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SOMEBODY OUGHT TO...

IN FEBRUARY we had a visiting preacher from the Missions to Seamen. In his address at Bere Regis he finished by reminding us of our opportunities to serve God: whenever you find yourself saying "somebody ought to..." - then probably it means that YOU ought to....

We are now into LENT - what is your idea of Lent? A time for giving up or abstention? Wouldn't it be better to be more more positive? Do things - for GOD, for your COMMUNITY, for YOURSELF!

Be honest: look and see if GOD really matters in your life. Do you spend time with him each day? Do you join fellow-believers at Church on every Sunday - or do you pretend that watching 'Songs of Praise' is just as good? Do you say that you don't like the time or the type of Service or the music... or do you put yourself out for God and others - like Jesus did when he died for you on the Cross? He would probably have preferred to be somewhere else as well!

Look at the world around you - at your local Community: what do you do to help people and organisations? Maybe you do a lot, or maybe you leave it all to someone else! All the things that go on need your support: this magazine is full of local happenings - things to go to, organisations to join, councils and committees to serve on, jobs to be done... Even the chance of tidying up our village!

And yourself: do you take yourself seriously? You need to look after yourself and care for yourself, just as we need to care for God and those around us. You need to feed your mind - as well as your body; you need time to be re-created as well as for activity; you need to be fully human - and perhaps that is where God and community and self meet: being fully human means having a right relationship with God and others!
CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

BERE REGIS

SUNDAY 4 MARCH
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
6.00 pm Evensong

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH
10.30 am Holy Communion at Turerville Court
7.30 pm Holy Communion

SUNDAY 11 MARCH
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Family Worship
Preacher: Paul Niemiec CA
Preacher: Paul Niemiec CA
6.00 pm Evensong

SUNDAY 18 MARCH
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
6.00 pm Evensong

SUNDAY 25 MARCH
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Family Communion for Mothering Sunday
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins

Mothering Sunday
2.30 pm Mothering Sunday Family Worship

SUNDAY 1 APRIL
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
6.00 pm Evensong

5 in Lent
11.15 am Matins

READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES IN MARCH

SUNDAY 4 MARCH
Theme: The King & the Kingdom: Temptation
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
2 Corinthians 6.1 - 10; Matthew 4.1 - 11
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 503 ff)
11.15 am Matins
Genesis 4.1 - 10; Luke 4.1 - 13
6.00 pm Evensong
Deuteronomy 30.11 - end; Hebrews 2.5 - end

SUNDAY 11 MARCH
Theme: Conflict
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
1 Thessalonians 4.1 - 8; Matthew 15.21 - 28
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 508 ff)
1 John 3.1 - 10; Matthew 12.22 - 32
6.00 pm Evensong
2 Kings 6.8 - 23; Luke 19.41 - 20.8

SUNDAY 18 MARCH
Theme: Suffering
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Ephesians 5.1 - 14; Luke 11.14 - 28
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 512 ff)
1 Peter 2.19 - end; Matthew 16.13 - end
6.00 pm Evensong
Isaiah 59.9 - 20; Colossians 1.24 - 2.7

SUNDAY 25 MARCH
Theme: Transfiguration/Mothering Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Galatians 4.21 - end; John 6.1 - 14
9.30 am Parish Communion
Special readings
11.00 am Matins
Isaiah 52.13 - 53.6; Matthew 27.1 - 32

FAMILY WORSHIP IN MARCH...
BERE REGIS 11 MARCH, AFFPUDDLE 18 MARCH AT 11.00 AM.
ALSO MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES ON 25 MARCH...

AFFPUDDLE AT 9.30 AM AND BERE REGIS AT 2.30 PM.
In the January Parish Magazine it stated that new Electoral Rolls were needed this year in all Parishes. If you have not filled in a form this year and do not do so then you will not be included.

Closing dates are: 20 MARCH for Bere Regis and 1 APRIL for Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle.

