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THE WORLD'S BEST SELLER...

Yes, I've got one!
Millions of people calmly admit that they own a copy of the best-selling book in the world: THE BIBLE.
In fact, many read it - some only occasionally, others regularly: it seems that there is a lasting and compelling interest in this great book - which is not really one book at all, but a collection of different types of book, published in one volume.

BUT, WHY READ IT? If we want to know about Bible times and people - and only that, we may miss the point. The writers of the books of the Bible intended more than deepening knowledge - they aimed to change LIVES! Learning what is in the Bible is the first step - but to be of real value it must lead us on to apply the message to our lives. If this happens, then the Bible will mean something to us personally.

'The Bible is like a wide river in which lambs may splash in the shallows - and elephants may swim to their hearts' content.'

Those words, said by Pope Gregory the Great, are very true: for in this one volume there is enough to feed the newest enquirer, while at the same time the greatest of saints can also be nourished!

JESUS knew the Scriptures (our Old Testament) - and being a disciple of his should be an encouragement to us to do the same;

Regular Bible reading should be part of a Christian's way of life:

Find out what the passage originally meant; apply the meaning for today: practice it!
CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

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BIBLE READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES IN OCTOBER

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER  Themes: Harvest (Bere Regis) Endurance (Affpuddle)

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP: Trinity 19)
Ephesians 4.17 - 32; Matthew 9.1 - 8
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 890 ff)
2 Corinthians 9.6 - end; Luke 12.16 - 31
11.15 am Matins
Daniel 3.13 - 26; Luke 9.51 - end
6.00 pm Evensong
Genesis 1.1 - 3, 24 - 31a; Matthew 6.24 - end

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER  Theme: The Suffering Community

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP: Trinity 20)
Ephesians 5.15 - 21; Matthew 22.1 - 14
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 738 ff)
6.00 pm Evensong
Ezekiel 12.21 - end; 1 Peter 1.3 - 21

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER  Theme: Citizens of Heaven

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP: Trinity 21)
Ephesians 6.10 - 20; John 4.46b - end
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 745 ff)
Philemon 3.7 - end; John 17.1 - 10
6.00 pm Evensong
Isaiah 33.13 - 22; Matthew 24.45 - 25.13

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER  Theme: The Creation

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP: Trinity 22)
Philippians 1.3 - 11; Matthew 18.21 - end
9.30 am Parish Communion & 11.00 Matins (ASB pp 398 ff)

YEAR TWO READING BEGIN TODAY

Genesis 2.4b - 9, 15 - end; John 3.1 - 8

THE PRAYER GROUP meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in the Morton Chapel at Bere Regis Church at 11.15 am.

HOUSE GROUPS meet each Monday at 8 pm - details on the weekly Notice papers.

COMPLINE is said after Choir Practice in Bere Regis Church at 9 pm on most Fridays.

FAMILY WORSHIP IN OCTOBER...

Bere Regis on the 13th, at 11 and Affpuddle on the 20th also at 11.

INFORMAL, ALL-AGE SERVICES WHERE ALL ARE MOST WELCOME
Parish Registers

HOLY BAPTISM
30 June Stephanie Leonora SMITH
25 August Jeanette Louise HARRISON
Tanya Anne HARRISON
31 August Bethany Leonie LEVER

IN MEMORIAM

LILY BARTLETT died suddenly in early July: she had been part of Bere Regis for almost forty five years, having moved here from Southampton - but she was born and bred in Wareham, the youngest of nine children. It was in Bere Regis that she met her first husband, who was to be killed during the War. It was at this time that Lily worked at Holton Heath at the Cordite factory as her contribution to the war effort. The family consisted of three children from her first marriage and a son from the second; and it was the family who meant so much to her and was always at the centre of her love and concern. In later years she worked at White Lovington, living in Rye Hill: her garden with its flowers was always her pride and joy. Although her failing sight was a great frustration, she always maintained a keen interest in village life, enjoying Autumn Leaves and Age Concern as well as Bingo.
We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family at this sad time.

