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'REMEMBER, REMEMBER...'

NOVEMBER is a month for remembering: on the lst. we remember all the saints and on the 2nd. all souls; Armistice Day is a time to remember the two great and terrible Wars of this century - and other events which have led to a tragic loss of life.

We combine the Church's festivals of ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS with a Service of Holy Communion in Bere Regis Church at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1st November. At this time we will remember by name all who have died in our parishes in the last twelve months - others will be remembered if you write their name on the list on the table inside the Church door. We pray for the living and it is inconsistent to suddenly stop offering prayers for them when they pass on from this life towards the gift of eternal life.

The Royal British Legion Remembrance Service this year takes place at Winterbourne Kingston. At AFFPUDDLE there will be a simple ceremony at the Bladen Valley War Memorial at 9.00 am: the exhortation, a time of silence and the reading of the list of names of the fallen will be the basis of this observance. At BERÉ REGIS there will be a similar ceremony at the War Memorial in the Churchyard at 10.55 am followed by a Service of Remembrance in the Church after the two minutes silence has been kept in the Churchyard.

REMEMBERING is an important human activity and this month is essential in this respect. We should not be ashamed or embarrassed at offering our thoughts and remembrances to God - of people and events and places that have been significant to us in our lives. Indeed, God should be involved in every aspect of our human existence - it is right to bring before him all that we are - and that includes our memories.
CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

BERE REGIS

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER
10.30 am Holy Communion at Tisbury Court
7.30 pm Holy Communion

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER
9.30 am Parish Communion followed by Coffee & Bring and Buy for Christian Aid
10.15 am Sunday School
6.00 pm SONGS OF PRAISE

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER
Remembrance Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
10.55 am Remembrance Ceremony at Bladen Valley War Memorial followed by Remembrance Service in Church
6.00 pm Evensong

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER
6.00 pm Evensong

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
6.00 pm Advent Carol Service with the Branspuddle Singers

AFFPUDDLE

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP: Trinity 24)
Colossians 1.3 - 12; Matthew 9.18 - 26

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 403 ff) YEAR TWO READINGS
Genesis 3.1 - 15; John 3.13 - 21
11.15 am Matins
Genesis 3.1 - 15; Romans 7.7 - 13

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER
Special event in Church - for the young of all ages

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.00 am Remembrance Ceremony at Churchyard War Memorial followed by Remembrance Service in Church

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER
8.00 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Affpraise:
6.00 pm Family Worship

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.00 am Matins

FAMILY WORSHIP AT AFFPUDDLE
SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER AT 11.00 AM
ALL WELCOME
CONGRATULATIONS to Brenda Pitfield who has completed her training as a Reader and was Admitted to the Office of Reader in a most impressive Service in Salisbury Cathedral by the Bishop of Salisbury on Saturday 7 October. Brenda will be continuing to combine her work with the Church Army and her ministry within our Parishes.

There follows the Sermon which she preached in Bere Regis Church after being licensed to the Parishes on 8 October:

"Isn't it amazing how often the word "hope" crops up in our conversations. We hope for a fine day; we hope we'll not get caught up in a traffic jam; we hope to find a parking space. At times of illness we hope for a speedy recovery, and when we are planning a special event, especially if finance is involved, we hope that people will come and support it. In fact, it seems almost true to say that we live in hope.

The theme for our Services today is The Christian Hope and this refers to our hope of everlasting life. In our 2nd Lesson (1 Peter 1:3 - 21), Peter described "a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews says that "faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." So we soon discover that faith is very closely associated with hope. And I would suggest that where faith in Jesus is paramount, hope sometimes takes a back seat. We will live by faith rather than by hope. But in the meantime most of the pilgrims who travel the Christian path will do so in a spirit of hopefulness, seasoned with faith. And as we travel the path, we need to encourage each other. Later in the Letter of Peter which was read this evening, he says, "Always be prepared." (1 Peter 3:15). In other words, share our faith with one another. I hope that I will be able to share the faith with all of the members of our Church in a way which may not have been possible before; encouraging you in your faith.

Tonight I want to tell you of the events which led up to my training to be a Reader, because I don't want anyone to think that it was my decision: I did not wake up one morning and think "I want to be a Reader", but this is how it happened.

