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'Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.'

Full details of the CHRISTMAS SERVICES are given overleaf...
CHRISTMAS SERVICES 1986...

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER
ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
at Affpuddle Church:
6.30 pm
with the BRIANTSPUDDLE
SINGERS

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER
SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS
CONCERT at 7.30 pm in
Bere Regis Church

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER
Christmas Eve
6 pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE:
family worship at Bere Regis
11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS at
Bere Regis Church

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SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER
'MESSIAH' for all at
Bere Regis Church
at 7.45 pm (E2)

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER
Carols and Lessons by
Candlelight at 6 pm
in Bere Regis Church

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER
Christmas Day
PARISH COMMUNION: for
all the family - at -
9.30 am at Affpuddle
11.0 am at Bere Regis

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

BERE REGIS

SUNDAY 7 December
Advent 2
9.30 am Parish Communion
followed by
Coffee + Bring & Buy

10.15 am Sunday School
3.00 pm Holy Baptism
7.45 pm 'Messiah' for all

SUNDAY 14 December
Advent 3
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins
2.00 pm Holy Baptism
6.00 pm Evensong

SUNDAY 21 December
Advent 4
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
6.00 pm Candlelight Carol
Service

WEDNESDAY 24 December
Christmas Eve
6.00 pm Christingle Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

THURSDAY 25 December
Christmas Day
11.00 am Parish Communion
for all the
family

SUNDAY 28 December
Sunday after Christmas
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins

SUNDAY 4 January 1987
2 after Christmas
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
6.00 pm Evensong

AFFPUDDLE

SUNDAY 7 December
Advent 2
8.00 am Holy Communion
11.15 am Matins

10.15 am Sunday School
3.00 pm Holy Baptism
7.45 pm 'Messiah' for all

SUNDAY 14 December
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins
2.00 pm Holy Baptism
6.00 pm Evensong

SUNDAY 21 December
8.00 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Affpraise:
Family Worship

WEDNESDAY 24 December
6.00 pm Christingle Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

THURSDAY 25 December
11.00 am Parish Communion
for all the
family

SUNDAY 28 December
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins

SUNDAY 4 January 1987
9.30 am Parish Communion
8.00 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Evensong

**EVENSONG** is normally said in Bere Regis Church at 6 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and in Affpuddle Church at 5.30 pm on Tuesdays. (See weekly notices)

THURSDAY is usually the Vicar's day off, please avoid contacting the Vicarage on that day except in emergency.

THE PRAYER GROUP meets in the Morton Chapel at Bere Regis at 11.15 am on the
second and fourth Fridays each month.

BIBLE READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES IN DECEMBER

To enable you to prepare for joining fully in our worship, the lessons for the
month are listed here...
SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER  Theme: The Word of God in the Old Testament
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion
Isaiah 55.1 - 11; John 5.36b - end
11.15 am Matins
1 Kings 22.1 - 28; Romans 10.5 - 17

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER  Theme: The Forerunner
8.00 am Holy Communion
1 Corinthians 4.1 - 5; Matthew 11.2 - 10
9.30 am Parish Communion
Isaiah 40.1 - 11; John 1.19 - 28
11.00 am Matins
Amos 7; Luke 1.1 - 25
6.00 pm Evensong
Malachi 3.1 - 5 and 4; Matthew 11.2 - 19

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER  Theme: The Anunciation
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion
Isaiah 11.1 - 9; Luke 1.26 - 38a

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER  Theme: The Incarnation
11.30 pm Midnight Mass
Hebrews 1.1 - 12; John 1.1 - 14

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER  Theme: The Incarnation
9.30 am and 11.00 am Parish Communion
1 John 4.7 - 14; Luke 2.8 - 20

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER  Theme: The Incarnation
8.00 am Holy Communion
Galatians 4.1 - 7; Matthew 1.18 - 25
9.30 am Parish Communion
Galatians 4.1 - 7; John 1.14 - 18
11.00 am Matins
Isaiah 40.16 - end; Colossians 1.1 - 20

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism
26 October  Charlotte Emily Walton Ledger
Tamsin Nadine CRACKER
9 November  Matthew Peter IVES

Burial of the Dead
10 November  Edwin Frederick William MARSH
13 November  Gladys Bryant SMITH

IN MEMORIAM

Fred Marsh died very suddenly on a glorious Sunday morning as he prepared
to go to Church: his Church and his family had been the most important
things to him in the course of his eighty years. Fred will be remembered
with great affection and respect by many: he was Churchwarden at Bere Regis
for many years, and his influence and handiwork will have a lasting effect.
His craftsmanship and his evening classes in the village had brought great
pleasure to a considerable number of people.

