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Journalists call August "The Silly Season". It is a time when stories get printed which would not see the light of day at other times.

Not surprisingly then, the churchyard controversy was given a good airing by all the papers. A vicar refused to allow a couple to put "Mum and Dad" on the stone marking their grave. An appeal was made to a Diocesan Chancellor but he upheld the vicars decision, and the couple are considering exhuming their parents' bodies, and reburying them in a place where the words "Mum and Dad" are allowed on the tombstone.

Such stories arouse passions. People take sides. You wonder what you would do. You get angry with the vicar and authorities, or you agree with them.

For me the problem will not arise. My two sisters and I call our parents by different names. These affectionate names have developed over the years. We will have to agree on the final names "mother" and "father".

When I am privileged to talk with people after the death of someone close and precious to them, I often say "What did you call them"? Clearly a husband or wife will have a name different to the children or grandchildren. Sometimes they use a nickname, and you say "Why did you call them that"?, and they have forgotten how it came about. If a person lives to a very old age, they are often called "Gran" by everyone, young old.

Names are important. They portray something to a family. We used to call close family adult friends Aunty or Uncle, but we don't do that any more. But to be called Aunty or Uncle is quite a privilege.

There is nothing new about any of this. If there had been a "Silly Season" at the time of Jesus, the papers would have had the same story. That is why, in the Bible, Jesus is recorded as saying to his followers, "When you speak to God, call him Dad" He used the word Abba which linguists tell us translates as "Dad" or "Daddy", and not "Father". It is an intimate word, reflecting the glorious relationship between a child and its parents. What father does not relish that moment when the little baby says "Da-da-da" for the first time.
That Jesus should have said this when he did was quite shocking; far worse than putting it on a tombstone. The Jewish people had no concept of God being in such a close relationship to them. But we now know this. God loves you personally and intimately. He cherishes the moments when you respond like a small child, and call him Dad, or Daddy.

Having said that, its not an easy thing to do, because of our teaching over the years. We are a bit "stiff" with God. I know he longs for us to unbend and come close to him.

Yours ever
Graham Roblin

CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4th September - Pentecost 15
8.00  Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30  Family Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 Mattins - (Affpuddle)
6.00  Evensong - (Bere Regis)

Sunday 11th September - Pentecost 16
8.00  Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30  Family Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 Family Service - (Bere Regis)
6.00  Evensong

Sunday 18th September - Pentecost 17
8.00  Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30  Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 Harvest Festival - (Affpuddle)
6.00  Evensong - (Bere Regis)

Sunday 25th September - Pentecost 18
8.00  Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30  Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 Mattins - (Bere Regis)
6.00  Evening Worship - (Bere Regis)

(Wednesday 21st - (St Matthews Day), 7.00pm Holy Communion
(Thursday 29th (St Michaels Day), 7.00pm Holy Communion
-both these Services are in the Morton Chapel in Bere Regis

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS

BERE REGIS SIDESMEN SEPTEMBER 1994

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BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Practices start again on Wednesday September 21st at 6.30pm. New learners welcome with a view to regular Sunday ringing, for weddings and other special occasions.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

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September 19th Terry Lane Duncan Sheppard Jonathan Haigh
October 3rd George Silays George Sherwood Philip Nicolson

READERS AND SIDESMEN
Date     Service    Sidesman             Reader/Reading
September 4th 8.00    Capt. Johnston     Galatians 5 16-24
               11.00   Lt. Cdr. Thorniley   Mr. Elkerton/
               11.00   Lt. Cdr. Thorniley   Mrs. Thorniley
September 11th 9.30   Mr. D Payne         Ezekiel 33 21-end
                      11.00   Capt. Badcock        Luke 17 11-19
September 18th 8.00   Lt. Cdr. Thorniley   Helen Payne
                       11.00   Capt. Badcock        1 John 4 15-end
                                    Luke 16 19-end
September 25th 9.30   Lt. Cdr. Thorniley   The server
                      11.00   Lt. Cdr. Thorniley   Ephesians 3 13-21
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CHURCH NOTICES
BERE REGIS JUNIOR CHOIR. After a break for the Summer Holidays the
Junior Choir will re-start on Friday 9th September at 6.00pm in the Church.
Newcomers will be welcomed.

