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JUDAS ISCARIOT and JESUS

I had always known that Judas Iscariot was portrayed in the magnificent roof of Bere Regis Church. There he is with the other Disciples, and by chance he is the one you can see best, right up the front above the choir, holding the money bag. It comes as a bit of a shock to find him there amongst the most holy ones of our faith.

What I had not known, until one day when I was sitting in the side chapel by the organ, was that Judas is also portrayed in one of the stained glass windows. This time he is at "The Last Supper", again holding the money bag, but astonishingly he is shown with a halo; as one of the holy ones.

It a strange sort of way, I was rather pleased about this. I have always worried about Judas. Clearly the gospel writers hated him with the sort of intensity that people hated collaborators in the wars with Germany; so they gave him the blackest image. "He was a thief" they wrote. They called him "The Betrayer". And so the name "Judas" has come down in history as the worst name. Not one of us would call our child "Judas".

And yet many Christians recognise the Judas within them. We are so conscious of our own betrayals.

Jesus loved Judas Iscariot. It is thought that they were cousins. Jesus chose Judas as the chief of the disciples. He then gave him the responsible position of Treasurer. At the Last Supper, Judas sat in the most honoured position.

Do you think Jesus was a good judge of character? Of course you do. Yet he chose Judas.

After the Betrayal of Jesus, Judas went and hanged himself.

There is a amazing legend which grew up in the early church. "When Jesus died, he "descended into hell" to meet and embrace Judas. He carried him to heaven".

I am pleased with this legend. I have always worried about Judas in hell.
As Easter approaches, we are about to re-enact the events of "the last days of Jesus" in our church worship. Judas Iscariot has two big parts to play in this. First, he sells his betrayal for thirty pieces of silver. Second, he identifies Jesus to the Roman soldiers by kissing him. Judas threw the money away; the kiss was a waste of time, the soldiers knew him anyway. It was all a terrible waste.

In 1486, an unknown carpenter created Judas in the roof of Bere Regis church. In 1876 a famous stained glass painter created the image of Judas with a halo. Three hundred and ninety years separated these craftsmen. I am pleased that they felt moved to place Judas in the company of the saints. It must be a help for us all to identify with those weak and ordinary men and women who Jesus chose to be with him. He was a perfect judge of character. He chose them and he chooses us.

Yours sincerely
Graham Roblin.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday April 2nd - PASSION SUNDAY
8.00am Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30am Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00am Mattins (Affpuddle)
6.00pm Evensong (Bere Regis)

Wednesday April 5th
7.00pm Holy Communion (Bere Regis)

Sunday April 9th - PALM SUNDAY
8.00am Holy communion (Bere Regis)
9.30am Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00am Family Service (Bere Regis)
6.00pm Evensong (followed by AGM - Bere Regis)

Wednesday in Holy Week April 12th
7.00pm Holy Communion (Bere Regis)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13th
11.00am Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
7.00pm Celebration of the Last Supper with Organ and Choir (Bere Regis)

GOOD FRIDAY April 14th
10.00am Good Friday Service (Bere Regis)
11.00am Good Friday Walk from Bere Regis and Affpuddle, with picnic at Black Hill
2.00pm Service of the Final Hour of the Passion (Affpuddle)

EASTER DAY, April 16th
8.00am Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30am Easter Day Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00am Easter Day Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
6.00pm Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday April 23rd
8.00am Holy communion (Bere Regis)
9.30am Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00am St George's Day Service (Bere Regis)
6.00pm Parish Style Worship (Bere Regis)
6.00pm Evensong (followed by AGM - Affpuddle)

Sunday April 30th - 2nd Sunday after Easter
9.30am Combined Parishes Communion (Bere Regis)
6.00pm Easter Music - Briantspuddle Singers (Affpuddle)

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen
April 2nd 9.30 Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 Mr Dashwood / Mr Ward
April 9th 11.00 Mrs Stevens / Mrs England
6.00 Mrs Jutting / Miss Chesney
April 16th 9.30 Mr Strange / Mrs Hazelrigg
6.00 Mrs March / Mr Barnes
April 23rd 11.00 Col Barne / Miss Miller
6.00 Mrs Ward / Miss Frampton
April 30th 9.30 Benefice Service, The Churchwardens

