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YOUR D.I.Y. GUIDE TO PRAYER

Silence is virtually essential for prayer, especially internal silence. So give yourself a few moments to wind down and relax before beginning.

Physical posture is very important; you can’t leave your body behind when you want to pray, so sit, lie or stand still. You don’t have to kneel; don’t be afraid to choose the posture that best suits you, even if it doesn’t seem quite orthodox. The Jesuits have traditionally lain flat on their backs for a daily period of prayer.

Breathe slowly, fairly deeply and regularly. Rushed, shallow breathing has just the sort of associations with excitement and unrest which you want to avoid.

When we pray we turn to God for his own sake. God is a person too: he doesn’t want to be treated merely as a means to an end (however good; like passing exams or recovering from an illness) any more than we would like to be regarded by our friends and acquaintances merely as useful.

We must worship God in truth. This means clearly and honestly acknowledging right at the start what sort of person he is: all-perfect, all-glorious, all-good, all-loving, and all-holy. The truthful human response to such a being is therefore thanks and praise. So that is how we should begin our prayer.

Share joy as well as sorrow with God.

share everything.

Share moments throughout the day. Just brief turnings to God. Very often these can be managed when prolonged periods of prayer seem impossible. So: short and often.

Avoid self delusion. Don’t go looking for beautiful feelings in prayer. Prayer is your unworthy gift to God, not just a means of self-satisfaction. Even in the heights and depths of prayer we are all still unprofitable servants.

Simplicity and obedience, the spirit of trust should inform all our praying.

The aim is to find God rather than lose one’s self. Too much bewailing of our own unworthiness can take up valuable time which would be better spent praising God. His greatness is much more important than our littleness.

Nevertheless, we should hope to know the joy of communion with God. Prayer is after all personal communication (another simpler and better word is love) not just a discipline or an intellectual exercise.
BIBLE READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES IN NOVEMBER

**SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER**  Theme: All Saints’
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Revelation 7.2 - 9, 12; Matthew 5.1 - 12
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 810 ff)
Revelation 7.2 - 4, 9 - end; Matthew 5.1 - 12
11.15 am Matins and 6.00 pm Evensong
Isaiah 40.27 - end; Hebrews 11.32 - 12.2

**SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER**  Theme: Remembrance (morning)
The Election of God’s People: Abraham
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP: Trinity 24)
Colossians 1.3 - 12; Matthew 9.18 - 26
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 912 ff)
Micah 4.1 - 5; Matthew 5.43 - end
10.55 am Remembrance Service
Matthew 5.1 - 12
6.00 pm Evensong
Genesis 13; John 8.31 - end

**SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER**  Theme: The Promise of Redemption: Moses
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP: Trinity 25)
1 John 3.1 - 8; Matthew 24.23 - 31
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 413 ff)
Exodus 6.2 - 8; Mark 13.5 - 13
6.00 pm Evensong
Exodus 2.23 - 3.20; John 6.24 - 40

**SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER**  Theme: The Remnant of Israel
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP: Sunday next before Advent)
Colossians 1.13 - 20; John 6.5 - 14
9.30 am Parish Communion & 11.00 am Matins (ASB pp 417 ff)
Isaiah 10.20 - 23; Mark 13.14 - 23
6.00 pm Holy Communion
Romans 9.19 - 28; Mark 13.14 - 23

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** will be observed in our parishes...
at AFFPUDDLE with a short Act of Remembrance at the Bladen Valley War Memorial at 9 am followed by a Parish Communion in Church at 9.30 am. At BERE REGIS we gather at the War Memorial at 10.55 am prior to a Service in Church.
Parish Registers

HOLY BAPTISM
September 29 Christine Ann GORMLEY
13 October Terry Mark GORMLEY
            Emily Rebecca ROBINSON

BURIAL OF THE DEAD
September 27 Maurice Alan BLOOMFIELD

IN MEMORIAM
MAURICE BLOOMFIELD loved life; he hated crying - he delighted in laughter.
Maurice's early life was dominated by the Second World War, after marrying
Phyllis he was to experience various postings in the Navy and then the Fleet
Air Arm; as far as possible they travelled together, but with destinations as
varied as Guildford, Lancashire, Christchurch and Trinidad, this was not always
possible. Maurice left the Service at the rank of Petty Officer, having been
much involved in the formative years of the development of radar.
After the War Maurice devoted his working life again to Insurance, first with
the London and Lancashire and later with the Royal. It was more than a job,
for Maurice had a very real interest both in people and in the world of
insurance. His other interests included the weather and cars.
In everything that he did, Phyllis was there with him - and a realistic motto
for their 52 years of married life would be 'Together'.
His last twenty years were to be happily spent in Bere Regis, and he was so
grateful for the way that he and Phyl were received into the community; he
was involved with many local organisations, not least the Church, where he
was responsible for the Sidesmen's Rota for many years. His work for the
Royal also continued and Maurice and Phyl established a most successful Club
for Pensioners of the firm in Bournemouth, running it for ten years.
Maurice will be long remembered with affection: he was kind and loving
- he had a great love of children as well as of his bungalow with its beautiful
views. Maurice enjoyed good music. Central to his whole life was a strong
faith in God - and we commend him to that Loving Father whom he served amongst
us in Bere Regis.
To Phyllis we offer our love and our prayers at this time of great loss.