Round & About

CONCERT
The Cyril Wood Memorial Trust welcome the return of the Cornel Music Group to give a Concert in the Cyril Wood Court Community Centre on Friday 11th October at 7.30 pm.
Tickets £4.00 to include wine and coffee available from the Resident Manager 3 Cyril Wood Court or at the door on the night.

'REGIS PRAISE' takes place at 6 pm on SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER: the preacher at this informal time of prayer and praise will be the Revd Hugh Trenchard from the Blandford team of clergy. All are very welcome!

THE PARISH GIFT DAY at Affpuddle realised over £340 for Church Funds: we are most grateful to all who gave so generously. More envelopes were also given in after this total was reached.

HOUSE GROUPS meet on Mondays at 8 pm – and new members are very welcome. The Groups are informal and friendly and provide good opportunities for learning and sharing within a Christian framework. Details will be found on the weekly Notice Papers, available in either of the Churches.

BERE REGIS JUNIOR CHURCH CHOIR had an enjoyable outing to the Studland Nature Reserve for a tour by the Warden and then some time swimming and a picnic before visiting the Country Park at Durston.
New members are always welcome at Choir Practice on Fridays at 7.15 pm. Eight is the lowest recommended age. Details from the Vicar or Mr Pitfield (Tel: 471391).

BERE REGIS CHURCH LIBRARY IS OPEN ALL DAY TO YOU!
DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD?
IF SO, THIS IS FOR YOU – AND THEM!

THE PLAY & LEARN VAN visits your area, travelling to over 30 rural communities around Dorchester, to bring activities for pre-school children aged 6 months to 5 years. These activities include reading and number games, colour and shape games, constructional toys, jigsaws, art activities, small PE equipment, sand and water toys, musical instruments, and lots of books. All these can be borrowed quite FREE OF CHARGE.

Helpful booklets for parents can be borrowed, and there are also many activity sheets to help older children with letters, numbers etc.

Sue Harrison drives the van and, as a trained teacher of children in their early years, is able to give advice to parents on how to help their children during these important years. It has already been proved that by coming to the Van regularly, children settle into school more easily and make a really confident start to work in the reception class.

The local schools recommend that all pre-school children use the Van if possible. Home visits are available for families who find difficulty in coming to the scheduled stops, due to transport or other problems.

For further information, please telephone Puddledown 848687 between 12.15 and 1.15pm, or phone the Van during working hours on 0836 647 012. The Van is based at Puddledown First School, High Street, Puddledown, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 8RY, and funded by Dorset Education Authority.

The first of a three-part account of Andrew Ward's year spent in THE GAMBIA...

In 1990/91 I spent one year in the village of Gunjur in The Gambia under the auspices of the Marlborough Brandt Group. This is my report on the year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Gambia is located in West Africa on the coast between latitudes 13 and 14° N. It stretches inland 320 km along the River Gambia which is one of the main navigable rivers of West Africa. The country is surrounded on three sides by Senegal, on the fourth side is the Ocean. The area is mainly savannah but has variations.

The country has an area of 11,300 km². Into this are squeezed 858,000 people at one of the highest densities in Africa. The average annual population growth is 3.1%. An Infant Mortality Rate of 142 per 1000 helps the life expectancy to be less than 50.

The Gambia is made of several tribal groups of which the Mandinka are the majority, but the Wolof, Jola and Fula tribes are also sizeable.

The Gambia became independent from Britain in 1965. Since then it has had a peaceful but democratic history.

Gunjur is a town of 10,000 people in the south east corner of the country 8 km from the Senegalise border. The population is divided in the ratio 3:1 female to male with the Mandinka being the largest tribe. There is a primary school, secondary school and health clinic. But there is no electricity, piped water, mains sewage or metalled roads.

The Assignment was to spend a year voluntarily teaching in English at the secondary Technical school in Gunjur. Board would be provided by a family organised by the link between Gunjur and Marlborough. In this family I would learn how an African family lives.