Bere Regis Readers - April
April 2nd Mrs C Lewis
April 9th Mrs E Jutting
April 16th Miss S Frampton

Sanctuary Flower Guild
April 2nd LENT
April 9th LENT
April 16th EASTER DAY
April 23rd Mrs S Norman Mrs D Croome
April 30th Mrs P Mooney Mrs K Benjafielid

We will decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday April 15th from 10.00am. Gifts of flowers or greenery will be very much appreciated.
**AFFPUDDLE**

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April 30th | 9.30 Joint Benefice Service at Bere Regis

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**Easter Church Decoration**

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, April 15th from 10.00am until 12 noon. Gifts of flowers and foliage would be most welcome. Please bring your gifts to the church by 10.00am on the Saturday morning. Extra help with the floral decoration will also be most welcome.

**Mowing Rota**

**Fortnight beginning April 3rd**

- Bill Thorniley
- Roger Prideaux
- Mike Vlasto

**Fortnight beginning April 17th**

- Harry Jenkins
- Nigel Payne
- Alan Champion

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**CHURCH NOTICES - BERE REGIS**

**CHURCH CLEAN.** The apostles are being dusted down on Friday March 31st! So on the morning of April 1st the dust will have settled, and we can have a good spring clean in the church. Do come and help. There is lots to do and its fun to pitch in and get the whole place ready for Easter. Times, 10.00am - 12 noon.

**FUND RAISING.** The sum of £44 was raised at the Coffee Morning held on March 15th at 33 Old Barn Road. Many thanks to all those who supported us.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** Our AGM is, as always, to be held in the South Aisle of the Church following Evensong on Palm Sunday - April 9th.

This meeting is open to all those whose names are on the Electoral Roll of the Parish. At the meeting, we will receive a copy of the electoral roll, annual reports and audited accounts; an audited statement of the church’s funds and property, a report on the fabric, good and ornaments of the church and a report on the proceedings of the Deaconry Synod.

Following this, representatives of the laity are elected to the deanery synod (every third year) and to the P.C.C., sidesmen (to be done in that order). To be elected to the P.C.C., a person must be seventeen years old. Matters affecting the church may then be discussed.

**P.C.C. MEETING - April 26th.** This will be the first P.C.C. for the year following the AGM and its elections. Meet at the Vicarage at 7.15pm.

**THE MONDAY GROUP.** Will resume after Easter, on April 24th at 7.45pm. We meet each Monday throughout the year with the exception of Bank Holidays and short breaks over Christmas, Easter and August. New members would be most welcome to join us as we meet together to learn more about the ways of God, to pray for those who need God’s healing and comfort (including ourselves and our own families) and to enjoy each others’ company.

You don’t have to be highly intellectual or have a degree in theology to join us. The rest of us aren’t like that! Just bring your bible and let us all help each other on our pilgrimage of faith.

Details of venues and study material are included in the notice sheets each week. For further information, please telephone Brenda Pitfield on 471391.

**COFFEE MORNING in the VICARAGE.** April 27th at 10.30am. This Coffee Morning will be in aid of the Big FLOWER FESTIVAL coming up later in the year. To run a successful flower festival, we have to raise money to buy the flowers, so at the Coffee Morning there will be a raffle, a "bring and buy" and a plant stall. As always, your support will be appreciated.

**BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS CONCERT.** A concert of Easter Music will be given by the Brianspuddle Singers on the evening of April 30th in AFFPUDDLE CHURCH at 6.00pm.
"THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN THE MONTH". It is the turn of Bere Regis to host the Combined Parishes Communion on Sunday April 30th. I think this is proving to be a popular new venture. The service is at 9.30am.

CHURCH NOTICES - AFFPUDDLE

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the church will be held following Evensong on the evening of LOW SUNDAY - April 23rd.

This meeting is open to all those whose names are on the Electoral Roll of the Parish. At the meeting, we are to receive a copy of the Electoral Role, together with annual reports and audited accounts, an audited statement of the church's funds and property, a report on the fabric goods and ornaments of the church, and a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod. Elections of the laity to the P.C.C follow this, as well as sidesmen. Matters affecting the church may then be discussed.

