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LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF THY PEACE

When you hear or come across a lovely prayer, you can be sure that it comes from the soul of a lovely person. Of all the prayers in our church, that which begins "Lord make me an instrument of thy peace" is probably the most beautiful. It comes from the soul of our greatest saint, St Francis of Assisi. Just in case you would like to have it in full, here it is.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; not so much to be understood, as to understand; not so much to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

We pray for so many things. We pray for our family or for someone sick. We pray when someone is dying. We pray for ourselves, for much needed money perhaps, or when we are about to take an exam. We pray when we are in difficulty; we pray especially when our safety or security is threatened.

Sometimes we cannot pray. We have lost our hope or our faith. We have no one to pray to.

When this happens, the prayer of St Francis can be a source of help. Because when you pray it, the world ceases to be your enemy. Life is no longer mean. We begin to see that we are not just passive receivers, but that we can be active ourselves. We can be an instrument.

We will one day come across hatred; we will find sadness almost daily; we sometimes will encounter despair. When this happens we can feel helpless. There is no need. This prayer of St Francis throws off helplessness. It makes us a bearer of love. It makes us pardon. It is this bringer of hope; the comforter of those that grieve.
When we see the needs of others, a great duty falls upon us. We must be the bearers of forgiveness, we must be instruments of love, and we must be active in compassion. God moves through us, and it may be that because we won't be an instrument of this that so many do not or will not believe in his love.

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the need of others, open my ears that I may hear their cries, open my heart so that they need not be without succour, let me be not afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for Thee.

Yours ever
Graham Roblin

BERE REGIS CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

**Sunday 6th March**
- 3rd Sunday in Lent
  - 9.30am Holy Communion
  - 6.00pm Evensong

**Wednesday 9th March**
- 7.00pm Lent Holy Communion

**Sunday 13th March**
- Mothering Sunday
  - 8.00am Holy communion
  - 11.00am Mothering Sunday Family Service
  - 6.00pm Evensong

**Wednesday 17th March**
- 11.00am Prayers for Northern Ireland
  - 7.00pm Lent Holy Communion

**Sunday 20th March**
- Passion Sunday
  - 9.30am Parish Communion
  - 3.00pm Holy Baptism
  - 6.00pm Evensong

**Wednesday 23rd March**
- 7.00pm Lent Holy Communion

**Sunday 27th March**
- Palm Sunday
  - 8.00am Holy Communion
  - 11.00am Palm Sunday Mattins and Distribution of Palm Crosses
  - 6.00pm Evensong and Annual General Meeting of the Church

Maundy Thursday 31st March
- 7.00pm Celebration of the Last Supper

SIDESMEN FOR BERE REGIS SERVICES

**March 6th**
- 9.30 Mr Bates / Mr House
  - 6.00 Mr Ward / Mr Dashwood

**Mar 13th**
- 11.00 Mrs Stevens / Mrs England
  - 6.00 Mr Barnes / Mrs Jutting

**March 20th**
- 9.30 Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Strange
  - 6.00 Mrs March / Mrs Ward

**March 27th**
- 11.00 Miss Miller / Col Barne
  - 6.00 Miss Chesney / Miss Frampton

**April 3rd**
- 9.30 Mr House / Mr Bates
  - 6.00 Mr Dashwood / Mr Ward

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

**March 6th**
- Lent

**March 13th**
- Lent

**March 27th**
- Lent

**April 3rd**
- EASTER DAY

We will decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 2nd April. Gifts of greenery and flowers will be much appreciated.

BERE READERS - MARCH

**March 6th**
- Mrs C Lewis

**March 13th**
- Mrs S Stevens

**March 20th**
- Mrs P Ward

CHURCH SERVICES IN AFFPUDDLE - MARCH

**Sunday 6th**
- 3rd Sunday in Lent
  - 8.00am Holy Communion
  - 11.00am Matins

**Sunday 13th**
- Mothering Sunday
  - 9.30am Mothering Sunday Family Communion

**Sunday 20th**
- Passion Sunday
  - 8.00am Holy Communion
  - 11.00am Affpraise

**Sunday 27th**
- Palm Sunday
  - 9.30am Parish Communion and Distribution of Palm Crosses

**Thursday 31st**
- Maundy Thursday
  - 6.00pm Celebration of the Last Supper
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CHURCH NOTICES - BERE REGIS

MOTHERS UNION. There will be a service of Holy Communion as part of our Lenten discipline on 2nd March at 7.30pm in the church.

CHOIR. The choir has sung faithfully and splendidly over the past year. It will celebrate this opinion with its annual dinner in the Royal Oak on Friday 4th March. There will be no early choir practice this night, but a song or two may be sung later.

MOTHERING SUNDAY. This can be such a happy day for church services. As is our custom, we plan to provide posies for the children to present to their mothers.

