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"I was in the choir once" 
"I used to go to Sunday School regularly" 
"I was a regular churchgoer before I married" 
"When the baby came, my whole time was taken up with looking after him" 
"I was put off church because I had to go three times every Sunday" 

We've all heard or said these things. They are often said by people not so much as an excuse for no longer being a church attender, but almost with a sigh of regret. Its as if we have lost contact with a part of our life that once was quite important to us. Its as if it is now no longer possible to be part of the church because we have not been for so long. Its as if we have become committed non-churchgoers and yet this is not true. 

Deep inside so many people is a strong Christian faith which we hold important. We have faith in God and in Jesus Christ, but have developed a lifestyle that takes us away from receiving communion, or joining in the worship of the church. 

Many watch and take part in the television services of 'Songs of Praise', and this is wonderful for the housebound, but the nagging question inside the able-bodied man or woman is "Am I neglecting something that is more important than that which now occupies my time?" 

There is nothing new in any of this and that is why the main churches in England and Wales have created an opportunity for ordinary people to "Have another look". That is the title of an invitation that we are making to the parishes. There will be meetings in peoples houses just to 'have another look'. They will be very informal meetings when we can think a little deeper about what will make
me truly happy? or what am I looking for in life? or how can I cope with suffering? or is there a mystery to life? or where do I want to go in my life?

These house meetings will be held in February and March only, and will take place on a Monday night between 8.00pm and 9.30pm. This may be the opportunity you have been waiting for, either to share your faith, or to have another look at the things you know to be important.

I cannot know where you are spiritually, but you do. If you would like to join one of the informal groups, do contact me and I can let you know the exact details of the invitation.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Graham Roblin

CHURCH SERVICES IN BERE REGIS

Wednesday 2nd February CANDLEMAS
7.00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 6th February SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY
9.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 13th February QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY
8.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Family Service
6.00pm Evensong

Wednesday 16th February ASH WEDNESDAY
7.00pm Holy Communion and Devotional Address

Sunday 20th February FIRST SUNDAY in LENT
9.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm Evensong

Thursday 24th February ST MATTHIAS the APOSTLE
7.00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 27th February SECOND SUNDAY in LENT
8.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Mattins
6.00pm Taize Style Worship

Sidesmen
February 6th 9.30am Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00pm Mr Dashwood / Mr Ward
February 13th 11.00am Mrs England / Mrs Stevens
6.00pm Mrs Jutting / Mr Barnes
February 20th 9.30am Mr Strange / Mrs Hazelrigg
6.00pm Mrs Ward / Mrs March
February 27th 11.00am Col Barne / Miss Miller
6.00pm Miss Frampton / Miss Chesney

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
February 6th Mrs J Gibbs Mrs C Burden
February 13th Mrs P House Mrs M England
February 20th Lent
February 27th Lent

BERE REGIS READERS - February
February 6th Mrs P Mills
February 13th Mr H Dashwood
February 20th Miss S Frampton

CHURCH SERVICES in AFFPUDDLE

Sunday 6th February SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY
8.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Mattins

Sunday 13th February QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY
9.30am Parish Communion

Wednesday 16th February ASH WEDNESDAY
10.30am Holy Communion and Address

Sunday 20th February FIRST SUNDAY in LENT
8.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Affpraise

Sunday 27th February SECOND SUNDAY in LENT
9.30am Parish Communion
DATE | FLOWERS | CLEANING
---|---|---
6th February | Mr Alan Smith | Mrs Lane
13th February | Mr Alan Smith | Mrs Johnston
20th February | LENT | Mrs Newall
27th February | LENT | Mrs Haigh

DATE | SERVICE | SIDESMAN | READER
---|---|---|---
6th February | 8.00am | Col Corner | The Server
| 11.00am | Mr Prideaux | 2 Cor. 11 19-13
| | | Genesis 3
| | | 1 Cor. 6 12-end
13th February | 9.30am | Mr D Payne | Mr Menzies
| | | Colossians 1 18-23
| | | The Celebrant
| | | John 8 2-11
| | | The Server
| | | 2 Cor. 6 1-10
| | | Affpraise
20th February | 8.00am | Capt Johnson | Mr Gainsford
| | | 1 John 3 1-10
| | | Mr Silavs
| 11.00am | Affpraise | Matt 12 22-32
27th February | 9.30am | Mr Silavs |

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE
A letter from Cheshire Homes in Dorchester:
"Please accept our thanks for the donation of Christmas food and goods, this is very much appreciated by us all. Once again please convey our thanks to all concerned for their kindness and continued support shown towards our young people. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!"

