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A NEW BEGINNING...

The farming year begins as the fields are again ploughed up and the new earth comes to the surface.

As we begin a NEW YEAR so a new venture is launched in the life of our Church: there will be a monthly FAMILY SERVICE at Bere Regis on the second Sunday each month. So the first of these new style Services will be on PLOUGH SUNDAY: 10th January at 11.00 am.

These Services will last for about half an hour and will include participation by many people: the music will be a mixture of old and new and the worship will be suitable for all age groups, but especially for children and their families.

On PLOUGH SUNDAY the plough is brought to Church - if you would like to be in the procession, meet in the village Car Park near Turberville Court in time to move off to Church via Manor Farm Road and Elder Road at 10.50 am. We ask God to bless those who work on the land and provide us with food.

We remember the amazing beauty of nature and give thanks for the gift of life in the natural world, created by God.

DO COME AND MAKE ONE OF YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS a regular visit to Church in Bere Regis for the Family Service.

The familiar AFFPRAISE Family Service in Affpuddle continues to grow in popularity and is always on the third Sunday of the month at 11.00 am. This month it will be on January 17th.

Both Services make an ideal way of keeping links with the Church that are made at Baptism and are a bridge into the other regular worship of the Church - listed over the page. At the Family Services we pray for youngsters who have been baptized in our Churches during the month of the anniversary of baptism. Also in Bere Regis there is a Sunday School which welcomes children from 3 years upwards and the Bere Regis young Christians which caters for the 10 - 15 year olds.
CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

Bere Regis

SUNDAY 3 JANUARY
2 after Christmas
9.30 am Parish Communion
Followed by Coffee
+ Bring & Buy for Christian Aid
10.15 am Sunday School
11.15 am Matins
11.15 am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY
7.00 pm Holy Communion
(EPIPHANY)

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY
1 after Epiphany
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Family Worship for Plough Sunday
11.00 am Family Worship
6.00 pm Evensong

SUNDAY 17 JANUARY
2 after Epiphany
9.30 am Parish Communion
8.00 am Holy Communion
Plough Sunday
11.00 am Affirm: Family Worship
6.00 pm Evensong

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18th - 25th)

SUNDAY 24 JANUARY
3 after Epiphany
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins
11.00 am Parish Communion
6.00 pm Holy Communion & Laying on of hands

MONDAY 25 JANUARY
7.00 pm Holy Communion
(Conversion of Saint Paul)

SUNDAY 31 JANUARY
9 before Easter
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins
11.00 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm United Service: Parish Church

TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY
7.00 pm Holy Communion
(Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Candlesmass)

SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY
8 before Easter
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.15 am Matins
6.00 pm Evensong

FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL THE SERVICES see the weekly Notice papers, which are available free in both Churches.

THE PRAYER GROUP meets in the Morton Chapel on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 11.15 am. All are welcome.

THE VICAR'S DAY OFF is normally Thursday; please avoid contacting the Vicarage on that day, except in emergency.

BIBLE READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES IN JANUARY

SUNDAY 3 JANUARY
Theme: The Light of the World
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 454 ff)
Revelation 21.22 - 22.5; Matthew 2.1 - 12, 19 - end
11.15 am Matins
Isaiah 46.3 - end; Romans 15.8 - 21
6.00 pm Evensong
Isaiah 60.13 - end; 1 Corinthians 2

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY
Theme: Revelation: The Baptism of Jesus
8.00 am Holy Communion
Romans 12.1 - 5; Luke 2.41 - end
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 463 ff)
Ephesians 2.1 - 10; John 1.28 - 34
6.00 pm Evensong
1 Samuel 16.1 - 13a; Matthew 3

SUNDAY 17 JANUARY
Theme: Revelation: The First Disciples
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 467 ff)
Galatians 1.11 - end; John 1.35 - end
6.00 pm Evensong
Jeremiah 1.4 - end; Luke 5.1 - 11

