THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

"And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father." Nicene Creed

In these few phrases from the Creed, we have summed up for us with astonishing brevity, the stupendous climax to God's plan for the redemption of the human race. Suddenly, the scene of apparently humiliating defeat has been transformed into absolute and glorious victory.

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
Can, 0 Death, no more appal us:
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, 0 grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!

We are surely right to give tongue to our joy as we commemorate these overwhelming events. So the Church, in her wisdom, provides us with that opportunity in the great festivals of Easter, the Ascension and Whitsun. On these occasions we call to mind how God has acted decisively and with complete sovereignty, to rid men's minds of the fears that beset them - and so we give him the glory. Yet, the fact remains that even among those who profess and call themselves Christians, the doubts and the fears persist. Why should this be?

Have we had cause to doubt the faithfulness of God? Surely not! Do we discount the power of the redemption obtained for us by the sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ? I cannot believe that we do!
Have we, by allowing ourselves to be distracted by the pressures and superficial attractions of modern life, ceased to remember, to give thanks and to worship and adore? I fear that for some of us, at least, this is true. If through carelessness and neglect we have failed to give God his due or if we have turned our backs on his promises then we have not only laid ourselves open to doubts and fears but, much worse, we are in danger of letting go our hold on the Kingdom of Heaven itself, as it were, by default. We cannot really expect God to recognise us if we consistently and deliberately fail to acknowledge him. So let us here and now resolve to do our part in remedying this situation. Let us give to God the glory and the praise. Let us give him of our time and of our substance ungrudgingly and let us extend a helping hand to our neighbour in distress.

By holding out our hands to our loving and all-merciful God in supplication we shall find them not only grasped, but filled with his wondrous gifts of Grace and everlasting Promise. Alternatively, if we persist in turning our backs on him we shall never even know that those gifts were there.

While we have time let us give God the glory so that when time merges into eternity Jesus may claim us as his own.

Yours very sincerely,
DENIS SHAW

MISS MARY LLEWELLIN was a member of a family whose record of public service is part of our national history. She herself had a great record and even in her latter years when her health had begun to fail she continued to concern herself with public affairs. Her long association with the Women's Branch of the Royal British Legion will always be remembered.

She was in every sense a great lady but she was also a great human being with a ready compassion and a lively sense of humour which she retained to the very end of her life. Her loss will be widely felt but in this small community which she made her home during the last years of her life she will be personally missed by many people. We are proud to have had her among us.

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

ROGATION SUNDAY this year Falls on 8th May. Traditionally the occasion for outdoor processions, we are observing the day in both parishes.

At Affpuddle there will be a ‘Beating of the Bounds’ in the form of a sponsored walk of which you will find details elsewhere in the magazine.

At Bere Regis there is to be a Rogation Tide Procession with a timetable as follows:
11.00 a.m. Short service in Church
11.20 a.m. Court Green
11.30 a.m. The Watercress Beds
11.45 a.m. Court Farm Farmyard

11.55 a.m. Allotments at Bere Cross
12 noon In the Churchyard
12.10 p.m. In Church for Final Blessing

N.B. There may have to be some modification if the weather is inclement, but we will hope for a fine day.

ASCENSION DAY Thursday 12th May is the occasion for the Friends’ Service at Bere Regis. This is a Thanksgiving for all the help given to our church especially from those living outside the parish. The service commences at 7.00 p.m. and will be followed by refreshments in the Drax Hall.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS’ MEETING will be held on Friday 13th May at the Vicarage at 6.30 p.m.

AN OLDE TYME STREET FAYRE will take place at Affpuddle on Saturday 14th May. This should mean fun for everyone – please support it.

CHRISTIAN AID is a charitable organisation which works for and with some of the most deprived people in the world. To mark the beginning of Christian Aid Week a Hunger Lunch will be held in the Bere Regis church on Sunday 15th May at 12.30 p.m. Christians from other denominations are being invited and the speaker will be the District Organiser for Christian Aid - Mr Robert Pearce. Your support for this effort is most earnestly requested.