APPRECIATION...

MRS PHYLLIS BLOOMFIELD says "thank you" to all the kind neighbours and friends
for their lovely cards, kind thoughts and prayers at this time of the death
of her beloved husband, Maurice.

'AUTUMN GLORY' was a marvellous weekend for Bere
Regis and its beautiful Church: there was a mixture of
fruit, flowers, art and music which combined so many
features of local life, both old and new. The whole
event was co-ordinated by Mrs Kath Jeaves and we are
most grateful to her; but literally dozens of different
people worked to make the whole weekend so successful
and memorable. The worship on Sunday included the well-known
Harvest hymns at Parish Communion - and harvest as it had
been in the 1830's when 'The Madding Crowd' led us through
Evensong and the Harvest Supper entertainment. Twenty-
nine children received prizes for the miniature garden
competition: they were all so good that no-one could be
singled out! THANK YOU ALL.

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS this month
at Bere Regis Church go to the Royal
British Legion Poppy Fund.

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

7th. 11.30 - 12.15 Brantspuddle
2.15 - 3.00 Bere Regis Surgery

13th. 9.15 - 10.00 Bere Regis School
10.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

21st. 11.30 - 12.15 Brantspuddle
2.15 - 3.00 Bere Regis Surgery

27th. 9.15 - 10.00 Bere Regis School
10.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

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further details contact:
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THE NEW RURAL DEAN for our Deanery
will be commissioned at a special
Service in Pippernore Church on
Wednesday 6 November at 7.30 pm,
we welcome the Revd Gerald Squarey
to this task, and thank Canon Andrew
Babington for his five years of
carrying out the duties of Rural Dean.

THE TOTAL NOW RAISED from the Gift
Day for Affpuddle Church is now
£410.56. Thank you to all who have
given so generously.

Please support the Church Stalls at
the Draz Hall Minimarket on
Saturday 9 November from 10 - 12 noon.
There will be Traidcraft and Missions
to Seamen stalls.

THE PCC's meet in November:
12th at 7.30 pm for Bere Regis and
the 20th at 7.30 pm at Raithby Cottage
for Affpuddle.

FAMILY WORSHIP THIS MONTH TAKES PLACE AT AFFPUDDLE
ON SUNDAY 17TH AT 11.00 AM
(There is no Family Worship in Bere Regis this month)
The elders drift off leaving the younger men to sit around and chat, play cards, drink sweet Chinese green tea and socialise. Often there is a musician playing a 21 stringed guitar-like instrument with a gourd as a base. This is played in front of you and is called a kora. But more and more often now a generator powers taped music, which is mainly African. The day continues with people subtly giving monetary donations to the host. Any amount is quite acceptable, but not to give is quite rude.

Often in the afternoon, with their work over, the women will gather together. Inevitably this ends up in singing and, as a circle is made, a dance floor is created. To watch the dancing is incredible - tribal dancing done with such energy that to stay in the circuit for over half a minute is superhuman! But there is a constant number of replacement dancers who seem to know their place as if they had drawn lots for the dancing order. To mimic the dancing is virtually impossible but my failed attempts always went down well.

Gunjur Secondary Technical School has approximately 650 students in four forms, each form consisting of 5 classes. There are more students in forms 1 and 2 than in forms 3 and 4. This is not demographic but rather because students drop out. To be honest, it is a drop out school: anybody who didn’t pass their exam at primary school who go to high school will go to secondary school in order to take another exam to get to high school after four years. Having said this, many students, especially girls, stop after primary school because:

1. They want to get a job or are discouraged/dissatisfied by education;
2. To get married;
3. They’ve failed once and parents don’t want to waste money on school fees for somebody who they think is just going to fail again;
4. Parents need them for work.

Of the 21 classrooms there are only 8 which are permanent; the other 13 are made of palm leaves tied onto wooden frames. The first two weeks of school are spent mending the frames and cutting leaves from young palms in the bush and tying these onto the frames. They make a shelter which stops human dessication by the sun and allows students in next door classes to share instruments through the porous palm walls. But palm leaf walls bring little privacy and it is easy to interrupt or be interrupted by another class quite unintentionally. Also reptiles falling through the roof frequently disrupt classes. During the time of the north-east Trade Winds, sand is blown through these shelters so hard that six of the 11 student teachers posted to the school, five refused to return because of this.

