

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

12th Autumn Leaves, New Year Party 2.30 p.m.

February

12th Bere Regis Scouts - Valentine's Supper
12th Pop in Place Social Disco, Royal British Legion 7.30 p.m.

March

11th Barn Dance in aid of St John the Baptist Church funds
25th Pop in Place Easter Egg Raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade

April

22nd Pop in Place AGM
23rd Church coach outing to Wells Cathedral
30th Pop in Place Pip Squeaks in Concert 7.00 p.m.

June

6th Pop in Place Village Quiz 7.30 p.m.

July

3rd Bere Regis Open Gardens 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

August

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

September

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

October

15th Pop in Place Jumble Sale and Mini Auction 2.00 p.m.

November

18th Pop in Place Children in Need 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon

December

17th Pop in Place Christmas Event 3.00 p.m.

**THE PARISHES of BERE
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with TURNERSPUDDLE**

**The Reverend Ian Woodward
The Vicarage, Bere Regis,
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JANUARY 2005 THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

As we start a New Year, most of us wonder what the New Year holds. We can't of course know with any certainty. But one thing we do know is that elections and electioneering are likely to dominate our media for at least the first part of the year. And it's not just the likelihood of a General Election at home in May.

One of the most intriguing and telling Christmas cards I received shows the Magi – the Three Wise Men, on their camels with the Star of Bethlehem leading them. But their progress to Bethlehem is blocked because they are standing right in front of the new 10m high wall that is being built by the Israeli government to prevent Palestinian forces crossing in to Israel. So the Magi's epic journey to Jesus is stopped. This picture story needs no words, for it sums up the intolerance of so many factions around the world today, with many hiding behind misplaced religious beliefs, and denial of human rights. We still see this in Northern Ireland, though we pray that progress will continue to be made there.



In Palestine and Iraq we hope that open and fair elections for good national and local leaders will enable all people of good will to live and grow with justice and equity and peace.

As we discovered at our Islam evening at Briantspuddle in December, true Islam is both a religion and a way of life, of peace, and peace with all. We share so much in common with our Muslim brothers and sisters as do the Jews, for Jews Christians and Muslims all acknowledge Abraham as a Patriarch or Father of their faith.

Religion does not always sit happily with 'Democracy' or 'one man one vote' or 'no taxation without representation' or the hundreds of other precepts of our democratic institutions. They don't feature in Jesus' teachings in the Bible. For that we have to consider Jesus' wider and more simpler and effective views; that we

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should love God, and our neighbours as ourselves. That is the message of the incarnation that we have just celebrated at Christmas of 'God becoming man', understanding all our needs and longings for peace and justice and freedom; but also tolerance and forbearance, and to help all in need.

2005 could be a year to take down the walls that divide us physically and culturally, in our religions and in our hearts. It could be a turning point for Israel and Palestine, for Iraq, for Sudan and even here at home too. Let us all, in 2005, work to make it so.

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- Guides** Unit suspended
- Health Walks** Tuesdays - 10.30 from Car Park - 471180
- Kingsbere Quilters** 1st Wednesday. 9.45 a.m. Drax Hall
- Mobile Library** Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. – 4.25 p.m. – Car Park
- Mothers' Union** 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Turberville Court
- Parish Council** 7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board
- Playgroup Bere Regis** Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01929 472765
Wednesday/Thursday PM
- Pip Squeaks** A musical youth group. Thursday (except 2nd Thursday)
6.00 p.m. - Drax Hall
- Pop in Place** 10.00 a.m.- 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall
- Purbeck Singles social group** Contact Roy Winder – 01929 471456
- Pop in Place Poppets** 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Thursdays Drax Hall
- Rainbows** 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
- RBL Gardening Club** 8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774
- ROGS Golf Society** Golf days, last Friday in month – March to October.
Contact Guy Storey for further details – 471041
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- Swimming Club** Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m,
Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262
- Toddler Group** 1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church
- Tuesday Club** A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every
Tuesday at Turberville Court. All welcome
- Twinning Association** Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities
- Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)** 8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society	7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall
Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council Meeting day	2nd Wednesday - 7.00 p.m. at Briantspuddle Village Hall. Agenda displayed on Village Hall notice board
Autumn Leaves (over 50s)	2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall
Babysitting Circle	Contact Mary Lillie – 471365
Beavers (6-8 yrs)	6.00 - 7.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
Bere Heath Methodist Chapel	10.30am Sundays except 2nd Sunday monthly (3pm)
Bere Regis Youth "Lenny's"	RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays Juniors 7.15 – 8.30 p.m. Seniors 7.15 – 10.00 p.m.
British Legion Club	7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday 7.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Sunday
Legion Women's Section	2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ
Bere Regis Sports Club	Open every Saturday night and on all home sporting fixtures
Briantspuddle Singers	7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall
Choir Practice	7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.
C.A.B.	Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.- 2.00p.m. (closed Wednesday) Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only) Mondays 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Camera Club	7.30 p.m 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court
Coffee Stop	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, 1st Saturday, Cyril Wood Ct
Congregational Church	10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane 10.00 a.m. Sunday School
Cubs (8-10½ yrs)	6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ
Dancing classes	Fridays 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.

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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

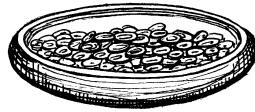
2nd 9.15 Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 Mrs Jutting

9th 11.00 Mrs England

16th 9.15 Mr Croom / Mr Smith
6.00 Mr Woodward

23rd 11.00 Miss Miller

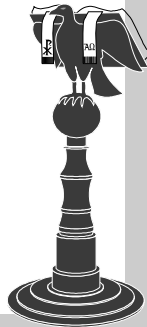
30th 9.15 Benefice Service at Affpuddle



Bere Regis Evensong Readers

2nd Mrs Jutting

16th Mrs Welton



Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning

Dusting

1st and 8th January

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15th and 22nd January

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Mrs E James, Mrs M Carlyle

29th January and 5th February

Mrs J Woodward, Mrs C Tucker, Mrs R Cleave

Mrs M Miller, Mrs E Munroe

Sanctuary Flower Guild

2nd/9th January

Mrs N Gibson

Mrs B Griffin



16th/23rd January

Mrs C Burden

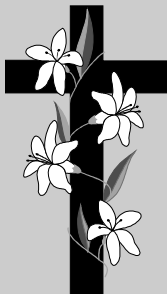
Mrs J Gibbs



30th January/
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Mrs J Herring

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

Date	Time	Sidesman	Readers	Readings
2 January	8.00	R Killer	P Thorniley	BCP as set
	11.00	A Grindrod	A Grindrod J Royal	Ephesians 1 verses 3-14 John 1 verses 10-18
9 January	9.15	E Moriarty	H Menzies S Moriarty	Acts 10 verses 34-43 Matthew 3 verses 13-17
	3.30	K Wharton	K Wharton E Whatley	Joshua 3 verses 1-8, 14-17 Hebrews 1 verses 1-12
16 January	8.00	P Thorniley	P Thorniley	BCP as set
	11.00	I Flint	(to be allocated)	John 1 verses 29-42
23 January	9.15	D Reed	R Killer P Neill	1 Corinthians 1 verses 10-18 Matthew 4 verses 12-23
30 January	9.15	R Killer	J Haigh S Frampton	1 Corinthians 1 verses 18-31 John 2 verses 1-11
6 February	8.00	P Badcock	P Thorniley	BCP as set
	11.00	J Solly	F Solly J Solly	2 Peter 1 verses 16-21 Matthew 17 verses 1-9

Intercessions: 9 January, T Lane; 23 January, M Menzies; 30 January, B Pitfield
Chalice: 9 January, T Lane; 23 January, M Menzies, 30 January, J Haigh
JH

Cleaning and Flowers

	Flowers	Cleaning
2nd January	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Thorniley
9th January	Mrs. Thorniley	SPECIAL CLEAN
16th January	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Flint
23rd January	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Silavs
31st January	Mrs. Thorniley	
5th Sunday	Venue to be arranged	

CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday 2nd January The Epiphany

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

Sunday 9th January The Baptism of Christ & Plough Sunday

8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Family Service	Bere Regis
3.30pm	Evensong	Affpuddle

Sunday 16th January Second Sunday of the Epiphany

8am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11am	Family Communion	Affpuddle
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Sunday 23rd January Third Sunday of the Epiphany Christian Unity Week

8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Mattins & shortened Communion	Bere Regis
3pm	Ecumenical Service 'God among us'	The Cathedral, Salisbury

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Third page, full year	£70	Third page, one month	£8
Quarter page, full year	£60	Quarter page, one month	£6
Small-ads, full year	£40	Small-ads, one month	£5

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 30th January Fourth Sunday of the Epiphany Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass)

8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Benefice Communion	Affpuddle
2pm	Holy Baptism	Bere Regis
6pm	Bere Regis 'Churches Together' service Congregational Chapel, Butt Lane	

Sunday 6th February Sunday Next Before Lent (Quinquagesima)

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

All regular advertisers - please note

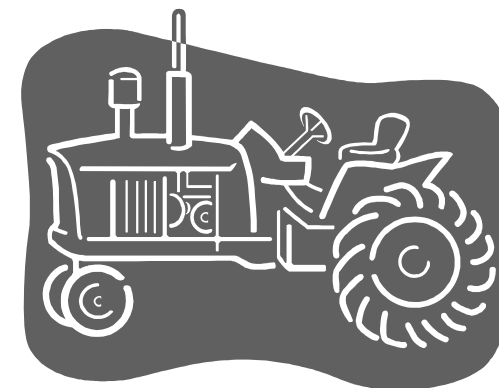
Now that the official Bere Regis Village website is up and running, if you advertise in the magazine on an annual basis, the details of your advertisement will automatically be included on

PLOUGH SUNDAY

Sunday 9th January 2005, all meet in the Church porch at 10. 50am.

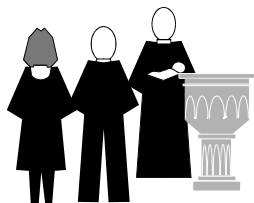
All organisations are invited to come and bring your banners. At the start of another farming year, lets make it a good show this year to keep this very old service going.

John House.



BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS



Baptisms

At St John the Baptist Bere Regis

Wendy Carrier on 20th November,

Hester Agnes Jessie Mugford on 27th November

At St Laurence Affpuddle

Tiffany Mae Johnson on 12th December

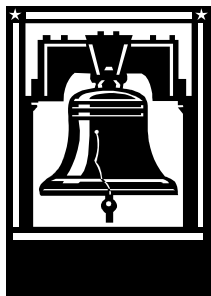
Katie Anne Wootton on 19th December

Funerals

'Cis' Lewis at St John the Baptist Bere Regis on 7th December followed by interment in the Cemetery

Phyllis Tuck at Weymouth Crematorium on 10th December

Margaret Ruby Parsons, interment of ashes at St Laurence Affpuddle on 18th December.



BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices continue at 6.30pm on Wednesday evenings. New ringers always welcome.

We have been asked to ring for a wedding on Saturday 22nd January at noon.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2004

DEC

- 3 FUNCTION
- 4 FUNCTION
- 6 WOMENS SECTION CAROL SERVICE
- 11 FUNCTION
- 13 BLOOD DONORS 11.00 – 9.00
- 16 CHRISTMAS WHIST 7.30
- 18 CHRISTMAS DRAW 9.00
- 26 DICE HORSE RACING – FIRST RACE 12.30
- 31 FUN NIGHT

JAN 2005

- 8 FUNCTION
- 22 POT LUCK MIXED PAIRS
- 29 SUPER LEAGUE DARTS

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The recently commissioned surveyor's report on the condition of the boundary walls to the yard had been received two days prior to the meeting. The report had been copied and distributed to all the councillors in order that time could be taken to carefully read and understand the report. This report would be discussed at the January meeting.

The Clerk had prepared a report on the 2005/2006 precept. This report was based on actual and predicted expenditure. It was expected that it would be necessary to ask for a 3.45% increase over the 2004/2005 budget in order to deal adequately with the Parish Council's responsibilities.

There were no planning application applicable to the Parish for consideration.

English Nature's "Hardy's Egdon Heath Project" was discussed. The Councillors were not happy with the proposal to site cattle grids on the roads across the heath to Bovington. The Council was also not happy about the lack of consultation by English Nature on this proposal. It would not have been inappropriate for that body to have hire the village hall in order to stage a display of their proposals and to seek opinion.

Councillor Shakesby reported on activities within the District and County Council.

Authority was given to pay accounts due.

Under Correspondence an invitation was received from the Bere Regis Surgery to a meeting of its Patient's Participation Group. This meeting was to be held on 12th January which was the designated day for the Parish Council meeting. It was suggested that a person who was not a member of the Parish Council should be asked to represent the Parish at this meeting.

Reports upon their activities were received from the following local organisations the Hall Committee, the Briantspuddle Singers, the PCC and the Shop Committee.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

**BERE REGIS CHURCH
COACH OUTING**

to Wells Cathedral

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Saturday 23rd April 2005

Cost £15

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Pat House on 01929 551266

8.30 a.m. depart

THE BERE REGIS CHURCH TOWER APPEAL

Almost £1,300 has been received this last month.

Thank you to the individuals who together contributed some £350. Also to R.O.G.S. who raised £305 at their annual dinner and donated it to the Tower Appeal. That was an excellent scorecard!

The offering from the Bloxworth Carols at Bere Regis contributed over £100, following a concert that was greatly enjoyed by those attending. And the small change box at the SPAR shop contributed another £40.

Finally, the roof raising feast run by Elaine and Adrian, brought us up to our overall target for the appeal. What a tremendous effort, resulting in a contribution of £507 ! It was a wonderful evening, bringing together many village groups who gave of their time and creativity and supported by numbers of our traders and individuals, who gave raffle prizes. Please look out for the separate write up of the evening.



And so we have got there! At the start of this year when we first realised how much would be needed, the amount looked daunting and so too did the short time available to raise the money and get the job done. But we have succeeded.

We can look back at a series of events – the Fork Supper at John & Pat's, the Lyrica Concert, the Vicarage BBQ, the Phillips' Coffee Morning, the Tower Open Weekend, the Church teas, the Cantamus Concert, the Bloxworth Carols and the Roof Raising Feast. There were the sponsored cycling and hedge-laying. Contributions from numbers of the village societies and traders, from the choir and the bellringers, and from our friends in Affpuddle and Briantspuddle. A huge input on many fronts from the Venthams, and very many individual donations. All that adds up to over £13,000 – the Parish pulling together.

And then there are the two external supporters, the Valentine Trust and the association of the Crossways Area Environmental Association, Viridor Waste Management, and the South West England Environmental Trust. Their contributions, together totalling £17,000, were vital.

We have all seen the fund raising efforts – less obvious, but just as important, was getting the work on the tower done. It would have cost more had not the initial estimate been keen and the job well done and to time. We have our contractor and architect to thank for that!

Finally, let's say a particular thank you to the Treasurer, Gordon Phillips. A project

They are accompanied by the beautiful tone of Robin Walter on rhythm guitar, with double bass mastery thrown in. The wide ranging experience brought together in this new band combines musical virtuosity with sassy entertainment." So there you have it. It sounds like another of Artsreach's high quality performances - early booking recommended.

Following the success of the "Farming Matters" exhibition in 2003 the Hall Committee are hosting another exhibition entitled "Off the Loom" when 14 to 15 artists most of whom are members of the Weavers, Spinners and Dyers Association (Dorset based weaver who will be exhibiting are Daisy Bewes, Debbie Kirby, Ray Southwell and Caroline Ellis). Do find time to visit this exciting exhibition on either 26th or 27th February from 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Other Events not sponsored by the Hall Committee

The local wild life group will be hosting a talk "The River Piddle" by Graham Lightfoot on Wednesday 19th January 2005 entry to include refreshments will be £2 and John Solly will be organising a talk and slide show by Tony Bates of Bere Regis in aid of Dorset Wildlife on Wednesday 16th March 2005 (more details about this in February's magazine).

Philippa Thorniley

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

During the public participation period a member of the public voiced concern about yet another motor cycle event held within audible range of the parish. In addition to events staged at Tolpuddle Ball and Rogers Hill Farm recently another event was held at Millborne St. Andrew. Because of the situation of the Parish all these events fall within the jurisdiction of three different district councils all of which have slightly differing policies. The clerk promised to look into the matter with a view to possibly rationalising matters.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The clerk reported on the recent annual audit. The auditor had questioned various items of expenditure which had increased since the previous audit. These were easily and satisfactorily answered. (One of which was the increase in the Clerk's salary this was explained by the fact that at the time of the previous audit the position of clerk had been filled by one of the Parish Councillors who was not permitted to receive a salary).

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

In last month's magazine I promised I would report on "Bon Voyage" and "Christmas Is Come". Despite the rather slow start sales of tickets for "Bon Voyage" picked up and the audience was respectable at 36. The film was very well worth seeing and the sub titles did not detract from the story which was a fast moving semi thriller set at the time of the fall of France and whether the goodies would escape to England before the baddie Nazi spy got to them! The baddy was played by Peter Coyote, a Jewish American actor for whose family Sophie had worked before going up to Cambridge! The purpose of the film show was to cover costs that is to pay Moviola and to cover the cost of hall hire and pay for the refreshments. This aim was achieved.



Christmas is Come was an altogether different story. Booking started very early. The event had been advertised on "Mellstock Band's" web site and eager groupies were ringing up to book their seats well in advance. The village followed suit though not too quickly and in the end all seats were filled and it played to a capacity audience. The best Artsreach result yet. Apart from all this the show was great and Charles, Dave, Phil and Tim have not lost any of their magic. They gave a wonderful performance. The financial result was good too and after all expenses were paid the Hall repair fund ended up with a profit of £140.

Future Performances

The Golden Goose plus two other films - 16th January 2005 at 2.30 p.m. The tickets cost £6.00 to include tea. Don't delay in buying your tickets. This is expected to be a popular show.

"Misbehavin" Saturday 19th February 7.30 p.m Briantspuddle Village Hall. Tickets costing £6 will be available from the middle of January.

I quote from the information sent to me:-

" Drawing from the ballads of Kurt Weill through to well loved jazz standards and original songs, Misbehavin' bring a heady mixture of the known and unknown spiced with a hint of cabaret. Helen Porter enthral the audience with her dramatic and seductive voice, complemented with exuberant solos from Karen Wilmhurst on clarinet and bass clarinet.

like this lays a big extra burden on he who manages the funds. Not only has he done all the letter writing, book-keeping and banking but his personal input has had a lot to do with our realising the external funding and required authorisations.

Well done everyone! Now its on to the window guards!

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS APPEAL

Just a brief update this month.

The very good news is that we have heard we are to receive a grant of £10,000 towards the total of £15,000 required, from the Dorset Historic Churches Trust.

We shall be focussing our efforts on raising the balance in the New Year.

If you would like to help, donations can be handed to the Vicar, Treasurer or Church Wardens. Please note that cheques should be made out to "BRPCC Stained Glass Windows" and as ever, Gift Aid would increase the value of your contribution.

J.C.



CHURCH GUIDED TOURS 2005

We are planning to offer guided tours of the church (about ¾ hour) again this year for visitors on Tuesday mornings at 11.00am and on Thursday afternoon at 3.00pm during the months of May to September. We have had ten people on the tour rota which means that the duties are not too often but we would be pleased to welcome anyone else who would like to do tours – training provided.

We also are pleased to have pre-booked visiting groups at other times of the day or evening and to these we offer the service of light refreshments and would be pleased to have any volunteers to help with these. Offers to the churchwardens please.

If anyone is connected with groups who may like a day or evening visit please let us know.

RAISING THE ROOF FEAST

British Legion Hall, Saturday December 11th

The feast duly took place and was apparently much appreciated by all who attended.

The goodly sum of £507 was raised and this we believe, completes the funds required to pay for the repairs to the roof.

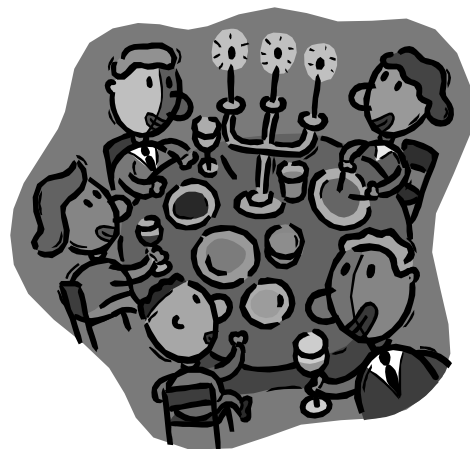
The menu was designed by yours truly and cooking carried out by the same ably assisted by Megan and Rosemary.

The entertainment was provided with much aplomb as usual by Kath and her girls. One can't beat a few Jingle Bells! Then there was the Gas Man, who comethed by John England. And Pam's experiences of Xmas shopping in Tesco's were memorable and I will bear them in mind next time I venture. The reading of "The Oxen" by Thomas Hardy was a special request, bringing to mind Cissy and the time of year.

The photographic quiz was intriguing and challenging, prepared and executed by Jon.

One must not forget our M.C. for the evening who gallantly strode into the breach, issued orders right and left and was promptly obeyed too! Thank you Ian!

We had a really good selection of raffle prizes and raised £180. Thank you all those who donated prizes : Vitacress, Scats Batchelor, Shell Station, Moorse & Sons, and a long list of generous individuals.



Thanks to the British Legion for the use of their facilities and to Glo for her work behind the bar.

Finally, what did Elaine say to 'Bently', her black cow? "Yorkshire Puddings if you don't oblige the bull next week!"

Thank you all for attending. Happy Christmas and see you all at the next banquet!

