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THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE - DECEMBER 1992

ON THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT
Three times within the past few days people have been waiting for the results of a ballot. First was it going to be Bush or Clinton? Next would the government be defeated? Finally would the C of E vote in favour of women priests?

THE BIBLE
It has been a long and tiresome argument. What does the Bible really say? For members of the church the Bible is the final authority. But it has to be interpreted in the light of tradition and reason.

The Bible does not change. But our interpretation of it does. As we discover new things, very few now take the story of Adam and Eve literally. But that does not mean the story is not true, in the sense that it teaches us the truth about the relationship of mankind with God, and how that relationship has been broken by sin. And that sin (a disease) is something that we are all infected with from birth.

GOD MADE MAN
It was to reverse this infection of sin that Christ came into the world. He came not just to remove the symptoms - that is individual sins - but to reverse the results of the disease. And to do that he 'was made man'. That is not a man (male), but man (human). The fact that he was a male is unimportant. He had to be one or the other.

One of the results of this disease has been the breakdown of human relationships not least the relationship between men and women. In its recent vote the General Synod has emphasised that in the eyes of God men and women are of equal value.

WE NEED BOTH
I admit that I used to be against the ordination of women to priesthood until I worked with three women deacons in the parish of Dorchester. That convinced me that they have a very important part to play in the ordained ministry of the church. We need both men and women to provide an adequate, balanced ministry.

Now we are in danger of dividing as a church. It may well be that we shall make another discovery that will help to heal our divisions - that is that in the New Testament presbyters (priests in our terminology) were never appointed singly. There was no such thing as a Vicar in charge of a church. There were several presbyters for each Christian community.

THE MINISTRY OF ALL CHRISTIANS
I want to suggest now that the days of vicars on their own, be they male or female, should go and that every church should have a 'team' (I do not mean what the C of E usually means by team - consisting just of clergy!) which includes men and women working together. And why should that team consist entirely of ordained priests?

We believe that every Christian has a ministry. We must not restrict ministry just to those who have been ordained, even if, with the ordination of women to the priesthood, we now have enough to go round.

Jimmy Hamilton-Brown
INSTITUTION & INDUCTION OF NEW VICAR
At 3pm on Saturday 16th January 1993 in Bere Regis Parish Church the Venerable Graham Robin will be instituted by the Right Reverend John Kirkham, Bishop of Sherborne and inducted by the Venerable Geoffrey Walton, Archdeacon of Dorset to the Benefice of St John the Baptist, Bere Regis and St Laurence, Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle. All parishioners will be most welcome to attend the service and meet our new vicar over refreshments afterwards.

CHURCH SERVICES AND DUTY ROTAS
BERE REGIS SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 1992

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
Dec 6th  ADVENT
Dec 13th  ADVENT
Dec 20th  ADVENT
Dec 27th  Mrs P House  Mrs M England

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Wednesday 23rd December from 10.00 am. If you require the key of the shed please apply to Mrs M England or Mrs P House.

BERE REGIS READERS - December
Dec 6th  Mr H Dashwood
Dec 13th  Mrs C Lewis
Dec 20th  Carol Service

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH SERVICES
Sunday 6th December (Advent 2) BCP
8am Holy Communion Rev. J Hamilton Brown
Epistle Romans 15, 4-13 Mr Smith
Gospel St Luke 21, 25-33 The Vicar

Sunday 13th December (Advent 3) ASB Rit. B
9.30 am Parish Communion Rev. J Hamilton Brown
Epistle Isaiah 40, 1-11 Capt Badcock
Gospel St John 1, 19-28 The Vicar

Sunday 20th December (Advent 4) BCP
8am Holy communion Rev. J Hamilton Brown
Epistle Philippians 4, 4-7 Mr Smith
Gospel St John 1, 1928 The Vicar
11 am Affirmation Lt Cdr J Haigh

Tuesday 22nd December
7pm Carol Service and lessons Village Hall

Friday 25th December ASB Rit. B
9.30 am Parish Communion Rev. J Hamilton Brown
Epistle (to be decided) Mr Thorniley
Gospel (to be decided) Capt Badcock