Unfortunately the government will only pay for two blocks of classrooms; so for the school its 8 classrooms are distributed in two parallel blocks. So with many townspeople in support, the school set out to build a new 6 classroom block. The foundation stone was laid after I had been there a week. I was told if we were lucky they'd be finished by Christmas. But a year later with them unfinished, I wonder which Christmas was meant? But the labour was free and from the village: it was only the lack of money and slowness of delivery which stopped the completion.

I was to become Head of Geography; not a very high position, as there was only one other Geography teacher. My qualification was an O' level. I had to teach forms 1 and 2, while he took the other two. So I should have been teaching students aged 14 and 15, but most were older and a few were in their 20's, due to repeating failed years and starting school late.

The Geography I had to teach seemed very outdated and totally irrelevant to the student's life - but if I did teach relevant things they would not stand much chance in their exams! Without an exam you are as unlikely to get employment as the next man. But the vast majority of the syllabus was physical geography - studying landforms that don't exist anywhere near The Gambia, or concepts virtually impossible to comprehend. I realised that television educates us so much, showing us things that we can see, and so makes classroom comprehension much easier.

The other problem was that all lessons are taught in English, but students rarely use English out of school hours. The English is a universal language where each tribe has a different tongue - and is useful internationally. Further problems consisted of having to give each of my students a test every 3 weeks, which, because I only had each class twice a week, really disrupted my teaching. Students would turn to cheating, which, when they were so closely packed was very hard to stop. These marks then made up the report grades which resulted in many students getting marks they didn't deserve. Reports were written at the end of each term. As I was a class teacher, I had to copy all marks out in triplicate as well as attendance figures and my comment - roll on the introduction of carbon paper!

There were no half-term holidays: in one term students had to put up with sixteen weeks on the trot. This made it hard to keep their interest in learning.

As well as being totally disillusioned, many of the other teachers thought beating was the only way to control students. I hated this and would never beat or send students to be beaten.

Having said this I had a wonderful time teaching and also ran extra studies after school - and when term finished I started teaching at the nursery school. I found when I put enthusiasm into the class they responded tenfold. When I could get them doing something that they enjoyed - then they learnt. Among this was singing and dancing in class! I made up songs about geography and we all made up dances. This not only made them learn, but also made them my friends.

Using tribal languages also helped them sometimes as their English was not up to standard. The students really liked a friendly face and it's great to teach a class of happy people. I wasn't a great teacher - my notes will bear testimony to that, but I hope that I encouraged them to have more of an interest in learning.

The third and final part of this fascinating story will appear next month.
FROM CYRIL WOOD COURT...

Despite appalling weather conditions, a good turn-out of music lovers ensured the success of a delightful musical soirée presented by the popular Cornel Music Group at the Cyril Wood Court Community Centre, Bere Regis, on Friday 11th October.

An appreciative audience were treated to an extraordinary varied programme, ranging from Schumann to Scott Joplin, Debussy to Dvorak and Mozart to Novello, laced with humour and informal asides from members of the Group.

The high quality of both selection and rendering were of course no less than one would expect from this well known locally nurtured quartet which was originally formed from the renowned Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

A wonderful evening's entertainment was rounded off by a gourmet selection of tidbits provided and served by the management and enthusiastically abetted and assisted by Court resident Mrs Gladys Dredge.

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CHURCH DUTY ROTAS

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From the files of motor insurance companies:

Mr X is in hospital and says I can use his car and take his wife while he is there. What shall I do about it?

Mr O'Leary has had his springs attended to.

I pulled into a lay-by with smoke coming from under the bonnet. I realised my car was on fire so took my dog and smothered it with a blanket.

The car in front hit a pedestrian but he got up so I hit him again.

I had one eye on a parked car, another on approaching lorries and another on the woman behind.

Maybe that was the sort of problem referred to in the following question and answer:

Give details of any physical defect or infirmity from which you are suffering:

Marriage

and finally: I was on my way to see an unconscious patient who had convulsions and was blocked by a tanker.
APPRECIATION
Pat Steele wishes to thank all those who sent get well cards and goodies and to all those who made verbal enquiries during my recent stay in hospital.
  Special thanks to Dr Harley and the medical team at Poole Hospital.
  Once again many thanks everyone.