BERE REGIS CHURCH AGM. We are to meet on Palm Sunday after a shortened Evensong. The meeting takes place in the South Aisle and will last about one hour.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES will be announced separately on a special Easter Card which we plan to distribute throughout the Parish.

CHURCH FUND RAISING. Do come for a “Friendly Coffee” on March 9th at 33 Old Barn Road (Molly Carlyle) at 10.30. Bring and Buy and Lucky Entrance Ticket.

On April 15th there is to be a concert in church, given by the Bournemouth Gilbert & Sullivan Operatic Society. This is a wonderful opportunity for all G&S fans to enjoy an evening of their favourite music in a local venue. Tickets £3 (to include refreshments) from PCC members or the Vicar.

AFFPUDDLE

FLOWERS, CLEANING and CHURCH ROTAS for COMING YEAR

People are still needed to help with these routine tasks. Please let Bill and Philippa Thorniley have your name, address and telephone number and if required the time of the year when you can help. All those whose names were on the 1993/1994 list will be included in the new lists unless we are notified before 7th March.

PARISH HOLIDAYS

Once again Affpuddle, Briantspuddle and Turnerspuddle P.C.C. are participating in the Parish Holiday Scheme to raise much needed funds for the Church. The Holiday Committee are asking for help with the following tasks:- Dinner Parties, catering for the Welcome and Farewell parties, possibly driving the guests on the various excursions (if more than 12 guests apply to stay in the Parish a small mini bus will be hired, if you are prepared to put your name forward to have people staying in you house, emergency stand by or general “pair of hands”, please let Bill and Philippa Thorniley have you names and the jobs you can do as soon as possible. Do not bother to let us have your names if you have already been approached by one of the Committee Members (Sue Taylor, David Payne or Robin Gainsford). The Holiday dates are from 22nd June to 30th June.

Note to Committee Members, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 8.00pm at Raithby Cottage.

CHURCH YARD CLEAN UP

There will be SPECIAL CHURCH YARD CLEAN UP on SATURDAY 26th MARCH between 10.00 and 12 noon. Please come along and help with this important work. Please bring your own garden tools.

CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN

The next quarterly Church Special Clean will be done on Saturday 12th March from 10.00 to 12 noon. Your help is requested. Please bring your own dusters and polishing cloths. We hope to be able to polish the pews, furniture and floors and clean the windows and wash the stone floors.

EASTER FLOWERS

An advance note for your diaries since Easter falls on the first Sunday in April - the Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 2nd April from 10.00 onwards. Gifts of flowers and foliage would be greatly appreciated and should be delivered to the Church before 10.00.
AFFPUDDLE P.C.C.
A PCC meeting was held in January and another will be held on 22 March, prior the AGM on Sunday 10th April. If anybody wishes to bring up any items for discussion, please, once again, do let a member of the PCC know and attend the AGM if you can. This will be at Raithby Cottage at 7.30pm

Christmas Raffle
Many thanks to David Payne for all his efforts in organising this and enabling a profit of £302 to be raised. Unfortunately this was substantially down on last year’s profit. It seemed that people just found it more difficult to sell their tickets.

Flower Festival
To be held on 4 and 5 June in the Church and to be combined on Saturday with the Church Fete in the Peace Garden. The theme chosen by the PCC is “D-Day” and “Warlord”.

Finance
Still much concern over the Quota demand and a letter pleading our case and that of Bere Regis is being sent to the Diocesan Treasurer. Should anybody wish to know the Church’s financial position, please do consult Mr Elkerton, the Treasurer. The Balance Sheet will be circulated at the AGM.

Organ
It has been agreed, after seeking professional advice to look at the possibility of installing a second-hand, two manual and pedal tracker action piped organ to the original position in the Church. The cost will be approximately £6,000 - £10,000.

Church Fabric
This was not discussed at the January meeting, but some urgent repairs are needed to the leaking roof and this will be carried out as soon as possible at a cost of £629 plus VAT.

Parish Holiday 22 - 30 June 1994
The deposit has been paid and the Brochure received with Affpuddle’s itinerary. Now all that is needed are the bookings. Please contact Bill Thorniley if you wish to know more.

Vicars Report
The Vicar thanked everybody for their support over the last year and for the encouraging attendances at the services.

A 9.30am Joint Parish Communion Service will be held on every Fifth Sunday in alternate Churches. Affpuddle will host the first one in January and Bere Regis the next one in May. On July 31 it is hoped that a Joint Parish Walk, service and picnic will be held. More information later about this.

This year, the Vicar would like to hold a traditional Good Friday Service instead of the walk of the previous three years. Times of Easter Services will be advertised and sent to each home.

A leaflet entitled “Christ For All Nations” will be circulated also to each home. This is an Evangelical initiative for Easter, which is being carried out throughout Great Britain.

