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During MARCH we move through LENT and towards HOLY WEEK and EASTER: in doing so we travel alongside Jesus through the last days of his earthly ministry - we watch with him in his agony and death, and we rejoice at his miraculous resurrection from the dead - commemorated on Easter Day.

For the Christian it is an important time: the Worship in our Churches takes up the themes of the seasons - as the story unfolds, so we try to enter in to the experience of our Lord.

CHRISTMAS and EASTER only make sense if the life, work and ministry of Jesus fits in between these two major Festivals; it is a great sadness that so few people in the 1990's see the relevance of Jesus and God in their lives or in the experience of the world.

What we are shown through the life of Jesus is that God cares so much for us and his world that he sent his only Son to live a human life - which included great suffering and a painful and humiliating death. In all the suffering of the world in 1991 - the war, the famine, the inhumanity, the sickness and sorrow - we are reminded that God still cares and is with each suffering soul.

The events of GOOD FRIDAY remind us that suffering and pain are sad facts of life: they can not be avoided - even for God's own Son. But we know also that the joy of Easter does follow - life goes on. Yet two facts need to be remembered: first, that there is a time for suffering - the temptation is to rush on from the crucifixion to the resurrection, but that is not the way it is meant to be. We have to stay with pain and sorrow in our own lives and in the lives of others - there will be a time to move on, but we must not rush. For the closest of Jesus' friends, the time between Good Friday and Easter Day must have seemed like eternity.

Secondly, there will be new life - but it will be different from what has gone before; the risen life of Jesus was not the same - it was eternal!
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**FULL DETAILS** of all Services and Activities will be found in the weekly Notice Papers available free in both Churches - which also includes 'SUNDAY LINK', a weekly bulletin for all Christians.

**THE PRAYER GROUP** meets in the Morton Chapel at Bere Regis on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 11.15 am: all are welcome.
PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM
17 February  Oliver ABBOTT-HAWKINS
              Nathan Ralph LEGG

HOLY MATRIMONY
2 February    Mark STANFIELD and Christine Miriam NEWELL

IN MEMORIAM

PETER WALBRIDGE was born in Long Buron, near Sherborne - and the local Church bells rang out to celebrate his birth, Peter's father being prominent among the bellringers there. Peter developed a deep love of the countryside from an early age; he loved country life, and led a "simple" life in the best sense of the word. Peter had a dedication to animals - they came first, rather than himself. His home, near Bere Regis was also home for a great variety of animal life.

His work had always been on the land in the fresh air and latterly he was a groundsman at Bovington Camp where he was much valued. Peter was known as a kind person who would never hurt anyone - he possessed a sweet disposition. All of his life was lived with Edgar, his father - and our sympathy goes to him and the family as they learn to live with a real sense of loss.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 10 MARCH...
AT AFFPUDDLE THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL
FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE AT 9.30 AM - DO COME!
IN BEREGIS THERE IS
FAMILY WORSHIP AT 11.00 AM - THE THEME WILL BE 'THE FAMILY' AND BOXES FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY WILL BE COLLECTED IN AT THIS SERVICE AND LATER RETURNED TO THEIR KEEPERS - OLD 5 PENCE PIECES CAN BE COLLECTED IN THEM UNTIL THEN:

THANKS from Di Phillips to all who sent cards and greetings during her time in hospital; Di went in for a hysterectomy and came out a Granny - Congratulations!

SECOND SUNDAY collections in Bere Regis Church in March go to the Church Times 'Train-a-Priest' fund.

Malcolm Chiverton's ROUND WESSEX BIKE RIDE in aid of the Bere Regis Playgroup will take place on SUNDAY 7 APRIL. Sponsor forms are available from the Playgroup - we wish him well!

BEREGIS FIRST SCHOOL P.T.A. are holding another Family walking Treasure Hunt around the village on Saturday 16 March; it starts from the Vicarage at 2.00 pm and finishes at the School where there will be tea and cakes as well as a Raffle. Come and join in this all-age event - and support our village School!

The BEREGIS PLAYGROUP are holding an Easter Bazaar in the School Hall on SATURDAY 23 MARCH at 2.00 pm. There will be various stalls - and you will be welcome.

