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9th 11.00 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Mr. K. Woolfries
6.00 p.m. Mr. M. Barns & Mr. F. Marsh
16th 9.30 a.m. Mr. R. Ives & Cdr. C. Maunder
6.00 p.m. Mr. M.A. Bloomfield & Mr. H. Dashwood
23rd 11.00 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Mr. G. Ward
30th 11.00 a.m. Mr. A. Bates & Mr. W. F. Lys
Dec. 7th 9.30 a.m. Mr. J. House & Mr. K. Woolfries
6.00 p.m. Mr. M. Barns & Mr. M.A. Bloomfield

SACRED FLOWER GUILD

November 2nd Mrs. Barne
9th Mrs. Barne (Remembrance Sunday)
16th Mrs. Barne
30th Advent Sunday

Please remember there is a meeting of the Guild in the Vicarage on Thursday November 6th at 2.30 when rota for next six months will be made and subscriptions collected.

THE MOTHER'S UNION. We were all inspired by the talk given by Mrs. Joan Morris at our last meeting and are grateful to her for making us more aware of the problems that some of our young people may face if they leave the protection of our village life. Our next meeting starts with Corporate Communion in church at 7.30 p.m. on November 5th followed by tea and a chat at the vicarage. There will also be literature to read or buy. The next meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the Morton Chapel on Fridays, 10th and 24th November. A warm welcome to all those women who have moved to the village within the last year or two. Coffee will be served by members of the Bere Regis branch of the Mother's Union between 10-12 at the vicarage on Wednesday 19th November. Children are, of course, also very welcome.

Doreen Shaw.

PARISH PARTY. The annual party will be held on Saturday November 15th at the Drax Hall at 7.30 p.m. There will be country dancing to Ray Rolfe and his music (as last year in Briantspuddle); a ploughman's supper, competitions, a raffle and a tombola stall. Free admission by ticket only, obtainable from Mrs. Tadman, Summerrods, Bere Regis, or Mrs. Thornley in Briantspuddle. Please apply before November 12th. DO COME.

REPORT OF P.C.C. MEETING.

A meeting of the Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle P.C.C. took place on 2nd October. The Treasurer reported successful financial results from the Gift Day, Fete, Harvest Supper and Coffee Morning at Moor Lane House, these four events raising almost nine hundred pounds between them. This total allowed some provision to be made towards future expected repairs to the church structure and organ. Discussion of parish magazine layout took place, some suggestions being made for consideration by the magazine sub-committee and editors. It was hoped to obtain a further fifty copies of Ancient and Modern Hymns, Revised, to supplement existing hymn books, and an offer by Major Kayll to purchase a new set of Christmas Carol sheets was gratefully accepted. Mr. Rocksborough Smith reminded the P.C.C. of their duties in the Impact campaign and arrangements were made for study groups for P.C.C. members. Mr. D. Payne and Mr. G. Payne notified the council that they felt unable to continue to be responsible for churchyard maintenance, their valuable labours over the last seventeen years will be sadly missed and the P.C.C. agreed to consider suggestions for future arrangements at the next meeting. A letter from the Redundant Churches Commission informed the Council that the sale of the freehold of Turnerspuddle Church building was now under consideration, the P.C.C. generally expressing the view that they preferred a leasing arrangement. Future dates for 1981 include a visit by Bishop Wilson to conduct a confirmation on 10th May, and a visit by the Bishop of Sherborne to our Harvest Festival and to bless the new kneelers on 27th September both at Affpuddle.
BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP. On Tuesday November 4th we look forward to our Christmas demonstration given this year by Mrs. Rita Greenaway and called 'Christmas Capers'. Visitors are invited to attend this meeting at a charge of 20p. On November 11th, we hold our annual Christmas Fair at 2.30 p.m. where there will be the usual stalls, including Christmas decorations and cakes and produce. There will also be raffles and tea.

DRAX HALL. A very successful coffee morning was held on 24th September by Mr. and Mrs. Barton, of Barrow Hill House, in aid of Drax Hall funds. There was a bring and buy stall and a raffle with several prizes, bringing a profit of £40.44. The committee wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Barton for allowing us the use of their home, and also all helpers and supporters who made this morning such a success.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Women's Section) Mrs. Shipman gave a most interesting talk on being a GI bride at our monthly meeting at the HQ on September 17th with 21 members present. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. House. A raffle was run by Mrs. Stickly and Mrs. Collison and won by Mrs. Borrowing, Mrs. Watts and Mrs. B. Cleall. Teas were served by Mrs. Snook, Mrs. Preslee and Mrs. Cleall. Donations from the women's section were made to the following: Dorset County £20; South Western Area £20; Best Homes £35; Welfare £20; Flattlets £35, Widows £50, HQ £20. A total of £200.