Elaine

P.S. Would the person who ran off (inadvertently I'm sure) with my old, green waistcoat, elasticated at the back and carrying a Damart label, please return it. It is an old and valued friend. Thank you.

Bere Regis 3: Windgreen, Corfe Mullen 5

What can I say? In a game beset with difficulties Bere were within five minutes of grasping a precious point, only for Windgreen to snatch it away from them. Firstly, the referee did not turn up (man flu I believe) and so young Adam Moss bravely stepped into the breach. I would like to say he was more toilet Collina than Pierluigi Collina, but actually he was really quite good, perhaps he has finally found his best position!! Then an injury to the old warhorse Dean Rogerson forced Adam to make a switch, which should have been Adam Moss but for Nick 'rulebook' White who convinced the opposition that this was not allowed and turned Adam Rogerson a rather fetching shade of purple all in one go. Then there was the assimilation of the Robbie Savage of Dorset into the midfield, Paul Fripp. Unfortunately, his only real similarity was in the long flowing golden locks as he turned out to be more like Robbie Mild Mannered, although the skill level was certainly on a par. Even after all this, Bere still came extremely close to the draw as Pete Macklin volleyed a left foot screamer into the net for his second and the equaliser (Texas Tom had also bagged another) with only minutes to go. Unfortunately, the only script you get for the Sunday side at the moment is a horror story and two goals from Windgreen in as many minutes left Bere empty handed once more.

The Christmas break should give the players the chance to rest and recuperate and request the one thing they really need from Santa....a win!!

Mini Soccer (Under 8's)

Sherborne 1: Bere Dragons 4

Scorer: Jake (all four !)

Bere Dragons 2: Dorchester Raiders 1

Scorers: Ollie; Laurence

Gillingham 5: Bere Dragons 1

Scorers: Ollie



Sundays

Bere Regis 1: Blandford HMR 4

The long run of defeats continues as Bere played their nearest rivals (second bottom) and once again came off second best. Despite their best efforts the team just cannot find the opposition goal, whilst their defence is about as solid as a sieve. Despite this, the youngsters still turn up each week in the hope of that one elusive win and if Pete Macklin continues his own purple patch then you never know your luck. Another goal this week to add to his tally; shame about the four from Blandford HMR.

Bere will hope to start reversing some of these scorelines soon.....

Poole Wanderers 4: Bere Regis 1

Well, they managed to reverse the scoreline, unfortunately Bere were playing away!! Adam struggled to get a team together this week, but they still started brightly enough and could easily have been several ahead by half time. This is the story of their season, though, and once one goal was conceded heads were soon dropping lower than David Blunkett's morals. The one bright light again was Peter 'I can't stop scoring' Macklin, whose stock rises higher with each match, soon he will be quoted on the FTSE!

Poole Labour next week and the promise of another heavy defeat, yet there is always hope.....

Poole Labour 10: Bere Regis 3

The only hope that Bere had disappeared with the sight of the referee coming out in a Poole Labour top (yes really!).

The one thing you can guarantee at the moment, though, is goals from the goal machine Peter Macklin. At the moment, he seems to be finding the net more regularly than Bill Gates and another brace will soon have a certain Mr Abramovich reaching for his cheque book. The manager would certainly not accept a player swap, especially if he has to spell Eiddur Gudjohnsen each week!! Let us not forget Texas Tom's contribution as well as he contributed another to his total.

However, we will try to forget the rest of this game if we can!

MOTHERS' UNION

The December meeting was held at Turberville Court and 16 members were present. Ten guests from Turberville court joined us for carols and seasonal readings followed by refreshments provided by the Mothers' Union Committee.



Many gifts were collected for the mothers at Beckingsale House.

Hazel read a letter received from the Bury Deanery with a Christmas card and Christmas cards were circulated amongst the members to sign to send to our Australian links.

The next meeting will be on the 5th January 2005 at Turberville Court at 7.30 p.m. when Brenda will show slides of her Italian holiday, and we have our usual gift exchange.

We would like to invite any person to join the Mothers' Union - just come along, or if you need any information, phone Hazel on 471571 and she will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.



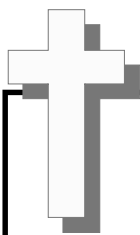
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Cecilia Agnes Lewis "Cis"

I have been privileged to know Cis for only about fifteen months. Some here will have known her much, much longer. I'm sure that my limited knowledge and few words will not give an adequate reflection of Cis' life, but I dare to say that even you who have known her infinitely longer than I, will not be able to sum her up either! We will all be left lacking when it comes to acknowledging and giving thanks to God for all that Cis has done for, and meant to, this community.

However, it is with thanksgiving that we must mark this occasion and our thanksgiving must be to God – the One whom she loved and sought to serve – the God who inspired so much of Cis' energy and enthusiasm. In an age where we appear to have become infatuated with the "cult of the celebrity", where people become famous and newsworthy simply for being....well, famous and newsworthy - having (apparently) done little to earn that recognition, today we acknowledge the life of one who would run a mile from flimsy fame, but whom we know as a true Star. Her life has been a joy and inspiration to so many – Cis made us laugh; made us SHOUT; made us puff trying to keep up with her seemingly endless energy!

This tireless quality no doubt stemmed from early days – growing up in Lytchett Matravers with her two brothers on the family smallholding, there were always jobs to be done and Cis got stuck in. As a child Cis enjoyed her schooldays – she was a bright, intelligent child. I believe it was a sadness to her that she never had the chance to continue her studies further. Instead Cis had to leave school at fourteen and went into domestic service at Organford Manor. However, her inquisitive and questioning mind and her love of books, especially poetry, never left her. Years later with a child of her own Cis was determined that Dy was going to have every opportunity to get the best education possible. Cis and Fred made sacrifices to ensure Dy got the best schooling. Dy got few days off with a sick note and no trifling floods or snow drifts would stop Cis getting Dy into the classroom!

Over the years as cook/housekeeper/cleaner Cis worked faithfully and diligently. These were not glamorous or well paid positions, but Cis was proud of what she could achieve and worked with pride and personal integrity. However, Dy and Fred told me that she could be a bit of a rebel in the workplace (!). One lady she worked for kept a very close eye on her



and they never really carved out any decent chances. Even their first half goal was a hit and hope that Paddles would get nine times out of ten, shame the one was today! Never mind, there is always Wayne Cope to save the day and he equalised on the stroke of half time to give Bere some hope.

Unfortunately, Bere were never up for this particular fight and as Broadmayne continued their onslaught Bere withdrew into their shells. Realising that this thuggery was extremely effective Broadmayne then resorted to actual violence with an elbow into the face of Adam Moss, who had kept the forward in his pocket all game. Thankfully, the referee was on hand to listen to the Bere linesman and give the forward a severe telling off. That will teach him I'm sure!! Not content with this, the referee felt he would allow play on after a clash of heads had felled one Bere player and before you knew it Broadmayne had scored from the ensuing corner. His coup de grace was to overrule the Bere linesman and allow Broadmayne a quick throw to score their final goal. Referees are a dying breed and after a game like this you can see why!!

With the chance of Cup glory snatched from them, Bere now must concentrate on the league for any chance of silverware this year....and what better place to recover their poise than the team below them in what should be a titanic battle!

Lytchett RT 5: Bere Regis 1

I do believe the Titanic sank!!

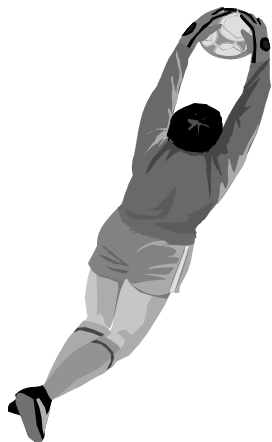
The only good thing to come out of this game is the ensuing winter break and the chance for a few of Bere's players to recover from their injuries. Neal Percy (all five foot five of him) was in goal for Bere once again and, despite his heroic efforts, Bere's squad is starting to look as thin as Natalie Appleton on the Atkins diet.

We will reflect on the first thirty minutes, when Bere were 1-0 up and cruising thanks to another Wayne Cope precision finish. We will mention the injury to Wayne Cope that stretched Bere even thinner.

We will skip to the final minute when a supreme volley on the run from Spivey whacked against the cross bar.

The rest I will leave to your imagination.....





Joinery to beg Linden 'The Legend' White back out of retirement and into the fray. Despite his joints being as creaky as his staircases he still never let the team down and was soon in the action, putting his face in where it hurts (which explains his rugged good looks!). Despite lacking their normal keeper and their top goal scorer (damn that Manor Farm flu epidemic!), Bere were giving a decent enough account of themselves until a brutal tackle knocked Squint out of the game. From that moment on, AC started to boss the midfield and the game and it was all Bere could do to hold on. Stout defending was the order of the day and Bere almost held out until half time but for a controversial goal. A quick elbow in Rob's head and a handball with the other and the AC forward was through and

finished perfectly.

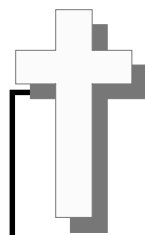
Bere started the second half at a canter and were soon back to the good old days with a battling performance interspersed with some intricate passing. Yet against the run of play AC nicked another controversial goal. As all Bere's defenders looked to the linesman for an offside flag the AC forward neatly chested the ball down and lobbed Linden from 25 yards out. This only galvanised Bere further and Mick Mahoney gave Bere a lifeline with a screaming 30 yard shot into the top corner that had class written all over it. Game on and Bere redoubled their efforts in search of an equaliser. Shaun Cope just missed one, Kev Cox could have had another, but all this attacking meant that the AC midfield saw more space than Patrick Moore and they were good enough to take advantage. A quick through ball gave the young AC forward a straight run at goal and, despite Spivey's valiant effort to catch him, he just managed to steer the ball past Linden for the winner.

The run was finally halted and Bere were relegated to second place, but still within sniffing distance of AC. There is still the Cup to think about.....

Bere Regis 1: Broadmayne 3

But don't think too long about it!!

On a day when hangovers and colds abound and the spectre of injuries hangs like a cloud, the last thing you need is a bunch of cloggers from West Dorset. After two minutes Bere had missed two clear chances and looked impressive. After ten minutes they had lost Rob White to injury and two more players were hobbling like Tiny Tim in a hopscotch match. The tide had turned and as the Broadmayne players realised they could get away with manslaughter they flew into the challenges with relish. Thankfully, their football was not as good as their tackling



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husband's diet and only ever gave him very small portions. Cis thought the poor fellow was not being fed properly so secretly made sure he got extra helpings – just to build him up a little!