THE COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY CONCERN will meet at the Vicarage for a working lunch on Wednesday 25th May at 12.30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL GIFT DAY at Affpuddle will be on Thursday 26th May when the Vicar will sit at the cross-roads from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. to receive gifts for the Church.

SICK INTERCESSIONS The group meeting to offer prayer for the sick will be at the Vicarage on Thursday 19th May, Thursday 26th May, Thursday 2nd June, all at 7.30 p.m.

THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE This gripping film, starring Pat Boone and Erik Estrada tells the thrilling true story of gang warfare on the streets of New York. It will be shown on Friday 20th May at the Drax Hall and again on Saturday 21st May at the Congregational Church, Butt Lane. Both performances start at 7.30 p.m. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Admission free. “A gang war explodes across the screen.”

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM
Admitted into the family of God

BERE REGIS
20th March Sherry Jean Pope, daughter of Kerry and Shirley Pope
20th March Christopher Avon Hardy, son of Avon and Karen Hardy
26th March Katherine Halcrow, daughter of Ian and Brittia Halcrow
10th April Victoria Louise Cox and Trevor Stephen Cox, children of Stephen and Tracy Cox

HOLY MATRIMONY
Joined together in the sacrament of marriage
9th April Paul John Taylor and Amanda Jane Beasley
BEATRICE MARY CROCKER was born in South Wales, one of a family of four children. She attended school in the Rhondda Valley, and after leaving she remained in Wales until moving to Bere Regis for her marriage to Alfred Crocker, a Bere Regis man and a farmer. The couple lived first at Jenkins Farm and brought up a family of six daughters. Later, Mr. Crocker moved to Sitterton Farm where he worked as a dairyman and the family established themselves there.

In spite of her family commitments, Mrs. Crocker played an active part in the life of the village, being a member of the Women’s Institute and later of the Autumn Leaves Club. She was an expert needlewoman and was in great demand knitting for her family which later included grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a true daughter of Wales, and loved singing and playing the organ to the very end of her life. A gentle soul with a strong faith, she will be greatly missed by all her many friends, but especially by her family who mourn her today, and to whom we extend our love and sympathy at the time of their bereavement.

ERNEST FRANK COLES was born at East Holme and attended school at Wareham. He had a great aptitude for engineering from his earliest days, and gained his training at the Austin Works at Birmingham. He joined the Armed Forces during the First World War, serving for some years in India. After the war he was employed by the Old Wareham Tractor Company at Bere Regis, later taking over the business as a garage and service station, which remained open from the late 1920s until 1961, when he retired. During the Second World War Mr. Coles joined the Royal Corps of Observers and was second in command in the local unit; he also trained and served as a sea-borne Observer towards the end of the war. Mr. Coles was a family man and he and his wife had one son and one daughter.

He was a member of the Parish Council for some years, and a keen member of the Royal British Legion, and was Treasurer of the local branch. He was also a Founder Member of the Bere Regis Sports Club, and he retained his interest in cricket to the end of his life. After his retirement he took a great interest in gardening. Mr. Coles was a good neighbour and loved to do jobs for his friends, who in their turn were grateful for his kindness and skill. His loss will be keenly felt by his family, and his many friends.

WALTER COX lived all his life at Turnerspuddle. He and his brother Harry followed in their father’s footsteps in becoming Drovers or Drovers responsible for introducing and maintaining a proper balance in the water meadows in and around Turnerspuddle. This was a highly skilled and quite intricate operation involving the digging of small channels to take the surplus water back to the river. In the heyday of the Cox family this area resembled a garden, so well kept was it. The father and brothers were also expert mole catchers, and much in demand. During the First World War both the Cox brothers saw service with the Armed Forces and fought overseas. Yet it was at Turnerspuddle they returned, and from which they seldom strayed. A cycle ride into Wareham was a major event while a journey to such a city as Salisbury was almost unheard of. William Cox was a sociable character who loved to talk to people, but it was his work for which he will be long remembered. He and his fellows did much to protect and maintain the structure of the countryside which was their home. A true son of the soil - his like may never be seen again.

He will be greatly missed in the small community where he spent all his life.