AFFRAISE Family Service - 11.00am, Sunday 20 March
As Holy Week and Easter approach it is right this month to leave our regular theme on men and women of faith and turn more directly to the Christian calendar and particularly to the ministry, suffering and death of Jesus. It is worth remembering, though, that Joseph, of the coat of many colours, whose life we have studied in Affraise for the last two months, had to go through a time of preparation, testing and suffering before he was raised by Pharaoh to the position of power and honour from which he was able to save his people. The story of Jesus, though much more important to us than that of Joseph, has several parallels with it.

Do join us for this service. All are welcome.

JH

LENT GROUPS - “HAVE ANOTHER LOOK!”
We will be under way with the nationally initiated ecumenical lent course “Have another look” by the time you read this. But you can join in at any time, just once or for the rest of the course.

It is intended for people enquiring about Christian faith, people who have moved away from faith or from church membership but would like to think about it again, and for existing church members who would like to share their faith with others and have a fresh look at it themselves.

The groups meet weekly at a number of different locations and time. Do attend whichever is most convenient to you. At the time of writing they are planned for the Vicarage, Bere Regis, and Hazel Cottage, 25 Briantspuddle, both on Mondays at 7.45 to 9.30pm; also for Cyril Wood Court, Bere Regis, on Tuesdays at 2.00 to 3.30pm. Depending on numbers, there may be others, including one in Briantspuddle on a weekday afternoon - for up to date details see the weekly church notice sheets and village notice boards, or contact the Vicar or lay readers.

The weekly subjects and gospel passages around which they are built are:

Week of

Feb 21 What are we looking for? John 1, vv 35-42
Feb 28 What will make us truly happy? Matthew 5, vv 1-11
March 7 How do we cope with suffering? John 11, vv 28-36

EMERITUS - For Services Rendered
We are sure you will be pleased to hear that our Vicar has been conferred the title of Archdeacon Emeritus by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

As you are probably aware, Graham Roblin was Archdeacon of the Army (Senior Church of England Chaplain) for his last few years of service with the
armed forces and ceased to be an Archdeacon on leaving the post but now he will retain the title. We congratulate him on receiving this honorary appointment as recognition of his past service.

OBITUARY

MRS ESTHER EMILY NORMAN, aged 76 years
After a few years of poor health, Mrs Esther Norman was laid to rest at a funeral service in Bere Regis Parish Church on Friday 28th January.

Although not a native of the Parish, she came to live here fifty four years ago and made Bere Heath Farm her own.

She was born to farming. Her father was a dairyman from Essex, and she herself won a scholarship to Carrington Agricultural College where she specialised in dairy work.

After her marriage to George in Winterborne Cranston in 1940, they took over Bere Heath farm, and it was there that she died. The family say that after a nine day visit to the Festival of Britain in 1951 she never ventured further than Wareham ever again. It indicated her great love of her home and of Dorset. Born to farming, she was totally natural with animals and neighbours record that she never drove the cows, she just called and they came.

A character in her own right and very positive with it, she had many friends. They with her children and grandchildren joined in giving thanks for her life and love and friendship at the service in her church. The church was so full that extra chairs had to be brought into the south aisle.

We extend to Grace and Bill, and to her sister Mrs Minnie Mitchell our deepest sympathy at the loss of their mother and sister.

After the cremation at Weymouth her ashes are to be buried with those of her husband George in the churchyard at Winterborne Cranston.

May she rest in peace.

THANKYOU
I would like to say a very big thankyou to all my family and friends who were so kind during my recent stay in hospital. It is lovely to know we have so many caring friends and neighbours.

Pat House

AN APPRECIATION
When Lewis and I first moved into Sitterton, almost 38 years ago, it was a dark and dangerous place to walk along (especially on a foggy night).

In those days there were fewer houses than there are now and no-one had a car!

But over the years more houses have been built and everyone has a car now - many of which are left all night on the roadside and the unwary run the risk of bumping into them in the dark.

Along with others in Sitterton we have petitioned time and again for street lights, but to no avail until recently. Now at last we have two new street lights situated in the appropriate places and one can go out at night and see one's way safely. These lights have made such a difference - it is comforting to see them.

And who do we thank?

DAVID GIBBS has done more than any other to get these lights installed and Lewis and I felt he fully deserves a public acknowledgement for all his long-term patience and perseverance in bringing about the installation thereof.

Thank you, David, your efforts are much appreciated.

Lewis and Margaret Bartlett, Sitterton

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A CALL TO WOMEN
There is a shortage of workers on the land - Farmers need your help now

JOIN THE WOMEN'S LAND ARMY
Do you recognize this advertisement? Advertisements like this appeared during the Second World War to encourage women to participate in the war effort. Young farm workers were needed to serve in the war and older men and women were recruited to work on the land. Many areas in Dorset were served by and had connections with the Women's Land Army. For a time, Bere Regis housed the County Milking Training Centre and hostels were built to house workers at Beaminster, Manston, Piddletrenthide and Tollard Farnham. The Women's Land Army made a significant contribution to the war effort.