The Year: I had been well prepared for my year, both by returned volunteers and by teaching practice. This had included teaching insect experiments in biology and trying to stop the boys putting them down the girl's necks. However, I don't think anything can quite prepare you for Africa.

On arriving in the town of Gunjur I first met my family. This wasn't so much the group of people I would live with but rather more my adopted family. I was totally taken in and was given little special treatment.

My immediate family was: my father, Secdo aged 36, a tailor who used an old sewing machine with a foot pedal. He was remarkably talented and spoke a little English but was illiterate. My mother was Nancey, aged about 22; she did all of the family's washing and cooking as well as looking after her three children. She could not speak English but when I learnt Mandinka I had delightful conversations with her. My brother and sisters were Fatou aged 5, Yasupha aged 3 and Sibie who was born while I was out there.
I lived in an extended family compound which consisted of about 80 people. Attempts at remembering exact relations to people were forgotten, people of the same age becoming brothers and sisters and youngsters becoming sons and daughters etc. The extended family would work together and share any money so nobody became dangerously poor.

Common jobs for the townspeople were: tailoring, shopkeeping, teaching, working for the government, working in the tourist industry, working on the bush taxis and of course farming - mainly groundnuts and millet.

To understand more about the people and how things worked I realised it was essential to learn a local language, namely Mankunde. This was understood by almost everybody in our area: it was quite hard because it is not a written language and so there aren't many books to help! Also the language seems to have even fewer rules in than English. So you have to learn everything - you can't just apply a method or model. Eventually after months of struggling I could at last hold a conversation with the women. This was very rewarding. The society is very sexist with females doing the bulk of the work. But when they are not working or resting they are wonderful, showing a great sense of fun and sense of humour. It was nice to see how they could have a good time despite their hard lives.

At home I had little spare time. The people were so sociable that to lock myself away in my room seemed positively rude. Instead I would spend a lot of time drinking sweet Chinese green tea. This is unusual outside that there is a special category in the budget for the import of this green tea. The making of it being a fine art, with a large froth impressing people most, and so a good brew can take about an hour to make depending on how hot the charcoal is.

The most often occurring ceremony is the naming ceremony - or baptism. This occurs seven days after the baby is born. So there is a lot of rushing around preparing for the naming ceremony, especially after premature births.

On the sixth day the women will do some of the cooking, mainly local pancakes, millet porridge, a soured milk drink and other drinks made with local plant extracts. This means on the actual day they will only have to cook the main meal which is usually a rice dish with meat.

So the naming ceremony starts with people rushing around doing their jobs and women finishing off elegant plaited in each other's hair. The starting time is not definite - it happens when enough elders, men and women are present. The elders are very respected and although they have become less powerful they still possess considerable power. It is the elders to whom the baby is handed to have it's head shaved, and prayers are said by one of the Islamic leaders (an elder). At this time a goat or sheep is killed: this will provide meat for the lunchtime meal. As this is an open party any number of people may arrive and it would be very offensive not to have enough food for them. At last the baby's name is declared and more prayers are said. Presents are given to the elders for coming - for their presence is a status symbol.

Our thanks to Andrew for this fascinating story: you can read the second installment in next month's Magazine.

APPRECIATIONS

Daphne Hacker and family wish to thank all friends in the village who have so kindly shown sympathy in their recent sad loss, also for the many offers of help that have been received.

SINGING WEEKEND FOR CHILDREN

With the help of the Michael James Music Trust, Briantspuddle Singers have arranged a week-end singing course for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13, and we invite your application on behalf of your child. Our object is to stimulate interest in singing in young people, and to provide them with an enjoyable experience.

The course will be held at the D'Urberville Hall, Wool, on Saturday 4th November from 2 to 6pm and Sunday 5th from 2.30 to 6.30pm; on each day there will be a good break (supervised) of about forty-five minutes for refreshment; each child should bring a packed meal. On the Sunday, parents are invited to attend for the last 30 minutes, which will be devoted to a performance of the music studied. This will include singing in unison and in harmony in a variety of styles.

