Homes.

"Thank you once again for wonderful Christmas gifts. This is very much appreciated by one and all. Please convey our gratitude to everyone concerned for their continuing support and wish them all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from the Residents and staff. Many Thanks."

Request for Help with Cleaning and Flower arranging

During March I will be preparing the new rotas for cleaning and flower arranging which start in April. If you can help with either of these tasks please contact me as soon as possible.

Flower Arranging - This job consists of making sure that the flowers in church are fresh and tidy. All standards of flower arranger from the ace flower arranger to the plonk in a vase person would be most welcome.

Cleaning - The weekly cleaning consists of dusting all the furniture and sweeping the floors. Help is also appreciated at the four quarterly special cleans when the furniture and floors are polished and an extra special clean takes place.

If you can help with either or both these jobs please let me have your names and preferred time of the year when you can do them.

Philippa Thorniley - 471497.

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

The January meeting was addressed by a resident from Hyde complaining of the activities of the Shooting School on the Puddletown Road. The pity is that these comments were not heard when the School's application for permanent usage was heard in November when the Council decided not to oppose the application for an activity which has been active for seven years.

The Council has asked Parishioners previously for assistance in getting the legal status of Chapel Lane correct. Older Parishioners will recall that this 'dog legged' path leading from West Street to the Car Park, once led to the old Chapel which subsequently became the carpenters shop in Mr Barnes builders yard. When the houses were built the lane was diverted and what the Council is attempting to do now is to legalise the lane in its present form as until that is completed it is difficult to maintain. For a start we need evidence that the lane has been in use previously. Thus if anybody can recall using Chapel Lane to get to the old Chapel and they are prepared to sign a paper to that effect, then would they please contact the Clerk on 01929 556263.



Parishioners walking up past the Cemetery will not have failed to notice the hedge laying that has been undertaken recently. This splendid improvement has been undertaken by Mr John Cleave who has only recently come to live in the village. The Parish Council recorded their gratitude at the meeting for this very impressive hand work. At the same time they expressed their thanks to the other voluntary work being undertaken in the Cemetery.

An untidy area, in fact three untidy areas, which were discussed by the Council were the roundabouts at the entrance to the village. There is a strong opinion that they should be adopted as in the cases of the roundabouts in other places. Initially they need weeding and the Council has requested that the County Council gives them some tender loving care. In the meantime inquiries are being made for long term adoption of each. If any Parishioners have any suggestions for likely adopters then please advise the Clerk.

Traffic on the C6 and in particular on Rye Hill was discussed. Currently the Council was advised that on 5th November there were nearly 7,100 vehicle movements in the 24 hours of that day. The maximum in one hour in the morning was 651 and in the afternoon 570. This was November which is not the busiest of months in the year. The Council is very concerned for the future as in the long term the Winfrith site is likely to expand to beyond its previous size when transport of personnel to

those in the UK and life is very, very difficult for many.

The Latvians and other Baltic State members are keen for their application to join the EEC to succeed, if only to provide a safeguard against any resurgence of Russian interest in the Baltic States, which they see as a very real threat and is talked of frequently by the Russian media.

Finally a very large vote of thanks for all of those who continue to support the Link in so many ways with time, items for our fund-raising events and a continuing interest in Latvia and our Latvian "family". A very happy New Year to you all.

Jenny Silavs

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THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

It is sometime since we gave an up-date of the "doings" of the Dorset Latvia Link but a brief visit to Latvia by George during December 2002 (following an absence of almost 2-1/2 years) has provided, not only an insight into the current situation in Latvia, but enabled him to check on the progress also of the Paediatric Clinic which the Link supports. George took with him the Latvian equivalent of £250 .00 which he was able to hand personally to the Director of the Clinic and our contact in Ikskile, Doctor Lelde Samite, to assist with the work of the Clinic, and for which she was most appreciative. (We hope to be able to continue to provide at least a similar sum yearly, given the scaling down of the fund-raising activities of the Link compared with times past).

George reports a thriving Clinic with approx. 800 small patients, situated on the ground floor of a block of one of 15 blocks of flats on the outskirts of Ogre, which services our Link village of Ikskile. The Clinic comprises a reception area with a consulting room and separate treatment room and is staffed by Lelde and another Doctor, who is a partner in the practice. He was able to view the equipment purchased with the surplus funds provided for that purpose by the Link on 2001, and advised that the Clinic was simply but cheerfully appointed. Lelde asked to be remembered to all her friends in The Link, past and present, many of whom she met during our visits in the early 1990's.

George arrived in Latvia to find a superb new airport and buildings fitted with all the latest available technology - a far cry from our first visit at Christmas 1991 when a walk across an icy tarmac in the freezing cold, to an old dilapidated building, proved quite a hazard. In addition to the airport, the main railway station and the port of Riga both underwent a radical facelift in 2001 preparatory to the celebrations for the 800th anniversary of the founding of Riga.