But above all Fred was a Family man, showing great devotion to his wife and
the rest of the family: he was gentle, genuine and endowed with a great
sense of humour. As a Churchman he was faithful in worship and a real example
in his work and witness. How often he said "leave it to me" - and it was
done to his customary high standard. Fred was also a lover of sport, notably
cricket, which brought him great enjoyment.

The family and the community will miss Fred in so many ways, but we give
thanks for his life and work in which we were privileged to share.
Our sympathy and prayers go to his family at this sad time.

Gladys Smith had devoted much of her long life to music in and around Bere
Regis: for forty years she had been Organist and Choirmistress and even in
her retirement she had often helped out with playing the organ. Her skill
as a musician brought great vitality to the wor-ship in our Church services.
Music had been at the centre of her life since a very early age: born in
Wiltshire, she spent time living or studying in Gillingham, Sturminster Newton,
Bournemouth and Bristol before coming to Bere Regis.
She had taught countless young people to play the piano and some also the
organ - perhaps now she is gently chiding the angels for not practicing
their music enough?

Miss Smith, as she was known to all, took life seriously and always gave of
her best, yet there was always that twinkle in her eye, a sense of fun and
a heart of love.

We will miss her - Ray will especially - but we rejoice in all that she was:
we give thanks for her life and her faith. May she and all the faithful
departed rest in peace.

THANKS  Mr Monty Barnes and family would like to thank all who sent messages
and supported them at the time of Hazel's death: grateful thanks to all.
BUSES FROM AND TO BERE REGIS

(as from Monday, 27th October)

Unless otherwise shown all services run daily Monday to Saturday.
No services on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

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BERE REGIS to DORCHESTER (departs from outside garage)
0805; 1101 (continues to Weymouth); 1514; 1831.

DORCHESTER to BERNE REGIS
0903; 1005; 1600; 1740 (change at Puddletown).

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BERE REGIS to POOLE
(from Royal Oak): 0747.
(from West St): 0926 (continues to Bournemouth); 1630; 1820.

POOLE to BERNE REGIS
0730; 1020; 1420; 1645; 1740.

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BERE REGIS to BLANDFORD
(from West St): 0915 (THURSDAYS only); 1337.
(from outside garage): 1415 (TUESDAYS only); 1736 (via & change at Puddletown)

BLANDFORD to BERNE REGIS
0722; 0953 (TUESDAYS only); 1230 (THURSDAYS only)

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BERE REGIS to WAREHAM (via Bovington, TUESDAYS only)
Departs Bere Regis 1025;
Departs Wareham 1330

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Compiled from the timetables issued by Wilt & Dorset and Bere Regis Coaches.
Issued free by Bere Regis Parish Council.

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Christian Aid

Since June we have raised over £122 for Christian Aid.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US EVERY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PARISH COMMUNION at Bere Regis Church.

MR RAY SMITH and family would like to thank all who have been so kind during Miss Smith’s illness and who have sent messages of sympathy to them since her death.

THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE IS ON CHRISTMAS EVE + AT 6 PM IN BERNE REGIS +

All are very welcome to come to this simple but moving Christmas family service.

However it will make planning easier if all who wish to receive a lighted Christingle collect a Christingle envelope from the Vicarage or one of the two Churches to place an offering for The Children's Society: this will give us an idea of how many Christingles to prepare.

All other CHRISTMAS SERVICES are also meant for all the Christian Family also.

THE LONGTHORNS HORSE SHOW in September raised over £1100 for Church Funds in Bere Regis.

Sincere thanks to all who worked so hard or supported or sponsored the event.

FOR YOUR DIARY – at Evensong on JANUARY 4th there will be a Tape/Slide Christmas presentation.

"There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of one small candle."

