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I wonder if you will recognise the scene. It is towards tea time on Christmas day; mothers and fathers are flopped in their chairs amongst the debris. The Christmas Dinner which took hours to prepare has been demolished, and everyone is bloated and tired. The children are playing happily with their new toys. Then suddenly all hell let loose. There's a fight; tears and tantrums; someone new toy gets broken, and one of the parents leaps up, and that's the end of goodwill for Christmas Day that year. It's been a strain being kind and grateful and feeling that everything must be enjoyed. We can't keep up being nice any more. Its time to be nasty and ungrateful and unkind, adult and child we probably think most unpleasant thoughts about our rotten family.

This is one of the most wonderful things about a family. You can be mad with them, one at a time, or the whole lot altogether; you can be nasty, really nasty, and they will still be there tomorrow when you will love them. Remember your schooldays. Coming home bad tempered, you refuse your tea, fly off the handle and slam doors.

As adults, you come home from work, depressed, full of suppressed fury, and then find fault with your partner or children, and act like a bear with a sore head.

Housewives, stuck at home all day with the rotten dishes and beds and washing; what have you to be nice about when they all come bouncing in at 5.00pm.

Families take it all, and are around to be nice later. Plenty of other people accept us when we are being nice, or trying hard, or when we are smiling, or on our best behaviour. We are nearly always like that with other people. How long would we keep our friends if we behaved in front of them as we behave at home or with our family. The smile of welcome would soon freeze.

This is what the family is all about. We need to be nasty, bad tempered, difficult, frustrated, unhappy and angry. Its part of our make-up. The family allows us to do this; society will not tolerate it. Society allows me to show my better self; the family absorbs my worst self. At home our feelings can emerge, and we can be unpleasant and amazingly, we can be put up with.

Parents do it for their children from birth. That is why going outside the home can be so crushing and wounding. Husbands and wives suffer it for one another, especially in sickness, when the real pain, anxiety and fear is expressed. Visitors only see and hear the good person.

This is the most wonderful thing we can be and do for one another, be a family. To absorb the shocks of our worst moments, our ghastly failures, our anti-social

behaviour, and send us forward to meet life. We need this when we are tiny; we need it as adolescents; we need it through to the bitter end.

Christmas is generally a family time though not for all. When we are together, let us thank God for those people who have allowed us to be nasty, and who have still been around the next day to love us.

Yours sincerely
Graham Roblin

**CHURCH SERVICES during DECEMBER**

**BERE REGIS**

**Wednesday 1st December**
- 7.30pm Mothers Union Carols and Pies in Cyril Wood Court

**Thursday 2nd December**
- 7.30pm Carol Concert in Church, sponsored by the Congregational Church - Salvation Army Band

**Sunday 5th December ADVENT II**
- 9.30am Parish Communio
- 6.00pm Evensong and Sermon

**Saturday 11th December**
- 2.00pm Wedding Service

**Sunday 12th December ADVENT III**
- 8.00am Holy Communio
- 11.00am Family service
- 3.00pm Order of Foresters Carol Service
- 6.00pm Evensong

**Wednesday 15th December**
- 2.00pm Bere Regis First School Carol Service
- 7.30pm Womens Institute Carol Service

**Thursday 16th December**
- 7.00pm Sandford Middle School Carol Service

**Sunday 19th December ADVENT IV**
- 9.30am Parish Communio
- 2.00pm Wedding service
- 6.00pm CHURCH FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
CHRISTMAS SERVICES - BERE REGIS

Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve
6.00pm  Christingle service
11.30pm Midnight Communion at Affpuddle

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day
9.30am  Christmas Communion Service with Carols

Sunday 26th December
9.30am  (Said) Holy Communion

Sidesmen
5th  9.30am  Mr House / Mr Bates
   6.00pm  Mr Ward / Mr Dashwood
12th 11.00am  Mrs England / Mrs Stevens
   6.00pm  Mrs Jutting / Mr Barnes
19th  9.30am  Mr Strange / Mrs Hazelrigg
   6.00pm  Mrs Ward / Mrs March
25th  9.30am  Col Barne / Miss Miller
26th  9.30am  Miss Frampton / Miss Chesney

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

December 5th  Advent
December 12th  Advent
December 19th  Advent
December 26th  Christmas

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Wednesday 22nd December from 10am.

