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HOPE
As I read the news today I might well be forgiven for thinking that as far as this country
is concerned the government has lost control. Events seem to overtake most of its major
decisions. By the time you read this I expect the situation will have changed again, and
it may well be that the decision concerning the closure of the coal mines will have been
reversed or at least modified. Having worked in Nottingham for sixteen years I certainly
hope so.

As I look at the world situation I must say I get the same impression. It is out of control.
No sooner does the situation in one part of the world seem to improve, than somewhere
else chaos breaks out, be it floods, earthquakes, or man made situations such as
Yugoslavia.

JUST WHAT DOES GOD THINK HE IS UP TO?
But this very morning on Thought for the Day my friend David Winter told a story
which helped me to understand what is really happening.

A man from Mars comes to visit this planet, and by chance he lands beside a school
playground at break time. Chaos reigns! Children are running, screaming with delight,
squabbling, cuddling and doing all sorts of things - some good, some not quite so
acceptable. A football mysteriously hits his space ship. The man from Mars thinks the
world must be an awful place.

This apparent chaos continues until teacher emerges and blows a whistle. Suddenly
all is changed. There is silence. The children line up in classes and march in an orderly
fashion back into their classrooms.

However chaotic the situation seems God is still in control, and Christians believe that
one day he will blow the whistle.

And then, to quote David Winter again, it will be wonderful.

Jimmy Hamilton-Brown
SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 1992

Date       Bere Regis                      Sidesmen
Sun 1 9.30 am  Parish Communion         Mr House/Mr Bates
               6.00 pm  Evensong          Mr Ward/Mr Dashwood
Wed 4 7.30 pm  MU Corporate          R B L Members
               Communion          Miss Chesney/Miss Frampton
Sun 8 8.00 am  Holy Communion          Mr Strange/Mrs Hazelrigg
               10.55 am  Remembrance Service  Mrs Jutting/Mr M Barnes
               6.00 pm  Evensong
Fri 13 11.15 am  MU Prayer Group
Sun 15 9.30 am  Parish Communion          Mrs Stevens/Mrs England
               6.00 pm  Evensong
Sun 22 8.00 am  Holy Communion          Cdr Mauder/Mr Stallard
               11.00 am  Matins
               6.00 pm  Songs of Praise
Fri 27 11.15 am  MU Prayer Group
Sun 29 8.00 am  Holy Communion
               11.00 am  Family Communion
               6.00 pm  Joint Service at Congregational Chapel

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
Nov 1st  Mrs C Barne
Nov 8th  Mrs C Barne
Nov 15th Mrs C Barne
Nov 22nd Mrs C Barne
Nov 29th ADVENT

If you require the key of the shed please apply to Mrs M England or Mrs P House. There will not be a meeting of the Sanctuary Guild, but could you please let Mrs Mary England (471469) or Mrs Pat House (471255) know any favoured dates, or dates to be avoided in compiling the Rota for 1993 - before 20th November, please.

BERE REGIS READERS - November
Nov 1st  Mrs P Ward
Nov 8th  Mrs P Mills
Nov 15th Miss S Frampton

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st November (All Saints Day) BCP
8 am Holy Communion Rev J Hamilton Brown
Epistle Revelations 7, 2-12 Mr Smith
Gospel St Mark 8, 27-38 The Vicar

Sunday 8th November (7th before Christmas) ASB Rit. B
9.00 Armistice Service at War Memorial
9.30 am Parish Communion Rev. J Hamilton Brown
Epistle Genesis 12, 1-9 Mr Menzies
Gospel St Mark 9, 33-50 The Vicar

Sunday 15th November (6th before Christmas) BCP
8am Holy Communion (Vicar to be arranged)
Epistle Philippineans 1, 3-11 Mr Smith
Gospel St Mark 18, 21-end The Vicar
11am Alfpraise Lt Cdr Haigh

Sunday 22nd November (5th before Christmas) ASB Rit. B
9.30 am Parish Communion Rev. J Hamilton Brown
Epistle 1 Kings 19, 9-18 Mr Gainsford
Gospel St mark 10, 35-45 Mr Silavs

Sunday 29th November (Advent 1) BCP Rit. B
9.30 am Family Communion Rev. J Hamilton Brown
Epistle Isaiah 52, 7-10
Gospel St Mark 13, 24-31

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

Date       Flowers       Cleaning
1st November  Mrs A Smith  Mrs Kellaway
8th November  Mrs Russell  Mrs Johnston
15th November  Mrs Silavs  Mrs Kayll
22nd November  Mrs Buck  Mrs Armitage
29th November  Mrs Kayll  ADVENT
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.