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THANK YOU to all who have helped in any way with our monthly Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy.
THANK YOU 
To all who have sent the many lovely cards and letters of sympathy on the sudden death of my dear father, Fred Marsh, my family and I would like to say 'Thank you'. Your kindness has been a great comfort to us at this sad time. 
Pamela Hoare

BADGERS 
Did you know that the Ministry of Agriculture like to be informed of any badgers found dead by the roadside, or in any other circumstances? They test each badger for signs of bovine tuberculosis in their efforts to find out whether badgers can and do pass on the disease to cattle.

If you see a dead badger, please inform the Ministry at Dorchester 63144 and they will collect the animal. This way their research is furthered and our roads are cleared of an upsetting sight. Who knows, through our efforts they may discover that these charming animals are not responsible for infecting cattle and so win a reprieve from death by gassing.

BERE REGIS NEWS

THE BLUE VAN 
You may have seen the Blue Van parked outside the Post Office and wondered what it was all about. The Blue Van is a free mobile information and advice service which operates in the rural areas of Dorset, particularly when there is no Citizen's Advice Bureau within easy reach.

Enquiries dealt with cover all sorts of subjects from DHSS benefits and rate rebates, to family problems, with many in between. The service is free and strictly confidential. The van also carries a large stock of leaflets eg DHSS Manpower Services, Nature Conservancy, Planning Permission etc. etc.

The van is run by the Dorset Community Council which is a voluntary organisation concerned with the quality of life in rural Dorset, and it has a special responsibility to see that the needs of people living in these areas are not overlooked. It can give advice to Town and Parish Councils on government legislation, legal and other matters, to village hall committees on fund raising, licensing, grants etc, to charities in the preparation of constitutions - the list goes on! The Office of the Community Council is at 57 High West Street, Dorchester and the telephone number is Dorchester 62270.

The Blue Van is parked outside Bere Regis Post Office on the second Monday of every month from 3.45 - 4.15 pm. If we don't use it we may lose it!

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MOTHERS UNION At the October meeting, Communion at Church was a joyful service with some fine hymn singing. After, at the vicarage, members gave their definition of a real Christian. Varied views were given, with most agreeing that we all have a long way to go before reaching true Christianity. At the December meeting, Fred will tell one of his ghost stories, and there will be carols and mince pies.

Hostesses Bernice, Di and Mary England.

PARISH COUNCIL The results of the village questionnaire have now been published, and the booklet entitled "Bere Regis A Survey". It costs £1.50, and is on sale in the village shops or from any parish councillor.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP The Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday, 2nd December at 2.30 p.m.

It is hoped all members will make a special effort to attend and vote for their Officers and Committee for next year, and to hear details of the 1987 programme.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB FOOTBALL "LEAGUE LEADERS" The 1st XI have maintained their impressive start to the season, and remain leaders of the Dorset First Division.

1st Team October Results

Flight Ref 0 Bere 2 Div 1
Portesham 1 Bere 3 Senior Trophy
Bere 1 Oxford 0 Div 1

The reserves have hopefully shaken off their Jekyll and Hyde character and have started to put together some better results.

Reserves Results

4th Bere 4 Allendale 6
11th Bere 1 Newtown Cons 4
18th W/ham 0 Bere 0
25th Bere 2 Longfleet SM 2

December HOME Fixtures

Dec 6th v PORTESHAM Div 1
Dec 13th v BROADWAYNE League Cup
Dec 20th v WOOL RBL Div 1
Dec 27th v FLIGHT REF Div 1

BERE REGIS R.B.L. BRANCH The A.G.M. was held in October when Mr. R. Goldie was elected President to follow the late Mr. "Joey" Hewitt. Two officers tendered their resignations, Mr. E.J. (Ted) Steele who had served 12 years as Branch Chairman, and Mr. Jack Bentley (Secretary). Genuine appreciation and thanks for their services were expressed and subsequently Mr. T. Vine and Mr. P.S. House were elected to the respective "hot seats".

The Remembrance Day parade and service was held this year at Winterborne Kingston. Elements of Army Cadets, Scouts, Cubs and Brownies supported

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Joan & Peter Hastings
the Legion members on a parade which was led by the Parkstone Sea Cadets Band and the Branch standard-bearers. A wreath-laying ceremony at the village War Memorial, attended by a large gathering of Kingston inhabitants, preceded the church service at the St. Nicholas Church, under the guidance of the Rev. Hugh Maddox, at which the collection of £101.60 was donated to the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal Fund.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Held their A.G.M. on 15th October, 22 members were present. All Officers and Committee were returned en-bloc. The Chairman, Mrs. Maidment, thanked her fellow Officers, Committee and members for their support and hard work throughout the year.