PCC MEETING - Tuesday April 4th at 7.30pm in Raithby Cottage. This will be our last P.C.C for the year, as the AGM will elect new members at the meeting mentioned above.

BRIANTSPuddle SINGERS. A concert of Easter Music will be given by the Briantspuddle Singers in Affpuddle Church on the evening of Sunday April 30th at 6.00pm.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN THE MONTH - April 30th. It is the turn of Bere Regis to host this service - Combined Parishes Communion at 9.30am. This idea is now nearly eighteen months old, and I think it is a good one and worth supporting.

NEW CHURCH DUTY ROTAS. The new church duty rota for flower arranging, church cleaning, church yard mowing and readers and sidesmen have been distributed and posted during the latter part of March. Please check and note the dates in your diaries and calendars. If you are unable to fulfill your allocated task on the designated date please arrange a substitute and let the Vicar or in the case of the flower and cleaning rota, Philippa Thorniley know in good time. This is a good opportunity to thank all those who have volunteered to help with the running of the church and its services. Your help is greatly appreciated.

OBITUARY

MRS DOROTHY (DOLLY) WOOLFRIES (aged 92)

The funeral service of Mrs Dolly Woolfries took place in Bere Regis Church on the morning of Thursday 16th March.

Although she had been in nursing home in Dorchester for the past five years, Bere Regis was and always had been her home. She was born in North Street at the turn of the century, and then at the age of 12, she moved into the house next to the vicarage in West Street, and remained there the rest of her life. Her grandfather was a builder and had built the house, and the family moved in at the beginning of the first world war.

In those days, the girls went to school in the school house in Shitterton, and when she left school, she stayed at home, looking after a grandparent.

At the age of 25, Dolly married Tom and they continued to live in the same house for the rest of his life. They had no children but they had a large garden which became Dolly's main hobby. A former vicar's wife remarked on what a lovely neighbour she was, and what a happy person to talk to.

Her husband Tom was captain of the Bell ringers, and looked and looked after the church yard and yew trees. In all this she was a great supporter.

It was for her a great shock when Tom died unexpectedly in 1983. He had looked after her very carefully all those years and she had not had to cope with things outside the home. Nevertheless, she did cope, and indeed her last five years in the home in Dorchester were very happy ones. The staff were very kind to her, and she enjoyed afternoon rides around the Dorset countryside. She also received Holy Communion right up to the end of her life.

Many in the village who remembered her came to the church to pay tribute and their respects. She was laid to rest with her husband Tom in the cemetery. May she rest in the peace and love of the God she and he served so faithfully for so many years.

FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM at BERE REGIS

February 19th, 1995 Ryan Victor Snook
March 12th, 1995 Laurence James Harris

FUNERAL

March 16th, 1995 Dorothy Woolfries

SANDFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who helped to make our coffee morning on Saturday February 18th such a success. It was a delightful, sunny morning and £148 was raised towards PTA Funds. Attractions included bring and buy stalls, plant and craft stalls, a raffle and a "guess the name competition". Participants had to identify the staff, parents and children from photographs of them as babies; much fun was had by all.

THE DORSET - LATVIA LINK

The Dorset - Latvia Link has two fund-raising events this month. The Bluebell Walk on Easter Monday April 17th and a Jumble Sale on Saturday April 29th, 1995 at Scout HQ, Bere Regis. Please see details elsewhere in this issue.

Jenny Silav, Hon Sec.
MAY MAGAZINE
Please have all copy for the May magazine with the Editor before the 10th April as owing to the Easter Holiday we will have to 'go to press' early.

BERE REGIS NEWS
The Good Friday Walk

There is a green hill far away
Without a city wall
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

For several years, some of us from the two churches in the village have climbed the green hill close by on Good Friday. At the top of Black Hill we have met up with a group of parishioners from Affpuddle. This year, the walk will take place again, beginning at 11.00am at both of the Bere Regis churches, and at the same time at Briantspuddle village hall. The Bere Regis churches meet up at the car park. At various points along the way, we stop to sing a hymn, hear a passage from the bible describing Jesus' journey to his death, and say a prayer. At the top of the hill we erect three crosses representing the cross on which Jesus died together with two other victims. Do come and join us this year, instrumentalists especially welcome. Bring a bite to eat and enjoy the company. For further information, tel. Brenda Pitfield on 471391.