Were you a Land Girl or a Lumber Jill? Or did you have any connection with the Women's Land Army or the Women's Timber Corps, through training facilities, hired help, working with land girls, housing or any organisation connected with the Land Army during the war? If any of these apply to you or if you know any stories about the Women's Land Army or the Women's Timber Corps I would be interested in hearing from you. I would also like to hear from any women who worked on the land during 1939-1946, but who were not a part of the Land Army.

My reason for this appeal is that I am carrying out an oral history Research Degree at Bournemouth University into the Women's Land Army in Dorset. Your memories and recollections would be invaluable to me. If you can spare a few minutes to reminisce, then please contact me, Diane Hofsahl-Fysh, 92 - 93 North Street, Bere Regis, Telephone 0929 471-314.

BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS
This year there will be three opportunities to give blood at the D'Urberville Centre at Wool - the first being on Thursday March 17th from 1.30 to 3.30pm and 5 to 7pm. The other sessions will be on Thursday 14th July and Thursday 10th
November. New donors are very welcome - just turn up on the day and the Blood Transfusion Service is most grateful to all donors for their valuable help.
Mrs P Bartholomew (0305 852900) Local Donor Organiser

BERE REGIS NEWS
A FAMOUS BERE REGIS VICAR
The Rev. Thomas Williams was vicar of Bere Regis for no less than 44 years (from 1773 to 1817), and is still remembered at Balliol College, Oxford for having endorsed and founded the 'Williams Exhibition', which is a form of scholarship. Air Commodore Edmund Stockwell, now living at Sherborne, who came to live in Bere Regis in 1979, had been a 'Williams Exhibitioner' at Balliol 1930-34, and was naturally delighted to discover that this was the parish in which his previously unknown benefactor had ministered for so many years. This prompted him to find out more about Thomas Williams, and his painstaking researches at Oxford and elsewhere have now been published in a fascinating booklet which contains much previously unpublished information concerning Thomas Williams, his family and associates, together with notes on some former Williams Exhibitioners who went on to achieve national fame.

Air Commodore Stockwell has given 50 copies to the church to be distributed to anyone who may be interested. No charge is being made, but those wishing to have a copy are asked to make a suitable donation to church funds. Copies can be obtained at the church from the Vicar or Churchwardens.

BERE REGIS MOTHER'S UNION
We all enjoyed the interesting talk by the Revd Michael Wright on Icons in February. He showed us many beautiful pictures, and also brought two to show us.

Our meeting on the 2nd March will be Holy Communion, which will be in church, and there will also be an address for Lent. The tea hostesses will be Sally Cheeseman and Di Phillips.

17th March. Day of Prayer for Ireland, which will be held in the Morton Chapel.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50 CLUB
The speaker for February was from Monkey World, and she gave a very interesting talk. About twelve posies of greenery were entered for the hand posy competition, and the winner was Mrs Cis Lewis.

On Wednesday 9th March we are to have a talk on New Zealand by John Glazebrook, and the competition will be for three flowers.

Spring Sale. This will take place in the Drax Hall on 26th March, and will be a 50p sale.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
The speaker for January was Mrs Jean Cox, who gave an interesting talk on Marquetry.

The speaker for March is Miss R Hunter on Kingston Lacy and the Bankes Legacy.

There will be a competition for 1 daffodil. Tea Hostesses will be Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Rogers and Mrs Barnes.

The pancake race had to be cancelled, due to the snow, but the coffee morning and sale went ahead, and was very well attended, and enjoyed by all.

PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Wednesday 9th and 23rd March
9.15 - 9.45 Bere Regis School
10.30 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

DISTRICT NURSES TEA PARTY
Very many thanks once again for joining us at our tea party, it really was lovely seeing so many of you - we even ran out of cups! We raised over £100 and have donated this to the Stroke Club in Wareham.

We look forward to seeing you all again in May - watch this space.

Thanks once again for all the raffle prizes and to all the nurses for all the baking.

Gill Webb, DN Sister

THANK YOU
On behalf of the Stroke Club, I wish to thank the Wool District Nurses and everyone who attended their tea party for the kind donation to the Stroke Club. It is very much appreciated.

The Stroke Club has been in operation for the past seven years, offering social stimulation and a few hours respite for the carer each week. Anyone interested in joining this small friendly group would be most welcome. Transport is available. You can contact me on Wareham 553586 for further details.

Jackie Cook (Organiser)

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP
After the disappointment of the cancellation of our January meeting, those who attended the February demonstration were well entertained by Mrs Linda McGinnity from Poole. Her theme of 'Artist's Impressions' covered interpretations of such titles as 'The Milliner', 'Valentines Day' a basket of spring flowers, and
'Music of the Night'. Her interpretation of 'Pink Champagne' was a light and open arrangement flowing with pale pink carnations and pinks in light foliage and her basket of spring flowers reminded us that brighter days should be round the corner!