The form on page 5 can be returned to either Church, or Mrs N Penfold, 14 Boswell's Close or Mrs J Silvas, 3 The Hollow, Briantspuddle.

'TURNING POINTS' is the 1990 National Lent Course which will be followed by thousands of British Christians in groups all over the country. After a short taped introduction the groups will then discuss Biblical material and will consider many issues. If there is sufficient demand an afternoon Course will run from 2.15 - 3.15 pm on Mondays at The Vicarage and from 8.00 pm - 9.15 pm on Mondays at 13 Sitterton. Choose your time and venue! We hope that not only Anglicans will respond - all are welcome!

OUR THANKS goes to Geoffrey Booth for mending the clock at Bere Regis Church. Also to him, we are grateful for his carefully composed letters which have appeared in the local press reminding us of the difficulties in keeping our churches maintained and running - it all depends on us parishioners!

THE PLAY AND LEARN VAN will be in our villages as follows in March:

- Thursday 8
  2.00 - 3.00 B R Surgery
  11.30 - 12.15 Briantspuddle

- Wed. 14
  9.15 - 10.00 Bere Regis School
  10.15 - 11.00 B R Surgery

- Thurs. 22
  11.30 - 12.15 Briantspuddle
  2.00 - 3.00 B R Surgery

- Wed. 28
  9.15 - 10.00 Bere Regis School
  10.15 - 11.00 B R Surgery

FORMS are available for donating new hymnbooks at Bere Regis Church in memory of loved ones. Each book costs £3.50. Forms from Church or from the Vicar.

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APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

I (full Christian name and surname, Mr, Mrs, Miss)

of (full postal address)

am baptised and am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it. I am sixteen years or over and am either resident in the parish or have habitually attended public worship there for at least the past six months.

I apply for entry on the church electoral roll of the parish of Bere Regis/Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle (delete which is not applicable).

Date.. Signed..

This form can be used for a second person to apply, further forms are available in both Churches or from Electoral Roll Officers or The Vicar.

I (full Christian name and surname, Mr, Mrs, Miss)

of (full postal address)

am baptised and am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it. I am sixteen years or over and am either resident in the parish or have habitually attended public worship there for at least the past six months.

I apply for entry on the church electoral roll of the parish of Bere Regis/Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle (delete which is not applicable).

Date.. Signed..
BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL
CARNIVAL & SUMMER FETE
SATURDAY 14 JULY 1990

Following the success of last year's Carnival there is to be a similar half-day event this year on SATURDAY 14 JULY. There will be a procession to the School where the Fete will be held. There will be trade stands and displays as well as all the usual attractions. Full details will appear in this Parish Magazine, but if you want to know more about applying for Trade Stands or entering a float in the procession etc. contact the P.T.A. Vice-Chairman, Alison Bennett (471537).

Information would be welcome about any crowns etc. worn by previous Carnival Princesses...

This year's Carnival Princess is SHANNON HOMES and RAY CORMLEY is the Carnival Prince.

DURING LENT there will be a wide selection of devotional books in both Churches that can be borrowed. Lent is a time for growing in the faith - so it is good to do something extra, rather than just giving up something! Could you take your daily Bible Reading or Praying more seriously? Could you attend Church more often?

Why not join one of the two Lent Groups in our Parish?
There are also LENT BOXES or ENVELOPES available for either the Missions to Seamen or the Church Army.

EASTER LILIES can again be given in memory of loved ones at Bere Regis Church this year. The lists will be in Church from ASH WEDNESDAY (28 Feb) until MOTHERING SUNDAY (25 March). We cannot guarantee obtaining lilies after that date!

- The ANNUAL MEETINGS for our two Parishes are on:
  SUNDAY 8 APRIL at Bere Regis
  and
  SUNDAY 25 APRIL at Affpuddle.

Both follow shortened Services of Evensong, which begins at 6.00 pm.