CHURCH NOTICES
CONFIRMATION
When parents bring their precious baby to be christened in church, it is a most lovely and joyful occasion, but it is always stressed at the time that they are expected to encourage their child to make its commitment when he or she "comes of age", that is about 11 years of age and upwards. This commitment is sealed at a service of Confirmation, when the Bishop lays his hands on the candidate's head.

Commitment cannot be made without understanding, so there is always a course of instruction given before any confirmation. This instruction will be starting in February, leading up to the service of Confirmation on Saturday 14th May.

The vicar will be contacting boys and girls about this, but parents, do please encourage your child to come to these sessions so that they may come to a better understanding of adult membership of the Church of England, and of Christianity in general.

It's never too late to be confirmed. Many adults miss out being confirmed in their teens, and then feel it is too late to do anything about it, or else feel embarrassed to come forward.

It is now becoming very common for there to be more adults at confirmation services in our country than teenagers, so please, if you have been wondering about it, do please contact the vicar in order to speak privately about it. NOW IS THE TIME!

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL. There are two electoral rolls in each parish, the first being the Parliamentary Electoral Roll, and the second the Church Electoral Roll. It is our responsibility to see that our names are on either list. In order to qualify for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll, a person must have been baptised, have reached the age of sixteen, a resident of the parish, or have been an habitual member of the congregation for six months before enrolment.

The Church Electoral Roll is revised every year with some names deleted and some added. If you qualify for inclusion on the roll and have not already had your name included in the list, please notify the vicar and he will see to it.

ASH WEDNESDAY. The first day of Lent is on 16th February, and will be marked by a service of Holy Communion with a Devotional Address in each of the two churches.

THE CHURCH CHOIR. For as long as people can remember there has been a good church choir in Bere Regis, and this tradition is still maintained. The standard is high, and very few comparable parish churches can boast a choir which provides at least one anthem every Sunday. If you enjoy singing and have sung in a choir before, or would like to be considered for membership of our choir, act now and contact Mr Fred Pitfield on 471391. Adult choir practice is on Friday from 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

AFFPAISE Family Service - 11.00am, Sunday 20th February
Hands up those who read last month's little item and guessed that the new coat was Joseph's! Well done if you did!
Joseph of the coat of many colours, had such an adventurous life - no wonder he inspired a hit stage musical! May he also inspire us in our Christian faith as we hear about more episodes in his life at our service this month. Do come. All are welcome.

JH

DIOCESAN RENEWAL. The Diocesan Renewal Group (West Area) is holding its annual Day Conference on Saturday February 19th, 10.00 for 10.30am to 4.00pm in the Village Hall, Frampton.

The theme for the day is ‘HOLINESS’. The speaker is the Rev. Denis Ball, who has an extensive teaching ministry throughout the UK and abroad through the Arts and Teaching Services Trust, based at Milborne St Andrew. He is the author of Thirst After God and Praying In The Spirit.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Drinks will be provided throughout the day. Please bring your own food. There is no fee but donations will be invited on the day.

Further details are available from the Rev. Ken Scott, The Rectory, Frampton, Telephone 0300 320429.

WOMEN’S WORLD OF PRAYER. The service this year will be held at St Laurence Church, Affpuddle, on Friday 4th March at 3pm. The subject is Go, See and Act, and the speaker will be Mrs Lucia East. If you require transport, please contact Mrs M England, Bere Regis 471469.

OBITUARIES

MRS DORIS KATHLEEN BARNES (aged 86)

After a long period of ill-health and many months in the Wareham Hospital Mrs Doris Barnes was laid to rest in the Bere Regis Cemetery on Friday 7th January, following a service in the Parish Church, at which both the Congregationalist Minister, and the Vicar spoke concerning her long life, and of her commitment to her family.

Doris Barnes came to Bere Regis when her parents moved from Kingston Russell to Woodbury Hill about eighty years ago. On her marriage to George, they moved into the village, living for most of her life in Butt Lane. She devoted her life to the raising of Jimmy and Pat, and then enjoyed the lovely experience of having grandchildren, Melanie and Felicity.

