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A MIXTURE OF EMOTIONS

I was once sent a card with white roses on the front, and the inscription on the inside was "Memories are like roses in December". In our gardens, if we are lucky enough to have one, the occasional rose flourishes in December and it gives delight: so to with memories. And December is a month for memories. It is a difficult month for many. The invasion of the media into our daily living means that every day of December is dominated by an enforced excitement, and an anticipation of amazing happiness. It will be a time of enchantment and love it says. The shops are full of the most wonderful gifts. Cards are beginning to arrive.

Sadly, it is also a month for memories. For the bereaved, there is a real burden. The ache of separation is increased by the memories of Christmas Past. For the divorced, there is an equal pain. For the poor, there is the acute anxiety forced by the constant advertisement of things beyond our reach, and the expectations of our children. And yet, we still quite enjoy December. There is the occasional rose blooming, which gives a memory of which we must be grateful.

The Christmas Story is a mixture of emotions too. There was the unexpected and difficult to explain pregnancy of Mary. There was the journey to Bethlehem in the cold of winter. Then came the poverty stricken birth in the stable, and the fear ridden flight away from the soldiers with their orders to kill all babies under two. But there was the adoring eyes of Mary as she looked at her baby. There were roses in that December for Mary, Joseph, as there are in our own Decembers.

For those of you tempted to allow the memories of past Decembers to break your heart, shake off the temptation if you can. Let the memories be like roses in December.

Yours sincerely
Graham Roblin
CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd December - Advent Sunday
8.00am Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30am Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00am Mattins (Affpuddle)
3.00pm Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)
3.45pm Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)
6.00pm Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 10th December - Advent 2
8.00am Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30am Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00am Young Peoples Service (Bere Regis)
6.00pm Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 17th December - Advent 3
8.00am Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30am Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00am Affpuddle Gift Service (Affpuddle)
6.00pm Carol Service (Bere Regis)

Monday 18 December -
7.00pm Sandford Middle School Carol Service

Tuesday 19 December
7.30pm Carol Service (with Briantspuddle Singers) at Affpuddle church

Wednesday 20th December
2.00pm Bere Regis 1st School Carol Service Bere Regis church

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve
8.00am Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30am Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
4.00pm Christingle Service (Affpuddle)
6.00pm Christingle Service (Bere Regis)
11.30pm Midnight Communion (Affpuddle)

Christmas Day
9.30am Christmas Morning Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00am Christmas Morning Service followed by a shortened Holy Communion (Affpuddle)

Sunday 31st December Christmas I
9.30am Combined Benefice Communion in Affpuddle Church

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS

BERE REGIS SIDESMEN - DECEMBER 1995

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We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 23rd December from 10.00am

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 23rd December between 10.00 and 12 noon. Please come along and help. Gifts of greenery and flowers would be most welcome and should be brought to church before 10.00am.

As in previous years a collection is being organised for the purchase of flowers to decorate the church. Please give your gift (suggested donation £1.00 though lesser and greater amounts would be most welcome) to Philippa Thorniley as soon as possible.

CHURCH NOTICES

THE GIFT DAY AT BERE REGIS. These notices had to be into the Editor before the actual Gifts Day itself, but already many of you have given me your envelopes with generous donations. It is a most humbling and encouraging thing to receive these private offerings, and I do want to record the gratitude of the church to those of you who contributed once again.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE EDITOR. Dorothy Briggs has been editor of this magazine for almost ten years. She has done a marvellous job, and so many people remark on how good our magazine is. It is quite a demanding job and it has meant that she has had to be available to receive "copy" each month around about 18th day, and then edit it, take it to the printers, proof read it and then collect it. On top of this, she has had the responsibility for collecting the revenue from advertisers. This has kept the cost down to 30p. Dorothy has now asked to be relieved of her position as editor, and I want to record our warm thanks to her for all she has done to maintain our magazine at such a high standard. We are deeply grateful.