Sunday 27th December ASB Rit. B
9.30 am Parish Communion Rev. J Hamilton Brown
Epistle Galatians 4, 1-7 Capt Johnston
Gospel St John 1, 14-18 Mrs Thorniley

Date  Flowers  Cleaning
6th December  ADVENT  Mrs Tucker
13th December  ADVENT  Mrs Moriarty
20th December  ADVENT  Mrs Lane
27th December  CHRISTMAS  Mrs Thorniley

BERE REGIS PARISH
Churchwardens
Mr John House, Lower Stockley Farm, Bere Heath 471255/551266
Mr John England, 10 South Mead, Bere Regis 471469
Deputy Warden
Miss Sybil Frampton, 1 Tower Hill, Bere Regis.
AFFPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH
Churchwardens
Captain Paul Badcock, Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle 471297
Cdr Bill Thorniley, Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle 471497

LAY READERS
Brenda Pittfield  Hillbutts, Butt Lane, Bere Regis 471391
Jonathan Haigh  Hazel Cottage, Briantspuddle, 471768

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANTS
Di Phillips, Mary England, Dorrie Barnes, Kay March, Eileen Bangay, Lindy Ventham,
Dawn Lane and Penny Haigh.

B.R. CHURCH REGISTERS
Holy Matrimony  October 31st  Kevin William COLLINS and
Jacqueline Fiona PEARCE

NESTAHALL was born and brought up in and around Cardiff. After school, she studied
agriculture, first at Aberystwyth University and then at Reading, where she met Dick.
For several years she worked as a peripatetic teacher of dairying in Somerset and then
helping with war time clean milk production in Leicester. She and Dick were married
in 1942 near Yeovil, whilst he served with the armed forces. After the war, Dick’s work
at farm institutes, took the growing family first of all to Gwent and then to Sussex and
Hertfordshire. In 1957 they returned to run the family farm at Rogers Hill.

Nesta played a full part in the life of the community: amongst much else she will be
remembered as the producer of a number of very successful plays with the W.I. Drama
Group and for the cheese making business which she ran from the farm in the 1960’s.
When the time came to retire from Rogers Hill, Nesta found it a great wrench. A new
home was made in Affpuddle and she maintained a close interest in the activities of
children, grand children and great grand children. Her last months were a sad time, but
the end came quietly on 6th September.

The family is most appreciative of help and support from friends and neighbours, and
for the generosity of those who attended the Thanksgiving Service; £645 being donated
to the Alzheimers Disease Society.

BERE REGIS CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS
1. The Churchyard of St John the Baptist, Bere Regis has been closed for burials since
1881, other than for family vaults under special faculty.
2. A scheme for the interment of cremated remains has been agreed for a limited area
of the churchyard and plots may be marked by a flat stone not exceeding 1ft 6in
(450mm) square set 1 inch (25mm) below the immediate surrounding soil so that
after settlement a mower may pass safely over it.

3. The slabs shall be of natural stone and not polished beyond eggshell finish and
should if possible be of local origin and harmonise with the church.
4. Inscriptions shall be in Roman Lettering and show name, age and date of death. Any
other inscription must be agreed with the incumbent or his representative.
5. The surface of the churchyard will be of grass, kept level without mounds, and the
majority mown with some specified areas kept as conservation areas at the
discretion of the Incumbent.
6. Funeral flowers, either as wreaths or sprays may be placed on the plots, but the
incumbent reserves the right to require their removal after a reasonable period. No
vases, sunken containers, plants or bulbs should be placed on the plots. Artificial
flowers of any form will not be permitted.
7. A Memorial Book is situated in the South Aisle of the Church in which the name
and date of death of the person whose cremated remains have been interred can
be entered. The pages of the book will be open for each week of the year
commemorating all those who died during that week over the past years.
8. Fresh flowers may be placed in the area near the book but should be removed after
a reasonable period.
9. Every application to erect or place anything whatsoever or do any works in the
churchyard shall be made in writing in the first place to the incumbent, stating a full
description of the proposed work including (as may be appropriate) designs,
measurements, inscriptions and the like particulars. In any case where the authority
of a faculty is required, the application shall be made to the registrar of the diocese.
10. These regulations have been approved by the Parochial Church Council incorporat-
ing advice given by the Salisbury Diocesan Advisory Committee.  July 1992

PHOTOCOPYING SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED DURING DECORATION OF
THE VICARAGE.