As with many country folk, she was not a natural “joiner” but was always a member of the church and for her later years found her place in the Butt Lane Congregational Church. Her bible was always at her side in her own room at home, and she read it, with modesty and sensitivity. Flowers and her garden gave her great enjoyment in her life, an interest which she passed on to her children.

The large congregation attested to her honoured place in the life and history of the village, and they gave thanks for her life in the service which included her favourite hymns.

LADY VIOLET MARY (MOLLIE) DEBENHAM (aged 84)

A large congregation filled the Affpuddle Church on 6th January to remember with love and affection, and to lay to rest Lady Debenham, affectionately known as Mollie.

After many years living in London, she and her husband came to make the farm at Turnerspuddle their home in the 1950’s, and in the first few years extended the house in order to create a studio in which she could concentrate on her considerable talent as an artist. She had been trained at the Slade School of Art in the early years of the century, and had retained her ability and enthusiasm, but had spent the intervening years devoted to the care and development of her four children. So it was a great joy for her to be able to concentrate once again on her painting.

As with so many people who put their life into the upbringing of children, she was a most private person, but she cared deeply for people, and her ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren continued to give her great joy, as did her many friends with whom she kept in contact over the years. With her husband, Sir Gilbert, she loved foreign travel, and was able to appreciate the diffusing “light” that each country enjoys.

Four years ago, she had to suffer the tragedy of the death of her son George, and this overshadowed her last years. Nevertheless, her warm smile was never put out, and in her passing, not only her family, but many friends mourn her, with gratitude and affection.

After cremation in the Weymouth Crematorium her ashes were interred in the Garden of Peace in Affpuddle Churchyard.

Our sympathy goes to Sir Gilbert, his children and their families on their sad loss.

APPRECIATIONS

The family of the late Mrs Doris Barnes, would like to express their sincere thanks to all the family and friends who made donations, sent flowers, cards of sympathy and all who attended the funeral service. Grateful thanks to the Vicar, the Venerable Graham Roblin and to the Rev. Ray Healey for the lovely service.

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PARISH COUNCIL

On behalf of the residents of Bere Regis, I would like to say a big “Thank You” to everyone who made the village so delightful to see throughout Xmas - the trees were so pretty In the houses and in the gardens. It particularly was in keeping with our new street lights.

Happy New Year to you all.
What a pleasure it is for me to say, on behalf of those senior citizens who were invited to Christmas lunch by the Scouts, a big thank you for the beautifully cooked meal which we had, served by the boys. Also thank you for entertaining us with games and carol singing. We wish you a very happy and successful 1994.

Olive Curtis

FAILURE
Failure doesn’t mean you are a failure ... it does mean you haven’t succeeded yet.
Failure doesn’t mean you have accomplished nothing ... it does mean you have learned something.
Failure doesn’t mean you have been a fool ... it does mean you have had a lot of faith.
Failure doesn’t mean you have been disgraced ... it does mean you were willing to try.
Failure doesn’t mean you don’t have it ... it does mean you have to do something in a different way.
Failure doesn’t mean you have wasted your life ... it does mean you have a reason to start afresh.
Failure doesn’t mean you should give up ... it does mean you should try harder.
Failure doesn’t mean you’ll never make it ... it does mean it will take a little longer.
Failure doesn’t mean God has abandoned you ... it does mean God has a better idea.

BERE REGIS NEWS

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL. The national government is in the process of reviewing the way in which local government (at District and County level) is organised. The aim of the review is to remove a layer of bureaucracy in all areas.

This may not seem like an issue of great importance at present but it will undoubtedly take its effect and will almost certainly have financial implications to you, the local tax payer. Here in Dorset, there are various options currently being pursued. The two principle ones are: a single shire authority embracing all of rural Dorset, excluding the urban conglomerate of Bournemouth/Poole; larger scale district type councils in which Purbeck might merge with North and East District Councils.

These changes will affect many local issues and such things as the organisation of our education system could be subjected to major upheaval.

Representatives from the District Council are coming to our next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 10th February to make a presentation on their view of the situation. If you have any interest in local affairs then please make an effort to attend and air your views. If you don’t contribute to the debate, you can’t complain afterwards if you dislike the outcome.

Simon Walker

The BERE REGIS VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY is in the Post Office.