A Bring and Buy was run by Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Payne. A raffle by Mrs. Cleall, and teas were served by Mrs. Hillyard and Mrs. Young. A Coffee Evening in aid of the Poppy Appeal was held on 22nd October. This raised £110, the Club Secretary then presented the Chairman with a cheque for £300, making a grand total for the evening - £410. Once again the Chairman thanked everyone who supported and helped to make this event a success.

Once again may I remind members of the Sale of Hand Knitted Garments to be held at Mrs. Cleall's - 4 Church Cottages, on 11th December from 2.00 p.m. until 7.00 p.m. Please members, get busy with your needles, everyone is welcome, any garment purchased must be paid for within two weeks. Would members please hand their garments to Mrs. Cleall no later than 4th December.

Anon, December - Mrs. Maidment and Mrs. Presslee

THE DRAX HALL

If you have been in the Hall recently you will have immediately noticed that the re-painting is now well advanced. The colour scheme was selected professionally (for which we thank Crown Paints) and everyone that I have heard express an opinion regards the result as very attractive. As I write the water-heaters are being installed, and the new heaters are expected to be installed before the worst of the winter weather. What the Hall needs now is more use, and therefore more income to continue the programme of improvements. If for example, you would like to hold a Christmas Party for a group of small children but find your home is too small why not book the Hall? The charge for such an event is quite low, the kitchen/toilet facilities are well suited, and there is more space for such an event than in most homes. Enquiries/Bookings to Mrs. M. Lewis, 471762.

The ideal opportunity to inspect the Hall will be the day of the CHRISTMAS FAIR, 6th December. Father Christmas will arrive at 2 o'clock provided that his transport from the North Pole is not delayed, and he will be delighted to see children of all ages. There will be a wide variety of stalls, and as all proceeds will go to the running of the Hall it is a fine opportunity to give your support. Mark the date on your calendar now, and do not forget.

PUZZLE CORNER

Last month's anagrams were:

1. Hundred Barrow (misprinted)  6. Skippets Farm
2. Bere Heath Farm  7. Church Cottages
4. Ryemount  9. Bere Down Farm
5. Buddens Farm  10. Hyde Lodge

Here is the first in a series of anagrams of Dorset place names, towns, villages and other Dorset features:

1. DISTURBED PLAN  6. SEE MY GIRL
2. PLAN THAT HOME  7. GRUBBY DRAINS
3. DEATH ROLL  8. NORMAN TWIST
4. THE RECORDS  9. DORSET NAME
5. BUSY PRIEST  10. ALL WINDOWS

BENEATH OUR FEET Our flat in Old Barn Road has a tiny garden, the type of plot that is measured in square centimetres rather than hectares. In the two years or so that we have lived in the Village we have spent some time in micro-horticulture, and we have turned over the soil probably more thoroughly than anyone else since the flat was built several years ago.

From these top few inches of soil have come several interesting items. Pieces of Victorian ware, rusty horseshoe nails and other horse accoutrements, and a few fragments of late Mediaeval pottery with that distinctive greenish-yellow salt-glaze. All this is quite modern; not much older than our Church. But we also found a piece from the rim of a Roman-British bowl, and a magnificent flint arrowhead, apparently from the late Bronze Age.

When we moved into our flat we were told that we were the third tenant. Our soil shows otherwise; the site has been inhabited for at least 4,000 years.

If our small patch can yield so much what else lies within the soil of the Village? A. J. WISE

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE At our meeting on 21st October Mr. Impett from the Tourist Board guided us round the developing Poole from the mid 12th Century onwards, having explained that after the river at Wareham had silted up Poole developed from its Iron Age and Roman settlement of about 300 B.C. He showed us slides and we had the benefit of his knowledge of the history of the town's buildings.

We were pleased to welcome yet another new member.

The Christmas Social is at Lychett Matravers on Monday, 8th December, cost 75p.

Please note that our Christmas party with traditional games is on 2nd December, and there will be no meeting on the 16th.