SUNDAY 24 JANUARY
Theme: Revelation: Signs of Glory
8.00 am Holy Communion
Romans 12.16 - end; Matthew 8.1 - 13
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 471 ff) and 6 pm Holy Communion
Philippians 4.10 - 20; John 6.1 - 14
11.00 am Matins
Nehemiah 13.15 - 22; John 5.1 - 21

SUNDAY 31 JANUARY
Theme: Christ the Teacher
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion
1 Corinthians 9.24 - end; Matthew 20.1 - 16
11.00 am Matins
Job 28.9 - end; Luke 6.20 - 38
6.00 pm United service
Isaiah 30.8 - 21; Matthew 4.23 - 5.12

THANK YOU to all who decorated the Churches and helped to beautify our Christmas worship. Thanks also to all who delivered the Christmas Newsletters in the parishes.
WHO RUNS THE LOCAL CHURCH?

THE ROLE OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The second in a series of articles about life in our Church

The Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) is the chief administrative body in the parish and ensures that the laity and the incumbent together are able to fulfil their responsibilities in the running of the local Church.

WHO ARE THEY?

Membership of the Council consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, lay members of the Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod or General Synod. Also Lay Readers and any other licensed clergy are members of the Council. Each year the Annual Parochial Meeting elects other representatives in each Parish and members can be co-opted (up to one fifth of the number of elected representatives).

The Vicar is the Chairman and a member of the laity is elected as Vice-Chairman: the Council appoints a Secretary (who need not be a member of the PCC) and a Treasurer. An Electoral Roll Officer is also appointed, but need not be a member of the Council. A Standing Committee, having power to transact business between meetings, consists of the Chairman, the churchwardens and at least two members of the Council. The PCC must meet at least four times a year and it has power to appoint committees to which it may nominate persons who are not members of the Council.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

The scope of the work of the PCC is much more than administrative: its essential task is to co-operate with the incumbent 'in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'. Its functions also include 'consideration and discussion of matters concerning the Church of England or any other matter of religious or public interest'. It is the duty of the incumbent and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish.

The main duties of the PCC are as follows:

1. The supervision of the financial affairs of the church and the keeping of accounts.
2. The power to frame an annual budget of money collected for the church and to take such steps as it thinks necessary to raise money for such purposes. It has a duty, jointly with the incumbent, to determine the objects to which all monies collected in Church, except at Holy Communion, are to be given. (The churchwardens jointly with the incumbent are responsible for the disposal of monies collected at Holy Communion.)
3. The care, maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric of the church and its ornaments, together with the care and maintenance of the churchyard.
4. The power to acquire, manage and administer property for ecclesiastical and educational purposes.
5. The power, jointly with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss the verger, parish clerk and sexton. The appointment of the organist and his salary are also a joint matter.
6. The Council should be consulted in the appointment of a new incumbent.
7. The Council has an important voice in any decision as to the use of forms of service used in the church.
8. The Council is responsible for making known and putting into effect any provision made by Diocesan or Deanery Synod and it may also give advice to and raise any matter with the Diocesan and Deanery Synods.

Next Meetings:

Bere Regis PCC meetings on MONDAY 11 January at 7.30 pm; Affpuddle PCC meets on WEDNESDAY 13 January at 7.30 pm.

Bere Regis Annual Parish Meeting is on SUNDAY 10 April; Affpuddle Annual Parish Meeting is on WEDNESDAY 20 April.

BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS: the next blood donor session will be held at the D'Urberville Hall, Wool on Wednesday, January 27th from 1.30 - 3.30 pm and 5.00 - 7.00 pm.

For your diaries - the summer session will be on July 21st.

Very many thanks to all who have contributed during the past year. We look forward to seeing you, and welcoming new donors in 1989.

For further information contact: Mrs. P. Bartholomew, Warewell BS29 00.