DRAXHALL. ‘I haven’t had to queue to get into the Drax Hall since I came to see a film’, so said a notable Parishioner as he waited patiently to get into the hall to see ‘A Tale of Two Christmasses’. This live entertainment from the Dorchester based art group Arts Reach, just before Christmas, was another successful event put on by the committee. We were lucky to get the company on that evening as that same weekend saw them perform in Yeovil, then to London to record for a BBC programme being put out later that day and then back to Shillingstone! Everybody who saw the performance, recalling a Hardy period Christmas and then a Dickens style Christmas, enjoyed it. As I hinted in the opening remark, we had yet another full house, and that is good for the Hall.

We are putting on another Puppet Show on Friday 25th February starting at 10am and finishing at 12.30. This is by Arakakan, Wendy Wareham story teller and puppeteer, and Rudy Barseghian, musician. The event will start and finish with a story but in between there will be demonstrations how the shadows work and how to make your own puppet. Materials provided.

Numbers are limited to thirty children plus some adults, who will be able to help in the practical tasks. Cost £1.50 each, groups of four £5.00, either all children or mix of children and adults. Bookings now being taken at 15 North Street, 471342. Tickets must be booked as the numbers are limited.

PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Wednesday 2nd and 16th February
9.15–9.45 - Bere Regis School
10.30–11.00 - Bere Regis Surgery

MOTHERS’ UNION
At our January meeting we heard the latest overseas news from Mary England, our overseas rep, and matters of social concern from Eileen Jutting. Mary Fegan, our media rep, asked whether we approved of the use of aborted foetuses in a sterile mother; should women over childbearing age be enabled to have babies, and should race, colour and sex be chosen before fertilisation. An entertaining Bible quiz was set by Di Phillips and the evening ended with a gift exchange, the proceeds going to the Women’s Refuge at Salisbury.
Mary Fegan subsequently contacted Wessex Radio and in a taped interview on the 1 o'clock news, (repeated during the afternoon), put across the views of our members. They also went out on the Jimmy Young programme.

At the February meeting the Reverend Michael Wright, Chaplain at Bovington Camp, will talk about Icons.

CHURCH FUND RAISING. What a Bumper Jumble on January 15th! Many thanks to all helpers, contributors of jumble, cakes etc and to those who came to buy. The magical sum of £230 was raised.

Everyone enjoys a friendly Coffee morning and to help in the fund raising, we thought a bi-monthly “Coffee” would be popular. The first will take place on March 9th at 10.30 at 33 Old Barn Road, the home of Molly Carlyle. If anyone would like to host a future “Coffee” on the 2nd Wednesday of any month we would be so grateful. Offers to M Carlyle (471441) or to the Vicar (471262).

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP.
Thank you to all those who contributed to our Carol Singing in Bryantspuddle and Bere Regis by taking part, collecting, donating or providing refreshments. A special thank you to Dick Hoare for bringing out his festive pony and sleigh to accompany us in Bere Regis and the Guides and Brownies who swelled our numbers. A total of over £130 was raised to send to the Special Baby Care Unit at Dorchester Hospital.

Thanks to the Venture Unit and the proceeds from our Bingo evening, another Christmas lunch was given to twelve pensioners at the Scout Headquarters with seasonal entertainment.

The prospect of collecting 5000 BP Options Vouchers seemed a difficult target but due to the efforts of all parents of the scout group sections and friends, a total of over 7000 has been reached. We must mention the continuing work of Denise Croom who originally had confidence that we could collect this many and as a charity could benefit by exchanging them for cash, and who has acted as collector and counter. Even though the vouchers have ceased to be issued, they may still be redeemed and Denise would be pleased to receive any up to the end of March for the benefit of our group.

Scout International Award. On Thursday February 3rd at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall, all sections of the local Scout Group, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Unit, will be giving a presentation on their involvement in last years contact with the Latvian Scouts. Parents, friends and anyone interested in this unique project will be very welcome to come to bear what is involved in the International Award scheme. Entry is free with light refreshments available and a raffle to cover expenses.

Bere Regis Floral Group.
Unfortunately due to adverse weather conditions the January meeting had to be cancelled.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th February 1994 at 2.30pm at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall. All members and visitors will be most welcome. If you have not been before and would like to come please so just turn up, or for more details please telephone Mrs Joan Clarke on 0-929-471442.

“RAGAMUFFINS”
Bere Regis Playgroup
We have a few vacancies for children aged between 3 and 5. For more details please contact the Playgroup Leader, Mrs Carole Poole, tel: 0305-848792.

