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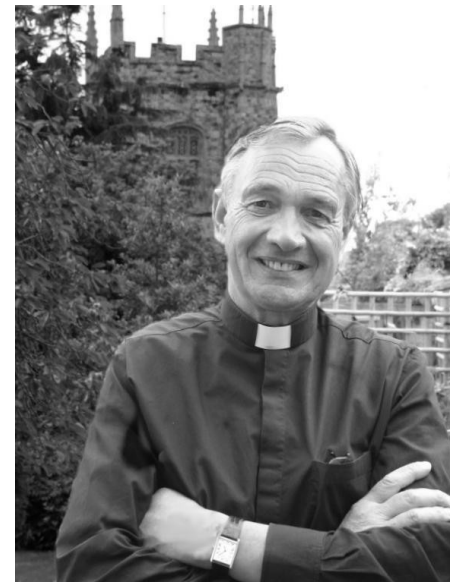
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January 2006



**THE PARISHES of BERE
REGIS and AFFPUDDLE
with TURNERSPUDDLE**

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

JANUARY 2006

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

So, Christmas is over and here we are into 2006 already.

The New Year is understandably a chance to look back, to reflect on the year past and to prepare ourselves for the challenges that the New Year will bring.

For some it will have been a good year, perhaps with new births, or a marriage; perhaps a new job or a new and happy and sustaining relationship, or a new home; perhaps a memorable holiday and some interesting travels. May be you finally got the garden in shape. But for some it will have been a sad year, perhaps with the loss of a loved one, or a broken relationship, or unfulfilled hopes.

But what are our hopes and expectations, and how much influence can we bring to bear on our lives, indeed how much should we bring to bear on our lives and upon those around us?

It's been a better year for our Parish Churches, with some projects completed and immediate bills paid, and I'm enormously grateful to all who work so hard on our behalf doing the dozens of essential jobs that seemingly go unnoticed. But as the Church – the gathered people of God - we are not here to simply exist but to bring about those changes in society, in which God is made a reality in peoples' lives, and a society in which all may live in peace and justice, in freedom, with adequate food and shelter and health care and education. A tall order indeed. But isn't it the case that this imperative always takes a back seat when

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'maintenance' comes before 'mission'? But yet I feel we are better placed to think what we are doing as God's people, than we have been able to for some time. So during Lent I hope we can together for a day to think through what we believe God wants us to be doing in our Parishes and so equip ourselves to do this.

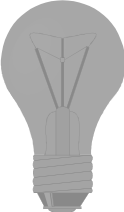
On the 16th February at Briantspuddle Village Hall at 7pm, we are holding the second of our occasional inter-faith talks and this time Rabbi Neil Amswych, the recently appointed Rabbi of the Reformed Synagogue in Bournemouth, has agreed to address us on 'Judaism Today'. Rabbi Neil is an engaging and enthusiastic leader of his congregation and I am sure we will have a lively and interesting evening and deepen our own understanding of a faith that is at the historical heart of our own faith and like Islam, recognises with Christianity the common link with Abraham. The meeting is open to all, so do please come.

In this issue we have included the eulogy of the Venerable Graham Roblin, my predecessor, who tragically died last month, after just four short years of retirement. It is a fine tribute by a colleague, Canon Eric Woods the Vicar of Sherborne Abbey. Do please hold Penny and the family in your prayers and give thanks for Graham's ministry here.

With my love and prayers, for a happy 2006



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NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SHARES ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL.
REMINDERS WILL BE SENT OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

PLEASE CONTACT GORDON PHILLIPS FOR DETAILS — 471525

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



January

- 11th Autumn Leaves New year party, Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.
- 18th Coffee morning at the Vicarage 10.30 a.m.

February

- 8th Autumn Leaves - The magic of nature 2.30 p.m.
- 10th Scouts Valentine Spectacular
- 28th WI Pancake race, North Street

March

- 8th Autumn Leaves - Budgies 2.30 p.m.

April

- 29th Bere Regis Church outing to Isle of Wight and Osborne House

May

- 13th Pop in Place Performers Celebration Concert

June

- 11th Briantspuddle Open Gardens event
- 17th Affpuddle Church fete
- 24th Bere Regis Church fete

July

- 9th Pop in Place Open Gardens event

October

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

Association	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Coffee Stop	Jean Thorn	471646	20 Cyril Wood Court, BH20 7HH		Monthly Cyril Wood Court 1st Saturday 10am - 12 noon
Drax Hall	Sally Cheeseman Bookings Secretary	471022	4 Elder Road BH20 7LY		
Kingsbere Quilters	Miss G Miller	471745	3 Boswell's Close BH20 7JE		Monthly Drax Hall 1st Wednesday @ 9.45 am
Kingsbere Music Trust	Tim Colquhoun	471360	Heatherdown, Brock Hill	kmt@tacmusic.com	Charitable trust supporting devotees of real music
Lenny's - Bere Regis Youth club	Terry Vine	471693	The Bungalow, Lane End, Bere Heath, BH20 7NP	terry.vine@tiscali.co.uk	Weekly. RBL Club 1st Wednesday and following Tuesday evenings Juniors (8-11) 7.15-9.00 Seniors (12-17) 7.15-10.00
Mothers' Union	Hazel Green	471571	3 Southbrook		Monthly. Turberville Court 1st Wednesday. 7.30 p.m.
Mobile Library	Dorset County Council	01305 224440		dorchestermobilelibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk	Alternate fortnights Car park Mondays 9.20- 9.50 Fridays 10.50 - 12.15
Pop in Place	Angela Jones	472261	7 Boswells Close BH20 7JE		Weekly. Drax Hall Monday and Friday mornings 10.00 - 12.00
Purbeck District Councillor	Peter Wharf	472246	The Old Vicarage West Street	peterwharf@hotmail.com	Monthly surgery. Turberville Court, Communal Lounge 1st Saturday @ 9.30—10.00
Royal British Legion Club	Mrs Glo Curtis	472620	32 Old Barn Road	Glo.curtis@dorset.probaton.gsx.gov.uk (work)	Monthly at the club 3rd Monday @ 7.30 p.m.
RBL Gardening Club	Mrs Megan Stone	471627	2 Manor House		Monthly. RBL 1st Tuesday. 8.00 p.m.
RBL Women's Section	Mrs Eileen Maidment	471616	9 Elder Road		Monthly. RBL 3rd Wednesday. 2.00 p.m.
St John's Choral singers	Tim Colquhoun	471360	Heatherdown, Brock Hill	tac@tacmusic.com	Set rehearsal dates for each performance
Twinning Association	Mrs Ann Robinson	472424	3 Southbarn, Sitterton, BH20 7HU	southbarn@tiscali.co.uk	Meetings and events arranged as and when.

THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE

The Vicar

The Reverend Ian Woodward
The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
Tel 01929 471262 (revianw@btinternet.com)

Church Officials – Bere Regis

Lay Reader	Brenda Pitfield	Hillbutts, Bere Regis, BH20 7HZ	471391
Church Wardens	Bob Croom	1 Bitchams Mead, Bere Regis, BH20 7ND (rjlcroom@yahoo.com)	471905
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Organist & Choir Master	Tim Colquhoun	Heatherdown, Brock Hill, BH20 7NH (tac@tacmusic.com)	471360
Weekly Pew Sheet & Gift Aid	Geoffrey Booth	Tower House, Bere Regis BH20 7JA (gwbooth@gwbooth.free-online.co.uk)	471586
Flowers	Jenny Kinahan	13, White Lovington, Bere Regis BH20 7NF (jkin64@aol.com)	472161

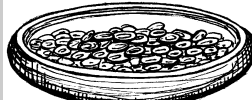
PCC Members: David Gibbs, John House, Richard Smith

Church Officials – Affpuddle

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	Terry Lane	30, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HT	471751
Church Wardens	Paul Badcock	Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle DT2 7HT (paul@cruckcottage.freeserve.co.uk)	471297
	Sandy Moriarty	The Hollow, Briantspuddle DT2 7HX (sandymoriarty@hotmail.com)	471747
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Treasurer of PCC	Mike Menzies	Starmoor, Throop, DT2 7JD michael.menzies@talk21.com	471263
Organist	Ivor Mullins	Grasmere, 12, Parmiter Road, Colehill, Wimborne, BH21 2BN	01202 889227

PCC Members: Janet Cropper, Irene Flint, Sue Gibbs, David Griffiths, Audrey Grindrod, Richard Killer, David Nesling, David Payne