As with most countries emerging from years of communist rule, tourism is seen as a boost to the economy and Latvia is no exception. Much of the funding for these projects and others such as the restoration of old buildings, new shopping malls etc etc, was provided by the Scandinavians, who have long had a close association with the Baltic States and have similarly helped Estonia and Lithuania. As a matter of interest the Eurovision Song Contest takes place in Latvia later on this year - as they say "any publicity is good publicity - and the airport/railway station/port are key doorways to any country for tourists, although work on these projects was completed before Latvia won the contest last year. Sadly and inevitably, the gap between the "haves" and "have-nots" is widening, with unemployment still a major problem. There is little unemployment benefit available and very little help in other ways. Prices in the shops are on a par with

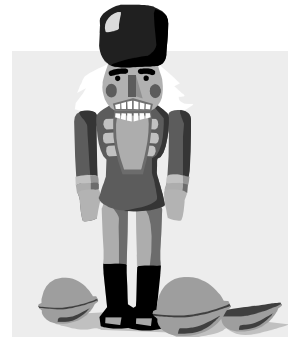
and from the site was by special buses. With so many diverse industries on the site individuals will be travelling presumably by car and many of those people the Council feels will be coming from the larger conurbation's. Thus the Council is drawing the attention of the Planning Authorities to a potential problem in only a few years time.

The Local Plan Inquiry Report has been studied by the District Council and proposed amendments have been published. These are now available for comment by the Council and any Parishioners. The publication is available at libraries, in the District Office or, I am reliably advised, on the 'Web'. By coincidence on the day that the District Council proposals were published, there was a banner headline outside Mr Seymours stating that Dorset House prices were up by 30%. From the publication one learns that the average house price in Purbeck is £117,552 and that 60% of Purbeck households have incomes of less than £20,000. Regrettably these details seem to have escaped the good Councillors of Purbeck in their deliberations on the Inspectors report as there are no recommendations for affordable housing in Bere Regis. It is thus hardly any wonder that few young people can return to their home villages. If you wish to comment you have until the end of February to do so.

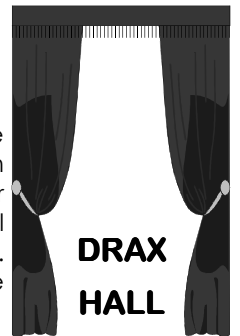
DRAX HALL

With the Disability Act fast approaching we have had to have an accessibility inspection conducted. The report, when received, will tell us where we have to concentrate our thoughts on making the hall accessible to all. All of this will cost money over and above our repair costs on the roof. Fortunately we have a very dedicated team who keep the Hall going and financially out of the 'red'.

During the half term in February we have a puppet performance by The Storybox Theatre entitled 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier'. This is suitable for anybody so do not think that you are too young! Tickets £3.00 and £2.50 for children and OAP's. Thursday 27th February at 11.00am. Tickets from 15, North Street - 471342. It should be a lovely performance - 'A little boy is given a present of twelve tin soldiers on Christmas Day. One soldier is very different from the rest..... So begins the story of a very special toy, and his extraordinary journey'. Do come along.



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frantic claims from the Ship that the ball had crossed the line, both linesman and referee could not be sure and the game remained goalless.

The second half was, like Mark Gale's newly acquired belly, all Bere. With a decent breeze at their backs they kept the opposition penned in with some very slick football. When Bungy powered in a header that almost tore the net from the goal there was no looking back. John Close was the next to add his name to the score sheet. No stranger to lost causes, he is a Spurs supporter after all, he chased after a long punt up field and, with the keeper hopelessly out of position, lobbed the ball into the open net from fully 30 yards. The icing on the cake came from the deadliest US import since the Cruise missile, as Kev Speers took the keeper on and beat him convincingly. The Ship were well and truly sunk! Bere even had time to showboat with a string of passes easily into double figures until the ball came to Spivey the showstopper....Have It!!

ENTERTAINMENTS

15th February – POP QUIZ (Teams of 4)

Okay, so you know what is Blue and who is Pink. You know your Gorillaz from your Monkees. You may even be able to tell the difference between the Boss and the King. The real questions is can you still do all this with copious amounts of alcohol in your system. If so, you are ideal for our Pop Quiz. If not, find someone who is and drag them down to the Sports Club.



1st March – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (Teams of 4)

For one night only the Anne Robinson of Bere Regis will be stepping down in favour of a new quizmaster...so come on down because tonight the Prize will always be Right. Why not pit your wits against the Sports Club's finest brains, a contradiction in terms if ever there was one.

DOG FOULING

As the problem of dog fouling continues to worsen, despite the fact that dogs are banned from the playing field, the Sports Club has decided to erect a fence and access gates to restrict the access by stray dogs. We hope that these measures will stop this problem once and for all and ask again that dog owners do not walk their dogs on the playing field.

Please remember that this is meant to be a children's play area!!

youngsters may have the next Wayne Rooney, but in the end it was Wayne Poomy who won the day!!