Some of our dolls are badly in need of new clothes so that the children can learn to dress and undress them. If you would like to ‘dress a doll’ or just have some spare bits of wool we would like to hear from you. Please do either just call at the Playgroup any school morning between 9.15am and 11.45am or phone Carole (number as above).

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’s.
What a lovely time we had at the New Year Party. There were readings by Cis Lewis and Mary England, Crackers with paper hats. We danced the Valeta, Barn Dance, Lambeth Walk, the Hokey Cokey, and the Birdie Songs, while Kath played on the piano for us. Everyone had a present in pass the parcel, and we all enjoyed the delicious tea and Christmas Cake. The afternoon finished with everyone present taking home a primula.

Our next meeting will be on the 9th February, when there will be a talk on Monkey World. The competition will be for a hand posy of greenery.

ADVANCE NOTICE
The 50p sale will be on Saturday 26th March.

BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE
The accordion band gave us a lovely Christmas meeting, with tunes to listen to and others to sing to. Mrs Lewis read a poem, and there was a lovely supper.

Our February meeting will be on the 15th, when Mrs L Painter and Mrs M Pickering will be giving us an African Experience with Video. Tea hostesses are Mrs D Phillips, Mrs P Jestly and Mrs N Gibson.

There will be a Pancake Race at North Street, starting at 10.30am, on Wednesday 16th February, and also a sale.
FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL

Our first event for 1994 will be a Valentine’s family Karaoke on Saturday 12th February, 7.30 - 11.30pm at Bere Regis School. Ploughmans’ Suppers will be on sale and there will also be a licensed bar. Tickets are available on the door and in advance from Bere Regis School or Mike & Doug Moore’s at £1 for adults, children free. (No unaccompanied children please).

This years Village Carnival will be Saturday July 16th with a later procession and festivities continuing through the evening at the school with live bands, side shows, arena events and a licensed bar and Barbecue. Forms to enter the procession and hold a trade stand are available from Barbara Crowe, 10 Rye Hill close or Bere Regis School.

We hope to see you at the Valentine Karaoke on Saturday 12th February.

BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL (Governor’s Gossip)

January saw the start of the new term and some new faces in school. Our newest pupils are settling in well to school life and those of our older children who have moved classes are getting used to their new teachers and vice versa.

We are eagerly awaiting the start of the building work on the new school office (hopefully at half-term) and hope that the work will be completed at sometime in early April.

Congratulations from all at Bere Regis School to Mrs Maria McMahon on getting a Grade C in her ‘A’ level English - Well done Maria!

We are still on the look-out for two people to fill the vacancies for co-opted Governors. If you are interested please contact Bob Jennings (471198) or the school (471334) for further details.

BERE REGIS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

By now you will no doubt have heard, and perhaps even got bored with the ‘Back to Basics’ debate, a government slogan that seems to have them sliding down into yet another large hole. What a major mess they have made for themselves, with the help of the press of course, as they try to explain what they do, or do not, mean by ‘back to basics’. Now the hole is even bigger. Does it mean only the material, and not the moral state of the nation? Are money making and profit making the only basic Criteria or measure?

This nation, which is now only nominally ‘Christian’ has over many, many years rejected the teaching, truth and practice of the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST. Now it is in a mess. So, the government gets the blame, or the Church, but never the individual. So many people are drawing their own basic line, without any reference to GOD’S basic standards, as recorded in Mark 12: 28-31, which summed up are - Love God and love your neighbour.

I believe CHRIST JESUS is saying to the whole nation, including Bere Regis, that we have not gone far enough ‘back to basics’ Repent, turn around, and get BACK TO GOD and BACK TO THE BIBLE. Believe it and live it.

On Saturday 26th February we shall be having our monthly Celebration and Renewal meeting at 7.30pm at 7.30pm at the Chapel, Butt Lane. Our speaker will be Mr David Noakes. David has a prophetic ministry, so this meeting is one not to be missed. Do come.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Kathleen and Charlie would like to thank everyone who has supported them for the Guide Dogs for the Blind during 1993. We are now subscribing towards our 5th Dog. Tin foil required please.

Wishing you all a Very Happy 1994.

Kathleen & Charlie Jeeves, “Larkspur”.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have entertained throughout 1993 including Wareham Hospital, James Day Swanage, Anglebury Court, Rotarian’s Daffodil party and many W.I’s and Clubs.

We meet every Monday afternoon at 2.30pm at Kath’s at Larkspur for rehearsals - anyone who would care to join the Singers and can sing, please contact Kath (471175) or Pat (471308).