They give an opportunity for you to hear what does go on in your Church and also to elect PCC's, Deanery Synod Representatives and Churchwardens and Sidesmen.

It is the heart that is not yet sure of its God that is afraid to laugh in his presence.

George MacDonald.
Despite its name the Samaritans, founded 35 years ago by the Rev Chad Varah, is not a religious organisation, Branch Director, June Grundy says - "We need ordinary people of any religion, race, age, sex or social background. We are looking for those who are able to listen quietly, supportively and compassionately in order to assist someone over a crisis. We are particularly in need of people who have time to offer in the mornings and afternoons'. "People call the Samaritans with many different problems and in some cases they are feeling so bad they are considering suicide but not by any means all. The main thing is that they feel they have someone to talk to in complete confidence."

If you think you can help as a volunteer and are over 18 years old and would like more information about the Samaritans please write, call in or telephone Bournemouth 551999 any time.

BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

Unfortunately our meeting in February had to be cancelled, due to bad weather, but we hope to hold our "Any Question" evening at a later date. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 7th March, and will start with Communion in Church, followed by a cup of tea when members will tell us their favourite women in the Bible. Tea Hostesses will be Mrs Jean Gibbs, Mrs Margaret Bartlett and Mrs Audrey Painter.

SCOUT GROUP

Jumble Sale Saturday, 17th March, 2.30pm in the Scout HQ. Come and look for a bargain and have a cup of tea. We would welcome any donations of jumble on the morning of the sale or it can be collected beforehand. Please contact any scout member or ring 471469.

The Scout Headquarters in Elder Road is used by Scouts or Guides every evening of the week. The executive committee have been approached by a number of people and groups regarding the use of it in the daytime. We have been awaiting information from rating and insurance, and details of the lease have instructed that the building can be used for Educational, Religious or Charity purposes.

The committee have agreed to consider letting for the categories listed with help being asked for contributions towards insurance, rates, water and electricity. The proposed rates will initially be £3 an hour with heating and £2 an hour in summer. Enquiries in the first place in writing to the Group Chairman, John England, 10 South Mead, Bere Regis.

Would anyone be prepared to act as Booking Secretary/Key Holder/ Caretaker of the building?

The recent storm force winds caused a large amount of damage throughout the country and probably we have been fairly lucky here in Bere Regis, compared with many other areas.

The Village's tallest building stood up to the battering very well but did lose it's flagpole (you may have noticed) which was snapped into three large pieces but luckily did not fall over the edge of the tower and hurt anyone or damage the lead roof below.

A section of the churchyard wall also was blown over and an Arbutus tree on the north side of the churchyard was split apart and will need to be removed.

Without regular maintenance and the funds to do it, churches like ours fall into disrepair. We hope the five-yearly examination by the church architect will not find too many problems.

JOIN THE PIGS!

The Elder Road playground has had its day. As more information about playground injuries is collected, it becomes clear that the most common and serious injuries are caused by a fall onto a hard surface. Tarmac is no longer considered acceptable as a playground surface, but tarmac is, unfortunately, what we have, and it is really only a matter of time before a child falls on his or her head and suffers brain damage or even death.

Clearly the playground needs resurfacing. Equally clearly this will be expensive, and it's the usual problem: money's too tight to mention. However the alternative is that the playground will be closed altogether and turned into a car park.

This is a rapidly expanding village with a large number of young children, and we feel it must be wrong to leave them with nowhere safe to play. So a group of mums, with the support of the Parish Council, have formed the Playground Improvement Group, otherwise known as PIG. We intend to raise money by applying for grants to anybody who will listen, supplemented by fund-raising activities. With the money we raise we will not only make the playground safe, but add some more interesting equipment.

You can help by signing our petition, which you'll find in the VG shop, the Post Office and both pubs. If we know we have support from a substantial number in the village it will greatly assist not only in applying to the District Council, but in all future efforts. The list of names will not be used for any other purpose whatsoever, please have no fear! We shall also be needing assistance from stout hearts, so if you're interested in joining our group, please call Anna Spencer on 471663.