Saturdays

Handley Sports 2: Bere Regis 0

You know its not going to be your day when your keeper pulls out ill at the last minute. You definitely know its not going to be your day when you have to start the game with nine men because two turn up late. You definitely, definitely know its not going to be your day when the conditions are awful, your team misses a million chances and the opposition score two scrappy goals. But you still come back next week to do it all over again.

Bere Regis 4: Kingston Lacey 6

If ever there was a game of two half's...this was it. I think we will dwell on the first to protect the innocent. Despite the loss of an early goal Bere dominated and the brace of goals from Shaun Cope to take the lead simply oozed class. A tap in from Squint extended that lead and then came the 'piece de resistance' from Dacre. A free kick came within range of that left foot 'Hammer' and Earle simply blistered the shot past the keeper. So far, so good...4-1 up at half time and the feeling that if Bere lost this then the manager was a monkey's uncle. However, five unanswered goals past a defence as fragile as Pete Townshend's and it was game over. Kev was last seen on the Bovington road asking for directions to Monkey World.

Sundays

Bere Regis 3: Ship Inn 0

Nowadays, referees are about as easy to find as your average weapon of mass destruction. Once again, Bere were let down at the last minute and had to rely on the goodwill of whoever happens to be standing on the sidelines. This time it was the most unlikely of saviours who cannot be named for security reasons, social security that is, although the phrase 'poacher turned gamekeeper' may give regular readers a bit of a clue. Nevertheless, he was good enough to step into the breach in this vital relegation clash and, once a whistle had been found, battle commenced. With the wind against them in the first half Bere struggled to find any kind of rhythm and it was the Ship who had the best of the early exchanges. In fact, they had a very strong case for a goal when the ball flew off Spivey's head onto the crossbar and down, where Mark Gale was on hand to clear. Despite

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting

The December Council meeting reviewed Dorset County Council's transportation priorities and (eventually) agreed a response. However Bere Regis was initially omitted from DCC's identified transport priorities! I raised this as a serious omission and proposed a special motion, which was passed, adding the C6 (Rye Hill) past the school, to the list of 6 black spots areas in Purbeck for special attention. Incidentally one of the other six black spots was the Holton Heath by-pass.

Elder Road Car Park

At my monthly surgery (a long time ago!) I was asked by a resident if it was possible to put a sign up at the entrance to the Elder Road car park - Residents Only - as the public were sometimes using this and not the public car park in the centre of Bere Regis, leaving no space for the residents. This has now been erected!

Council Housing

The ongoing project to consider the Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT) of all Council owned properties continues with the selection, this month, of East Dorset Housing Association as the preferred partner. This has been agreed with the Tenants' Panel Working Party and there will now be a lengthy consultation period up to August followed by a ballot of all tenants in September. If the answer is "Yes" then transfer could take place in May 2004. I have listed below the answers to some of the more frequently asked questions.

Q1. What is housing transfer?

A1. It is ownership and management of a Council's stock transferred to a "not for profit" registered "social landlord". It can not take place unless Tenants show that they support it.

Q2. Why is Purbeck doing this?

A2. A survey showed that more money is needed to be spent on homes than Purbeck has available, and that it is more cost effective to everyone to transfer responsibility.

Q3. Have any other Councils done this?

A3. Over 130, all over the country. Since 1988 over 675K homes have transferred. Local authorities to do this include East Dorset, North Dorset, West Dorset and Christchurch.



Q4. Would tenants still be able to buy their home?

A4. If they have currently that right with the Council they will have what is known as the "Preserved Right to Buy" with the new body

A booklet containing many more questions and answers is available from Lynne Meaden at the Council Offices, or you can ring her on 557284

The "Local Plan"

The Purbeck Local Plan has entered another important stage on the path to formal adoption and the article below is the Planning Officer's response to my request for a simple statement as to where we are and where we are going. Please do take up the opportunity to comment what ever your views.

"Following the publication of the Inspector's report on the public inquiry into the objections to the plan, in June 2002, the District Council has considered all his recommendations and resolved to advertise proposed modifications in response to these recommendations. The modifications are being advertised for public comment from 9 January 2003 to 21 February 2003.

The modifications documents are available to view at all libraries in the District (as well as those in Crossways, Dorchester and Poole), Town Council Offices in Swanage and Upton and available to view and purchase from Westport House.

You can also view the documents on the District Council's website (www.Purbeck.gov.uk). Comments are invited from members of the public on all the modifications that are being considered to the plan, comment forms are available from all the venues referred to above and can be down loaded from the website.