BERE REGIS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL. Meets in the Vicarage on
Wednesday, 14th September at 7.00pm.

AFFPUDDLE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL. Meets on Tuesday 4th
October at 7.30pm at Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle.

AFFPUDDLE GIFT DAY. The annual Gift Day in Affpuddle will be held on
Saturday 17th September between 10.00am and 3.00pm. The Vicar and
Churchwardens will be "in attendance" opposite the Post Office at Briantspuddle,
so that should you wish to make a contribution to the work of the parish church,
you will have a good opportunity to do so. Envelopes for this purpose will be
circulated to all the houses in the parish of Affpuddle.

AFFPUDDLE HARVEST FESTIVAL. Sunday 18th September. This year, the
Harvest Festival Service will take place at 11.00am instead of the usual Affpraise.
It will be a service designed for the family and all age groups. Gifts of fruit,
vegetables, flowers and tinned food should be brought to the church at 10.00am
on Saturday morning 17th September, and volunteers will then be able to
decorate our church for the Sunday worship. The Harvest Offering of produce
will be taken to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester, whose local shop recently had
a fire, and any collections will be distributed to charities concerned with giving
aid to the Hungry.

BERE REGIS HARVEST FESTIVAL. Will be held on 2nd October with a special
Evensong followed by a Harvest Supper in the South aisle of the church. Notices
concerning this will be in the next magazine, but helpers, flower arrangers
and kind donators should aim to be at the church by 10.00am on Saturday 1st October.

BERE REGIS CHURCH FUND RAISING. The "Church and Countryside"
exhibition is now over and was enjoyed by a considerable number of people.
There was a wonderful variety of exhibits on show and grateful thanks are
extended to all the residents of Cyril Wood Court who allowed their crafts to be
shown. An approximate sum of £150 has been added to Church Funds.

A "Friendly Coffee Morning" was held at 1 Tower Hill on July 20th and this raised
the sum of £42. There will be another on September 21st at the home of Barry and
Vicki Peters, "Little Hoathly", West Street from 10.30am. Do come!

AFFPRAISE FOR HARVEST - 11.00am Sunday 18th September.
Affpraise this month is combined with our Harvest Festival. Do join us as we
thank God for His blessings on the fruits of our labours in both farm and factory,
and as we pray for the many places in the world where agriculture and industry
are difficult or impossible.

CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN, AFFPUDDLE
The last quarterly special clean of the year will be done on Saturday 1st
October between 10.00am and 12 noon. At the Special Cleaning sessions the
church furniture and floors are polished, the stone floors washed and the mats and hussocks are vacuumed. Please set aside some time on 1st October to help with these tasks and come armed with polishing cloths and dusters. Your help is needed and appreciated.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism at Affpuddle - Sunday 10th July
Robert Stephen Greening
Samuel James Greening

Holy Baptism at Bere Regis - Sunday 17th July
Charlene Bett Gale

Funeral at Affpuddle - Thursday 21st July
Harry Gainsford

Funeral at Bere Regis - Wednesday 3rd August
Doris Saunders

Funeral at Bere Regis - Friday 12th August
Florence Bennett

Holy Baptism at Bere Regis - Sunday 14th August
Christopher Patrick Phillips

OBITUARIES

Harry (Parka) Harrison (aged 73)
Affpuddle Church. 21. vii. 94

It was one of those glorious days in July that Harry Harrison was laid to rest in the churchyard of Affpuddle. He was not a native of the parish, but had come to be with his stepdaughter Jane and her husband Robin some four years previously, following a slight stroke and a crumbling hip. Yet in those four years, and very typically, he had become well-known to everyone. Although confined to a wheelchair, his personality demanded a happy response from all who met him.

Harry served in the Royal Navy for 47 years; from the age of 16 to 63. It was his life, and for most of these years he was at sea, with much of it on a war footing.

