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A NEW CHRISTIAN YEAR begins with the season of ADVENT; this year it is on December 1st.

This season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas takes its name from a Latin word which means "coming" and refers to the coming of Christ. Traditionally there are two themes to this coming:

The FIRST COMING, when Jesus Christ was born, the event that we remember on Christmas Day;

The SECOND COMING, at the end of the world when he will return in judgment.

The season mixes joy in the fact that Jesus has already come into the world on the first Christmas with the more serious thought that he will come again - and we will be called to account before him.

ADVENT is a time of spiritual preparation, with a reminder that Christ is still coming - coming into our hearts to save us, coming in Word and Sacrament, and in the lives of those around us.

Advent is a season of solemn joy and of anticipation: we stand in awe of the one who is the King of Kings, yet so approachable and loving: Advent is a time of contrasts, but the truth is that Christ is coming - we know not when! Preparation thus takes on more than one dimension - it is not just Christmas shopping and cooking! When Jesus comes, will we be ready?
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### Bible Readings in Our Churches for December

**Sunday 1 December**
- Theme: The Advent Hope
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Romans 13.8 - 14; Matthew 21.1 - 13
- 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 422 ff) and 11.15 am Matins
- Isaiah 51.4 - 11; Matthew 25.31 - end

**Sunday 8 December**
- Theme: The Word of God in the Old Testament
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Romans 15.4 - 13; Luke 21.25 - 33
- 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 426 ff)
- Isaiah 64.1 - 7; Luke 4.14 - 21
- 6.00 pm Evensong
- 1 Samuel 26.3 - 20; 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.8

**Sunday 15 December**
- Theme: The Forerunner
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 1 Corinthians 4.1 - 5; Matthew 11.2 - 10
- 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 432 ff)
- Malachi 3.1 - 5; Matthew 11.2 - 15
- 6.00 pm Evensong
- Isaiah 40.1 - 11; 1 Corinthians 3

**Sunday 22 December**
- Theme: The Anunciation
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Philippians 4.4 - 7; John 1.19 - 28
- 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 436 ff)
- Zechariah 2.10 - end; Matthew 1.18 - 23

**Tuesday 24 December**
- Theme: The Incarnation
- 11.30 pm Midnight Mass (ASB pp 443 ff)
- Hebrews 1.1 - 12; John 1.1 - 14

**Wednesday 25 December**
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Hebrews 1.1 - 12; John 1.1 - 14
- 9.30 am and 11.00 am Family Communion (ASB pp 443 ff)
- 1 John 4.7 - 14; Luke 2.1 - 20

**Sunday 29 December**
- Theme: The Presentation
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Galatians 4.1 - 7; Matthew 1.18 - 25
- 9.30 am and 11.00 am Family Communion (ASB pp 450)
- Romans 12.1 - 8; Luke 2.22 - 40
Parish Registers

**HOLY BAPTISM**

October 20  Joanne Hazel GRUNDILL
November 10  Timothy Peter DAVIS

**BURIAL OF THE DEAD**

November 13  Edgar Fred WALBRIDGE (58)

**IN MEMORIAM**

**EDGAR WALBRIDGE** had very recently moved from Bere Regis when he was taken seriously ill and died in Wareham Hospital. Edgar's eighty-eight year life began near Christchurch. He moved with his family to many parts of Dorset - Shaftesbury, Sturminster Newton, Wool and Hyde amongst them, but for many years Longburton, near Sherborne was his home. There he was the landlord of the Rose and Crown, a task he took over from his mother; Edgar was very much part of the local community there. He was a bellringer and a great supporter of the Church there, and his faith never left him, despite many trials and tragedies in his lifetime. He had been a restaurant owner, a bee keeper and a farmer in his time. Edgar had a great love for Dorset - the countryside, nature - and people. In later years he was still to be found surrounded by goats and sheep, his dog and the cats. Edgar had also loved his garden. We offer our sympathy to his family, who were so important to him, and we pray that he may rest in peace.

Bere Regis Church

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

Cyril Wood Court, West Street

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

10.30 am

Cakes  Christmas Gifts  Draw etc.