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Churchwardens
Captain Paul Badcock, Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle 471297
Cdr Bill Thomley, Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle 471497

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

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANTS

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS
Holy Baptism 27th September Beckie Louise WHITE
Charlotte Amy WHITE

Burial of the dead:
Florence May Brett on 28th September 1992 in Affpuddle Churchyard.

MEMORIAL BOOK
As a result of the magazine notice in April, a number of names of those whose cremated remains are interred in Bere Regis churchyard and others who relatives would like the names of loved ones to be recorded have been collected together for inclusion in the memorial book generously donated by Phyllis Bloomfield and situated in the South Aisle.

This note is to ask if there are any more names and dates of death which you wish to be included before an initial entry is made.

Names, of course, can be added in future at appropriate times. Please send names and appropriate dates, in writing please, in the first instance to the Bere Regis Churchwardens.

BERE REGIS CHURCHYARD TIDY UP
The date suggested for the autumn tidy up is Saturday 7th November (the same day as that chosen for Affpuddle). Your help would be much appreciated for even just a short time and we can be proud of our churchyard which with the regular attention of Geoff Green, those who quietly do their unpublicised jobs and these occasional more organised efforts keep the compliments from visitors appearing in the visitors book.

GAS CENTRAL HEATING
As you no doubt have noticed there have been excavations going on on the west side of the church for the connection of the mains gas supply. The unsightly and ever faster leaking oil tank has gone and by the time you read this we hope that the new boilers will be running. Due to unforeseen hold-ups in the initial faculty applications planned much earlier in the year you have had rather a cold church during October but we hope you will now feel the benefit.

The old boiler was converted to oil burning from coke burning and even in its earlier days in the 1960s was not very efficient but it has survived until gas arrived and allowed much more efficient boilers to be installed and one less problem for the churchwardens in remembering to order the oil delivery!

REV JONATHAN BURKE COLLECTION
With the agreement of the Rural Dean and Churchwardens the PCC Treasurers (see in the list of Church Officers) will be pleased to receive contributions in appreciation of the seven years ministry of Jonathan Burke in our parishes, with a closing date of 30th November.

HARVEST SUPPER
Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our harvest celebrations so successful and especially to those who organised the harvest supper.

AFFPUDDLE
CHURCHYARD TIDY UP
There will be an autumn tidy up in Affpuddle churchyard on Saturday 7th November between 10 am and 12 noon. As many volunteers are requested as possible. Please bring your own tools.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB AUCTION
The church wardens and PCC are most grateful to the Bladen Valley Social Club for their generous donation of £100 - to church funds following the auction of produce on Saturday 3rd October.

GIFT DAY
The generosity of the village is much appreciated for contributing £341 to church funds on the Gift Day on 26th September.

AFRICA IN CRISIS APPEAL
Following special retiring collections at services in September a cheque for £73.12 has been forwarded to Africa in Crisis Appeal.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
The church was most attractively decorated for the Harvest Festival. Grateful thanks are due to all those who willingly gave up their time and produce. Following the services on
20th September the produce was given to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester, who have sent a most appreciative letter. The London Latvian Choir attended the Affpraise Harvest Festival and afterwards came to the village picnic at Culpepper's Dish. The weather was again very kind and those who attended had a very happy afternoon, entertained by some excellent juggling and Fakir type demonstrations as well as pleasant music.

AFFPRAISE
11.00 hrs Sunday 15th November
The approach of Advent reminds us that our needs and God's gift to us stretch far beyond the rest, food and drink and health which we have thought about in our previous services: we have spiritual needs of repentance, forgiveness, redemption and grace. Wonderful but perhaps difficult concepts - we'll start trying to learn more this Sunday, and have fun in our worship as well. Do join us.