His early years were spent in Kilburn, North London, but the sea was in his blood, and at 16, he "took the Kings shilling" and joined up. This was 1937, and the storm clouds were gathering over Europe. By the time war broke out, he was an Artificer - an electrical and mechanical engineer. Later he was to be given a commission. This expertise was to be used on three very dangerous convoys - in the Russian, Atlantic, and Mediterranean convoys. Thousands of sailors died, Harry survived. And like so many who survived he devoted the rest of his years to serving others.

After the war, he married Clare, and he enjoyed a wonderful marriage until her death in 1982. They had travelled the world. Then he retired from the navy, and lived a full life in Southsea.

Because he was such a warm, friendly, broad shouldered man, and because of his great sense of fun, he was never lonely. He was always busy. Freemasonry became a big part of his life. He was a member of three Lodges, and Worshipful Master of one of them. He loved cricket, the opera and socialising; latterly he could only watch the first two, but always played a full part in the third!

His many friends from Southsea were at the service, as well as members of the Bere Regis British Legion. So too were parishioners who joined the Gainsford family in mourning the passing of a lovely man. His name in the family was "Parka", a name of great affection and love.

May he rest in the love of the God who always meant so much to him.

Mrs. Doris Mary Susan Saunders (aged 86)

On 3rd August, Doris Saunders was brought home to Bere Regis, to the place where she was born, and to the place where her late husband Leslie was buried. The funeral service was in the parish church where she had been baptised, and the interment in the cemetery. Although it was a sad occasion, there was also present a sense of thanksgiving for the life of a very loving person; a quiet lady who cared deeply for her family and one who held firm to old fashioned standards.

Mrs. Saunders was born in West Street, the first of seven children born to Ethel and William Barnes. She went to Chamberlaynes School, and then went to London as a maid. Later she returned to Poole as a childrens nanny, and it was there that she met her husband Leslie, a Portland man. They were married in Portland, and it was there that they settled. It was to be her home for the next 52 years. She and her husband started a butchers shop just before the outbreak of the war, and together they made it a very going concern. They had one son, Roger.

Although not enjoying robust health for many years, she possessed a very strong will. She refused to let anything get her down.

After the death of her husband, she stayed on in Portland for four years, but then went to be with Roger and Hazel in Yeovil. This she did for 11 years, but due to increasing ill health and failing eyesight, she retired to a nursing care home.
Despite having been away from the village for so many years, a large congregation came to the church, and sang three of her favourite hymns.

May she rest in peace and in the love of God.

Mrs. Florence Maud Mary Bennett (Aged 91)

Gran Bennett, as she was affectionately known by so many, was laid to rest in the afternoon of Friday 12th August. A large congregation of family and friends attended the funeral service. In the parish church, as well as the interment in the cemetery.

In the service, she was remembered with thanksgiving as well as sadness at her passing, and she was remembered as one of the lovely old ladies of the village. She was in fact born in Evershot, just off the main Dorchester-Yeovil road, but on marriage to Tom she came to Bere Regis.

It was a moving thought to imagine her as a young bride, sixty nine years ago, walking down the aisle of the Bere Regis Church on the arm of her father, who was the village blacksmith. What enormous changes had taken place in her lifetime, yet here in her church, nothing had changed.

Her early years of marriage were not easy. Her new husband had come out of the army with one of the highest awards for gallantry, the Military Medal, but even so, the life of a dairyman was hard. But gradually, her children were born - Ruby, Cyril, Gordon and Raymond, so her life became dominated and centred around the bringing up of her precious family.

Settled and happy years in Lower Stockley Farm followed, but deep sadness came with the death of her husband 26 years ago, just four years into retirement. Then 15 years ago her dear son Raymond died suddenly after an accident. It was a bitter time for all the family.

After a few years in Green Close, she moved to Turberville Court where she was very contented; she also was a person who took part in everything. There was the British Legion, the Bingo, Age Concern and Autumn Leaves.

The trials of old age began to take their toll, so her last 3 years were spent in a residential home, and then a nursing care home in Dorchester.

Although a widow for 26 years, she was surrounded by a large caring family, including her 9 grandchildren who were very precious to her. Her great grandchildren she called "my little ones", always asking after them right to the end.