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY

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CHRISTIAN AID
SUNDAY 22ND MAY
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Family Service
Trinity Sunday
11.00 a.m. Matins

ADDITIONAL SERVICES
Thursday 12th May
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
Ascension Day
7.00 p.m. Friends Service

SIDESMEN'S ROTA - BERE REGIS
1983 May 1st
9.30 a.m. Mr K. Woolfries & Mr A. Bates
6.00 p.m. Miss S. Frampton & Mr M.A. Bloomfield
May 8th
11.00 a.m. Mrs M. England & Mr J. House
6.00 p.m. Mr H. Dashwood & Mr F. Marsh
May 15th
9.30 a.m. Mr G. Ward & Mr A. Bates
6.00 p.m. Miss S. Frampton & Mr M.A. Bloomfield
May 22nd
11.00 a.m. Young People
May 29th
11.00 a.m. Cdr. C. Mauder & Mr W.F. Lys
June 5th
9.30 a.m. Mrs M. England & Mr K. Woolfries
6.00 p.m. Mr H. Dashwood & Mr M.A. Bloomfield

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
May 1st
Mrs England
Mrs J. House
May 8th
Mrs G.N. Griffin
Mrs Watts
May 15th
Mrs Woolfries
Miss I. Pitfield
May 22nd
WHIT SUNDAY
Mrs Shaw
May 29th
Mrs Strange
Mrs Tadman

MESSAGE OF THANKS
Mrs Tom Woolfries wishes to thank her doctors and nurses and all kind friends and relatives who have helped her so splendidly at the time of her sad loss.

BERE REGIS NEWS
PARISH COUNCIL There was a good attendance at the Parish Council A.G.M. Matters arising included the lack of shops in the village. A questionnaire is being prepared to discover what types of shops are needed. This will also include questions on housing, employment, environment, etc. Other subjects raised at the meeting were a possible sign to be erected on the outskirts of the village (further details of the wording are needed before this can be agreed), possible changes of schools for children leaving Bere Regis school and a schedule of listed buildings in the area. Among planning matters before the Council were the new doctor's surgery and the tea rooms in North Street.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP On Tuesday May 10th the demonstration will be given by Mrs Joan Dunne from Bournemouth, who is area Vice-Chairman. Her subject will be 'Mainly from my garden'.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE The members of the W.I. wish to thank all who gave, helped and attended the coffee morning on March 5th. The raffle was won by G. Miller, A. Porter, N. Penfold, M. Miller, Mrs Roper and C. Tadmor. The money raised was £40. The next coffee morning and bring and buy sale will be held at the home of Mr and Mrs Philip Blake, Heron Cottage, Sitterton, on Saturday June 18th. Ex-members of the W.I. over the age of 65 are invited to the W.I.'s 65th Anniversary Party to be held at Acorn Cottage on Tuesday August 9th. For those wishing to attend please notify Mrs Blake, Heron Cottage, telephone 471249. A most enjoyable group meeting was held at Lytchett Matravers where the Bere Regis entry on the theme 'Leisure' was judged third, thanks to the hard work of M. Maundor, C. Lewis, S. Cheeseeman and others. There will be a market stall at the May meeting and the resolutions for the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall on June 2nd will be discussed. The local representative at the A.G.M. will be Mrs Mary England. Hostesses: Mrs Cleall and Mrs Watts.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME Culeaze Garden will be open on Sundays May 8th and 15th from 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. in aid of District and other nurses.
BERE REGIS 1ST SCHOOL AND P.T.A. NEWS The term started well with Mr Charles Innes installed as the new Headmaster. The solar heating project for the school swimming pool is under way and it is hoped to start work in the early summer. Mrs Dinah Greenfield has kindly agreed to hold a coffee morning at 87 West Street on Thursday May 5th in aid of the solar heating project. Items for sale plus offers of help gratefully accepted! The P.T.A. are no longer selling Weymouth football tickets as the prize money never seemed to go to anyone in the village. Instead, they are selling Peeks Bingo tickets where all the prize money is kept within the village. Tickets can be obtained from the school, Mrs Truswell or Pam's Hair Salon - the profit goes to the school and so far this year has gone down to the decoration of classes 2 and 3.