DRAK HALL. We had a full house for the magnificent presentation of 'Tess of the D'urbervilles' at the beginning of March. With a cast of only six, the Forest Forge Theatre Company made the story come alive. The setting being within the Hall made the audience almost part of the play itself. Incidentally Catherine Neal, who took the part of Tess, is to be seen on BBC 1 in 'The Choir', a new series on BBC 1. I wonder if she will include her appearance at Bere Regis in her CV! It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, one which encourages further live theatre for the future. Watch this space! The extra use will help us to get to terms with the urgent repair work soon.

PARISH COUNCIL. It may not be the House of Commons but your Parish Council meets each month at the Drax Hall to consider the affairs of the Parish. The meetings are open for all to attend, but rarely is a Parishioner, apart from the Councillors, to be seen. Thus it was with the same public interest that the Annual Parish Meeting was held this month to hear the Chairman, Lionel Street, deliver his report on the year's activities. Next year's Annual Meeting will also be in March on the second Thursday - why not come along and see democracy working at the lower echelon.

The Council is grateful to those Councillors and the young people, who helped in the spreading of the wood chips in the Play Area. This is a necessary

task from time to time if the young children are to be protected from heavy falls. The area should be right for another three years so if any parents of young children using the area at that time can give a hand then please come forward - three years notice!

The Council has agreed to seek permission from the District Council to name the footpath leading from West Street, opposite the Drax Arms, to Turberville Road, Kellaways. This is in recognition of the old Bere Regis family business that was originally sited in that space.

The Council meets on the second Thursday each calendar month at 7.00pm in the Drax Hall.

KINGSBERE QUILTERS. An Exhibition and Sale of the work of the Kingsbere Quilters is to be held at Cyril Wood Court, by kind permission of Mrs Rosalind Wood, on Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd April, from 10.30am to 5.30pm each day. Proceeds in aid of The Joseph Weld Hospice Trust.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS - 8th MAY
Bere Regis organisations are to join together to mark the 50th anniversary of VE Day, it was agreed at a well attended meeting on Monday evening of March 6th at the Royal British Legion Club in North Street.

Amongst the organisations representing all age levels were the Royal British Legion Club, British Legion Youth Section, Sports Club, Parish Council, Parochial Church Council, Governors of Bere Regis School, W.I., British Legion Woman's Section, Ancient Order of Foresters, Scouts, Guides, Autumn Leaves, and the Gardening Club.

Ken Boreham and Jill Cleall were elected as Chairman and secretary of the group and the following activities were supported.

A beacon/bonfire will be lit on Woodbury Hill to link with other countrywide beacons, accompanied by a peal of church bells, a torch-lit procession and a Bar-B-Q at the Legion clubhouse. During the day there will be activities for all ages including a childrens fancy dress competition. Before the evenings events a short commemorative service will be held in the British Legion.

"It is wonderful to see the whole village working together and a lot of effort is being taken to see what everyone has a great time," said Legion club President Dennis Maidment.

On other days there will be linked events including a sing-a-long with the Woodbury Hill Singers in the Drax Hall.

Although we must not forget the VJ Day is the more important event, because it signalled the end of the war it was felt that VE Day should be celebrated as well. Using the British Legion Club as a venue for the Bar-B-Q
was thought to be an ideal situation with its outlook over the sports field and of course the use of the clubs facilities including a fully licenced bar. Soft drinks, tea and coffee will also be available to everyone.

It is hoped it will be a fun day for all ages, working party chairman Ken Boreham said "Celebrations for VJ Day are in the planning stage and it is hoped this will be a bigger event."

Additional details are available from Ken Boreham on 472082 and from Jill Cleall on 471744.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS.

So the Christian Church celebrates Easter once again. But what are we celebrating, and why?

At the very heart of the true Christian faith is the "CROSS OF CHRIST JESUS", what He did there and why. Put simply, the Son of God came to earth from heaven to make a way for mankind to go to heaven from earth, when life here had come to an end.

Christ came to redeem or 'buy back' all people from sin and Satan's domination, and save them from a lost eternity, giving mankind HOPE. "Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4: 12.