Never mind the work Cis was paid to do – what about all the host of jobs she undertook for which she never received a penny? What job has she not done and what group has she not had links with (at some time) in this locality? Over the years Cis has been involved in Youth Clubs and Cricket Clubs; the Women's Institute and the Allotment & Garden Association; the "Autumn Leaves" seniors group and Methodist Wesley Guild; Sunday schools and amateur dramatics; poetry reading and even at one stage became a "flasher!!" Now before you get the wrong idea, this had nothing to do with startling the unwary in the local park - Cis' flashing was quite innocent! When Fred became a bell-ringer, at weddings Cis would alert the ringers in the tower when the bride was arriving at, or leaving the church. She would flash the lights vigorously and this was their cue to start or cease the ringing – she loved doing it!

With all the groups with which she had ties, Cis would never be a "passenger". She, with hard work and great efficiency, would never shy away from holding office. She seemed to revel in responsibility. Some might describe her as "bossy" (!) but I don't think that is the whole truth. People did things because she was a good motivator – Cis worked hard and other people responded to her example. She never asked anyone to do anything she wouldn't do herself, as a result people wanted to do things with her, and for her. One example of her leadership skills was easy to see in the life of our little Methodist Chapel on the Heath. For over thirty years Cis ran the Sunday School – in those days the churches and chapels in our Methodist Circuit used to arrange an annual "Eisteddfod" for children and young people to sing, play music and read aloud. Although Bere Heath was one of the smaller chapels in the Circuit, they would regularly scoop the prizes and awards because Cis would lovingly prepare and train the children to sing, play or recite poetry. She just knew how to get the best out of people whoever they were.

That love of poetry was a lifelong passion, especially the local Dorset dialect poetry of William Barnes. We listened to his words on the P.A. system as we gathered in church today. These thoughts and sentiments were a lasting joy and Cis loved to speak them in the local dialect. Fred told me of an incident that occurred not long ago in a café (in Poole I believe). A chance conversation ended up with Cis doing an impromptu performance. The whole place stopped – as you would expect with Cis in full flow! When she finished, the place erupted in



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applause and she was asked if she would do more! The poetry spoke to Cis of a life she loved and embraced. The simple joys of the countryside; the demands and pleasures of work and family; the changing season of the year; and, a satisfaction born of a knowledge that life is not about money or fashion, shops and needless consumption. Good food, hard work, sound friends, a close community, a living faith and refreshing sleep are truly fulfilling and bring lasting satisfaction.

Such simplicity was not born out of a naïve or simplistic experience of life. As well as coping with rural poverty throughout her life, we know that from her mid-forties Cis had to battle with a profound disability. Tinnitus and vertigo have been major trials to her. The vertigo was kept in check, but her hearing has steadily deteriorated with the passing years. Cis never became bitter or filled with self pity. Recognising her limitations and with Fred faithfully at her side scribbling notes (and shouting when required!) Cis kept in touch with all that was going on. The faithfulness and companionship that Cis and Fred shared began in the spring of 1950 when they met at a dance in Morden Village Hall. The band was "Chris Mountford & the Accordions" – racy stuff! Ah, where are they now?! During their courtship a day seldom passed when Fred and Cis did not meet, even though they lived miles apart. Bikes, buses and walking meant they stayed fit as well as in love! In September 1951 they were married at Lytchett Matravers parish church and were able to live in the tied cottage that eventually they bought and has been their family home ever since. It is hard, in these days of escalating house prices, to believe that Fred managed to negotiate the sale of the cottage for £1,250. They put down a deposit of £250 and took out a council mortgage for the other £1,000. Even this meant that Fred and Cis had to make sacrifices – scrimping and saving to make ends meet. We all know that Cis was not mean – quite the opposite, she was generosity personified – but she was thrifty! She loved a bargain and took great delight in creating or making things. Cis was so gifted and could turn her hand to almost anything – dressmaking, knitting, interior decorating, cooking - she could produce a feast from a handful of sparse ingredients. She was a great "hoarder" and would throw nothing away – (you never knew when it might come in handy!). She knew well enough that this left the house a little cluttered and untidy at times, but as she would say, "There's more to life than housework!"

The love that Fred and Cis had for one another in the marriage that spanned more than half a century they sought to share with their daughter Dyane – Cis was a loving mum who would go without so that Dy could benefit. I understand that when Dy and Jim met and eventually married Cis would joke with him showing



BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football reports

Saturdays

Stickland Utd 3: Bere Regis 8

In the bleak mid winter, frosty wind made the players moan like hell. In conditions that would make penguins put on their jackets Bere were out to continue their winning streak. In the end it looked quite comfortable; in the beginning it looked extremely uncomfortable. Despite taking the lead within the first two minutes thanks to that goal machine Wayne Cope, Stickland had not read the script and had the temerity to equalise. Simon Walker put Bere ahead again, only for Stickland to equalise again as Neal Percy (our deputy, deputy keeper) kicked the ball straight to their forward. Right said White as he strode forward to put the Regis into the lead once more and this time there was no reply. Another from Shaun Cope this time put Bere 4-2 up at half time and Coxy could breathe more easily and give the hairdryer treatment a miss for once, it never works on Spivey anyway given his current hairstyle.

A confident Regis team eased through the second half with little problem and, frankly, could have made it double figures but for several instinctive saves from the Stickland keeper. Shaun and Wayne bagged another each; Micky got his first of the season; and even Dean Rogerson got on the score sheet with one of his trademark bullet headers. At 8-3 both teams were begging for the final whistle and relief from a wind icier than a look from Ann Robinson, but the referee made the teams wait until the last second before allowing them a warm shower and a cold beer.

Onwards and upwards, Bere remain top of the league but the crunch match against AC was just around the corner.

Bere Regis 1: AC Matravers 3

One day, Bere will play one of these games with a full squad and win it. One day, a close decision will go Bere's way. One day, Spurs will win the league, Kev Cox will stop complaining and reality TV will be more interesting than watching paint dry...but it wont be in my lifetime!!

Manchester United can choose from a host of internationals in time of crisis; Arsenal has the cream of young European talent; Bere have to travel to Lytchett



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huge (mock) sympathy because she knew what he was going to have to put up with! There was no need to worry, Cis was a support and tower of strength in that relationship too; she relished the role of Grandmother and was overjoyed to become a Great Grandmother (although I don't think she felt she was quite old enough to be a **Great** Grandmother!).

As I mentioned at the start, I have known Cis only a comparatively short time, but I know how much her faith and energy has inspired the work in Bere Heath Methodist Chapel which has been the faith home for Fred and Cis since the early 1950's. She has done every job imaginable there, and across our Methodist Circuit her name is synonymous with all that is best in Christian discipleship – selfless, tireless, determined, prayerful. Perhaps her greatest legacy of faith is that she did not keep her faith in the church, or just the Methodist Church. The fact that I am stood here sharing in this service with my brothers in faith, Ian (Woodward) and Jim (Morris) from the Parish and Congregational Churches is testimony indeed to a woman whose faith was lived on a wider plane, not bound up with petty denominationalism that gets Christianity such a bad name. Before visits to the hospital, the last time I saw Cis was at our Circuit "Autumn Fayre". As ever, she had been busy making sweets, bonbons and Christmas table decorations for sale. She strode across to me and said, "Are you trying to avoid me?!" As if I could! I assured her nothing was further from my mind! Or again, the day before her collapse, Cis had been involved in a fund-raising event in the village for "Children in Need" and later had been busy in the kitchen cooking and baking cakes for Christmas. Right to the end she was busy doing the things she loved to do.

It is with these memories so fresh in our minds that her sudden death has come as such a shock. Most people if asked how they would like to die usually say, suddenly and without pain - so it has been for Cis. For us it is hard, for we have not had the chance to say the things we might have wanted to say to her – no chance to tell her what she means to us, or say our "Sorry-ies" and "Thank You's". We need have no guilt; Cis lived with "short accounts". She was straightforward and kept no list of grudges – it has been our privilege to know her. So, it is with thanks to God that we remember Cis, a "country girl" through and through, with all her many gifts and talents; boundless energy and tireless faith. In faith we commit her into the hands of the God she knew and loved so well. Cis Lewis, we love you; we miss you; God bless you, now and always. Amen.

Revd Paul Arnold



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Phyllis Tuck

Phyllis was born in 1923 in Frampton, near Dorchester, where her father was a farm worker. She was one of 5 sisters and two brothers; alas only her sister Linda is still with us.

After school she was briefly in the Army but was unable to continue because of trouble with her feet and so she took up a post with the NAAFI in the Midlands. She later moved on to work at a munitions factory in Bournemouth. After the War, she remade her acquaintance as it were with the Army working in catering services at the Junior Leaders Camp at Bovington. It was from here that she retired in 1984 and has lived in West Street in Bere Regis for many years. Phyllis enjoyed her flowers, particularly cyclamen but her garden was not only modest but very steep to do much with.

She enjoyed the company of her friends and particular her kind neighbour Marion.

Her friend Richard says she was a great friend, and they shared the best of friendships.

To her step grandson Nigel, his mother Cora, Phyllis's sister Linda; to Richard and all who mourn Phyllis's passing we give our sympathy.

We can be sure that Phyllis is indeed at rest and free from pain; may she rest in peace. Amen



trail. We soon got to Base 4 and were congratulated by Martin for our great teamwork and sticking together and helping each other. We completed the first aid base well, which consisted of doing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a rubber dummy and putting someone in the recovery position.

We were soon on our way with a helping hand and got to the food base without any problems except a bad foot on Josie's part. The food base had burgers and hot water for cuppa-soup and hot chocolate. We ate these gratefully.

The next base was Base 3 and we got there easily but had to be careful as we went on a road. Base 3 was a creatively made blindfold course. One member of the team was blindfolded and then had to wait for the others to learn the course. The others went along a 5 to 7 metre course with karabiners and rope attached. We learnt where they all were and then guided our team-mate along to the course. We then picked various items out of a bag and told our teammate where to go along the course so she could get them. We were not able to go along with her so we had to memorise where all the items were. We completed in good time and the base leaders said we were one of the best teams to come along.

Next it was Base 2 and we set off without any problems. We located ourselves on the map and found our way reasonably quickly and well. When we arrived at the base we were pleasantly surprised at what we found. We had a huge metal contraption that beeped every time metal touched it. Last year we had a lot of trouble doing this, but we managed to do it with only 1 bleep! Again we had excellent reports from the leaders and were cheerful upon leaving.

We left in high spirits and soon reached the next base. This was the Bere Regis base and we had lots of fun on the spider's web. This was lots of rope tied like a spider's web which we had to get all team members through without touching the sides. The higher the holes we got through the more points we got; so it was all hands on deck helping to lift our team members through the holes. Every team member that wanted to be carried was carried through the highest possible holes. Everyone helped on both sides, and anyone that didn't get carried had everyone telling them if they were too close to the rope so they wouldn't touch it. Base 1 was a great success and we set off glad that the next challenge would be to sign in to say we'd done it.

All in all everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year's annual district night hike. That was Paggles Estate's story; we had an excellent time and overall finished sixth out of seventeen. Paggles Estate included Beckie White (Patrol Leader), Lauren Govier, Sophie Lillie, Naomi Brady, Josie Gamble and Hope Rogers who helped at our base as she was unable to come on to come for the start of the hike. A mix B.L.A's and BIRBS which included Joe, James, Brenton, Charlie, Dot, Nikki and Hannah who couldn't come for the same reasons. This mixture of teams who had similar experiences on the night hike and also had great fun came eighth out of seventeen.