E.S. BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP A successful Jumble Sale was held on 9th April. Thanks to all who donated jumble and who attended. Prize winner for the Easter biscuit competition was Mrs M. Bartlett. Next meeting is on 24th May when the speaker will be Mrs Hanney - 'Preparation of shellfish'. Competition 'Posy in an eggcup'.

COFFEE MORNING at Culeaze on Tuesday 10th May 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon in aid of the Bere Regis, Bloxworth and Worden Conservative Branch.

BERE REGIS YOUTH CLUB Five of our boys went to Parkstone Club on Easter Monday to compete in an all day sporting event. This included football, basketball, rifleshooting and other activities. Although they came out eighth out of nine, the boys all enjoyed themselves very much and the leaders were pleased that they showed a keen interest and were prepared to enter. WELL DONE Andrew, Danny, Shawn, David, Tumbleweed. LET'S KEEP OUR VILLAGE TIDY and prevent the accumulation of rubbish. Some of our members have volunteered to collect up litter. We shall do one area at a time and take a note of how much rubbish we find.

A.B.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60 CLUB We enjoyed the afternoon when Mr Roy Lee gave a talk on metal and other antiques and discussed metal items brought by members. We had a competition to guess a number of objects which he showed us. He then judged a competition for a cup and a saucer - a difficult task with 25 entries. Tea was served and a raffle drawn. Our next meeting is our first outing to Merley Park Gardens, price £1.40, leaving Bere Regis 7.15 p.m. on May 11th - list at butcher's shop. Please note that the Annual Ball will be held at Bovingdon on Saturday 29th October.

THE R.B.L.I. WOMEN'S SECTION A coffee evening was held on March 18th at 8.45. In aid of the Poppy Appeal and raised £84.18. There were ten lucky winners in the draw. A separate draw for a fluffy dog was won by Mrs Collins. The Chairman, Mrs Maiden, would like to thank all who donated or who helped to make the evening so a success. Sixteen members attended the Spring group meeting at Corfe Castle which was a most enjoyable evening. The War Memorial for May: Miss Green and Mrs Cleall June: Mrs Maiden

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND Two fundraising events have taken place this month. The first was a most enjoyable 'Magic Lantern' Show at the Drax Hall. 'Magic' indeed it was, as it transported us both in time and distance, and held us all absolutely spellbound for the entire evening. Our thanks again to Geoff Booth and Tony Bates who organised it for us. This event raised £88. Shortly afterwards, was our annual Coffee morning, which raised £113. Thank you everyone who supported these two events.

THE MOTHERS' UNION On the 6th April we had a delightful and informative talk given by Miss Laura Ball on Maudy Money, and on the previous day we had very much enjoyed joining Puddletown and Winterborne Whitechurch Branches for an Easter party given by the Branch at Milborne St Andrew. May would appear to be a busy month for the Branch here - our next meeting takes place at the Vicarage on Wednesday 4th May at 7.30 p.m. when Mrs Airley will be talking to us about Afghanistan. On Saturday the 7th we are to have a Coffee Morning in the Vicarage between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon in aid of Overseas Branch funds; on the 10th a party of us will be working in the Refectory at Salisbury Cathedral, and on Saturday the 14th, we are running a Serendipity Stall at the Bryantspudle Old Tythe Street Fayre when we hope to make some money for the Deanery project to give a needy family a holiday in the 'Family Holiday' organised by the Diocese between the 20th and 27th August on the Isle of Wight. The Frayer Group will meet in the Moreton Chapel at 11.00 a.m. on Fridays 13th and 27th May. Doreen Shaw

BERE REGIS CHURCH RESTORATION FUND Almost two years after the Appeal was launched in 1981 the situation now appears as follows:

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Of the cost of repairs, £6,600 has already been paid for work done in 1981 mainly on the north clerestory windows (these are the plain windows running high up on either side of the main body of the church). Repairs to be carried out this summer include work on:
- a) the south clerestory windows,
- b) the east window,
- c) the lead roofing, and
- d) the outside walls of the church (removing moss and lichen and repairing broken stonework).