Christ did this as He took onto Himself the SIN of the whole world, shed His pure blood and gave His LIFE on a cruel cross for you and me. If the story had ended there we would have had NO HOPE and nothing to celebrate. Life on earth would be pointless. But three days later CHRIST JESUS was RAISED from the dead and received NEW RESURRECTION LIFE. No wonder the disciples celebrated! 1 Corinthians 15: 12-23.

On each side of the cross of Jesus were crosses where two thieves were nailed. One thief refused to believe and rejected Jesus as his Saviour and Lord, thereby robbing himself of eternal life. Luke 23: 38-43.

But the other thief believed in Jesus before it was too late, and received new Resurrection LIFE.

Which side of the cross are you on? Don't leave it too late to decide. Ask CHRIST to come IN to your heart and life today, and really celebrate Easter with Jesus.

BERE REGIS MOTHER'S UNION

Our March meeting was on Ash Wednesday, when we joined in the communion for that day.

Our April meeting will be on the 5th, when Mrs Penny Roblin will talk on her life as the wife of an army chaplain.

An Advanced Notice. On Wednesday 3rd May there will be a rainbow coffee evening, which will be in the Vicarage. All items for sale will be in rainbow colours. This will be at 7.30pm.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50's CLUB

We all enjoyed seeing the beautiful slides of Birds of the British Isles, shown to us by Mr Croft at our March meeting.

The April meeting which will be on the 12th, will take the form of our Spring Tour to Street. This will leave at 11.30am and will cost £3.50. Names to Kath as soon as possible please.

The winner of the daffodil competition at our last meeting was Mrs Knight of Corfe Castle.

THE BERE REGIS CAMERA CLUB

The Bere Regis Camera Club had its Annual General Meeting at Cyril Wood Court on March 2nd. The club has been successfully running for a year and had its first Exhibition of Photographs in December 1994, many people came to see our Exhibition and responded very well to our efforts.

We think we have achieved many of our objectives for the 1st year, and are looking forward to new challenges for the coming year.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, and we are a friendly bunch of enthusiasts who would welcome more friends to join in our full programme of activities, competitions and visits.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

The Club now meets at the new Blandford Pool on Saturday evenings, 6 to 7.30pm. The facilities there are ideal for swimming teaching and our members have benefited enormously from the 25 metre, deck level, 4 lane pool.

We take children ages from 4 up to 16 (complete beginner to competitive standard). The reception area is ideal for parents to meet and have a cup of coffee whilst the children improve their swimming.

Activities in the Club includes badge tests, distance nights, galas including competition against other local clubs, and social events. We are a happy family club who's main aim is to improve the standard of swimming in the local area.

We currently have a few vacancies for membership (current yearly membership fee £1 plus £0.75 per swim). For further details contact Bob Holman on 01305 848262 or Tina Street on 01929 471570.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Thank you to all those who helped the Group to raise over £100 for the Group funds. It was much appreciated.

An Antiques Evening is being held on Friday 28th April. Please see separate advertisement in the Magazine.
The Fund-raising event is to be held at Shitterton Farmhouse this year on Saturday 8th July. Watch out for further details!

BERE REGIS GUIDES and BROWNIES
By the time this goes to press our Spring Concert will have taken place. Saturday, 18th March at the Drax Hall was the venue. We would like to thank R.B. Hire and The Slimming Club for the sponsorship, Michael Eastment for lighting and the P.A. System, Max Saywell for transporting the system, Alan Thompson for all his help and co-operation with the venue for rehearsals and to all who hopefully enjoyed the evening and gave raffle prizes. Special thanks to Alison Bennet the shows Musical Director and Pamela Hoare our patient pianist without whom the show could not have gone on.

Guides and Brownies return to more normal activities until Easter and hopefully outdoor activities from then on.

BERE REGIS W.I.
Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm.
We are looking forward to our April meeting when our speaker Mr Sweetman will be giving a DORSET MYSTERY TOUR. Even if you know your Dorset - there is always one little piece that might be a discovery for you, so why not come and participate, and meet friends old and new! There is always a welcome waiting.

FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL
On 13th February we held a 'Valentine's Masked Ball' for the children. A competition was held for the 'best hand-made mask' followed by games organised by the teachers. Drinks and snacks were provided by F.O.B.R.S. If it's not already gone, on Saturday, 1st April, at 2.30pm, we are holding a "Fools Fair" and Car Boot Sale at the School. Entrance: 50p Adult (to include a cup of tea and Hot Cross Bun). There will be an 'Easter Bonnet Parade', plus various other stalls. Car Boot - £3 a pitch.

Other events planned are a "May Fair" on Monday, 1st May at the School. We will hold the draw for the Carnival prince and princess for those children attending Bere Regis First School.

Next will be on Saturday, 17th June when we hope to have a Table top Sale (£3.00 pitch for three hours; 10am - 1pm or 1pm - 4pm) Book a pitch before 14th July by Tel: Barbara on 471862 or Angela on 471734 or School on 471334. There will also be an Alphabet Treasure Trail, Refreshments, Toilets and a Village Study Exhibition in the School Hall.

No details are available at present about the Carnival Queen event.

Preparations for this year's Carnival on Saturday 15th July, are already under way. The procession at 3pm followed by the Fete at School at approx. 4pm. It is hoped that the Fete will continue into the evening ending at 10pm. If work to the school playground is carried out before the Carnival, "Floats" will have to park on Court Green on leaving Elder Road. We have had discussions with the Police regarding several possibilities and this is the only one. Hopefully, the work will be done later in the year. If it isn't, we do appreciate the hard work that goes into the "Floats" and hope people will not be put off (There will be passes for those on Floats). We may have more news next month as to when the work will be carried out and will keep you informed. Along with sideshow attractions we are continuing the 'It's a Knockout' Competition for adults (and one for Bere Regis First School children) A "Tug-of-War", static Vintage Motorcycle display plus other attractions. Procession and "Float" entry forms will be sent out soon.

Letters asking if people would like to sponsor the Carnival by advertising in the programme have been sent. If you have received a letter, please could we ask those wishing to advertise to send details and money (cheques should be made payable to The Friends of Bere Regis School) to Barbara Crowe, 10 Rye Hill Close or the School by the end of this week. Small ads can also be placed in the programme at a cost of 25p per line. Anyone wishing to advertise, please call 471862.

Many thanks to those already supporting us. If anyone is interested in helping with the Carnival, please contact the school.

Unfortunately, we cannot order the weather but hopefully, it will a good fun social event. Hope to see you there.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP
After weeks of rain and wind and at last a few days of sunshine, Margaret Fairhurst's demonstration of 'Looking forward to Spring' became a real possibility! Around 70 members and visitors were enthralled with her bold and colourful arrangements using a wide range of spring flowers complimented with exciting foliage and containers.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th April, 1995 at 2.30pm at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall. Stephanie Madan-Mayers from Corfe Mullen will be the demonstrator and her theme will be 'With Easter in Mind'. There will also be the popular spring Plant Stall so do please come along to find something for that empty corner, and perhaps you'll be lucky enough to win a lovely floral arrangement to enhance your home over Easter.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS
The singers have entertained over 60's Piddlethreidy, Swanage Ladies Luncheon Club and Rotarian Daffodil Party, Wareham during March.
They are giving a VE Entertainment at the Drax Hall on Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm. £3 including Savouries and Wine. Tickets now available from:-
Kath - Larkspur, Snow Hill (Pink Bungalow) 471175
Pat - School House, Shitterton, 471308
Kay - Manor Farm Road, 471883
or any Member of the Singers.
They hope to raise enough money to buy a seat for the Village in memory of VE Day, so please support them. Donations are very welcome - or - a Raffle Prize. Thanks.