THANK YOU
BOB PORTER wishes to thank his friends and neighbours for their prayers and good
wishes during his recent stay in hospital. Grateful thanks also to Dr Greenfield.

CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT
The coffee morning held in Moreton Village Hall in October was a very special occasion,
over eighty people came along, including many men, who were most welcome. After
coffee and a chat with friends we listened to the speaker, Mrs Sue Whitehead. Many
people were very moved by her open and honest talk as she told us how she had come
to a faith in Jesus Christ and what he meant to her and her family. Her husband edits
the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Newspaper, although she is a member of the Church
of England.

Our next coffee morning will be as follows:
MORETON VILLAGE HALL  
Wednesday 2nd December at 10.30 am  
Speaker Mrs Jill Lawson  
‘Christmas without going Crackers’  
Tickets £1

This will be a practical demonstration for Christmas and Jill will also tell us about her personal faith.

Do come and join us, tickets from Mary Sherwood tel: (0929) 471575, Freda Gillett tel: (0305) 852037 or Ann Stevens at The Rectory, Moreton tel: (0929) 462466.

BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION  
Due to the church heating not being in full working order, our Communion Service was held in Cyril Wood Court, which was an evening enjoyed by all the members. Rev J Lloyd from Cheshbourne took our service, and we were all very pleased to meet his wife again. After a cup of tea, Mr John England, told us the history of our Church roof, and the apostles, illustrating it with slides.

Our next meeting will again be in Cyril Wood Court, and will be the Christmas one. There will be a story by Mr Fred Pitfield, carols and mince pies. The tea hostesses will be the committee.

AUTUMN LEAVES over 50’s  
We all enjoyed our Quiz in November, which was put together by Kath, and caused much hilarity. One of our members Mrs Osbaldstone will be celebrating her 90th birthday at the end of the month, and she was given a beautiful cake and cut the first slice. Kath presented her with a gift, and Mrs Mooney gave her a flower arrangement.

Our Christmas afternoon will be on the 9th December, when amongst other things the children from Bere Regis First School will be coming to sing carols.

Our Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 5th December at 2.30 pm when Father Christmas will be present.

COFFEE MORNING  
CHURCH COFFEE MORNING AT CYRIL WOOD COURT, 10.30am 12th December. Admission 30p. Raffle, Cooks’ Stall, etc. Any contributions please ring 471643. All welcome.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP  
Thank you to all those who organised and attended the presentation on the Latvia Scout Link. With a very good number in the audience the sum of £100 was raised to help provide some basic equipment for the newly formed scout troop in Latvia.

The Scouts and Guides are combining this year in Carol Singing in Bere Regis on Monday 21st December and at Winterborne Kingston on Tuesday 22nd December both evenings starting at 5.30 pm.

BERE Regis meeting point - The Scout Headquarters  
Winterborne Kingston - The Church

Money raised is to be shared between the Dorchester Hospice and the Latvian Scout Fund.

BROWNIES  
A big thank you to all those who turned up for the Remembrance Service in the village, sorry it was short notice. Fortunately the weather was kind to us for all our parading and singing.

Some of the Brownies have now completed a couple of badges, the Cook’s and the Pony Rider’s, and others are currently undertaking the Animal Lovers Badge, which is hoped to be completed around the New Year. Between now and Christmas we are hoping to complete another badge, as well as start doing Christmas activities.