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas - why not join us in the New Year?
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YOUTH CONCERT  
We are sorry that the Youth Concert had to be postponed,  
and hope that we will be able to get together to entertain you in the  
Spring next year.  

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP  
Thank you to those faithful few who contributed  
or came to our Halloween Sale last month. A total of £55 was raised  
towards Group funds.  

Headquarters  
As you will probably have seen, the Manpower Services  
"Dorset Work Force" have been busy in Elder Road clearing the site,  
putting in foundations, and building the supporting pillars for our  
headquarters. A considerable amount of modification of the original  
two buildings brought from Swanage needs to be done before the sections  
can be put together, and once the covers are taken off, the pile of  
timber sections the work must be done under adequate cover. The decision  
has been made to continue with the timber construction in the Spring  
when it will be possible to have more daylight, and to have the use  
of empty farm buildings. So far approximately £800 has been spent on  
materials.  

Briantspudle Christmas Fair  
The Group is running a stall with toys, jigsaws, games etc on Saturday, December 6th. Contributions to this  
stall will be greatly appreciated.  

Carol Singing  
The Group is singing to help support the West Dorset  
Hospice MacMillan Service, Dorchester. We start at Bere Regis on Monday,  
15th December at 6 p.m. at Turberville Court, and will be at Winterborne  
Kingston at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th December.

AFFPUDDELE NEWS  
Important Announcement - from next month all items for inclusion in  
the Parish Magazine should be submitted to MRS. SUE SMITH, OLD SCHOOL  
HOUSE, BRIANTSPUDDLE by 14th of the month.  

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS  
Christmas starts with the Gift Service details  
of which are given separately. At the Gift Service the toys and collection  
will be sent to Dorchester’s Cheshire Home for mentally handicapped  
children. The collections taken at the Christmas Day and Carol Service  
will be given to the Dorset Association for the Disabled.  

CHRISTMAS DECORATION OF THE CHURCH  
The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Christmas Eve. Gifts of holly, flowers and other greenery  
will be most welcome and should be brought to the Church by 10.00 a.m.  
on Christmas Eve. As in past years a collection is being made for the  
purchase of flowers for the church decoration if you would like to con-  
tribute please let me, Philippa Thornley, have your donation as soon  
as possible. The suggested donation is 50p but lesser and greater amounts  
will be most welcome.
AFFRAISE - CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE - 11.00 a.m. 21st DECEMBER As usual in December our Family Service is the occasion for bringing Christmas gifts for the tree in the church, to be taken later to the mentally-handicapped children of Dorchester's Cheshire Home. Please remember that the mental age of most of these children is less than 5; toys which make a noise or can be pulled along or cuddled are ideal. J.H.

THANK YOU TIME The Parochial Church Council would like to thank the Cornell Music Group for giving a concert in Affpuddle Church in October. £73 was raised for the Church Organ Fund. Everyone enjoyed a varied programme of music and a delicious buffet supper was provided by the Social Committee.

The Parochial Church Council would also like to thank the Chairman and Committee of the Bladen Social Club for so generously donating the proceeds of their Harvest Auction in September to the Church Organ Fund. The sum raised was £159.72.

Colonel and Mrs. Corner gave a most successful Coffee Morning in November in aid of Church Funds. £159.72 was raised. Very warm thanks to Colonel and Mrs. Corner, everyone who helped at this event and who attended the Coffee Morning.

On 12th November Mr. Schwing and Mr. Batt of Hy. Duke and Sons, Dorchester's Fine Arts Auctioneers were present in the Village Hall to give advice and opinions about treasures and objects d'art. Mrs. Andrea Smith and a team of ladies provided a splendid tea. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. £87.00 was raised for the Organ Fund. The Parochial Church Council would like to thank Mr. Schwing and Mr. Batt and everyone who was involved in this event for so generously giving their time to help the Church in Affpuddle.

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN Community Carol Singing with the band of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment (by permission of Lieutenant Colonel M. Napper, Commanding Officer: Band Master W.O.1 R.G. Darke, A.R.C.M.) in Briantspuddle Village Hall on 4th December, at 7.00 p.m. Raffle and Refreshments. Collection in aid of Cancer Research Campaign: Admission free. DO COME and bring your friends: sing merrily to start Christmas 1986! M.J.P.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER 1986 The Annual Christmas Fair organised by the Briantspuddle Hall Committee will be held in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Saturday, 7th December from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. There will be all the usual stalls run by the various Village organisations so this is a chance to buy some Christmas presents, help the various organisations and the Hall Thatch Fund. Do come and bring your friends.

BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS - CAROLS IN THE VILLAGE HALL On Tuesday, 16th December from 7.30 p.m. the Briantspuddle Singers will be organising carol singing in the Village Hall. Do come along and join in. Tea, Coffee and mince pies will be available.

PUDDLETOWN C.E. FIRST SCHOOL The Staff and children would like to invite all Senior Citizens to our school on Tuesday, 16th December at 9.30 a.m. for a Christmas Assembly and a cup of coffee afterwards.

If you are able to come, perhaps you would telephone the school office to let us know how many we are to cater for. Also, if you would like to come but have difficulty with transport, let us know and we will try to arrange transport for you.

School finishes for Christmas on 18th December and re-opens on Tuesday, 6th January 1987. Have a good Christmas! L.K.L. Headteacher

VENTURE SCOUT AND RANGER GUIDE UNIT This new joint unit was formed in August to cater for the older members of the Bere Regis Scouts and the Puddletown Rangers and now has about 16 members. In late August a party of Scouts and Rangers attended an activity camp near Swanage and took part in abseiling, canoeing and other activities. At half-term a party of Scouts cycled to Little Bredy for a weekend of orienteering and advanced map reading which included a flight in a light aircraft. Regular Friday evening meetings have included an international cooking evening, a games evening and a quiz evening. Activities for the rest of this term include a talk by a visiting speaker on South Africa and the Christmas outing to the Bournemouth Ice Skating Ring followed by a MacDonald's meal. Young men and women between the ages of 15-20 are welcome to join this unit whether or not they are former members of the Scouts or Guides. Anyone interested contact the Adult Leaders, Penny Haigh - Bere Regis 471768 or Philip Venham - Bere Regis 471215.

MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIEs There will be a post-Christmas Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Party at 5 The Hollow, Briantspuddle to help raise funds for the new Venture Scout Ranger Guide Unit on Friday, 2nd January 1987 from 6.30 to 8.00 p.m. Also Raffle and Bring and Buy. Please come and support this new organisation for the youth of our parishes.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB Wednesday, 10th December Christmas Party in the Village Hall for O.A.P.s who are Club members, Time 5.45 p.m. A list for O.A.P. members to enter their names on is on display. Musical entertainment has been arranged for the evening.

Saturday, 20th December. Members Christmas Party Night at the Club. Music for that night will be by Jimmy Gold and Guitars.

Monday, 22nd December, Members Annual Christmas Draw. Tickets have been on sale now for some time at the Club and will be right up until the draw night. Tickets 10p each.

New Year's Eve. We shall be sending 1986 out in style with the help of Pete Howell and his superb music. Any Club member who comes in fancy dress for the evening will be given one free drink. We hope a few of our members will take part and join in the fun. Once again the time has come for me to say thank you to everyone who has given newspapers, or helped in any way during the year. On behalf of the Committee we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous 1987. Winnie Johnson
RECIPES FROM AROUND THE PARISH  Shirley Prideaux has sent in this seasonal variation on the mince pie theme. It is for TARTÉ NOEL.

Ingredients: 4oz plain flour, pinch of salt, 2oz butter (softened), 2oz caster sugar, 2 egg yolks, 6 level tablespoons mincemeat, 4oz ground almonds, 4oz caster sugar, 2 egg whites, almond essence, 2oz flaked almonds, 4 tablespoons apricot jam to glaze.