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS



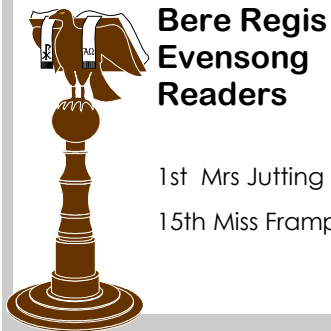
Bere Regis Sidesmen

1st 10.00 am Mr Bates/Mr House
 Chalice Mr House/Mr Smith
 6.00pm Mrs Jutting

8th 11.00am Family service/Plough Sunday
 Mrs England with children

15th 9.15am Mr Wharf/Mr Smith
 Chalice Mr Croom/Mr Wharf
 6.00pm Miss Frampton

22nd 11.00 am Miss Miller



Bere Regis Evensong Readers

1st Mrs Jutting
 15th Miss Frampton



Cleaning and Dusting

Cleaning

Dusting

31st December and 7th
 January 2006

Mrs J Woodward, Mrs C
 Tucker

Mrs J Woodward

14th and 21st January

Mrs H Green, Mrs A Jones

Miss G Miller, Mrs J Harvey

28th January and 4th
 February

Mrs H Loxton and Mrs J
 Clifford

Mrs M Carlyle and Mrs E
 James

Sanctuary Flower Guild

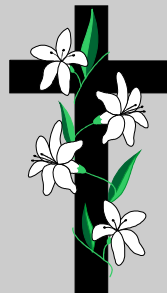
Sunday Jan 8th/15th

Mrs C Burden and Mrs J Gibbs



Sunday Jan 22nd/ 29th

Mrs J Herring and Mrs J Kinahan



January 2006

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS and other useful information

Associati on	Contact	Tel	Address	E-mail	Meetings/Info
Ancient Order of Foresters Court Prospect 6575	Phyl Harris	472445			Monthly RBL Club 1st Monday - 7.30 pm
Autumn Leaves	Margaret Dann Kath Jeeves	472734 471175	4 Bitchams Mead "Larkspur" Snow Hill		Monthly Drax Hall 2nd Wednesday @ 2.30 pm
Bere Regis Church Choir	Tim Colquhoun	471360	Heatherdown, Brock Hill	choir@tacmus ic.com	Rehearsals weekly. 7.00 p.m. every Friday in BR church
Bere Regis Swimming club	Bob Holman	01305 848262	Camelot, Affpuddle DT2 7HH	bob.holman@ affpuddle.fsne t.co.uk	5.30 p.m.—7.00 p.m. at the Blandford Leisure Centre
Bere Regis Health Walks	Lynda Crisford	471180	11 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND	Michael.CRISF ORD@ukgate way.net	Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park
Bere Regis Bell Ringers	Tower Captain - John England Steeple Keeper - Adrian Standfield Tower Correspondent - Jenny Kinahan	471469 471774 472161	10, South Mead		Normal practice night - Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Bere Regis First School	Steven Battishill - Headteacher	471334	Rye Hill BH20 7LP	office@berere gis.dorset.sch. uk	First School for pupils aged 4+ to 9 years
Bere Regis Scout Group (Beavers)	Kim Benjafield Beaver Leader	471170		kimbenjy@ya hoo.co.uk	Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm 5¼ - 8 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scout Group (Cubs)	Christine Whitfield Cub Leader	472159	61		Thursdays 6.30 - 8 pm 8- 10½ or 11 years Scout Hut, Elder Road
Bere Regis Scout	Chris Gall	01305		chrisgall60@v	Mondays 7.30 - 9 pm

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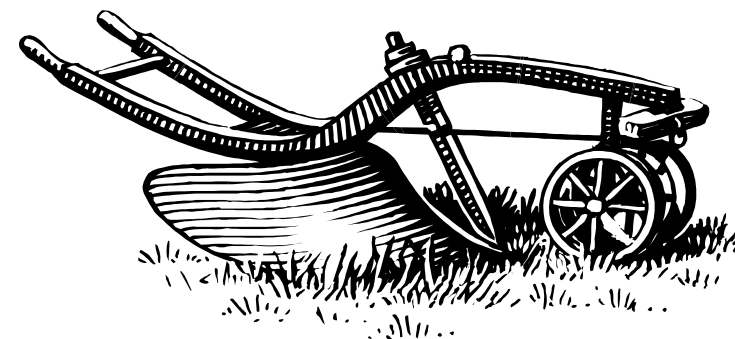
Bere Regis Junior Church

The next children's activity morning will be about:

PLOUGH

Sunday 8th January 2006

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



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

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

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

Date	Time	Sidesman	Readers	Readings
1 January	8.00	R Killer	R Killer	BCP as set
	10.00	<i>Joint Benefice Holy Communion at Bere Regis</i>		
8 January	9.15	E Moriarty	S Moriarty	Acts 19 verses 1-7
		S Moriarty	H Menzies	Mark 1 verses 4-11
	(3.30 pm)	K Wharton	P Neill	Isaiah 60 verses 1-6
	(NB at Turnerspiddle)	K Wharton		Matthew 2 verses 1-12
15 January	8.00	P Badcock	P Badcock	BCP as set
	11.00	D & A Buck	(to be allocated)	John 1 verses 43-end
22 January	9.15	D Reed	P Neill	Revelation 19 verses 6-10
		R Killer	R Killer	John 2 verses 1-11
29 January	9.15	P Badcock	R Croom	Revelation 12 verses 1-5a
		E Moriarty	S Moriarty	Mark 1 verses 21-28
5 February	8.00	G Silavs	G Silavs	BCP as set
	11.00	J Solly	J Solly	Luke 2 verses 1-20
		F Solly	F Solly	

Intercessions: 8 January, T Lane; 22 January, E Whatley; 29 January, J Haigh

Chalice: 8 January, T Lane; 22 January, M Menzies; 29 January, R Croom

JH

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CHURCH SERVICES

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY

Sunday 1st January New Years Day - Second Sunday of Christmas

8am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
10am	Benefice Communion (No Evensong)	Bere Regis

Sunday 8th January The Baptism of Christ & First Sunday of Epiphany

Plough Sunday

8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Family Service for Plough Sunday	Bere Regis
3pm	Evensong and Carols for The Epiphany	Turnerspuddle

Sunday 15th January The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

Sunday 22nd January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
11am	Mattins (No Communion)	Bere Regis

Sunday 29th January The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

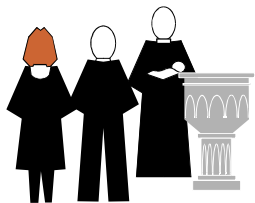
8am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Benefice Communion	Affpuddle

Sunday 5th February The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS



Baptisms

At St. John the Baptist, Bere Regis:

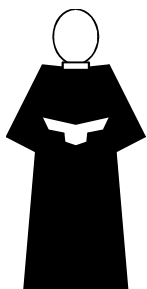
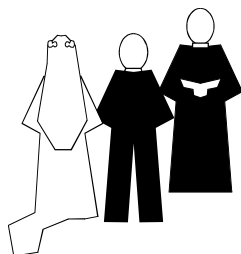
Abigail Katie Willis, on 11th December

Archie James Green on 18th December

Weddings

At St. John the Baptist, Bere Regis:

David Scott and Emma Woods, on 17th December



Funerals

At St. Laurence, Affpuddle

Interment of Ashes of Roger Faulkner, on 17th December

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The Bere Regis cyclists raised the very good sum of £285.50.

£142.75 will come back for Bere Regis church funds.

Very many thanks to our cyclists, Elaine, Mandy S, and Mandy F, Tony, Jon, and their sponsors.

Sybil Frampton

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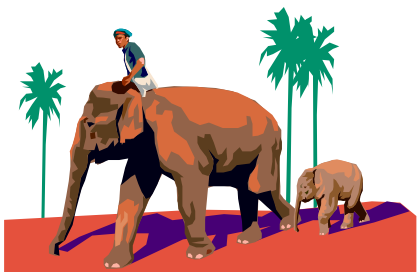
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Now that the official Bere Regis Village website is up and running, if you advertise in the magazine on an annual basis, the details of your advertisement will automatically be included on

Parish Council website: www.bereregis.org

aim towards democratic government with a constitutional monarchy. The Royal Party who run the country by direct decree are no so keen so there is some conflict.