The PLAY & LEARN VAN will be in our parishes as follows:

THURSDAY 7 MARCH  11.30 - 12.15 Briantspuddle
                2.15 - 3.00 Bere Regis Surgery

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH  9.15 - 10.00 Bere Regis School
                     10.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

THURSDAY 21 MARCH  11.30 - 12.15 Briantspuddle
                    2.15 - 3.00 Bere Regis Surgery

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH  9.15 - 10.00 Bere Regis School
                     10.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

THANK YOU to all who supported the Bere Regis Church Jumble Sale in Wareham - over £340 was raised!

LENT BOXES and LENT BOOKS are available in both Churches - please do make use of them.

The BEREGIS CHURCH EASTER LILY lists are in Church until Mothering Sunday, March 10 - please sign if you would like to give a lily in memory of a loved one. The money will be collected in after Easter.

A CARNIVAL QUEEN DISCO, organised by the P.T.A. will be held at the Royal British Legion on 24 MAY at 7.30 pm - book this date now! The CARNIVAL takes place on SATURDAY 20 JULY at the School and Carnival Procession entry forms are available from Anita Moore (471567) while Trade Stands should apply to Alison Bennett (471537) from whom other details are available.

If you receive INCOME SUPPORT or FAMILY CREDIT then you may be eligible for free EEC Butter and Beef - details from the Vicar.
COME JOIN IN
THE GOOD FRIDAY WALK...

At 11 o'clock on Good Friday, 29 March, two groups of people will set out to walk up Black Hill. On the way, there will be pauses for prayer and singing and reflection – and each group will carry a large piece of wood. One group will leave from Bere Regis Church and the other from Brantspuddle Village Hall – and will meet on the top of Black Hill where the two pieces of wood will make a large cross. There will be a short open-air Service and then a picnic. Bring your own food – drinks provided. It is hoped that transport can be provided for those who cannot easily walk to join the gathering at the top of the hill – please let the Vicar know if you would like to take advantage of this.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS NEW VENTURE – and make GOOD FRIDAY a memorable occasion.

Civil war and drought cause hunger in six countries

MILLIONS STARVING IN AFRICA

As part of our response, there will be a
"HEDGEHOG MORNING" on
SATURDAY 2 MARCH
at 10.00 am
in BERE REGIS SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, Elder Rd

BRING & BUY ... DRAW ... COFFEE ... COOK's TABLE ...

HEDGEHOGS ... and all in aid of the FAMINE IN AFRICA APPEAL.

Please support this event – or give a donation in at Church.

Round & About

There will be a CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY at Bere Regis on Saturday 16 March. All volunteers most welcome!

THERE WILL BE A 'REGIS PRAISE' SERVICE on Sunday 24 MARCH at 6.00 pm in Bere Regis Church. The preacher will be the REVEREND DEREK SMITH from Winsley in Wilts. All are invited to this act of informal worship and fellowship on Palm Sunday.

LENT COURSES on Church Growth and Prayer continue during March: see the weekly notice papers for details.

SEARCHWORD
"THE PROPHETS"

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The SUNDAY SCHOOL at Bere Regis Church now meets at 10.15 am on the 4th Sunday of the month: all children are very welcome to come and join us...

WORD LIST
AMOS HABAKKUK JOEL NATHAN
DANIEL HAGGAI JONAH OBADIAH
ELIJAH HOSEA MALACHI SAMUEL
ELISHA ISAIAH MICAH ZECHARIAH
EZEKIEL JEREMIAH NAHUM ZEPHANIAH

Peace is not a season, it is a way of life.
IRIS & BERT BUSH would like to take this opportunity of thanking all their friends in Bere Regis for the beautiful floral gifts and cards sent to them on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary on the 15th February, all of which were very much appreciated. Thank you all once again.

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS

BERE REGIS CHURCH

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

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We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 30th March. Gifts of flowers will be very welcome.

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BERE REGIS NEWS

Report of Parish Church Council Meeting

Will you have an hour or two to spare on Saturday March 16th? We would welcome your help that day when we will be giving the parish church its annual spring clean, so please come along.

Other items of a domestic nature which were discussed or reported at the last meeting included the intention of improving the lighting in the south aisle, and we now have a new flag pole in place.

The treasurer reported that the diocesan quota had been paid in full. This is the parish’s contribution to the cost of ministry throughout the diocese and includes training and pensions as well as salaries of parish priests. We were pleased to hear that the collection for Milk Aid on Plough Sunday amounted to £112. Although numbers of children attending Sunday School are not high at the moment, the Vicar announced that there are now 21 children in the junior choir. With more than a dozen adults, the choir is one of the largest village church choirs in Dorset.