BERE REGIS READERS - December

December 5th  Mrs P Mills
December 12th  Mrs C Lewis

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER

Sunday 5th December, ADVENT II
8.00am  Holy Communion
11.00am  Mattins and Sermon

Sunday 12th December, ADVENT III
9.30am  Parish Communion

Saturday 18th December
2.30pm  Holy Matrimony

Sunday 19th December, ADVENT IV
8.00am  Holy Communion
11.00am  Affpraise - gift Service

Tuesday 21st December
7.00pm  Parish Carol Service in the Parish Hall followed by pies, punch and a raffle

Friday 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE
6.00am  (In Bere Regis) Christingle Service
11.30pm  Midnight Communion

Saturday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY
11.00am  Christmas morning Service followed by a shortened Holy Communion

Sunday 26th December
9.30am  (In Bere Regis) Holy Communion (Said)

CHURCH DECORATIONS

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday 24th December from 10am.

Date  Flowers  Cleaning
5th December  ADVENT  Mrs Russell
12th December  ADVENT  Mrs Moriarty
19th December  ADVENT  Mrs Lane
26th December  CHRISTMAS  Mrs Thorniley
2nd January  Mrs A Smith  Mrs Thorniley

Readers and Sidesmen

Date  Service  Sidesman  Reader
5th December  8.00am  Col Corner  The Server
                           Romans 15. 4-13
                           The Vicar
                           Luke 21. 25-33
11.00am  Mr Prideaux
                           Mr Prideaux
                           Isaiah 11. 1-9
                           Rev. 20.11-21.7
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Capt Badcock
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The Vicar
Matthew 11. 2-15
The Server
Philippians 4. 4-7
The Vicar
John 1.19-28
Affpraise
Village Hall
Mr Thorniley
Heb.1. 1-05
Capt Badcock
John 1. 1-14
To be arranged

(e) On the Sunday morning following Christmas Day there will be a 9.30am Said Holy Communion but no Evensong.

FUNDRAISING
Please support the Christmas Coffee Morning on December 11th at Cyril Wood Court. Cakes and items for stalls would be very welcome. Please leave at the Vicarage or with Mrs Carlyle at 33 Old Barn Road or bring on the day.

We shall be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday January 15th at 10.30am at Wareham Town Hall. Items for inclusion will be very acceptable and can be either brought to the Town Hall between 9.00am and 10.00am on the day or would be collected after Christmas. Please ring P Mills (471306) or M Carlyle (471441). There will be a white elephant and cake stall as well as the usual jumble items so please sort through your cupboards and drawers to make a clean start in the New Year.

CHURCH NOTES - AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE
Christmas Arrangements
(a) The Parochial Church Council decided to repeat last years arrangements for the Carol Service. It is to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday evening 21st December starting at 7.00pm. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served after the singing and the church raffle will be drawn.
(b) The Midnight Communion is to be celebrated in Affpuddle this year. The time for the start of this service is 11.30pm.
(c) Christmas Morning There will be an informal service of carols, readings and prayers which we hope will suit all ages, starting at 11.00am, and lasting about half an hour. After a short break, a shortened form of the Holy Communion will be celebrated for those who do not wish to make their communion at the midnight service.
(d) Boxing Day is a Sunday this year, but the PCC have directed that no service should take place in Affpuddle Church. Those wishing to attend a service should go to the 9.30am Holy Communion in Bere Regis Church. Anyone with transport problems, please contact the Vicar.
(e) Christingle service This very popular service for children will be held in Bere Regis Church at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve. Do please know that this service is for both parishes, so bring your children along if you wish.

OBITUARIES
Mr Henry George Leigh (Harry) (aged 79)
Harry Leigh died unexpectedly after a relatively short illness, and a large congregation supported his wife Sheila at the funeral on Tuesday 12 October. His 3 children by his first marriage to Alice who died 33 years ago were also there with his grandchildren.
A native of Bexley Heath, Mr Leigh came to Bere Regis in 1956, as a driver of the local bus company. In the war he had been a sergeant pilot in the RAF and had flown from bases in England, Iceland, Canada and America.