Most of you know that I work for Church Army but before I came on the staff 4 years ago, I worked voluntarily for the society for 2½ years. During that time, I'd organised several fund-raising events and spoken to several groups. I'd also been invited to speak in 6 different Churches and before accepting further invitations, I decided I'd better contact our Area Bishop to see if I needed permission. Much to my dismay, when I wrote to the Bishop of Sherborne, he replied that he could not give me permission and I was to refuse any further requests to speak in Church. I wrote to ask if I could come and talk to him about the matter, and a date was fixed for the meeting. In the meantime I read David Watson's book "You Are My God" in which he writes about the importance of obeying the authority of the Church. My Bible reading notes at that time contained details of how the leaders of the early Church were often prevented from doing something because God wanted them to do something else.

So by the time I met Bishop John in July 1984, I had simmered down a bit. Our conversation was very civilised and he was sympathetic, but firm about his decision, explaining that legally, only bishops, priests and deacons and lay readers could preach during a Church service. And then he said, "If you want to speak in Church, why don't you train to be a Reader?" I replied, "I've never wanted to do that", and he said "You shouldn't say that. You should say 'Perhaps this is what God is calling me to do.'" To which I replied "Well, I'd never consider doing that unless God confirmed that it was his will." Bishop John answered "You'll probably never get a confirmation - it will just be an idea which will not go away." I drove away from that interview thinking "That was his idea, not mine, and I'll not have any trouble getting rid of it at all." But only two or three weeks later my Bible reading notes contained the teaching that God often uses those in authority over us, bishops, priests, etc., to show us the path he wants us to take. That seemed like a co-occurrence that was too close for comfort. Then I read about a conference which was taking place in the Deanery for anyone considering any form of ministry in the Church so I sent for details. They arrived on the morning of Sept. 15th 1984, and didn't look very exciting. So before sitting down to read my Bible that morning, I said "Please Lord, show me if it is your will that I attend this conference with a view to becoming a Reader." And I opened my Bible at the section chosen for that day. I read Romans 10:14 - 15: "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" I know that I am only one of many whose call to preach has been confirmed by those words. But it never ceases to amaze me that our heavenly Father so graciously answers our prayers at exactly the right time in exactly the right way. Those words which Paul wrote to the people of Rome nearly 2000 years ago had been selected by the man who writes my Bible reading notes probably a whole year before I read them and yet there they were, laid before me on exactly the right day - why, even the Royal Mail had a part to play by delivering the details of the conference on the same day.

So I knew that it was God's will that I should preach and as I have never had a calling to the ordained ministry - that is to say, I do not feel that God wants me to be a deacon - it was obvious that I should follow the bishop's advice and take steps to begin training to be a Reader.

But Bishop John had said "You'll not be able to do anything until your new priest is with you", so although I told Denis, our former parish priest, what was happening, nothing could happen before Jonathan came. That was just as well because it gave me nearly a year to get used to the idea. (And it took some getting used to.) The bishop had warned me that if our new priest
did not favour women's ministry, there would be a problem. However, I'm sure you have all realised that Jonathan has given me all the support I could possibly have needed and he put the matter before the Church Council at the earliest opportunity and they approved the idea. Then it was the turn of the Diocese to decide that I was suitable and after that it was up to me to get on with my studies. My tutor has been Canon Alan Rogers, a quite brilliant academic and former lecturer at Weymouth Training College. His ability to draw out the best from me and his extreme patience, have made my studies far more pleasant than they would otherwise have been. It was a joy to see him at the Service in the Cathedral where, of the nine candidates being admitted, three of us were his pupils. So many people have helped and encouraged me and, although it's dangerous to name people for fear of forgetting someone, I want to thank the PCC for supporting my initial application, for helping to pay for my books and for this lovely surprise. Then there's my dear friend Eileen who has typed so many of my essays for me and checked all of them with me, and encouraged me when I felt like giving up. I'm very grateful to the Diocese for accepting me and tailoring a course for me which, because of my previous studies, was not too daunting. And thanks to Fred for sharing his study with me. There has been so much encouragement and love from all the congregation which has warmed my heart over the years and especially yesterday at that memorable Service in the Cathedral from those from the parish who were able to be present. And finally, a word of thanks to Jonathan for his 100% backing from the word go, for lots of practical help and for his prayer support which has underpinned everything. I have valued prayer support from so many people and now I would say - please don't stop. This weekend has marked the end of a chapter for me - or perhaps I should say that the prologue has ended. The work is just beginning and prayer is vital to the work of God. But for a few months - although I hope to be able to read services and preach sometimes - I want to take breath and listen to what God is saying now.