2nd BERE REGIS GIRL GUIDES  
Recently we have been busy preparing for the ‘Parents’ Entertainments evening. Many girls who came to camps this year are hoping to gain their 1st (Red) campers badge on that evening. Two girls will soon be tested for their Advanced (White) campers badge and will hopefully gain this after Christmas.

Many activities are planned for next term, these include Dry Slope Skiing and Sledging also, with luck a residential weekend at Swanage Y.A.C. More details will follow as and when available.

‘CINDERELLA’ WITH MATTHEW KELLY  
There are still a few seats left, so join in with the Scouts and Guides going to the Panto.  
Wednesday 23rd December  
Depart Turberville Car Park at 1.30 pm Return approx 6.30pm. Cost £8.25 per person to include transport and entrance. If you are interested please ring Pat Bentley at Bere Regis 471875.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP  
The November meeting was the last demonstration of the year. Mrs Cross from Devon gave us a very entertaining and interesting afternoon. We are very fortunate to have Di Holman and Catherine Watson in the club as they won several prizes at the recent area show in Poole for themselves and for the club. The AGM will be on 1st December and the first meeting in 1993 will be on 2nd Tuesday in February. New members are always welcome.
CHARITY CLASSIC GUITAR CONCERT
By Cass Gilbert in aid of 'Raleigh International', Cyril Wood Court, Bere Regis. 3rd December 7.30 pm. £2 entrance. Cassetes for sale In aid of the charity. Tel: 0258 881 229.

'Raleigh International' is a charity which aims to develop young people by giving them the opportunity to carry out demanding environmental and community projects in the UK and around the world.

Volunteers known as 'venturers' are physically and mentally challenged in remote and testing conditions. They are encouraged to contribute to their local communities both before and after carrying out overseas community and conservation projects.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GARDENING CLUB
Despite the absence of advertising posters around the Village, (blame your secretary) Legion Hall was again filled for November 3rd talk and slide show on Winter, An Exciting Time in the Garden, ably presented by Mr M Smith, Whispering Smith that is, and thoroughly enjoyed by all Gardening Club Members present.

Just a reminder that item reading December 1st AGM and Buffet Meal in your Members Card has been changed to: DECEMBER 10th XMAS PARTY, with Harry Dawes as Guest Speaker. Catering by the Ladies of the Royal British Legion. Not a buffet but a plate full of goodies as last year. Tickets available from the Secretary. If you have trouble finding me I am now on the phone. Call me on Bere Regis 472022. The address is 2 Cyril Wood Court, West Street. If I'm not there try the office at No. 3 Mrs N Murray is a committee member.

The AGM will be held on the first meeting of the new year.

See you all on December 10th and once again thank you for your support.

THE RBL WOMEN'S SECTION
Held their AGM on October 21st. 25 members were present. All officials and committee were returned en bloc with Mrs Thorby an addition to the committee.

Standard Bearer - Mrs Parker
Sick Visitors - Mrs D Barnes & Mrs Curtiss
Service Committee - Mrs Maidment Mrs Steele and Mrs House
Cancer Research - Mrs Brett
Press - Mrs J Cleall
Sick Visitors for Winterborne Kingston - Mrs House & Mrs French

Teas were served by Mrs Coburn and Mrs Teal. A raffle run by Mrs French and a Brign and Buy Mrs J Cleall. Our Coffee Evening for the Poppy Appeal was held at HQs on November 11th raising £114.

Our thanks to all who helped to make the evening a success, and supported us.

BERE REGIS CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
"MERRY CHRISTMAS", so the familiar greeting goes, but I wonder, do you feel a bit like Scrooge, in Charles Dickens' famous book 'A Christmas Carol', when you say that to someone - especially these days?

"A merry Christmas, uncle! God save you!" cried the cheerful voice of Scrooge's nephew.

"Bah!", said Scrooge. "Humbug!"

"Christmas a humbug, uncle!" said Scrooge's nephew. "You don't mean that, I am sure?"