The women’s section held a rummage sale on September 27th which was quite a successful event. Winners of the draw were (Basil Brush) Mrs. Cox, (Main Draw) Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Cleall, Master Robert Green, Mrs. Stickly, Mrs. Buglar and Mrs. Fasheen. The Chairman, Mrs. Maidment would like to thank all who donated, supported and helped make this event a success. Both the Women’s Section and Branch Standards attended a parade in Poole Park which was an area reunion, also a parade at Upwey and Broadway, where three of our members also marched on what can only be described as a "Long Country Mile".

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60's. An enjoyable afternoon in the New Forest and around New Milton, with tea at Chistchurch by the river for over 50 members. We met at the end of our last tour of the year. Our next meeting on November 12th at 2.30 p.m. with a whist drive, dominoes, sales table, raffle, tea and chat. New members welcome - just come along and enjoy yourselves.

Bazaar at the Drax Hall, November 26th at 2.30 p.m. Come and buy your Xmas presents and have a pleasant afternoon, tea and scones. 25p. Everybody welcome. Autumn Ball at Bovington. The sum of £140 was raised in aid of Autumn Leaves. Thanks to Charles Jeeves and the hostesses of the club for the help they gave me. A thoroughly enjoyable and successful evening! Kathleen Jeeves.

JOINT P.C.C. MEETING. There will be a joint PCC meeting in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 20th November.

COFFEE MORNING. Thanks to everyone who helped or came to Mrs. Kayll's Coffee Morning on 2nd October. The exhibition of completed and partially completed kneddors was much admired and £63 was raised which has been divided between the Kneeler Fund and Church Funds in Affpuddle.

AFFPUDDLE HAVEST SUPPER. Sincere thanks to the many helpers and generous contributors who made the Harvest Supper on September 26th such a successful evening. The girls who acted as waitresses worked their usual enthusiastic and efficient way and were much appreciated. Thanks also to Maj. Kayll whose entertaining films provided a fitting climax to the evening.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. We were pleased to welcome guests at our September meeting when Mrs. Penny and Miss Thelma Brown entertained us with a sketch, "A Day in the life of a Victorian Lady." The stall selling W1 literature did a roaring trade and the evening concluded with tea and biscuits. On November 18th we have our AGM and hope all members will attend.

BERE REGIS PLAYGROUP. Our AGM was held during October at the first school. We were pleased with the attendance despite atrocious weather. Chairman, Mrs. Truswell; Treasurer Mrs. Greenfield; Secretary Mrs. Cox. The evening ended with a cine film (shown by Mrs. Carr) of our children at play. It was taken last month during several playgroup sessions. On October 11th we held a barbecue at Mrs. Carr's home (thanks to all the efforts she put in). There was lots of food and a large bonfire to keep us all warm. Despite the lack of support, it was a very enjoyable evening. Unfortunately the bazaar we were holding on 15th November has had to be cancelled because the youth club hut is occupied.

HELP THE AGED. The Congregational Church, Butt Lane, will be open on Wednesday November 26th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to receive the following: Blankets and other bedding; GOOD clothing; gifts of money; All these will be distributed to those in need by the HQ of Help the Aged.

S.U. ADVENTURERS. Mr. Harold Robertson, the SU Missioner is coming to Bere Regis to hold a reunion with the Adventurers at the Congregational Church at 7 p.m. on November 18th. He would like to see all the members there and any girls and boys from the village who he has not yet met. He has also asked to meet again all those who have attended past missions.

BROWNIES. Very many thanks are due to the fund-raising efforts organised over the past few years by Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. R. Phillips, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Burden, Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Curtis, and Mrs. McLeod. Their time and effort has enabled us to have the pack holidays, equipment and outings that the Brownies have enjoyed so much - so, thank you ladies. In September the Brownies had a nature walk up Black Hill and made a collage with the leaves collected. The first week in the month is enrolment and badge testing night. In October Beverley Muscan and Caroline Honeyman made their promise. An autumn fair is to be held on 18th October at Dorchester Corn Exchange and we will attend, visiting the Museum amuse lunche. All brownies are invited to go to the ballet of the Snow Queen on November 8th at Bournemouth Pavilion. Tickets include transport at £1.25 and offers of lifts will be appreciated and reimbursed. The district AGM and mini-autumn show is at Puddletown Hall on Friday 14th November at 7.30 p.m. Anybody interested, or needing a lift, please let me know. The Provisional date for the Carol Service at Puddletown is Sunday afternoon December 14th, with transport provided for parents and children. Any girls of 6½ and over who would like to be a brownie will be welcomed at the school on Wednesdays 5-6.15 p.m. and any uniforms, badges or handbooks from ex-Brownies can be re-sold by contacting Anne Richards (BR 666).