As I said earlier, I know that I have been called to preach but what is the purpose or aim of preaching? Is it an out-dated precept anyway and wouldn't we get on just as well if we read a good book? Well, we should all bear in mind that preaching is one of the gifts of the Spirit which God has given to his Church. The gifts are for the building up of the body of Christ until he returns. None of the gifts will be redundant before that day comes, but what about preaching? I read recently about the Bishop of Taunton, the Rt. Revd. Nigel McCulloch who had written these words: 'Generally speaking the aim of preaching should be "to bring the Bible to life and explain its message - so that its hearers are led, again and again, to a renewed personal faith in their Risen Lord and a fresh commitment to love their neighbours, especially the poor and the oppressed."' The bishop wrote to the press, commenting on the fact that "quotations in the media had consistently omitted that last phrase". He continues: "It suggests that the cutting edge of the Gospel is as unpalatable today as it was when Jesus preached it.

(Luke 4.14 - 29). That is the measure of our mission and the challenge to our preaching."

Well, I am prepared to take up that challenge. Yes, I will hope to bring the Bible to life so that you will be led again and again to a renewed personal faith in our risen Lord - but not at the expense of ignoring the social gospel. One of the questions listed as a possible essay subject in the Reader's Course is: 'Some contemporary movements insist that celebration is the keynote of Christianity; others equally insist that it is social revolution. Evaluate these views.' I did not attempt that exercise because to me, the two extremes are indivisible. Yes, we need to celebrate and it is right that we do, but we ignore the poor and oppressed at our peril. Jesus suffers today with suffering humanity and he calls us to share in it and help to alleviate it. Paul expresses it like this: 'Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.' But let us always remember that if we have accepted Jesus into our lives we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. We are God's children, dearly loved by our heavenly Father and I'd like to end by using the little prayer which was tucked into the Bible which the Bishop presented to me yesterday. Accept the prayer for yourself as well as for me and for all who worship with us here: 'Dear Heavenly Father: You always love me. I ask You for continuous faith so that I may always be conscious that the Holy Spirit lives within me, and that He will teach me no longer to trust in myself but to place all my hopes and all my cares in Your Loving Hands. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.' Amen.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

October 8   Luke Joseph BRADY

Holy Matrimony

October 14 Malcolm Leslie MORRIS and Janet Elaine REYNOLDS

Burial of the Dead

October 22 Mary Elizabeth RICKETS
October 12 Olive Mabel COX

IN MEMORIAM

MARY RICKETS was buried in Affpuddle Churchyard after a Service in the Church which she had so faithfully served when she cleaned and cared for the Church. Her husband had worked on local farms and on his death Mary had moved to Glebe Cottage in Affpuddle from where she looked after the
Church. Mary had been born in Dorset, near Bridport and was married in Pulham, settling in our parish after that when ill health started to be a problem she moved to Dorchester to be nearer her family and she died in the Hospital there. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends and we express our gratitude for all that she did for Affpuddle Church and Parish.

OLIVE MABEL DOX had lived for many years in Bladen Valley and was a much loved member of the community. Born in Slippery Handley she came to work in Service at Moreton and came to Briantspuddle with her family after she was married. Her life was simple but good; her main love was people and the centre of her life was the family: she was homely and kept a simple faith in God and in people. The life of the village is impoverished by her passing; her husband and family are assured of our love and prayers at this time of loss.

SAINTS ALIVE

An afternoon for CHILDREN of all ages!
With lots of opportunities for adults to join in as well.
Activities, action, stories, worship...

AN AFTERNOON looking at the CHRISTIAN FAITH through the lives of people in this age and in centuries past: an event for the WHOLE CHRISTIAN FAMILY.

BERE REGIS CHURCH ... SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER ... 2.30 – 5 pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL at Bere Regis has become established as one of the major events of the year: thanks to all who made it possible - for flowers, fruit and food for the Harvest Supper. Our thanks also to Bere Regis First School who held their Harvest at Church on the Friday and contributed so many harvest gifts. (Anyone who would like re-imbursement for food provided for the supper, please contact Pat Mills.)

WHAT THEY DID IN ETHIOPIA! You are invited to come to a Film Slide presentation in BEREGIS CHURCH on WED, 22 NOV. at 7.30 pm. Illustrations will show the various areas and projects that were visited by the group of young people and leaders from our parishes who visited Ethiopia earlier this year. There will be a retiring Collection to help some of the projects visited. DO PLEASE COME and bring your friends!

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH COFFEE MORNING takes place on Saturday 4 Nov. at East Farm, Affpuddle (by the kind permission of Mrs B Debenham) from 10.30 – 12 noon. Please come and support this event which is in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.
Gifts of cakes, plants, bring & buy etc. are most welcome – bring them on the day or 'phone 471262 for collection to be arranged.