Fund-raisers, do-it-yourselfers, planners or simply people who like playgrounds - come on down!
VILLAGE TIDY-UP

Dear Neighbour, Last Spring a group of country-lovers of all ages set about the task of clearing litter from the hedges, verges and lay-bys of Bere Regis. Not only did they collect 55 bags of assorted rubbish, they also raised over £100 for Christian aid and the Church Urban Fund.

This year they are hoping to be just as effective - with enthusiastic support from the whole community.

Are you able to help in some way? Donations large or small will be much appreciated, as will the gift of plastic refuse bags, and most of all - offers of help.

The dates for this year's efforts are:

Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th March
or, if wet, Saturday and Sunday, 17th and 18th March
starting at 10.00am from 3 South Mead. Hoping you will join in!

2ND BERE REGIS GIRL GUIDES

We have now settled into our second year. In January we attended the Plough Sunday Parade and Service. Mrs Hedges and Jock Wilson from St John's Ambulance came to instruct the girls in resuscitation and First Aid also testing them on accident prevention. They were greatly impressed by the Guides' enthusiasm and all 13 girls gained their Accident Prevention Badge. Our Thinking Day service here at Bere Regis with the Brownies will have come and gone by now - our thanks to the Reverend Burke for arranging this at quite short notice. On Saturday, 31st March the Guides and Brownies of the district (Piddle Valley) are having a Spring Craft Show at Piddleteith Village Hall opening at 2.30pm. All parents and friends are invited for tea and to see what has been made. There will also be a raffle and a Parade of Easter Bonnets at 3.15pm, before the distribution of prizes.

BERE REGIS BRANCH - ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mr Ray Hargrave, tell us that the total to date for the 1989/90 Appeal amounts to £22,529.44, an increase on the previous year of £234.18. This is a great response by the local population and grateful thanks to the Organiser and his band of faithful helpers, and not least to all who subscribed to this grand total.

One of the many services being sponsored by the Legion is the installation of an alarm system known as " Lifeline" enabling elderly people (in the main) to summon assistance in a home emergency.

The unit comprises a push-button telephone linked through normal B.T. line to a control centre, and includes a small clip-on pendant which may be worn so that the alarm may be activated within a reasonable distance of the unit. Generally beneficiaries are elderly persons, usually living alone and unable to leave the premises - but occasionally living with other elderly persons in similar circumstances. They may be at risk and requiring emergency help through falling or the onset of any physical condition, illness or collapse. With the Lifeline, help is only a button away, for the alarm is picked up at the control centre and the response can be immediate. The Legion covers the cost of the unit and the monitoring charges for the first year, together with the cost of installing a telephone line (if needed) to connect to the central control. Beneficiaries would meet the normal B.T. standing charges and for telephone calls made through the system. After the first year, beneficiaries would also pay the monitoring charges, usually about £1 per week, as well as the normal telephone account.

The Gardening Club's February meeting was very well attended and members enjoyed an illustrated talk by Mr Harry Dawes, Chairman of the Dorset Federation of Horticultural Societies, on Vegetable Growing. This talk should result in improved standards of growing and probably produce more keen contenders in the Branch Annual Flower and Vegetable Show. Members were able to pose questions on their own problems and were given sound advice on how to overcome them. The Club is now affiliated to the D.F.H.S., whose A.G.M. and Quiz Final will be held at the Dorset College of Agriculture, Kingston Maurward, at 4.30pm on Saturday, 17th March. Members intending to attend this event should contact the Club Secretary (John James) Tel 471046, by 10th March. Refreshments will be available.

Our next meeting on Tuesday, 6th March at 8.00pm will be an illustrated talk on "Flowers in a Spring Garden" to be given by Mr R. Wadey, Head of Horticulture at Dorset College of Agriculture.