SAVE THE CHILDREN. Mrs. Kayll has asked me to let you know that she is holding a coffee morning for the Save the Children Fund at Moor Lane House, Briantspuddle on Thursday, 20th November at 10.30 a.m. There will be a cake stall, bring and buy, Christmas cards and gifts and produce. Please support this event.

TOLPUDDLE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. Mrs. King has asked me to let you know that Tolpuddle P.C.C. are holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 29th November at 2.15 p.m. in the Tolpuddle Village Hall.
NOVEMBER
1st Saturday Scout's Barn Dance, Briantspuddle Village Hall 8.00 p.m.
4th Tuesday Floral Group Christmas Demonstration
5th Wednesday P.C.C. Meeting for IMPACT, Vicarage, 7.30 p.m.
5th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bere Regis Church 7.30 p.m.
6th Thursday Village Bonfire & Firework Display, field below school.
6th Thursday Sanctuary committee meeting, Vicarage at 2.30 p.m.
8th Saturday P.T.A. Committee Meeting.
8th Saturday Confirmation classes at the Vicarage, 9.30 a.m.
9th Sunday Concert by the Bere Regis Young Entertainers, Parish Church, 7.30 p.m.
9th Sunday REMEMBRANCE DAY. British Legion Parade. Bere Regis 10.45 a.m.
11th Tuesday Floral Group Christmas Fair, 2.30 p.m.
12th Wednesday Autumn Leaves Whist Drive, Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.
14th Friday Concert in aid of Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Bovington Memorial Hall
14th Friday Brownies AGM. Puddletown Hall, 7.30 p.m.
15th Saturday Combined Parish Party, Drax Hall.
20th Thursday Combined P.C.C. Meeting, Drax Hall, 7.30 p.m.
22nd Saturday Youth Club Coffee Morning, Mrs. Cobbs, 'Highfields' 10.30 a.m.
26th Wednesday Bere Regis P.C.C. Vicarage, 7.30 p.m.
27th Thursday Tea, scones & Xmas Bazaar for Autumn Leaves, Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
27th Thursday Help the Aged, receiving clothes etc. at Congregational Hall.
27th Thursday Sidesmen's Quarterly Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30 p.m.
29th Saturday P.T.A Christmas Fayre, Bere Regis First School.
30th Sunday Advent Sunday. United Service Congregational Church 6.00 p.m.

DECEMBER
3rd Wednesday Autumn Leaves Xmas Afternoon, Carols etc. Drax Hall. 2.30 p.m.
6th Saturday Xmas Fair in aid of Drax Hall, Drax Hall.
11th Thursday Christmas Party for 'Over 70s', Bere Regis first School.
12th Friday Christmas Party for schoolchildren, Bere Regis First school.
16th Tuesday Playgroup Christmas Bingo.
18th/22nd Carol Singing, Cubs & Scouts.
19th Friday Christmas School Holiday starts.
22nd Monday Drax Hall Xmas Prize Bingo 4.30 p.m., Drax Hall.

1981
February
7th Saturday Mrs. Penny's Cavalcade of Costumes in aid of Youth Club, Bere Regis Church.

March
14th Saturday 50-50 Auction at Youth Club Hut 2.30.
21st Saturday Scouts' Jumble Sale, Youth Club Hut.

Viscount Cranborne, our vigorous MP, tells me he is not going to let the Bovvy fire station close without a fight. He is more than aware that if it closes Bere will be in big trouble if there's a fire.

The Hebrides had Hercules, but Bere had its very own wandering bear with a sore head, a rare Irish species who became a much-loved character on the new housing estate after nearly three years of building it. He was the last to go. His great line was to complain that his Guinea pig seemed cloudy. Latest news is that he is now hibernating in that old blue caravan down Blandford way. I speak for a lot of people when I say, so long Paddy.

Hats off to Tom Woodfries. Anyone who has had to struggle with their patches of lawn all summer will appreciate how much love and care he's put into the church grounds. And the admirable thing is that Tom could tell us a thing or two about the turn of the century.