"I do", said Scrooge. "Merry Christmas! What right have you to be merry? What reason have you to be merry?" Well, I agree "Humbug" when I consider the problems in our nation at present. Indeed I have no right or reason to be merry. But when I consider and KNOW the one to whom I've surrendered my life - JESUS CHRIST - then I have every right and reason to be merry, and glad and thankful. How about you? "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!"

"I bring you GOOD NEWS of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the LORD." Luke 2:10-11.

On Thursday 3rd December, we shall be having our annual Christmas Concert in the Parish Church. There will be music from the Poole Salvation Army Band, contributions from village organisations, and drama. The concert will help to put our Christmas festivities into perspective, as well as providing an enjoyable evening of music and fun. Admission is free but come early to avoid disappointment!

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND
A celebration party was held at the Drax Hall on 29th October to thank all the generous sponsors who contributed to the cheque for £4,167.63 which was presented to Pete Vincent, the ICRF's Regional Appeals Manager following Bob Holman's cross-channel swim.

It was a lovely evening, during with a CD player was presented to Mr Brunt of Tolpuddle for guessing the time the swim would take. His guess was within one second of the time taken.

Thank you to everyone involved in the sponsorship. An extra £45.00 has been received since the party to add to the total.

BERE REGIS W.I.
October's meeting was a very busy one as there was much to discuss - not least the very vexed question of a large increase in our annual subscription, which is to be raised to £10.50 in the New Year.

Mrs N Penfold and Miss G Miller attended the Autumn Council Meeting on our behalf and apparently it was a very enjoyable meeting. "Well worth attending" they said. At this meeting members were thanked for all the effort that had been put in by the various W.I. branches to make 'A Bit of a Do' at Kingston Maurward a great success. The result was the handsome sum of £7,000.
Mrs C Burden and Mrs Z Rogers represented us at Briantspuddle W.I. Party and said they had a very good time.

12 of us attended the Group Meeting at Litchett Matravers on the 22nd October. The social time was given over to a lovely choir called the Ashley Singers who took us through a whole range of songs one does not overhear much today, regrettably - really old Concert Platform songs - and there were many a nodding head of approval from members who knew them of old, and so started a train of reminiscences amongst little groups during the coffee break.

Early in November Mrs S Cheeseman and Mrs J Gilpin each took three members to Kingston Lacy where the W.I. had staged a wonderful Flower Festival entitled 'Inspiration n' Celebration'. We spent on and a half hours of real pleasure looking at these wonderful arrangements and the smaller arrangements, hooked carefully by hidden wire on the stair handrails, gave us ideas for Christmas decorations - they were so simple, yet very effective.

On 12th November 12 of us took part in the first Whist Drive of the season held at Roke Road, courtesy of Mrs Pauline Jesty. This is an occasion we all enjoy and four of us are to go through to the Group round next February - also to be held at Mrs Jesty's.

Last, but by no means least, I come to our guest for October - Mr Denis Holloway of Cyril Wood Court, who entertained us with a programme entitled 'A Musical Bonanza'. He started off by playing 'I could have danced all night' from My Fair Lady - the show he was involved in at Drury Lane for five years. This was followed by a short history of how he became a musician. He trained at Trinity College and the Guildhall School of Music in London, joined ENSA in 1941 and went to Paris, and his anecdotes of life with ENSA were very humorous. But as time went by he found he was irreconcilably lured more and more towards the theatre and at this spot in his narrative, time ran out and so we are to have the pleasure of his company and a 'to be continued' instalment of his musical history at our Christmas Party in December. Denis was thanked for his entertaining and attention-holding talk by Mrs Mary England.

Hostesses for November were Mrs H Cockburn, Mrs R Wise and Mrs P Mills.

BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

Our recent bonfire night celebrations were a great success, with a spectacular firework display and warming hot dogs. The event was enjoyed by all.

It might only be the beginning of December, but the children and staff at the school are already thinking ahead to Christmas, and are busy preparing for the forthcoming festivities.

The Christmas play will be performed to parents and friends on the evening of Thursday December 10th, while the playgroup children will have a preview at the dress rehearsal on the morning of Monday 7th.