The cost of this course will be £10 per participant, to cover hire of premises, conductor's fee, and provision of music. No transport can be provided, but the D'Urberville Hall is only a few minutes' walk from Wool station.

We have secured the services of Mrs Angela D'Silva to conduct this course. She is a member of the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir, and before her marriage taught music in Sandford School with great success. If sufficient interest is shown in this pilot scheme, we hope to follow it with further week-end courses at regular intervals, perhaps once or twice a term.

If your child would like to take part, and you are willing for him/her to do so please contact W.Reid on 0929 471458.

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS

BERE REGIS SIDESMEN'S ROTA: October 1991

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Oct 6th  Harvest  Mrs F Burke
Oct 13th  Mrs J Harley  Mrs D Ventham
Oct 20th  Mrs A Bennett  Miss I Pittfield
Oct 27th  Mrs J Clarke

Gifts of flowers and produce for Harvest Festival will be most welcome.

BERE REGIS READERS: October 1991

Evensong: First Lesson
Oct 6th  Mrs C Lewis
Oct 13th  Miss S Frampton
Oct 20th  Mrs P Ward
Matins  Mrs J Booth

AFFPUDDLE

Date Flowers Cleaning
6th Oct  Mrs Buck  Mrs A Smith
13 Oct  Mrs Kayll  Mrs Armitage
20th Oct  Mrs Talbot  Mrs Talbot
27th Oct  Mrs A Smith  Mrs Taylor
3rd Nov  Mrs Corner  Mrs Thornley

Date Service Sidesman Reader
6th Oct  8.00  Col. Corner  Mr Smith
        11.15  Mr Prideaux  Mr Prideaux
13th Oct  9.30  Mr D Payne  Mr Elkerton
          11.00  Capt Johnston  The Vicar
20th Oct  8.00  Capt Badcock  Mr Smith
          11.00  Mr G Payne  Mr or Mrs Lane
27th Oct  9.30

BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION

We started our Autumn session after the summer holidays, with an interesting and informative talk about Beckendale House, a home for battered wives, which is in Salisbury.

October 2nd is the date of our next meeting, when we will be having a Harvest Supper, with poems and readings for Harvest. There will also be a Bring and Buy Sale. Tea hostesses will be Margaret Miller, Christine Tucker and Edie Green.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’s

What a lovely afternoon we all had at our 22nd Birthday Luncheon. Delicious food organised by the committee, and afterwards we were entertained by the West Dorset Accordion Band. We all sang the Olde Tyme Songs, and many others they played, in fact we were entertained for over an hour. They must have been tired afterwards, and were glad of their cup of tea. The afternoon finished with tea, and a piece of Birthday cake.

The 9th October is when we meet again, and will be a Harvest afternoon, when the Woodbury Choir will be coming to sing to us. An extra event this month will be the 20p sale, which will be in the Drax Hall on 24th Oct at 2.30pm.

CHURCHYARD CLEANUP

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9th is tidy up day at Bere Regis Churchyard. Your help during the day would be much appreciated, for as short or as long as you can manage. The churchyard is often complimented on by visitors and it is thanks to the regular attention of Geoff Green and the occasional tidy up days that it is possible to keep it looking so cared for.

SCOUT GROUP

On THURSDAY OCTOBER 17th (normally Cub night) the Group is holding a BINGO evening starting at 7pm. Everyone will be welcome as well as Cubs, parents and other group sections.

There will be an Illustrated Talk on the RNLI by Mr Ian Ventham who is now living in the village and who is concerned with fund raising for the RNLI at Poole. There will be Cheese and Wine available and a raffle, proceeds of the evening will go towards Scout Group funds.

YOUTH CONCERT

Would you like to take part in a youth concert to be held on SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER in Bere Regis Parish Church at 7pm? Solo items, duets, small groups or joining in with a larger group will all be welcomed. Group practices would be on Sunday evenings at 7.15 in Church. Please contact John England (471469) for further details.