So, the state of the Appeal after two years is simply that we are in sight of achieving our original target of £10,000, but the cost of repairs is now much nearer our revised target of £20,000. Even allowing for the proposed grant from the Department of Environment, £6,000 is still needed for us to reach that target, of which £2,000 is needed to pay for immediate restoration work.

R.S.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP Thank you to everybody who supported the Scouts and Cubs during their Job Week. We hope they all did a good job when they called. We must thank Mr and Mrs House for running a Whist Drive for the Group - a successful evening although the weather was decidedly wintry. Over £18 was raised at this evening for Group funds. All parents and friends are cordially invited to the Group Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 26th May at 6.30 p.m. at Bere Regis
First School. Entertainment will be provided for the children during the evening. When Scouts reach 10+ they proceed to a Venture Unit. Nowadays Venture Units may have boys and girls of 16 - 21 years of age, and require some guidance in the organisation of their Unit from adults. The group would be interested to know if anyone would like to become a member of the Unit or would offer help as a leader.

A Coffee Evening to be held by Mr and Mrs Lemon on May 3rd is to help towards the purchase of some more sports kit for our Cubs.

DIARY ENTRY 3rd May, Tuesday, Cubs Coffee Evening at 1, South Mead 7.30 p.m.

BELLRINGERS How about trying Bellringing? It's good for you, there is no age limit, and you will be helping to keep an ancient practice active in your Parish Church. Please have a word with John England or any of the current bellringers if you would like to try. Practice has usually been on Wednesday evenings, but this is somewhat flexible.

AFFPUDDELE NEWS

Please may I have items for inclusion in the magazine by 14th of the month

P.R. Thorniley

GIFT DAY The Annual Church Gift Day will be held this year on Thursday 26th May 1983 when the Vicar will be sitting at Briantspuddle Cross Roads to meet you and to receive your gifts. During May an envelope will be delivered to your house. Please give generously.

CHURCH COUNCIL The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held at the end of March with Mr Rocksborough Smith and Mr Prideaux being re-elected Churchwardens and Mrs Ventham, Mr D. Payne, Mr Scott, Mr Russell and Mrs Bentley being re-elected council members. The Vicar expressed his thanks to all who had contributed to a successful church year, with the Treasurer following with a statement of satisfactory accounts. Increasing unavoidable expenses had been balanced by increased collections and more effective management of reserves. It is intended to make further use of service programme sheets, listing the alternative sections of the Service Book to be used, and indicating readings and hymns, at major Church services. Arrangements have also been made for a house to house collection during Christian Aid Week, please return envelopes as full as you can make them.

AFFPUDDELE FAMILY SERVICE - SUNDAY 15TH MAY 10.30 a.m. Currently the theme for our services is based on Old Testament characters. In April we learnt from Abraham the blessings that can follow when we are open to God's leading. This month we meet a liar and cheat who found out what it means to say 'sorry' and be forgiven. Who was he? Do join us and find out. Watch this space also for details of our Pets Service to be held on Sunday 19th June, and reserve the date.

J.H.

STREET FAIR IN BRIANTSPUDDLE 14th May - Church Stall The gateway of 25 Briantspuddle is the location for a stall of which the proceeds will go 50% to Church funds and 50% to Christian Aid (as Christian Aid Week immediately follows this event). The produce required for sale is homemade sweets, confectionary, jams and preserves. Donations of these and offers of assistance will be gratefully received by Penny Haigh at the above address (Tel: Bere Regis 471678)

CHURCHYARD WORLNING Reserve list: Neville Quinn, Tim Reed, Tony Burridge, Nicholas Ovenshaw.

SCHOOL NEWS - PUDDLETON C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

Head Teacher Miss L.K. Lutner Tel: Puddleton 206
Parent Governor Mr J. Hewer Tel: Puddleton 248

Parents are welcome to attend assembly held most Wednesday mornings at 9.00 a.m.