You will recall that a Christian friend, Indira, has recently become engaged. The wedding has now taken place, since the pastor did not agree with outdoor ceremonies the wedding was conducted in the church which only holds one hundred and there were two hundred guests. The immediate family occupied the front of the church and the rest of the guests took turns to stand at the back with the children observing through the windows! The wedding breakfast took place in the church garden (an outdoor event was considered all right) and then the happy couple departed to the bridegroom's village in the local bus taking their presents with them which included a full bottle of gas plus a two burner stove.



Andrea and Allan and their Danish friends have taken a group of orphaned children to a jungle lodge where the children were able to see rhinos and to ride on elephants. Despite living near the jungle this was the first time the children had seen or touched an elephant. Andrea and Allan ask for your prayers for their work and that they may continue to work and

help the Nepalese people. They send Christmas and New Year Good Wishes to everyone.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

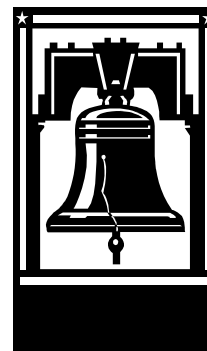
Beat those winter blues ...

by coming to Briantspuddle Village Hall, on Saturday 4th February.

Dave Saunders and Harry Skinner, (ex. award winning Blues band the Producers) are performing an evening of live music, in aid of Save The Children. Harry and Dave are seasoned talented Blues players and have performed all across Europe.

More details to follow but don't miss this exciting duo.

Tickets £7.50 in advance or £8.50 on the door, from Vivi Armitage. 01929 471200



BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Thankyou to all our ringers who have dutifully climbed the stairs to keep the bells ringing during the past year. According to comments we receive their sound is appreciated. We appreciate the help occasionally of neighbouring tower ringers and are pleased to help them on other occasions.

Practices should begin again on Wednesdays starting on the 11th of January at the usual time of 6.30pm.

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Do come to the first Coffee Morning of the New Year on Wednesday 18th January at 10.30 a.m. at the Vicarage.

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MOTHERS' UNION

The December meeting was held at Turberville Court on the 7th December 2005 and 19 members were present. Five guests from Turberville Court joined us for carols and seasonal readings followed by refreshments provided by the Mothers' Union committee. There were apologies from Ian, Nancy Gibson, and Olive Curtis. Many gifts were collected for the mothers at Beckingsale House.



The Royal British Legion has invited us to come to the Royal British Legion Service on the 15th December and four of our members will attend.

At our November meeting Hazel Green, our Leader, informed us that she would be leaving Bere Regis in the near future. This has turned out to be sooner rather than later, and we are very sad this should happen so quickly, but we all wish Hazel 'God Speed' and a happy time in her new place of abode in Truro, Cornwall.

Our next meeting will be held at Turberville court at 7.30 pm. on the 4th January 2006, when Brenda will give a talk on Peace and Reconciliation.

Kay Abbot - Secretary - 472258

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ANDREA AND ALLAN SMITH

If anyone has not received news from Allan recently one of the reasons may be that he has had a computer crash and his backup was not sufficient (is there a moral in this tale!). He could well have lost your e-mail address. Please send him or Andrea a message so that he can restock his address book.

In the last news letter Andrea and Allan say that the weather is cooler now and they even have to have blankets on the bed at night! There is some uncertainty about the renewal of their Visas - at present they only have a three month extension. The local political situation is more stable with the Maoists extending their ceasefire for a month. The Maoists have an agenda to pursue a common

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characters. The performance lasted for seventy minutes and there was no break. How he remembers all his lines I really will not know. He kept his audience spellbound during the entire performance. After the play the audience repaired to the Social Club for a delicious buffet supper provided by the Hall Committee and the Social Club. (Well done those cooks!). Before supper Tom drew the December 100 Club numbers which included the two extra Christmas prizes.

After all expenses were paid there was a profit of £192.37 for the hall repair fund.

It is worth commenting that this year the response to the Artsreach performances has not been as keen as in past years. Though the numbers picked up on the day for both the Zephyr Wind Ensemble and Christmas Carol for each performances we only sold just over fifty tickets. We have been able to make the required payment to Artsreach but the thought does occur that perhaps there are some issues that need to be addressed. If you have any constructive comments about Artsreach and the productions which have recently been staged do please let me have them.

Philippa Thorniley.

Alison Neil in “The Shakespeare Ladies Club”

I have a date for our last Artsreach performance of the 2005/06 Winter/Spring Season. This play will be performed on Saturday 21st January 2006 in Briantspuddle Village Hall. I have not yet got a ticket price but leaflets will be distributed after Christmas: by then tickets will be on sale. Do make a date for what should be a fantastic performance.

The Village Hall Store

The village hall store (what was once George Poore's garage) is getting very full of things that have been dumped there and things “that might come in useful”. At the next meeting of the Hall Committee there is to be a discussion on giving the store a good clear out and reviewing the equipment that is kept there. If you or your organisation has equipment or property stored in the shed please would you contact me - Philippa Thorniley, to discuss whether it really needs to be there.

RABBI TALKS

Briantspuddle Village Hall

16th February 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

As part of our occasional inter-faith talks, Rabbi Neil Amswych of the Reformed Synagogue in Bournemouth has kindly agreed to share his thoughts with us on

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CHURCH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who helped and to those who supported such a grand event. The following was raised:

Grand Draw	516.00	Calendars Sold	145.00
Gift Stall	62.90	Door	28.50
Cake Stall	98.00	Christmas Cake	54.00
Total income	904.40	Expenses (prizes)	175.00
Donations	21.00	Total Profit	751.40

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AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

The deadline for this month's magazine is prior to the Parish Meeting therefore I am unable to offer too much in the way of news.

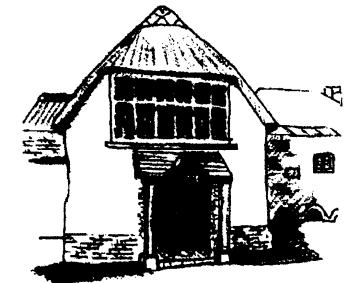
Items on the agenda for the December monthly meeting include reports from representatives of local groups, progress on the actions of the Parish Plan and planning applications for The Pines, Brianstpuddle; 27 & 28 Bladen Valley, Brianstpuddle and Rogershill Farm, Brianstpuddle.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 11th January 2006 at 7.00pm

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The stop gap alterations to the kitchen have now been completed. The kitchen is much more user friendly and spacious and we are all so grateful to Jim Crane for all the work he has done. Thank you Jim.

Philippa Thorniley



Artsreach

The Christmas Carol - On 3rd December the Hall Committee combined with the Social Club to host a performance of Dickens' Christmas Carol. Tom Verral related the familiar story of Scrooge, Marley's Ghost, Tiny Tim and his (Scrooge's) eventual redemption.

Tom's performance was outstanding. His face was like plastic and kept reforming to reflect all the



Scorers: Ollie(5); Jake(3); Harry(2); Jordan

Bere Dragons 8: Lytchett RT 0

Scorers: Ollie(3); Jake(2); Laurence; Harry; Tom

Weymouth Terras 3: Bere Dragons 0

It's amazing what a little financial incentive will do to a child! When Roman Larderovitch made a bold promise to pay £5 per goal and £5 to the keeper for a clean sheet, little did he know he would need a mortgage by the end of the game. A superb performance from each and every one drew praise from both managers, yes even Mark felt they played well, an occurrence on a par with Gascoigne passing a bar! And blow me down, they only went and did the same again the next week. Lytchett must have wondered what hit them as Ollie plundered another hat trick, Laurence showed us his box of tricks and Jake showed us how a left foot should be used. This time Roman did not make the same mistake and all they had to show for it was the heady heights of third place in the league. Unfortunately, a disappointing away performance in the next week saw them drop below the Terras again, with Darren, in goal, stopping an even worse result with an outstanding performance. The winter break should, hopefully, see Santa deliver new boots, shin pads and a hatful of goals for the little dragons because they have certainly been good so far this season.



Tesco Vouchers:

Just a little note to thank you all for your generosity (you know who you are!). At the last count we have had over 4,400 vouchers (an unbelievable £44,000 worth of Tesco shopping, every little helps their profits!!).

We are currently combing the catalogue for the best deals, but this will at least give us two junior goals and various bits of equipment for both cricket and football.

I will update you with all the equipment we finally order next month but once again..... THANKS!!