This report was written by Beckie White, Paggles Estate patrol leader.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP**The District Night Hike: The Report.**

On Saturday 4th December Bere Regis Scout Troop went to a District Night Hike. We all enjoyed this very much and here is a first hand account of what goes on.

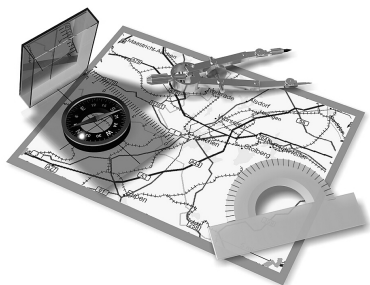
That night all of the Scouts in the District got together some teams to compete in the night hike. Lots of people turned out, including Sanford and Wareham, which proved a lot of competition. When Bere Regis arrived it was nearly time for us to go, and we only just had enough time to get registered. Paggles Estate (Bere Regis Team B) was the first to set off and this is their story.

We set off to the first base, which was actually the last base, Base 6, as we were going anti-clockwise. This base was to do with knots. Paggles had a good go at this and guessed most of the knots they put down. We had no idea what a sheepshank or Highwayman's hitch was, but we tried hard and worked as a team to get a few knots down on our board. As we proceeded to the next base we talked and had a laugh. When we got to Base 5 we had a bit of a challenge on our hands. We had to tie a clove hitch onto a pole on a gate. Only there was a slight catch; there was a 2 metre boundary all around the gate. We had 15 minutes and got right to it. The people in charge of that base said we great at working as a team and they were very impressed. Top marks on teamwork. After 3 attempts we did it and were very proud we had managed to do it.

We went on singing the Paggles song. Halfway to Base 4 we came across our first problem. There was a gate which said: Horses Grazing. Some of us were fine about thinking there wouldn't be any horses. Others however were scared. We phoned our leaders Tim, Natalie and Chris but they had no idea if the horses were

in there. In the end the teams behind came along and we took a different route. This however was not correct and took us along a field which could have gone on for miles. After blowing our whistles we found help. The help came in the form of Martin and someone else that later helped us again. They helped us through our muddle and we were soon on the right track. After a short while we were lost again. Some boys who were in front said it was the correct way.

They were wrong. We walked a long way and nearly went off the map. Unfortunately the other team convinced us there were horses following us; some of us got very scared. Eventually leaders were called and we retraced our footsteps leading us to Martin who lead us to the right

**OBITUARIES****Stella Kellaway**

The following words are my attempt to pay tribute to Stella and to give you a little detail of her life – a life which by today's average is without doubt of a bygone age and so, I feel, represents a rare and remarkable individual.

Stella was born at the Hollow in Briantspuddle on Sept 7th 1914. – she having three brothers and two sisters. Only Freda her youngest sister, who I am delighted to see with us today, survives Stella.

At that time Stella's father was milking cows – hand milking of course – for one Mr Mitchell who was a tenant of the Frampton estate and who himself lived at Rogers Hill Farm Briantspuddle. For all those of you who are local and know Briantspuddle that dairy was at the time situated in what is now the village hall car park – the Village Hall then being a barn and incidentally on the north side of the village hall car park was the piggery.

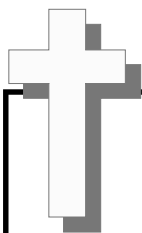
The family moved house within Briantspuddle once before leaving the Parish to live at Norris Mill Nr Bockhampton – Stella attending school at Tincelton. They then moved to Higher Bockhampton and school was then attended in that village.

As was not unusual in those days Stella left school at the age of 14 by which time her father was running the dairy at Tincelton and the family was living at Clyffe Farmhouse Tincelton. She stayed at home and her principal tasks were milking the cows and making butter.

In 1932 Stella married Edgar Kellaway and they moved to No. 4 Affpuddle. Her father in law then being the tenant of West Farm which was part of Sir Ernest Debenham's Bladen Estate. As Edgar's father did not move into West Farm House Edgar and Stella moved from No. 4 into the farmhouse some 6 months after coming to the village and Stella continued to live there some 72 years.

Their early family life saw tragedy and I am sure must have cast a very dark shadow over life for a considerable time. Their first born son Ivan died in an accident on the farm at the age of 4 years. As if to compound tragedy their second son was still born – from what Stella told me this was due to lack of medical expertise at that time. From then on and one can well imagine as an attempt to shut out the heartbreak, all time and effort was devoted to the farm and thoughts of a family abandoned until the





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arrival of Shirley in 1947.

Life on the farm then, of course, bore very little resemblance to today – but when Edgar and Stella took over the tenancy of West Farm they employed 9 men and had 10 working horses. Tractors were first seen after the war in the late 1940s and for a time horses shared the load but very soon mechanisation took over completely. On the sale of the Bladen Estate in 1953 Edgar and Stella purchased West Farm. This was a major decision and not one taken without much deliberation for in those days undertaking such an investment was a bold move. As farming moved out of what sounds to have been very much a “cash era” it was Stella who had to deal with paperwork which she tackled with little knowledge but a lot of enthusiasm. Enthusiasm which lasted her entire life for 4 days before she died she was still doing PAYE and paying the routine monthly bills – the joys of VAT, IACS were left to yours truly. She thoroughly enjoyed bookwork and on the arrival of the monthly bank statement she would immerse herself in preparing a reconciliation statement to make sure everything balanced and that nothing was missing. It was doubtless fortunate she so enjoyed her figure work for she told me that father-in-law never looked at a bank statement and never wrote a cheque in his life – truly remarkable in today's world.

Financial matters clearly fascinated her and the arrival of the daily paper would find her turning straight to the financial pages. Her attitude to money could best be described as careful and I recall as recently as last March she said to me one morning “I think the weather's getting warmer – I didn't use so much electricity yesterday”. Life had always been based on a policy of make do and mend.

In their early farming days they had a flock of sheep, milked cows by hand, hay was stored loose in ricks and where many of you have parked your cars is always known as Rick pound. Corn was harvested by binder and also stored in ricks to be thrashed later.

Potatoes were grown, in those days both planted and harvested by hand. Stone picking was a laborious annual chore before the heavy roller arrived. Stella continued to make butter well after war rationing ended. She kept chicken and this became a big enterprise and also reared turkeys for the Christmas market.

Her interests outside the farm included music both playing the piano and singing and in the later years of her life her garden was her major interest. Remarkably she had run her house and her garden almost entirely



Christ. We cannot choose our circumstances for the coming year. But we can make a choice as to how we will deal with those circumstances. So we can try and survive in our own strength or we can actually thrive and grow and develop as we receive God's strength each day.

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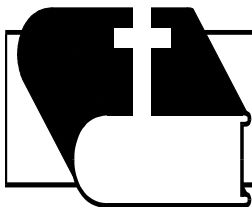
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With New Year in mind - are you thriving or surviving?

So Christmas has come and gone and we are left pondering a New Year. Maybe some are still recovering from what has sadly become for us a national binge where over indulgence has been the key word. But sooner or later we have to get back to the stark realities of daily life. Hopefully many reading this have had a wonderful time of family sharing. So as we head into the unknown territory of another year - what are we all hoping for?

For some, the harsh economic realities of a new year will be survival. Just getting through the next twelve months, holding everything together without going under is their goal. But God challenges us to trust Him for a greater goal. One that means not just surviving, but actually thriving and growing as a person. As a Christian I believe we have a creative God who made us for creative growth. Essentially that means a full development of our entire personality, especially in the area of spiritual growth. To ignore this spiritual principle will leave us unfulfilled, frustrated and unhappy.

The emphasis in modern life is almost totally focused on the material and physical. There's nothing wrong with that - I am seeking to get down the gym at least once a week myself! But all we are doing is attempting to slow down the process of mortal decay. We can certainly live better if, in the words of one doctor, we look after our arteries and our attitudes. Our mental state plays a vital role in keeping the body going. But if we are to thrive and make the most of all the circumstances that come our way this year we will need more than fit bodies and sharp minds. You see there is a part of us that is made for eternity - our souls. It is in this deep and mysterious area that faith can blossom - a world to die for me. Jesus came to make us whole - His love can touch every part of us - physically, mentally, emotionally and psychologically. His words speak to our hearts today, **"Come unto Me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your SOULS"** *Matthew 11:28,29.*

On another occasion He spoke about a man totally taken up by selfish interests, but the moment of truth came when he died. The closing comment there is a famous one - what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, but lose his soul?

So will you be surviving or just thriving in 2005? The wonderful good news is that with God you can make a fresh start - but you have to come to Him on His terms. That means relinquishing your self-dependence and acknowledging your sin, and receiving forgiveness and cleansing from God through His Son, Jesus



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without assistance until a couple of months before her death.

Her other great love was, of course, this Church and the churchyard. On the retirement of former vicar Bert Johnson she took on the temporary job of locking and unlocking the church each day - a temporary job which lasted for 27 years! Only giving up her duties last June when she finally found the effort too great. Over those years she put in an enormous amount of work by way of spraying the paths in the church yard, removing the dead flowers, empty jam jars and so forth from the graves and took a great pride in how the church yard looked. She was also very supportive of all fund raising events connected with the Church and the parish although discreetly.

On her 90th birthday she was delighted to receive a visit from the Churchwardens, representatives of the PCC and village friends to be presented with a beautiful crystal glass bowl.

Stella never took a holiday in her life the longest time spent away from home was a week in hospital when Shirley was born. Otherwise day trips which can almost be numbered on the fingers of one hand were the only time spent away from the village.

She had the most remarkably happy, laughing disposition and Shirley recalls when growing up how her mother was always to be heard singing as she went about her daily chores. When Edgar died in 1983 she continued to live in the farmhouse until she died.

She was an immensely strong willed lady with a constitution to match and to the very end of her days remained determined to carry on life as normal and indeed was looking forward to her weekly visit to our house for Sunday lunch on the day she died and was up, dressed and ready to begin the day when we found her.

I know that over the last few months she has very much appreciated the visits from numerous people in the local villages who dropped in for a chat. Especially Fred Barrett who willingly ran many errands for her.

Her passing sees the end of a remarkable life, simple by today's standards though certainly not easy in the early years but she enjoyed a well deserved number of years of semi-retirement as a reward for her hard work and determination.

She will be sadly missed.