The Youth Section trip to Alton Towers has been brought forward to Saturday, 12th May and is so popular that all seats have been taken.

The annual 'Night Hike' will take place next Saturday, 3rd March. Monies raised in sponsorship will go to Section funds. As usual a team has been entered in the annual Upton Youth Club Six-a-Side Football competition on Easter Monday.

Membership to the Youth Section is open to all youngsters aged 12 to 18, boys or girls, at £1.50 per annum - no weekly charges are made.

Wednesday night is Youth Club Night.
W.I.
In the January meeting Mrs Jesty gave us a talk on 'The League of Friends', she also explained about the purpose of the new Wareham hospital, which is our charity project for the year. On March 22nd we are holding a Whist Drive in the Drax Hall, 7.30pm. So if anyone enjoys a game of whist, please come along, you will be made most welcome. This is not just for W.I. members it is for anyone!
The Tea Hostesses for March are Mrs Barnes, Mrs Ferguson and Mrs March.
Will members please note that the Spring Group Show will be held in the Drax Hall on March 29th. If anyone hasn't received a Schedule and entry form, please ask any committee member for one. The committee members' names will be on your programme.
We meet the first Tuesday of each month, 7pm at the Drax Hall.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP ... ...
will meet on March 13th at 2.30pm at Winterborne Kingston Hall, where there is plenty of parking. Mrs Webber and Mrs Chilcott will be demonstrating, and their title is "Food and Flowers, our Favourites". Please try to come to this demonstration as we would like your opinion on the Hall.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND
Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas Cards from us - 41,183 was taken in orders.
Please don't forget our Slide Show on March 1st!

AUTUMN LEAVES
We were very sorry to have had to cancel our February meeting owing to the inclement weather and illness, and thank the members for "putting the word around". A special tea will be had for our March meeting on Wednesday, 14th March at 2.30pm, when our speaker will be "Charlie". The competition will be a Cruet and there will be a Sales Table.
Our 'Now to You' Sale this year will be held on 18th April at 2.30pm.
New members will be very welcome. Ring 471175 or 471472 for details.

THE R.B.L. WOMEN'S SECTION ...
... held their monthly meeting on January 17th, 26 members attending.
The speaker was Mrs Whiston, who showed slides and gave a most interesting talk on "The Children's Society". Teas were served

by Mrs Payne and Mrs Reed and a Bring & Buy by Mrs Cleall.
A Coffee Evening will be held at HQ on March 21st at 7.00pm. Please come and support us.
Cenotaph for March - Mrs Orchard.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION
Due to a clash of similar events on Saturday, 31st March in Bere Regis, the Conservative Spring Fair is now replaced by a Spring Coffee Morning to be held on Saturday, 7th April, 10.30am-12noon at The Cedars, West Street, Bere Regis.

SAD NEWS
The news that The Old Bakery Playgroup could be taxed out of existence has caused deep concern throughout this and neighbouring Parishes. The news to date is that Mr Nicholas Baker (N. Dorset MP) hopes to visit us for a Play Group session on a Friday afternoon early next month. We hope to persuade him to meet parents and friends of the Playgroup later the same afternoon in the Village Hall, Winterborne Kingston.
Meanwhile, if you are interested in supporting us, it would be a great contribution if you would write a letter supporting our case to:-
1. Your MP - West Dorset  Sir James Spicer
   South Dorset Mr Ian Bruce
   North Dorset Mr Nicholas Baker
2. Chief Executive of the County Council, County Hall, Dorchester.
   (If possible with a copy to the Chief Executive of your local District Council.)
I am greatly heartened by the deep concern and wonderful support I am having from throughout the County. Thanks to you all.  J.S.
P.S. Please, for the moment, let us keep this out of the press. Anger and headlines are unlikely to help at this stage!