Grannies, Grandads and other over 60s are invited to see the play on Tuesday 8th December at 2pm when some light refreshments will be available. Transport can be arranged.

Towards the end of term, on December 16th the school will hold its carol service in the church at 2.00 pm. By then, there will be many excited children eagerly awaiting the arrival of a certain bearded gentleman carrying a sack or two of goodies.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football Results 1st Team

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Following a somewhat fortuitous draw in the cup against mighty Hamworthy, the premier eleven went away to contest the replay and found themselves wanting and their hopes were dashed, not in disgrace though. Their best win of this term followed at home to long ball merchants Portland Wanderers, this took their points tally to five which secured their position in the bottom half of the table. Heavy defeats were inflicted by indifferent opposition home and away to the local reserves' ranks, they recovered some of their ailing confidence in a fiercely fought derby with Bayern Wool, notably there was a storming goal to equalise for Bere from one of the twenty foreign players allowed under the rules concerning such matters. Cup ties in the Junior Competition were never Bere's forte as they have failed to get past the second round in their history, and this year was no exception as they fell to a strong Dorchester YMCA and the famous 'Road to Hamworthy's ground near the power station' seemed out of reach. Boys from the basement - Fenndown came to a drizzle swept Plantain Park with little reputation to boast about and were worst off as they left as Bere went on the rampage, although they almost surrendered a three goal lead it was curtains for the visitors who were absolutely overwhelmed by Arch and Jim's team of ruthless cut-throat, the player manager himself even afforded himself a stunning 6 yard drive at the death.

Sunday mornings have had a rather triumphant air about them of late, as the
gladiators from Division 4 Poole and East march up the table extending their unbeaten run to five games, in fact every match has been won, something unprecedented in their long two year history. With attendances increasing, the management have the finance to strengthen the squad. A tricky away trip to Swanage and Victoria Sports was mastered by Bere's midfield general Arch 'The Kerb' Cheeseman, goals from Bere's youth put paid to the home sides chances. Mediocre opposition in the shape of Internazionale Dorset SRC proved no problem, and goals from comparative veterans sealed a fine win. World class finishing from the captain Paul Moss set them on their way in a game when SRC's inept tackling was no match for Bere's slick football. A match ball went missing on November 1 due to the fact that Ebenezzer Steele struck a punishing hat trick, the tenth in a glittering career belying his veteran status. Could there be a promotion on the cards this year? was the question everyone was asking as a solid showing against Bayern Victoria Sports elevated Bere to second in 'Serie K'. The resurgent Pip Evans in goal pulled off a blinder to keep the first clean sheet. Once again Wayne Cope who is a new addition on the left flank showed his great potential by coolly netting his fifth goal, however the stage was set for Bere's spring chicken, the crowd started to buzz when Steve Ives down the right sent over a cultured, captivating cross which was met by a low flying Nelson Brockway who headed the third goal, a goal which will be talked about for generations. The crowd were hysterical with chants of 'Ooh-Aah Brockway', disappointingly though he did not treat them to a goal after the goal.

Club notices this month include the Christmas Draw which will be held at the club on 20 December, and opening times over the period are - Boxing Day 12 o'clock all day, New Year's Eve will be open till 10 o'clock for fancy dress and finally will members please observe the date for the children's Christmas Party.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

AFFPUDDLE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME
Sunday 20th December
Affprise Christmas Gift Service, 11am
As we celebrate the birthday of Jesus in our Affprise Service this month as usual we will be remembering the young people in the Dorchester Cheshire Homes in our prayers, and in a practical way with our gifts brought to the service.
They welcome gifts of Christmas fare (cakes, sweets, biscuits, pudding, mincemeat, nuts etc) Tinned foods for the store cupboard, cleaning products, household items (washing up and cleaning liquids, bath, kitchen and WC cleaners, toilet paper, soap etc) They would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that 'The Cheshire Box' in High East Street, Dorchester welcomes gifts of bric-a-brac, good quality redundant household goods and good quality second hand clothes and toys.
Monday 21st December
Carol Singing
The Briantspuddle Singers will tour our villages during the evening singing carols at various points. The collection will be in aid of MENCAP.