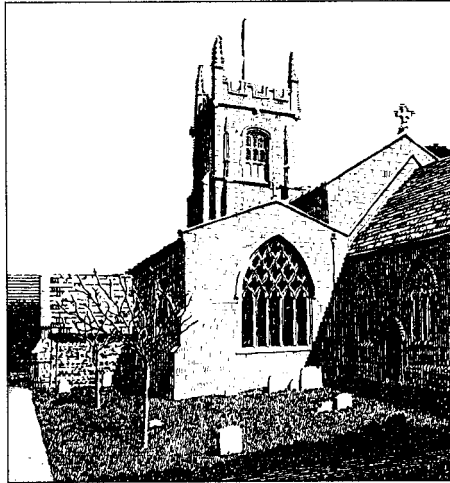
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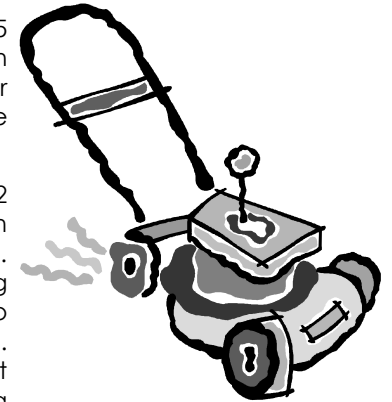
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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD

I will be putting together the mowing rota for 2005 before long and would ask those wanting to join the rota, change their current mowing month or withdraw from the rota to contact me before the end of January.

For each person on the rota, the commitment is 2-3 hours mowing between the months of March and October, a comparatively light undertaking. However, we have had to extend the mowing period in the spring and autumn to take into account the milder climate we now experience. So, to keep the mowing commitment manageable for all, we really would appreciate a few more newcomers to the rota



The effort put in by the mowing team is much appreciated by the whole community as a well kept churchyard with some specific wild flower areas gives great pleasure.

Sandy Moriarty (Tel: 01929 471747)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND GIFT SERVICE

At the time of going to press Christmas has not yet happened. I will give a report in next month's magazine about the amount collected for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas and all about the presents for Cheshire Homes. (As on 13th December the money is just beginning to come in for the flowers!)

CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN

The Church Special Clean will be done on Saturday 8th January from 10.00 to 12 noon. Depending on the number of people present it is hoped that there will be sufficient people present to polish all the wood work, to polish the wood floors, vacuum the hassocks and perhaps wash the stone floors. Please come armed with polishing cloths and extra dusters to give the church a good clean after the removal of the Christmas decorations and to start 2005 with a clean church!

CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ARRANGING

The new cleaning and flower arranging rotas start from the first Sunday in April. New volunteers are always required to replace people who move away or get too old to clean the church and do the flowers!

The cleaning takes about an hour to sweep through the church dust the pews and other furniture and to dry mop the wooden floors and can be done at any time prior to the Sunday listed. The brushes, mops and dusters are stored in the vestry cupboard.

The flowers take anything from half an hour to one hour depending on the number of vases the flower arranger wishes to do, the vases which had to be cleared away and the time he/she takes to arrange flowers. The PCC has bought a new shed which is situated under the yew tree to the side of the path leading to the main gate. The vases are now stored in this shed though there are a few vases in the vestry cupboard. The wire and oasis is also stored in the shed. The flower arranging can be done from Thursday onwards before the Sunday listed. The main criteria is to make sure that there is at least one fresh arrangement on the pedestal by the hagioscope. If you feel like doing more arrangements please feel free to do so!

The number of times a year you would be required to help is usually two. I try to arrange the cleaning times at about six monthly intervals. Most of the helpers who do both the flowers and cleaning prefer to do both tasks for the same week. The new Rota will be prepared at the end of February so please let me have your names and addresses as soon as possible. I am assuming unless I hear to the contrary that if you already clean the church and do the flowers that you will continue to do so.



As has been said before this is a wonderful way to help the church. If the church had to employ a cleaner it would cost at least £4.85 per hour (based on the minimum wage for adults). So you can think of the time you spend cleaning as a really practical contribution towards church life. After all to quote George Herbert "a servant with this clause make drudgery divine who sweeps a room as for Thy laws makes that and the action fine" (I hasten to add that you would be considered to be God's servant and not the Church's!)

Philippa Thorniley

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Courtesy of Pat House

Shepherds Pie

A popular dish associated with farm workers long ago.

- 12oz cooked Lamb
- 1oz butter
- 1oz chopped bacon
- 1small onion peeled and diced
- 1stick celery diced
- 1oz mushrooms sliced
- 1small carrot peeled and diced
- 1oz flour
- 1pt stock
- 1small tomato peeled and deseeded
- 1bay leaf
- bunch sweet herbs
- salt and pepper
- 1lb mashed potatoes
- 1egg yolk a little single cream
- 4oz grated cheese



Mince the lamb and place in a large pie dish. Put the butter in a saucepan, heat and add the bacon, onion, celery, mushrooms and carrot. Fry gently until golden brown. Add the flour and cook, stirring all the time until the flour turns a golden brown. Blend in the stock and cook until the mixture thickens, add the tomato, bay leaf and herbs. Cover and simmer for 40mins. Strain, adjust the seasoning and pour the sauce over the meat. Stir well.

Top the dish with the mashed potatoes to which the egg yolk and cream has been added. Sprinkle with the grated cheese and cook in the oven for 20mins. until brown and bubbling.

Pat.

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At its December meeting the Council discussed the Safe route to School project which is receiving £100,000 from BP. The School Governors and Parents together with others interested were invited to comment on the various alternatives available. The Council added its weight behind the Schools choice of a zebra crossing and a 'lollipop patrol'. This will provide a safe crossing at the school at all times and for everybody – not just the children at the school. It is thus hoped to see the project go forth in the New Year with the designs and one hopes for the actual route being in place by the next school year.

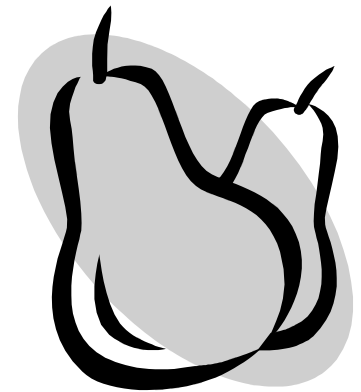
The Christmas trees and lights were up as scheduled. It's thanks to the residents and businesses that we have these delicate reminders of the Christmas time to come. I have heard many complimentary comments.

There was good news about the Youth Shelter. We had applied for a further grant from the Police Partnership having already received £5000 last year. They have awarded a further £5,000 which means that once the planning approval is received we can go ahead to order the various parts. Thus all being well it should be possible to see it in place by Easter but we will believe that when we see it!

A planning application was received from the owners of the petrol station concerning the changes being made to the site including the replacement of the storage tanks. The Council noted, and draws Parishioners attention to the fact that the facility will be closed for a long period.

Parishioners may be surprised to see the large pear tree at bottom of Chapel Lane being removed in the near future. On learning of the proposal, Councillors challenged the need to remove it. The Tree Officer at PDC responded that it is dangerous and he supported the application from the Morden Estate Co. for its removal Councillors have asked that the area be tidied and for a replacement tree to be planted.

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BERE REGIS PARISH PLAN

In December and January, members of the start-up group are meeting with as many as possible of the Parish societies and associations, telling them about the Plan and how we want to get input and contributions from as many people as possible.

Additionally, two public meetings are being arranged, set provisionally for Saturday 22nd January at 10.00 a.m. and Wednesday 26th January at 7.00 p.m. in the Drax Hall.

At these meetings, we shall be asking for endorsement of the way we suggest to take the Plan forward, and particularly for everyone to give their opinions in the survey we plan for February/March.

The survey will ask as simply as possible for everyone's view about what they think it is sensible to include in the Parish Plan. This is the best way we can think of to make sure that the Plan will be truly representative of all. So we shall be urging everyone to think what matters to them and to tell us through the survey questionnaire.

When the survey has been analysed, there would be a further public meeting to agree the next steps and to ask for volunteers to work on particular parts of the planning.

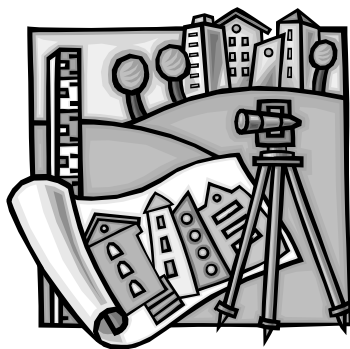
Six additional volunteers have joined the working group this month and we are grateful to James Loxton and Pip Evans for linking the web-sites so that you can see more of the background and proposals by visiting :-

http://www.bereregis.dorset.sch.uk/Parish_Plan/Presentation1.doc

http://www.bereregis.dorset.sch.uk/Parish_Plan/Parish_Plan.ppt

More helpers are always welcome – give me a call on 471 463

John Cleave, Chairman of the start-up group



Thursday as its Parish Council. New members are always welcome.

Social Evening

We are running a Disco with Ploughman's Supper on 12th February at the Royal British Legion hall. Everyone is most welcome.

Open Gardens 2005

Following the feedback from last year's very successful event we are planning to hold this years 'Open Gardens' on Sunday the 3rd July 2005.

The planning stages have been started. Offers of gardens should be made in writing to Alison Bennett at 3, Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis by 1st March 2005. The offers need to be submitted by this date so we can arrange the insurance for the event.

Additional Help Required

If you are able to spare a few hours to help your community we would welcome you as a Volunteer onto our Project Team. Contact us at the Drax Hall on a Monday or Friday morning or telephone Alison on 01929-472023.

Dates for your Diary

12 th February	Saturday	Pop In Place Social Evening
3 rd July	Sunday	Open Gardens

POP IN PLACE NEWS

Happy New Year

Welcome back after the Christmas Break. Our regular sessions restart on Friday 7th January.



Children In Need

A sum of £ 275 was collected on the day which was donated direct to the BBC Children In Need appeal.

Christmas Bingo

On the 10th December we ran our Christmas Bingo which was a fun filled morning. A sum of £ 85-50 was raised at this event.



Christmas Show

The Christmas Show "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" was very well attended. This event included a Christmas Variety Show, a Free Raffle, Refreshments, and a visit from Father Christmas. The polished performances demonstrate the depth of talent within our community.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to this event and to the volunteers who made this event possible.

Pop In Place Poppets – Baby and Toddler Group

The Poppets Parent/Carer Baby and Toddler Group meet on a Thursday 1.30pm to 3pm. (during term time). This group provides a useful link for young families both as a social occasion and also for friendship. For more information contact Trish on 01929-472418.

The Musical Youth Group

We meet on a Thursday 6pm to 7.45pm at the Drax hall, apart from the second

DRAX HALL

The Hall has had a very successful 2004 with fund raising resulting in a good start being made to the necessary improvements. The new year will start with the new toilets completed and a start being made on the disabled access and exit followed by improvements to the kitchen area.

We were most fortunate that as the year ended we received a grant of £4000 from the Talbot Village Trust, which is based in Poole. This will be a great help with the outstanding works, though no doubt more fund raising will be required.



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The private parties and events together with the successful Pantomime presented by the BRATS, the Hall Committee staged a magic show that was greatly enjoyed and the Christmas Bingo Evening at which over sixty people attended then the Pop in Place held their Christmas entertainment.