At the funeral service, the Standard of the ladies Section of the Royal British Legion was carried. A reception for family and friends was held in Turberville Court.

May she rest in the graciousness of God who was so close to her in her own bereavement.

THANKYOU

The family of the late Gran Bennett would like to thank all the friends for the many cards and messages received during their sad loss.

Our thanks to all who attended the service and gave donations and special thanks to the Venerable Graham Roblin for conducting a lovely service of thanksgiving.

Please accept this as our personal message of thanks

THE DORSET-LATVIA YOUTH LINK


On 11 August we bade a tearful farewell at Gatwick Airport to our 12 young Latvians and their 3 leaders, following a truly memorable Summer Camp (total participants numbering 50) followed by Home-stays with local families. The weather during our 8-day camp see-sawed between torrential rain with thunder and lightning to blazing hot days and nights but was kind when it mattered most. An abiding memory is of Derek Boyt chasing cows from the camp-site on a mountain bike during a thunder storm. Derek fortunately proved the victor in that encounter. Setting up camp in blazing sunshine was a bonus and without recourse to Phil's whistle, Jonathan Burke conducted a simple opening service on Sunday morning with the order of service in both Latvian and English. Regrettably our visitors English were streets ahead of our Latvian.

Trips to Lulworth Cove; Weymouth's Timewalk and Discovery; Corfe Castle; The Tank Museum; Warmwell Leisure Centre; Poole; Brownsea Island; Purbeck Sports Centre followed by a marvellous reception at Purbeck District Council offices hosted by Councillor Humphry, Chairman of Purbeck District Council; London, where we were able to meet the Latvian Ambassador and finally Salisbury, ensure a very interesting and full programme. Sailing at Sutton Bingham, a night hike and a varied range of of on-site activities including canoeing, pioneering, coracle building, mountain biking and shelter building as an alternative to a night in a tent, kept both our Latvian and English youngsters busy. Evenings were spent in teaching them the joys of woggle making but leatherwork being a latvian craft, they in turn were able to teach us a great deal. Latvian/English Day proved a huge success with the tug-of-war and stirrup pump derby creating hot competition between Latvian and English. It would be undiplomatic to even begin to divulge the scores except to say that the hosts did not have it all their own way. The final evening was spent around the camp-fire with both English and Latvian songs and dances assisted by John England's duo.

On Sunday following the camp a service was held at Affpuddle church for our visitors, host families and church members. The church was packed and during a very moving service Graham gave a marvellous talk on freedom. A picnic lunch followed by country dancing at Culpeppers Dish, rounded off a perfect day. Our final farewells were made at a very successful (if noisy) party in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Wednesday night prior to our visitors 0600 hours departure on Thursday morning 11th August.
Needless to say the success of the Summer Camp/Home-stays would not have been possible without a great deal of hard work and the generosity of so many. To our wonderful home-stay families we extend our heartfelt thanks (an exam in Latvian will take place at a date to be fixed). To the many local and other donors we also say a big thank-you and plan to issue a brief report of our activities in due course. In the meantime we would like to place on record our grateful thanks to local suppliers Mr. and Mrs. Ball of Pudletownton for hamburgers and sausages; Mr. Malcolm Hack of Webbs country Foods; Mr. Rupert Dorey of Poxwell for an enormous turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Winterborne Kingston for eggs; Mr. Dave Garrett of Poole for cheese; Mr. and Mrs. John House for milk; Mr. and Mrs. David Nesling for dried fruits; Mrs. Valerie Bull for pork; Williams of Wool for daily, discounted bread deliveries; Mr. Clive Randall for vegetables; Mr. Ted Veal of Hyde for wood; Mr. Lewis of Lewis and Lewis Stapelhill for the generator; Mr. and Mrs. Piercy of Bere Regis for Timewalk and finally to Wessex Water for the water bowser. If I have overlooked anyone would they please accept my sincere apologies. And of course our list would not be complete without a vote of thanks to all our local friends and supporters of The Dorset-Latvia Link through jumble sales, coffee mornings, annual Street Fair and the many other acts of generosity without which we could not have begun to contemplate such and undertaking. We thank you for making it all possible.