2nd BERE REGIS GUIDES

We welcome all Guides and parents to the new term and are looking forward to many activities. We shall be finding that science is fun using air and water, a “flashy electric” evening, camp practice evening where we shall be putting up a tent and making firelighters for use at a real camp, also a “magnetic” evening using magnets in games and making a compass. Six of us are looking forward to a narrow boat weekend during Easter - here’s hoping for sunny weather.

We would like to thank Zoe Gale and Sarah Young who represented us at the Plough Sunday Parade and Service.

Our next main Guiding event is Thinking Day - where Guides all over the world think of one another. We are holding a District event at Puddletown where each unit represents a county with games, food and a doll dressed in the national costume.

1st PIDDLE VALLEY RAINBOWS

We are now into the new term and have welcomed some new faces to Rainbows. We were sad to lose Ginny Glanville as Leader at Christmas, when she left us to go to Nepal with her family. Fiona Dodd has taken over as Rainbow Guider.
We are very grateful to parents who have offered to help on a rota basis until new Assistant Leader can be found. Is anyone out there interested? we’d love to hear from you if you are interested in helping with Rainbows. You do not need formal qualifications as full training and support is given. All you do need is a genuine interest in children (a sense of humour is sometimes helpful)! Anyone who feels that they’d like to know more about what’s involved, please contact Fiona Dodd on Bere Regis 471556.

MIND THE WORLD GROUP

Remember our Hedgehog Coffee Morning and our Primrose Morning? This year our theme Coffee Morning will be held on—
SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, at 10.30, at CYRIL WOOD COURT
and proceeds will go to the Diocesan Medical Fund for the Sudan.

Please support us in our efforts to help supply medicine for some of the thousands of suffering people in the Sudan, whose plight was highlighted by the recent visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

ADVANCE NOTICE. Our MAY TALK will be held on Wednesday May 18th, in church. The subject will be preceded by ‘Third World’ supper.

PW

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BERE REGIS BRANCH

I open these notes by wishing everyone all success and happiness for 1994. I must also apologise for the absence of notes in the last issue of the magazine.

December saw a very active month within the Branch; the highlight of the month being our Senior Citizens Christmas Party. A good turnout for this function saw 80+ of our Senior Citizens being entertained by George Hirst and treated to a fine buffet supplied by our Ladies Section. Our Branch Chaplain, The Venerable Graham Roblin, OBE, joined our happy throng and it was a pleasure to have him in our midst.

We now look forward to a successful 1994.

YOUTH SECTION

Our Youth Section continues to flourish under the watchful eye of Terry Vine. We currently have 38 members, which indicates a good following.

Our Section Standard Bearer follows on a busy November with an equally busy December and January with appearances at the Annual Youth Carol Service, Dorset County Open Standard Bearers Competition in Poole, and at Plough Sunday in Bere Regis. On all occasions Helen has carried out her duties expertly, so much so that she was awarded a “Highly Commended” Certificate at the County Open Standard Bearers Competition.

The Annual Christmas Disco was yet again a great success and was well supported. Our thanks to the DJ Shane Mooney, who’s expertise on the turntables greatly contributed to the success of the evening.

The Junior competitions are now well on the way with majority of members taking part. All the competitions being good practice for the second leg of our Annual Competition against Sandford Youth Section on 12th January at Bere Regis.

A savings club has been started to put towards our trip to Alton Towers later in the year. It should make it easier to spread the cost.

RBL GARDENING CLUB

RBL Gardening Club’s AGM on January 4th provided the platform for the Committee to express their thanks to loyal members for their support throughout the year and members to show their appreciation by voting in the same committee to run the club for 1994.

Mrs Megan Stone returned to the Chair. Mr Brian Murray struggles on as Secretary. Mr Bob James continues to control finances. Mr & Mrs Adrian and Elaine Standfield will once more organise coach outings and the Annual Spring Show. Mr Andy Morrison will take care of seed ordering. Mrs Jackie Bachman heads the Raffle Prizes purchasing department and of course all will continue to help out where needed on Club Nite. A great team with one or two new ideas for 1994.

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The visit starts at 7.30pm and ends at 10.00pm. Maximum of 35 adults for which a charge of £3.00 per head is made to cover the buffet. More details and bookings taken on Club Nite at the RBL Club on first Tuesday of each month as usual.