Now we have the task of finding someone to take over as Editor, and I am advertising this responsibility in these notices. If anyone feels called to take over as editor, please contact me. I think we should separate the editing from the financial task of collecting the fees from the advertisers. So if there was to be someone who was prepared to take on this less demanding position, I should be very grateful. These two positions are open to people in the Affpuddle Parish as well as in Bere Regis.

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES. These are all recorded in the magazine, but your attention is drawn to Carol Services at Bere Regis on Sunday 17th December, and Affpuddle on Tuesday 19th December. This year, the Affpuddle Carol Service is to be in the Church and not in the Church Hall, and the Briantspudle Singers will be in attendance.

Please note the times of the two Christingle Services on Christmas Eve, and that the Midnight Communion is at Affpuddle this year, starting at 11.30pm.

THE ARTHRITIS RESEARCH COUNCIL. For the past five years, Mrs Vicky Peters has been the enthusiastic chairman of the ARC in this parish. During this time she has raised in the region of £4000. We congratulate her and her committee members on this great service to those who suffer from arthritis and we thank them for their sacrificial work and generosity.

AFFPUDDELI GIFT SERVICE. The Annual Gift Service will be held on 17th December at 11.00am. We are asking everyone to bring gifts for the benefit of the Cheshire Home in Dorchester. The type of gifts which would be useful are store cupboard items, tins, jars, bottles and packets and Christmas Fare - cakes, biscuits, sweets, nuts, crackers. Please do not give perishable items such as fresh fruit or vegetables.

CHURCH FUND RAISING - BERE REGIS. The church was filled to capacity for the Cavalcade of Costume and what a wonderful evening it was! Mrs Penny was on top form with her descriptions of the fabulous costumes, shown off to perfection by the models. The excellent sum of £620 was raised.

Jumble Sale at Wareham Town Hall on January 27th. We do rely on you for any items to sell - clothing, household goods, books, toys etc. These may be left at 33 Old Barn Road or at the Vicarage after Christmas, or collection can be arranged by phoning 471441.

THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

The two weeks exchange visit by The Dorset Latvia Youth Link to Ikskile from 23 July to 6 August of this year was an outstanding success. As is our usual
practice, Link funds were made available to the organisers of the annual Summer Camp in Ilksile, run for the orphaned and underprivileged children of the area, and our team of 6 young people and 4 leaders were to spend a week in assisting with the renovations to the Summer Camp building and a second week helping with the running of the Summer Camp. Modern toilet and shower facilities had already been installed but Latvia were experiencing the same hot weather and water shortage problems as ourselves and the promised mains water supply did not materialise, creating lack of washing and toilet facilities which meant that the very small children had to be excluded from their annual camp. The decision was a hard one and caused bitter disappointment to the organisers and to our team members, many of whom had happy memories of their time with the small fry during the Summer Camp of 1993. However, there was plenty to do painting, digging, creating a baseball pitch, installing basketball equipment and generally working extremely hard to prepare for the second week. This was spent under canvas, with visits to Riga and areas of interest as well as sporting and other activities including a Latvian Day and an English Day. A glowing report has since been received from the Latvian organisers expressing thanks, not only for our financial assistance but for our team’s hard work and involvement. A report of the visit is available and copies are obtainable from the Secretary of the Link.

Medical aid to the value of £92 was taken to Latvia by our team and at our last meeting of the Link committee, whilst continuing our financial support of the Summer Camp in Ilksile, it was agreed that our fund-raising efforts for the future will be concentrated on providing two young people from Ilksile with a better quality of life. A 10 year old called Leda with Cerebral Palsy and a 14 year old called Alexandra who is an amputee. Leda is a bright little button who won everybody’s heart in the Summer of 1993 with her perpetual smile and sense of fun. She requires treatment that is simply not available in Latvia. Alexandra is a quite young lady doing well at school but with tremendous mobility problems. Her artificial leg is unsuitable and it is our wish to provide her with the appropriate replacement and to ensure her future comfort and prosperity. Fund raising will start with a stall at the Briantspudle Christmas Fair on the first Saturday in December and a programme, which will include the London Latvian Choir and Dancers in the Spring of next year, is already in the planning stage. We thank all our friends in our local and surrounding villages for their continuing support and interest and wish them all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 1996 from The Dorset Latvia Link.                Jenny Silavs - Hon. Sec.