Jenny Silavs

EDITORS NOTE—PLEASE SUBMIT ALL COPY FOR THE OCTOBER MAGAZINE BEFORE THE 12TH SEPTEMBER AS WE WILL BE GOING TO PRESS EARLY

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL. At the August meeting of the Council the results of the 'Bere in Bloom' competition were announced. The standard of the nineteen entries was extremely high and after some very hard deliberation only nine points separated the second and twelfth positions. In the end the winner was declared as Mrs. S M Wylie, Coach Cottage, North Street, with the runners up being Wendy Hunt and George Owes of 23 Green Close. A display of the photographs taken of the competing gardens was shown at the RBL Flower Show.

At the Council's suggestion the new cottages on the site of the former Youth Club Hut (and the even more former W.I. Hut) are to be known as No. 1 to 4 Lys Cottages, Southbrook. This is in recognition of the fact that it was the wife of Dr. Lys who obtained the hut in 1919 and had it erected for the then newly formed W.I.

The Council debated the Local Government Review and decided by a majority to support the proposal for three Unitary Authorities.

The County Council's report concerning Mineral Extraction and Waste Disposal had been received. The affected area in the Parish was the Philliols Farm/Hyde district, where it is proposed to remove gravel and reinstate as agricultural land; and Blackhill where it is proposed to bury inert waste e.g. builders type waste. Steps to protect the bird life in the quarry have been specified. Objections to the schemes must be lodged by 14 September. An objection to the gravel extraction scheme, on behalf of the Council, will be lodged.

The County Council have decided to remove the three rough stone strips on the western entrance to the village at the Council's request. The work will be done in due course when other works are in hand.

It was with regret that the resignations of two Councillors were received.

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PLAY AND LEARN VAN

Wednesday 7th and 21st September

9.15 - 9.45 Bere Regis School
10.30 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

MOTHERS UNION. Due to the uncertain weather, we were not able to hold our social evening in August at D'I's garden, but instead went to the Scout Headquarters. This evening was much enjoyed by all who came, with a bring and buy, raffle, a singing game, and coffee.

On 7th September we are to have a talk by Revd. Inez Scott on her work as secretary to Robert Runcie. Tea hostesses will be Mrs. E Rutting and Mrs. F. Bangay.

The Mothers' Union held a well attended children's workshop at the Drax Hall on Tuesday 9th August. The theme was 'Jonah and the Whale'. With the help of Mrs. Pat Mills and Mothers' Union members the children made shadow puppets and learnt to sing choruses. At the end of the morning the Vicar joined them for prayers and they sang choruses and enacted a puppet play for their mothers.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTT LANE

As our summer is coming to an end we can't really complain about the glorious sunny weather we have had this year, can we? It was a delight and joy to spend a few days on holiday in the Lake District. If you have never been there than make it must next year, if you can! One day the low clouds and very heavy rain hid from view the glorious beauty that was in fact all around us, if only we could see it. But then the next day, the dark clouds had all rolled away and the sun shone brightly, to reveal God's wonderful handiwork in all its glorious majesty. As we admired Ullswater and the fine, mountainous, panoramic view before us, we happened to look over the wall that we were leaning on, only to discover a man-made mountain of rubbish, refuse and filth! What a contrast between God's creation of pure beauty and man's creation of untold pollution.
How often man spoils that which God created for His glory! That is why Christ Jesus came - to redeem or 'set right' what man had 'upset' by his SIN and SELFISHNESS. Jesus came to transform the ugliness and the dark clouds in our lives into His righteousness and pure beauty. Our prayer - May the Beauty of Jesus be seen in me. Make it a must in your life!

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; establish the work of our hands for us." Psalm 90:17.

On Saturday 24th September we shall be having another of our Celebration meetings at the Chapel, Butt Lane. Our speaker this month is Rev. Malcolm White from Barry, S. Wales. Malcolm is an excellent Bible teacher, putting over God's truth in a clear and amusing way. Everyone is very welcome at these meetings, which are attended by people from all around this area.