THE BERE REGIS CHURCH COFFEE MORNING was a great success and we thank all those who helped in any way to raise the £222 on that happy occasion.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism
November 22 Alice Margaret HUTCHINGS

Burial of the Dead
December 4 Arthur John CROCKER

December 15 Florence Alice CHALDECOTT
Charles Alan Jarvis

IN MEMORIAM

A Memorial Service was held in December for GERTRUDE DAVIS who died in Poole Hospital at the marvellous age of 97. She had been able to remain in her bungalow until very near the end because of the support and help of
friends and neighbours. Her long life began in the days of horse-drawn vehicles and in her young days she would cycle a great deal around London. During the First World War she was "in Service"; she then married and lived near Salisbury for a time. They had two children - John, who was killed in the Second World War, and Phyl.

The family then lived in Dorset for many years, moving with her husband's work, finally settling in the Briantspuddle and Bere Regis areas.

Right up to the last few weeks Mrs Davis was able to maintain her independence and was always interested in what was going on in the village. Her love of life and enthusiasm for it surely contributed to the quality of her long life. She had given much to the local community and was gracious enough to receive the ministrations of others towards the end. Among her many interests had been the Royal British Legion.

Friends and relatives gathered in Bere Regis Church to pay tribute to a simple life, well lived with a simple faith and a love of people.

ARTHUR JOHN CROOKER ("Artie") died just a few months after his much-loved wife, whom he had so faithfully visited during her long illness. His death came after a short illness in Poole Hospital, although he had been working at Bovington until being taken ill. He was a native of Bere Regis and had spent most of his working life in agriculture. His great loves had been his family and his garden; he loved children and was loved by them. Artie always had a keen interest in sport and followed local and national events with enthusiasm.

He was a real local character who was so willing to give help to others, yet expected nothing in return. We give thanks that he is now out of pain and at peace with his wife. Our love and sympathy goes to his family.

FLORENCE ALICE CHALDECOTT, known affectionately as "Mrs Chaldee" and "Aunt Floss" died in Weymouth and District Hospital at the age of 78. Born in Alton Pancras she had been one of eleven children. She met her husband and was married at Alton Pancras, where she had also been a Sunday School Teacher and a chorister. Her love of singing was to find a home in the early days of the Briantspuddle Singers. The family came to Briantspuddle in 1941.

Her wide interests went far beyond her love of her family and music; she was a keen member of the W.I. and was involved with the Briantspuddle Senior Citizens; she belonged to Autumn Leaves and was a Blood Donor for many years. Among her skills was the ability to crochet to a high standard, and we are privileged to have some of her work in Affpuddle Church.

She will be much missed by her husband and the family as well as many friends and neighbours: may she rest in peace.

CHARLES ALAN JAVIS died in Dorchester County Hospital after a very short stay there. His health had been deteriorating for some time, but the end came suddenly and peacefully. Known to many as the owner of Old Barn Garage in Bere Regis, he had come to Bere Regis from his native Hampshire in 1939 as a farmer. Manor Farm, next to the Church, now built upon, was the family's home for a number of years. His love of life, care of the animals and interest in matters mechanical were all combined at Manor Farm.

But when the farm had to close he bought Sloper's Barn and began to build up the Garage business, starting completely from scratch. Soon the business became his life and he was a well-known member of the community through the service that he gave at the Garage.

Apart from the business and the family, his other interests included shooting, boating on Wareham River and scrambling.

He will be remembered as a much-loved husband, father and grandfather as well as a local character in and around Bere Regis.

Our sympathy goes to members of the families of all four of the above; we assure them of our love and prayers at this time of sadness.

WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU? - LENT '88 STUDY COURSE

A course designed to enable people to:
• explore the relationships that they have in their family, in places where they live and work, and in the world
• reflect on those relationships
• grow in understanding as to how, in those relationships, they can relate their faith in God to their daily life, and plan action as a result of it

The five Meetings in our Parishes will be on MONDAYS - FEBRUARY 1st, 15th, 29th and MARCH 14th and 28th.