BERNARD LOWTHER
Bernard Lowther known affectionately by all and sundry as Bunny, died early in September after a long illness, most of which was at home, and lovingly looked after by his wife, Louisa.
Most of his active life Bunny had been in the Fourth Queen's Own Hussars - a fine Cavalry Regiment. After joining in May 1933, he remained a Hussar for his entire service. He became a Squadron Sgt Major and was a most popular and highly respected Warrant Officer. He was a quiet person, with a gentle nature, but always had the smartest and best disciplined Squadron.
After he came out of the Service in 1955 he lived for several years in Hyde and later in Bere Heath before finally moving in to Bere Regis. His Regiment, of which he was very proud sent two representative 4th Hussars and a Floral Tribute. I am sure he would have appreciated this. He has passed on, but will not be forgotten.

THANK YOU
Kath White would like to thank all kind friends and neighbours for their lovely cards, flowers and good wishes during my stay in hospital. Also grateful thanks to Dr Greenfield and Dr Harley for getting me into hospital. Thanks also to the Community and Macmillan Nurses for their help and support.

SINGING FOR FUN
If you can't get to Wareham Choral Society on Mondays try BRIANSPuddle JINGERS on Tuesdays (we too are affiliated to the Dorset Guild of Singers). Rehearsals are at 7.45 pm every Tuesday, September to June, in Briantspuddle Village Hall. Programme 1992/3.
Advent Carol 29th November, St Mary's, Puddletown.
Carol Singing mid-December in Affpuddle and Briantspuddle villages
Candlemas Carol 31st January, St John the Baptist, Bere Regis

Dorset Guild of Singers Concert (Sea Symphony, Songs of the Sea & Songs of the Fleet) 3rd April, Wessex Hall, Poole
East Carols 25th April, Church of the Holy Rood, Wool
Summer Concerts (programme yet to be decided)
12th June at Cerne Abbas
25th June in Lulworth Castle Chapel

To find out more about us, phone Richard Hall, 471359 or Wendy Reid 471458.

DORCHESTER AREA PLAY AND LEARN VAN
will be in the area as follows:
Tuesday 3rd 11.45 - 12.30 Briantspuddle
Wednesday 11th 9.15 - 10.00 Bere Regis School
       10.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery
Thursday 12th 2.15 - 3.00 B.R. Surgery
Tuesday 17th 11.45 - 12.30 Briantspuddle
Wednesday 25th 9.15 - 10.00 B.R. School
       10.15 - 11.00 B.R. Surgery
Thursday 26th 2.15 - 3.00 B.R. Surgery

DECEMBER
Tuesday 1st 11.45 - 12.30 Briantspuddle
Wednesday 9th 9.15 - 10.00 B.R. School
       10.15 - 11.00 B.R. Surgery
Thursday 10th 2.15 - 3.00 B.R. Surgery

Back in January!

BERE REGIS NEWS
Report of Bere Regis Parish Church Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September. There was a considerable amount of discussion on redecoration of the Vicarage. Very little money would be available from diocesan funds and the council thought it would be unwise to make decisions regarding colour schemes etc until a new incumbent had been appointed. It was agreed to reserve a sum of money which would be available for redecoration etc., when our new priest and his family can make the decision regarding colour schemes.
It was hoped that gas would be installed in the church during the first two weeks of October.
Following a spate of petty vandalism culminating in a robbery, a sub-committee has been set up to consider church security. Vigilantes operating on a rota basis may deter potential troublemakers and other ideas will be considered.
Future dates included the churchyard tidy up on November 7th; Remembrance
BERE HEALTH CHAPEL
Friends at the Chapel would like to thank all who supported their Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend. On the Sunday afternoon we held our Harvest Thanksgiving Service when the traditional display of fruit, flowers and vegetables reminded us of God's goodness and provision for His world. On the Monday evening we were joined again by friends for the Sale of Produce and as the result of lively bidding and the generosity of people over the weekend, a total of £100 was received for Chapel funds.

Many thanks and best wishes.

CYRIL WOOD COURT
An Art and Craft Fair will be held at Cyril Wood Court, West Street, Bere Regis from Saturday, 28th November to Wednesday 2nd December 1992, from 10am to 5.30 pm each day. There will be items for sale by resident artists and crafts people of Cyril Wood Court and local guests, and special exhibitions of work by Alan Peters, fine furniture maker, and pottery by John Leach. Admission is free.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP
Thank you to all those who helped at, and supported our Jumble Sale. A total of £130 was raised for group funds. Thank you too for those who have had 'Promise' appeal boxes and have helped to raise funds towards scouting in inner city areas and improved leader training facilities.