BERE REGIS PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT GROUP

May we extend our grateful thanks to Rev and Mrs Healey and the kind people from the chapel on the Hill for all their hard work and organisation for the Garden Fete held on Sat 7th Sept at the Old Vicarage £400 was raised, also very many thanks to Pat and Peter Wharf who once again let their beautiful garden be used to raise money for the PIGs.
BERE REGIS PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT GROUP PRESENTS:
A pre Christmas Craft Fayre at the Scout Hut, Elder Road, on Saturday 12th October 2.30.

Please come and buy some of your Christmas gifts - there will also be a cook's table draw and other stalls and refreshments. If you are able to donate anything for us to sell please let me Alison Bennett 471537 on Tracy Marsden 472243 know. Hope to see you there.

RAPPORT will be playing at the RBL North Street on Sat Nov 23rd tickets £2.50 buy now as only a limited number available.

RAPPORT is a local group with a very wide range of music to appeal to all ages phone 471537, 472243 for your tickets - now!!

We are most grateful to the RBL Gardening Club, the Chapel on the Hill Pete Baker and the Royal Oak who have all taken the initiative and helped us to help make a safe place for our children to play.

Please ask yourself a question can my organisation/Group/Work/ whatever help the PIGs to raise money?

Present bank balance on writing £2,548.85
Have you bought your PIG badge yet?

Alison Bennett
Chairperson

A VILLAGE CHRISTMAS SHOW?
Can you help? Would your group or organization be willing to do a short performance of whatever your good at Singing, Dancing a short play a comedy sketch at the Drax hall near Christmas to raise money for the PIGs please let me know Tel 471537.

R.B.L. GARDENING CLUB
Saturday 17th Aug, the "Garden Club Village Fete"took place at the Old Vicarage, by kind permission of Pat and Peter Wharf, firstly may we apologize for any inconvenience that took place in the vicinity, due to this function, as we assumed that "toleration would be the order of the day" for such a good cause.
Where to start, well weather wise, "some one up there must love us" because the sun shone brilliantly, Buster Merryfield, "Uncle Albert" from "Only Fools & Horses" opened the Fete at 2.15pm and remained with us all the afternoon until 4.30, and left only due to being on stage in the evening, as he always likes a rest before a performance.

Jim Etherington and Friends, Dick Rosser (Fiddle) and Phil Nicolson entertained music wise all the afternoon until 6pm, and what versatile entertainers they are, these musicians refuse to take themselves seriously, each has an impressive pedigree with past connections in big band names, this is only part of the full band, and they attribute their success to the fact that the band play anything good. Jackie Bottrell and the "Purbeck Morris" gave the show, that "Village" atmosphere, and what a colourful scene they produced in lovely surroundings.

Pat and Peter Wharf judged the "Children's Fancy Dress", all contestants went away with a little something, so no disappointments.

What an excellent job Jean Hopkins and Jackie Nommick made on the "Childrens Make Up", they made a tremendous number of children happy, we can only hope "Mum" could get the "Face" back to normal before they went to bed.

"Honest Geoff Green" kept the punters happy, with the "Horse Racing" and "Whisky Galore" had customs officer Albert Roper trying to keep clients spirits up. The "Vintage Cars" on the front lawn, looked ideally placed, also in the right surroundings, sorry we had to move the "bird bath" Pat, but John has promised to put it back. All the owners of the "Cars", would be pleased to bring them back, on another occasion if requested, plus many more, as all the cars were treated with respect. The stall holders made a generous "donation" to the cause, and there were plenty of things to purchase and keep people occupied.

Peter Hastings from the "Royal Oak", kept everyone well lubricated and also ran the "Yard of Ale" contest, incidentally who did win that Peter?, all we noticed were a lot of damp shirt fronts.