In aid of Parish Church Funds

Thanks to all in Bere Regis who made the **YOUTH CONCERT** such an enjoyable event, under the guidance of John England. The proceeds were for the **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED Appeal**, and £57 was raised on the night. Those who didn't come missed a superb evening's entertainment!

**DIARY NOTES**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS** in Bere Regis go to the work of the Children's Society: the Christingle collection at Affpuddle will also go to this very worthwhile Anglican organisation.

**THE FINAL TOTAL** for the magnificent **AUTUMN GLORY** Festival at Bere Regis was £416. As expressed last month, we are grateful to all who gave so much to the weekend.

**THE PLAY & LEARN VAN** will be in our parishes as follows in December...

5th.  11.30 - 12.15  Brantspuddle  
2.15 - 3.00  Bere Regis Surgery

11th.  9.15 - 10.00  Bere Regis School  
10.15 - 11.00  Bere Regis Surgery

**BERE REGIS PLAYGROUP** as many people may be aware, Sue Cheeseman is leaving Ragamuffins Playgroup after supervising our children for four and a half years. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and devotion throughout that time - and wish her lots of luck in everything that she does in the future.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Maggie Bugler who takes over as the supervisor from January 1992.

Our Christmas Bazaar is on Wednesday 4 December at 2.30 pm in the School Hall - all are welcome.

**BERE REGIS CHURCH** will be decorated on Saturday 21 December for Christmas.

**SHOW YOU CARE** - envelopes are available in both Churches for you to send Christmas Greetings from yourself or the local Church to Christians in different parts of the world with whom we are linked through our Diocese or individuals in our parishes. Put your card or letter in the envelope, affix a stamp and show that you care this Christmas!

**THANK YOU** to those who walked or cycled in the Historic Churches sponsored event in September. Those who took part in Bere Regis raised over £150 for the Trust, of which £75.50 was given to the Fabric Fund at Bere Regis Church. Sadly Affpuddle produced no participants although a donation of £12.50 was received for Affpuddle Church.

We are pleased to see **JOHN LEWIS** home from a long spell in Wareham Hospital, he writes:

"I would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their Get Well Cards, gifts and kind messages during my stay in Wareham Hospital."

**PLEASE SUPPORT** the Christmas Concert in Church on **THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER** at 7.30 pm. This is a popular event organised by the Congregational Chapel.
Christmas Services

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER Christmas Concert in Bere Regis Church at 7.30 pm. Come and join in the celebration of the coming of Christ. This is organised by the Bere Regis Congregational Chapel.

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER Affpuddle Christmas Family Worship at Affpuddle Church at 11.00 am. Gifts are brought for the use of the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester: any practical household items are especially welcome.

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER Sandford Middle School hold their Christmas Carol Service in Bere Regis Church at 7.00 pm.

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER a Carol Service at Bere Regis Church at 6.00 pm. Candles, Carols and Readings help to create an atmosphere of worship and praise as we rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ.

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER again there will be two CHRISTINGLE SERVICES this year at which all are very welcome:
4 pm at Affpuddle Church and
6 pm at Bere Regis.

The MIDNIGHT MASS of Christmas is at Affpuddle Church at 11.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER a traditional service of Holy Communion at 8 am at Bere Regis with more informal Family Communion Services at 9.30 am at Affpuddle and 11.00 am at Bere Regis.

The FINAL PART of Andrew Ward’s account of his year in the GAMBIA...

My favourite form 2 class was a below standard class called Bunjeng. They were the classic illustration of apathy. They never disturbed but always got grade D, about 30%, at test time. They got beatings for this from most of the teachers or verbal abuse. I just got very frustrated for a whole term.

In the second term after another set of bad results, I spoke to them. I told them they were great people and that I loved teaching their class, indeed I loved their class, but their problem was they didn’t work hard enough. If they loved me, could they show me by working harder. The class never looked back, every lesson was a delight, and the end of year results meant that they could proudly hold their heads up high.