Anne Stevens opened our year of Club Nite Guest Speakers once more. An excellent slide show and talk on the wildlife and countryside around Ivy Cottage. Many of you will have seen Anne’s lovely cottage and garden but I would be surprised if we couldn’t fill a coach for another trip round sometime during the summer.

Tuesday February 1st is the date for Tony Bates to charm us all with The Wonderful World of Nature. You’ll love it. Really something special so arrive around 7.30. The show starts at 8.00. See you on the Nite.

Adrian & Elaine are arranging a trip to Hilliers Arboretum, Romsey. Hilliers have a lot on offer so it will be a good day out. Bob James suggested you might like to put down a deposit for a place and spread payments over a few months. Have a chat with us about it on Next Club Nite. It sounds like a good scheme. He will keep a record of your payments but if you to cancel then you will get your money back of course.
Annual fee to join the RBL Gardening Club stays at £1.50. You don’t have to be a member of the Royal British Legion Club but they help us out and provide free accommodation... SO.....!

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BOXING DAY FRIENDLY

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The recent torrential rain proceeded to decimate all Bere’s fixtures over the past weeks. But as ever, the ground is in a relatively fine condition, being testament to the ongoing care and attention of our fastidious groundstaff. There was a threat to the hallowed turf after previous games which perhaps should not have been permitted to go ahead. But the board bowed to season ticket holders’ pressure and allowed the planned visit of Swanage Reserves to take place. Post-Christmas blues were a factor in the game, but nonetheless, Bere’s reserves served up “January Sales” treat in the mud. A morale boosting win was on the cards, but Bere suffered under immense pressure, but came away at the death in a thrilling 5-4 encounter. The re-location of multiple draw prize winner Rich Cummins to central defensive ranks proved a prudent decision on the part of the fumbling management duo, as he shoered up an experienced back four. Bere went on to take a 4-2 lead with Wayne Cope collecting a hat-trick to add to an impressive tally this season.

After years in the footballing wilderness, ex-Bere players and legends Alan Green and doug Curtis were coaxed back onto the Rec for a joint testimonial on Boxing Day. As it was the game itself was a charity friendly between select cricket and football squads. Both the aforementioned stars shone in a competitive match played in the best of spirits. There was a galaxy of stars and celebrities on display. Defender Steve Cheeseman returned from a long lay off through injury, and partnered Doug Curtis in defence. The cricket eleven were under the control of supremo El Herbie Swann, and during his brief tenure he remained unbeaten, despite being taken to task running the line. Even though the rain and sleet abated, there was a biting cold wind and one or two veterans felt the pace as the middle channel of the pitch became marshy, prompting shouts of “keep off the moor”. But it was the Cricket’s young saplings that launched them into a 2-0 lead, it Chris Oram scoring as ever. He is currently unable to keep out of the headlines, and all for the right reasons. The football eleven then applied the expected pressure and Anders Macklin and Iain McLeod ventured forward. Also the introduction of Steve Ives, also back from injury gave the footballers a cutting edge up front, but their defence was unable to cope with the intelligent running off the ball and gem real play from the cricketing youth and the rampaging Mr Rotivator. But with the scores level after the tension broke, Rob White thundered in a third for the cricketers, and with 15 minutes left it seemed allover. A blockbuster from Ebeneezer Steele turned the game around and remarkably six goals were plundered before the finish, providing the bumber Bank Holiday crowd who braved the elements with a spectacle to savour. A special note for Andrew Curtis, who starred up front for the cricketers, giving the footballers a hard time indeed.

There was an after match collection by the players and spectators alike, and a total of £35 was amassed and after some discussion it was decided to present the monies to a worthy cause, the local Bere Regis Playgroup. The club would like to thank everyone concerned on what was a very enjoyable day.

A reminder to anyone interested, is that the Cricket Club will be continuing this summer to enter two teams in the Dorset League. The club needs players, umpires and enthusiasts. There will be pre-season nets at Milton Abbey School in early April, with a full fixture list starting in late April incorporating a number of evening matches. There will be further details nest month.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

Church Cleaning Flower Arranging and Mowing Rotas.

During February and March new cleaning, flower arranging and mowing rotas are compiled for the forthcoming year. (The rotas run from April to March).

We need volunteers for these tasks; to replace those who for one reason or another are no longer able to help and also to lighten the load of those who already help.

The Church is cleaned once a week (sweeping the floors and dusting the furniture) and gets a special clean four times during the year (polishing the furniture and floors, washing the stone floors and vacuuming the hussocks and mats).