A FILM SHOW & SLIDES EVENING is to be held for the RSPB at Briantspuddle Village Hall on Wednesday 8 November at 7.30 pm. The film is 'IN THE SHADOW OF THE PLOUGH' - the story of wildlife on a Dorset Farm through the seasons.

THANK YOU to all who supported our Parish Gift days: at Affpuddle the total was over £400 and at Bere Regis nearly £500. Your continuing support is much appreciated.
If you would like to give to Covenant, please ask for full details.

A BOOKLET: 'DORSET TO ETHIOPIA' has been produced about the parish visit earlier in the year. It is illustrated in colour and costs a minimum of £2.50. Available at The Vicarage.

THE GOOD BOOK STUDY GROUP is flourishing at present, but always welcomes new members - for any or all of the sessions. We meet at 8 pm on Mondays 30 Oct., 13 and 27 Nov. at 13 Shitterton, unless otherwise announced.

CONGRATULATIONS to all who have been involved in the establishing of Cyril Wood Court in Bere Regis: the official opening took place in October with a ceremony performed by John Le Carre.

THE FIRST SCHOOL in Bere Regis are holding a Firework and Bonfire event on Saturday 4 November in the field next to the School from 6.00 pm. Tickets £1.50 adults; 75p children & OAP's are available from PTA members, School, the VG Stores and The Vicarage.

SONGS OF PRAISE is the title of our evening worship at Bere Regis at 6 pm on Sunday 5 November. Come and sing your favourite hymns.

VOLUNTEERS will be welcome for the Bere Regis Church Clean on Saturday 4 Nov, and for the Church Yard tidy-up on Saturday 11 November. Please help to keep your Parish Church and Churchyard up to the highest standard!

AFFPUDDLE P.C.C. meets on Monday 20 November and BEREGIS P.C.C. on Thursday 23.
THE PLAY AND LEARN VAN will be in our area on:

Thursday 2 November: 11.30 - 12.15 at Briantspuddle
2.00 - 3.00 at Bere Regis Surgery

Wednesday 8 November: 9.15 - 10.00 at Bere Regis School
10.15 - 11.00 at Bere Regis Surgery

Thursday 16 November: 11.30 - 12.15 at Briantspuddle
2.00 - 3.00 at Bere Regis Surgery

Wednesday 22 November: 9.15 - 10.00 at Bere Regis School
10.15 - 11.00 at Bere Regis Surgery

Thursday 30 November: 11.30 - 12.15 at Briantspuddle
2.00 - 3.00 at Bere Regis Surgery

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CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - BERE REGIS

SIDESMEN ROTA
Nov 5th 9.30am  Mr J. House  Mr J. Strange
6.00pm  Mr M. Barnes  Mr H. Dashwood
Nov 12th 11.00am  Col A. Barne  Cdr C. Maudner
6.00pm  Miss S. Frampton  Miss P. Chesney
Nov 19th 9.30am  Mrs S. Hazlerigg  Mr A. Bates
6.00pm  Mr R. Stallard  Mr M. Barnes
Nov 26th 11.00am  Mr G. Ward  Mrs M. England

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
Nov 5th  Mrs C. Barne
Nov 12th  Mrs C. Barne
Nov 19th  Mrs C. Barne
Nov 26th  Mrs C. Barne
Dec 3rd  ADVENT

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CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - AFFPUDDLE

FLOWERS & CLEANING  Flowers  Cleaning
Nov 5th  Mrs Corner  Mrs Thorniley
Nov 12th  Mrs Russell  Mrs Russell
Nov 19th  Mrs Badcock  Mrs Buck
Nov 26th  Mrs Sherwood  Mrs Kayll
Dec 3rd  ADVENT  Mrs Tucker

SIDESMEN & READERS  Sidesman  Reader
Nov 5th  8.00am  Col Corner  Mr A. Smith (e)
11.15am  Mr Prideaux  Mr Prideaux
Nov 12th  9.30am  Mr D. Payne  Mr D. Bentley (e)
11.00am  Mr G. Payne  The Vicar (g)
Nov 19th  8.00am  Capt Johnston  Mr A. Smith (e)
11.00am  Mr G. Payne  Affpraise
Nov 26th  9.30  Major Kayll  Capt Johnston (e)
                          Major Kayll (g)

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BERE REGIS NEWS

OPENING OF BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP HEADQUARTERS 27.9.89
The Bere Regis Scout Headquarters in Elder Road, Bere Regis was officially opened by the County Scout Commissioner, Rear Admiral John Croydon, on Wednesday, 27th September 1989.
As well as representatives of the County and Wareham and Isle of Purbeck District, of which Bere Regis Group is part, there were a large number of parents as well as representatives of the local Guide Association, Wareham Rotary Club, the Williams Educational Trust,

About sixty Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and their brothers and sisters enjoyed a disco in the adjoining Marquee while the opening ceremony took place.