After marrying Sheila some 29 years ago, he settled to job in Windfrith in the accounts department, but continued to spend all his spare time on his hobbies, each one of which he pursued fully. He amassed a great stamp collection; he lavished love on his Saab car and attended rallies; he built up a Double-O gauge railway; he was an expert photographer, as well as an authority on budgerigars. He also was a keen fisherman.

So it was that on the 12th October that we laid to rest the mortal remains of a man who made Bere Regis his home and who made the most of his time on earth. The congregation very kindly donated offerings to then Parish Church in his memory. His ashes will be interred at a later date.

Mr Percy Reginald Mintern (aged 79)

On 10th November, the earthly remains of Percy Mintern were borne into his beloved church in Bere Regis; the church which had been so much part of his life for over thirty years. For some time he had been in ailing health, but up to the last month, he could be found in his pew at the back of the church. Here was a son of Bere Regis, who never strayed far from it except for his wartime service. Before the war, he worked on the rebuilding of Bovingdon Camp, but then in 1940 he was called up as a soldier, having married 'Win' three months previously. In 1942, they waved goodbye, for 3 years and seven months, and Percy became one of those very gallant men who earned the Burma Star. He fought at the infamous battles of Kohima and Imphal, turning points in the war against the Japanese. So it was a moving moment to see his soldiers hat sitting proudly on his coffin.

A man of peace returned to Bere Regis in 1945, and he and Win created their home again, in Egdon Close. Soon he was a member of the Parochial Church Council, a member of the choir, and later, a deputy Church Warden. Years and years of faithful and devoted service followed. This devotion to service and to what he knew to be right went outside the church too; he was secretary of the Foresters Friendly Society, caring for those in need. Members of this Society together with men and women from the whole community packed his church, and the choir sang one of his favourite anthems. His devotion to his wife Win was remarkable, and his dying has removed from her a wonderful friend as well as husband. The church will always remember Percy with gratitude, and donations given in his memory are to be used to create something of beauty as a tribute to his service. May he rest in peace.

Mrs Selma Flavell (aged 45 years)

After three years fighting valiantly against cancer, Mrs Selma Flavell passed away in Poole Hospital on 30th October. A very large congregation came to Bere Regis Church to honour her at the funeral service, and to support with their presence and prayers her husband Hugh, and son Charles, together with her mother, Mrs Jarvis, and brother Edward.

Although Selma had been living in Briantspuddle for the past eight years, she came back to her own church in the the funeral service; the church where she had been baptised, confirmed and married. Riding had been her passion since her early years, having been brought up with horses in the stables near her family home in West Street. Later she taught many of the children of the village, before getting married to Hugh in 1969. The size of the congregation indicated the high-esteem in which Selma was held by so many over the years. She was an outward vivacious and caring person who bubbled with enthusiasm for life. Right to the end, she was optimistic that a cure would be found, but sadly this was not to be.

The cremation took place in Poole crematorium, and later, her ashes were interred in the churchyard. Our deep sympathy and condolences go to Hugh and Charles and to Mrs Jarvis on their grievous loss.

Appreciations

We would like to thank everybody who gave their help and support to Selma and to our family especially during the last difficult months.

Especially thanks to the ladies of Briantspuddle and Bladen Valley, who organised a rota to take Selma to her day centre, the home help team for their quiet caring ways and the members of the Macmillan staff who gave us all valuable support when most needed.

The packed church at Selma's funeral speaks for itself, thank you all for coming and for your donations to the Macmillan Appeal fund.