On Saturday 14th November Phil Ventham our Group Scout Leader, one of those who went to Latvia earlier this year, is giving an illustrated talk on the Scouting links with that area during a Cheese and Wine evening to be held at the Scout Headquarters at 7.30 pm. Proceeds will go to help the scouts in Latvia who are literally starting with nothing.

BERE REGIS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
"Time waits for no man or woman!" so the old saying goes. The older we get the faster time seems to disappear. It only seems like five minutes ago that we moved the clocks forward one hour, and now we have just put them back again. Did we really have any summer this year? Now we are in for the dark nights of winter, in more ways than one, judging by the material, economic and spiritual state of the nation.

Time is not on the side of the politicians as the country goes deeper and deeper into recession, and more and still more people become unemployed and whole communities are devastated. There is no easy answer. Has anyone got the solution to our national problems? By turning his back on Almighty God, man, whether in high office or not, has brought much of this devastation on himself. There are those that would blame God for it all - even if they wouldn't usually acknowledge His existence! All the time the LORD in love and mercy says, as He did in the days of Hosea, "Sow for yourselves righteousness - for it is TIME TO SEEK THE LORD." Hosea 10:12.

It may sound simplistic but I'm sure that is the only way out of our difficulties. TIME IS SHORT.

On Saturday 28th November at 7.30 pm we shall be having another of our Renewal AUTUMN LEAVES over 50's
We had a slight change round in October, when the slides by Mr Tony Bates were brought forward. What a lovely afternoon we had. Slides of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter, wild flowers and France, which were much enjoyed by all. Afterwards a Ploughman's tea, with apple tart and ice cream. Members had brought some lovely candlesticks for us all to admire.

Our Quiz will now be on 11th November, with the competition for a funny vegetable. The Christmas Bazaar and Father Christmas will be on 5th December at 2.30 pm.

FUND RAISING TEA TOWELS
In March 1990, eighteen people very kindly gave money for the purchase of 250 tea towels. These had a print of Bere Regis Church on them and have been on sale in aid of Parish Church Funds. At £2.50 each, a grand total of £625 has been made. We are most grateful to the sponsors who made this fund raising enterprise possible.

S.F.

THE GREAT CYCLE RIDE
This Ride is now an annual event enjoyed by many cyclists in England. After collecting sponsorships for the number of churches and chapels that they might visit, the cyclists bicycled round to as many as possible on 12th September 1992. Each church tried to have someone 'on duty' to welcome the cyclists with orange squash and to sign their cards.

The sponsor money goes to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. They give half the money to the church or chapel of each cyclists' choice. The other half goes to the Dorset Historic Church Trust to enable them to help with the repair of historic churches. Bere Regis received a grant from the Trust some years ago.

Anthony Bates from Bere Regis visited 25 churches raising £98 for the Trust! Perhaps you would like to take part in next September's Ride? You don't have to be a marathon rider. In fact your sponsors might prefer if you just pedalled slowly from Afpuddle to Bere Regis.

S.F.

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
Great Sponsored Cycle Ride 12th Sept 1992
Tony Bates would like to thank his sponsors for their help in backing him for this sponsored ride. He made £98. £49 of this will go to Bere Regis church and the other half to the Dorset Historic Church Trust.

Sunday, November 8th; Christmas concert in Church, Thursday December 3rd; and a coffee morning in aid of church funds to be held at Cyril Wood Court on Saturday December 12th.

The Mothers’ Union reported that several members had worked in the Cathedral Refectory on September 12th; the service for young mums and their children, Pram Praise, was continuing and members would be attending the diocesan service of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral marking 100 years of Mothers’ Union in Salisbury diocese on September 30th.

The churchwardens had interviewed a potential incumbent and he was to be interviewed by the Patrons on September 30th. Please continue to pray for the man whom God is preparing to come to us.

Brenda Pittfield

PARISH COUNCIL

A while ago I reported that we had contacted the County Council to arrange for the planting of trees alongside West Street. The trees should soon appear - a single Oak on the triangle of grass at Podgers, and two or three trees on the grass at the junction of West Street and Southmead where, we hope, they will soon be joined by a seat.

The other trees soon to appear will be the Christmas trees (I understand that the Bere Regis Christmas illuminations are becoming locally quite famous!). If you live in West or North Streets there is still - just - time for you to have a bracket fixed for a tree and lights this year. Please contact David Gibbs (471500) without delay.