The item which took up most of our time at the meeting and which was billed on the agenda as a debate was the subject of the ordination of women to the priesthood. Our decision was needed by our representatives on the Diocesan Synod and who would vote on the subject on February 16th. The next stage of the church’s “parliament” is Diocesan Synod, and finally General Synod which will eventually decide whether the Church of England should have women priests. The parish church council members had acquainted themselves with the various points of view which our diocesan bishop had collated in a paper entitled “Forward in Prayer”. Following a discussion in which every member contributed, a vote was taken. The result was unanimously in favour of the ordination of women to the priesthood.

The council welcomed the news that Mrs Eileen Bangay and Mrs Kay March were about to begin training to become Lay Pastoral Assistants. When they have completed their training, there will be a total of five LPAs in the parish, the other three being Mrs Dorrie Barnes, Mrs Mary England and Mrs Diana Phillips.

Brenda Pittfield
PARISH COUNCIL
The January meeting was a long one; there was much to discuss.
We had to fix the budget for the coming financial year, the budget which determines
the level of your Parish Poll Tax, and therefore an exercise which must not be treated
casually. Our final conclusions, after we had added and subtracted under various
headings, gives a Poll Tax very similar to last year’s. The matter of the Children’s
Playground was also debated at length, with a range of opinions expressed. The Council
decided to allow a grant of up to £1500 this coming year, to stand alongside the
promised grants from the County and District Councils. A suitable scheme will need to
be devised which will include a degree of ‘self-help’ - in both fund-raising and practical
ways - from those eager to see this major project come to fruition.
Earlier in the meeting we had seen, and discussed, the plans by the County Council
for “traffic calming” in West Street. (These same plans were available for general
inspection, in the Drax Hall, the day after our meeting). Our general opinion was
favourable, although it is acknowledged that the Village is very much a trial location for
this type of scheme, and that some minor modifications may prove necessary. We
can but wait and see.

A.J. Wise

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND
Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards. £1,324.86 was taken in orders.
Our AGM is to be held on Thursday March 7th, 7.30 pm at 5 Boswell’s Close.
We would very much welcome anyone who would be able to help with fundraising
events, or who could come up with new ideas. It involves only a few hours each year,
and means that more research can be done to find a cure for cancer.

MOTHERS’ UNION
We had an ANY QUESTIONS at our February meeting. The team being Mrs S
Hazlerigg, Miss S Frampton, Mr F Pittfield, and Mr J England. Mrs D Phillips put our
questions, which covered a variety of subjects, and the evening was enjoyed by all
despite the cold weather. On the 6th March there will be Communion and a talk for Lent
by Canon Andrew Babington. The tea hostesses will be Margaret Bartlett, Dorrie
Barnes and Mary House.

AUTUMN LEAVES
Unfortunately the February meeting had to be cancelled, due to the bad weather, and
unseen circumstances. Let us hope for warmer weather for the March meeting,
which will be on Wednesday 13th March, when we are to have a Film Show. There will
also be a competition for a Posy of Flowers.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP
Our spring Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday 23rd March at the Scout HQ at
2.30pm. We would appreciate any jumble for sale which you can find which can be
brought to the HQ on the Saturday morning from 10.00 onwards or it will be collected
by contacting John England, 10 South Mead (471469). The usual stalls including Bric-
a-brac, Toys, Raffle and light refreshments.
There is to be a sponsored CLEAN-UP at Kimmeridge again this year over the 6th
to 7th April weekend.

BELLRingers
Ringing Practises have restarted on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30. Any new
ringers welcome. Visiting ringers from the East Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild are
visiting on Saturday evening April 6th.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GARDENING CLUB
Tuesday 5th Feb, Ray Hayward from Milborne St Andrews who is National Daffodil
Judge, gave a most informative talk “Daffodils for Show and Garden”, the pictures he
produced were an inspiration to our members. We also learnt that Narcissi and Daffodil
are one of the same, rule being, Daffodil is used when central cup is as long or longer
than the petals, also the amount a “professional” pays for bulbs is staggering. The
number of different types of “daffs” is also amazing, like so many people, many of us
thought a Daffodil was a one off.