Method: Sift together flour and salt. Make a well in the centre and into this put the butter sugar and egg yolks. Using fingertips, pinch and work the pastry together until well blended. Put the pastry in a cool place to relax for 1 hour. Roll out and use to line a 7½ inch loose bottomed flan ring. Spread mincemeat over the base. Blend together ground almonds, sugar folded in firmly beaten egg whites and almond essence. Pour mixture over mincemeat base. Cover with flaked almonds. Bake flan in preheated oven (350F Mark 4) for about 1 hour until firm in centre. Allow to cool in tin. Glaze with heated apricot jam. This tarte freezes well but if frozen do not glaze until the tarte has been defrosted and ready to be used.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 1986
2nd  W.I. Christmas Party
3rd  2.30 pm Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar - Drax Hall
4th  7.00 pm Carols for Cancer Research with Military Band - Briantspuddle Village Hall
6th  2.30 pm Briantspuddle Village Christmas Fair - Village Hall
7th  2.00 pm Drax Hall - Christmas Fair
8th  7.00 pm for 7.45 pm "Come and Sing Messiah" - Bere Regis Church
11th 2-7.00 pm RBL Women's Section Sale of Knitted Garments - 4 Church Cottages
15th  6.00 pm Scout Group Carol Singing - Bere Regis
15th  7.45 pm Drax Hall Bingo
16th  6.00 pm Scout Group Carol Singing - Winterborne Kingston
16th  7.30 pm Briantspuddle Singers lead carols in the Village Hall, Briantspuddle
21st  9.30 pm BRSC Christmas Draw - and music - Clubhouse

JANUARY 1987
10th  7.30 pm Scouts Group Mince Pie and Punch - 10 Southmead

FEBRUARY 1987
14th  2.30 pm Scout Group Jumble Sale - Drax Hall

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AUTUMN LEAVES
BEAVERS
BELLRINGERS
BINGO
BLUE VAN

2.30pm 2nd Wednesday
6.00pm Monday Winterborne Kingston School
6.30pm Wednesday Learners: Improvers 7pm
7.45pm Drax Hall (Mondays)
3.45-4.15pm 2nd Monday - Post Office

BRITISH LEGION CLUB
7.00pm Mon to Fri: 12 noon to 2.30pm & 7.00pm Sat: 12 noon to 2pm Sunday
2.30pm 3rd Wednesday at HQ
Winter Season Opening Times Tues, Wed and Fri 7pm Sat 4.25pm Sun 7.30pm
7.30pm Friday in church
6.30pm Thursday School
2.50pm Tuesday Drax Hall
2.15pm Monday Congregational Church
7.30pm 1st Wednesday, The Vicarage
3 mornings Bere Regis School, Tel 471674
9.30-12 noon Tue, Wed, Thur, Village Hall
Enquiries - Bindon Abbey 4620204

SCOUTS
6.30pm Thursday, Youth Club Hut
10.15am Every Sunday in Parish Church
Bere Regis Young Christians 9.30am Saturday, Youth Club Hut

TUESDAY CLUBS:
ADVENTURERS
7.00pm 7-11 years, Congregational Church
YOUTH GROUP
8.15pm 12 years & over, Congregational Church
WIVES GROUP
7.30pm 4th Tuesday, Vicarage
WOMENS INSTITUTE
7.00pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
YOUTH CLUB
7.00pm Friday, Club Hut

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**THE HURT OF HOMOSEXUALITY**

I HAVE NEVER met another parent, Christian or otherwise, whose child is homosexual. Where are these hurting parents? Are they all hiding, frightened to confide, just as I was? I wasn't surprised when God urged me to seek other parents, so that I could offer them friendship, support and encouragement. They need someone who has been there, someone who can share their feelings. And I can now offer support to others and share my testimony.

From CARE Trust News
For further information write to Care Trust, 21a Down Street, London W1Y 7DN.

The Mothers Union have a leaflet 'Understanding Homosexuality' price 10p plus postage from Social Concern Dept., Mary Sumner House, Tufton Street, London SW1.

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**AIDS PRAYER DAY**

PRESIDING BISHOP Edmond Lee Browning of the United States Episcopal Church is urging all Episcopalians to join him on Sunday, 9 November in "offering prayers and intercessions for people with AIDS and for those who minister to them." Most Aids victims in the US are male homosexuals.

— Ecumenical Press Service
PAINLESS PAYING

I have given up putting money in the collecting plate, except for special collections and Lent envelopes. At first I felt self-conscious letting the plate pass, but now my neighbours seem to accept it.

Along with other essential payments such as rates and insurance, my Bank now pays a sum to the church each month. My income is limited and this has helped me organise my money better.

So until the day when the treasurer sits at the back of the church with a computer terminal and we pay by means of bits of plastic join with me to bypass the collection plate by making out a monthly standing order on your bank account —

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