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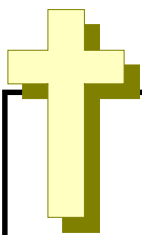
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The Venerable Graham Roblin

For Graham: a sermon at the Requiem Eucharist and Funeral Service at Sherborne Abbey for The Venerable Graham Roblin, preached by Canon Eric Woods, Vicar of Sherborne, Saturday 16 December 2005

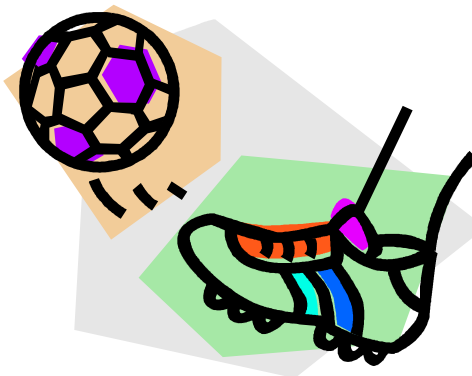
In the time of Francis of Assisi, a lad joined the Order the saint had founded, longing to become a friar preacher himself. For the first few months he was put to work in the kitchen, and fretted with impatience at not being taught how to preach.

Eventually, however, Francis himself drew him to one side and asked him if he would like to go into the town with him to preach. The boy's heart was full as they set out, but soon his impatience began to rise again. First they stopped along the way to see a man whose son needed work. Then they called on an old woman who was sick and lonely. The saint spent a long time greeting folk they met on the road, and peasants working in the fields. Once they arrived in the town, the first task was to see a merchant about a post for the son. Then they begged food for the brothers at home. In the market place, Francis was stopped by all manner of people, and had a kind word for all, including comfort for some and advice for others. Finally Francis turned to the lad and suggested that it was time to return to the friary. 'But Brother Francis', burst out the boy in an agony of frustration, 'when are we going to preach?' The saint slipped his arm about him. 'Why, my brother, we have been preaching all the time.'

We have all been to funerals and memorial services – many of them – when the shades of Eamon Andrews (that dates me!) or Michael Aspel have hovered in the pulpit, with their Big Red Book. Graham would have none of it for his service today. 'Leave me out of it' was one of his last orders. Well, Graham, I was never in the army, (though for ten years, as Vicar of Wroughton in Wiltshire, I was a Temporary Officiating Chaplain RAF at the late -lamented hospital whenever the padre was away), so I don't **have** to obey that particular command. And in one sense, how could I? But as a priest who believes, as you believed, that a Christian funeral should be about our Resurrection hope, I know what you meant, and as one of your army of friends I will honour the spirit of that last wish, if not the letter.



A plum home draw against Lyme Regis, the darlings of the Western league, should see a capacity home crowd of at least ten again and swell the coffers to allow Rob to dabble in the transfer market. We may yet see another Vauxhall Chavalier in his driveway.....



Sundays

Bere Regis 3: Purbeck AFC 6

Scorers: K Cox; T Bennett; P Macklin

Horse and Groom 1: Bere Regis 4

Scorers: N White (2); M Mahoney; T Bennett

Bere Regis 2: Sturminster Marshall 3

Scorers M Walker; S Cope

It is good watching this young side turn themselves into quite a formidable little unit. Against the runaway, 'we cant stop scoring', 'we're too good for this league', leaders Bere were good enough to give them a fright, and I don't just mean the sight of Coxy first thing on a Sunday morning. Bere were ahead and good for their lead, but in the end class told and Purbeck were so far ahead they even managed to bring Whippet on for the last ten minutes. He was soon showing us he had lost none of the old touches with two misplaced passes and three miscontrols in the space of a couple of minutes. Legend! It is nice to hear the manager say he was unhappy with a 4-1 win in the next game, but then he is a Man Utd supporter. Suffice to say that the team is ever improving and almost pipped Stur Marshall to a point and fifth place in the league the following week. This team is certainly going places, infact Hamworthy next week.

PS If anyone is interested in knowing more about Nick White's goals and have a weekend to spare then feel free to ask him yourself, or log onto his website www.l'mthebest.com for further information.

Juniors

Weymouth Victoria 0: Bere Dragons 11

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football reports

Saturdays

Broadmayne 0: Bere Regis 0

Lytchett RT 5: Bere Regis 1

Scorer W Cope

Bere Regis 5: Verwood Town 3 aet (CUP)


R White (2); C Osmond; A Moore; W Cope



Bere's league form this month was disappointing, to say the least. Both opposition teams were big, tough and ugly, whilst Bere have more 'pretty boys' than a house full of budgies. On the small pitches Bere were simply muscled out of their passing game and made to look pretty ordinary. Even Bungy ended up with cracked ribs, although still played through it (clearly either very brave or very daft, you decide!). Against Broadmayne, Shaun Cope missed a golden opportunity and Dean saved us right at the death. Against Lytchett, up against players who would struggle to spell Neanderthal and with nicknames like Rhino, I have seen jellyfish with more backbone than most of the Bere team. Thankfully there is always the Cup....

Short on players, Rob decided to go short on the keeper as well as he put Neal Percy in to allow Dean to shore up the defence. Given that Verwood had disposed of Lytchett RT in the last round even the vicar wouldn't give them a prayer, but football is a funny old game! For the few hardy souls who turned up to watch they saw an absolute classic. For the diehard fans, there was the usual rant at the referee after the first goal was clearly offside. For the football lovers, there was a classic forty yarder from Verwood to make it 2-0. For those who are interested in rarities, there was a goal from Ginge (rarer than a piece of Mourinho humility, or a game where he doesn't get injured). For those with a weak heart, there was the last minute goal from Rob White to send the game into extra time. For lovers of comedy, the sight of the referee picking up the ball and threatening to go home was a sheer delight (especially when he was asked to give us our ball back please!) And for those who like a happy ending, Rob White, Adrian Moore (nice lob, or so I've heard!) and Wayne Cope (a nicer lob than Adrian's) saw Bere home and dry and into the quarter finals.

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Letters! So many of them. You, one of the humblest of men (I've not met many humble archdeacons in my time, but you were certainly one of them) – you would not have believed the avalanche of letters that would descend on Penny and the family when news spread of your passing. I have been privileged to read some of them, and I mean privileged. They all paint the same picture, of a man who believed that the Gospel must be **caught** before it is taught, and who was highly infectious, contagious, with it. I think young people would say (though I can never keep up with their rapidly changing idioms) that you 'walked the talk'. Not a bad epitaph, that. I'd be more than happy if they could put on my headstone 'He walked the talk'. They can certainly put it on yours. On the whole, though, I think I'd borrow - from a 17th century headstone in the churchyard at Wroughton - another epitaph for you. It is to one John Duck, who died in the year of the Great Fire of London, and who

Lived well to die never;

Died well to live ever.

That's what the letters say, too. *'He remained true to his calling at all times; as a faithful servant of the Church he resolutely upheld its traditions and teachings, despite what others might say or do...people and their needs were always top of his agenda, and many will have their own special reason to be grateful to him.'* *'Ever cheerful, kind and considerate almost to a fault, he was that rare commodity: a truly good man.'* *'The force of his personality, his kindness and his great humanity made an instant impact and we so loved his twinkling humour and those laughing eyes. I remember thinking that I must listen so carefully to everything he said – wishing so much to learn from him how to approach life as he did with his generosity, his wisdom and always with that sense of understanding and fun.'* *'As he grew in stature in his priesthood, he had a profound and significant influence over the personalities and families with whom he came into contact. So many people will remember him with deep affection, love and gratitude for all the spiritual care, devotion and support he gave them over their individual, and often difficult, situations.'*

From the age of eight, Graham, you knew you were destined to be ordained. From your earliest years at the Cathedral School at Exeter, that was your vocation. At King's College, Taunton, that was your vocation. During National Service, commissioned into the South Wales Borderers and serving in Malaya during the emergency, that was your vocation. It took you to King's College, London, and a post-graduate year at St Boniface College, Warminster; ordination at



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the hands of Bishop Mervyn Stockwood; a curacy in South London. It took you into the Royal Army Chaplains' Department for 26 years: Singapore, Malaya, Germany, Warminster, Sandhurst, Germany again, Northern Ireland, Hong Kong, Germany once more, Bagshot, Germany again, and then again. Bagshot again. The man with the Big Red Book is getting nearer! Assistant Chaplain General. Deputy Chaplain General. Archdeacon for the Army. Queen's Honorary Chaplain. OBE. Always a parish priest at heart, you rejoiced to serve for nine years as a Rector of Bere Regis and Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle. Then the all-too-short retirement at Yetminster, still a priest for many, in parish and deanery and beyond. And still in military harness too, to the end, as Honorary Chaplain to the Royal Tank Regiment. 'Leave me out of it.'