At 2.30 at The Vicarage (IF there are sufficient numbers) or at 8 at Hazel Cottage, Briantspuddle. Each session is of about 1½ hours. A Course Book is available at £1 from the Vcar. PLEASE support these discussion groups as part of our Lent Programme - your comments matter!

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - from the January 1888 Magazine:

'THE LAMPS - We are glad to say the village responded very readily to the invitation to give small sums towards the expense of oil, and lighting of the lamps for the present season. The collection amounted to £2 Is 9d. No one was asked to give more than 2s 6d. The number of those who subscribed was 69. Many others expressed their willingness to give, but from one cause or another did not happen to do so when asked. . . . The lamps were in use during the dark part of the month of Dec., and when one has been placed on the bridge over the river, and one more towards the west end of the village, it will be very fairly lighted throughout.'
A MONTHLY PRAYER DIARY...

Please use this list regularly and add your own prayer topics; the Vicar would welcome suggestions for inclusion in future Prayer Diaries.

1st Barrow Hill; Affpuddle; holidaymakers; Bellringers
2nd Bere Down; Roke; The Fire Brigade; Servers
3rd Bere Heath; Hyde; all involved in agriculture
4th Bere Wood; Blandford Road; Families; those preparing for marriage
5th Boswell Close; Briantspuddle; The Ambulance Service
6th Butts Lane; Local clergy and ministers' writers and broadcasters
7th Chamberlaynes; Yearlings; Local schools; Church missionaries
8th Church Cottages; Manor House; Manor Cottages; Churchwardens
9th Southbrook; Bladen Valley; local industry; Lay Readers
10th Culeaze; Lane End; Donkey Lane; the disabled
11th Doodings; Hollow Oak; the elderly; Autumn Leaves (over 60's)
12th Egdon Close; the housebound; the Mothers' Union
13th Elder Road; Scouts; Cubs; Beavers; Guides and Brownies
14th Green Close; Roger's Hill; District and County Councils
15th Lower Woodbury; Woodbury Hill; Poole Road; the unemployed
16th Manor Farm Road; employers; Church choirs and organists
17th North Street; Ashley Barn; the mentally ill; persecuted Christians
18th Old Barn Road; our local Member of Parliament
19th Rye Hill; Rye Hill Close; local playgroups
20th Sittterton; Sitterton Close; the bereaved; Lay Pastoral Assistants
21st Snow Hill; local clubs and organisations; Christian Relief Agencies
22nd West Street; local musicians; Age Concern (Bere Regis)
23rd South Mead; Throop; the sick; Community Concern
24th Tower Hill; the Police; Venture Scouts and Ranger Guides
25th Tuberville Court; Social Services; Parochial Church Councillors
26th Turnerspuddle; local artists and craftsmen
27th The Warren; Voluntary Organisations; Sunday Schools
28th Bere Regis and Affpuddle Parish Councillors; the homeless
29th Local G.P.'s and health service workers; Youth Clubs; the hungry
30th Local Churches; Bere Regis young Christians; victims of war
31st Our Diocese of Salisbury and our links with the Sudan

(Copies of this PRAYER DIARY are available on card in both Churches)

"Behold us, Lord, a little space from daily tasks set free; and meet within thy holy place to rest awhile with thee."

"0 Christ, timeless you seek out those who are looking for you and who think that you are far away. Teach us, at every moment, to place our spirits in your hands. While we are still looking for you, already you have found us. However poor our prayer, you hear us far more than we can imagine or believe." (Brother Roger of Taize)

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BERE REGIS NEWS

YOUTH CLUB At a recent meeting of the Management Committee it was decided to continue with the Club and to have an advertising campaign after Christmas in order to encourage members to come forward. It would be the intention to re-open the Club in February. The problem of suitable leaders will be overcome by the help of the Bovington Youth Centre who would assume the responsibility of this task. This would leave the Management Committee with the task only of providing the facilities. Also with the closer liaison with Bovington the splendid facilities there would be available to our members. We hope that this arrangement will appeal to our young people and to the parents who wish their young people to have the opportunity of partaking in activities normally associated with Youth Clubs.