On Friday 25th March Mrs Trapnell's class had a very enjoyable visit to Merley Bird Gardens despite rather gloomy weather. Sadly we have said our goodbyes to Mrs Paff who is leaving us this term. She was presented with a stereo cassette radio from donations received from children, parents, staff and governors. Many thanks to all who generously contributed. We must now look forward to next term starting on Monday 18th April and extend a welcome to Mrs Flatters who will be joining us then.

BRIANTS PUDDLE PLAYGROUP Don't forget our Jumble Sale in the Village Hall, Briantspuddle on Saturday 7th May at 2.30. If anyone has any jumble it can be left at Lynn Penman's, 24 Bladen Valley, or ring Lynn Penman (Bere Regis 471618), Jean McGrory (Bere Regis 471766) or Sylvia Burgess (Bere Regis 471327) who will arrange collection.

We are also having a cake stall at the Briantspuddle Street Fair on Saturday, 14th May. Donations of cakes, sweets, etc. can be brought to the stall on the day or can be left with any of the above on Friday 13th May or on Saturday morning. Many thanks to all those who made and bought sweets for us at the Car Boot Sale in March. We raised over £7 for the Playgroup funds. Penny Haigh, who has been our Playgroup Leader since the Playgroup opened in January last year, left us at the end of last term, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the time she has spent with us. Mrs Rowena Clemens from Moreton will be our new Playgroup Leader from this term.

JEAN McGrory

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB ENTERTAINMENTS Starting on 2nd May we have our annual indoor knockout competition. This consists of Pool, darts and crib pairs and singles are being played in all of these games. This competition is for club members only. There are some super trophies to be played for. The Finals night and Presentation for this is 4th June. Finally, thank you for all the newspapers you have given us so far this year and keep saving them for us.

Winnie Johnson

BRIANTS PUDDLE VILLAGE HALL - GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME On Thursday 14th April the village gardeners (keen and not so keen) gathered in the village hall to listen to the local gardening experts, Mrs Herridge, Mr Courtier, Mr McGrory and Mr Russell. Masses of interesting questions were submitted and many useful hints and tips were gleaned.

With any luck the judging at the horticultural show will be even more difficult than usual now that we are all aware of the better way to garden!! Mrs Rowell acted as question master, Mrs Bentley organised the refreshments and Mrs Thorniley organised the raffle. The Hall Committee are most grateful to everyone who supported this event by buying tickets, submitting questions and to those who contributed towards the raffle
prizes. Over £50 was raised for hall funds.

BRIANTSPUDGE MAY FAIR – TOMBOLA – VILLAGE HALL FUNDS
Dear Mr, I'm afraid the begging will never end! I am going to call yet again on your generosity. I am organising a tombola in the gateway of Raithby Cottage in aid of hall funds and would be so grateful for donations towards tombola prizes. I am not in the slightest bit proud and will accept practically anything however big or small. Donations, if you have anything left, to me before 14th May please.

Philippa Thornley

BRIANTSPUDGE MAY FESTIVAL WEEK – FUNDS FOR BRIANTSPUDGE VILLAGE HALL
8th May, Sunday 11 a.m. Beating the Bounds. Have you got your sponsor form from Mrs Forty? Walk as much or as little as you like. The course is 10 miles, as Rogershill is cut out because of crossing the main road. Start at Affpuddle Church; refreshments at several points on the course. If you aren't walking, please sponsor somebody who is.
9th May – Monday – Cambrai Staff Band of the Royal Tank Regiment from Bovington will give a Band Concert in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £1.
11th May – Wednesday – Historical Exhibition 6.00 – 10.00 p.m.
Opening ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the new Briantspuddle Hall Committee at 7.30 p.m.
Please come and support this village event.
12th May, Thursday – Country Games Evening in Mr Chandler's field organised by Bere Regis Scout Group
13th May, Friday at 7.30 p.m. A special meeting for our village. Miss Joan Brockebank will give a talk on Village History. This will be followed by an opportunity to look at the historical exhibition. Tickets £1.50 (to include buffet).