The Council expected that there would be a large number of irate parishioners at the October meeting, demanding the instant and complete removal of the traffic calming humps, as there has been a high-profile petition campaign organised in West Street. No such attendance materialised. The Council remains convinced that the great majority of parishioners are in favour of the scheme, and we have advised Dorset County Council of this fact. We are, of course, always ready to receive any views of parishioners on this, or any other matter of concern.

The Council has established a small committee to manage the play area, and would like a few more volunteers to join. If you are interested in helping in this way please contact Charles Arnott (472382) as soon as possible.

Tony Wise

BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION

Canon Tim Biles was the speaker at our October meeting. He spoke of his visit to the Sudan, and the conditions people lived under there. He also explained why there was civil war between Christians and Muslims. The November meeting will be on the 4th, and will be Communion in Church, after which Mr John England will talk to us about our lovely roof. The tea hostesses in November will be Di Phillips and Brenda Pittfield.

and Celebration meetings. Our speaker this month is Rev Malcolm Widdecombe from SS Philip and Jacob Church (Pip ‘n’ Jay) in Bristol. This church was given a three year trial by the Bishop of Bristol prior to possible closure. The church sought to ‘Give’ its way out of this situation, and it began to grow in numbers in proportion to its giving. It now gives away about two-thirds of its income every year, a sum well in excess of £50,000 per annum. Malcolm Widdecombe is a well known speaker and we look forward to having him with us again and learning from his experiences of God’s faithfulness. Do come and join us on that evening.

THE BERE REGIS BRANCH OF THE ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH (ARC) will have a stall at the Drax Hall on Saturday November 14th (10am - 12 noon): A wide range of new or nearly new goods of all descriptions will be on sale. If anyone has an article which they would like us to sell for them, we will be very happy to do so. A small commission will be deducted which will be contributed to A.R.C. All enquiries: Bere Regis 471155.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Mrs Ann Silvers’ demonstration described as Crinkum Crankum - the dictionary definition says ‘anything full of twists and turns, or intricately elaborated...’ was well expressed with her flowers, greenery and aids. Unusually shaped containers, metal stands, baskets, lace and many other items all featured in her arrangements reflecting the theme of Crinkum Crankum with cleverly selected flowers and colour schemes ranging from creamy coloured ‘lace’ to orange and yellow ‘fire’. An imaginative demonstration that kept all absorbed.

The following meetings will take place at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall at 2.30 pm.

Tuesday 3rd November - Mrs J Cross demonstrating ‘Christmas Prelude’
Tuesday 10th November - Christmas Fair
Tuesday 1st December - AGM

BROWNIES

Since the beginning of term, the Brownies have been busy under their new leadership!! We are currently doing our Cooks, Animal Lovers and Pony Riders Badges, as well as our Journey Badges and the Footpath, Road and Highway. We would like to welcome our new Brownies who will be enrolled at the end of the month and hope they enjoy their time with us. This month, some of the girls attended an Arts Day in Dorchester, where they learnt several crafts, songs and drama activities. The day was enjoyed by all, thanks to Pat Bentley for coming along and helping.

After half term the girls will be getting ready for their Christmas activities, events that will be taking place are a trip to the pantomine and carol singing in Bere Regis and Winterborne Kingston.
BERE REGIS FIRST RAINBOW UNIT

Following a meeting held at the scout HQ on Tuesday 15th September I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Virginia Gnanville of 12 Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis (472141) has taken up the position of Rainbow Guider. Mrs Fiona Dodd of 16 Boswells Close, Bere Regis (471556) is now Assistant Guider.

A 'round of applause' for these two brave souls and of course heartfelt thanks!!

I am sure they will have tremendous fun running Rainbows and loving support from the Rainbows themselves.

Rainbows will therefore continue to meet in the Scout HQ on Tuesdays at 4.30-5.30pm.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those Mums who have given their support in many ways to the unit during the past two years. Also to Lucy and Carly, who have turned up each week, without fail and without whom the unit could not have run so happily, especially in the 'Fun Department'.

A special thank you under this section of supporters, must go to Mrs Crocker!

A very special thank you from the Rainbows, parents and myself, goes to Carol Halliwell, who joined the unit when we started, as a 'helper' and upon the resignation of Mrs C Cox from the unit in March 1991 took over as a much loved Assistant Guider. Carol will continue, when possible, as a unit helper and I will be on hand, when needed, as Assistant Guider.