C Maunder

VILLAGE HOMES FOR VILLAGE PEOPLE A Rural Housing Day Conference was held under the above title at Salisbury in November. The conference addressed itself to the needs of village people at a time when so much of the Government's energies are being directed towards the needs of inner cities.

I am preparing a Report for the Parish Council which will propose certain actions. The first is to ascertain the need. In other words how many of our young people are unable to find homes in the parish and have to move out when they marry. It is not just the provision of 'first time buy' houses as these quickly become second homes or holiday homes once they are on the market again. Obviously nothing can be done overnight but it was interesting to learn that experience indicates that the needs measured today reflect the needs of five years time in general.

Thus if a Housing Appraisal was undertaken in Bere Regis in 1988, and if it is I hope that everybody will assist, the information gained will be of value in the time taken to create the homes.

I would be interested to hear of any helpful facts which would support the above comments. Frankly I fear that the village could change in the next few years unless something is done to help the young people, who wish to live in the village in which they were brought up, to continue to live here. I believe that for these people there is a need for 'starter homes'.

C Maunder - 471342

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND Our concert at the Memorial Hall, Bovington Camp, was a great success, raising £436 for Cancer Research. Thank you to all who came along to support it, and to all who have supported our fund raising events during 1987.

THE RBL WOMEN'S SECTION Held their monthly meeting on November 25th, 22 members were present.

The speaker was Mr Fooks who spoke and showed slides on some very exotic shrubs and flowers which grow in England, Scotland and Wales, this was enjoyed by all.

Our Poppy Appeal this year was very successful £669.70 being raised.

Teas were served by Mrs Adams and Mrs Barnes, and a "Bring & Buy" was run by Mrs Cleall. A Carol Service was held at HQ and our members were joined by several ladies from other organisations in our Village, members of the Branch section waited on the ladies with sherry, coffee, tea, mince pies and sausage rolls, our thanks to them.

Cerotaph for December - Mrs Maidment and Mrs Presslee

Cerotaph for January - Mrs Maidment and Mrs Presslee

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE Mrs Rita Burden, County Chairman, was welcomed to our Annual General Meeting and spoke to us of the Women's Institute over the years and answered our questions.

Thanks were extended to our retiring President, Mrs Pat Mills and Committee. Our new President is Mrs Peggy Moss, Secretary Mrs Janet Gilpin, Treasurer Mrs Betty Dyer, Committee Mrs Monica Blake, Mrs Molly Carlyle, Mrs Betty Ferguson, Mrs Sue Hazelrigg, Mrs Stella Macleod, Mrs Gertie Miller and Mrs Pat Mills. Our thanks to Mrs Jessy in whose home the whist tournament was played, and to Mrs Pat Mills for the scrabble.

31 members enjoyed a splendid Christmas party arranged by Mrs Peggy Moss, Mrs Iris Bush and the Committee, with Mrs Kath Jeeves at the piano. There was music, dancing, games competitions, festive food and drink and presents from Father Christmas. A happy time was had by all.

PUZZLE CORNER Last month's anagrams were:-

1. Sturminster Newton 6. Charmouth
2. Parkstone 7. Godmanstone
3. Stinsford 8. Winterborne Stickland

Here are 10 more Dorset place names to unravel:-

1. USING A STALE GLASS 6. PAM'S CONCERTO
2. MARKET BASHERS 7. TODAY'S WOE
3. BOLT-ON RUNG 8. CROOKS WEPT
4. TEN BERES SCHOLARS 9. HEM STRICTLY NET
5. ALL BOLD PRINT 10. AN ACTOR'S PLAN