BERE REGIS NEWS

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP, Saturday 9th November 1991
The Churchwardens would be grateful of help with any of the following:-
  Removing ivy and other growth from church walls, boundary walls and trees
  Disposing of old boiler house trap door
  Painting new timber on boiler house
  Painting new trap door
  Trimming hedges at the north gate
  Refixing the glass in lamp at the north gate
  Clearing defective downpipes and soakaways

Many thanks,
JAH & JCE

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION
Our Harvest evening in October was enjoyed by all the members. We started with Harvest Hymns, then listened to readings with a Harvest theme, and finished with a special supper. On the 6th November in Church we will be having our Quarterly Communion Service which will be followed with a video about the Mothers' Union. Tea hostesses will be Rene Phillips, Brenda Pitfield and Margaret Miller.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50's
Our Harvest afternoon in October started with the Woodbury Choir entertaining us with a varied programme of songs, many of which we could join in with. It continued with a tea of quiche and apple cake and cream.
  On the 13th November we are to have a talk with slides of this area by Mr Anthony Bates. There will also be a competition - something made of wood.
  Another event in November on the 27th will be our Christmas Bazaar in the Drax Hall at 2.30 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL
Firstly PLEASE NOTE: Parish Council meetings will now be on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month, at 7pm in the Drax Hall. Do remember that these meetings are open for anyone to attend, and the agenda always includes a space for anyone to comment upon any matter of concern in the Parish or ask questions such as, “What is the Council going to do about...?” (This grass-roots democratic right of free speech does not exist at District and County Council levels, so exercise your rights at our meetings).
   At the September and October meetings we discussed the usual wide range of topics, including the implementation of bye-laws to control fouling by dogs on the recreation ground, our support for Affpuddle Parish Council over their opposition to gravel extraction at Throop, and the complaints about gross over-crowding on the school bus to Sandford and Purbck schools. The Parish Council made a strong representation to Dorset CC on this latter point, and we have been told that larger buses have been introduced and that the matter will be reviewed at half-term. Meanwhile, if any parents are still concerned please bring these concerns to one of our meetings.
   We have had a meeting with Dorset CC about street lighting in those parts of the village untouched by the recent installations. A plan will be drawn up which the Parish Council can follow, spending your Poll Tax on the new lights as it can be afforded (the lights cost £500 to £600 each to install and connect). In approximate order of priority, lights will be installed on Southbrook Lane, Tower Hill/Snow Hill, Shitterton and North Street.
   Villagers might just have happened to notice that the traffic calming scheme has not yet appeared in West Street. After many months delay the County Council now advise that work will start in January 1992, to complete by the end of March at the latest. That means only about 12 months behind their original programme!
   There was a flap in late August when it appeared that we might be about to lose some of our few remaining buses. However, strong representation by the Parish Council has persuaded the County Council to subsidise some of the services for a year maximum. After that, if there is insufficient use to make the services a commercially viable proposition for the operator then the buses will vanish. It really is a case of use them or lose them.
   Meanwhile the Parish Council is exploring the possibility of a Post Bus link to Wareham and may be asking for your views on this in due course.

BERE REGIS PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT GROUP
Thank you to everyone who supported our Autumn Craft Fayre on 12th October £221.61p total profit was made. Thank you to the Kinghore Riding Club who staged a Horse Show on 27th October and donated the profits to us.
   The Christmas entertainment for P.I.G. funds will now be in early Jan so as not to clash with many pre-Christmas events. We are working on a very varied programme not to be missed, please let us know if you would like to take part.
   Back in the summer we held a public meeting so that individuals could put forward
their ideas and views on the sort of equipment they would like to see in the playpark. Sadly not many people turned up and we are getting to the stage where we need to think about placing orders for equipment. If you have any ideas please write to the chairman of the Playground Improvement Group c/o 3 Rye Hill Close, ASAP as this could be your last chance.

RAPPORT
Welcome return of Rapport a local band at the Royal British Legion on Saturday 23rd November 8pm. Tickets available for the evening from Alison 471537 or Tracy 472243. Buy now, only limited number available. Don’t miss this highly talented group. Present balance with £800 from various charitable trusts pledge is now an encouraging £3,800. With your continued support we shall reach our target.

Have you bought your PIG badge yet?

Alison Bennett

BERE REGIS CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
November 5th is the day when some people remember the story of the infamous ventures of a guy called Fawkes, who tried, unsuccessfully, to blow up and burn up the Houses of Parliament in 1605.

Many were sad that he failed, none more so than Guy Fawkes himself, who paid the ultimate price for his secret plot. Many people today are still sad and disappointed that he failed!!

At least Bonfire Night, with its fires and fireworks is a good reason or excuse for burning up all the rubbish accumulated over the previous year, if not longer.

There is another kind of rubbish that we accumulate and carry around with us in our lives, that the Son of Man, God’s own Son, came to deal with on a CROSS two thousand years ago. His name is JESUS CHRIST, and the rubbish is called SIN, which He came to deal with by His purifying fire of love. That same fire will one day test the quality of every person’s life, to see how well they built their lives on the One sure foundation, which is Jesus Christ. Read all about it in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15.

On Saturday 23rd November we shall be having another Celebration and Renewal meeting at the Chapel in Butt Lane. Our speaker this month will be Amie Smith from America. His friend Greg Peterson will be coming to sing and play for us. These Saturday evening meetings are always memorable, when we experience that the Jesus who lived two thousand years ago is still alive and changing people’s lives today in the same way that He did then. Do come and share the joy with us.