Admiral Croydon unveiled a brass plate recording the opening and the fact that the Group had built the HQ during the past three years. He was very pleased to be able to perform the opening on behalf of the Chief Scout, who had a previous engagement, and was most impressed in the building and accommodation it offered the Group. He appreciated all the hard work that had gone into it and made special mention of Mr Don Seal who had not only put in many hours of work but was the architect of the project and Mr Ron Selby for his many hours of help and his wide field of knowledge. Admiral Croydon was very pleased to learn that the HQ would be used by the local Brownies and Guides and thought that this sort of co-operation between the Scout and Guide movements should be encouraged. He congratulated the Group on their success with this project in the Dorset Village Ventures competition for which they had received awards in the Facilities section and third overall.

The Reverend Jonathan Burke, Vicar of Bere Regis and Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle, gave a blessing on the building and on all those who would be using it.

During the opening ceremony the new Assistant District Commissioner Beavers, Mrs Wayman, was presented with her warrant by the County Commissioner.

The Group Chairman, Mr John England, thanked the Commissioner on behalf of the Group and gave a brief summary of the formation of the Group and the building of the Headquarters. He was anxious to thank the leaders who had made the Group flourish since its restarting with just Cubs in 1976, and could now offer a full range of Scouting activities from six to twenty-one and well deserved a Headquarters to meet in.

The building would not be here but for a lot of hard work and fund raising. The Chairman thanked his executive committee, especially their Treasurer, Mrs Chris Townley, for all their work in raising £6000 over three years. The largest single item raised was the proceeds of the Anderson Manor Open Day at which committee, leaders, boys, girls, District Officers and many others had worked together but without the full co-operation of Mr & Mrs Isaac the whole event would have been impossible. Mrs Isaac was presented with a 'Thank You' badge on behalf of the Group.

The County Scout Association had kindly given an interest free loan of £2000 to help with the early material costs.

Donations amounting to £5000 had been given to the Group by not only those who were represented at the opening but by the Royal British Legion, the Inner Wheel, Jubilee and Princes Trust, BP Ltd, the Percy Bilton Trust and many individuals including an eight year old who found a £2 note in the mud after Anderson Manor Open Day and sent it with a note indicating that we should have it for our funds.

Both the Williams Educational Trust and TVS had added to their original donations of which the Group had been especially grateful.

Since the initial dismantling of the two buildings at Swanage to this opening, thousands of man and women-hours had been given. The Group was pleased to be able to present 'Thank You' badges to Don Seal, Ron Selby, George Ward and John England and the Chairman presented appropriate gifts to Mike Gubbins, Scouter for ten years and now District Commissioner and Phil Ventham, Group Scout Leader, who had both not only put in an enormous amount of work but were leaders as well. As tokens of their understanding and patience posies of flowers were presented to Mrs Betty Seal (who is Group Secretary), Mrs Margaret Selby, Mrs Phillipa Ward, Mrs Mary England, Mrs Judith Gubbins and Mrs Lindy Ventham.

Refreshments supplied by parents and committee for both adults and children completed the evening and those present had a chance to look round the building and reminisce over past years.

John England, Group Chairman
10 Southmead, Bere Regis 471469

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Next meeting will be held at Puddletown Village Hall on Tuesday, 7th November at 2.30pm. The Demonstration will be by Mrs Rita Greenaway called "Christmas". There will be Christmas Decorations for sale. We welcome all visitors - Entrance £1.00

The "Christmas Fair" will be held at the Drax Hall on Tuesday, 14th November at 2.30pm and everyone is most welcome.

Jean Clarke

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60 CLUB

For our October meeting 50 members enjoyed a visit to Ocean Village, Southampton. A new member was welcomed.

Our 20p Sale was very successful. November meeting is Wednesday, 8th at Drax Hall at 2.30pm. Competition for the Largest Button. Our Xmas Bazaar will be held on 29th November.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the September meeting Mrs Peggy Carter welcomed members after the summer break and commented on the increasing number of new members, two of whom were warmly greeted.
A fascinating survey and description of thatching methods and modes was given by Mr Wisbey illustrated by a wide range of slides showing examples from different parts of the country. Originally from East Anglia, Mr Wisbey has lived in Dorset and worked in the south-west for many years, so had much information and numerous anecdotes about local materials and styles to interest and entertain his audience.