On the practical side we were shown how to plant, feed, and grow first class flowers,
without spending a great deal of money, the presentation for show work was interesting,
proving again how economical it was, to exhibit these lovely flowers.
Ray also assisted the Club to arrange the “Spring Show”, to be held on Easter
Saturday 30th March, there is something in it for all age groups from children up to
senior citizens. Three “Shields” have been donated by local business establishments, to
be contested for and there are cash prizes. Anyone can enter an exhibit, you do not
have to be a member of the Club.
The Club has now 2 “RHS” Season tickets available, this allows 4 members entrance
to Wisley, Rosemore or Westminster Flower Show, (this is held every month). For the
rest of the year Free. We have also been allocated 2 tickets for the “Chelsea Flower
Show” for Friday 24th May, there will be a raffle for these or a draw. Any members
interested name to Secretary.
Tuesday 5th March 8pm we have Mr Arthur Pouncey from “Crab Orchard Farm”
Wilmborne, illustrated talk “General Gardening and Unusual Vegetables” Garden Club
Information 471046.
“Spring Show” Schedules and Entry Forms available on 1st March ‘91 from Show
Secretary Adrian Standfield 471208 or 471046, any Committee member, also from
most places of business in the village.
BERE REGIS W.I.
In our January meeting Mr Fred Pitfield gave us an excellent talk and showed us slides on old Bere Regis, for some of us who have lived in the village all our lives, it brought back memories of how the village used to be when we were young. The Pancake Race was a huge success, the coffee morning was well patronised, and we made £63.63p. Many thanks to everyone who gave, and came, it always seems to be such a happy event. At the March meeting Mr M Howell will give us a talk on badgers. Visitors are always welcome.
Hostesses for March are Mrs Jean Gibbs, Sally Cheseman, Stella McLeod for (D) Phillips. We all hope you are feeling better by now and raring to go after your operation!

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
So the war in the Gulf, that some experts said would be over in days, has now gone on for weeks, and is by no means over yet. Sad to say, many innocent lives have been lost as a consequence of the war, caused by the evil intent and ambitions of one man, Saddam Hussein.

Many are asking questions at this time that they would not normally ask, such as, "If there is a God of love, why doesn't He step in and do something about it?" Funny how often we'd like God to break into our lives and help us in trouble - when it is convenient and suits us, of course! - yet when God tells us in His Word, the Bible, how to behave and obey His commands, so that we would not get into trouble in the first place, we tell Him, to 'mind his own business, keep out of our lives and stop interfering!' Assuming you believe He exists, of course.

Yes, God does love His creation deeply, and longs to see mankind live in love with Him and one another. "For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life," John 3:16.

What a contrast we see between man's wicked ways and God's ways, as we come to Easter and enter into the full meaning of JESUS CHRIST'S death and RESURRECTION (Luke 24:7) and discover how God has stepped in and done something about man's sin.

But Jesus will never force Himself, or His love and ways upon anyone, for God has given everyone FREE WILL either to gladly accept and receive Him or reject and crucify Him. The consequence of our choice we will reap in due course.

In love Jesus desires to step into our lives and do something about them, but will we choose to let Him in this Easter time?

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP
The Mother and Toddler Group meets every Monday at 2.00 pm at the Congregational Church. There is a good selection of toys to keep the children amused, and an opportunity for mums to meet and chat together. As a number of children have now started either school or playgroup, there is room for more children at Toddler Group. So if you have a young child why not come along next Monday - you'll both enjoy it!

THE R.B.L. WOMEN'S SECTION
The first meeting of 1991 was attended by 25 members.
Our speaker was Mrs Peters who gave a most interesting talk on "Antiques" and gave members help on the pieces they had brought with them.
Teas were served by Mrs Legg & Mrs Crook and a Bring and Buy by Mrs Dibby. A Coffee Evening will be held at HQ on March 20th at 7.00 pm. Please come and support us, all donations are gratefully received, at our Coffee Evenings we have various stalls, cakes and groceries, tombola, books, bric-a-brac, jumble, something for everyone, so help us to help others.

Cenotaph for March - Mrs Orchard

2ND BERE REGIS GIRL GUIDES
On Thursday 14th February, despite the effect of the weather i.e. no running water, we held our Table Tennis Mini Marathon in the Scout HQ. Seven girls turned out on what was a lovely sunny afternoon. We will have raised between £40 and £45 towards unit funds. Our thanks to all our sponsors from Bere Regis, Winterborne Kingston and Wool Legion, our special thanks to Maurice Cox who kindly allowed us all in and out of his house all day for comfort breaks and fresh water supplies!!!
Future events include an Orienteering Competition in March against teams from the Purbeck Scout Group and a Guides, Brownies and Rainbows day trip to Foxlease, Lyndhurst in April.