The next meeting of the Flora Group will be held at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall on Tuesday 8th March at 2.30pm. The Demonstrator will be Pamela Lewis from Devizes, who will be demonstrating on "Flowers with Wrought Iron".

DRAX HALL. The AGM of the Drax Hall will be held on Thursday 24th March 1994 in the hall commencing at 7.30pm. All are welcome. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL.

Dr John Cole’s Retirement Party

Many people living in Bere Regis and surrounding areas will know Dr Cole from Wool. He is retiring on March 31st after 30 years service to the community. A farewell party will be held on Saturday 9th April at the D’Urberville Hall, Wool from 2-5pm. John and Francis will be in attendance all afternoon giving the opportunity to all concerned to offer their best wishes and we hope that the many folks that Dr John has treated over the years will come and say their goodbyes. Donations to his retirement fund will close on March 31st. These may be paid in at Wool or Bovington Post Office or sent to Mrs V Price, 3 Vicarage Close, Wool BH20 6EB. Cheques to be made payable to Post Office Counters Ltd.

W Baker 0929 462323

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE FRIEND?

Cancer is a disease that strikes indiscriminately regardless of age or sex and although great progress has been made in finding causes and treatment for some cancers, there is still a great deal of research to be done. But research costs money - and here in Bere Regis we have a small committee organising events to raise funds to help the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in their work.

The Committee have some events planned already but we need your help. We have Mr V Clarke running in the London Marathon in April raising funds through sponsorship, we have a cook’s table booked for the Georgian Fair in Blandford in May and many other events in the pipe-line. Would you take a sponsorship form round to your friends, make some cakes or help to man a stall? Any help and support would be appreciated.

If you would like to be a Friend please contact Mrs J Hudson, 4 Boswells Close, Mrs J Brett, 10 Bitchams Mead, Bere Regis, Miss A Lys, 7 Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis or Mrs B Griffin, The Cedars, Bere Regis, who look forward to hearing from you. Activities during 1993 - 1994 raised £1,471.00. Please help us to double this in 1994 - 1995

Thank you.

KNITTERS WORKSHOPS will be held by Mary Fegan at Cyril Wood Court on Friday 8th and 15th April from 10am to 1pm.

Also, on the same days from 2-3.30pm a spinning demonstration will be given by Philippa Ward. Three wheels will be available for you to try yourselves. Please ring 472237 for details. There will be no charge, but a donation would be appreciated.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTTS LANE

For what seems an age we have had to endure 'Tunnel Talk'. Then a few days ago we had 'Tunnel Walk', viewed by millions of spectators, not on Channel 4 as might have been more appropriate considering it was under the Channel, but on BBC 1. That was a big boring scoop for them!

As you know, for over twelve hours 118 people walked the boring 31 miles of hard dusty concrete from France to England, to raise £1.7 million for charity. No mean feat by many blistered feet! By the end of the walk they all suffered from 'tunnel vision', and were pleased to emerge on the right side of the water with a much wider vision as they completed the once only walk of a lifetime.

So we have a picture, or modern day parable, of what it is like when a person becomes a Christian by a new spiritual birth. They begin to talk and walk with JESUS CHRIST as LORD and SAVIOUR, leaving the self, dark 'tunnel vision' of the world's way of looking at things, for the wider vision of LIFE seen from ALMIGHTY GOD'S higher perspective. A once only, yet continuous walk of a lifetime, that ends on the right side of heaven.

THE LIVING CHURCHYARD COMPETITION

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THANK YOU, everyone who took part in the 1993 competition and congratulations to the winners and runners-up. You have shown that Dorset churchyards are refuges for wild flowers, small mammals, bats, birds, lichens and mosses. All your plans and surveys, woodpiles and bird boxes promise well for the future.

If you feel able to take part in the 1994 competition for your local churchyard, look out for details in the May newsletter. A very special and beautifully illustrated book, ‘God’s Acre’ by Francesca Greenoak, will give you further ideas.

COMPETITION WINNERS, 1993

The Bishop’s Prize: Winner - The Church of St Mary’s, Litton Cheney. Runner up - The Church of St Mary, Symondsbury.

The Schools Prize: Winner - St John the Baptist School, Bere Regis. Runner up - St Mary’s School, Burton Bradstock.

The Survey Prize: Winner - The Church of St Mary’s, Beaminster.

The aim of the churchyard competition is to encourage local people to manage their churchyard for wildlife. Anyone interested may enter the competition
providing that they have been involved in managing their local churchyard. Prizes are awarded for the best churchyards under three categories.