The Hall Committee meets early in the month to programme events throughout 2005 which will be advertised in the Parish Magazine. They thank everyone for the support that has been received throughout the year and wish everyone a very happy New Year.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DRAX HALL CHAIRMAN

I would like to give a big "thank you" to the committee for your support and help during 2004. The hard work with all of the fundraising towards our new toilets - which are now OPEN!

We have a very excellent team who are willing to do anything they are asked for our Village Hall.

May we continue to improve the Hall for everyone's benefit.

Happy New Year.

Kath

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS



The singers had had a very busy 2004 and recently sang for the Sunshine Club, Wareham; British Legion, Lulworth; Over 60s, Milborne St Andrew; Autumn Leaves and Elaine and Adrian's excellent evening in aid of the Tower.

Grateful thanks to you all for your dedication and support in all we do.

Happy New Year.

Kath

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Pop In Place Poppets - Baby and Toddler Group
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Pop In Place Pip Squeak Youth Group with emphasis on
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:	Alison	01929-472023
		Angela	01929-472261

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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB



At the December meeting, members were entertained by Kath Jeeves on the piano (but sadly with no voice) and her Woodbury Hill Singers who gave a programme of popular songs and Christmas Carols. Tea followed with a special Christmas cake made by one of the members. The group was very sad to have lost Mrs Cis Lewis who had been the group treasurer and very active member for so many years.

The January meeting will be held in the Drax Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday 12th which will be a New Years Party.

An additional message from Kath

Thank you to our committee for your help and dedication towards our Club. We now have 73 members and wish you all a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year. New members are very welcome - just come to our Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m. There is no joining fee, just 50p at the door.

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As you may recall I am the Chair of the Electronic Government Group which is charged with managing the introduction of e-government into Purbeck. This year we have gained a grant of £350K and we have applied for a grant of £150K for next year which I proposed at the last Council Meeting - it was passed unanimously. Our report seeking the grant has been accepted (as opposed to a number of our sister District Councils) so we should yet again get the grant without too much of a problem. One of the programmes for implementation is the development of an improved Planning system which I have described in the next section. Also we have approved a major replacement programme for all the PCs, Networks and Servers within the Council. This again was passed unanimously and we expect to see the benefits from this shortly. As always this grant has to be used for only this purpose and is not capable of being used for anything else.

Planning Website

Over the next few months the planning section of Purbeck District Council's internet website is set to become increasingly useful to Purbeck residents, in fact to anyone submitting applications. A series of e-government improvements to the site - which is to be found at www.purbeck.gov.uk - are about to be introduced. It is now possible for people to submit their comments on-line on any current planning application being considered in Purbeck.

Mike Grime, Purbeck District Council's Development and Building Control manager, said: "We have been steadily implementing e-government changes and improvements to the website - and the pace of this is now increasing. People can now find guidance on the website about whether they are likely to need planning permission for an extension to their house as well as information about how a planning application is processed and considered - and the cost of submitting an application. It is also possible to view the Purbeck District local plan which contains the main policies against which all planning applications are considered and details of the planning officer's reports on applications being considered by the Council's planning board can also be viewed - as well as the decisions taken."

Recent improvements to the site include the introduction of planning application forms which can be printed or downloaded directly from the website and the facility to comment online about a planning application. The site will contain all new planning applications and appeals. The next stage - which is due very shortly - will be a fully-active link so that it will be possible to submit an application, drawings, and pay the planning fee on-line."

It is anticipated that early in 2005 a 'planning application status screen' facility will

be introduced - so it will become possible to check the progress of an application on-line - and to view any documents and plans that have been submitted with it. Obviously this will make it considerably easier to access planning application details, particularly out of office hours."



When this is fully introduced, people will be able to look at detailed plans at any time from their homes - and will not have to come to the Council offices during the working day - and will be able to make their views known on-line. These changes will give the Council the opportunity to forward planning applications electronically to the Parish and Town Councils.

I have been quoted in the press release as follows: Purbeck District Council's e-government champion Councillor Peter Wharf said: "These improvements are in line with the Council's policy for the continuous development of its website in order to provide real benefits to all groups within the community." For further information contact Purbeck District Council's Development and Building Control Manager Mike Grime on 01929 557228.

Licensing

For my sins I am also the Chair of the Licensing Group which is charged with running the Licensing regime within Purbeck when the new laws come into effect later on this year. We have recently agreed the all important "policy document" covering this area which we are currently sharing with the Licensing trade and the Parish and Town councils. The price of policing this exercise will not cover our costs but we have been told by government that we have to do it as part of our legal responsibility. We have complained, but that is not going to get us anywhere other than perhaps a special department being imposed upon us if we do not comply (and we would have to pay for that as well!).

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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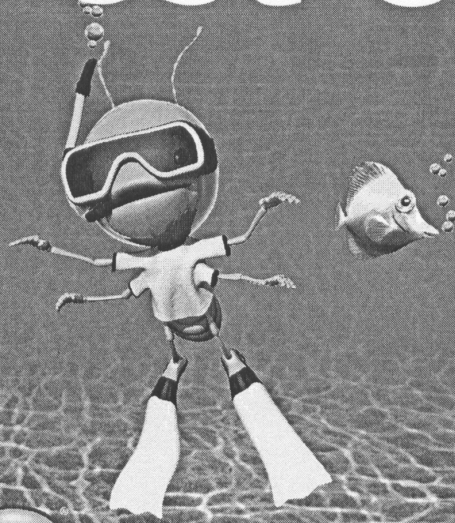
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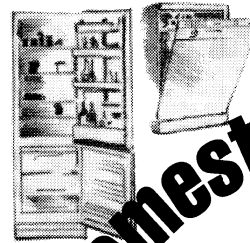
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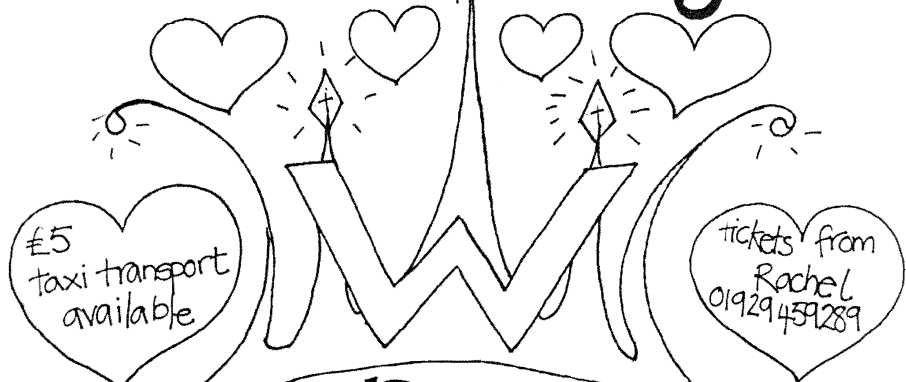
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paper shapes and various other paper items available. A range of interesting pictures and cards were produced, these were taken home together with an array of moulded plaster objects.

The 'Christmas Party' ending off the club year on the 21st December involves plenty of food, drink and party games, to get everyone ready for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Then we, the leaders, as well as the young members will enjoy a break until the New Year.

The youth club opening again on Tuesday 11th January 2005, when all existing members and indeed new ones will be most welcome. Membership fees will remain the same as last year at £2.50p for 8 – 11 year olds and £4.00p for 12 – 17 year olds.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader, Telephone: 01929 471693

HEALTH WALKS IN BERE REGIS

Due to the success in 2004, Health Walks will be continuing in Bere Regis in the New Year. There will be two walks, one of 30 minutes and one of 60 minutes, no stiles and on good paths or pavements around the village.

The walks are for all ages and abilities and led by trained volunteers. It is also a good social event and is free.

A comfortable pair of shoes is all that is needed.

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Walks are every Tuesday at 1030 from the Car Park in Manor Farm Road.

For further details ring Lynda on 01929 471180

Walking the Way to Health is an initiative of the British Heart Foundation, The Countryside Agency and the 'Keep Purbeck Walking' scheme.



BERE REGIS SCHOOL

2004 was an exceptional year for Bere Regis School. During the year we faced many changes and challenges and came through to give the children of the village the best possible start to their education.

The curriculum we offer our children is broad and balanced. The basic skills of literacy and numeracy are very well covered by all the teaching staff. Through themed weeks like Arts Week, Book Week and Out-of-Doors Week these basic skills are taught during topics such as history, geography, RE and Science. The children have had real experience on visits to Streetwise, Kingston Lacey and Weymouth. Similarly visits to school by storytellers, theatre groups, musicians and drama teachers have all helped the children gain insight into the world around them.



In 2005 we will greatly enhance the immediate outdoor environment of the school with the help of our £10,000 Award from Woolworths Playground Partnership Scheme. A path around the field with many varied activities including a fitness trail and musical area, and more playground activities will allow the children freedom to explore and develop skills and confidence throughout the school play and lunchtimes. A new sheltered area for parents should also be in place sometime next term.

We are always looking for ways of developing the curriculum we offer our children and I am sure there is expertise in the village still to be tapped. If you have a skill that you are willing to pass on to another generation please contact us at the school on 471334.

On behalf of the children, parents, staff and governors of the school we wish you all good health, wealth and happiness in 2005.

Steve Battishill, Headteacher

THANK YOU

A big "thank you" for the wonderful displays of Christmas lights around our village - even better this year!!!

It was a joy to take friends on a tour to see them. May you all continue to give such pleasure to us all. God Bless and a Happy New Year.

BERE REGIS SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We would like to thank those people who participated in the recent consultation by Dorset County Council with regard to our Bere Regis Safer Routes to School plan.

DRAFT Results of Consultation as at 07/12/04.

127 Questionnaires were received from Members of Public

Response have been received from : County Councillor Shakesby, District Councillor Wharf, Bere Regis School Headteacher, Bere Regis School Governors, Bere Regis Parish Council and Bere Regis Scout Group

1. Footway on Western Side

Question: Are you in favour of the proposed footway on the western side of Rye Hill between White Lovington and the school and if funds permit continued southwards to the lay-by opposite Green Close.

YES 127

NO 0

2. Crossing Options

Question: Would you prefer to see a Zebra Crossing as shown in Option A or would you prefer a safe location for the School Crossing Patrol as shown in Option B.

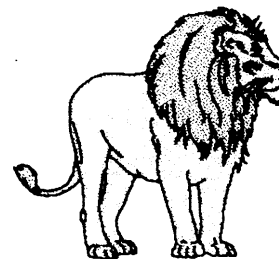
Option A - 81 responses in favour

Option B - 45 responses in favour

Please note that this is only a draft response.

Many thanks from Mr Pip Evans, Chair of Governors, Bere Regis First School

BERE REGIS YOUTH 'LENNY'S'



Eleven of the Christmas card designs, produced by club members at the club on the 16th November, went forward to the Dorset Youth Association Christmas card competition final. The judge considered the entries were all of attractive designs, awarding 'Commended' certificates to ten of the club's entries. The one other entry by Thomas Rolls, was awarded a 'Highly Commended' certificate for his design. Thomas also received £10 in W H Smith vouchers as his prize, well done to Thomas and all the other members, for keeping the club on the county map.