Please continue to support Virginia and Fiona, as you have supported me and every success to them.

Linda Hiles, Rainbow Guider

NURSES TEA PARTY

Once again many thanks to you all who attended our tea party, it was lovely to see so many familiar faces - also some new ones.

We raised £80 which is to be split between the Wool Day Centre and the Bere Regis one.

Our next tea party will be held in January - do come along - we supply cakes and tea - and usually hold a raffle.

Date to be announced. Thanks once again.

Gill Webb (D.N. Sister)

RAGAMUFFINS PLAYGROUP

Photographs for Christmas! Children of all ages welcome including babies, at Bere Regis Playgroup on Tuesday, 17th November 1992 - please phone Paula Wellbeloved on 463214 or call in at the playgroup from 9.15 - 11.45 (Mon-Fri) any morning to make an appointment.

BERE REGIS BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

For the second consecutive month we held a successful Car Boot Sale on Court Green, and it inspired thoughts of a continuation as a monthly event, resulting in the next future events being arranged for Sundays 15th November and 6th December. The response has been good, with a fine variety of goods on offer and plenty of would-be purchasers taking their pick. Officially the starting time is 2pm, come along, there may be something on offer you really need.

On Sunday, 8th November the Armistice Day service this year is being held in Bere Regis Church at 11 am. Branch members, Ladies Section and Youth Section members and other supporting organisations are asked to meet at Green Close by 10.20 am so that the parade will be ready to form up by 10.30 am. The parade will proceed via Rye Hill, Southbrook, up to West Street and into Church Lane for a short service and laying of wreaths at the Memorial prior to entering the Church for the traditional morning service. After the service, parade will reform in Elder Road proceeding via Manor Farm Road and West Street to Headquarters in North Street.

At this year's AGM to be held shortly, two replacements will be sought for Branch Chairman and Hon. Treasurer. Terry Vine is standing down after 15 years, first as Vice-Chairman and then as Chairman, and Bert Bush who is retiring as Treasurer after 12 years service.

RBL GARDENING CLUB

The chill wind blowing nobody any good didn't keep hardy Gardening Club members away from a thoroughly good night out at the Legion on Tuesday 6th October.

Once again it was necessary to bring in extra chairs from the lounge and Guest Speaker Mr B Sprackland was rewarded with the rapt attention of his audience in return for much excellent advice on pruning and was pleased to answer questions from the floor, raising some laughter in the process.

We intend to recommend NO INCREASE in the cost of Membership for next year (£1.50) but I'm sure you appreciate that we do need to raise a bob or two from time to time, mainly from the sale of cut-price seeds etc. and the raffle.

Our Treasurer Adrian Standfield, had the bright idea of purchasing a quantity of bulbs on special offer to sell to members (cut price of course) at the RBL on Club Nite. We did very nicely thank you last month but there are plenty left so pop along on Tuesday evening 3rd November for a pleasant evening among friends and pick up some spring bulbs at the right price.

By the rules of the Club your committee will retire gracefully at the end of the year so if you would like to be involved in running a really interesting and friendly Gardening Club now's your chance. Please don't hesitate to ask any member of the retiring committee for advice. We shall be very happy to give all the assistance required at any time. If nobody puts up for Secretary I might take it on again. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

PLEASE NOTE... The December 1st annual Buffet Bash has been moved to Thursday December 10th, and the AGM will be held on the first Club Nite in January so that we can produce a whole years audit for examination. You will be pleased to hear that the Clubs finances remain healthy.

The Legion Branch Ladies section have once more volunteered to take care of the catering for us on Thursday 10th. (Note: These Ladies ARE volunteer workers).
will be plenty of good grub for all, we might even lash out on a free glass of plonk. (might). Either way it will be a good night out and our old friend Harry Dawes is Guest Speaker.

Once again thank you all for your support.

The following guest speakers have been booked for 1993:

- **January**  Anne Stevens  More of my Favourite Gardens
- **February**  B Sprackland  Grow & Show. What Judges Seek
- **March**  A Pouncy  Floral Art. Flowers & Foliage.
- **April**  D Luther  Pests & Diseases
- **May**  A Whinfield  Cottage Gardens
- **June**  
- **July**  Kingston Maurward College  Pelargoniums
- **August**  N Pires  Health & Safety in the Garden
- **September**  T McKinley  Gardening & Conservation
- **October**  R Allwood  Autumn & Winter Colour
- **November**  
- **December**  Still in balance

**THE RBL WOMEN’S SECTION**

Held their monthly meeting on September 16th. 22 members were present. There being no speaker at this meeting, members held a ‘cake competition’, this was won by 1st Mrs D Barnes, 2nd Mrs V House.