Advance Notice
On Thursday 5th December we shall be having another Carol Concert, arranged in conjunction with the Poole Salvation Army Band. Last year the Drax Hall was packed out for this popular event, and so this year the concert will be in the Parish Church at the kind invitation of the Vicar. Do make a note of the date. Further details will be available nearer the time.

SCOUT GROUP
Thank you for your support of our Jumble Sale. About £120 was raised for Group Funds.

Our next event is the talk by Ian Ventham about the work of the RNLI which will take the form of Cheese and Wine evening. It is to be held in the Scout HQ starting at 8.00pm (Please note the slight change of time as we hear that this is to be the village Fireworks Display evening as well). Tickets for the Cheese and Wine £2.00 from leaders of Committee members.

ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH
A coffee morning will be held at 10.30 am on Saturday 2nd November at 15 North Street, Bere Regis. Everyone welcome - stalls, raffle etc.

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL
HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at the Chapel on Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd September. Well attended by visitors and friends there were items by our own young people as well as the One Accord Music Group from Dorchester. The Chapel was filled with gifts of produce, flowers, groceries, home preserves and sheaves of wheat. The auction on the Monday evening was accompanied by lively and intense bidding and friendly rivalry as to who should pay the best price. Our grateful thanks to all who supported our weekend and enabled us to achieve a total of £137.74 for Chapel Funds.

BERE REGIS GUIDES
Bere Regis Guides have had yet another busy month with a bike ride before the nights closed in and an evening swim at Purbeck. We are looking forward to a Halloween evening of apple bobbing and making toffee apples, games and fun all assisted by Jane Bennett. Parents will soon be getting letters regarding our sponsored night hike.

I would like to thank Bert Bush for, once again, auditing our accounts.

BERE REGIS BROWNIES
Bere Regis Brownies are all busy learning semaphore - the art of passing messages without speaking - not easy when there’s 24 of you all between the ages of 7 and 10!! Hopefully by half term the whole pack will have learned enough to earn their signallers badge.

In the run up to Christmas all the girls will be working towards a Venture badge by preparing for their parents evening on Wednesday, 11th December.
RAINBOWS
Rainbows recommenced on 18 September when a welcome was extended to Holly Adams, Amy Gough and Daphne McMah. The girls are now working towards taking their Promise.

On 6 November it will be the first anniversary of Rainbows in our village and a birthday party has been planned for all Rainbows past and present. The District Commissioner has been invited and Linda Hiles will ask her to cut a birthday cake.

If you are interested in your daughter becoming a Rainbow please ring Linda on 471558 to enter her name on the waiting list.

SOUTH DORSET CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION
The Bere Regis, Bloxworth and Morden Branch are holding their annual Christmas party at the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Friday 6th December 1991 at 7.30 pm. The Chairman and Committee cordially invite all branch members to this popular event to meet Mr Ian Bruce MP and his wife Hazel. Refreshments will be served and there will be a superb Raffle, Bring and Buy, Tombola and Christmas competitions.

BERE REGIS BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE on Sunday 10th November will be held this year at Winterbourne Kingston. The meeting place will be at the Greyhound at 10.30 am where the parade will be formed and march along to the memorial for the laying of wreaths and the two-minute silence. After which the parade will proceed to Kingston Church for the Remembrance Service. It is intended, subject to weather conditions, that after the Service, the parade will reform and proceed around the Green before returning to the Greyhound.

The usual "Bless 'em All" night on Saturday 9th November will also be an occasion for the Branch to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of its formation. George Hirst will be present to provide the musical entertainment and for many it will be a night to reminisce.

These notes would be incomplete without mentioning that the Youth Section standard is to be paraded with the County standards on Sunday 3rd November at the Festival of Remembrance at Wessex Hall, Poole. More importantly, it is to be included in the Nation’s parade at the Royal Albert Hall Service on Saturday, 9th November. This will be a proud night for standard bearer DEAN MERRITT, to be selected as the sole representative of all British Legion Youth Sections at this national function.

THE RBL WOMEN’S SECTION
16 members were present at the meeting held on September 18th. Our Chairman, Mrs Maidment, opened the meeting with a wish for a speedy recovery of our Secretary Mrs Steele.

Donations were made to the following:
Benevolent £200

General £100
County £100

Mr J Cronin was to be our speaker that afternoon with a talk on "Monkey World" but he failed to arrive. Teas were served by Mrs Marsh and Mrs Reed and a raffle was run by Mrs J Cleall.

Cenotaph for November and December, Mrs Maidment and Mrs Presslee.

R.B.L. GARDENING CLUB
The Club Chairman Mike Roberts
Secretary John James
Treasurer Adrian Standfield
Committee Bob James
Albert Roper
Elaine Standfield

will all be relinquishing their positions in December 1991 and not re-standing.