Dorset's favourite lolly-pop lady, Tina White, who brings a cheerful smile to many a wet and windy morning, stresses that she's not just there to pass the time of day. She's had to ask parents to make sure their children come to the corner of Southbrook rather than just cross the road anywhere.

Who is the lofty man sitting on his throne editorialising against the church's latest Impact programme in the Western Gazette? Methinks his bonnet should be cleared of bees.

Saddest sight of the month. No less than 15 village youths raining stones and abuse on their own youth club. After a police visit one of the hard pressed youth leaders was heard to say: "Some of them don't need a youth club, they need a borstal." If that kind of thing goes on I'll move my family to a football terrace. It's safer.

Landlord Pat of the Drax has been showering his locals with strange sounding cocktails following his jet-set trip to the States. Unfortunately he didn't pick up that other New York habit of a Happy Hour, where the drinks are half price.

At time of writing access between Turberville Court and the main road looks threatened with a new building project. Kingsbere has been reliably informed that war is imminent. Secret identity of our puzzle corner editor: "Picked rifted rifle".

Kingsbere and the editors welcome all copy at 1 Southbrook by 15th of each month. Tel. 739. Affspuddle news to Mrs. Thornley at 497 by 14th. The editors reserve the right to edit copy if space is short.

PUZZLE CORNER - Last month's anagrams were:-

Here are 12 more Dorset place-names:
1. Race of Celts; 2. Plan that home; 3. In my street; 4. Red tiled in depth; 5. I'm nobler;
6. He's wild; 7. True down; 8. Winter sun's torment; 9. Tour the walls; 10. Spoken art;
11. We go in Rome; 12. Father's busy.
EDITORIAL

Several hundred new people arrive in a small community. A new by-pass. All in a couple of years. The facts of the matter are that Bere Regis is changing fast. There is a traditional view held by many families who have lived here for generations that the village is changing too fast. They are entitled to their view and they may be right. Yet, as we cascade into the evening of the Twentieth Century, change is inevitable. People must be housed. We can no longer live without electricity, telephones, transport or these days, even television. The village post office is no longer a grocer’s shop which sells stamps on the side. It is a massive social machine handling rents, TV licences, car taxes, pensions, family allowances, bills and banking. Quite incidentally, they also still handle stamps.

The government is intent on centralisation and for a time it looked like sub-post offices were doomed. Our village school spent a period fighting for its life. Affpuddle could not sustain its own school, like hundreds all over the country. Many aspects of life in the village, which we had begun to take for granted, were threatened with governmental choppers. But change has come. The school is increasing its teaching staff. The Youth Club is bulging with new members. Juggernauts will soon give us a miss. Local traders - and small businesses everywhere are hardest hit - are increasing trade. Sometimes, even in a small village, change is not only inevitable but in many ways desirable. Fair-minded people, old and new, realise this and work towards a blend between a thriving new community and a traditional Dorset village, with its own special ways of living. And there is one thing that never changes. It stands majestically in the centre of the village and it will still be here when our grandchildren become grandparents. It is solid, reliable and it’s there for everyone. Despite the changes it remains the core of village life. It’s called The Church.

PARISH MAGAZINE - AFFPUDDLE, BRIANSPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE. At the end of November the magazine distributors will be calling on you to collect your magazine money. It would be most helpful if you would have £1.20 ready when they call. At the same time could you also let them know whether you wish to receive the magazine next year. Any newcomer or resident who does not already receive the magazine but would like to should contact me, Philippa Thornley, and I will arrange delivery.

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES - ST. LAURENCE AFFPUDDLE. The new envelopes will be available at the start of the Church’s year, Advent, I will deliver to the existing envelope subscribers. Anyone who would like to make regular contributions to the Church through this scheme may collect envelopes from the Church or contact me, Philippa Thornley, direct.

THURSDAY GROUP. The next meeting will be held on 13th November at 33 Briantspuddle at 2.15 p.m. Creche at Sylvia Burgess. There will be a demonstration on Icing and Decorating a Christmas Cake.

The October meeting of the Thursday Group was a talk by Mrs. Campbell of the Red Cross. She demonstrated various aids to home nursing available from the Red Cross, and gave advice on items for the home First Aid Box. Sue Taylor agreed to hold a “depot” for home nursing aids, so anybody interested in borrowing anything from bedpans to walking sticks should contact her.