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
Football Report
Results - 1st Team
Jan 20th Weymouth TC 0-1 Bere Regis (R. Pendleton)
Jan 27th Bere Regis 2-2 Weston Utd (C. Phillips, R. Pendleton)
Feb 10th Bere Regis 1-0 Stourpaine (R. White)
The Under 12's faltered through a mud-ridden January, winning away at Real Weymouth BCO 3-0, Kevin Cox stretching his double figure tally and Andrew Curtis adding a third.

At home to a strong Boscombe Albion they crashed 3-0, but one or two goals seemed gifts. A week off then home to Rapid Merley where away they had won, the boys gave up a 2-1 advantage collapsing to 4-2. Danny Ling and A. Rogerson hitting the mark either side of the half way mark.

On March 10th the team will be visiting Wembley for the England Schoolboy International against France. A limited number of seats are available. If anyone is interested please contact Bere Regis 471566. On Sunday, 25th March the Club is holding a general "Trivia" quiz, which is open to teams of four. Once again please contact Bere Regis 471933.

With the cricket season some six to eight weeks away, the Club has started to put some early events together to begin the new campaign. We now have two teams entered in the Wadham Stringer Dorset Cricket League. The 1st team in Division 2 and the 2nd team in Division 7 South and West, which gives a fixture list of 34 matches, complimented by several friendly games. Arrangements have been made for indoor net practices on 1st and 8th April at the Purbeck Sports Centre, and the Club will have a 1st and 2nd team friendly on 15th April at the Recreation Ground. Wednesday nights are devoted to net practice and wicket preparation also some evening friendlies on various occasions. The Clubhouse facilities will be open for use during matches. Everyone welcome, especially aspiring umpires or scorers. If any interested please contact Sue Stone, Tel: 471933 or Herbie Swann, 471141.

100 YEARS AGO From the Parish Magazine for March 1890:-

ANNE ELIZABETH DAVIS

The last few months have been a period of much anxiety among us, owing to the prevalence of illness among the children. At Christmas time we were obliged to close our Schools on account of diphtheria, and when they were re-opened, Annie Davis was unable to return to her duties as "monitor", because she had been engaged in nursing three of the little ones of the family who had been suffering from diphtheria. It was thought that all danger of infection was over, but, in spite of all precautions, at the end of January, "Nancy" herself was taken ill with the same disease, and breathed her last on Tuesday, the 4th February. She had been helping
in teaching the younger children in the Girls' School since last summer, and will be much missed by the many little girls who had learnt to love her, as well as by those of her own age, and many of her elders also. The whole village seems to feel her loss as a personal one, and the sympathy on all sides for her parents and family was, and is, deep and true.

Other families also have had to mourn the loss of some of their little ones. Our record of "Burials" for the month tells of no less than seven children who have been taken away from those who loved them to the

"Home for little children,
Above the bright blue sky."

Two families especially require more than usual sympathy, as they have both lost two children within the month.

PARISH COUNCIL

At the January meeting of the Parish Council the precept for the coming year was discussed and approved and set at £4100, equal to £3.40 per head. This is approximately 20% less than last year. New interment fees for the cemetery were approved.

The local policeman informed everyone that a gang is operating in the area, breaking into cars parked in pub, club and public car parks, stealing radio and stereo units.

' Beware' signs are now in position at the top of Poole Hill and the Highway Department say work on the surface of Rye Hill will be included in the next financial year's estimate.

A sub-committee has been set up, together with parents of the Ragamuffins Play Group, to look into the future of the play area in Elder Road.

Dr Simon Walker has filled the vacant position on the Parish Council.

We are still looking for a street cleaner. This is for eight hours a week in summer and four hours in the winter at £3.00 per hour. Anyone interested should apply to Mr Wise or Mr Shave.

STOP PRESS!
The Jumble Sale in aid of Bere Regis Church on 17th February raised a splendid £340. Thanks to all helpers, attenders and customers.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

AFFPUDDLE PCC

The PCC would like to organise two Coffee Mornings during 1990 - the first in the spring and the second in the autumn.