Hugh Flavell and Betty Jarvis

A sincere thank you for everyone's kindness and all the cards and letters of sympathy. Also to the people who attended the funeral service of 'Harry' Leigh who died on 2nd October 1993 and for all the generous donations to the church. A special thank you to the Venerable Graham Robin for the lovely service. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

Sheila Leigh, Gloria, Carol, Gerald and families

BERE REGIS NEWS

Play and Learn Van December

Wednesday 8th 9.15 - 9.45 Bere Regis School
10.30 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

Doctors Greenfield and Harley would like to thank everyone who has donated money to the 'Bere Regis Carnival committee medical Fund'. A combination of these donations, £500 from 'Age Concern' and a contribution from the practice has enabled the purchase of a new, up to date E.C.G. machine at a cost of £3250. THANK YOU
BERE REGIS MOTHER'S UNION

Our November meeting took the form of a Communion service held in Church, with an address by the Vicar. This was followed by tea and a short business meeting.

Our December meeting will be on the 1st, and will be at Cyril Wood Court, when we will have carol singing, mince pies, and a "carol auction".

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs G Young was our speaker at the October meeting. The subject of her talk was Heirlooms - Royal Jewellery. She showed us lovely slides of the crown jewels, and royal jewellery, and also gave us a short talk.

The December meeting on the 21st will be the Christmas party. Please remember the W.I. Group Carol Service on Wednesday 15th December at 7.30pm in Bere Regis Church. All Welcome.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S

What a lovely afternoon we had in November, when Tony Bates showed us his lovely slides of his holiday in Tasmania and Australia. We also saw slides of flowers around Bere Regis, and some lovely pictures of the trees in their autumn colours at Westonbirt Arboretum. The competition was for a baby photograph, and many beautiful baby photographs were on display.

On the 4th December we have our Christmas Bazaar, at 2.30pm in the Drax Hall.

Our Christmas afternoon will be on the 8th December, when the competition will be an amusing Christmas card.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING
RAFFLE, STALLS, ETC
CYRIL WOOD COURT
SATURDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 10.30am
IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS

IMPERIAL CANCER RELIEF FUND

We are very grateful to Roy and Norah Lee at Woodbury Cottage for holding a very successful coffee morning for us. £132 was made.

Our Antiques Evening on 8th November made £166. Mr Guy Singer of Dukes gave us a most entertaining evening during which a number of people had pleasant surprises about the value of their own antiques brought for valuation.

DRAX HALL - LIVE THEATRE

The Dorchester based art group 'Arts Reach' presented a very successful Puppet Show during the half term holiday. Under the title of Fishy Tales it was a story with a message of concern about dumping rubbish in the sea. The audience, consisting of many young people, who had brought their parents along for the afternoon, were agog. They were marvellous and all joined in the songs. It was a great success and we were filled to overflowing!

In readiness for Christmas we have arranged for another show from Arts Reach. This is to be 'A Tale of Two Christmases' and features the Mellstock Band. The themes sets about demonstrating how the traditions and festivities of Christmas have changed and developed through the years. Through music, song, dance and drama, the band with their colourful costumes and authentic instruments trace the roots of our present day Christmas to the rural peace of Hardy's Wessex and the hearty bustle of Dicken's London.

Date Friday 17th December at 7.30pm Tickets £3.50 Adult, £2.50 Child. £10 for family of four - maximum 2 adults.

Tickets can be booked at 15 North Street, Telephone 471342. Remember we are limited in numbers, so book early.

From an unknown admirer" - My thanks to the Drax Hall Committee who organised the wonderful Puppet Show "A Fishy Tale". The faces of the children in the audience and their complete attention during the show was proof enough of the talents of the puppet man. Might I add how the mums, dads, grannies and grandads enjoyed the show too. A full house too!!

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Thank you to all those who attended the Latvian presentation at Puddletown School. During the evening attended by a very large number of supporters, scouts, young and young at heart and honoured by the presence of the Latvian Ambassador and his wife, the Dorset Scout County Commissioner presented Philip Venham with a well deserved Chief Scout's Commendation for all his work with the local Group, District and County and recently on the Latvian expedition.

Thank you too to those who supported the Jumble Sale and Bingo evenings.

Our CAROL SINGING this year is in aid of the Special Care Baby Unit at the West Dorset Hospital, Dorchester. Monday 20th December at 6.30pm meeting at Briantspuddle Village Hall and on Tuesday 21st at the Scout HQ.