AUTUMN LEAVES
Outing to Clarkes Village, Street
Autumn Leaves Spring Outing to Street. Leaving car park at 11.30am on Wednesday April 12th. £3.50. Tel. Kath on 471175 before April 1st, please. Back at 6pm approx.
10 seats are available to any resident in the village who would like to come with us. Tel. Kath or come and see her at Larkspur, Snow Hill - Pink Bungalow, 471175. Come with us and buy a pair of shoes!!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
The RBL Women's section held their monthly meeting on February 15th, 25 members present. The Exhortation and apologies were read, correspondence and the Treasurers report followed.
Our Speaker for the afternoon was Mr P Venthom on the "Dorset - Latvia Link". All members found this most interesting. Teas were served by Mrs Thorley and Mrs Brett and a Raffle run by Mrs March and Mrs Curtis. Our Jumble Sale held on February realised £80.55.
Several members gathered at the club for a sponsored knit on February 28th, this our special effort for the year (D.I.A.W.Y.L.) "Do it any way you like". Monies raised form this will be announced later.
Cenotaph for April, Mrs Thorley and Mrs Brett.

R.B.L. GARDENING CLUB
Jean Farmer's informative talk and beautiful colour slides almost made me with I had a wall of a fence to do some gardening on. A packed RBL Club hall listened intently. From where I sat in the lounge, counting the cash, you could have heard a pin drop. Thank you Jean and thank you members for your continued support.
We would like to offer you more outings but can't seem to get enough people to make it economically viable. We don't mind not making a profit but aren't in a position to stand losses. Any suggestions?

Shifting the pool table to re-site the screen was a bright idea of Eileen Maidment's. Thanks Eileen. It worked very well.

Harry Dawes is always very welcome at the club so put
Tuesday 4th April Harry Dawes Vegetables
into your diary. Harry is a gardening expert so if you have any queries why not jot them down on a bit of paper and hand them in when you arrive. That will give him a little more time to peruse them and have answers ready in the second half of the programme.

87 members signed up so far. Plenty of room for more. If you are not sure whether its up your street you can come along to the RBL Club, North Street on the first Tuesday of the month and see for yourself free of charge. We are confident enough to think you will want to make it a regular date. The £1.50 membership fee shouldn't put you off. Give it a try. See you all on the 4th.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

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Following on from a bleak January, the Bere footballing bandwagon stumbled on into a rain soaked February which yielded only five matches due to global warming. The legendary 'Rec' has taken some rainwater but is holding up well, especially after a much needed rolling. It was this slick footballing surface enabled Bere to claim their first victory of the season playing host to the 'Fair Play' award winners Poole Labour. Bere's defensive ranks were bolstered and weathered the expected bombardment from their feared opponents. It was the youth of today which will ensure that Bere will have a footballing future despite the continuing demise of a once high riding club. John Cleall and Andy Curtis showed their steel when tackles were flying and recent import Kelloggs farmed his way up and down Bere's left. Goals from Pete Davis and Tony Fowler snapped the Achilles heel of Labour and from there, it was no looking back.
The first eleven have been resurgent of late despite the lack of games, and are now looking poised to confront the inevitable fixture backlog due in April. An
unenviable trip to Gillingham was Bere's latest in a long line of important fixtures, and they came away with two points and a vastly improved goal difference. With Lyndon White recording his first blank scoresheet of the year, this was the inspiration for Bere to run riot, with the pacy front three creating havoc amongst 'Gill' ranks. Local 'lightweight'

Ian Dytham netted a hat-trick, one a bizarre free kick, in off the hapless goalkeeper. After their most complete performance of the season, there is now a feeling of the utmost confidence amongst the squad.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS
PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Thursday 6th April - Briantspuddle - 11.45 - 12.30

BRIANTSPUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE
The annual Village Quiz was hosted by the last year's winners the Bladen Social Club. Some twelve teams took part and a good time was had by all endeavouring to answer the tricky questions set by in part the McGrorty family and others. Since the quiz was held on Saturday 4th March the participants were able to become guests of the Social club and imbibe a glass or two which may or may not have helped in solving the questions. The winners were the Parish Council who have task of setting next year's quiz. Thanks are due to the Bladen Social Club for organising a very pleasant evening.

There will be a fund raising Jumble Sale which will be held in WAREHAM TOWN HALL on Thursday 6th April, 1995 from 10.00 until 12 noon. If you are able to help at this event please let either Gill Vingo or Philippa Thorniley know.

In early May it is hoped to hold a social evening with a cold buffet meal. Details will be given in next month's magazine.

At the end of July the Hall Committee are running a Jam, Cake and Produce Stall at the biennial Milton Abbey Street Fair. When we took part in 1993 a nett profit of £406.00 was made for the Hall Fabric Fund. Please help by making jam, cakes and preserves etc. for this event.