We have willing helpers but are in need of venues and would like welcome offers from would-be hosts. If you can help please contact Jonathan Burke.

AFFPUDDLE FAMIIY SERVICE

11.00am Sunday, 18th March

The season of Lent will be well established when we hold this service and continuing with our theme based on the life of Jesus, we naturally think of his suffering on this Sunday. What does it mean to us and what can it teach us? All are welcome.

BRIAN' SPUDDLE W.I.

A big thank you goes out to Mr Ball, the butcher from Puddletown, for his most interesting and meaty talk and also for all the hard work he put into it beforehand, allowing us to see the various types of meat and joints at first hand and to taste some of his own original recipes.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7th March at 8.00pm when Mr Howell will be our guest speaker and the subject "Badgers".

All non-members welcome as always.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 1990

1st 7.30pm ICRF Slide Show, Anthony Bates - Drax Hall
1st 1.30-3.30 & 5-7pm - Blood Donor Session - D'Urberville Hall
9th 7.00pm Conservative Association AGM - Drax Hall
10th & 11th Village Clean-Up - Bere Regis
17th 2.30pm Scout Group Jumble Sale - HQ
31st Craft Fair, Cyril Wood Court, West Street, Bere Regis

FUTURE EVENTS

April 1990

2nd ICRF AGM - The Cedars, West Street, Bere Regis
7th 10.30am Conservative Association Coffee Morning - The Cedars
11th Autumn Leaves Spring Fair
16th ICRF Coffee Morning - Honeysuckle Cottage, Sitterton
18th 2.30pm Autumn Leaves 'Now to You' Sale - Drax Hall
21st Sponsorred Clean-Up - Kimmeridge - Scout Group
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AGE CONCERN
2.00 pm Thursdays, Turberville Court

AUTUMN LEAVES
2.30 pm 2nd Wednesdays

BEAVERS
6.00 pm Monday, Scout HQ

BELLRINGERS
6.30 pm Wednesday Learners: Improvers 7.00 pm

BINGO
7.45 pm Drax Hall (Mondays)

BLUE VAN
8.30-10.30 am 4th Friday in month

BRITISH LEGION CLUB
7.00-11.30 pm Monday-Saturday, 12.00-2.00 pm &
7.30-10.30 pm Sunday

BRITISH WOMENS SECTION
2.30 pm 3rd Wednesday, HQ

BRITISH LEGION YOUTH
7.00-10.00 pm Wednesday

BROWNIES
6.00 - 7.15 pm Wednesday, Scout HQ

B.R.S.C.
Winter Season Opening Times - Tues, Wed & Fri
7.00 pm Sat 4.25 pm, Sun 7.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE
7.15 pm Junior, 7.45 pm Adults, Friday in Church

CURS
6.30 pm Thursday, Scout HQ

FLORAL GROUP
2.30 pm 2nd Tuesday, Drax Hall

GUIDES
6.30 pm Tuesday, Scout HQ

MINI MARKET
10.00 am 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY
Alternate Mondays (2-3.15 pm) & Thursdays
(9.30-11.30 am)

MOTHER & TODDLER
2.15 pm Monday, Congregational Church

MOTHERS UNION
7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Vicarage

PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS
4 mornings Bere Regis School - Tel 471165

PLAYGROUP BRIANTSPUDDLE
Enquiries kathy Giles 0929 463556 & Carol Poole
0305 848792

SCOUTS
6.30 pm Friday, Scout HQ

SUNDAY SCHOOL
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LISTEN TO HIM!

‘BE STILL and know that I am God’: so says the Psalmist. But what does it mean? Does it have any relevance to us today and, if so, what should we do about it? Most of us lead very busy lives: some work in commerce, some are self-employed, others work in shops or in the home...and the unemployed and the retired wish to keep busy.