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL
The friends at the Methodist Chapel invite you to join them for their Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend.

Sunday, 25th September at 3pm
Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Monday 26th September at 6.45pm
Harvest Devotion
followed by Sale of Produce

Please come and join us in our refurbished Chapel. You will be very welcome.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP
Many thanks to all those who helped with the visit of our Latvian young people and their leaders and included the summer camp at Trigon with our own Scouts. A full report will be found elsewhere.

STILL MISSING
The Church copy of the 1850 reprint of the Blandford section of Hutchins History of Dorset is still missing. If it is still being used by someone for reference purposes will they please inform the vicar or churchwardens or if the project is completed please return it to the above.

DISTRICT NURSES TEA PARTY
We would like to invite all old friends and new to our tea party (Tea and Cakes) to be held at the D’Urberville Hall, Colliers Lane, Wool on Wednesday 28th September, 3 - 4pm.

We shall hold a raffle so any prizes would be appreciated. We may be able to arrange transport so please do contact me. Looking forward to seeing you.

Gill Web, District Nursing Sister

2nd BERE REGIS GUIDES
We ended the summer term with a one night camp at Rogershill Farm, where Kirsty Selby and Emma Harley were enrolled. We also did a spot of Badger watching (only one rabbit was seen!) and played rounders and cricket. It was a most enjoyable camp for all of us. Once again thanks to Eric Gale for all his help and to Pat Hall for the use of the field.

We recommence in the Autumn on Tuesday, 13th September when Val Hodge from B.P. will be visiting us at Turberville Court to see our Pride of Purbeck challenge.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
In July Mrs. J Orrin was our speaker, and she read all our characters in our handwriting. Which in nearly every case proved to be correct.

In September we are to have Mrs. Shenton on Aromatherapy. Tea Hostesses will be Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Burden.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND
Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle at Bere Regis Carnival. £71 was made for Cancer Research. More sponsor monies have come in following Vivian Clarke’s London Marathon, making the total up to £1,678.00.

COFFEE MORNING
Norah and Roy are holding a coffee morning at Woodbury Cottage, 74 West Street, Bere Regis on Wednesday 14th September from 10am to 12 noon.

Bring and Buy, home made cakes etc. Proceeds to Friends of Wareham Hospital.

BERE REGIS SCHOOL CARNIVAL REPORT
This year’s carnival was a huge success. The procession entries were of a very high standard, thus making the task of the judges extremely difficult.

Winners of the Village float
1st Dorset Drilling Services Snow White
2nd Bere Regis W.I. The Bees of Bere
3rd R.B.L. Gardening club, Fairies at the bottom of the garden

Winners of Organised walking group
1st Hoola Hoola girls
2nd The Beavers as Vikings
3rd The Sandford Seven as The Adams Family
WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

We have entertained the Over 60's Club at Lytchett Matravers- after a short holiday we recommence rehearsals on Monday 5th September at Kath's, Larkspur, Snow Hill, Bere Regis. New singers welcome. We sing popular songs from Shows, 40's, 50's; Old Tyme of general well-known songs. Ring Kath 471175 or Pat 471308 if you would care to join us.

RBL GARDENING CLUB

Oh dear, oh dear. The best laid plans of mice and men... and Elaine and Adrian. Something of a disaster I gather. Tuesday's evening trip to the Priory Hotel Garden. Everything that could go wrong... did. Still, our rugged loyal members stuck together and all well that ends well.

Elaine and Adrian offer their profuse apologies. If we had a video of the nights wanderings it might do for a "Carry On" film.

Quiz Nite was very well attended. Nobody wanted me on their team so I joined Dapper and Hazel. Some other guy made up the foursome and helped with the odd question or two, or three, or... well you know. It must be some consolation for members that there are some right brainy people on RBL Gardening Club committee.

We have started booking next years Guest Speakers. If there is anything you would like us to arrange for your entertainment, don't be shy, let us know and we will do our best to fix it for you. This years Club Nite (1st Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm at RBL Club, North Street) has been a tremendous success. Your support makes the committees job worth while. I think we are beginning to get the hang of it.