BERE REGIS BRANCH R.B.L.
The annual Remembrance Service this year will be held in Winterborne Kingston on Sunday, 12th November. The Parade will form up outside the Greyhound at 10.30am, and led by the Parkstone Sea Cadets Band march to the Cenotaph where the laying of wreaths by representatives of each contingent will precede the two minutes silence at 11 o'clock. The Parade will re-form and march on the short distance to St Nicholas Church for morning service. Subsequently, they will parade to present the Legion Colours around Broadclose before returning to our starting point.

On the previous Friday, 10th November, starting at 8 o'clock the Club Entertainment Committee has arranged a "Bless Them All" night in the Clubroom, music led by George Hirst on his accordion. Come along, sing your hearts out, you all know the words!!

A timely reminder to all members - subscriptions have been due from 1st October. Now that all registrations and membership cards are the prerogative of R.B.L. Headquarters, the Branch Officers virtually become HQ agents in this respect. Our disadvantage is initially financial - the Branch has to be prepared to re-imburse the HQs by 30th November with the full membership fee of all members registered during the previous 12 months. The members disadvantage after this date will have to complete a new membership form, a requirement to re-register with HQs. However, is spite of the foregoing, members can rely upon Branch Officers and Committee to continue their full interest in members' well-being and welfare as previously.

100 YEARS AGO
From the Parish Magazine of November 1889:-

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL
Our Festival was held, according to our usual custom, on the first Thursday in October. The choir was reinforced by the Kingston choir, and some of the neighbouring clergy were also present. The congregation naturally seems smaller than it used to, when more than 100 choristers from our own and other villages occupied a large part of the nave; but the church was very well filled, except in the north aisle. The only guage we have of the number present as compared with other years is from the number of coins collected, and this is only a very rough test. In this respect there was a falling off, though in amount the collection was better than that of the last two years. It may interest some to compare the amounts of the last three years:-

1887...300 coins, amounting to...£6 17s 9d
1888...271..."...£7 7s 9d
1889...241..."...£7 19s 1d

This year there were two sovereigns, five half-sovereigns, four half-crowns, two florins, 17 shillings, 30 sixpences, 36 threepenny-bits, 96 pence, 38 half-pence, and two farthings. The sum of £8 was sent to the County Hospital.

Towards the close of his sermon, Mr Whittuck alluded to our church in terms which awakened a responsive echo in the hearts of all who take a proud and loving interest in it. He spoke of "this noble church - a church in which for centuries psalms of praise have ascended before the throne of God - a church so rich in its religious associations and antiquarian interest, and which must be yet further endeared to many of those here present to-night by what has been done in their own generation to restore it and to raise it up out of the state of decay into which, through the lapse of time, it had unavoidably fallen."

CHRISTMAS FAIR - DRAX HALL
Make sure that you now make a note in your diary, on your calendar, or wherever, that the CHRISTMAS FAIR at the DRAX HALL will be on Saturday, 25th November.

Father Christmas has promised to arrive at about 2.15pm, and he will be delighted to meet all the youngsters.

There will be plenty of stalls and other attractions, so please make this a firm date in your pre-Christmas events.

THE R.B.L. WOMEN'S SECTION
Nineteen members attended the meeting on September 20th. At this meeting donations were made to the following:-

Benevolent £200
General £ 25
Country £ 25

We had no speaker at this meeting so, business finished, teas were served by Mrs Legg and Mrs Jead and a raffle was run by Mrs Parker. Will members please note that subscriptions for the following year will be going up to £2.50.

Cenotaph November - Mrs Maidment and Mrs Presslee
December - Mrs Presslee
BERE REGIS MOTHER'S UNION

Our speaker in October was Mrs Hutchinson, who told us about religion in Ireland, and some of their problems. We had a Bring & Buy for Overseas, and Christmas Cards and Calendars for sale. The next meeting will be on 1st November, All Saints' Day, and will be Corporation Communion. The tea hostesses will be Mrs E. Green, Mrs M. Miller and Mrs M. England.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
Results - Football Club (1st Team)
Sept 16th  Bere Regis  3 - 0 Flight Refuelling Res  
(A. Griffiths, R. Blake, G. Barrett)
Sept 23rd  Harworthy Utd Res  3 - 2 Bere Regis  
(R. Blake, R. Welsh)
Sept 30th  Bere Regis  2 - 1 Royal Signals  
(A. Griffiths, R. White)
Oct 7th  Weston  3 - 1 Bere Regis  
(A. Griffiths)
Oct 14th  Royal Signals  0 - 2 Bere Regis (Dorset Senior Cup)  
(C. Phillips, P. Merritt)