EVERY SECOND

If we have a spare minute we try to find something to fill it: planning our next holiday, deciding whether we should replace the BMW, working out how to stretch our pension or our benefit a little further. When we do stop, we try to anaesthetise our brains with alcohol or television. But what is the point of all this activity? Is it a means of furthering our lives or of avoiding the question of what our lives are for?

All that we have and are come from God. We need to take time to listen to God and to appreciate what he has done for us. Can this be done during frantic activity? Somehow I doubt it. It is much easier to listen and to appreciate when we are being still. In a way stillness can be a very profound form of activity.

Stillness and listening are also very important aspects of prayer. At times we treat God as a heavenly butler. We have a crisis in our family or a problem that needs resolving and so we pray. We give God our ‘shopping list’ and expect him to get on with it.

‘The Bible says God answers prayers but when I prayed nothing happened. God is just a sham!’ This is a view shared by many people, and it is a view that is unnecessary. God answers prayer — not always in the way we expect — but he does answer. The fault usually lies with us because we haven’t listened for the answer.

‘Be still and know that I am God.’ It is in stillness that we can listen to God and realise how he is answering our prayers. It is in stillness that we encounter and experience the reality of God’s power and wonder — and his love for us.

DAVID BRADSHAW

ANOTHER NAME FOR DEBT

TO BORROW within limits is not in itself a bad thing, but in Britain today too many people owe too much. The term ‘consumer credit’ has been substituted for the word ‘debts’ and it’s become an accepted part of life.

The national consumer debt bill is estimated at over £30 billion, with an average debt of £1,500 for each household (not counting mortgages). In one research sample of 1,043 people actually in debt, the average debt was £4,500.

PAWN SHOPS

Pawn shops have reappeared on our streets, though not all their customers are on the bread line. Young city stockbrokers are pawning their sports cars and one recent customer pawned a helicopter for £20,000.

Last year, more than half a million cases of personal debt reached the courts and more than a million people took debt problems to the Citizens’ Advice Bureaux.

Most people who fall into debt are not reckless spendthrifts: they are people who do plan to some extent, but sail too close to the wind.

The Halifax Building Society recently got together with the West Yorkshire Money Advice Support Unit to publish a free guide on ‘Dealing with Debt’ (available from Halifax branches).

It gives detailed tips on where to get advice, negotiating with creditors, what to do about mortgage or rent arrears and how to maximise one’s income. A Money Planner chart in the booklet lists all kinds of household expenses to help worried readers tot up their present spending and make a budget.

If you have problems, the number one rule is: ACT QUICKLY, GET ADVICE. Don’t leave bills hoping they will go away. If there is no Citizens’ Advice Bureau near where you live, look up in the phone book (or ‘trust Thomson’) Neighbourhood Law Centres or Housing Advice Centres.

PHILIP BARRON
NOT TOO SERIOUSLY

WARTS AND ALL

A FRIEND recently bought me a poster. Like all such it was cute and colourful. Two yellow ducklings cuddled up to each other in a bed of flowers. The slogan read 'A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.'

I was touched, at first. Then it began to seem a bit ambivalent. Implied 'If they knew what you were really like, most people wouldn't want anything to do with you'.

I would have preferred something unambiguously flattering. Like 'To my friend who knows he is absolutely perfect and in all respects admirable'. In the end I accepted it graciously because after all, the giver is a friend, in spite of everything.

So it is now on my wall, near the other poster they bought me which reads 'Lord give me patience...right now'. It really is rather galling when someone does know all about you.

But painful though it might be to admit it is only on the basis of honesty, and a love strong enough to survive it, that a true lasting relationship can be formed, with other people, or with God.

GEOFF TURNER

WHOLE WINDOWS

YOU DO not need to think that if only you can become whole, you can then be of great use and tell others how you became whole and they can, too. You are of great use now. That use may not be what you had in mind and were unable to do. But you and your weakness, your brokenness, may be a window letting God into the world.

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