After the end of the period for public comment the proposed modifications will be reconsidered by the Council in the light of all the observations received. At that stage the Council can either adopt the local plan or advertise further proposed modifications to address concerns raised by objectors. Should further modifications prove necessary then another round of consultations with the public will be

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

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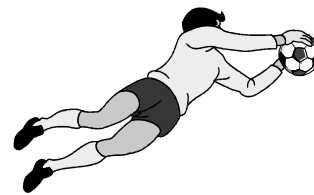
The Boxing Day Extravaganza



Old Gits 3: Young Whippersnappers 2

Come wind, rain, hail or snow (well maybe not snow....or hail ...or even too much rain!!) the Boxing Day match will prevail. Despite a pitch as sodden as the veteran players, the training pitch was declared fit (well fitter than Pip Evans anyway) and the battle commenced. Once again the young pretenders came for revenge and once again they were defeated, though it was a mighty close thing. In fact it was the youngsters who took the lead early on; taking advantage of the time it takes for the pre match whisky to warm the Old Gits' limbs Nick White pounced on an inviting cross to glance the header home.

Neat, incisive passing and boundless energy gave the youngsters the advantage until a couple of heavy downpours and some even heavier OG players churned up the pitch to a mud bath that was perfect for a good wallow. As Dacre and Oram commanded the midfield, Gale, Spivey and Evans secured the defence and Jimmy 'Gandalf' the Green weaved his magic spells on the wing it was only a matter of time before an equaliser...and it was a thing of beauty. Dacre took the ball from defence through several tackles and wall passes to finish with a clinical precision. Half time could not come too soon for the youngsters, or for Pip as, tormented by young White, he had resorted to falling on his backside to put the young feller off, which surprisingly seemed to work!



The second half started much the same. Some call him the next Rooney, some call him Nick White and some call him things I dare not put to print, whatever you call him he still keeps scoring as, with Pip neglecting to fall, he composed himself and fired the YW's into an early lead. This was when Bere's secret weapons were brought to the fore.....the Price boys. Graham has always had a reputation (I mean the football one!) so it was no surprise when he flew in at the back post to equalise late on. The real surprise was Poomy, a man who has hid his footballing light under a bushel for many years and, indeed for most of the match. With more misses than Henry the Eighth during the game, when the magical words 'Winning Goal' were uttered he was a changed man, probably because he knew the bar was open. Receiving the ball with his back to goal he turned on a sixpence and rifled the ball in off the post for a memorable winner, well memorable for him as he retold his story late into the afternoon. The



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undertaken in the late spring. It is hoped to formally adopt the plan in the autumn."

Surgery

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

Peter Wharf, District Councillor

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Both myself and Liz Gale are having to give up the running of the Brownie Pack due to work and personal commitments. We will be finishing on the 3rd February 2003 and it is hoped that by the time you are reading this, a new leader will have been found. If not, the pack will have to close until somebody comes forward and it can be re-opened. If anybody is interested in giving their time to such a fun and worthwhile activity – whether it be to help on a regular basis and assist with the running of the pack or to take over as Brown Owl, please contact myself and I will happily give details and information.

Jane Storey – 471041 (evenings)

PATRICK COPE

Vonny and family would like to thank everyone for all the kindness, support and messages of sympathy received after the sad loss of Pat. The support received from friends and neighbours has been a great comfort.

Thanks also to the Reverend Ian Woodward for such a wonderful funeral service and to all who made donations to the British Heart Foundation. The total received is not yet known, but we will let people know in the next few months.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB

We had great fun at our New Year's party with a 'present game' causing great hilarity. We give our thanks to Mr Jim Morris who played the banjo and drums accompanied by Kath on the piano for singing and afterwards for dancing. This was followed by a delicious tea enjoyed by all. Altogether a very happy and enjoyable afternoon.



HELP AND CARE

Help and Care, the Dorset based charity on the side of older people and carers, are organizing

"Reach out into Dorset 2003" - a Festival celebrating the Age of Opportunity.

The Festival will take place throughout Dorset during May 2003 and will consist of Information Days with stalls available to hire, opportunities to try out various activities and interactive displays; conferences featuring Better Government for Older People seminars, together with social events aimed to interest and please the older person. The event will be well advertised and publicised and will attract interest from all sectors of the community but is particularly aimed at the 55+ age group. The Information days will take place at the following locations:

Blandford, Bridport, Christchurch, Dorchester, Ferndown, Harmans Cross, Kinson, Littledown, Poole, Shaftesbury, Sherborne, Wareham, Weymouth and Wimborne.

If you would like more information or would be interested in taking part in one or all of the locations please contact: Patricia Yonwin, Festival Organizer, Help and Care, The Pokesdown Centre, 896 Christchurch Road, - Bournemouth BH7 6DL Telephone 01929 555182 during office hours or email Patricia.Yonwin@helpandcare.org.uk

Two social events already planned are a Dance at The Pavilion Bournemouth on Saturday 31 May and a celebratory Tea Party for all those in Dorset celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2003. Please write to Patricia with details if you shall be celebrating your Golden Wedding next year. So far there are plans for film events, walks and a barn dance during the Festival. If you would like to host an event in your part of Dorset to take part in the Festival please contact Patricia who will be pleased to hear your ideas.