KNITTING WORKSHOP

On Wednesday October 27th a class of keen, experienced and potential knitters assembled at the Barn Studio, Cyril Wood Court. There Mary Fegan, who designs and knits beautiful sweaters and jackets, put us through our paces. We practised
the basics (alternative methods of casting on hems) to professional ways of decreasing, shaping and finishing-off a garment. Halfway through we enjoyed a delicious ploughman’s lunch. In all, a most enjoyable, relaxing and instructive session. It is hoped that a second workshop will be held in the new Year. don’t miss it!

ARThRITIS and RHEUMATISM RESEARCH

Many thanks to everyone who helped at and supported our hugely enjoyable musical evening on 11th November - especially to Richard and Dennis for their mastery of the keyboard! A very satisfactory £207 was raised.

BERE REGIS CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Well, do you want to hear some good news for a change - then read on. In the ‘New Testament Times’ newspaper it was reported some time ago “TODAY in the city of David there has been born FOR YOU a SAVIOUR, who is CHRIST THE LORD” (Luke 2:11)

That is an historical fact, Christ Jesus die live. He did die. He did rise from the dead. That is as relevant TODAY as it was when it was first reported nearly two thousand years ago. That is what CHRISTMAS and the Christian Gospel is all about, the giving of GOD’S GIFT to a world that was, and still is, lost and in darkness.

But for a gift to be of any use and value it has to be accepted, then opened, then enjoyed. So TODAY if you care to look, you will find GOD’S perfect GIFT just right for YOU. Open up your heart and you will ‘hear and see’ what is reported in Luke 2:1-20, and you’ll find it is true for you too, as you glorify and praise God, just like the shepherds did.

A very happy and blessed Christmas to you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual Christmas Concert with the Poole Salvation Army Band will be on Thursday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. The Band will be joined by a Drama Group, Hand Bell Ringers and local singers and musicians. This is a popular event, an evening of fun that also puts the start of the Christmas season into its right perspective. Everyone is welcome, admission free. But there will be a collection for the Salvation Army Christmas Fund, which provides meals and entertainment on Christmas Day for several hundred lonely or old people. This concert is organised by the Congregational Chapel.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Since last month the floral Group has had a particularly busy and exciting time. November’s demonstrator was Mrs M Bayliss, an Area Demonstrator who gave us some wonderful ideas to decorate our homes for Christmas. Arrangements varied using flowers and greenery to set off a nativity scene, children carol singing under a street lamp and a coal scuttle for the fireplace. Contorted willow sprayed and decorated with white icicles, bells, snowflakes and angels made a particularly seasonal piece for a corner.

A most successful coffee morning was held at the home of Mrs Jean Clarke raising £118.36. This was well supported and the warm and friendly welcome given to all made it a particularly happy event. Our thanks go to Mrs Clarke and her husband for their generous hospitality.

The annual Christmas Fair was held at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall on the 9th November. This provided once again to be an enormously successful afternoon with the event raising a record £367.60. Particular mention must be made of Mrs Joan Herridge and her team of helpers whose efforts between them raised £190.65 of the total. Their stall of home made table decorations made over many months of hand work was also a record for the stall. Thank you to everyone who helped, made items, baked cakes etc, or supported the Fair.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th December 1993 at 2.30pm at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall. The AGM will be followed by mince pies and tea, so do come along and join us.

2nd BERE REGIS GIRL GUIDES

A cold windy but dry day saw six girls and myself trying our hand at Archery. I doubt I will find a job with Robin Hood but Emma Bentley and Katie Dodd proved to be quite god. We all had great fun and can’t wait until the next time; sometime in the Spring.

Between now and Christmas we shall be having practical evenings knotting, and cooking, celebrating America’s Thanksgiving Day by making cookies, and on Scotland’s St Andrew’s Day, making pancakes and shortbreads. Hopefully by Christmas all girls will have gained their confectioners badge by demonstrating their skills with icing.

At the end of term Guides, Brownies and Rainbows will be having a joint party. The following week we will be joining in with the Scouts, Carol singing around the village.

Pat Bentley “Guider”

1st BERE REGIS BROWNIES

Over the last month, the Brownies have been concentrating on their Writers Badge and will be tested shortly. On the lead up to Christmas we shall be making Christmas Stockings filled with surprises.