Tuesday 22nd December
More Carols
A service of nine lessons and carols will be held in the Village Hall at 7 pm on Tuesday 22nd December. The Briantspuddle Singers have kindly agreed to come and as well as leading the carols they will sing a number of special items. The readings will be by representatives of the various organisations within the villages. After the Carol service mince pies, wine, coffee etc will be available. Please all come. Anyone willing to bake mince pies please contact Mrs Lane, tel: 471751.

Christmas Eve
Christingle Service
A Christingle Service will be held at Bere Regis Church at 6 pm. The Midnight Service will also be held at Bere Regis this year. The service will start at 11.30.

Christmas Day
Parish Communion
Parish Communion will be celebrated at Affpuddle at 9.30 am. The collection will be given to the Cheshire Homes Foundation in Dorchester.

Sunday 27th December
Parish Communion will be held at Affpuddle at 9.30 am.

CHURCH HEATING
Following the granting of planning permission for the L.P.G. tank by Purbeck District Council, after numerous delays the necessary permission has now been sought from the Diocese to install the heating system. Provided this is forthcoming all the administrative work will be complete and the system should then be installed in the first half of the New Year. At the same time the water and electricity services which presently run diagonally across the part of the churchyard adjacent to the old vicarage will be diverted.

CHRISTMAS FAIR STALL
The P.C.C. will be running a cake stall at the Christmas Fair to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th December. Parishioners are requested to bake cakes etc for the stall. Mrs Moriarty, telephone 471747 is coordinating the arrangements. Any volunteers assist on the day are asked to contact her.

CHURCH YARD TIDY UP
The Church Wardens are most grateful to all those who gave their time and effort on Saturday 7th November to tidy up the church yard. It was wonderful to have such a good turn out of people who by their hard work made so much progress in tidying up the church yard.
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
A Parochial Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th December at 7.30 pm at Raithby Cottage.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
The church will be decorated for Christmas on Christmas Eve between 10 and 11am. Gifts of greenery and holly will be most welcome and should be brought to the church by 10 am on Christmas Eve. As in past years I am making a collection for the purchase of flowers for the church decoration. Please let me have your contribution (suggested amount £1, though lesser amounts or greater amounts most welcome) as soon as possible.

Philippa Thorniley

ADVANCED NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY 1993
Don’t forget the Church Special Clean on Saturday 9th January, when we will clean up after Christmas and make the church especially welcoming to our new vicar.

CHRISTMAS FAIR
The Christmas Fair arranged by the Briantspuddle Hall Committee will be held in the Hall on Saturday 5th December from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm. Please come.

BRIANTSPUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE
A routine meeting of the management committee was held at Gill Vingoe’s on 9th November. Among matters discussed were the organisation of the Christmas Fair, the May Street Fair and general running of the Village Hall.

RAGE
The Dorset County Council Planning Department has confirmed that English China Clay have not appealed against the County Council’s decision to refuse planning permission for Throop Clump and that the time allowed for appeal has now elapsed.

The County Local Mineral and Waste Disposal Plan currently being developed has identified a number of areas, mainly further east in the county, which have been designated as ‘Areas of Search/Preferred Areas’ for gravel working. The middle and upper reaches of the Piddle Valley are not included and if the plan is accepted this should mean that the valley is safe from further gravel pits for the foreseeable future.

This is excellent news on both accounts. The RAGE committee would like to thank everyone for their wholehearted support over the last eighteen months or so which has helped bring about this result.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB
The children Christmas Party/Disco will be held on Saturday 2nd January from 3.30 pm until 7.30 pm. Once again we would like to invite the children of non-members who live in the Parish. If you have a child between the ages of 5 and 13 who would like to attend please contact Jean McGorty, 471766. The cost will be £1.50 per child.