If the Club is to continue will you please give a great deal of thought as to who will fill these positions. A list for nominations is on the notice board.

At the present moment we require someone to take over the "Seed Ordering" from Dobies, as the first orders are normally sent away before December 1991. If this position is not filled, no orders will go off this year.

If the aforementioned position is not filled and the Club has to close down, it is up to members, who are in fact 'Share Holders' of the Club to determine what is to be done with the 'capital' in the Nat West Bank, Wareham.

Example: An equal share to each paid up member.

It is up to all members of the Gardening Club to decide.

J.C.James
Club Secretary

Tuesday 1st October, once again the Club had the pleasant company of Wing Cdr Hugh Hunt, who gave the sequel to his illustrated talk from last year, a Plant Folk lore subject 'Seedtime to Harvest', and showed how different plants were used in years gone by, for all types of medicines and drugs, some of which we use even today. 'Moss' for example was used medically B.C., and it was used in World War I, for the same purpose as a 'field dressing' which military personnel carried. The products from a great number of plants we were shown are very economically produced and have the same healing powers as those which are man made. A most interesting lecture and one that the D.H.S.S. could learn a lot from for our benefit.

Gardening Club Information 471046
AUTUMN GLORY FLOWER FESTIVAL
I would like to thank sincerely all the ladies of the Sanctuary Guild who arranged such beautiful arrangements for our 'Autumn Glory' with such enthusiasm and skill - also to everyone who helped one way or another and for donations sent for flowers. Also to Jonathon for his help.
I am very grateful to you all. Kathleen Jeeves

BERE REGIS FLORAL CLUB will hold their Christmas Fair at Winterbourne Kingston Village Hall - Not the Drax Hall as in previous years.
There will be exciting new ideas for Christmas Decorations, Dried Flower Arrangements, a Cake stall, bric-a-brac, raffles etc. Entrance 30p to include tea and biscuits. Open at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 12th November.

BERE REGIS W.I.
A very interesting talk by a Wessex Water representative, came at our September meeting.
The skittles are under way and we have won one and lost one, they have been very enjoyable evenings.
Last week was the group Harvest Supper, it was an excellent supper, with Bere Regis in good attendance. Members, please don't forget it's the AGM in November; it would be lovely to have some new committee members.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND
Kathleen and Charlie have been granted their third Guide Dog. It is to be a golden labrador and will be registered in the name of ASTER. Thanks again for your support. Kathleen & Charlie Jeeves

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB - NOVEMBER 1991
CRICKET RESULTS
1st Team
18 Aug
KINGSTON LACY 169 for 7
(A Green 4-43)
BERE REGIS 129 all out
(H Swann 20, D Merritt 22 NO, S Cheeseman 26)

1 Sept
BERE REGIS 140 for 8
(R Fripp 59 NO, P Wharf 39)
DONHEAD 143 for 7
(G Lewis 3-48)

15 Sept
SPETISBURY 186 for 7
BERE REGIS 90 all out

22 Sept
BERE REGIS 144 for 8
(R Hewitt 47, A Green 37 NO)
PARLEY 89 all out
(M Bennett 4-19)

Firstly the club would like to extend many thanks to Mr Jim Pike who kindly donated three complete kits and accessories to the football section.
It looked a season of despair for the premier cricketing ranks as an ominous run of defeats seemed to condemn them to the chants of 'We're doomed'. But at home to Parley, the side needed nineteen points to avoid the drop and see friendly chums Yetminster into division 5 oblivion. It was Reg Fripp (59 NO) and Durdle Wharf saw them through and their bowlers did the rest.

2nd Team
17 Aug
OLD BLANDFORDIANS 144 for 8
(M Mullins 3-36)
BERE REGIS 147 for 8
(D Merritt 32, G Price 33)

25 Aug
BERE REGIS 104 for 8
(A Green 40)
PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE 105 for 7
(A Green 5-27)

31 Aug
BOURNEMOUTH IV 203 for 5
(C Oram 3-50)
BERE REGIS 97 all out
(K Hewitt 23)

7 Sept
POOLE 276 for 2
BERE REGIS 76 all out
(D Merritt 23, P Wharf 24)

The seconds sealed their 1992 fate with a heart-stopping win at home to Old Blandfordians. A win largely down to our ever growing wealth of young talent. Dean 'Gas Stove' Merritt and Captain Darling hit a club record third wicket stand to steer the side to victory. The residue of the season de-generated into pointless matches against the likes of Poole A who were arrogantly, clearly out of their league. Still plenty to look forward to next year.