EDITORS NOTE. I should like to thank Graham Roblin for saying such kind things about my editorship of this magazine. It is not such an onerous task as he has made it sound and I have enjoyed my time as editor immensely. However, now that I am retired I should like the freedom to go away mid-month occasionally, and I do think it is time the magazine had someone with new ideas at the helm. If anyone would like to know more about what is involved before applying for the job, please ring me on 471509.                Dorothy Briggs.

BERE REGIS NEWS
MOTHER’S UNION.
By a happy coincidence All Saints’ Day fell on the day of our monthly meeting, so we shared our Holy communion with other members of the Parish. Barry Lomax gave us a talk that was thought provoking.

In December we will be thinking of Christmas and our rendezvous will be Sally Cheesman’s lovely house in North Street. Our talk will be appropriate to the season, being Miss R Rowland on the origin of well known carols. Seasonal mince pies will be served.

In January, George Ward, who is known to most of us, will talk about Emergency cover for Social Services in this area.

PARISH COUNCIL.
The Council, at its October meeting, decided to display Christmas trees and lights as in the past. Donations towards these decorations are always welcome and should be sent to the Clerk or handed to the chairman, Mr David Gibbs. The two trees to commemorate the VE and VJ day anniversaries will be planted by the Riverside Walk, either side of the path leading from Stanbarrow Close.

Complaints have been received concerning cars speed in Sitterton and also dog mess in various places around the village.

It was noted with regret that the walls of the petrol station had been painted a distinctive white and this will be discussed with the district council.

Concerning Crime Prevention, the Council would ask all Parishioners to be more vigilant as the Christmas period approaches. Remember that your presents will attract others who perhaps may be tempted to receive them before the holiday. In particular ensure that items like Mountain bikes are secure. During the first week in November eighty one cycles were stolen throughout the County. ‘Don’t employ a burglar for Christmas, be aware - take care’.

THE DRAX HALL.
The bookings for the hall are running very well at present. As the Treasurer, I can assure you that this very necessary as such items as water rates and insurance have risen in cost remarkably of late.

A puppet show, Goldilocks, was presented during the school half term. This was a very successful event and its success could be judged by the laughter from the audience of seventy right from the start. We hope to present Wendy Wharam in December, reading her special stories. Watch out for the date. Then in February, again during half term we are planning for a theatre workshop in which the children spend half the day preparing to put on a production in the afternoon. Details later.

The National Blood Transfusion Service has now included our hall for its Donor Sessions. Regrettably we were unable to give advance warning. Incidentally the last session at Wool, on 30th October, collected over 150 units of blood.
BERE REGIS CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTT LANE.

We hardly need reminding that Christmas and the so-called 'season of peace and good will to all' is upon us once again.

Thinking of Peace, this year has been dominated by 'Peace Talks' or "Threats of Peace" or "Breaking the Peace". Peace in Bosnia, peace in Ireland, peace in Israel, peace in the Middle East or peace in the home. How fragile and precarious is that peace? I wonder what factor is missing to make it real and lasting?

The assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the end of a 'peace rally' sent shock waves far beyond Jerusalem. What foundation were the peace talks built on? What ingredient is missing to make the foundation solid and secure? Jeremiah 6:14 says "They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace' they say, when there is no peace'. Could the missing factor be that there is no Love or Fear (Awe) of Almighty God? Could it be that there is a total lack of Knowledge and Understanding of God's Word - the Holy Bible? Could it be the rejection of God's son, Jesus Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary in a stable in Bethlehem? Luke 2:1-7.