My favourite class in form one was 1 Jatta but they often suffered from tragedy, usually disease, and a little girl Mitchel Bejang died. I must explain that 1 Jatta was a very merry class never too far away from a laugh. The day after she died I had to teach them. Most teachers had dodged that job. It was the hardest lesson I ever had with the empty place where she should have been and the class half expecting me to cheer them up but me not wanting to be disrespectful.

Conversely one of my happiest days was sports day when the sandy sports field was converted into a stadium (African Stadium). Lines were scratched to make a track. Blackboards were nailed to palm poles to make score boards. A sand pit was marked and from somewhere a megaphone appeared.

The school had already been divided into four houses with teachers assigned to each one. As soon as this was done each house started compulsory training sessions running 2.5 km to the beach and back with exercises on the beach in between.

There was immense interest in the races, winners and losers being similarly congratulated. Whenever there was a winner, one of the teams went wild with dancing, singing and cheering! I was one of the leaders of the winning house which made me something of a hero, and the whole team, with the cup, went running, singing and dancing the whole way through the village telling everyone of the result!

In conclusion:
It is very hard to know exactly what I gained from my year. I have no regrets about going, and would do it again given the chance.

I have gained a love of teaching. I enjoyed my year very much and I know that I could teach again.

I have the confidence that I gained from standing in front of a class and assembly.

Teaching also taught me to think on the spot, a lot faster! - Once in the classroom a boy reported that another boy had called him a donkey. This was a potentially dangerous situation as to call someone an animal was very insulting. I made the insulted boy stand up and bend over, then I asked the
acuser if the other boy had a tail, then I asked if donkeys have tails, they saw that the conflicting answers proved that the boy was not a donkey. He apologised to classmate, it worked the situation was diffused.

I also grew to have a real love of Africans and a more balanced idea of development. I really do have a real desire to go back to Africa at some later date in my life.

The Gambians also have a close family structure which I thought was wonderful. It made me see the real sense of a family and I saw things that are lacking in our family set-ups, this is something I feel that we should change.

I also lost embarrassment in buying and accepting presents because the Gambians are so generous.

I would like to finish by saying a BIG THANK YOU to all my sponsors for giving me such a wonderful and unforgettable year.

THANK YOU

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS

BERE REGIS CHURCH
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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

December 1st: ADVENT
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December 22nd: Christmas
December 29th: Mrs P House

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday 21st December. Gifts of flowers or greenery will be most welcome.

BERE REGIS READERS: December 1991
December 8th: Mrs P Mills
December 15th: Miss S Frampton

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THANK YOU
Phyllis Gibbs would like to thank all the friends who sent get well cards. Messages and flowers during my recent stay in hospital including Age Concern, Autumn Leaves, Mothers Union and RBL Womens Section. Also special thanks to all my family and Jonathan and Fiona Burke.

Gladys Steele would like to thank all the kind friends who have sent her cards, good wishes and lovely flowers during her stay in hospital. They have been much appreciated. God bless you all.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
For their December concert this year, Briantspuddle Singers have hired the D'Urberville Hall in Wool and invite their audience to come along at 8pm on Wednesday, December 18th, both to listen to a varied programme of Christmas music, including Gordon Jacob's 'The New Born King' and to join in well-known carols and songs, all under the direction of Briantspuddle's conductor, Richard Hall. There will be refreshments in the interval. Space in the Hall is limited, so book early. Tickets @ £3 for adults and £2 for children are available from the Dorchester Music Shop, from 'Revolutions' in Wareham, Williams (Bakers) in Wool, or by post from W Reid, 17 Bladen Valley, Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HP (s.a.e. and cheque made out to Briantspuddle Singers). Come and share the Christmas spirit!
HELP!
During the night of Sunday 27th October thieves removed a window from Brenda Pitfield’s car, stealing 8 covered boxes of tinned food.
Brenda, who is area representative for Church Army, was extremely upset as the contents were intended for homeless women who are starting to live independently in a flatlets complex.
If anyone could help replace this loss, would they leave their tinned goods at the vicarage where they will be passed on to Brenda in time for delivery by Christmas.
Thank you.