1) The Bishop’s Prize. This is the main category in the competition and the prize is awarded to the churchyard best managed for wildlife, under the following criteria: grassland management, native tree and shrub planting, a written management plan, plant or mammal surveys, number of bat and bird boxes present, the amount of lichens and mosses left intact and the presence of a woodpile and compost heap.

2) The Best School or Youth Project. This prize is awarded to the school of youth group that has made the best contribution to churchyard wildlife, such as a wildlife survey, the installation of bird or bat boxes or a display for the general public.

3) The Best Survey. This award is given to the churchyard that has entered the best, the most accurate and detailed survey, ideally of both the flora and fauna of the churchyard.

Editors Note—Congratulations to Bere Regis School on winning the Schools Prize - Well done.

POP IN in for coffee or a chat at the Manse, Butt Lane every Tuesday from 10.30 - 12 noon. Everybody welcome.

A Coffee Morning will be held at Woodbury Cottage, 74 West Street, Bere Regis at 10.30 - 12.30 on 2nd March. There will be a cake stall and Bring and Buy Stall. In aid of Friends of Wareham Hospital.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Thank you to those who have given us BP Option vouchers to add to our collection. We have nearly 8000 and there is still time to look out those few more hidden in the glove pocket etc but the end of this month. Mrs Croom of 1 Bitchams Mead will welcome them.

Our JUMBLE SALE is on Saturday 12th March at 2.30pm. Anyone who has jumble for us may bring it from 10.30 onwards on the Saturday morning or it can be collected with a call to John England (471469) please. Parental help on the day will be very welcome.

Our “Cub Roast” is to be held on SATURDAY 11th JUNE at Shitterton Farm by kind permission of Di and Ian Venham and family. The date has had to be altered from that originally picked as the Cubs have been offered that date for their pack holiday weekend. Further details in due course.

SANDBOROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL hold regular Car Boot Sales to raise money for their PTA. The first of this season’s events is on March 20th starting at 11.00am. Further details regarding these are available for the school on Wareham 556228. Future dates are 17th April, 15th May, 19th June and 17th July.

THE RBL WOMEN’S SECTION

Held their first meeting of 1994 at HQ’s on 19th January 1994. 25 members were present, after the Exhortation our Chairman was welcomed back in the chair after being away for a couple of months due to illness, she said she was pleased to be back among us again and wished to thank Mrs Presslee for taking the meetings during her absence.

A new member, Mrs Hollins was welcomed to our meeting.

Plough Sunday which was held in January was attended by our Standard Bearer. The Chairman also thanked every-one who attended our Remembrance Parade.

A thank you was given to Mrs Curtis for typing our yearly programme and also for taking them to the Vicarage for printing. A cheque for £10 has been sent to the Vicarage, the cost of the printing. Anyone requiring transport from Turberville Court would they please let Mrs House know so that arrangements can be made for the day.

The venue for our Coffee Evening which will be held in March will be decided at our February meeting, please watch for posters and come and support us. As there was no other business, our Speaker, Miss Norris was introduced and she gave a most interesting talk on Chinese butterflies and also showed some lovely embroidery. A vote of thanks was given to her by Mrs Cockburn. Teas were then served by Mrs Curtis and Mrs March and a raffle run by Mrs Jeffs.

CENOTAPH FOR MARCH - Mrs J Hartley. April - Mrs Thorly and Mrs Brett.

RBL Gardening Club

No prizes for guessing where half the village was heading on Tuesday February 1st. RBL North Street for the Gardening Clubs regular Club Nite of course. Tony Bates slide show The Wonderful World of Nature attracted a full house (didn’t I tell you) and helped to boost Gardening Club membership into the bargain.

That’s not to say there weren’t other attractions on the Nite. Like booking for the Hall & Woodhouse brewery trip for instance. Maximum visitors allowed . . . 35. Number of tickets sold . . . 35. Even your secretary had to forget the trip. What a wally. Just goes to show we think of our members first.

Cut price canes, 8ft and 6ft sold well at trade price. 20p for 8ft. Also 1/2 pints of runner beans at 50p, kindly donated by Monty Barnes helped to swell the coffers. Keeps the cost of membership down too. Thirty bob a year and no charge to see the show.

The first batch of 6x sold out quickly. There’s another load on its way. Call Adrian on 471208, evenings preferred, or see him at the club next Club Nite. It helps if you place your orders early.

Tuesday 1st March brings the lovely Angela Whinfield to the club to tell us how Snape Cottage Garden came into being, with colourful slides of course. Angela is very knowledgeable with regard to cottage garden plants etc: so fire away at question time. Incidentally, her husband handcrafts chairs in a shed in the garden. Interesting. You’ll enjoy the show I promise you. Might even learn
something. But don't strain, Club Nite is for pleasure.

If you have missed the brewery trip this time, don't fret. We may try another later in the year. June 5th is the date for a day trip to Hilliers of Romsey. Elaine has a few leaflets left. Adrian and Elaine organise the coach outings for us. It's best to book early.