When the shepherds were told the good news of the birth of a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord they had a choice to make. They could either ignore or dismiss the good news, or they could go and find out for themselves if it was really true or not. They wisely chose the latter course and found the Christ Child, the Messiah, the Prince of Peace, just as had been told them. 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...and he will be called...the Prince of Peace.' Isaiah 9:6.

The shepherds could not help but glorify and praise God for all that they had seen and heard. What lasting Joy and Peace were theirs, as their whole lives were changed for good and for God. They had found the missing link between themselves and Almighty God. "For there is one god and one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus". 1 Timothy 2:5.

Have you found that same Peace in your life, or is that the piece (peace) that is missing? Remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 May the Peace of Christ be yours this Christmas and forever.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND.

A wine and cheese party was held at the house of Mr & Mrs Holman at Affpuddle on 3rd November. It was a delightful and happy evening and the sum of about £350 was raised. We are very grateful to all who supported us.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

On the evening of Monday 30th October, a large gathering took place at the Drax Hall, Bere Regis, when the District Chief Ranger, Ken Strudwick of the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society, made donations from the Bere Regis Court to several organisations as follows:

To the Bere Regis Parish Council two trees for the Cemetery.
To the Bere Regis British Legion - £25.
To the Bere Regis Autumn Leaves - £40.
To the Bere Regis under 5s - £40.
All recipients expressed their appreciation and remained to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of two of the Bere Regis Court member, Jack and Joan Bentley at a buffet meal.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP
Just a reminder about the QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 2nd December, starting at 7.30pm. Teams of four are asked to enter (£1.00 per team) and the winners will receive a Christmas Hamper. There will be light refreshments and a raffle.
CAROL SINGING at Bere Regis will be in aid of the Victoria Home for Children at Westbourne, on Tuesday 19th December.
A very enjoyable skittles evening was held at which both Derek Boyt and Pat Hall were thanked for all their years of hard work with the group. Their dedication to the sections was a credit to the Scout movement.
The profit from our JUMBLE SALE last month was a fine £108 - Thankyou.

BERE REGIS RAINBOWS, BROWNIES and GUIDES
... will be Carol singing around the village on Tuesday 12th December in aid of the Children's Hospice Appeal.
On Wednesday 13th December we will have our end of term party. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends are invited to come along, enjoy a glass of wine with mince pies and see what the girls have been up to this year. Entrance by ticket price £1.50 per adult. There will also be a bring and buy and raffle and light refreshments available.

CANCER RELIEF MACMILLAN FUND
A successful coffee morning was enjoyed on Saturday 4th November at Cyril Wood Court. The total raised was £160.00 We would like to thank all those who came and supported this event so generously.

DORSET WILDLIFE TRUST
Many thanks to everyone who helped at and attended the Coffee Morning on 14th November. The sum of £194 was raised.

PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Wednesday December 13th
9.15 - 10.00 Bere Regis School
10.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS
During November, the Singers have entertained Breath Easy Lung Foundation and Lytchett Minster Over 60 Luncheon Club, also Anglebury Court, Wareham.
They will be singing for Trimmer Hospice at Wyevale Garden Centre on Sunday

10th December at 2.30pm. Please come and support them and have an enjoyable afternoon.
K.J.

BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
It does not seem a month ago we were looking forward to one of the busiest times of our year. Time for Remembrance and the Poppy Appeal, now after the hard and untiring work of our Poppy Collectors and helpers we look forward to good results. We thank them for this unenviable task done in not too pleasant conditions, also everyone who gives so generously year after year. Also everyone who has decorated the windows, shops, Public Houses and households. Thank you so much for your efforts to help remind us all of those who gave their lives for us.
Our various Poppy Appeal events were very well supported, although entries in the competitions were a little disappointing. Our "Poppy Queen" for the year is Mrs Jill Clegg, and Poppy Princess Mrs Lynette Walker. This year the "Bless 'Em" Night really went with a swing, with two Youth Section members playing War Time Records, much to their amusement. ("Call that Music")? But they did well! George Hirst was also there with his accordion, and everyone agreed it was a very nice evening. Over £90 was raised at these two events for the Poppy Appeal.
Our Remembrance Day Service this year was at Winterborne Kingston, and turned out to be a Damp Affair. Our Three Standard Bearers Paraded, and Wreath laid at the War Memorial, followed by the service taken by The Rev. Hugh Maddox.
Our thanks to everyone who turned out under such atrocious conditions and hope no-one suffered any ill effects. We got no change for the Chapel Service in the evening, still wet. However we had a good turnout with our Three Standards and quite a few members.