During the past Winter problems have been experienced with the Hall central heating boiler and it has been agreed to replace the boiler with a more up to date and efficient model at the end of the heating season which is at the beginning of May. All fund raising during the forthcoming year will be devoted to replacing the cost of the boiler from existing reserves held in the Thatching/Fabric Fund. The Committee have agreed that until the rethatching has been done funds will have to be raised for all future hall improvements as required and cannot be funded by depleting reserves. The interior

recreation has now been completed. The hall, the ladies and gents conveniences and the passage to the Social Club are looking much smarter and cleaner. The Committee would like to thank all the Hall users for their forbearance during the time the painting has been taking place. During the Summer it is hoped to start on the exterior. This will not cause the havoc that the much needed repainting of the interior caused.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB
Open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunchtime. The subscriptions for 1995 are £3 with £1.50 for OAP's and children from 14 to 17. New members always welcome. For further details telephone 01258 837267, 01929 471766 or 01929 471573.

Darts, Pool and Skittles. If you would like to enter a team next season, ring one of the above numbers. Don't forget, we still save old newspapers. They can be left in the paper shed in the hall yard. All money raised is donated to charity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
April 1995
1st & 2nd 10.30-5.00pm Kingsbere Quilters - Cyril Wood Court
6th 10am Jumble Sale - Wareham Town Hall - for Briantspuddle Village Hall
10th Copy to be with Editor for May Magazine
12th 11.30am Tour to Street - Autumn Leaves
14th 11am Good Friday walk to Black Hill
15th 2pm Easter Fair - Village Hall - for Briantspuddle Play Group
17th Blubell Walk - Dorset-Latvia Link
21st-24th 10.30-5.00pm Open Weekend - Cyril Wood Court
28th 7.30pm 'Antiques Roadshow' - Royal Oak for Scouts
29th Latvia Link Jumble Sale - Scout HQ
30th 6pm Easter Music by Briantspuddle Singers - Affpuddle Church
30th 10.30-3pm Spring Garden and Craft Sale - Sandford Middle School
May 1995
3rd  7.30pm  Rainbow Coffee Evening - Mother's Union - Vicarage
6th  7.30pm  VE Celebration Concert - Drax Hall - £3
10th 2.30pm  "Antiques" - Autumn Leaves - Drax Hall

June 1995
14th 11am  Outing to Sidmouth - Autumn Leaves
17th  "Larkspur" - Garden open for Ramblers Association
22nd 6.15pm  Victory Music Hall - Weymouth Pavillion Car Park
24th  Bere Regis Church Garden Party

July 1995
8th   Shitterton Spectacular II - Jim Etherington live!
      Scout Group

October 1995
21st  Cavalcade of Costume by Mrs Betty Penny
      Bere Regis Church

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

BRIANTSPUELLE 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
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
MINI MARKET  6.30 pm Tuesday, Scout HQ
MOBILE LIBRARY  10.00 am 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
MOTHER & TODDLER  Every Thursday- 10.50am-12.25pm Car Park
MOTHERS UNION  2.00 pm Monday, Congregational Church
PARISH COUNCIL  7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Vicarage
PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS  7.00 pm Second Thursday - Drax Hall.
SUB-COMMITTEES on PO noticeboard.
PLAYGROUP BRIANTSPUELLE  5 mornings Bere Regis School - Tel 463214
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
SUNDAY SCHOOL  Senior - 7.00 pm Friday, Scout HQ
W.I. BERE REGIS  10.15 am Sundays in Church
W.I. BRIANTSPUELLE  7.30 pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
TUESDAY CLUBS:
JUNIOR CLUB  7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Village Hall
YOUTH CLUB  7.00 pm 6-9 years, Congregational Church
SLIMMING CLUB  7.00 pm 9 & over, Congregational Church
TUESDAYS 7.15 pm. Ring Sallie - 0258 87442
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SWIMMING CLUB  2-4pm, Social afternoon each Tuesday
TURBERVILLE COURT  10.30am, Coffee Morning - first Friday
WOODBURY HILL SINGERS  2.30pm Mondays, Larkspur
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