Two teams of six members contested the 'Skittles Night', on the 23rd November. Team 'B', started off strongly by pulling into a 2 – 1 lead but some determined play saw team 'A' pull back to level the scores at 2-2. As time had run out at the end of the evening, both teams agreed to call it a draw. Perhaps there will be a fresh challenge in the New Year.

On the 30th November, the annual 'Talent Competition' was contested by seven acts. Those taking part being Sam Hall, Vicki Hall, Daniel Spivey, Robert Spivey,



Kyle Everett, Frankie Page plus a duo of Jessica Shaw and Katie Walker. The judge had a very difficult tasking is choosing the winner, second and third places. The result in reverse order being, in Third place Vicki Hall (Singer), in Second place Robert Spivey (Piano) and the Winner was Frankie Page (Irish Dancing). Each received a certificate to record their achievement with Frankie going on to the Dorset Youth Association county finals at Dorchester on 10th December.

I am pleased to be able to announce that Frankie Page came away from county finals in Dorchester as the Winner of the Under 12s age group. Frankie received a certificate and £25 in W H Smith vouchers for her to spend at this festive time. Well done to Frankie for her performance at the finals and indeed to all those who entered the club's competition.

Everyone ended up well and truly plastered on the 14th December, casting items by mixing and pouring plaster into moulds proved a bit messy. However, the finished items once they had been prised from the moulds looked good. The members took their products home to finish them off with a little paint and a coat of varnish. Members also had a range of coloured card, sticky backed coloured

BERE REGIS W.I.

At the November meeting we were presented with a very interesting slide and talk by Dorset Wildlife on the comeback of the otter.

Two members then entertained us with a tale of a visit to London and a poem on the much loved outside loo! Wishing you all a Happy New Year. New members welcome, join us in January for a look around the Channel Islands with slides by John England. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the Drax Hall at 7.30pm

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - ANNUAL 'BOX OPENING'

The annual collection from boxes within the parish has totalled £335.27 this year towards The Children's Society. Just over twenty parishioners have been collecting boxes at home in which they place loose change on a regular basis throughout the year. The charity then puts this money to good use throughout the country, helping children who find themselves in need through circumstances at home.

Along with the hundreds of coppers and other British coins that made up the collection this year were 30 French Francs, 1 Euro 73 cents, 2 US cents, 1 Canadian cent, 1 Polish Zloty and a Cypriot 'something'!

If you would like to have a collecting box at home and keep the sideboard clear of coins, putting them towards a worthy cause instead, then please contact Paula or Andy Kent on 471079. *Although boxes are renewed on an annual basis during September/October a new one can be supplied at any time of the year.*

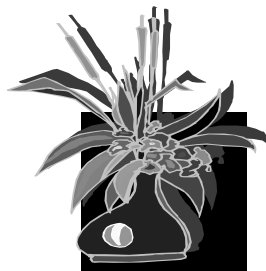
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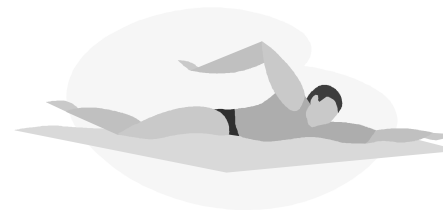
BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP



January 11th 2005 A.G.M.

Lunch will be served at 12.30 after which we will have our A.G.M.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



Wareham Swimarathon

Our Bere Regis Tadpoles team has won the 9 & under trophy for the second year running swimming a total of 50 laps (100 lengths). Well done our team!

Mini Polo

The Club held a highly successful Mini Polo teaching session and tournament at Blandford Leisure Centre on 20 November where 5 other clubs were invited. All our children had a great time learning the fundamentals of water polo. In the tournament that followed, our Bere Regis Splashers team Poole Swimming Club 3-2 and West Dorset Warriors 2-1 only losing 2-3 to Blandford Swimming Club in a closely fought final. Well done everyone!

Calling all Swimming Teachers

Over many years we have relied on our member's parents coming forward to offer their help on poolside. We now find ourselves in great need to increase the number of our qualified teachers. We have just 4 regular teachers, which is about the minimum that we can successfully operate with the current number of children.

I would like to make a special plea to any person within our area to come forward if they are already trained or would like to train as a swimming teacher or poolside helper. There is a short course involved where the Club meets all the costs. We are not looking for expert swimmers, just people who have empathy with our children and are good communicators.

Can you help us? We would like to hear from you if you can and it is also great fun getting involved in the activities of the Club. You will be contributing enormously to our future success. For further information speak to me Bob Holman (tel: 01305/848262) or Nick Gore (tel: 01305/848130).

Bob Holman

MID-SEASON DARTMOUTH TOUR:

Russell White Challenge Cup Dartmouth	Jim Corbin	
Most improved ROGS Member 2004	Shane Mooney	
ROGS Consistency Trophy	John Ruskin	36.25pts
Xmas Cup 2004	Robbie Hall	
Shaun Brady Summer Knockout	Brian Whiffen	
Paul Ebsworth Shield	Julian Flower	

ROGS 2004 GOLF TOUR WINNERS – THAILAND

Bantry Bay Tray	Kaow Kheow	Tich White
French Open	Plutaluang	Graeme Price
Middleton Cup	Laem Chabang	Robbie Hall
Fota Island Pint	Mountain Shadow	Russell White
Tourist Trophy (Overall Score)		Graeme Price



One of the Thailand tour photos which didn't make last month's magazine!

Your new Captain - starting as he means to go on!!!!



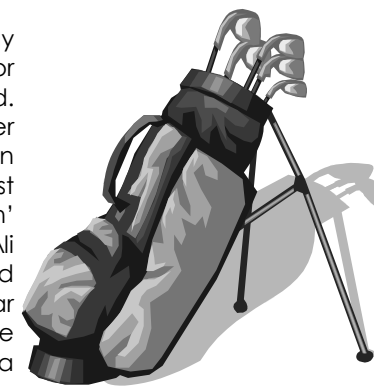
ROGS

For those of you who thought Golf was a relaxing pastime played by gents in the height of summer, hitting balls accurately from tee to flag - think again.....for those illustrious members of ROGS braved the winter conditions that December typically brings to play their traditional Christmas fixture and bring down the curtain on another tremendously successful season.

Led imperiously by Russell White ('Bobba') throughout 2004, the ROGS have continued to go from strength to strength, with membership up and record attendance from members at many of the monthly fixtures, Russell is handing over the captaincy with the Society stronger than in any other season (unlike his beloved West Ham!). The captaincy has now been handed over to me and my able understudy Russell 'airshot' French. Russell will prove a hard act to follow, showing fantastic dedication, enthusiasm and organisation (not to say patience with some of us!). Thank you very much from all ROGS members for a memorable season.

The Christmas fixture at Bulbury Golf Club saw over 23 Members turn out to brave the winter elements. Naturally, as so often happens at ROGS fixtures it wasn't so much a case of tee to flag but tee to woodland, tee to lake, tee to sand or in the case of some, tee to ladies tee! Thankfully, as experienced in a previous fixture this season there were no grazing livestock to scare (The Donkey at Bulbury still looked pale in the face last week Toby!!). With both Stableford and a ROGS Ryder Cup matchplay format being played during the round competition was tense, notably between the Ryder Cup captains, led by the outgoing Captain, Russell 'Langer' White and incoming Captain, Graeme 'Sutton' Price. I am sorry to report a 'fortunate' ex-captain (what do you mean yesterday's man?..) led his team to a narrow victory which would have gone to the 18th green if the light prevailed....well okay my team got tonked 8.5 to 4.5 points... reticent congratulations to Russell's team!!

With more prizes on offer than QVC can give away in an hour, every ROGS member was playing for something on most holes throughout the round. Congratulations to Roger 'piggin' Duncanson, Roger 'DavidLeadbetter' Johns and Julian 'I'veonlywonagain' Flower for winning the Nearest the Pin competitions. Julian and John 'Bullet' Ruskin won the longest drive competitions with Ali 'morecomebacksthansinatra' Hewitt, Bobba and Jamie 'loudmouth' Lake skillfully negotiating the par 3 holes in 2 shots to win the 2's kitty. It would have been nice for them to buy the other members a



President – Robbie Hall

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

VENUES 2005

Date	Trophy	Venue
Friday 25th March	GRS Trophy	Wheathill Golf Club
Friday 29th April	Jim Corbin Cup	Meyrick Park Golf Club
Friday 27th May	Whitbread Shield	Yeovil Golf Club
Friday 24th June	Captain's Cup	Broadstone Golf Club
Friday 29th July	Landlord's Cup	Wareham Golf Club
Friday 26th August	President's Cup	Barton on Sea Golf Club
Friday 30th September	Rob Hall Trophy	Salisbury and South Wiltshire Golf

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

A G M – Thursday 17th November Bere Regis Sports Club 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

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

Christmas drink but we didn't see them for dust once the money had been trousered by all three.....

Pride of place on the day went to Robbie 'bananashot' Hall who won the stableford competition with an impressive 36 points, closely followed by Martin 'EditorsPin-Up' Debenham and Julian Flower.

In the evening, ROGS members were joined by family and friends for our presentation night, the night saw the formal presentation of all the seasons trophies, a raffle and disco accompanied by an extremely tasty Christmas lunch (matching the waitresses...) The raffle raised a magnificent sum of £305.00 that has been donated to the Church Tower appeal, many thanks to all the local businesses who kindly donated some great prizes allowing us to raise the sum we did.

Although we highlight some of the humorous, less fortunate circumstances that fall upon us members whenever we venture onto the golf course, the past season has seen a sharp increase in scoring and overall improvement in the level of golf

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played, a high percentage of members have seen their handicap fall which is the aim of the game after all. Well done to all members who truly believe in the practise will one day make perfect principle... I look forward to reporting on our continued improvement next season. Below is a list of all the seasons' winners - Congratulations to you all!!

Captain Price

ROGS 2004 WINNERS

MARCH

GRS Trophy **Knighton Heath** **Brian Whiffen** **40pts**

APRIL:

Jim Corbin Cup(Pairs) **Bulbury** **Geoff Adams/TomCrabtree**

MAY:

Whitbread Shield **Crane Valley** **Bob Gordon** **39pts**

JUNE:

Presidents Cup **Came Down** **Paul EbsWorth** **38pts**

JULY:

Captains Cup **Hamptworth** **Graeme Price** **40pts**

AUGUST:

Landlords Cup **Lyme Regis** **Guy Storey** **36pts**

SEPTEMBER:

Robbie Hall Hackers Cup **Windwhistle** **Shane Mooney** **40pts**

OCTOBER:

Zoom Trophy **Ashley Wood** **Geoff Adams** **38pts**