Yes, but Graham, if I leave you out of it, what about Penny and Catherine and David and all the rest of your wonderful, loving family, who were so much there for you in those last days? I'm sorry, old friend; you can't have it both ways. You can't have the family in the frame, as it were, and you out of it. Back to the letters again: *'He devoted his life to his Ministry, and how wonderful for you both that you found each other...You were perfect for each other.'* *'He would have been the first to admit that he could not have attempted [so much] without your love and support. You were constantly at his side. As a team you have been an example and encouragement to all of us.'* *'He died, as he would have wanted, at the lovely home you both created, surrounded by his beloved family and at peace with himself.'*

That's better. I can hear you saying it. Talk to them about dying, by all means. This is Your Life was never interested in dying. I had the inestimable privilege of ministering to you in your last days, Graham, and I know that you were not afraid. As another of those letters put it, In his approach to death Graham was sharing with us the most profound experience that, one day, we each have to face. I think you would have been glad to hear that. A priest in your dying, as in your living: a man who *lived well to die never; died well to live ever*. Or, as perhaps the most moving letter of all puts it – and I do hope that its author will not be unhappy to hear his words replayed, as it were:

I have tried to be a Christian for many years. That means I have struggled to believe that death is not the end and that suffering and disappointment and failure are part of God OK. I have kind of preached that – but I have always felt a bit, well, it's easy to say you believe this stuff if it is not imminent. When I spoke to Graham he told me he had no fear of death and that he felt he could cope – and he knew he was in 'deep trouble'. I found that immensely



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So is it possible then, as the title of this page suggests, "to boldly go" into this New Year with all its unknown factors that are ahead? The answer to that is simply "yes" – as long as our confidence is in the Lord and His ability to see where we cannot see. To trust someone you have to get to know them – rarely will we trust a complete stranger. And the wonderful news of the Bible is that we can have daily relationship with God and know Him as Our Heavenly Father through trusting in Jesus Christ. That means relinquishing our self-dependence and acknowledging our sin, and receiving forgiveness and cleansing that is from Christ alone.

We cannot choose our circumstances for the coming year. But we make a choice as to how we deal with those circumstances. And we can either muddle through in our own strength or we can 'boldly go' forward in the strength that God can supply for each day. Certainly the promise that was given to Joshua as he and the people of Israel faced the future can be ours in Christ by the Holy Spirit. "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

***"In Jesus Name our prayer we raise,
Whose guiding Hand has blessed our days;
And may we, Lord, in godly fear
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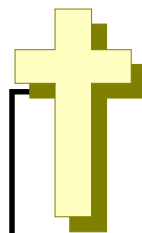
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important. I felt that if he could hold on in the dark maybe I will be able to. It is possible. I hope and pray he was able to hold on – but even if at the end he was overpowered by this world (Jesus seems to have been) he did believe when he knew he was dying. That is so important to me.

Soon it will be Christmas, and Christmas without Graham will be hard for you, Penny, for Catherine and David, and for all the family. But what a wonderful time to be giving thanks for a Christian man. For Christmas is about God entering into the stuff and substance of our lives, about Christ coming into life as part of an ordinary human family; of his coming, the Son of God, as a little baby -thing who made a woman cry. It is about God reaching out to us, not just for a moment but always, in every detail of life, including life's last moments on this earth. Above all it is about God reaching out to us in the hidden places of our hearts. Christ stands at the door of your heart, and longs to be invited in. To be invited in, not as a momentary guest, but to live for ever with you and in you, as your brother and as your Saviour and as your friend.

Graham Roblin knew that and believed that with every fibre of his being. He knew too that Jesus Christ brings no cheap grace. Problems do not go away, sorrows do not disappear. But they are shared. In our weakness we discover God's strength. In our loneliness we discover his presence. And Graham knew and accepted the challenge Christ brings: a challenge to riskier and more glorious living, a challenge to deeper love and, yes, greater vulnerability; a challenge to new heights and depths of life. Which is why I know he would want to finish, not with the closing of the Big Red Book, but with a question. All of this is God's gift to you, as it was to Graham. A gift of love and a gift of hope. Graham accepted it, with an open heart.

Will you?

Will you accept God's gift of himself to you, with all that that entails? He is here now: the child in the manger, the crucified Lord, the risen Saviour with arms outstretched to you. God's gift of himself – to you. Graham dared to say 'yes' to Christ. He lived that 'yes' until his dying day. He lives it still.

Will you?

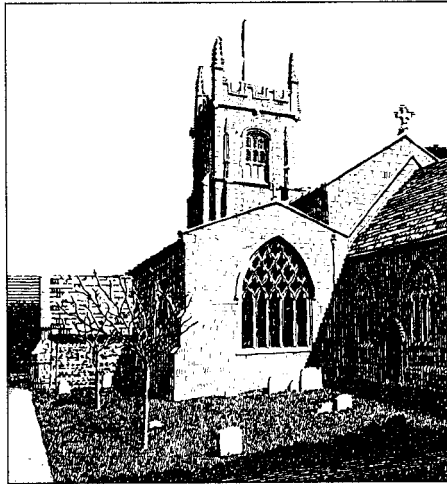


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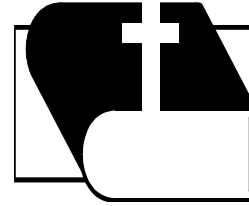
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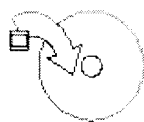
With the New Year in mind....

To boldly go....

So here we are – a brand new year! But what are our hopes and aspirations as we boldly go where none of us has gone before? Some no doubt will be looking ahead with relish, eager to seize new opportunities and move forward with enthusiasm. For many others I suspect the future may appear daunting and fraught with fear and trepidation.

The bible tells us that God has numbered not just our years, but also our days. He has provided these seasons of life so that we may pause and reflect. In fact as we mark the passing of another year it is a good time for us to take stock of our lives – to review the past twelve months and to renew our lives as we move forward. As you look back were you able to accomplish all that you had planned to do? Even our best intentions have a way of getting sidetracked by unexpected circumstances. For most of us the previous twelve months will have been a mix of experiences and emotions that have either brought great joy or deep grief. We've celebrated birthdays and anniversaries as well as mourned lost love ones and missed opportunities. There will have been laughter and tears, success and failure, pleasure and pain – all the essential ingredients of life. And as we contemplate the unforeseen twists and turns of the days ahead we can either do so with despair or determination.

Most of us will have already got out our diaries and calendars and made plans for the future – places to go, people to see, jobs that have to be completed. But is all our plans we should not forget these wise words from the Bible – "Now listen, you who say, "today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money" Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "if it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." (found in James 4:13-15) That doesn't mean for one moment that we should not plan – life would be chaos if everyone acted on impulse. It isn't wrong to be well organised and make plans for the future as long as those plans are submitted to God's sovereign will. We should not forget that God has a plan, a divine blueprint for each of our lives. I recall a telling little phrase I once read which said quite simply, "**God's plans include you. Do your plans include God? Is that true o f us?**"



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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the last meeting for the year the Council discussed the contents of a letter from a well known housing developer who is offering their services to build our much needed affordable houses. However like all housing developers there is a sting in their tail as they wish to build a large number of houses of which only a percentage will be affordable. This does not tie up with the Council's thoughts on the subject which are for affordable houses only and built for local people. It was decided to write to The Synergy Group, who are the parent company to the Purbeck Housing Trust, to follow up their offer to assist us in progressing the affordable houses that we require.



As the year ends so with the start of the new year our thoughts were given to the Precept. That is the money that we require to do the things that are required to be done during the coming year. This then becomes part of the dreaded Council Tax. The Council has a Finance Working Party which, with the Clerk, works out the sums. All of this is reported to the District Council who then finalise the sums required from us all.

The Travellers are still at Gallows Hill whilst arrangements are sought on what to do next. There is, as ever, talk of them being joined by others but this has not happened yet. They are the responsibility of the County Council but of course in reality they end up in a Parish. They present a difficult problem to us all as they choose to live apart from the main communities and like to be on the move.