A sponsored knit held earlier this year raised £165, one of our members stitched all the strips together and make knee blankets for Wareham Hospital.

At this meeting donations were made to the following:

- Benevolent Fund £500
- General Fund £125
- County Fund £125

bringing a total of £1,850 donated so far this year. Teas were served by Mrs Reed and Mrs Carter and a raffle run by Mrs Payne. Cenotaph Nov Mrs Maidment and Mrs Presslee. December Mrs Maudment and Mrs Presslee.

**BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL**

The school’s Harvest Festival service was held on Tuesday, October 6th, in the church, and was well attended by parents and friends of the school.

A wonderful collection of produce was displayed which was donated to Turberville Court residents, and collection, at the end of the service, raised £25.29 for the ‘Famine in Africa’ charity.

Thanks to everyone who contributed, or helped on the day.

On November 4th, from 6pm to 8pm, the school will be open for parents, friends and anyone else with an interest in school activities, to come and look around and see all the hard work the children have been doing.

During the week beginning November 23rd, the school is hosting a book fair, which will be open each day from 3.15 pm to 4.00 pm, to enable members of the public to buy children’s books from a display of hundreds of attractive new publications.

Do come along and select some Christmas presents for the youngsters in your family!

**2nd BERE REGIS GUIDES**

Only Guides spotted the deliberate mistake in last months mag. Our Entertainments Evening is being held on Tuesday 24th November and not the 25th as stated. Please alter this in your diaries.

Early next year we are making cot quilts and childrens jackets to go to children in need somewhere. Has anyone out there got some material that they no longer need? No matter how small or, hopefully, large, let us have it!

During our meetings so far this term our handicrafts are improving with a few more Guides having a try at knitting. Patrol Leaders are busy preparing for the Patrol Pennants walks and cookout. All we need is dry, sunny weather for those outings.

**BERE REGIS W.I.**

September’s meeting was something of a disappointment to many members. Our original speaker (Mrs J Clarke) was to have given us a talk on her work as a Youth Officer, but owing to unforeseen circumstances she was unable to come. In her place we had a demonstrator who was kind enough to come at short notice, and she was thanked by Mrs Pat Gibson for filling the gap.

Our business part of the evening (which is always interesting) was discussed at great length and several members were keen to attend the October Group Meeting to be held at Lychett Matravers on the 22nd October.

Hostesses for October were as follows: Mrs England, Mrs Scott and Mrs James.

November 17th is our AGM and as this is also the meeting at which we discuss our plans for the Christmas party, will members make every effort to be present so that none misses out on what has been arranged.

**BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB**

**Football Results**

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Bovington RBL 5 - 1 Bere Regis (R Steele pen.)

4 Oct  
Bere Regis 3 - 3 James Brooks
(J Muscasto, M Gale, D Rogerson)

11 Oct  
Dorset Junior Cup Round 1
Frizzells 7 - 4 Bere Regis (R White 2, W Cope 2)

Report
Still without a win in six games, Bere’s premier eleven confronted a more than footballing Dorchester YMCA side, and it was their finest hour to date and special being away from home. Young striker Mike Foot scored twice, but as his rich form peaked he became injured, a body blow to Bere’s “Attacante”. Victory was merely a brief taste as they met Flight Refuelling who had just three chances, unfortunately each were converted to Bere’s one. Cup fever hit the packed terraces on 10 October against Hamworthy Eng, a powerful side who took advantage of a strong N. wind and catastrophic defending to go in 2 up at half time. But that wind was to be Bere’s bane as Hamworthy’s goalkeeper gifted Bere a replay, the second a most bizarre affair, fortunately for Bere the referee managed to be in position for the only time in the game.