We don't actually make a profit out of the sale of canes, 6X etc: and coach outings need to be full to break even. The brewery trip costs us £3 per person for the buffet and the coach hire is £70. We charge you a fiver a time. That's two quid each for the bus fare. 35 by two quid makes £70. Know what I mean. So we rely heavily on your support at the club and your membership fee.

...Membership is going to be up on last year but there's always room for one more. Bring a friend open Club Nite. Or mother-in-law even. They'll be most welcome. Many thanks for your support.

Bere Regis Sports Club
Football results - 1st Team

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The first team's most dismal run on record culminating in just two points after some fifteen games was witnessed by Bere's faithful in the weeks leading up to Mid-February. But as with all teams that are down on form, they have suffered some cruel luck at times personifying a team from the basement. Another FA fixture mix-up ensured that Bere face Stourpaine in concurrent weekends, and the team went down fighting in both games unable to improve on their bottom position. A chance to revive and kickstart their season come with the visit of neighbours Sporting Cranborne, but a slipshod performance coupled with the usual ill-luck could not help them sliding to a flattering 5-0 defeat on a day when Bere's defence shared their utmost benevolence. A monumental task will face the management who are fast running out of ideas to prevent the dreaded drop for a team who have rapidly become a shadow of their past peers.

A mixed bag of results helped the reserves in their going through the motions in Div 3 East. Young prodigy Chris Oram showed his mettle by netting twice in vain at home to the Ferryman. Local derbies always generate pre-match hype and interest. The home game with "auld enemy" Wool prompted Bere to start the game inventively and sprightly. And had Steve Ives been anywhere near match fitness, Bere would have had a healthy advantage at half-time. Also had it not been for Des Kidd's lack of awareness, they would have been handsome victors.

Mad hysteria took hold in the second half as Bere's defence subsided inside a two minute suicidal period allowing the Wool forwards to celebrate a premature Christmas. Poole Labour in conjunction with Turlin Moor do not usually spell happy times for Bere. The past seasons of late have not been too productive for the reserves on their travels to "The Moor" which is unrivalled in the inhospitable stakes. But a goal bonanza ensued and Bere ran riot in their most emphatic win of the season with local left foot king- Gary Watts bagging a record 4 goals. Further goals completed the rout as it was about time that someone was made to pay for earlier frustrations.

"Judgment Day" arrived for all conquering heroes of the Sunday Platoon. It was their biggest test of the term, away to West Howe Roverians. It was not to be their cup year as they crashed in the last eight, the home team were fit and robust and relied on the infamous long-ball strategy to further their cause. Bere could not get on terms and defensively were still recovering from turkey and bread sauce. Still with them selves being able to concentrate their efforts on the league, they went about the task unconvincingly against an inept Victoria Sports and escaped with a draw despite suffering very questionable refereeing decisions. The expected win over Dorset Communists followed, with Gary Watts adding to an impressive goal tally. Arch "The Kerb" rose like a sockeye salmon to nod the third of four. An ill wind blew away to Stokeford Inn, but on a perfect surface Bere floundered early on, but stormed back to show they are made of champions stuff to win 2-1 with a faultless penalty from Ebenezer Steele. Sadly they lost their unbeaten run at home to Atlético Poole Labour, when they went down 5-3 thanks to a lacklustre performance. To assure the board of promotion they now have a punishing schedule away eight times out of thirteen matches.
INDOOR 6-A-SIDE CRICKET
Jan 30 Broadstone 'C' 100 all out (A Green 3-23)
Bere Regis 102 for 2 (A Green 27 no, G Price 26no)
Bere marched nonchalantly to the top of their league as their no-nonsense approach to games saw them destroy Broadstone C with a systematic display from first their bowlers who restricted the opposition, and secondly dominating batting show which ended with Alan Green and jubilant captain Graeme Price being not out for the second time. Veteran Alan being man of the match.
Club notices include the nets at Milton Abbey School for pre-season preparations, these will be held on April 3rd and 10th, further details please contact 0929 471022.
Finally a note to say the Sports Club will be holding its Annual Dinner Dance at the Springfield Hotel, near Wareham on April 29. Tickets will soon be available priced at roughly £15, available from Miss S. Stone 471933, more details will follow concerning this event with posters and further reports.

AFFPUTTLE NEWS
BRIANTSPUDDELL W.I.
After last month's musical edition this month it is back to the more usual style of our monthly meetings when Mrs Young will talk to us about antique jewellery. Teas: Diane Holman and Kate de Burgh; Hostess: Judy Cowley. Date: 2nd March; Time: 7.30pm.

COFFEE MORNING
Eric and Joan Herridge are having a coffee morning at Throop Farm on Saturday April 9th at 9.30am - in aid of the Church Festival in June. Bring and Buy, raffle etc. Do come and bring your friends.