BERE REGIS PLAYGROUND
* URGENT * URGENT * URGENT *
The playground project has been promised two grants, having been given preference over many other applications for grant aid. The Parish Council has also promised funds. The rest is up to you.

The village needs to raise £3,000 to pay its share towards the costs of a safe new playground. This is a lot of money, but it can definitely be done - BUT ONLY with the help of a lot of people. There will be a meeting on Tuesday March 12 at 8.30 at the Scout Hut, Elder Road, the primary purpose of which is to collect names of everybody willing to do something to help. This can be simply to act as point of sale for raffle tickets and similar - if we have 100 people each selling ten tickets, we're in business. If you're willing to bake a cake, or contribute something to our stall at the summer carnival, please come and sign up. If you can help erect a fence or build stepping stones of wood or
balance beams, please come and sign up.

Nobody likes fund-raising but this project is a one-off, with a playground as it's visible and permanent result. We can write asking for a donation to any organisation that might come up with something - any suggestions for these are welcome.

Other ideas are: a Donkey Derby, a Horse Show, Balloon Race, Open Garden Day, Football Match with unlimited substitution, Duck Race, Karaoke evening, sponsored Darts and Skittles evenings, Car Boot Sales, Coffee mornings etc!!

If you could lend a hand in any way with any of these, it's vital that you come along and let us know. Any other ideas are welcome. We'll also need a committee of around a dozen people.

Be in no doubt that this is our only chance. If not enough people show up on March 12th to volunteer some kind of assistance, however small, then it won't happen. A handful of people couldn't do it, even if they wanted to. But if plenty of people respond, the load and makes less work for everyone. Unless we act now, the present playground will sooner or later be closed down for good. The grants will not be on offer again. The children of Bere Regis will be without any sort of a playground.

If you've never taken part in any sort of fund-raising or communal activity before - you are needed now. If you want to help but can't make the meeting, call Anna Spencer on (994) 857613 or Alison Bennet on 471537 and put your name on our lists.

This affects the whole village for better or worse. If you don't speak up now, and the playground closes, you'll have only yourselves to blame.

Anna Spencer

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB - MARCH 1991

Football Results
1st Team

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Report

Hoping to avenge their disappointment away to Puddletown, the 1st team showed they were in no mood to take any prisoners at home this time. A two goal strike from Nigel Campbell-Bell and Coly Phillips within ten minutes saw them on their way to a record breaking victory. Colin Godwin scored his first for the club followed by Colin Phillips who added his second moving the score to a cruising 4-0 at halftime. Bere never relented after the break and Rob Pendleton netted his third of the season early on. A rare header from Rob "almost Schillaci" White and his second shortly afterwards helped the score along to 7-0, and as if this was insufficient Colin Phillips completed the scoring with his hat trick. The disposal of Weston was ultimately essential if Bere were to gain their top of the table status. For the visitors it must have been a rare experience to play on a football surface. Rob White surprisingly found his way into the opponents' half within the first minute and gave Bere a dream start with a cool finish. Weston's continuous aerial attack eventually paid when Bere's keeper Steve Balmer was put under illegal pressure only to find that he had pushed the ball into his own net. The visitors from a far off galaxy then proceeded to go 3-1 up following unnecessary defensive mix ups. Doggedly Bere stuck to their task and the last 15 minutes saw a turn in fortunes. Total football allowed Colin Phillips to score twice from lay-offs by Rakker Welsh and Rob White who chipped in with another vintage header during the game. Bere took a share of the points showing many glimpses of their previously dormant team spirit. This new found spirit will certainly be needed as Bere faced Weston again. Away this time on Dorset Football's barren and bleakest final outpost. With temperatures plunging and a distinctly uneven pitch Bere knew they were up against it. The home side's exploitation of the elements and use of a sharp incline enabled them to go 3-0 up. This was no scoreline to fear during the second half and Bere pushed for early success, only to watch on in horror as a fourth goal went in effectively killing off any hopes of a revival. Rob White saved some face later on with a penalty.