SEPTEMBER 6th ENJOY YOUR GARDEN MR T McKinley

Wonder if he does a talk on how to enjoy your allotment? One thing for sure, you'll enjoy his talk and slides. He's a great speaker and presenter. Has a sense of humour too, as the title indicates. I break my back and get bitten to death by midges in my garden.

Are we all getting ready for the Great Annual Auction in September? I'll say we are. Wouldn't miss it for the world. Harvest Festival time. My goodness, how time flies. Any chance of a date Ted? Might have something in the allotment by then for you. Might.

See you all on Tuesday 6th... and again... Thanks for your support

THE R.B.L. WOMEN'S SECTION

Held their monthly meeting on July 20th. 20 members were present.

At this meeting, money as follows was donated

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Our speaker was Mrs. Adams, who demonstrated "Flowers from Chicken and Duck feathers".

She encouraged members to take part in making a flower, which looked easy when watching her, but not so easy when trying ourselves.

Teas were then served and a Bring and Buy stall was run.

Our next meeting will be on September 21st.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
Cricket Results

July 16
PORTLAND RED TRiANGLE II 138 for 8 A Green 4-17
BERE REGIS 91 for 9

July 17
FRIZZELLiANS 208 for 7
BERE REGIS 2nds 213 for 5 R Goswell 45, D Rogerson 45, G Prince 62no

July 23
BERE REGIS 2nds 186 for 8 G Price 54 no, D Rogerson 34, R Hewitt 39, L White 23
STURMINSTER MARSHALL 148 for 8 R Fripp 4-32

July 24
BERE REGIS 2nds 92 for 9 R Goswell 24
WEST HOWE 93 for 4

July 30
PIMPERNE 138 all out M Bennett 4-20,
BERE REGIS 139 for 9 R Hewitt 41, D Curtis 23
D Rogerson 3-37

Aug 6
SYMENE 171 for 7
BERE REGIS 174 for 7 R Hewitt 87, G Price 25

Aug 7
FERNDOWN 175 for 7
BERE REGIS 2nds 89 all out S Cheeseman 29

Aug 14
BERE REGIS 167 for 5 R Hewitt 100 no
YETMINSTER 166 for 7

Aug 14
DAMERHAM 87 all out S Cooper 5-26
BERE REGIS 88 for 2 H Swann 44, D Merritt 38no

Report
Having successfully turned round a very poor start to this season, the premier eleven have regained their tenacity and are now playing with a sense of purpose. A promising performance against a strong Portland was unable to be capitalised on as the batting crumbled, but the bowling was first class with Jammy Jimmy

Green cashing in on bowler' track to claim 4-17. He starred again in the win against Pimperne on their axminster wicket, it has been Bere's ability to beat lowly opposition which has ensured that Division 5 cricket next season will be maintained, albeit that they never win easily, but with Mr. Rotavator at the helm all Pimperne's dreams were blown away with one upper cut to third man. It was a fine achievement in the face of hostile bowling. Symene were Bere's next victims, but having to chase 172 runs was never going to be easy on the Rec. and with Bere having a reputation close to fragile on batting second, there was a chilled feeling about our chances. In fairness the visitors took their chance well and had Bere in trouble early, but the return to sparkling form of the mighty Russell Hewitt and his Dynadrive put paid to any of the opposition's hope, it was his 87 that steered Bere to yet another close victory. They did their utmost best to throw the game away after a collapse, but with a ball to spare, Steve Cheeseman elegantly struck a winning boundary after Dean Rogerson foolishly tried to induce a wide by leaving the third ball. As a result Bere climbed two places up the table to relative safety, and this position was consolidated further by beating Yetminster away in another heart-stopping encounter. Bere once again looked to veteran captain Russell Hewitt for inspiration and it was his flawless 100 not out from 167 that clinched it for Bere, the bowlers started out on top, but it transpired that the home batting line-up was stronger than expected, and there was a titanic struggle, but Bere never lost faith and at the death Pete "Tommo" Thompson delivered and Bere swept to a one run victory.