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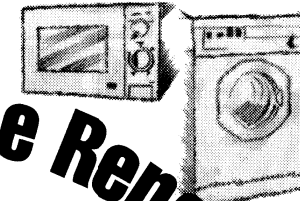
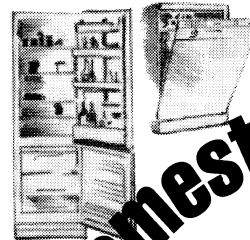
If you have any ideas on what the festival
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them! Your views and help would be much
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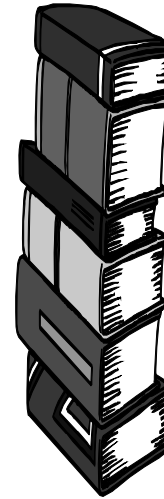
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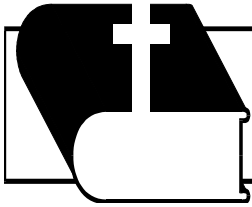
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Making Plans

Into February already - who would believe it? During these wintry days many people will have already been browsing through the summer travel brochures planning their holidays. Others will have been filling in their new calendars and diaries with important events. Maybe this year is a special anniversary for you. We all have to make plans at some time don't we?

The Bible gives a bit of balanced thinking when it comes to planning for the future. Let me quote part of a letter written by the Apostle James to some early Christian believers. He wrote, "**Now listen, you who say 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'if the Lord wills, we will do this or that.'**" (James 4:13,14)

The first part of that quote is not saying that planning is a waste of time and that we should all ditch our diaries. But it does suggest that there is a right and a wrong way of going about it. We can either view life's circumstances as being under our control and take the line that we are the masters of our own destinies. Or we can bring God into our lives, include Him in our planning. Indeed we could submit our agendas to Him.

And why should we do this? Well, because life itself is not only complex - it is also very uncertain and relatively brief. So it seems to me that God is saying to us here that we should not make plans as if He does not exist. He is still the Eternal God Who holds all our yesterdays and all our tomorrows and Who is with us in all our todays. It was Thomas A Kempis who wisely acknowledged, "Man proposes but God disposes."

Of course it's not wrong to have aims and goals and even dreams and aspirations. Those are the things that keep us motivated in life. But learn to check them out with the Lord first, ensuring that all our planning is submitted to the One Who has the wisdom not only to see the future but also has the power to control it.

All this can be summed up in a hymn we often sing in Chapel, "**Father I place into Your Hands the things I cannot see**".

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Friday 27th June	Whitbread Shield	Dudsbury Golf Club
Friday 25th July	Landlord's Cup	Isle of Purbeck Golf Club
Friday 29th August	Rob Hall Hackers Trophy	Bramshaw Golf Club
Friday 26th September	Captain's Cup	Bulbury Woods Golf Club

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Annual General Meeting – Thursday 20th November 2003

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CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Calling all singers! Do join in a choral workshop led by the composer and conductor Andrew Carter at Bovington Middle School on Saturday February 8th. The workshop is being organised by the Dorset Guild of Singers and the cost to non members is £10 for the day. £2 for under 16's; coffee and tea included but please bring your own packed lunch. The work for the day include will Andrew Carter's Horizons. This promises to be good fun and very challenging and it's a rare opportunity to work with a conductor and composer of international renown. Times 10.00 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.



Please ring workshop organiser Jay Buckle 01929 425865 to book your place.

GARDENING CLUB



History was made at our January meeting when we watched a digital slide show. Tony Bates had stepped into the breach once again at the last minute to show us slides of Costa Rica wild life. As usual Tony provided a very interesting high quality show, ' and if he had not explained that it was digital I think most people would not have been any the wiser.

On Tuesday 4th February we will be entertained by Jan Hopkins with a slide show on Dorset Wildlife Reserves.

Tuesday 4th March will be a talk on Winfrith Hostas.

There is still time to order seeds (we have managed to get 30% discount again this year) and we have stocks of Dobies concentrated manure available.)

If you missed the A.G.M. and would like to join the committee, come along to Megan's on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm for the next committee meeting. You will be made most welcome.

Andy Morrison 472343

BERE REGIS W.I.

As this was the Christmas meeting we met at the Drax Arms for a Christmas Dinner. 19 members enjoyed good food and lots of talk in the company of friends.

Each member received a £5.00 Christmas box.

WI meet at the Drax Hall on the third Tuesday of each month. The following additional events have been arranged:



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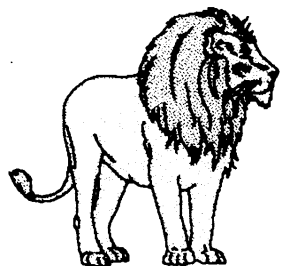
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BERE REGIS YOUTH 'LENNY'S'

The first club night of the new year took a group of members swimming at Blandford Leisure Centre. This is always a popular activity as it caters for our group with mixed swimming abilities. Those just learning to swim can use the warm and inviting training pool with its bubble bath and fountain. Those who are able to swim making full use of the main pool, either keeping to the shallow end or trying one or two full lengths. Further visits are planned for both Wednesdays 5 February and 5 March and the cost is only £2 per visit.