REPORT OF PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS
Two meetings have been held recently, on September 18th and November 12th. Members were encouraged to hear that offers of practical help and financial support were still coming in following the very successful stewardship campaign, Pass it on, held earlier in the year.
The children’s event run by the Mothers’ Union based on the Bible story of David and Goliath had attracted 41 children, some from outside the parish. The weekend youth group continued to meet and there are now five adults who share leadership responsibilities. A children’s video library has been started, and a number of young bellringers have started to learn the ropes. The junior choir enjoyed an outing to Lyme Regis and the Sunday School had taken part in the children’s festival at the Cathedral.
The Harvest Festival weekend event had received much acclaim. Autumn Glory attracted many visitors and resulted in additional income of over £400.
The adult choir had visited Mr Stan Athill and presented him with an inscribed pen to mark his retirement as director of music. Stan continues to act as musical advisor.
Repairs needed to the church building include work on the pinnacles and repointing of the tower at an estimated cost of £3,500. A facility has been applied for to enable gas to be installed and repairs are needed to some of the stained glass.
The extension to the north side of the church appears likely to go ahead as most planning hurdles have been overcome. Balliol College, Oxford (the patrons) have promised to give £1,000 for every £9,000 we raise. The fund stands at £10,000 at present.
A progress report had to be completed following our consideration of the diocesan initiative Going with God Together. In the section concerning links with the world-wide church, we are hoping to build on the existing links we have with St Matthew’s Children’s Home in Ethiopia, giving support to the staff and promoting sales of work done by young people in their care. We are sending Christmas greetings to many Christians working in third world countries. Many recommendations are being implemented including a lending library, a Bible-reading notes scheme, baptism follow-up, parish prayer lists, and the reporting of council meetings. We enjoy a wide range of liturgy, including many services which use the Book of Common Prayer and services are held in both parish churches each Sunday. Friendly links are maintained with other denominations in the parish.
Please consult other parts of the magazine for details of various events taking place in the parish during December, and do join us as we celebrate the birthday of the King of Kings on December 25th.

BRENDA PITFIELD

BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION
Our November meeting started in Church with Communion led by Rev. J Burke, and a sermon by Rev Bainbridge. After refreshments we saw a video produced by the Mothers’ Union which it was hoped would educate and stimulate members to look to the future. A number of questions were put forward for discussion.
The December meeting will be on the 4th December, when Mrs Jill Baker will be present. There will be reading and poems for Christmas, and carols and mince pies. Tea hostesses will be the committee.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’s
We all enjoyed the lovely slides of Bere Regis, and the countryside shown to us by Mr Anthony Bates at our November meeting. There were also many wooden objects on display from all over the world, and some locally made.
The Christmas Bazaar has been altered to Saturday 7th December, at 2.30 pm in the Drax Hall.
The Christmas afternoon will be on Wednesday 11th December, when amongst other items we will be entertained by the children of Bere Regis 1st School singing Christmas songs and carols.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP
Thank you for the support you gave Ian Venthall at his RNLI talk and the cheese and wine evening. Presentations were made by Mike Gubbins District Commissioner to Betty Seal, Robin Gainsford and George Ward for their years of service to the committee and to Andy & Carol Brown who have served for many years helping with Scouts and Cubs travelling from Hamworthy to do so.

Scout Whist Drive is to be organised by Mr & Mrs House at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd December.

Scouts Carol Singing in aid of the Wareham MacMillan Unit will be at Briantspuddle on Monday 16th December from 6.30 pm and at Bere Regis on Tuesday 17th December again at 6.30 pm.
The Youth Concert in Bere Regis Church was very much enjoyed and those taking part must be congratulated. A retiring collection in aid of 'Children in Need' raised £56. Thank you to all adults who helped out and encouraged the young musicians.

Visiting Bellringers will include the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers on Saturday evening 7th December and the Royal Naval Guild on Saturday 4th January at 11.15 am.

BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER
£1,000 CHALLENGE
Did you know that 1 in 12 women will develop breast cancer? Each year 15,000 women in this country will die from this disease. What a terrible waste!