Alison Bennett and all her piglets, ran a very efficient catering service, so no one need have gone hungry, believe me they worked very hard to make it a success. Our grateful thanks also go to:

The Army for erecting that marvellous Tent and M.A.E. Electrical for the Electric installation. Lulworth Cove Carnival Tent
B.R. Scout Tent
Reg Adams for the P.A. System
Jim Shave for the bales of straw
Len Pressley for arranging "Court Green" for Parking
Peter Hastings for running the Bar and arranging the beer donation, plus the "Refugees" from the "Oak".
The "Sports Club" for supplying the ladies and man power for the day.
The St John Ambulance for covering the Fete.

My personal thanks to the "Gardening Club Committee" and helpers who made my life a little more bearable. To Eileen, Elaine and Herbie Swann for looking after the cash on the day.

The generous donations we received from the following:
Hall & Woodhouse, Blandford.
Trinity Motors, Bere Regis.
V.G. Stores, Bere Regis.
The Royal Oak, Joan and Peter.
Jim Pike & Son Anderson.
The Sports Club, Bere Regis.
John Watt, Sylvasprings.
Coopers of Wessex.
Dorset Restoration, Bere Regis.
1st BERE REGIS BROWNIES - Sept 1991

We are a full pack of 24 enthusiastic girls (18 is the G.G.A. recommended number) and have quite a large waiting list. It is nice to think that here in Bere Regis Brownies are so popular. If you have a daughter of Brownie age (7-10 years) who would like to join then please call in and see us at the Scout H.Q. in Elder Road any Wednesday between 5.45 and 7.00pm.

Unfortunately the 1st Bere Regis Pack will have no foreseeable spaces, due to a long waiting list, until Easter 1993; because of this we are now enforcing, what is already common practice in all other Packs around the country, that if any girl does not show full commitment by not arriving for three consecutive meetings (unless due to illness) she will be considered as to have left and her place will be given to the next on the waiting list.

Should you feel that you have some time to spare in the week perhaps you would like to consider starting a second pack. There is obviously a need for one.

Telephone either - Anne Parkes our District Commissioner 0305 848451 or Pat Bentley Guide Guider B.R. 471875

2nd BERE REGIS GUIDES

We are now quite a large company of 25 girls who are looking forward to a variety of activities during this term, one of which is a challenge to eat spaghetti with chopsticks (first we have to cook it).

We hope that parents, grandparents and friends will book the evening of Tuesday, 10th December in their diaries and we shall be entertaining them with a variety of musical arrangements. Light refreshments of Mince Pies and ‘Punch’ will be on offer.

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Please alter Brownies in diary from 6.45 - 7.00pm to 5.45 - 7.00pm Wednesday Scout H.Q.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Add to future events Wed 11 Dec Brownies entertainments evening Parents, Grandparents and friends all invited.

Wednesday 18 Dec Guides & Brownies Carol singing around the village

Also Tuesday 10 Dec Guide Parents, Grandparents and Friends invited to Mince Pies & Punch PLUS Musical arrangements for your enjoyment.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Charlie and Kathleen would like to give a big ‘thank you’ to everybody who visited their garden and to all our friends who made cakes and helped run the stalls etc. A wonderful £755 was taken towards their third Guide Dog. Again our grateful thanks to you all.
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Who is to blame? Someone has to be at fault, it can’t go on like this for ever. The responsibility has to be laid on someone’s shoulder or door step!

Who’s to blame for all this rioting, rape, murder, discontent, lack of control, discipline and respect?

Who’s to blame? Well, for a start the Government, the police, the schools, the society we live in, the weather, the weathermen and the ‘late hot summer’. Then there is religion and the Church (especially the Church), and God of course. Even though most people either ignore Jesus and His example and divine instructions on how BEST to live, or say He does not really exist, it’s useful to have Him there to blame! It all boils down to someone else or something else.

Who’s to blame? Could it be ME? Dare we take a good honest look in the mirror? In Matthew chapter 7 and verses 1-5 Jesus says this “Do not judge others, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye’, when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye”.

Remember, as we point our finger at someone else, there are three of our own fingers pointing back at us. Start there! What ME?!