Our Christmas Bringo will be held on Saturday 5th December for members and their guests.

THANK YOU
Babs and Sam Smith would like to thank their family and the many friends who made their Diamond Wedding Anniversary such a memorable occasion.

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.
Last month we had a very interesting and lively talk about Corfe Castle and its ‘goings on’ in past centuries, entitled ‘Mystery and Murder’, by Miss Dore. This month we go on our annual Christmas outing, which this year takes the form of dinner at the Countryman.

During our meeting in November Pat Hall kindly agreed to take on the position of Chairman for 1992/93. We wish her all the best for the coming year.

NEW YEAR’S PARTY
As you know we have had a party in the village hall to bring in the New Year for the last two years. Since they have been quite successful we would like to do this again this year. Those of us who have been involved in the organisation of the past parties feel that it is time for fresh blood and fresh ideas for the event and would appreciate volunteers to take on the task for this year’s event. If you are able to help please come to my house, ‘Delaware’, on Tuesday 8th December 1992, at 8 pm.

Martha Tucker

CAROL CONCERT
Performed by Briantspuddle Playgroup at the Village Hall, Briantspuddle on Tuesday December 15th at 10.30 - 11.00 am. Please join us and afterwards partake of mince pies and sherry.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE

At six o'clock when all is dark, we'll take the children to the church,
With candle light and oranges and wonder in the children's eyes,
And carols sung in childish voice,

Before we tuck them up in bed with stockings hanging on the end,
And threats of what they will not find if they do not go to sleep!

At midnight when the bells ring out, again we make our way to church,
A church so full with scarce a seat for anyone who comes too late.

Again the carols fill the church in atmosphere of reverence,
The age-old words beloved through time almost unchanged with the years.

The bells ring for the midnight mass as they have done for centuries,
Somehow the carols, although the same seem beautiful sung reverently
To once were herald Christmas mom.

Back home through the cooling air, could that be a breath of frost.
Sparkling in the bright moonlight on the churchyard grass?

D Towers Smith
May 1988

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 1992
3rd  7.30  Christmas Concert with Salvation Army - Parish Church. Organised by Congregational Chapel.

7.30  Guitar Concert - Cyril Wood Court

5th  2.30  Christmas Fair - Briantspuddle Village Hall

5th  2.30  Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar - Drax Hall

12th 10.30  Church Coffee Morning - Drax Hall

14th  7.45  Xmas Prize Bingo - Drax Hall. All welcome

21st  Carol Singing, Bere Regis - Scouts & Guides

22nd  7pm  Nine lessons and carols - Briantspuddle Village Hall

22nd  Carol Singing, Winterborne Kingston - Scouts & Guides.
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AGE CONCERN  2.00 pm Thursdays, Tisburyville Court
AUTUMN LEAVES  2.30 pm 2nd Wednesday
BEAVERS  6.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ
BINGO  7.45 pm Drax Hall (Mondays)
BLUE VAN  10.15-11am First & third Monday. B.R. P.O.
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
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BROWNIES  6.15 pm Wednesday, Scout HQ
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BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS  Tues 7.45-9.30 - Village Hall
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, 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 Thursday - Drax Hall. Sub-Committees on PO noticeboard.
PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS  5 mornings Bere Regis School - Tel 463214
PLAYGROUP BRIANTSPUDDLE ENQUIRIES: Gill Jennings 471198
RAINBOWS  4.30 pm Tuesdays - 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  7.30 pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
W.I. BRIANTSPUDDLE  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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SWIMMING CLUB  Ring Puddletown 848262
WEEKENDERS  Church 10-14 Youth Group. 7.30-9pm Sundays, Vicarage

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Parish Magazine Representative  -  Mrs Martha Tucker, Delaware, Briantspuddle. Tel Bere Regis 471358
Organist  -  Mr J Mullins, 28 Boyte Road, Pimperne. Tel Blandford 453438

BERE REGIS

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Treasurer of PCC  -  Mrs M Maunder, 15 North Street. Tel 471342
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