BREAKTHROUGH is raising £15 million to build a Breast Cancer Research Centre alongside the Royal Marsden Hospital and the Institute for Cancer Research. Numerous women are responding to the challenge which has been issued, each to raise £1,000. During the next few weeks there will be various fund raising events in Bere Regis and Wool which has included a coffee evening at Cyril Wood Court and there will also be a seasonal lunch at the D’Urberville Centre on Tuesday 3rd December. Tickets £6.

Any saleable goods, raffle prizes or donations of any kind will be gratefully received. Please contact Jean Gibbs 471500, Judith Aitwell B.A. 463183 for tickets or further information.

MACMILLAN FUND FOR CANCER RELIEF
Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent house to house collection. This has totalled £216.72 and is going into the fund for the planned new Hospice at Wareham.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND
Snugly oblivious to the Halloween wind and rain, a captivated audience travelled through the seasons in Dorset, took a trip back in time to look at Abbotsbury Gardens, wandered through the flowers in rural France and watched the sun set over Aghios Nikolaos.

Our very grateful thanks go to Tony Bates for creating a magic very different from the usual Halloween sort, and also to everyone who braved the deluge to come and support us.

£145 was made for Cancer Research.

D.M.H.

ARTHRITEIS & RHEUMATISM COUNCIL
At a coffee morning held at 15 North Street on Saturday November 2nd the sum of £117 was raised. With grateful thanks to the committee and all who supported us so generously.

Vicki Peters

BERE REGIS GUIDES
By the time this is being read we will have had our night hike, a fuller report next month. Meanwhile rehearsals will be in full swing for our parents Evening. Due to unforeseen circumstances we will now be having a:-

Joint Parents Evening with Guides and Brownies on Wednesday 11th December 6.30 pm
Tickets £1.00 each available from Leaders or at the door to include a glass of wine and mince pies.

On Wednesday 18th December we have been invited to the Rainbows Nativity Play prior to going carol singing around the village. So meet at the HQ at 6.00 pm, we will be leaving between 6.30 and 6.45 pm to Turberville Court and points beyond.

BERE REGIS BROWNIES
It is with sadness that we say Goodbye to Dawn Lindsay who stepped in as Brown Owl last Easter. Her husbands work takes them to Chester - too far to commute each Wednesday!! We wish them all the best for the future in new jobs and schools.

Meanwhile Brownies continue to rehearse for the joint parents evening with Guides on Wednesday 11th December. Tickets £1.00 each available from leaders or at the door to include mince pies and a glass of wine.

Brownies have also been invited to the Rainbows Nativity Play prior to going carol singing.

CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS
"Joy to the world" are the opening words of an old carol, which you may or may not have heard of or sung. You might well say that it may be Christmas when we wish one another 'Merry Christmas and a happy New Year' but there doesn't seem to be much JOY about these days, when we hear so much sad news on the radio or TV.

Well, I have some good news for you, for a change! That carol goes on to tell everyone who wants to know how they can have REAL JOY in this world. It says, "Joy to the world, the LORD is come!

Let earth receive her KING;
Let every heart PREPARE HIM room."

As we are prepared to MAKE ROOM in our hearts and lives for CHRIST JESUS to reign and rule as Saviour and Lord, so His JOY will indeed be ours, and not only at Christmas but throughout the New Year.

Luke 2:10-11 says, 'I bring you good news of great JOY...a Saviour, Christ the Lord'.

On Thursday 5th December there will be a CAROL CONCERT in the Parish Church at 7.30 pm in conjunction with the Poole Salvation Army Band. This will be a good event and will put the Christmas festivities in their proper perspective at the start of the Christmas season. Do come and join in that evening.

Those who came last year will tell you it was well worthwhile.
RAINBOWS
On 6.11.91 Bere Regis Rainbows celebrated their first anniversary with a party at the Scout Hall. 30 girls spent an enjoyable evening in the company of Mrs Ann Parkes, the District Commissioner, who cut a birthday cake made by the catering staff at A.E.A. Winfrith.

Thanks should be given to Lucy Cox and Carly Standfield who have helped the Rainbows and leaders faithfully during the past year. THANK YOU GIRLS.