With the exception of seasons of Advent and Lent there are flowers in the Church all the year. The flower arrangers need to see that the flowers are fresh and attractive. Whilst it is lovely to have expert flower arrangers on the rota please do not be put off because you think you “are not very good at flower arranging” – exponents of the bunch of flowers in a vase school of floral artistry are just as welcome. Neither is it necessary to purchase expensive flowers: hedgerow and garden flowers and/or mixed foliage are most acceptable.

Teams of three mow the churchyard once a fortnight from April to the end of October. In April and November working parties are organised to clear up the Winter and Autumn debris.

If you can help with one, some or all of these tasks please let Bill and Philippa Thorniley have your name, address and telephone number and if applicable the times of the year when you would prefer to help.
PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Thursday 10th February-
11.50 – 12.30 – Briantspuddle

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
The raffle in aid of St Laurence church in Affpuddle finished a year of fundraising by the PCC.

The raffle, which was drawn by Mrs Sally Lines, wife of one of the directors of Olds Motor Group, who sponsored the ticketes, raised just over £300 for the fabric fund. The winner of the first prize of £50 was Mr Hele of Warmwell Road, Crossways; second prize of £25 went to Mr Barrett of Southwell, Portland and the third prize of £10 went to R Easton from Moordown, Bournemouth. Thanks to all who sold tickets and bought tickets and to Wyvale Garden Centre for allowing us to sell tickets at their site where incidentally all the winners bought their tickets.

RAGE, THE LAST ACT
Readers may remember that when winding up Rage last year the committee decided to use some of the remining funds to plant “a tree or trees” to commemorate the successful campaign. Talks with the Forestry commission have now resulted in agreement to establish a small copse at Culpepper’s Dish picnic area which in time will screen the reservoir and car park. Volunteers are wanted to help in planting some 30 small trees on the morning of Saturday 5th February. Anyone who is prepared to help is asked to come to Culpepper’s Dish Car park at 10am that morning. Please bring your favourite spade! On completion of the planting the Forestry Commission Ranger has offered to conduct a short (1 mile) walk through the neighbouring forest. Representatives from other organisations who helped during the campaign (CPRE, DORSET Trust for Nature Conservation, International Tree Foundation etc) have also been invited to attend. Volunteers are asked to give their names to Paul Badcock.

PB

UNDER 5’s GROUP
This takes place on Tolpuddle Village Hall every Wednesday from 10-12 o’clock. Varied activities are organised, coffee and biscuits and juice are available and the Play and Learn Van calls every other week. For further details ring Annette Pittman on 0305 848557. All mothers and toddlers welcome.

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.
This month the singing goup “Anything Goes” will entertain us all with some of their songs from their repertoire. The evening is open to anyone. Tickets will be sold at the door on the night. The show commences at 8pm, Wednesday 2nd February, TEAS AND SNACKS WILL BE SERVED. Hostess: Mrs Jenny Beedle.

KEEP FIT
The “Keep Fit” session on Tuesday evenings has turned into a very popular event and since our local chaps are probably just as much in need of some exercise (if not more in fact) it has been agreed to open the session to gents as well as ladies. We look forward to seeing you there.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 1994
3rd 7.00pm Scout International Award Presentation Drax Hall
9th 2.30pm Autumn Leaves Talk on Monkey World Drax Hall

March 1994
5th 10.30am Coffee Morning MTW Cyril Wood court
9th 10.30am Church Coffee Morning 33 Old Barn Road, Bere Regis
12th 2.30pm Jumble Sale Scout Headquarters
15th 10.30am Coffee Morning for Arthritis Research Vicarage
26th Autumn Leaves 50p Sale Drax Hall

Forward Planning

April 1994
13th Autumn Leaves Trip to new Haskins Garden Centre
15th Gilbert and Sullivan Concert Bere regis Church

May 1994
18th MTW Talk and Supper Bere Regis Church

June 1994
18th Scout Goup Cub Roast

July 1994
14th ARC Strawberry Tea
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.
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Tues 7.45-9.30 - Village Hall
BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS
7.15pm Junior, 7.45pm Full Choir, Friday
CHOIR PRACTICE
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,
GUIDES
W. Kingston Village Hall
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
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RBL GARDENING CLUB
1st Tues, 8.00 pm - Club House
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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Senior - 7.00 pm Friday, Scout HQ
10.15 am Sundays in Church

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