It is apparent that somebody has driven a car on the grass close to the Youth Shelter. Who ever it was clearly sank the car into the soft surface and created some very deep ruts. The Council has spent a great deal of money in creating this new Play Area and it is not amused by this vandalism. The Council recognises the shortfall in the kick wall area and is seriously investigating the laying of an all weather playing surface. It is fearful of the effect of this vehicle on such a surface, which is going to cost a large sum. The Council is happy to provide for the older youths who have requested this, but in return there must be responsible behaviour towards the facilities provided.

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Open Gardens 2006

Following the feedback from last year's very successful event we are planning to hold this years 'Open Gardens' on 9th July 2006.

The initial planning stages have to be started in the near future. Offers of gardens for this year's event should be made in writing to Alison Bennett at 3, Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis by 1st March 2006. 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 Angela on 01929-472261.

Dates for the Diary

13 th May	Saturday	Spring Concert	7.00pm
9 th July	unday	Open Gardens	10.00am to 4.00pm

BERE REGIS W.I.

All is not what it seems in the world of television and film. The ladies of the WI were treated to an evening of behind the scenes of stunt secrets. Bottles made from sugar glass to be broken over heads in the Queen Vic, and no Mr Wogan doesn't do those back flips, a stuntman in a fat suit and some clever computer wizardry. All this from a stunt co-ordinator who currently works on Casualty and Eastenders, after 25 years of doing stunts. An excellent evening enjoyed by all.



Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

January 17th Sugarcraft

February 21st Childhood memories

February 28th Pancake Race at the Sports Club

Join us at the Drax Hall at 7.30pm, all welcome.



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POP IN PLACE NEWS

Happy New Year

Welcome back after the Christmas Break. Our regular sessions restart on Monday 9th January.



Christmas Show

The Christmas Show "In Search of Christmas - A Pirate Pantomime" was very well attended at both the Matinee and Evening Performance. This event included a Christmas Variety Show and Refreshments. The polished performances demonstrate the depth of talent within our community.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to this event and to all 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 Pop In Place Performers

After the resounding success of the Christmas Show we look forward to our Spring Concert on Saturday 13th May 2006. (Please note this is a date change to that published in the Village Calendar.)

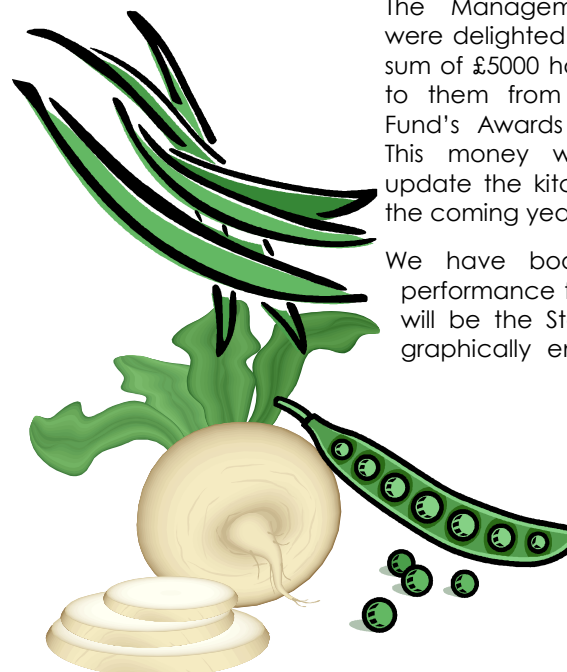
Performers of any age will be most welcome. We meet on a Thursday 6pm to 7.45pm at the Drax hall, apart from the second Thursday as its Parish Council. We work in our various workshop groups and focus on music, dance, arts and craft, and drama. You must register by filling in a registration form and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

The Pop in Place Performers will be holding a meeting on Thursday 19th January at 6.00 p.m. at the Drax Hall to discuss and plan for the Celebration Concert in May.

New members and anyone interested in participating is welcome to come along.

Please note that there has been a change to the date of this event and that it will now take place on 13th May 2006, not 20th May.

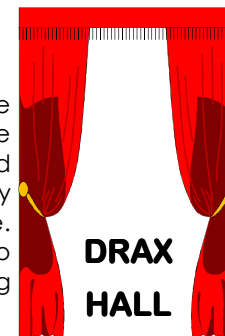
DRAX HALL



The Management Committee were delighted to learn that the sum of £5000 had been granted to them from the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All scheme. This money will be used to update the kitchen area during the coming year.

We have booked a puppet performance for the February half term holiday. This will be the Storybox Theatre presenting the rather graphically entitled 'The Pea, the Bean and the Enormous Turnip' on February 14th. Then on March 2nd we have the Forest Forge Theatre presenting 'The Country Wife'. We do attract a large number of people from afar whenever we have this Company so the advice is to book ahead if you wish to attend.

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AGE CONCERN DORCHESTER

COLD CAN KILL

Older people in Dorset are being warned again this year that cold weather can be a killer. Every winter, over 20,000 older people die from cold-related illnesses, due to increased chances of cold and flu and greater risks of heart attacks and strokes. Older people should also take particular care if they have a history of angina or breathing problems such as bronchitis or emphysema.

As part of the British Gas/Help the Aged Partnership, which also the funds the National Benefits Advice Programme, a useful booklet has been produced, with suggestions about how to keep warm this winter, including eating the right food, keeping active and dressing for warmth.

Included in the pack is information about how to apply for free cavity wall and



and effectively carry out their role of "critical friend" by challenging and questioning the teaching and learning that takes place.

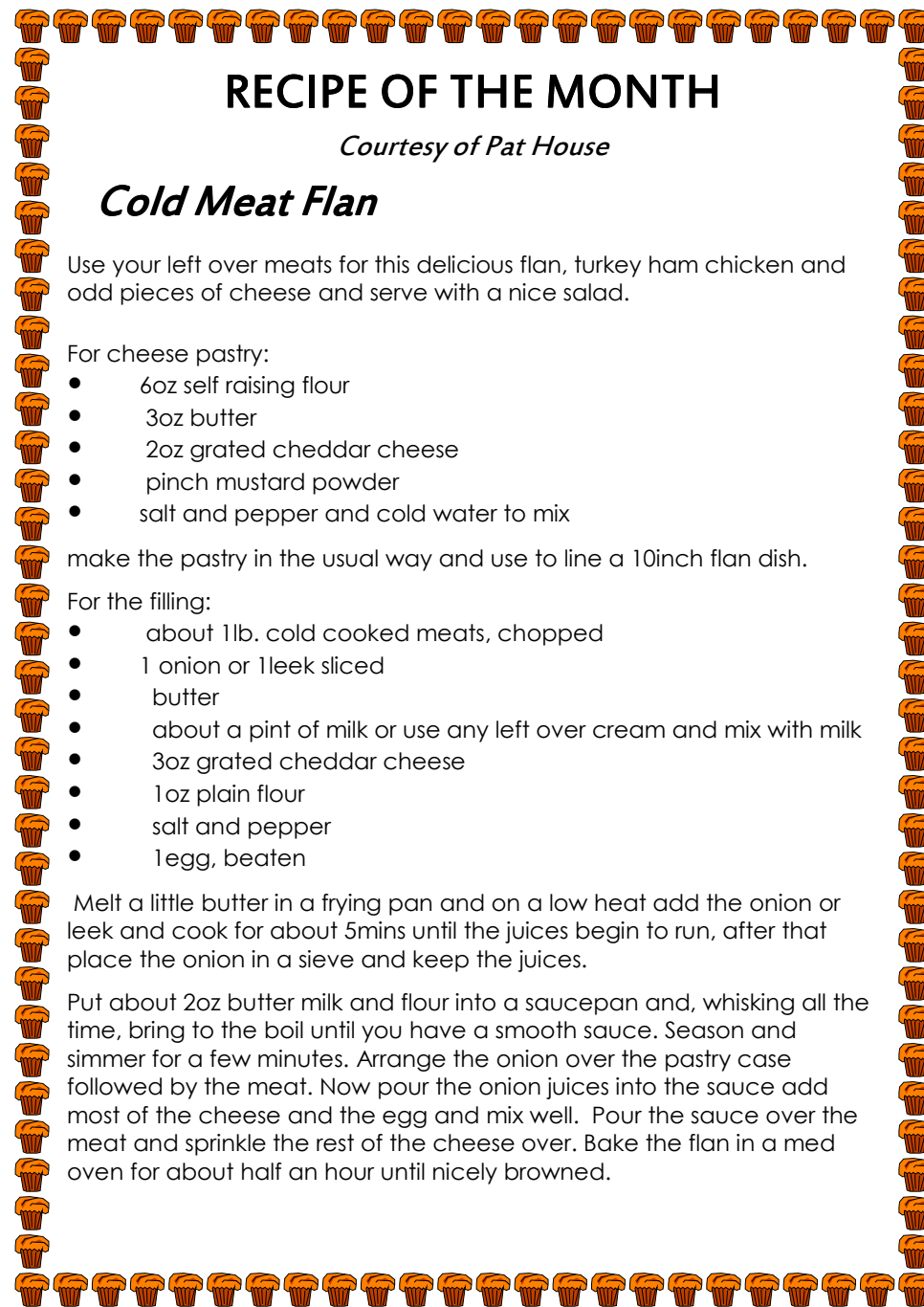
We hope to have the new path up to the school complete by Easter and new sheltered areas at both the boys and girls ends to protect the children and their parents from rain/sun!