Indoor games took place on the 14 January with members playing various board games such as Monopoly and Payday followed by a few frames of pool. On the 21 January there will be an evening in the kitchen, the plan is for the young people to produce some mouth watering pizzas. Just how these tasty works of culinary art turn out remains to be seen. "Whats My Line?" the popular quiz show is back once more on the 28th. Two teams will try to out do each other in guessing the imaginary occupation of the contestant.

Its hoped to run the Carpet Bowls Challenge against the ladies from the Women's Section on the 11 February. This annual event had to be postponed twice in 2002, as a suitable date could not be found, due to the ladies being very busy with their important welfare work which has to come first. There is a Darts Challenge scheduled for the 18th, open to all members, with a best of three legs of 301 to find the youth club champion. The final Tuesday of the month brings another opportunity for a spot of "Teeshirt Painting", or at least trying to get more paint on the shirt than on oneself that is. Members need to remember to bring along a teeshirt or some other item to paint that evening.

Like all voluntary organisations "Lenny's" can well do with a boost to the funds. It has always been the club's policy, to provide affordable and therefore inclusive youth provision for young people of the village and surrounding district. This is reflected in the annual membership fees charged, £2.50p Juniors (8-11) and £4.00p Seniors (12-17), which I am sure you all agree is great value for money. Over a fifty week opening period that works out at just 5p per week Juniors and 8p per week for Seniors. On top of this the members have to pay to go on trips and for certain activities where costs are high. This system has worked well over the years, as those who take part in such an activity or go on a trip pay the costs and are not subsidised by those who are not taking part. However the costs of running the club continue to increase, insurance cover seems to have been



Election of Officers

The appointment of the Committee for the forthcoming year took place and the new officers are as follows:

Chairman	Ruth Draycott
Vice Chairman	Peter Wharf
Secretary	Barbara Vernon
Treasurer	Alison Debenham
Membership Secretary	Ginnie Glanville
Committee Member	Sue James
Committee Member	Ann Robinson
Committee Member	Judy Newton/Roger Angell
Committee Member	Tim Maunder
Co-opted Member	Kate Brice
Co-opted Member	Rachel Buckettt

As Alison wants to give up the responsibility for publicity, we would love to hear from any member who has a computer and DTP (Desk Top Publishing) skills and who would be willing to produce the newsletters, posters, tickets and other promotional materials. Please give Alison a call on 471780 if you can help.

Two new members were confirmed at the meeting, and, as always, we are delighted to welcome additional memberships throughout the year. If you are interested in joining our lively group then the annual membership subscription is only £5 and this covers the whole family. Certainly, we would actively encourage those of you with young families to participate as one of the primary aims of the Association is to develop links, promote friendships and understanding. Although some of us are fluent French speakers, the majority are not, but the improvement of language skills is certainly one of the benefits, especially for the youngsters. Do contact the new Membership Secretary, Ginnie Glanville, on 01929 472717 for further details.

highly delighted with the welcome they received in Bere Regis. Everyone on the twinning committee was overwhelmed by the kindness, generosity and help, which was given so unstintingly, by many sections of the village, to make this event so successful. A very big `MERCI` to all the host families and to all the volunteers who came to help with the organization of our big event.

Ruth then went on to give an extra special thank you to Jim and Sue Shave, who so generously provided such a superb venue at Rye Hill Farm for the Barn Feast and who worked extremely hard to make it so welcoming. Our French twins thought it was marvellous - and so it was! Jim even organized good weather too - no mean feat after the pouring rain on the previous Friday! Grateful thanks to Gary Hewitt and his team from the local fire station, who worked so tirelessly to help clear the site and who organized the bar. Honourable mention must also go to Kevin and Amanda Crocker from Pampered Pigs, to Peg Browning from the trout farm, Mike Moose who showed us his excellent skills at carving whole lambs and to the watercress farm for the lovely fresh salads. The French visitors really enjoyed the superb spread we offered them. Dorset food was promoted by including Purbeck ice cream and Dragon Bakery rolls and tartelettes on the menu and the visitors were presented with Moore`s biscuits to take home to Cerences.



On the Sunday the vicar had a `full house` at the church for an Anglo French service. The lovely pewter bowl, which was presented to the church by Cerences, has been suitably inscribed to mark the twinning presentation and will be used for flower-arranging. The superbly iced cake, made by Megan Stone, was taken back to Cerences, where it formed the centre-piece of a Twinners reunion, where everyone brought along their photographs and shared very happy memories.

Forthcoming Events

Ruth reminded the membership about the 19 - 21 September return weekend to Cerences. A show of hands indicated that, as usual, there would be resounding support for the trip. As always travel costs will be kept to a bare minimum and a coach to travel via Brittany Ferries, from village to village will be organized again.