The Chapel would like to thank all those who so generously supported the afternoon of ‘Fete and Fun’ at The Old Vicarage, especially Mr G & Mrs P. Wharf. The sum raised for the Playground Inprovement Group came to £450.

YOUTH CLUB

It is sad to report that due to the lack of support that the Youth Club will have to close. Dave Grundill has had to give up as the Leader as his work is taking him out of the village. He has been magnificent Leader at all times and it is sad to see that his work is not able to continue.

There are other Youth Clubs in the village and from the numbers that attended - an average of eight per session - that there is not the crying need for the Club. However having stated that I am sure that somebody will come forward and remind me that we must do all that we can to keep the Club going. We, that is the Treasurer and myself being the sole survivors of the Management Committee, therefore have decided that unless we hear of any interest in the continuance of the Club before the 15th October, that the Club will be reluctantly closed permanently. All assets will be accrued and a decision on their future, in support of Youth activities in the Village, determined.

Finally may I repeat that the village owes a very deep gratitude to Dave Grundill for his work throughout even though he and his family suffered hardship. At no time did he permit his problems to override his care for the members.

Christopher Maunder

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

If anyone enjoys singing light popular songs, please Ring Pat Mills 47 I or Kath Jeeves 471175.

We meet once a fortnight, 2.30pm at Kathleen’s bungalow, “LARKSPUR”, snow Hill and we always have a very enjoyable afternoon. Already several entertainments are booked. Come and join us.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Thursday October 31st at 7.30pm in the Drax Hall.

“A Photographer’s Year”

An Audie-Visual show by Tony Bates

For those of you who have seen Tony’s delightful shows before please tell your friends they should not miss this evening.

BERE REGIS W.I.

There wasn’t a meeting in August

Mrs G Young is our speaker for October, and November is the A.G.M.

If there is any member who would like to play skittles please contact.

Sheila Leigh

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

Affraise Family Service, 11am Sunday 20th October

After our Harvest celebration last month we begin an autumn/winter series of themes based on “Christian People”. This month we hear about the life of St. Francis and use some of his words in our service. All are welcome to this informal service.

Argentina talk

Emma Haigh will give an illustrated talk about her building and feeding project in Buenos Aires at 8pm on Friday 18 October at Hazel College, Briantspuddle. All are welcome.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting for the Affpuddle Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 16th October in the Village Hall. The Parish Council meetings which take place every third Wednesday of the month, are open to the public.

Parish Recipe of the Month.

I would like to recommend this as a regular monthly feature so if any of you have any recipes which you would like to share please would you let me have them.

Many thanks M.T.
Bere Regis Floral Group
This month's meeting will be on Tuesday 8th October when there will be a demonstration about the theme "From Bush, Tree and Sky".

Briantspuddle W.I.
This month’s meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd October when Mrs Pat Sloman will talk to us. Her theme will be "From Housewife to Television". This is also the month in which we celebrate our birthday with a buffet. All non members welcome as always.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP
This month's meeting will be on Tuesday 10th September when Mrs Catherine Watson will give a demonstration on an "Artistic Licence".

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN
This year's house to house collection in the parish of Affpuddle (July 1st to 6th) raised £196.03 Grateful thanks for your generous donations and a special thanks to all the lady collectors.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 1991
2nd B.R. Mothers Union Harvest Supper.
9th 2.30pm Autumn Leaves Harvest Afternoon
17th 7.30 Bingo - Scout H.Q.
23rd 2.30 Autumn Leaves 20p Sale - Drax Hall
31st 7.30 ICRF Audio visual show - Drax Hall

NOVEMBER 1991
9th Bere Regis Churchyard clean-up
9th 7.30 Talk on RNLI - Cheese & Wine - Scout H.Q.
13th 2.30 Autumn Leaves - Slides
16th 7pm Youth Concert - B.R. Church
23rd 'Rapport' - RBL HQ - For PIGs
27th 2.30 Autumn Leaves - Xmas Bazaar