At the end of term we will be having a Christmas party, together with the Guides and Rainbows. We will also be joining in with the Carol service around the village.

Although at the moment we have a good number of Brownies, we do have room for more. If you have a daughter aged between 7 and 10 who is interested, please call either Jane Schofield on 472390 or Jane Storey on 471041.
FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL
Bonfire Firework Display. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event a huge success. Special thanks to Mike Eastment, Dick Cleall, Tony Shave, Terry Adams and of course John Pitfield. Although the entry fee was reduced this year, we raised £212.20 profit.

A New Venue. We would like to stage the type of bonfire and firework displays that we used to but sadly we have been refused the use of the previous venue. Is there anyone who owns land within walking distance of the village who would allow us the use of a field for next year please? Contact Bere Regis School 471334.

Children’s Christmas Performance - “The Selfish Giant” will be showing on Monday 6th December. Performance to pre-school 10.45am. Performance to Grandparents, Autumn Leaves and Age Concern will now be on Tuesday 7th December at 2pm.

Alison Bennett

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
Bere Regis Branch Notes
May I open these notes by apologising for their absence in last month’s magazine.

Since then life has been very busy from the branch point of view. Our Annual Harvest Festival auction and evening went off with great success, many people attended and the success of the evening was due to people’s generosity in donating all manner of gifts and to the panache and salesmanship of our Auctioneer, Ted Steele.

The Reverend Hugh Maddox led the service of thanksgiving and rounded off by taking a small beverage with the Chairman.

Our Poppy Evening was a great success due to the organisation and guidance of Terry Vine. During the evening our retiring Poppy Queen, Mary Lane and husband won the Mr & Mrs competition, our poppy collectors were entertained and partook of an excellent buffet kindly supplied by Percy and Vera House.

The culmination of the evening saw Mrs Jill Cleall being voted in as “Poppy Queen” for the forthcoming year. We wish Jill well for the year ahead.

The Annual General Meeting took place on the 8th November 1993. The following Officers of the Branch were elected as follows:-

President: Dennis Maidment
Chairman: Geoff Northev
Secretary: Percy House
Treasurer: Pat Northev

The remainder of the committee were all duly re-elected and may I wish everyone great success for their year in office and for another year of success.

At the time of writing we look forward to our “Bless ‘Em All” night on the 13th November followed on the 14th November by our Remembrance Service and Parade at Winterborne Kingston, the Re-dedication of War Memorial at Affpuddle by the Venerable Graham Robin, O.B.E. on 14th November and a Remembrance Service in the evening at the Village Congregational Church. All of these I will report on in the next issue.

May I conclude wishing Eileen Maidment a speedy and full recovery to good health.

THE RBL WOMEN’S SECTION
Held their A.G.M. on October 20th after the exhortation, remembering, past members and apologies, the President, Miss Lys thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year. The secretary then gave her report and then the treasurer, who said that through the year we, the Women’s section had donated £2,500 to our various schemes. The chairman then thanked everyone for their support and said that our events hadn’t been very well supported in the past years but maybe next year we could do better.

The Officers were all re-elected, the committee likewise with one addition, Mrs O. Curtis.

After discussing next year’s programme, which sounds a good one, the subject of subs was discussed, as Headquarters want £2.50. We had to raise them and without any bother it unanimously agreed on £3. A big jump but we hope that will sustain us for a few years.

This concluded the business and teas were then served.

Our Christmas get together will be on December 15th. Come along and enjoy our carols, blind bingo etc.

USE OF THE BERE REGIS SPORTS GROUND
Following the earlier notices, relating to use of the ground in August, the Committee wish to point out that dogs are not welcome at all at Bere Regis Sports Ground. Parishioners will appreciate that this is solely in the interests of hygiene.

We would like the Sports Club to be free of all contamination by dogs to ensure the safety of children and players.