Results - Football Club (2nd Team)
Sept 23rd  Bere Regis  1 - 2 Wool Res  
(I. Myers)
Sept 30th  Wytch Farm  3 - 2 Bere Regis  
(K. Steele, T. Percy)
Oct 7th  Bere Regis  1 - 4 Kingston  
(K. Steele)
Oct 14th  Bere Regis  0 - 3 Stadium (Dorset Minor Cup)

Club Report

After a break in the humid weather experienced during the long, hot summer, the remaining two cricket fixtures were postponed. Subsequently, the team survived in division two and the hopes of other sides were dented in the process. The second team will now play competitively next year in a cosmopolitan division seven.

The Cricket Club's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Club at 8pm on November 9th.

The footballing side has produced mixed emotions during this early part of the season. The 1st team travelled away to Harworthy Utd, falling 3-2 to an unforgiving pitch and intimidation from the home side which was the only team in the first half. Fighting back to 2-2 then conceding the fatal goal after a certain element of luck. The following week included the welcome return of hero Andy, "goal-a-game" Griffiths who netted early on by lobbing a far too advanced keeper, the first coming from a mountainous header from Bob White which set the stands alight. Steve "Cool Boots" Floy was never under any pressure in the defensive ranks. A trip to Weston on Portland was next, the side must have felt like inmates on this bleak, windswept outpost of the league. A defeat of 3-1 was inflicted, Andy Griffiths breaking the "Chain Gang" offside trap to steer home. Bere's veteran keeper kept the score down to a respectable total. Finally, a memorable double over the Royal Signals was completed with home boys Colin Phillips and Pat Merritt rounding off a piece of history for the Club, also not harming their chances of a trip to Italy in 1990.

The second team have hit the depths of depression this season with promising first halves then seeming to throw everything away in the second. Although performing well at a packed Wytch Farm only to run out 3-2 losers, keeping the crowded touchline at nerves edge. Losing in a cup match to Stadium on a concrete pitch, having a mad five minutes letting in goals during the second half, after playing some attractive ground level football. However, not using a favourable breeze to an advantage. Hopefully, a marked improvement in the team will follow now points are needed to restore lost confidence.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

HARVEST FESTIVAL PRODUCE

All the produce used to decorate the church for the Harvest Festival Services was donated to the Dorchester and District Cheshire Homes. A letter expressing their appreciation and grateful thanks has been received from the Management Committee, Staff and patients. P.B.

A WORD OF THANKS

A warm thank you to all my friends who have helped in the past month and visited me at home and in hospital. I have been touched by all the kind wishes and support to the family. Lynn Penman

UPDATE ON CHURCH RESTORATION

Since my last report our Architect has been instructed to proceed with the lowest tender and a contract has been drawn up and signed with Gulliver and Forshaw for £17,695. The contract was reviewed and agreed with the architect prior to signature by the Churchwardens.

The administrative procedure for final approval of a faculty is nearing completion. Once forwarded, then work may commence. Gulliver and Forshaw estimate they will commence work the second week in February (they have been delayed with extra work required on their present job which is Piddlehinton Church).

The following applications have been made:-

1) Society of Antiquaries - Results of applications will not be known until the end of the year.
(2) Historic Church Preservation Trust - Grant of £2000 on receipt of Architect's interim or final certificate.
(3) Incorporated Church Building Society - INTEREST FREE LOAN of £1000 (four equal instalments commencing after receipt of Society's cheque). So our target for the fund remains at £25. We have been pledged thus far:

English Heritage 40% A items £6920
40% B items £1200
Dorset Historic Churches Trust £2000
Dorset County Council £1500
Historic Churches Preservation Trust £2000
Fund raising through various activities and private donations £6000
Loan from Incorporated Church Building Society £1000

We have already paid one bill of approx £1500 so the present shortfall is £3000, but we must be prepared for unforeseen circumstances and keep our fingers crossed that no extra requirements are unearthed during the renovation process.

May I bring to everyone's notice that over one third of our requirements has been raised by our own efforts which I personally think is a wonderful achievement for a relatively small parish. Let's hope towards the end of 1989 we can celebrate the completion of the task in the same fashion we started earlier this year in the village hall. Many thanks to everyone who has helped so far.