DECEMBER 1991
7th 10am Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court - for Church Funds.
10th Guides Musical Evening
16/17th Scout Group Carol Singing

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

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RBL GARDENING CLUB
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W.I. BERE REGIS
W.I. BRIANTSPUDDLE
TUESDAY CLUBS:
ADVENTURERS
YOUTH CLUB

SWIMMING CLUB

2.00 pm Thursdays, Turbervile 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 Penultimate Wednesdays - 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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What makes it more remarkable is that Robert has fought back, first against leukaemia and more recently against meningitis; four years ago he was told that he was dying but after operations and chemotherapy he has recently been able to return to part-time work. Now his ambition is to be a missionary!

The Church Urban Fund, to aid Christian work in inner cities, is to benefit from a sponsored cycle run by a group booking from Rochester Cathedral (Kent) to Whitby Abbey (North Yorks). It's just 450 years since the Abbey was dissolved, but its inspiration lives on to benefit contemporary England.

One church - The Saviour, Colleyhurst, Manchester - set its staff to work on its ailing roof; Rector Andrew Pearce and Curate Andy Salmon did a tandem cycle ride and raised over £500 for it.

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AN unusual step is reported to have been taken by the Greek Orthodox Church in Crete, where it has set up its own blood bank to help deal with the island's acute shortage of donated blood. The Red Cross and the public services have been exceptionally short of blood, apparently because so many people fear contracting AIDS through donating blood.

IT IS not how many years we live, but what we do with them.
Evangeline Booth

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SMALL opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.
Demosthenes

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VERY religious people are always shock slightly religious people by their blasphemous attitude toward religion, and it was precisely for blasphemy that Jesus was crucified.
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– Lord Thomson of Monifieth, former IBA Chairman and one of seven new patrons of Voice of the Listener

A Father’s Love

A mother does not condemn her child who is struggling with many a failure to learn how to walk, but rather is she pleased by each successful effort.

Man is at the corresponding stage in his spiritual development and I like to think that God is similarly pleased with our efforts, and understanding of our many failures.

What matters is whether or not the will, like a compass needle when deflected, is so pivoted that it can swing back to the true direction.

Thomas Green
(Quaker)

Heritage of Sunday

Work on Sundays goes against the needs and other interests of the family, harms a person’s well-being because it imposes a distorted rhythm of life, and renders community life difficult.

To abolish Sunday as a day of rest is to betray not only our country’s Christian heritage but also our cultural heritage.

Cardinal Hensbach
Bishop of Essen, W. Germany
DIARY OF A BIBLE

JAN. 15 I've been resting quietly for a week, for the first few nights of the year my owner read me regularly, but now seems to have forgotten me.

FEB. 2 Owner used me for a short time after dinner, looking up a few references. Then I was taken to Church.

MAR. 7 After lying on the hall table since my visit to Church, was dusted and put back in my old place again.

APR. 2 Busy day! Owner was helping with an event and had to look up some references. Had an awful time finding one.

MAY 5 In the lap of my owner's Grandma all afternoon, she is here on a visit.

MAY 6 In Grandma's lap again. She spent most of the time on 1 Corinthians 13.

MAY 7-8.9 In Grandma's lap every afternoon, it's a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads me, sometimes she talks to me.

MAY 10 Grandma has gone, she kissed me goodbye. I'm back in my old place.

JUNE 3 Had a four leaf clover stuck in me today.

JULY 1 Packed in a trunk with clothes and other things. Possibly going on holiday.

JULY 7-10 Still lying in trunk.

JULY 15 Back home in old place, can't understand why I went.

AUG. 1 Have some magazines, a novel and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

SEPT. 5 Dust again.

SEPT. 10 Used by my owner's sister Mary, for a few moments, she was writing a letter to a friend whose brother had died and she wanted an appropriate verse.

SEPT. 13 Dust again. Now read YOUR BIBLE and look up JOSHUA 1: v 8 KIRKBY OVERBLOW
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