It is planned that on 18th December at 6pm the Rainbows will present a Nativity Play for mums, dads, grandmas, grandads, aunties, uncles, friends. Sherry and mince pies will be served and a raffle will take place to boost funds.

Please support us on this evening.

BERE REGIS W.I.
In our October meeting Mrs Young came and gave us a history of jewellery through the ages. She was a very interesting speaker, someone you could have listened to for a long time. Please remember that the Christmas Party is December 17th at 7pm - the competition is to make a Christmas Tree decoration. We all wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT GROUP
Thank you to all who supported Rapport at the RBL in November.

December Events
Monday 9th Dec. 8pm at the Scout Hut we shall be holding a public meeting. Please come to put forward your views on what we should have in our playground.

I have not as yet received any letters on this subject but understand there are many ideas being thrown around - this really is your last chance to make your opinion known. Orders will be placed in the beginning of the New Year (It is too late to complain after the job is completed!)

Father Christmas Float
Children look out for the Father Christmas float around Bere Regis on the evening of the 20th December. We shall be handing out sweets etc and collecting for the P.I.G. Now for the best news yet our bank balance is very close to the target of £7,000. Much of this has been raised by sheer hard work and determination by my committee and of course support from the rest of the community. We have also had very generous donations from the TVS Trust, The Community Council (Dorchester) The Talbot Village Trust and that splendid bunch of fellows called the Wareham Lions.

Many local people have helped: John James, Peter & Joan from the Royal Oak, The Kingsbere Riding Club, The Chapel on the Hill and Peter Baker. I should like to say a huge thank you not only from myself and the P.I.G. but from the children who will benefit so very much from your help, support and generosity.

Alison Bennett
P.I.G. Chairperson

BERE REGIS BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
This has been a memorable month for three of our younger members: Miss Lynn Fancy was elected Poppy Queen (for a second year) and Miss Lucy Cox became the Poppy Princess at a pleasant musical evening, and Dean Merritt carried the Youth Section Standard at the Wessex Hall Festival of Remembrance and at the national parade at the Royal Albert Hall Service. All three were on parade on Sunday morning at the Remembrance Day Service at Winterbourne Kingston, Dean having travelled back overnight from London.

The parade was a fine turn-out of members and supporting units. Led by the Parkstone Sea Cadets Band, Branch members were joined with representatives of the Women's and Youth Sections, followed by units of the Sea Cadets, the Army Cadet Force, the Fire Brigade, Scouts, Girl Guides and Brownies and Beavers. Wreaths from each unit were laid at the Memorial and after the two-minute Silence, the parade moved to the Church for the morning service conducted by the Rev. Hugh Maddox.

On the previous evening a 'Bless 'em All' night was held in the Clubroom, which also was an occasion to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the British Legion, and among those attending was Mr Toms, one of two survivors from the inauguration of the Bere Regis Branch in April/May 1921. He certainly enjoyed his evening, as did everyone else attending. Regrettably, our other 90+ survivor of those days, Mr Fred Lys, who had hoped to attend, was not well enough on the day. His letter of regret was read and suitably received and acknowledged with sympathy and applause.

The evening was an occasion for the Branch Committee to acknowledge the support accorded the Branch over the many years by individuals and organisations and some twenty special certificates were presented to deserving recipients.

The Branch Committee would like to wish all members and their friends the compliments of the Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

THE R.B.L. WOMEN'S SECTION
Held their A.G.M. on October 16th and 29 members were present.

The chairman Mrs Maidment thanked all her fellow officers, committee and members for all their help and support throughout the year.

All officers and committee were returned en-bloc.

Mrs Maidment is now standing down as Standard Bearer, and her place has been taken by the Deputy Standard Bearer, Mrs Parker. Mrs Barnes and Mrs R Curtis are sick visitors for Bere Regis, Mrs House and Mrs French for Winterborne Kingston, please let them know if you hear of any of our members who are not well.

Teas were served by Mrs Tharby and Mrs Brett and a raffle was run by Mrs J Cleall. Our Poppy Appeal Coffee Evening was held on October 6th - this event raised £95, our thanks to all who donated and helped.