BLaden SOciAL CLUB
The annual subscriptions are now due and should be paid by the end of March. Waste paper is still being collected and can be left in the papershed behind the Club. All money raised is donated to charity.

TUESDAY CLUB
Our meetings in March will be 8th and 22nd at 2.30pm in Bladen Social Club.

VILLAGE QUIZ
Yes, it's here again! This year's quiz will be held on Wednesday 16th March. It will take the same form as last year, i.e. teams of up to four members all taking part at the same time.
Please contact Gill Vingoe if you wish to enter a team by 12th March. If you do not wish to take part, but would like to come along anyway you are most welcome. There will be a raffle and refreshments during the interval.

PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Thursday 3rd and 17th March
11.50 - 12.30 Briantspuddle

DATEs FOR YOUR DiARY
March 1994
2nd 10.30 Coffee Morning Woodbury Cottage
5th 10.30 Coffee Morning MTW Cyril Wood Court
9th 10.30 Friendly Coffee 33 Old Barn Road for Bere Regis Church
12th 10-12 Affpuddle Special Clean
12th 2.30 Jumble Sale Scout Headquarters
15th 10.30 Coffee Morning for Arthritis Research, Vicarage
16th Briantspuddle Village Quiz Village Hall
24th 7.30 Drax Hall AGM
26th Autumn Leaves 50p Sale Drax Hall
26th 10-12 Affpuddle churchyard Clean-up

FORWARD PLANNING
April 1994
13th Autumn Leaves Haskins Garden Centre
15th 7.30 Gilbert & Sullivan Concert in Bere Regis Church by Bournemouth G&S Operatic Society
19th 10.30 Coffee Morning - Throop Farm
May 1994
18th MTW Talk and Supper Bere Regis Church
June 1994
11th Scout Group 'Cub Roast' - Shitterton Farm
17th - 19th Cub Pack Holiday
July 1994
2nd Sandford Middle School Summer Fete
14th ARC Strawberry Tea
August 1994
7th LAMMAS Festival

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
BRIANTSPUDDELL SINGERS
Tues 7.45-9.30 - Village Hall
CHOIR PRACTICE
6pm Junior, 6.30pm Full Choir, Friday in Church

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

D.S.S. VAN
2.30 pm 2nd Tuesday,
W. Kingston Village Hall

FLORAL GROUP
6.30 pm Tuesday, Scout HQ

GUIDES
MINI MARKET
10.00 am 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY
Every Friday - 9.30-10.40 am Car Park

MOTHER & TODDLER
2.00 pm Monday, Congregational Church

MOTHERS UNION
7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Vicarage

PARISH COUNCIL
7.00 pm Second Thursday - Drax Hall.
Sub-Committees on PO noticeboard.

PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS
5 mornings Bere Regis School - Tel 463214

PLAYGROUP BRIANTSPUDDLE
Enquiries Gill Jennings 471198

RAINBOWS
4.30 pm Tuesdays - Scout HQ

RBL GARDENING CLUB
1st Tues, 8.00 pm - Club House

SCOUTS
Junior - 7.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ
Senior - 7.00 pm Friday, Scout HQ

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.15 am Sundays in Church

W.I. BERE REGIS
7.30 pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

W.I. BRIANTSPUDDLE
7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Village Hall

TUESDAY CLUBS:
JUNIOR CLUB
7.00 pm 6-9 years, Congregational Church

YOUTH CLUB
7.00 pm & over, Congregational Church

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In celebration of Dorset Art Week 2 - 17 April 1994 there will be an exhibition of paintings, crafts etc. in the community centre at Cyril Wood Court and an ongoing demonstration of jewellery and wax etchings in the gallery of the barn.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday 3
Poetry Reading, Words and Music 7.30pm

Monday 4
Silk scarf painting workshop 2.00 - 5.00pm

Tuesday 5
Patchwork workshop 10.30am - 12.30pm and 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 6
Linoleum Block Printing workshop
10.30am - 12.30pm and 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday 8
Knitters' workshop - 10.00am - 1.00pm
Demonstration of spinning 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Friday 8
Canvas preparation workshop
10.30am - 12.30pm and 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Saturday 9
Canvas preparation workshop
10.30am - 12.30pm and 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Saturday 9
Play Reading 7.30pm

Sunday 10
Painting workshop 2.30pm - 5.00pm

Monday 11
Painting workshop 10.30am - 12.30pm and 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 13
'Play with Clay' - Pottery workshop
10.30am - 12.30pm and 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Thursday 14
'Play with Clay' - Pottery workshop
Times flexible.

Friday 15
Knitters' workshop - 10.00am - 1.00pm
Demonstration of spinning 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Saturday 16
'This Music Business' Lecture/recital
with piano and electronic organ 7.30pm

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