Forthcoming Events - Senior Citizens Party on December 4th. Christmas Whist Drive on December 14th at 8pm.

THE R.B.L. WOMEN'S SECTION
... held their A.G.M. on October 18th, 21 members attended. During the Exhortation, members were asked to remember past members. Due to the absence of the retiring Secretary, the Chairman read the minutes, and these were duly signed. She was then thanked for her years work. The President, Miss Lys thanked all officers and members for their work during the year. Then followed Secretary's and Treasurers Reports. The Treasurer stated that we had donated £2,000 to our Benevolent Schemes. The Chairman then thanked everyone and stated that Miss Lys the President and Mrs Brown, Vice-President had both been members for over 60 years. What a record.
Election time, the Chairman, Mrs Maidment, Vice Chairman, Mrs Presslee, Treasurer, Mrs House all willing to be re-elected, then the Chairman asked Mrs Hazel Cockburn if she would stand as Secretary, to which she duly agreed, she was then welcomed to the top table.
The programme for 1996 was then arranged and various dates for further events.

Teas were then served by Mrs Thorley and Mrs Curtiss. Bring and Buy by Mrs Payne and a raffle run by Miss Norris.

Cenotaph for December Mrs Maidment.

BERE REGIS FLOWER GROUP

No-one noticed the wet and miserable weather outside when Marilyn Nourse of Wareham gave an enchanting and amusing demonstration, capturing the attention of all her audience. Using a variety of textures, shapes, foliage and colour she expressed herself 'Her Way' with flowers. A vibrant Victorian arrangement with geraniums and spray carnations in a range of pinks and reds, reflected the period well, but the highlight of her seven pieces had to be a white wrough iron umbrella stand draped with muslin and tassels with wonderful cream roses, orchids, lilies and carnations. I really wished to have the winning ticket for that one!

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th December at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall at 2.30pm. Do please come along. Our own Catharine Watson will be demonstrating her 'Christmas Crackers'. Congratulations are due to Catharine who recently won Best in Show at Kingston Maurward in October. This was her 3rd successive win in the Annual Area Show with a total of four wins now to her name. Catharine has also been invited to help with the area exhibit at Chelsea next year. Don't miss our own very talented demonstrator on 12th December.

Note: The A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 9th January '96 at 2.30pm at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football Results

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A resurgent first eleven has risen like phoenix from the flames of late, but their progress has been hindered somewhat by the inconsistency of keeping a settled side. A ten man herculean performance at home to Allendale earned the home side a valuable three points. The return of veteran goalkeeper Lyndon White proved vital. But a change in personnel for the away excursion to Upwey & Broadway was not what the doctor ordered as a strong home performance resulted in a 5 - 0 reverse for Bere, amidst rumours of a glory-lined cup run, Bere face Halstock from "Old Crewkerne way" in the second round of the intermediate cup. The road there was long and winding and our travellers entered the valley where time stood still, finding their destination at Halstock greeted by a talking sheep who turned out to be a local celebrity. Little did Bere's intrepid players realise was that a half mile walk was required to reach the pitch from the very modern state of the art changing rooms with one shower and no heating. It was as daunting task ahead evoking memories of Mission impossible, after a night of wind and rain which turned the playing surface into a Mr Peak's suet pudding. In the bottom goalmouth read a sign "Footballers Beware" which puzzled the Bere players somewhat until they realised that a herd of bulls/sheep/sheep had been grazing on the pitch leaving the players to step around with caution. Coupled with eleven cave dwellers, everything added up to a nightmare of such proportions that Alfred Hitchcock has already captured the rights to a new movie. On the playing side, Bere dominated, and after being on top for most of the first half, they collected their reward with Stuart Merritt volleying in from close range. But they capitulated in the second half under a barrage of long ball, pitchforks, smocks and manure. it was a day to forget and get back to the nitty gritty of everyday league football.