R.B.L. GARDENING CLUB
Tuesday November 5th Mr M G Sweetman from West Stafford gave an illustrated talk "The National Trust Houses and Gardens, Past, Present and Future". Mr Sweetman is
an ex. school headmaster with a great sense of humour. The story of how the 'Trust' came into existence, and how it progressed was most interesting. The conservation of lovely countryside and historic buildings is so necessary for future generations, the 'Trust' will celebrate its centenary in 1995, but for them a great deal of land would have been used for industrial development, a talk we should have learnt a lot from.

The Garden Club Quiz Team kept up the good standard they achieved last year, and came away once again with some trophies, from the competition held at the Legion recently.

Well the good news is the Nomination List for officers for the Club is now complete for 1992, and we can look ahead to the coming year with confidence. The programme for 1992 will be in the new membership cards, with a speaker for each month.

Our next meeting 3rd December is the AGM, this will be followed by a Buffet Meal and Sweet. Our guest speaker for this festive occasion, will be Mr Ken Fooks from Wareham, a very popular person with our Club.

This will be my last 'Garden Club Report' as Secretary, as I am standing down for personal reasons. I should like to thank the 90 and 91 'Garden Club Committees', for all the assistance you have given me in making Bere Regis Gardening Club, with 172 members the success that it has been, but for you also, the 'share holders' it would not have been possible.

Club Secretary

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

CHRISTMAS DECORATION

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Tuesday, 24th December from 10.00am onwards. Please come along and lend a hand to help make the church really beautiful for the Christmas services. Gifts of holly and flowers and other greenery would be most welcome and should be brought to the church by 10am on Christmas Eve. As in past years I am organising a collection for the purchase of Christmas flowers. Your donations (suggested donation 50p but greater and lesser amounts are most welcome) should be given to me as soon as possible.

Philippa Thomley

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE

SUNDAY 15th December 1991 - 11am

All the gifts collected at the Christmas Gift Service will be sent to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester. As we did last year we are asking you all for help with 'Stocking the Store Cupboards' at Cheshire Homes. All your gifts of non-perishables (tins of fruit, vegetables, meat, fish and cleaning materials and washing powders) were most useful. Please help again and bring gifts of tins, jars, bottles and cleaning products (bath cleaner/liquid, washing up liquid etc.). Everything you bring to the service will be delivered to the Head Quarters during the week following.

AFFPAUSE FAMILY SERVICE

11am Sunday 15th December

Our autumn and winter series about Christian people brings us appropriately in December to St Nicholas, whose feast day falls on 6th December - but most of us know him by a different name more directly associated with Christmas. Come and join us and find out who and why.

Your gifts at this service, seasonally wrapped if you like to, will as usual be passed on to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester to help them in their various extra needs at this time of year; see the previous article on what they need.

Incidentally, Leonard Cheshire who founded the Cheshire Homes will be the Christian person we hear about at our Affpaipause service next month.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

October. The roadsign 'Briantspuddle' which has been missing from the corner on the A35 for some time is being dealt with by the Highways Dept. and will soon be re-erected. A concerted effort is still being made by the Parish Council to try and find a piece of land for our local children to play on. Rumour has it that a piece of land in the watermeadows is for sale but at an extremely high price. Possibly funds might become available from Sports and Playfields associations, but probably only at a more realistic price.

The Social Club has been granted permission to erect a sign forbidding all children to play in the carpark at any time unless supervised by an adult. Protests have been made against this. Children will have to play on the road again with no speed restriction.

Would anyone like to join in singing Christmas Carols around the village? If so please contact George Silvas, Bere Regis 471577.

PUDDETOWN FIRST SCHOOL

The children and staff of Puddletown First School are pleased to invite any senior citizens to our carol service in the school hall on Tuesday 17th December at 11am.

Don't forget to save your aluminium cans over the Christmas holiday. The last batch of cans raised £15. Many thanks to all who collected for us.

The Toy Library which operates every Monday afternoon in the School Hall from 2 until 3pm for children of 3½ plus will be finishing on Monday 2nd December and restart after Christmas on January 13th.