Bere Regis Sports Club
Football Results - 1st Team

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2nd Team
Oct 16 Ferndown 5 1 Bere Regis
J Watkins
Oct 23 Bere Regis 2 2 Lychett RT
W Cope 2
Oct 30 Wool RBL 7 1 Bere Regis
G Watts
Nov 6 Halstock 5 2 Bere Regis (Junior Cup)
S Hughes, G Watts

Sunday Team
Oct 17 Tudor Sports 3 4 Bere Regis (Junior Cup)
S Tawnley 3, K Steele (Pen)
Oct 24 Bere Regis 4 4 New Star
R. White, M Gale, G Watts 2
Oct 31 Black Bear 1 2 Bere Regis
K Steele (Pen), og 1
Nov 7 Bere Regis 2 0 SJK Sports
S Tawnley, G Watts
Nov 14 Bere Regis 4 1 Wareham Wanderers
S Tawnley, R White, G Watts 2

In early exchanges Bere were much the better team, with young legs providing some probing runs and passes into enemy territory. All their good work was undone by some erratic defending culminating in two own goals of catastrophic proportions, as the goal tally rose the heads dropped, leaving the combative management duo some work to be done. Cup fever returned on November 6th, and Bere were drawn away to Halstock, a lost village on the outskirts of Yeovil. Knowing that a win would elevate them into a Euro Super League, Bere set about the task with vigour and had the luxury of a two goal cushion going into the final quarter of the game, but having been encamped in their own half by enemy mortar fire, they finally succumbed and in extra time victory belonged to the Somerset enclave.

Being able to sit proudly at the top of the league and glare down at the rest, has not been a gift afforded to Bere’s Sunday Warriors. As they cut a swathe through all opposition, crowds increase and so does their goal difference. On a blustery morning at home to New Star, their record was in danger of receiving a sharp blow when they went in 4-1 down at half-time. The Managers pep-talk was essential and Bere came out of the tunnel with a determined look, and Bere’s defensive “Steel Curtain” came down sharply on New Star’s futile efforts. Time nevertheless ticked away, and were unable to convert an absolute bonanza of chances. Largely thanks to a biting Northerly wind, the chances kept coming and finally Gary Watts gave Bere some hope with a brace, followed up by Mark Gale’s opener of the season to set up a rousing finale, but the ball boys were kept busy until top marksman Rob White levelled the scores with a close range effort setting the stands alight. It was the best game this season.

The only obstacle in their way thus far was in the shape of Black Bear of Wool fame. It was a day when luck shined on Bere with an own goal and a squeezed penalty from Kevin Steele enough to see off their title challengers. Jinx team SJK Panathanikos faced Bere and some tactical changes were made to save Bere’s disciplinary record. They left it late to satisfy their adoring fans as Scott Tawnley scored one and set up the other to finish off Greek hopes.

Cup opponents Rapid Wareham Wanderers were dismissed in the November sunshine, when the regular scorers saw them to an unassailable 3-0 scoreline at half time. They now have a quarter-final appointment in the Dorset Junior Cup where progression brings untold riches.

Congratulations are due for local boy and local player Chris Oram, who stars in the Bere Cricket eleven and the football club’s second team. At a recent presentation he was voted Dorset Under 15’s cricketer of the year. He also has aspirations of plying football for AFC Bournemouth under 18 side. The club wishes him well.

Finally please note that the Sports Club will be holding their Annual Christmas Draw at the clubhouse on 19th December. There will be some 30 prizes this year, with tickets available form the Secretary, Miss Sue Stone, Phone 471933.
AFFPUDDLE NEWS
Bladen and Tolpuddle Youth Club
Are you between 12 and 21 and have free evening on Fridays? Then why not join the Tolpuddle and Bladen Youth Club: new members are always welcome! We meet at the Den, Briantspuddle between 7 and 9.30pm and have a great time. Activities include ice skating, swimming, visits to Adventure Centres, sports of all kinds, craft work, discos, the list goes on and on . . .
For further details contact Jenny Fellowes or Bob Holman on 0305-848707 or me, Bob Holman on 0305-848262. Bob Holman, Chairman

PLAY AND LEARN VAN - DECEMBER
Thursday 2nd 11.30 - 12.30 Briantspuddle

We would like to say thank you to the people in Briantspuddle who were so generous to our sons Chris and Nathan when they went 'Trick of Treating' on Halloween. Thank you for being so good spirited when they knocked on your doors.
Ray and Sheila Horsey, Debbie and Julian Morris

CHRISTMAS FAIR
Don't forget the Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th December from 3.30pm until 6pm. Do come along and bring your friends. In aid of Hall Funds and Village Organisations.