The children would like to be more involved with the wider community and would welcome links with village groups. If you have a skill, which you would be willing to share in school or if there is a local project that you feel we could help with please contact us on 471334.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Courtesy of Pat House

Cold Meat Flan

Use your left over meats for this delicious flan, turkey ham chicken and odd pieces of cheese and serve with a nice salad.

For cheese pastry:

- 6oz self raising flour
- 3oz butter
- 2oz grated cheddar cheese
- pinch mustard powder
- salt and pepper and cold water to mix

make the pastry in the usual way and use to line a 10inch flan dish.

For the filling:

- about 1lb. cold cooked meats, chopped
- 1 onion or 1leek sliced
- butter
- about a pint of milk or use any left over cream and mix with milk
- 3oz grated cheddar cheese
- 1oz plain flour
- salt and pepper
- 1egg, beaten

Melt a little butter in a frying pan and on a low heat add the onion or leek and cook for about 5mins until the juices begin to run, after that place the onion in a sieve and keep the juices.

Put about 2oz butter milk and flour into a saucepan and, whisking all the time, bring to the boil until you have a smooth sauce. Season and simmer for a few minutes. Arrange the onion over the pastry case followed by the meat. Now pour the onion juices into the sauce add most of the cheese and the egg and mix well. Pour the sauce over the meat and sprinkle the rest of the cheese over. Bake the flan in a med oven for about half an hour until nicely browned.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP



January 9th 2006 Lunch at 12.30 followed by the A.G.M. at 2pm.

1st Sunday Coffee - 1st January 2006 - Karen and Pat



PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Highways

A rare degree of unanimity was achieved in the Council chamber when we met with representatives of Dorset County Council recently to discuss transport issues. We were all horrified at the proposal to charge for on street car parking in Wareham and left our County colleagues in no doubt as to the strength of the opposition to this. We felt it would irrevocably harm the market town nature of Wareham and would prevent people from parking on the main street for a few minutes to pop in to the shops. I also took the opportunity to complain about the lack of response to a variety of questions I have been asking on behalf of constituents over the last five years. The answer was "we are not staffed up to answer questions". My response to that is unprintable – I will continue to chase them on your behalf!

Waste

I have been asked by a couple of elderly people why they can not have smaller wheelie bins. I said that I thought it was because they would not work on the new SITA Lorries. However this is not the case.

One reason is that the bins go with the house, so that a single elderly person might be quite happy with a smaller bin, but if they vacate, the next person coming in (perhaps not even knowing that they had a non standard bin) might have preferred a standard one.

In retrospect, the Council Officer in charge recognises it would have been better

BERE REGIS SCHOOL

As we reach the end of 2005 I look back with pride on the achievements of our children. Academically they achieve very well in comparison with their peers in Dorset on a whole. This is due in part to the excellent teaching and also to the varied and stimulating curriculum they experience. Wherever possible we try to expand and extend the range of visitors and visits that give the children insights into life and learning.

We are forever grateful to the Friends of Bere Regis School (FOBRS) PTA committee for all their fundraising efforts, which raise funds to support our activities. Recently the school was handed a cheque for £3,000 from FOBRS and this will be used to support our activities over the coming year.

The £10,000 grant from the Woolworth's Playground Partnership has been spent on improvements to the school grounds. The path around the school field is used every day as the children "power walk" two circuits as part of our Healthy Schools activities. Some work is still to be done in the grounds including the completion of a bowling alley and the construction of a small amphitheatre.

The school garden will continue to be developed and we would always welcome new plants and advice on future projects. Unfortunately the recent high winds destroyed our new greenhouse but we are hoping to replace and relocate it in the New Year.



Our school prefects and Playground Friends do a wonderful job in keeping the school running smoothly. They take their responsibilities very seriously with the result that playtimes and lunchtimes are periods of high activity where everyone is encouraged to participate in the wide range of opportunities available. Miss Farnes is in the process of setting up the School Council to give the children a greater involvement in making decisions, which affect them. From this group children will be selected to represent the school at the Purbeck Schools Council Forum.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Governors, and particularly the Chairman Pip Evans, for their support in 2005. They are very supportive of the staff



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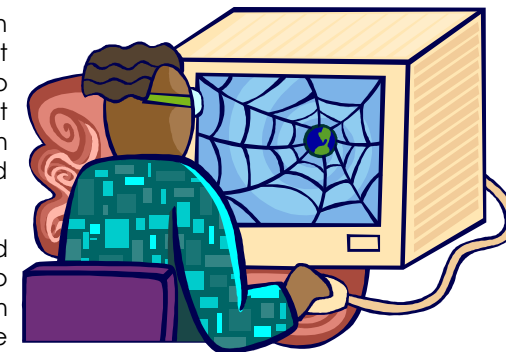
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to have ordered a few to give some flexibility as they have had that same question several times. The Council will now have another look at that decision, and Officers will discuss it with me soon.

Purbeck District Council Website

As the E-Government Spokesman and Adviser to Purbeck District Council I recently had the privilege to unveil a brand new website at www.purbeck-dc.gov.uk which contains more features and information than ever before.



The new site has been modernised and reorganised to make it easier to use and includes new features such as 'Register Your Event' where organisers can add their event to the website and User Polls to facilitate online research. There is also the new Community Forum where residents can log on and have an online chat with each other, sharing views, thoughts and ideas that affect them and the area in which they live.

The website also provides extensive information about the services the Council provides, from licenses to leisure and from people to partnerships.

The new website meets new technical and content standards set by the Government which we had to complete by 31 December 2005. The new website was completely funded by Government grants which were dependent upon us achieving certain targets. I am pleased to report that we reported back to the ODPM's office (John Prescott!) in December that we have achieved 100% of the over 70 targets that we were set.

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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opportunities for young people to get involved in stone carving, alongside opportunities to shoot videos, take photographs and prepare leaflets and guides for future visitors.

The young people will be staying on Portland for the residential weekends taking place in late January and February to allow for two full days over each weekend for working on the project. There will also be trips and walks to other locations on the Jurassic Coast to study the cliffs, beaches and to record the findings on video and in photographs. At the end of the project items of work are to be exhibited in the County Museum in Dorchester. A great opportunity for those young people selected to take part and it's all FREE. The young member can hardly wait to go again on the 18th December when the will meet up the friends they made from Winterborne Whitechurch last time and meet a couple of Scouts joining the group from Dorchester.

On the 13th Decembers members had a relaxing time watching a home movie by way of a change; this proved popular and will be repeated in the future.

The Youth club will be holding the annual Christmas Party on Tuesday 20th December, bringing an end to another successful year.

The club will re-open on the 17th January for the first session of the New Year, membership being renewable from this date.

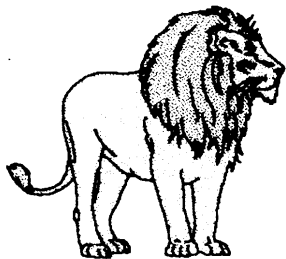
New members are always welcome, just call in at the club on any club night; we will be pleased to see you.

Membership is due as of the 1st of January and fees have been raised for the first time for some years.

The new charges being £3 juniors (8 to 11) and £5 seniors (12 to 17)

On behalf of the youth club I would like to thank the Bere Regis Royal British Legion Club Committee for their continued support for the youth club, which enables the youth club to continue to provide a very cost effective provision for young people. I would also like to thank all those other people who support the club in various ways, including my assistant helpers and those who had given support and donations to the cause, many, many thanks.