Robin Gainsford - Secretary of the Church Restoration Fund.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 1989
2nd 10.00am Macmillan Fund Christmas Fair - Bovington Memorial Hall
4th BERE REGIS CHURCH CLEAN-UP
4th 10.30am Affpuddle Church Coffee Morning - East Farm
4th 6.00pm Fireworks and Bonfire - Bere Regis First School
8th 7.30pm R.S.P.B. Film Show - Briantspuddle Village Hall
9th 8.00pm Cricket Club AGM - Bere Regis Sports Club
11th BERE REGIS CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP
14th 2.30pm Floral Group Christmas Fair - Drax Hall
15th 10.00am Save the Children Fund Christmas Fair - Dorchester Corn Exchange
25th 2.00pm Drax Hall Christmas Fair
29th Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar - Drax Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

December 1989
2nd 2.00pm Briantspuddle Christmas Fair - Village Hall
18th 6.30pm Scout Group Carols - Briantspuddle
19th 6.30pm Scout Group Carols - Bere Regis
19th Carol Service - Briantspuddle Village Hall

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AGE CONCERN 2.00pm Thursdays, Turville Court
AUTUMN LEAVES 2.30pm 2nd Wednesday
BEAVERS 6.00pm Monday, Scout HQ
BELLRINGERS 6.30pm Wednesday learners: improvers 7pm
BINGO 7.45pm Drax Hall (Mondays)
BLUE VAN 8.30-10.30am 4th Friday in month
BRITISH LEGION CLUB 7.00-11.00pm Monday - Saturday, 12.00-2.00pm & 7.30-10.30pm Sunday
BRITISH WOMENS SECTION 2.30pm 3rd Wednesday, HQ
BRITISH LEGION YOUTH 7.00-10.00pm Wednesday
BROWNIES 6.00-7.15pm Wednesday, Scout HQ
B.R.S.C. Winter Season Opening Times - Tues, Wed & Fri
7.00pm, Sat 4.25pm, Sun 7.30pm
CHOIR PRACTICE 7.15pm Junior Choir, 7.45pm Adults - Friday in church
CUBS 6.30pm Thursday, Scout HQ
FLORAL GROUP 2.30pm 2nd Tuesday, Drax Hall
GUIDES 6.30pm Tuesday, Scout HQ
MINI MARKET 10.00am 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
MOTHER & TODDLER 2.15pm Monday, Congregational Church
MOTHER'S UNION 7.30pm 1st Wednesday, Vicarage
PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS 3 mornings Bere Regis School - Tel 471165
PLAYGROUP BRIANTSPUDDLE 9.30-12 noon Tues, Wed, Thurs, Village Hall
Enquiries - Janet Faulkner 471486 and Maria Houlton 3035-251459
SCOUTS 6.30pm Friday, Scout HQ
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10.15am Every Sunday, Parish Church
TUESDAY CLUBS:
ADVENTURERS 7.00pm 7-11 years, Congregational Church
ADVENTURERS 8.15pm 12 years & over, Congregational Church
WIVES GROUP 7.30pm 4th Tuesday, Drax Hall
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 7.00pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
SWIMMING CLUB
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BOFFINS OF THE CLOTH

IT IS said that the emergency signal SOS stands for 'Save our Souls'. Now it also stands for the Society of Ordained Scientists, a new 'dispersed order' in the Anglican Communion, which holds its annual conference at Launde Abbey, near Leicester, this month (April).

First mooted three years ago, the society was formed in 1987 and already has over 40 members in Britain and abroad. Several denominations are represented, including Methodism and the United Reformed Church, although most members are clergy in the Church of England, whose ministry has seen an exceptional influx of professional scientists in the last 20 years.

The current Warden of the society is the Rev. Dr Arthur Peacock, a former Dean of Clare College, Cambridge. The Secretary is Canon Eric Jenkins, who during the '50s was a research chemist at Harwell.

Canon Jenkins explains 'Our members aim to offer to God, in their ordained role, the work of science in the exploration and stewardship of creation, and to express the commitment of the Church to the scientific enterprise and their concern for its impact on the world'.

The society hopes to become a resource for the Church and society as new spiritual, ethical and social problems are generated by the growth of scientific knowledge and new technologies.

The Archbishop of York, himself a former scientist, has accepted an invitation to be the group's official Visitor. Area chapters are being formed.

Members intend to follow a 'common rule' and support each other in their vocation.

Address for details: 51 Oulton Road, Childwall, Liverpool L16 8NP.

PHILIP BARRON

UFO BELIEF

A SURVEY has revealed that 16 per cent of women and 23 per cent of men in Britain believe in the existence of flying saucers. (Gallup)

THE ELDERLY

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