HARVEST PRODUCE
I have received a most appreciative letter from the Manager of the Dorchester Cheshire Homes. They are most grateful for the church's continuing support.

AFFPUDDLE AND BRIANTSPUDDLE P.C.C.
The PCC will be running a Cake Stall at the Christmas Fair, so please would you be kind enough to contribute as much as you can manage - cakes, biscuits, shortbread, scones, preserves, etc. will all be most welcome. Erica Moriarty

BLDEN SOCIAL CLUB
Thanks to all who supported our Village Quiz and the Jumble Sale. The jumble sale raised £86, £70 will be put towards the OAP's Tuesday Club Christmas Party and £16 will be donated to Kidney Dialysis along with the £61.50 raised by the Quiz.

Tuesday Club. Our dates for December are 14th and 21st, the Christmas Party being held on 14th December, and for January 11th and 25th.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME
A meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch committee was held at Raithby Cottage on Monday 25th October in the evening. Two videos were shown on crime prevention in the home. Much of the information contained in these files is also contained in publications which PC Church or the Wareham Police left with me after the meeting as follows:
  a Request for Police Security Survey
  b Practical ways to crack crime
  c Post coding your property
  d Be safe and sure
  e Your car is at risk
  f Callers at the door - don't let them in

Please contact me at Raithby Cottage (471497) if you would like any of these publications. I strongly recommend that everyone in the parishes, arranges through me for a Police Security Survey.

Bill Thornley

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 1993
2nd 7.30pm Carol Concert - Bere Regis Church
4th 2.30pm Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar, Drax Hall
4th 3.30pm Christmas Fair, Briantspuddle Village Hall
8th Autumn Leaves Christmas Afternoon, Drax Hall
11th 10.30am Church Coffee Morning, Cyril Wood Court
13th 7.45pm Christmas Prize Bingo, Drax Hall
15th 7.30pm W.I. Group Carol Service
17th Mellstock Band, Drax Hall (and a 'Tale of Two Christmases')
20th 6.30pm Scouts Carol Singing, Briantspuddle
21st 6.30pm Scouts Carol Singing, Bere Regis

January 1994
15th 10.30am Church Jumble Sale, Wareham Town Hall
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AGE CONCERN 2.00 pm Thursdays, Turberville Court
AUTUMN LEAVES 2.30 pm 2nd Wednesday
BEAVERS 6.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ
BINGO 7.45 pm Drax Hall (Mondays)
BRITISH LEGION CLUB 7.00-11.30 pm Monday-Saturday,
12.00-2.00 pm & 7.30-10.30 pm Sunday

BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION 2.30 pm 3rd Wednesday, HQ
BRITISH LEGION YOUTH 7.00-10.00 pm Wednesday
BROWNIES 6-7.15 pm Wednesday, Scout HQ
B.R.S.C. Winter Season Opening Times: Tues, Wed & Fri 7.00 pm, Sat 4.25 pm, Sun 7.30 pm
Tues 7.45-9.30 - Village Hall

BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS 7.15pm Junior, 7.45pm Full Choir, Friday in Church

CUBS 6.30 pm Thursday, Scout HQ
D.S.S. VAN First Mondays 10.15-11am - BR P.O./car park
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.

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PLAYGROUP BRIANTSPUDDLE Enquiries Gill Jennings 471998
RAINBOWS 4.30 pm Tuesdays - Scout HQ
RBL GARDENING CLUB 1st Tues, 8.00 pm - Club House
SCOUTS Junior - 7.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ
SUNDAY SCHOOL Senior - 7.00 pm Friday, Scout HQ
10.15 am Sundays in Church
W.I. BERE REGIS 7.30 pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
W.I. BRIANTSPUDDLE 7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Village Hall
TUESDAY CLUBS:
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YOUTH CLUB 7.00 pm 9 & over, Congregational Church
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