Terry Vine Youth Leader, Tel: 01929 471693



BERE REGIS YOUTH 'LENNY'S'

The annual 'Talent Show' was held at the youth club on November 22nd with Daniel Lye and his magic tricks taking him into first place. Daniel then went forward to represent 'Lenny's' at the Dorset Youth Association county finals in Dorchester on the 9th December, finishing as Runner-up in the over 12s section.

A 'Pool Challenge' took place on the 29th November reaching only the quarter final stages; the competition will therefore be carried over to a date in the New Year.

A number of young members took part in the 'Heritage Discovery Project', fund by the Heritage Lottery Fund, being run by Dorset Youth Association to which 'Lenny's' is affiliated. The five members joined with seven other young people from Winterborne Whitechurch youth club for a day out to Charmouth and Seatown.

The visit involved studying the coastline and searching for fossils, of which a reasonable number of specimens were collected, this being the first part of the project which runs through to the end of March 2006. The project also includes two more day visits, both to the Isle of Portland to visit the Portland Sculpture and Quarry Trust in preparation for two residential weekends. The Trust will be offering



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Dates for your diary:

ST GEORGE'S NIGHT, Saturday 22nd April. We have decided to change the theme to a Medieval Banquet instead, and once again the event will be held at Briantspuddle Village Hall. Open to all. More details to follow.

SKITTLES EVENING – to be arranged.

CERENCES VISIT TO BERE REGIS will be from Fri 2nd June – Sun 4th June 2006 this year so please make a note of that now.

On behalf of the Twinning Committee we wish you all "A very happy New Year and a good 2006".

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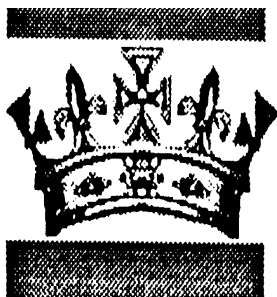


The most improved player of the season was presented to Jamie Lake.

The evening concluded with copious amounts of alcohol and a cheesy disco DJ'D by Shane Mooney, with the usual ROGS suspects throwing some very unnatural shapes on the dance floor. A big thanks to the Bulbury Golf Club and to all our ROGS members for their continued support over the year.

I am looking forward to my coming year as captain supported by my able vice captain Roger Duncanson, with an extremely interesting and challenging choice of venues, which I am sure everybody will enjoy!

Captain French!



BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our Wine Tasting Evening held at The Drax Arms in November was a most enjoyable and entertaining occasion. Tim Colquhoun gave a very informative and light-hearted talk supported by samples of wines of the world. Excellent cheeses were supplied by The Drax Arms.

Twelfth Nigh Buffet and Trivia Quiz

We are repeating this following the success of the one held last year. Once again Peter and Pat Wharf have kindly agreed to host the event at their home, The Old Vicarage, West Street on Friday 6th January at 7.30pm. Again it will be a French theme – cheeses and wine, Galettes des Rois and Kir. In keeping with last year, please bring along your own wine, beer etc. Tickets £5 (the same as last time – some things don't go up in price!) and are limited to about 40, so please book early to save disappointment. Contact: Debbie Scott, Kingsbere 31 West St (opposite Central Stores) Tel: 471657. There will be a fund raising raffle and offers of prizes will be most welcome. Please bring ready wrapped and disguise appearance – a good way of recycling all that Christmas wrapping paper! There will also be a prize-winning Quiz – definitely not "Mastermind" or "University Challenge".

AGM, Monday, 6th February 2006 at Bere Regis Sports Club. To members old and new, please do come and show your support. Wine and "nibbles" will be available at a nominal cost to cover expenses – an excellent occasion for members to mix and to welcome newcomers to the Association.

BERE REGIS HEALTH WALKS

The walks will start again at 10.30 am on Tuesday 3rd January 2006. There are normally two walks – one of about 30 minutes and the other of about 1 hour.

I am pleased to say that we do have people taking part in the shorter walk again. This walk is mostly on Tarmac through the winter months.

During the autumn we have had an average of seventeen walkers every Tuesday.

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More details from Lynda on 471180.



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 Searched the pockets of my coat,
 E'en the cabin of my boat!
 I'm certain there's no other place to check.

But I've retraced all my steps since last I saw them,
 And looked in case they've fallen on the ground.
 I'll give up in despair
 And get out my stand-by pair;
 It's when I look for something else that they'll be found!

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Play commenced at 10.04am with the President and Captain who eagerly tee'd off and then proceeded to bumble up the first fairway at a blistering pace.

After a hard fought 18 holes in glorious December sunshine, the weary President and Captain retired to the 19th hole to check whether the lager was up to standard for the evenings ROGS presentation!



Sat in the 19th both watching the teams to stream down the fairway to the 18th hole, the Captain looked nervously uneasy as the President's team took an early lead. Slowly but surely the rest of the players came in after an epic 5 hour plus round. The captains team fought back to bring the score level to 7½ apiece. Now only Big John's and Ian Dytham's result to come in. The Captain's confidence began to grow, the president with tears dripping into his pint was preparing to concede defeat. But alas to the Captain's dismay Big John was not firing on all cylinders, and only managed a draw. So the final score was a draw!

After a sumptuous carvery provided by The Bulbury Golf Club, the Captain welcomed a record attendance of 84 people to the presentation evening.

The ROGS raffle whose prizes were generously donated by local businesses generated a fund of nearly £400.00 which was donated to The pre-school Ragamuffins playgroup.

The results were:

ROGS Ryder Cup Christmas Cup of Good Cheer the President's team v the Captain's team resulted in a draw.

The Stapleford results:

1st Ali Hewitt

2nd Roger Duncanson

3rd Simon Scott

Longest Drive - Ian Dytham

Nearest Pin 1 - Ali Hewitt

Nearest Pin 2 - Roger Duncanson

Nearest Pin in 2 - Brian Jones

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Golf Days held every month, usually the last Friday, from March through to October.
 New members are invited to join. Contact Guy Storey – 471041 for membership forms and

VENUES 2006

DATE	TROPHY	VENUE	WINNER
Friday 31st March	GRS Trophy	Long Sutton	
Friday 28th April	Jim Corbin Cup	Queens Park	
Friday 26th May	Whitbread Shield	Axecliff	
Friday 30th June	Captain's Cup	Dunwood	
Friday 28th July	Landlord's Cup	Isle of Purbeck	
Friday 25th August	President's Cup	Meon Valley	
Friday 29th September	Rob Hall Trophy	Canford Magna	
Friday 27th October	Zoom Trophy	Lyme Regis	

ROGS on tour - to be confirmed

January 2006

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB

The Christmas meeting went off with a swing with members of the Woodbury Hill Singers, Kath (we were pleased to see that she had at least partially recovered from her fall) on the piano and John on the fiddle. Members joined in with carols and Christmas songs.



The New Year Party is to be held on Wednesday 11th January at 2.30pm in the Drax Hall when, Kath tells us, there will be a surprise entertainment. Please come along for an afternoon's fun and good company.



GARDENING CLUB

The Christmas Party was enjoyed by all with another excellent meal provided by Elaine and her team. After trying out minds with lots of quizzes the evening finished with Carols accompanied by John with Kath bravely playing the piano on her first attempt at public playing since her fall.

The January meeting at 8.00pm on Tuesday 3rd January is entitled Orchids for Beginners and the talk will be given by Mrs Jenkins of Kingston. There is still a pressing need for new committee members so a new years resolution could be to join.

Please don't forget that Seed Orders should be brought to the next meeting (Thompson & Morgan this year) to give the organiser time to get them together for the best discount for members.



Christmas Cup Of Good Cheer 2005

The nation sat nervously on the edge of their seats awaiting the draw, no we are not talking about the world cup Germany 2006, this was the big one, ROGS Christmas Cup of Good Cheer 2005 at The Bulbury Golf Club. The outgoing Captain, now the president, Graeme Price's team versus the incoming Captain Russell French's team.

Over a bacon butty and coffee the draw was held, President Price's hope started to fade more than Sir Alex Ferguson hopes in Europe, as the captain managed to draw the big guns of Jamie Lake and John "Big John" Ruskin on his side to name but a few, this match was going to prove more explosive than an oil depot at Hemel Hempstead!

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