The children and staff would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

L.K.L. Headteacher
**PARISH W.I. RECIPE**

Citrus Ginger Trifle.
Of all the trifles this is my favourite one.
You need:
1 pkt Jamaican ginger cake
14oz can mandarins in juice
4 tbsp ginger wine
Juice and finely grated rind of 2 lemons
3ozs caster sugar
100ml white wine
⅛ pt double cream

Method: Cut the ginger cake into cubes and arrange in the bottom of a suitable dish.
Drain the mandarins and combine the juice with the ginger wine. Pour over the ginger cake.
Scatter the mandarin segments over the cake. Place the lemon rind, juice, sugar and wine in a bowl and stir to dissolve the sugar. Whip the cream until it holds its shape, then whisk in the wine mixture. Spoon on top of the mandarins and swirl the top with the back of a spoon. If desired decorate the top with small pieces of crystallised ginger and orange and lemon rind.

Martha T.

**BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP**

This month on 3rd December we hold our Annual General Meeting and we hope to see as many members as possible.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**DECEMBER 1991**

3rd  7.30 pm  Scouts Whist Drive - Winterborne
5th  7.30 pm  Carol Concert organised by Congregational Chapel - B.R. Church
7th  10.30 am  Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court - for Church Funds.
7th  2.30 pm  Christmas Bazaar - Drax Hall (Autumn Leaves)
9th  8 pm  P.I.G.s public meeting - Scout H.Q.
11th  6.30 pm  Guides and Brownies Parents Evening
16th  6.30 pm  Scouts Carol Singing - Briantspuddle
17th  6.30 pm  Scouts Carol Singing - Bere Regis
18th  8 pm  Christmas Concert - D’Urberville Hall, Wool
20th  8 pm  Father Christmas supporting P.I.G.s in Bere Regis

**JANUARY 1992**

11th  Scouts Mince Pie and Punch - in aid of Venture Scout Kenya Working Party

**CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

AGE CONCERN  
AUTUMN LEAVES  
BEAVERS  
BINGO  
BLUE VAN  
BRITISH LEGION CLUB  
BRITISH WOMENS SECTION  
BRITISH LEGION YOUTH  
BROWNIES  
B.R.S.C.  
BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS  
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MOTHER & TODDLER  
MOTHERS UNION  
PARISH COUNCIL  
PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS  
PLAYGROUP BRIANTSPUDDLE  
RAINBOWS  
RBL GARDENING CLUB  
SCOUTS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
W.I. BERE REGIS  
W.I. BRIANTSPUDDLE  
TUESDAY CLUBS:  
ADVENTURERS  
YOUTH CLUB  
SWIMMING CLUB  

2.00 pm Thursdays, Turberville Court
2.30 pm 2nd Wednesday
6.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ
7.45 pm Drax Hall (Mondays)
3.30-4pm First Thursday (Post Office)
7.00-11.30 pm Monday-Saturday, 12.00-2.00 pm & 7.30-10.30 pm Sunday
2.30 pm 3rd Wednesday, HQ
7.00-10.00 pm Wednesday
6.45-7.00 pm Wednesday, Scout HQ
Winter Season Opening Times: Tues, Wed & Fri 7.00 pm, Sat 4.25 pm, Sun 7.30 pm
Tues 7.45-9.30 - Village Hall
7.15 pm Junior, 7.45 pm Full Choir, Friday in Church
6.30 pm Thursday, Scout HQ
2.30 pm 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village Hall
6.30 pm Tuesday, Scout HQ
10.00 am 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
Every Friday - 9.30-10.40 am Car Park
2.00 pm Monday, Congregational Church
7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Vicarage
7.00 pm Second Wednesday - Drax Hall. Sub-Committees on PO noticeboard.
4 mornings Bere Regis School - Tel 471165
Enquiries Kate de Burgh - 471171 or Rachel Halton 471814
4.30 pm Wednesday - Scout HQ
1st Tues, 8.00 pm - Club House
7.00 pm Friday, Scout HQ
10.15 am Sundays in Church
7.00 pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
8.00 pm 1st Wednesday, Village Hall
7.00 pm 7-11 years, Congregational Church
8.15 pm 12 years & over, Congregational Church

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