Football Club Report/Results
1st Team
7 Sept
BERE REGIS 3-4 WESTON
14 Sept
BEAMINSTER 4-2 BERE REGIS
(A Griffiths 2)
21 Sept
BERE REGIS 2-0 STOURPAINE
(R Blake, R Pendleton)
A season opener against Weston was never going to be relished by both the team and their growing band of season ticket followers. However the side led at half and a two-goal advantage seemed enough until Weston stormed back to win 4-3. At Beaminster Bere faced 14 men (including the referee). Two sendings off were the highlights of decisions made not dissimilar to that of a crazed dictator. Bere lost the main goalkeeper for the rest of the season. Two much needed victories followed, one against strong Stourpaine. A money spinning replay in the Senior Cup was set up with a 2-2 draw at Chideock.

2nd Team

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A disastrous start to the 90-91 campaign ensued for the reserves at much-fancied Corfe Castle. Total domination followed at Ferndown only a point was claimed though. A bruising encounter at Lychett saw Bere claim two points thanks to a clever finish from Phil Ballard. Merck visited the Rec and played some fast-paced, stylish football, they won 2-0. A midweek sport special enabled Bere to push their points tally to four. Their most thrilling encounter was away to Alderholt, and an extra time thriller saw them into the second round for the first time in years. Seasoned veteran John Elford scored with debutant scorer Andy Audley and Steve Lowry sealed it with two at the death.

Sunday Division 4

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A glamorous new kit dawned upon the new Sunday season, and an entertaining start followed. The side were 4-0 down before they could climb out of bed, but the cause was never lost and they miraculously dragged the game back to 5-4 and cruised only to let a hapless equaliser in. A solid win over SJK was secured by Steve Ives. But a slump occurred over three games. A pick-me-up was required to conquer Poole TSC in the Sue Ryder Cup and the same old story seemed inevitable at 3-1 down, but a second half of character saw extra time and there were some worthy achting limbs around as they secured a 5-3 win.

A Sports Club were proud to have participated in the RBL Gardening Club Fete which benefitted the P.I.G.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL 6 October 1991

On a glorious sunny October Sunday under blue skies an intrepid band of 12 enthusiastic mountain biklers set off in a northerly direction from the village. Encountering muddy tracks, overhanging vegetation, steep hills the course took them to Winterbourne Kingston over Muston Down to enjoy fabulous views, and then on bridleways to Spetisbury and Sturminster Marshall. Following a break at the Red Lion, the ride took them through Lychett Matravers, Slepe and out on to the Forestry Commission bridleways. The trail bought the riders back to Bloxworth where tea was provided by Mrs Megan Stone. The last stage through the muddy tracks of Bere Wood finally gave a speedy descent down over Woodbury Hill back to the Sports Club. All riders completed the 25 miles and had a really enjoyable day.
AFFPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.
At our October meeting Mrs Pat Sloman, the first woman journalist on television in this country in 1964, gave us a lively account of her career. She shared some of her funniest moments during her time as a 'Day by Day' team-member with us and told us how Rex Harrison played with her stocking tops whilst she was interviewing him in front of the cameras! At our next meeting in November, on Wednesday 6th, Mrs Ann Stevens will give a talk on 'Ansty Gardens'. Mrs Beadle and Mrs Cowley will be providing the refreshments. In December we shall be going out for our annual Christmas dinner; this year we are going to 'The Countryman'.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH
The recipe of the month will be provided by members of the Briantspuddle W.I. and this month's recipe is from Diane Holman, very much a seasonal recipe. Apple Jelly: ingr. 2lbs apples, 1pt vinegar, some chopped mint, 1lb sugar to each pint of juice, juice of 1 lemon, 2-3 drops of green colouring. Cut apples into quarters without peeling, stir in the vinegar until soft, strain, and to each pint of juice add 1lb sugar. Boil until the jelly sets. Stir in 1 heaped tablespoon of chopped mint to each pint. Bottle and seal. (add lemon juice to aid the jelly to set and green colouring if required).

CHRISTMAS FAIR, 7TH DECEMBER
This year's Fair will be on Saturday 7th December in the Briantspuddle Village Hall. There will be a raffle, stalls with gifts of the season, and Father Christmas has promised us faithfully that he will attend our fete. If anybody wishes to have a stall, please contact Mrs Bowell on 471387 by Friday 29 November. Please come and join us at this annual event. Tea and coffee will be served by the local W.I.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY
After the success of last year's New Year's Party in the village hall another party is being organised for this year, details of which you will receive through your letterbox shortly. Do please come and help make the party a success again.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP
This month's meeting will be on November 5th will give us a taste of Christmas in 'Treasure of Christmas' with Mrs Andrea Wilkinson.

CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 11 SEPTEMBER
Among matters discussed were:
ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD - A vote taken at the Blandford Deanery Synod meeting revealed that more were in favour of the Ordination of women into the Priesthood than against.
MUSIC IN WORSHIP - A request that a more modern style of music be introduced into our services when they fell on the 5th Sunday of the month. Lack of a choir and suitable hymn books was discussed but not felt to be too much of a problem. Children sang many of this style songs, choruses and hymns at school and it would not take long for the congregation to learn them.
CHURCH RESTORATION - Now that this was complete other works were discussed including the installation of a new organ, heating and re-painting. Re-painting would have to wait until after the heating was installed as the experts had calculated that it would take approximately 2½ years for the church to dry out completely. A time-scale for this has not yet been set.
New BISHOP'S CHAIRS - Two new chairs had been commissioned from Kevin Pope to replace those stolen earlier in the year. It was hoped that they would be completed in time for dedication at the Harvest Festival Service in September. (The chairs have since been dedicated and placed in the church and all agree that Kevin Pope has done a wonderful job and that the chairs were worthy successors to the ones that had been stolen.)
PARISH HARVEST PICNIC - It was proposed to hold a Parish Harvest Picnic in conjunction with the RAGE committee at Culpepper's Dish. This event has of course taken place and was voted an outstanding success, with request that this be made an annual event.
CHURCH MOWER - The church mower was yet again causing problems and it was hoped that this would be replaced in time for next season's mowing.

AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL
During September's meeting of the Council three members from the Purbeck District Council outlined the New Dorset Structure Plan to the Council. This plan can be seen by the general public at Westport House in Wareham. The council discussed the implications of the Government's ideas to encourage cottage industries in rural areas in existing buildings. The Council are still making every possible effort to find a piece of land for our local children to play on. So much land and yet so little space!

VILLAGE PICNIC
Our picnic last month was a wonderful event enjoyed by all, not only thanks to the organisers and the participants but also thanks to the beautiful weather. If you would like this to become an annual event please speak out and let us hear your opinions and ideas.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 1991
2nd 10.30am ARC Coffee Morning - 15 North Street
9th Bere Regis Churchyard clean-up
9th 7.30pm Talk on RNLI - Cheese & Wine - Scout H.Q.
13th 2.30pm Autumn Leaves - Slides
16th 7pm Youth Concert - B.R. Church
19th 10.30am DTNC Coffee Morning - Merrydown, Shitterton
23rd 8.00 pm 'Rapport' - RBL HQ - For PIGs
27th 2.30pm Autumn Leaves - Xmas Bazaar

DECEMBER 1991
5th Carol Concert organised by Congregational Chapel - B.R. Church
6th 7.30pm Conservative Assoc. Christmas Party - Drax Hall
7th 10am Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court - for Church Funds.
10th Guides Musical Evening
11th 2.30pm Autumn Leaves Christmas Afternoon - Drax Hall

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 3.30-4pm First Thursday (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 6.45-7.00 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
          Tues 7.45-9.30 - Village Hall
BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS 7.15 pm Junior, 7.45 pm Full Choir, Friday in
CHOIR PRACTICE Church
CUBS 6.30 pm Thursday, Scout HQ
FLORAL GROUP 2.30 pm 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village 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 Second Wednesday - Drax Hall. Sub-
              Committees on PO noticeboard.
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RBL GARDENING CLUB 4.30 pm Wednesday - Scout HQ
SCOUTS 1st Tues, 8.00 pm - Club House
SUNDAY SCHOOL 7.00 pm Friday, Scout HQ
W.I. BERE REGIS 10.15 am Sundays in Church
W.I. BRIANTSPUDDLE 7.00 pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
TUESDAY CLUBS: 8.00 pm 1st Wednesday, Village Hall
ADVENTURERS 7.00 pm 7-11 years, Congregational Church
YOUTH CLUB 8.15 pm 12 years & over, Congregational Church
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MICHAEL Duffy was having a day off from his carpentry business when he suddenly felt strange. He went upstairs to the bathroom but still didn't feel right. His son Stuart caught hold of him and steadied him into a chair.

Michael, who lives in Liverpool, later talked about his experience. "I told Stuart something was wrong and asked him to take me to Walton Hospital. When I tried to get out of the car my leg was funny and I couldn't understand why I was falling over. An ambulance man came over to help. He and Stuart got me into a wheelchair and trundled me into the hospital."

The next thing he knew was when he woke up and saw his family round his bed. He had had a stroke.

Michael, who was 49 at the time, has made a good recovery. Paralysed down the right side at first, he is learning to walk again and his speech is nearly normal. Although right-handed before the stroke, he now writes with his left.

Others are less fortunate. Strokes prove fatal for about a third of the estimated 120,000 each year who suffer them. The rest experience various degrees of disability but in most cases there is no noticeable effect on the intellect and memory - 'brain power' remains as good as ever.

An organisation called simply 'Stroke' (launched in 1990) is the first UK charity concerned solely with combating stroke. It has now raised enough money to found a 'Chair in Stroke Medicine' at Nottingham University.

The risk factors for stroke are similar to those for heart disease: high blood pressure, cigarette smoking, high blood cholesterol, obesity and (for women) the contraceptive pill.

Research suggests that a small daily dose of aspirin may reduce the tendency to thrombosis but medical advice should be taken before embarking on this treatment.

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