The reserves defied all their critics at the start of the month by beating Parley sports Reserves away after crowd and traffic congestion delayed the kick off until 3.30pm. It was a welcome winning respite for their manager as the prospect of success in the cup loomed large. A 7 - 0 drubbing from intense rivals Lytchett was not the most welcome result, and wholesale changes were to be run in. An away trip to the Stadium of Light at Whitecliff, Poole, to play Britannia in the junior cup contained a very strong Bere side. They played out a hard fought 1 - 1 draw to merit a replay at Plantain Park. After 210 minutes of nerve jangling football, Bere were faced with a penalty shoot-out, and with most people climbing the ivy to hide, it was left to taciturn Steve Balmer to stride up to the spot with the score at 3 - 3. The seasoned goalkeeper place a bullet left foot shot rippling into the net and setting the stands alight. Bere progressed into the second round enabling a glory pay day for the club.

The club will be holding a darts evening on 10th December for various meat prizes. All are welcome to this regular successful event. The Spots Club Grand Christmas Draw will be held at the Clubhouse on 17th December, with twenty or more prizes on offer. There will be food and entertainment provided on one of the club's biggest nights of the year. Tickets are available from Sue Stone, 93 North Street, Bere Regis (01929) 471933). On Boxing Day the club will be staging a football match between numerous local players past and present. Post match celebrations will cover the whole afternoon. Finally, the club will be holding a quiz evening on 28th December for teams of four who can tackle a general knowledge evening.
AFFPUDDLE NEWS

TESTAMENT OF YOUTH

On Saturday 11th November Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee in conjunction with Artreach arranged a performance by Rohan McCulloch of "Testament of Youth", a dramatisation of part of the autobiography of Vera Brittain. Miss McCulloch gave a moving and masterly performance of a daughter of a well to do Buxton family who was expected to "come out" and then get married but instead has aspirations to go to Oxford (unheard of in those days for a girl like her). Her life was irrevocably altered by the first World War when she lost her fiancé her brother and her brother's university friends. The play itself was an illustration of the futility and waste of war and though it was pure chance that the day chosen for the performance was 11th November it could not have been more apt.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year the Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 2nd December between 2.00 and 4.00pm. Father Christmas will be in attendance. The proceeds will be divided between Church and Hall Funds. There will be all the usual stalls and The Bladen Social Club are selling refreshments in the club for the benefit of their current charities, The Kidney Research and Joseph Weld Hospice. Do come along and bring your friends and make a start of purchasing some of your Christmas presents.

BRIANTSPUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE

There was a committee meeting on 6th November. Arrangements for the repairs to the electrical system were authorised. Discussion took place about the Street Fair which will be held in May 1996. Administration details for the forthcoming play, "Testament of Youth" and the Christmas Fair were arranged.

The 100 Club winning number was 73.

PLAY AND LEARN VAN

Wednesday 13th December

1.45 - Briantspuddle.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council met on 18th October. Those present were Mr Barker (Chair), Mrs Turner (Clerk) and Messrs. Rolls, Gainsford, Chamberlain, Beadle and Wharton.

Items discussed were as follows:

1. Notice boards. Prices were still awaited. The Briantspuddle Social Club had raised no objections to a free standing notice board outside the Village Hall. Social club and no planning permission was required providing it was free standing.