Briantspuddle Historical Exhibition 11th – 14th May in Village Hall
11th May, Wednesday 6 – 10 p.m.; 12th May, Thursday 2 – 10 p.m.; 13th May, Friday 2 – 6 p.m.; 14th May, Saturday 12 – 4 p.m.
14th May, Saturday – Street Fair at 12 noon from Bladen Valley
Starting with a fancy dress competition for children – entries on the day to Mr Bob Holman at Bladen Valley at 12 noon. After judging, the procession will walk to the Village Hall, with the Junior Leaders' Band and the Majorettes in front. Snack lunches will be obtainable at the Village Hall. 12.30 p.m. Majorettes perform. At 2.30 p.m. there will be a Majorette Display. Irish Cricket games will take place during the afternoon, on Mr Chandler's field. The Band will also play.
4.30 p.m. Gymnastics Display by Junior Leaders. Tractor Rides – Steam Engine.
5 p.m. Band will beat the retreat. Many interesting stalls and demonstrations.
16th May, Saturday, Barbeque from 7 p.m. Spit Roasted lamb, beefburgers etc. with salad and sweets. In Village Hall Yard
14th May, Saturday – Barn Dance to Digigory Venn from 8 p.m. in the Village Hall
Tickets £1.50 Children 75p.

RECIPES FROM AROUND THE PARISH
Mrs Dorothy Reed has supplied this month's recipe – a favourite gingerbread recipe.
Ingredients: 8 oz plain flour 3 lb golden syrup or black treacle
3-4 level teaspoons ground ginger or half of each
4 oz margarine
4 oz brown sugar
1 egg
1 level teaspoon bicarb. soda

1. Sieve flour and ginger together into mixing bowl
2. Melt margarine with sugar, treacle and milk over a low heat, stirring all the time. Remove from heat.
3. Beat egg
4. Stir bicarbonate of soda quickly into treacle mixture
5. Add, with egg, to sieved ingredients. Mix well, then beat for 5 minutes
6. Pour into 7 inch gingerbread tin, lined with greaseproof paper and brush all round with melted fat or oil. Spread evenly.
7. Bake for 1½ – 1¾ hours on middle shelf of slow oven (R. Mark 2 or 315°F)
8. Remove, turn out carefully, strip off paper and cool on wire tray
9. Wrap in greaseproof paper and store for a few days to become sticky before cutting.
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AUTUMN LEAVES 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday
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BRITISH LEGION CLUB 7.00 p.m. Mon. to Fri.; 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. & 7.00 p.m.
Sat.; 12 noon to 2.00 p.m. & 7.00 p.m. Sun.

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CUBS 6.30 p.m. Thursday School
FLORAL GROUP 2.30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday Drax Hall
MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP 2.15 p.m. Monday The Manse, Butt Lane
MOTHER'S UNION 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday Vicarage
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday Drax Hall

YOUTH CLUB 7.00 p.m. Monday & Friday Club Hut

PARISH CALENDAR

MAY 5th Thu. Bere Regis 1st School P.T.A. Coffee morning 10.30 a.m. 87 West St.
7th Sat. Mother's Union coffee morning & bring & buy 10.30 a.m. Vicarage
8th/14th Bliantspuddle Playgroup jumble sale 2.30 p.m. Bliantspuddle Village
10th Tues. Conservative Branch coffee morning 10.30 a.m.- 12 noon Culeaze
11th Wed. Autumn Leaves Merley Park Gardens 2.15 p.m.
18th Wed. Parish Council meeting 7.00 p.m. Drax Hall
19th Thu. Purbeck District Scouts A.G.M. 7.30 p.m. Drax Hall
26th Thu. Scout Group A.G.M. 6.30 p.m. Bere Regis 1st School

JUNE 2nd Thu. Sidesmen's quarterly meeting 6.30 p.m. Vicarage
11th Sat. R.B.I. Women's Section annual fete 3.00 p.m. H.Q.
15th Wed. R.B.I. Women's Section Mystery Tour 3.00 p.m.
18th Sat. W.I. coffee morning 10.30 a.m. Heron Cottage, Sitterton
22nd Wed. Parish Council meeting 7.00 p.m. Drax Hall
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