Friday 21st of February, at the Sports Club, Bere Regis. There will be an audio-visual presentation of the Sarthe region of The Loire, together with free tasting of local cider, pate, rillettes etc. This event is open not only to the Association membership but to all villagers, especially the young people as it will be both educational and social. A small ticket fee of £1 per adult and 50p for children will be requested.

creeping up slowly every year. However, when renewal comes around this March it looks as if increases are going to break into a sprint, no doubt driven by the high level of claims in this new, or is it American, culture of "No Win - No Pay Claims" we are all encouraged to make. Well the club are certainly not going to put up the membership fees for 2003 but we do need to increase our bank balance.

To this end it has been decided to organise a Sponsored event, one in which the young members can fully participate, which will help with their levels of fitness, stamina and sense of achievement. Yes its time to venture forth once again into darkness of Wareham Forest. Where today's young members will be following in the footsteps of many a past youth member, who could well be their mum or dad, who trekked through the dark, cold and sometimes very wet and windy night. On a journey from The Silent Women Inn at Coldharbour, on the long haul through the pine forest, back to the bright and glittering lights of Bere Regis. Yes the "Sponsored Night Hike" is back, bigger, better and hoping to raise much needed funds. All I personally ask everyone is simply to please support the young members by signing up their sponsorship forms as generously as you possibly can. If any adult would like to join in the trek, then provided they get themselves sponsored, they will be most welcome to do so. Offers of help with transport that night would also be much appreciated indeed.



Should you require any further details about joining the youth club, or the night trek, please contact me, I will be please to hear from you.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader Tel: 01929 471693

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP



The Scout Group wishes to thank the village for their generous support of the Carol Singing on the evening of 16th December. This event raised the commendable sum of £90 which will go towards the cost of a new tent.

Our summer fundraising event, the "Scouting Extravaganza", will take place on Saturday 5th July. We look forward to your continued support. More details to follow in due course.

Bere Regis Cub Scouts

Meet 6.30pm to 8pm on Thursdays at Bere Regis Scout Hall, Elder Road

Leaders

Julie Cosker Tel: 471688
Denise Croom Tel; 471905
Kim Benjafield Tel: 471170

Who are Cub Scouts?

Cub Scouts are girls and boys who join the Section aged eight and then move on to Scouts between the ages of ten and eleven.

What do Cub Scouts do?

The Cub Scout programme has been developed to meet the general needs and abilities of young people within this age group. The Scout Movement has recently had the programme reviewed to ensure that it is right up to date.

Following on from our successes last year with wins in the District sports and football competitions, we will be taking part in the District Swimming Gala. Other activities include a science magic evening, worm charming(!), enjoying local customs, testing our senses and the challenge of cooking a complete meal on gas stoves.

If you would like your son or daughter to join the group please contact any of the leaders.

Audiovisual show on the Sarthe (Loire region)

With the help of the Alliance Française Hoorn (The Netherlands) the Bere Regis Twinning Association is presenting an audiovisual show on the Sarthe (Loire region)

in Bere Regis (The Sports Club, North Street) on Friday 21st February 2003 at 7.30 p.m.

Admission fee : £1 (adults), 50 p. (children under 16) including sampling of regional specialities and cider

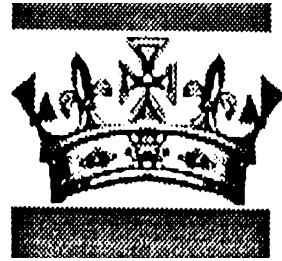
By means of a fade-in fade-out synchronised presentation consisting of more than 600 slides (in two parts of 35 minutes and commentary in English), the spectator is introduced to the region which is mainly known for the 24 hour races in the capital Le Mans. It is much less known that the Sarthe, which borders on Brittany (Bretagne), has a very rich history of which the many castles and manors are an example. In the Middle Ages the history of Le Mans and the Maine region was closely linked to that of England. Moreover, the Sarthe has an impressive system of rivers and waterways (4000 kilometers), imposing state forests, alternating with undulating country of small fields bordered by hedges and bushes, two prestigious wine growing areas (Jasnières and Coteaux du Loir) and a charming and hospitable population, typical of the Loire region. The Sarthe has first-rate tourist facilities (hotels, bed & breakfast, camp sites) and is a centre of French gastronomy giving excellent value

After the presentation regional specialities and cider from the Sarthe will be served.

Everyone is welcome

Tickets should be purchased in advance from any Twinning Association committee member, or by phoning Alison Debenham on 471780.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



The AGM of the Association took place on 16 January. Ruth Draycott, Chairman, gave thanks to all the members of the Association and especially to the members of the Management committee, for their

ongoing support, help and friendship, given so unstintingly, during the year. She confirmed that a number of committee members have decided to stand down this year and special thanks go to Caroline Hestean and Eddie Butterfield, who have been with the Association from the outset and who have done such stirring work to help us get the twinning association off the ground. Thanks were also given to Sue James, who stands down as secretary but has agreed to be nominated as an ordinary member and to Alison Debenham for all her noble work as membership secretary and publicity organizer. Ruth also thanked Peter Wharf, who is standing down as treasurer, and Pat Chesney, Gary Hewitt and Val Palmer who are also standing down. Kate Brice and Rachel Buckett have agreed to continue in their liaison roles.