The Reserves who were buoyant after remaining in touch with the top of the league and free scoring, seemed to become muted. They only managed a draw against Dorset Fire Brigade who needed a lift to ensure their hopes. Bere were not so saintly at home to St Marys who had a footballing pedigree that didn’t show itself. When they faced the all-conquering Corfe Castle they were steam-rollered just like most opponents this year, causing headaches for the worried management. Some face was saved away again at fancied Mereck where they overcame a two goal deficit, and eventually grabbed a share of the points. Veteran centre-half Malcolm Merritt thundered in one to take his tally to 18 goals in 10513 appearances.

Confident was a word not used to describe Bere’s Sunday team’s start to this season, but some was restored at home to U-Drive who were quite frankly not good enough and were easily surpassed by 5 goals to 2. A dismal, hangover display at Bovington RBL was vaguely highlighted by a blasted penalty from Ebeenezer Steele. Fears of being snookered at home to James Brooks were soon laid to rest when the Sunday warriors put in a display to cap previous matches, however their apparent mass of chances were not converted and it was a shock 1-1 score at half time. With all the young stars hitting the goals, Bere looked secure until fortune and finishing went against them, one precious point dropped in “Serie L”. A cup tie at Internazionale Frizzells saw the Sunday side foray into Europe or rather Alderney, they suffered by seven goals to four. There were notable performances in the “centoampista” and mostly Wayne Cope whose awareness enabled him to score twice, sure to be followed by many more. A solid second half performance restored lost confidence. Finally we would like to thank Dennis and Mark Gale for their dart tournaments held at the club on 26 Sept resulting in £21 being donated to the surgery, Bere Regis.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 5th DECEMBER
The Briantspuddle Hall Committee will be organising the Christmas Fair on 5th December Saturday from 2.30-4.30.

The hall will be decorated for Christmas and Father Christmas will be in attendance. If you or your organisation would like to run a stall please contact Philippa Thornley, Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle, tel 471497 as soon as possible.

BARN DANCE/APPRAISE/PARISH HARVEST PICNIC
The Barn Dance held on Saturday 19th September at Puddletown Middle School was an outstanding success and almost £400 was raised towards the Latvian Link. The London Latvia Choir added a new dimension to the occasion with their superb singing and teaching them the hokey cokey was one of the highlights of the evening.

Many of them attended our Harvest Affraise in Affpuddle Church the day after - the church was packed and the service highlighted the work not only of the Dorset Latvia Link but of Mark Ventrham’s visit to Romania and Emma Haigh’s stay in Nicaragua. One Latvian visitor was very touched by the pin in the map marking the position of Latvia. Most of our visitors and their host families then attended the Parish Harvest picnic at Culpepper’s dish with its village flavour in ideal weather, with lots of entertainment and good fellowship, rounding off the perfect weekend.

Thanks are due to our wonderful host families and to all those who worked so hard to make the weekend such an outstanding success. Letters have been received from all visitors and special thanks from the choir as a whole for their memorable visit to Dorset. They all want to come again next year and have promised to sing us a song or two in English next time.

P.S. Don’t forget the Slide Presentation in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Wednesday 11th November at 8pm

ST MARY’S MIDDLE SCHOOL, PUDDLETOWN
St Mary’s School Association Puddletown warmly invite you to “An evening of Melodies Old and New with the CORNEL MUSIC GROUP, 7.30 pm Friday 13th November in the School Hall. Tickets available from the school, 0305 848293, adult £3.50, child £1.00, family £8.00.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 1992
7th 7th  Affpuddle Churchyard Clean-up
11th 8pm Latvia Slide Presentation - Briantspuddle Village Hall
11th 2.30 pm Autumn Leaves Quiz - Drax Hall
13th 7.30 pm Cornell Music Group - Puddletown
14th 7.30 pm Cheese & Wine, Illustrated talk on Latvia- Philip Venham - Briantspuddle Village Hall
17th Coffee Morning for DTNC, Merrydown, Shitterton.
24th 24th Bere Regis Guides Entertainment
25th 6.30 pm Kingsbere Quilters Sale and Draw for Quilt
28/2 Dec 10-5.30 Craft Fair - Cyril Wood Court.

DECEMBER 1992
3rd 7.30 pm Christmas Concert with Salvation Army - Parish Church. Organised by Congregational Chapel.
5th 2.30 pm Christmas Fair - Briantspuddle Village Hall
5th 2.30 pm Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar - Drax Hall
12th Church Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court
21st Carol Singing, Bere Regis - Scouts & Guides
22nd Carol Singing, Winterborne Kingston - Scouts & Guides.

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