2nd Team

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<td>2 Feb</td>
<td>Junior League Cup Quarter Final</td>
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One or two familiar players were in Quayside's line up against Bere at Tatnam Farm. A side which was feared by Bere's studious management. But an undefeated run dating back to Dec 1 was took into the game and their buoyant confidence showed when they took the lead early on through Rob Walker who picked up the pieces when Irving Barton struck the bar from 25 yards out. Quayside pressed forward carving out many chances. Bere rode their luck on occasions and were forced into some grim defending. With the
home side’s relentless attacked this left the path open for Bere to breakaway, this presented a golden chance to Rob Walker who failed to capitalise. Irving then hit the bar again only resulting in a free kick. Almost inevitably Quayside got their reward five minutes from time. Bere managed to hold on for a fragile point. Facing their sixth match “on the road” Bere met basement side Raner. The visitors were just too clinical for the inexperienced newcomers. Paul Crabbb opened the scoring and the industrious Steve Lowry made it 2-0 before halftime. He went to complete a maiden hat trick for the club backed up by further goals from Rich Scott, Mike Reesman and an antique 30 yard bullet from Pro-Bowler Malcolm Merritt. An 8-0 away victory emulated the first team’s feat of the previous week. In order to extend their unbeaten run to nine games the side faced an uphill task against St Mary’s in the League Cup. The two sides were evenly matched, but sadly the referee could not hope to compete. Bere scored early on when two opposing defenders collided and the official awarded what was at first thought to be a free kick, but later was described as a goal kick. Despite this setback Bere’s resolve never wavered and the defence held firm with “Stormin’” Norman Welsh at the helm. On the half hour Rob Walker collected a loose ball on the edge of the opponents’ penalty area to chip a speculative shot which looped over the misjudging keeper and in. Not content to sit on their lead, Bere pressed again in the second half and chances fell to Rob Walker, Steve Lowry with two to Norman Welsh. However the defending was not over and a fine save low to his left by Chris Broadhurst kept Bere in command. An obvious penalty seemed on the cards when “Stormin’” Norman Welsh tripped an attacker. Fervent appeals were waved away by the referee. This stroke of luck did not belle Bere’s character and they deserved their place in the last four.

Sunday Division 4 Side
Results
20 Jan Old Purbeckians 2-2 Bere Regis (T Percy, R Hall)
27 Jan Park Athletic 1-1 Bere Regis (P Moss)

Report
Still unbeaten in 1991 the Sunday Gladiators were unleashed to face a fit, young Old Purbeckians team at the Purbeck School which was a trip down memory lane for one or two Bere players. Although full of running the hosts lacked imagination up front and Bere gradually began to dominate and created numerous chances which went totally unconverted and cruelly against the run of play the home side took the lead with a dipping header. Up till then Bere’s keeper Nelson Brockway was unemployed. Tim Percy and Archie Cheeseman missed decent chances late in the first half to leave the scores at 1-0 in favour of the hosts. Bere’s patience paid off in the second half when Rob Hall equalised after good work again from Bere’s stalwart front men. This provoked a full scale assault on the home goal. But it wasn’t going to be Bere’s day and the hosts launched a swift move with Bere’s midfield still celebrating Saturday night enabling local hero Martin Lemon to make it 2-1 setting the Purbecks alight. And just as it seemed that luck had deserted them Bere got a deserved equaliser when Tim Percy shot through a crowd and into a far corner of the net. It was the old campaigner’s third goal in as many games. During their early season recession, the side lost at home to Park Athletic by 4-0. This time away it was football and determination that would change all that. However it was on a pitch littered with rabbit holes, sandpits and copious amounts of mud that Bere progressed with a steady build up and an unusual amount of time on the ball. A ghastly defensive error let the opposition cross the ball far for to be converted at the far post and Bere found themselves one down. Once again battling against a slope and indifferent refereeing Bere consolidated. The second half continued in the same vein, and chances were worked and duly missed for Bere. That was until Rob Hall picked up the ball on the right and crossed low towards a crowded area, the ball was smacked into the left corner by Paul Moss. Bere retreated for the insuing Park kick off. Only when the defenders advised their linesman to flag, and after consultation the referee reversed the decision. This was slightly disputed by Bere players. The referee then copped off a hideous performance by dismissing valid penalty claims after Gary Paine was flattened. But justice triumphed when Ronnie Rosenthal spun and smacked in a left foot shot home to equalise. Bere’s defence were never in danger only momentarily put under threat by an Archie Cheeseman back pass.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANSPuddle STREET FAIR
A date for your diary - Saturday 11th May. Lunches noon until 2pm followed by children’s fancy dress. Stalls, teas and entertainment from 2pm until 4.30pm. Any new ideas would be welcomed by the Hall Committee.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP
The meeting will be held March 12th, 2.30 pm. “Flowers and Inspiration” is this month’s theme of our demonstrator Mrs Jean Cox.