During the year, the Association was involved in a number of local and national twinning activities – the Euro Day ferry trip to Cherbourg, twinning symposium in Brussels, a wine tasting evening at The Old Vicarage and a Jeux d'Enfants – run at Bere Regis School and an ever-popular skittles evening at The Drax. The year ended with a very successful mulled wine and mince pies event, in the most attractive setting of Alison and Martin's new home and our thanks go to them. A special mention goes to Alison, Ginnie and Zoe for their vocal skills in our rendition of God Rest You Merry Gentlemen! And to Ginnie for her top-secret recipe for cordon bleu mulled wine! Its not to be missed!

In November, a group from Cerences decided to get their own back for all those pre-Christmas booze cruises, so beloved by the Brits. They came over here to do Christmas shopping to buy English things for their 'English Christmas Market', which they run annually in the Mairie at Cerences. They had a wonderful time and went back laden down with goodies. These obviously sold well because they made over £900 from the event.

The big event of the year was the return of Cerences for a twinning weekend in June. Sixty-seven people came and were



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The Pop In Place Bere Regis

Pop In Place Sessions – Monday and Friday Mornings 10 am - 12 noon

Pop In Place Poppets - Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesday 1.30 p.m. -3.00 p.m. (not second Wednesday)

Pop In Place Pip Squeak – Youth Group with emphasis on music, dance & drama

Thursdays 6.00 p.m. -7.45 p.m. (not second Thursday)

Everyone is most welcome
The Pop In Place is at the Drax Hall

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POP IN PLACE NEWS

Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to all who entered the competition and to Tim Maunder for judging, The winners all received a £5 WH Smith voucher and they were: Sarah Lye, Lois Roberts, and Amber Pope, (Abigail Bartlett's design was highly commended). The competition raised £40 for the Children's Wish Appeal.



Pop In Place Poppets (Baby and Toddler Group)

Meets on Wednesdays, 1:30pm – 3.00 pm (except 2nd in the month.)

The dates and activities are as follows:-

Wednesday 5th February - Sing along with Pastor Jim

Wednesday 19th February - Making Musical Instruments

Wednesday 26th February - Fun with colouring

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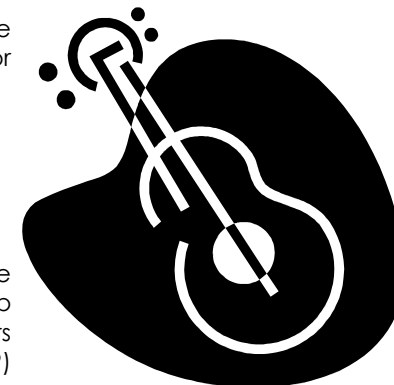
Please call Fiona Ward on 01258 881728

Brian Halliwell's Ad

New members are always welcome, telephone Mandy on (01929) 472583 for more details or offers of help.

Pop In Place Pip Squeaks (Musical Youth Group)

6.00 pm until 7:30pm on Thursdays except the 2nd in the month. The main group will meet up again on Thursday 6th March. New members are welcome telephone Alison on (01929) 472023 for details.



BERE REGIS OPEN GARDENS

Sun 20th July 10.00 am until 4.00 pm

If you are willing to open your garden to the public on this day and you live within walking distance of the Drax Hall, Please can I have confirmation in writing. Please could you send your letters to: Alison Bennett, 3, Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis by: 1st March. I know that some of you have phoned me to make offers but I do need written confirmation for insurance purposes. Any questions about this event or offers of help please get in touch with me on (01929) 472023. Again we will be raising funds for either a new Village Hall or renovations to the Drax Hall.

Poetry Reading Session

On Friday 14th February we are holding a Poetry Reading morning at the Pop In Place starting at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome and it is very relaxed, if you don't want to read out your poems we can do it for you. As it's Valentine day it would be nice to have some poetry with a Love theme!!!

So have a good look around and bring along your favourite poems to the session, we look forward to seeing you there.

A message about Alison Bennett

On Saturday 22nd February we are holding a Peace and Love Concert to celebrate Alison's 40th birthday. There will be strictly no gifts but she would welcome donations to the Round Table Children's Wish. This charity grants wishes to terminally ill children and their families.

The event is invitation only as sadly we are restricted by the numbers in the Drax Hall.

Alison has said that she would have loved to have invited everyone but on this occasion her family and closest friends had to come first.

However, if you would like to make a donation to her Birthday Appeal it would be very much appreciated. Cash or cheques can be sent to her home address: 3, Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis.

(Cheques should be made payable to: Round Table Children's Wish)

Julie Lye Assistant Team Leader

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

thanks to Pat House

Braised Fennel

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Drain well and when cool enough to handle, slice in half lengthways. Pile into an ovenproof dish sprinkle with salt and pepper, olive oil and cover with grated English Cheddar Cheese and bake for about 10 minutes until brown, This is lovely with fish.

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