BRSC FOOTBALL RESULTS - NOVEMBER

1st Team Dorset Div 1

7th Bere 0 - Okeford 0
14th Bere 1 - Broadmayne 0 Rob White
21st Portland 2 - Bere 1 Colin Phillips
RESERVES DORSET DIV 3 EAST

7th Lytchett 2 - Bere 3
Steve Cheeseman 1
Mark Bennett 1
John Elford 1

14th St Mary's 1 - Bere 2
Sam Butler 2

21st League Cup
Bere 0 - Angel Inn 4

28th Bere 1 - Wool 2
Paul Moss

U'1s DORSET YOUTH
22nd Bere 0 - Bearwood 8
Sam Stanley 2
Shane Moore 1

REPORT

The 1st team currently hold a place well in the top half of the league, although the shortage of goals causes some concern. The Reserves have lost Mike Curtis from the playing and management side, the club wish Mike and his family well in his new job in Devon. Russell Howitt has taken over the management side of the Reserves.
The Youth Team would like to say thanks to all those parents who helped at the recent training nights.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60 CLUB

A most enjoyable afternoon for our Club was given by the Bere Regis School children singing and playing recorders. What delightful singing. Many thanks to Mr Irres and the teachers who taught them. Afterwards songs were sung by members of Autumn Leaves. 60 members and friends enjoyed a Christmas tea provided by the Committee. Many thanks to all who helped give such a lovely afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE THE FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 17th AND NOT THE 10th AS IN OUR PROGRAMME.

OUR NEXT MEETING is Wednesday, January 13th at 2.30 which will be our New Year Party.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

Please can I have all items for the magazine by 14th of month.

AFFPAISE SERVICE 11 a.m. SUNDAY, 17th JANUARY

As in previous Januaries, we hope this month to improve our acquaintance with some of our local Cheshire Home residents who are being invited to the service. The difference this year is that now that they are split into separate households instead of in a big central 'home', our link is going to be with one particular household. Our Worship today will have a new theme to go with the New Year, and as usual involves plenty of participation by both young and old. Do join us.

J.H.

"PARISH HOLIDAYS IN ENGLAND" 1988

After a good deal of preliminary planning and discussion, our PCC have applied, and been accepted, for the church parish to be included in this scheme for 1988. The scheme involves, this year, 19 parishes around England and Wales who have selected a week in the summer when they will offer a holiday to Christian visitors (mostly Anglican) from the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Our week is 6 - 14 July and we have undertaken to accept up to 15 visitors.

Our guests will be comfortably accommodated with families in the parish and will be given an itinerary which, we hope, is a well-balanced mixture of local sightseeing, countryside relaxation, and trips taking in more distant attractions such as Bath, Salisbury and Stonehenge. Above all, they will have chosen this form of holiday because they want to participate in church and family life in England. We will be paid for having them and any profit to the parish will go to the church organ fund, but the ethos of the scheme and the experience of previous participants is that even greater benefit will come from working together on an enjoyable project and sharing our community life and faith with these transatlantic and other visitors.

There is an organising sub-committee and a number of people have already offered help in various ways, but in the next 2 - 3 months many of you will be approached to ask if you are willing to help in any number of ways - host families, drivers, guides, barbeque cooks, providers of party eats and sandwich lunches will all be required. If you think you could help in one of these or any other way, don't wait to be asked - please let one of the organisers, or the vicar, know.

The basic details about the holiday are in the very professionally produced brochure, a copy of which is hanging in the church porch. Due to an accident of alphabet, Affpuddle has pride of place, on the first page. Mr E Bowell kindly loaned the photograph of 14 - 16 Bladen Valley which illustrates our write-up. For further details, and to offer help, please consult:

Mr or Mrs Haigh, Col or Mrs Corner, Mrs Thornliley, Mrs Taylor or Mrs D Payne.

(P.S. If we decide to re-enter the scheme for a second time, a new colour photograph will be required for the brochure. Affpuddle or Briantspuddle main street, showing thatched cottages and people is preferred. Any offers.)