It is not very often that Bere 2nds elevate themselves to the dizzy heights of cricketing history, but it was away to Frizzellians where two hundred was achieved whilst batting second. The bowlers toiled and toiled and a deflated fielding performance pointed towards yet another listless showing, but a fine innings of 62 not out from heartthrob Graeme Price and golden boy Dean Rogerson in support, Bere landed a severe blow to Friz's promotion hopes and it was fitting that Lyndon White should smash an enormous six to finish the affair with one over left. The next fixture ended in complete disaster at West Howe, and the seconds could only muster 91 on a healthy batting track, thus plunging the seconds into relegation trouble. High Flying Ferndown were next and once again Bere crumbled after an assault from the home batsmen, the bowlers especially Reg Fripp had their usual run of bad luck as Ferndown inevitably reached maximum points. A dismal batting display ensued as the order resembled a line of toppling dominoes except for fortuitous 29 from Steve Cheeseman.

Table bottomers Damerham came to Bere needing win of sorts to stave off the drop, but Bere in no mood to succumb as Steve Cooper scooped the man of the match award with a five wicket blast which ensured the replenishment of the team jug. A minor target was swept aside with resurgent Herbie Swann and his authoritative 44 and Mr. Rotavator seeing the team home with 38. Fines were introduced after the game on two players for serious intent on committing jug avoidance.
AFFPUDDLE NEWS

The Great Sponsored Cycle Ride, 10th September

Would you like to help in this year's Dorset Historic Churches Trust cycle ride? The aim is to collect sponsors before the day, then to cycle or walk to as many or as few churches as you would like on 10th September. Half the money you collect goes to the Dorset Historic Churches Fund, and the other half to the church of your choice.

BUSY THAT DAY? - Then help beforehand by getting sponsors for those who are taking part. There is a sponsor form just inside Affpuddle Church if you would like to sponsor the team (more cyclists wanted).

CANT RIDE? - Then help by welcoming other cyclists into Affpuddle Church and sign their forms.

DON'T WANT TO GO ALONE? - Then join our group.

Offers of help, Sponsor forms and any other information from David Payne. Tel. 0258 837700.

BRIANTS PUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE

The long awaited Duck Race took place just before the Bladen Social Horticultural Show was opened. Wessex Water very generously sponsored the event and some four hundred and twenty ducks were "sold". At 1.00pm sharp the ducks were launched into the Piddle at Briantspuddle bridge and fifty minutes later the first duck reached the wooden bridge in the eater meadows. Martha Tucker and Philippa Thorinley shepherded the ducks downstream in the river and helped by Gill Vingo succeeded in getting thoroughly wet. Over £500 was raised for the thatch fund and the Briantspuddle Hall Committee are most grateful to all those who bought ducks, the Sponsors, Wessex Water and anybody who helped in any way.

AN APPRECIATIVE MESSAGE

Congratulations to the Bladen Social Club for organising such a successful show, Barbecue and Skittles evening on Saturday 6th August. There is a lot of hard work organising a full day's activities. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the day so successful and enjoyable.

PLAY AND LEARN VAN

Thursday September 8th and 22nd
11.50 - 12.30 Briantspuddle

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AGE CONCERN
2.00 pm Thursdays, Turberville Court
2.30 pm 2nd Wednesday

AUTUMN LEAVES
6.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ

BEAVERS
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 BROWNIES
7.00-10.00 pm Wednesday

B.R.S.C.
6-7.15 pm Wednesday, Scout HQ

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

BRIANTS PUDDLE SINGERS
6pm Junior, 6.30pm 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,
W. Kingston Village Hall

GUIDES
6.30 pm Tuesday, Scout HQ

MINI MARKET
10.00 am 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY
Every Thursday-10.50am-12.25pm Car Park

MOTHER & TODDLER
2.00 pm Monday, Congregational Church

MOTHERS UNION
7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Vicarage

PARISH COUNCIL
7.00 pm 2nd Thursday - Drax Hall.
Sub-Committees on PO noticeboard.

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PLAYGROUP BRIANTS PUDDLE
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 9 & over, Congregational Church
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