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND: CONCERT. By kind permission of Lt. Col. H.B.J. Phillips, the Junior Leader’s Regiment Band will give a concert in the Memorial Hall, Bovington Camp, on Wednesday 12th November at 7.45 p.m. under the direction of Capt. R. G. Tomlinson. Tickets at door, or from Mrs. Tadman, at Summerrods (BR 282); any other member of the committee, or Diana Holman (Puddletown 262). £1 each.

Very good value for money: several packs of last year’s Christmas cards at reduced prices. Insure against those last minute cards which pop through the letter box at the last moment. Available at Summerrods, or at the concert.

YOUTH CLUB: Fund raising events. A coffee morning is the first of many fund raising events in aid of the youth club. It will be held at ‘Highfields’ by kind permission of Mrs. Cobb and will include a draw and a Christmas Bring and Buy Fair, and a children’s ‘lucky dip’. Other future fundraisers include Mrs. Penny’s cavalcade of costumes which will be held in the church by kind permission of Mr. Shaw. This really is a show that must not be missed. (7th February). On March 14th, there will also be a 50-50 auction at the youth club. Anything for sale must be delivered to Mrs. Frampton of Shitterton after March 1st. Sale will be chaired by a professional auctioneer. Anyone willing to sponsor their own fund raising activity would be greatly appreciated. Ideas are at a premium. Please support your fund raising committee for your youth club.

Alison Bennett.

BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL. The PTA AGM was held on September 18th to review the year and elect a new committee. Mr. Gosney thanked all members for their continuing support and welcomed all new parents. A Best Hay competition was held on October 5th raising £81.45 for PTA funds. Best bale went to Mr. Tim Burgess, with Mr. Vic Stone very hot on his heels. Parents will be pleased to know that due to increased numbers, Mrs. Elliot has been given extra hours. A harvest festival service for the school was held on 9th October and the many gifts were taken to Turbeville Court. The PTA is having an Xmas Fayre on November 29th, everyone is welcome to come and join the fun. The children’s Christmas party is being held on December 12th.

On Thursday, December 11th, at 2.30 p.m. the school is holding its annual party for all old folk aged over 70 in the area. Because of the large numbers of new old folk we can no longer send personal invitations, and instead will be supplying the invite forms to local shops and organisations in early November for distribution. Forms can also be obtained direct from the school. ANYONE over 70 can come with their partner and transport can be arranged. Completed forms must be returned to the school by 4th December so we can make the proper catering arrangements.

J.R.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE: BONFIRE NIGHT, November 5th. Entry to field below the school by ticket only, (50p bought before at Butchers or from committee members, 60p on the night). Ticket gets free soup, hot potato and free sparkler per child. Prizes for the Best Guy. NO fireworks to be taken, but donations for main display most welcome to Mr. T. Shave. Burnable items will be collected on November 1st and 2nd by trailers around the village. If raining bonfire will be let on the next dry night.
BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP: We had a very enjoyable evening visiting the Police Headquarters Museum at Wimborne, and a nice supper at the Red Lion afterwards. On the 14th October we held our annual party at the Royal British Legion Club, when we danced to the Pale Trail Disco, and had delicious refreshments provided by the members. It was a very friendly, happy evening with our guests.

On the 11th November we are to have films on the National Trust, and on the 25th November we look forward to another delightful evening with Mr. Charlie Orchard.

YOUNG ENTERTAINERS: Don’t forget the concert in the Bere Regis Parish Church on Saturday November 8th at 7.30 p.m. retiring collection in aid of the Church of England Children’s Society.

J.E.

SCOUTS, OPERATION CLEAN UP: Our trip to London. Six cubs and scouts were VIP guests at Baden Powell House, the scouts London HQ, on September 30th as winners of the Southern Region's “operation clean up”. A cheque for £75 was presented to us by stage and TV star Roy Castle, who was kept very busy signing autographs. After leaving we spent a lovely afternoon at Windsor Castle and saw the Royal Apartments and the Queen's doll's house.

Wayne Pitman

BARN DANCE: 1st November at Brianspuddle Village Hall, 8-12 p.m. Tickets £1.25, including supper, from Mrs. Jeaves, or Mr. Ventham, 16 Bladen Valley. Dancing to “Diggory Venn”.

SPONSORED WALK: Saturday November 1st at 10 a.m. Meet at car park near Turville Court, for seven miles walk towards Moreton. Please support your cubs and scouts in their fund raising effort.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION: Newspapers still wanted. If you cannot bring them to the store at the rear of Mrs. Jeaves shop, they will be collected on the 1st Saturday of each month. Add your name to the list in the shop.

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