MRS. F. CHALDECOTT

The family of the late Florence Chaldecott would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards, letters, flowers, enquiries and help while she was sick at home and in hospital.

Thanks also for cards, letters and other messages of sympathy, after she passed away peacefully at Weymouth and District Hospital on 10th December.
BLAFDEN SOCIAL CLUB  Collecting newspapers again in 1988.
This year we are able to take all your old magazines etc as well as
ewspapers. Once again we have had a very successful year of fund rais-
ing, with over £2,000 going to charity. Our thanks go to all those
who took part in these events and to all the sponsors. J McG
BRIANSPUDDLE UNDER FIVES  The A.G.M. was held in October and the new
committee is as follows:
Chairman  Martha Tucker
Secretary  Jean McGrorty
Treasurer  Sally King
Committee  Sue Smith
          Sue Hill
          Kate Pope
          Celia Varrems
          Heika Willingale
I would like to thank all those who contributed towards and helped
with our Jumble Sale, which raised £66.
Maria Holton has been appointed as our new playgroup leader and I would
like to wish her every success in her new post. Fiona Hogger is our
new full-time helper.
We are very grateful to Wyevale Nursery for inviting our children to
a visit to Father Christmas' Grotto on Tuesday, 15th December.
Our playgroup re-opens after the Christmas holiday on Tuesday, 12th
We have vacancies for children under 5 years of age. Any enquiries
please ring Jean McGrorty 471766 or Martha Tucker 471358.
BRIANSPUDDLE VILLAGE QUIZ  Will take place on 25th February. Teams
of four are invited to take part. Latest date for entry, 27th January.
Please contact Mrs Bowell, 471387, for entries and for further details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
January 1988
9th  7.00 p.m.  Mince Pies and Punch - Scout Group, 10 Southmead
13th 2.30 p.m.  Autumn Leaves New Year Party - Drax Hall
FUTURE EVENTS 1988
February 25th  Briantspuddle Village Quiz
March  26th  Scouts Jumble Sale
April  20th  Autumn Leaves 'New to You' Sale
May   7th   Scouts Coffee Morning
May  19th  Autumn Leaves '25p' Sale
June  18th  Scouts 'Mile of Pennies'
June  25th  Bere Regis Church Garden Party

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7.00pm Sat: 12 noon to 2pm Sunday
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BERE REGIS YOUNG CHRISTIANS
9.30am Saturday, Youth Club Hut
TUESDAY CLUBS:
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7.00pm 7-11 years, Congregational Church
ADVENTURERS
8.15 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

AFFPUDDLE
Church Wardens  - Capt Badcock, Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle. Tel
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                  - Col D Corner, Brockhill, Turnerspuddle. Tel 471343
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Treasurer of PCC  - Mr A Elkerton, Greatfield House, Affpuddle
                  Tel Puddletown 331
Parish Magazine   - Mrs Sue Smith, Old School House, Briantspuddle
                  Representative  Tel 471919
Organist          - Mr J Mullins, 28 Boyte Road, Pimperne.
                  Tel Blandford 53438
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Church Wardens - Mr J House, Lower Stockley Farm. Tel 471255
- Mr J England, 10 Southmead. Tel 471469
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Treasurer of PCC - Mr R Stallard, 13 Boswell's Close. Tel 471774
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Dr Shaw was one of the organisers of the Conference of European Churches held in Stirling last Autumn.

FROM NIGERIA TO TEAR FUND

DAVID ADENYEY is the new operational director of Tear Fund. This replaces General Director, George Hoffman, for wider international and strategic leadership of the fund which is the second largest Christian relief and development agency in Britain.

Before he joined Tear Fund, David Adeney was managing director in Nigeria for international consumer goods company Reckitt and Colman.

"I feel very strongly that without my realising it, the Lord has been preparing me for this kind of move", he says. "It was in the Lord's timetable.

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