BRIANSPuddle W.I.
This month we meet on Wednesday 6th March, when Mrs Millward will talk about the “Wellbeing of Women”.

BRIANSPUDLE PLAYGROUP
At present we have some vacancies for children aged between 21/2 and 41/2 years. We meet every Tues, Wed, and Thurs from 9.30 until 12 noon in the Village Hall. For further enquiries please ring Kate de Burgh, 471171.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 1991

7th  7.30 pm - ICRF AGM - 7 Boswells Close
12th 8.30 pm - Bere Regis Playground meeting - Scout HQ
16th Bere Regis Church Clean-Up
20th 7.00 pm - RBL Womens Section Coffee Evening - HQ
23rd 2.30 pm - B.R. Playgroup Easter Bazaar - School Hall
30th RBL Gardening Club Spring Show - HQ

APRIL 1991

6th/7th Kimmeridge Clean Up - Scout Group
  6th 10.30 am - WI Coffee Morning - Merrydown, Shitterton

MAY 1991

11th Brianstipple Street Fair
13th  7.30 pm Scout Group A.G.M. - H.Q.
23rd 6.30 pm Barbecue and Pet Show - Scout H.Q.
24th 7.30 pm - BR Carnival Queen Disco - RBL HQ

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AGE CONCERN  2.00 pm Thursdays, Turberville Court
AUTUMN LEAVES  2.30 pm 2nd Wednesday
BEAVERS  6.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ
BINGO  7.45 pm Drax Hall (Mondays)
BLUE VAN  11.15-12.30 - 1st and 3rd Wed (Post Office)
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 pm Wednesday, First School
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 Full Choir, Friday in Church
CUBS  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  Every Friday - 9.30-10.40 am Car Park
MOTHER & TODDLER  2.00 pm Monday, Congregational Church
MOTHERS UNION  7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Vicarage
PARISH COUNCIL  7.00 pm Penultimate Wednesdays - Drax Hall, Sub-Committees on PO noticeboard.
PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS  4 mornings Bere Regis School - Tel 471165
PLAYGROUP BRIANSPUDLE  Enquiries Kate de Burgh - 471171 or Rachel Halton 471814
RAINBOWS  4.30 pm Wednesday - Scout HQ
RBL GARDENING CLUB  1st Tues, 8.00 pm - Club House
SCOUTS  7.00 pm Friday, Scout HQ
SUNDAY SCHOOL  10.15 am Sundays in Church
W.I. BERE REGIS  7.00 pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
W.I. BRIANSPUDLE  8.00 pm 1st Wednesday, Village Hall
TUESDAY CLUBS:
ADVENTURERS  7.00 pm 7-11 years, Congregational Church
YOUTH CLUB  8.15 pm 12 years & over, Congregational Church
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Another, repeating our Lord's Prayer, insisted on varying the divine text by saying, 'Give us this day our daily oranges.' When gently corrected and told to say 'bread' his answer was, 'No, I've got plenty of bread. What I want is oranges.'

Downright calculating was the little fellow, no doubt heading for a career in politics, who yelled, 'Please, God, bring me a big box of chocolates for my birthday.' to which his mother answered, 'There's no need to shout, dear! God isn't deaf.' 'No, but Grandpa is and he's in the next room,' came the reply.

Not that the spiritual and physical appetites need always be at odds in children's prayers, as this nine year old confirmed: 'Please, God, make me like Readybrek - ready to serve.'

- 'Oh come on, all ye faithful'
  by Derek Nimmo

RACIAL JUSTICE AWARDED

A PAPAL Award has gone to Tony Lobo, Chairman for the last six years of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice; he has also been made a Knight of St Gregory. The award is one of the highest in the Catholic Church.

In accepting the award, Mr Lobo pointed out that this was a recognition of the place of the Association's work; and he said that the award given by the Church to a member of the ethnic minority community acknowledged that the Church welcomes the contribution made by Church members who otherwise feel marginalised.

Since its formation in 1984 the Association has concentrated its efforts on parishes and schools. Among other activities, it has run courses for teachers, and held numerous meetings with leaders of the Black-led Churches.

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