2. Mobile Youth Club. This would be visiting the area for the first time on Thursday 26th October. It was hoped that some publicity would be circulated before then.

3. Dorset Mineral and Waste Disposal. The council was to write to D.C.C. refusing to retract its objections to a waste incinerator.

Mr David Eyles, Chairman of Ban Incinerator Now (B.I.N.) gave a detailed explanation on the waste disposal options outlined in the "Waste Challenge" document.

His talk ranged from waste avoidance to the various options of disposal including re-use, re-cycling, digestion, land fill and incineration. Mr Eyles thought that incineration was the least environmentally friendly.

The final solution was likely to be a compromise and would definitely cost us more than we currently pay.

4. Recreational Open Space. A letter had been received from P.D.C. suggesting that the Parish should provide an area of land for Public Recreational open space. A site had been suggested by P.D.C. but it was thought that this would not be suitable.


(i) A request was made for a notice board in the Pallington area as it was felt that one at Waddock Cross was too far away. It was suggested that a notice board by the fishing lakes would be a suitable place and it may encourage Pallington residents to become more involved in Parish affairs.

(ii) A question was asked if the Council had information regarding a feeder road to the Tolpuddle By-pass due to start this year. The fear was that the B3390 would be used through Affpuddle. D.C.C. were to be asked for details.

Something for the Children

Arrangements have been made for Wendy Wharam from Swanage to come to Briantspuddle Hall on Friday, 29th December at 2.30pm.

Wendy tells stories from around the world which are suitable for children from 3 to 11. Children up to 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets—Children £1.50, Adults £2.00.

More details from Gill Vingoe on 471832 or Philippa Thoruley on 471497.
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Saturday 10th February 1996
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7.30pm for 8.00pm
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* Mississippi mud pie
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us during coffee with a talk on his life as an author. A raffle will be run with
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Tickets can be obtained from Robin Gainsford 19 Briantspuddle (01929) 471419

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE
Many thanks to all those who gave up their Saturday and cycled around the
different churches of Dorset. £231 was collected of which half has now been paid
into Affpuddle Church Account.

The riders were: Martha and James Tucker, Robin and Edward Gainsford,

Thanks also to those people who sponsored us and those who welcomed other
cyclists to Affpuddle church. 39 cyclists visited our lovely church during the day,
including some from as far away as Swanage and Wyke Regis. D.P.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
December 1995
2nd 2.00pm Christmas Fair - Briantspuddle Village Hall
2nd 7.30pm Quiz Night - Scout HQ
10th 2.30pm Woodbury Hill Singers at Wyevale
12th Rainbows, Brownies and Guides Carol Singing - Bere Regis
19th Scout Carol Singing - Bere Regis
29th 2.30pm Children's Stories - Briantspuddle Village Hall
January 1996
9th 2.30pm Floral Goup A.G.M.
27th 10.00am Jumble Sale - Wareham Town Hall
February 1996
10th 7.30pm St Valentine Supper - Briantspuddle Village Hall

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES
AGE CONCERN 2.00 pm Thursdays, Turberville Court
AUTUMN LEAVES 2.30 pm 2nd Wednesday
BEAVERS 6.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ
BINGO 7.45 pm Drax Hall (Mondays)
BRITISH LEGION CLUB 7.00-11.30 pm Monday-Saturday,
BRITISH LEGION 12.00-2.00 pm & 7.30-10.30 pm Sunday
WOMENS SECTION
BRITISH LEGION YOUTH
BROWNIES
B.R.S.C.
BRIANTSPUDDE SINGERS
CHOIR PRACTICE
CAB
CUBS 2.30 pm 3rd Wednesday, HQ
D.S.S. VAN 7.00-10.00 pm Wednesday
DORSET-LATVIA LINK 6-7.15 pm Wednesday, Scout HQ
FLORAL GROUP Winter Season Opening Times: Tues,
GUIDES Tues 7.45-9.30 - Village Hall
MINI MARKET 6pm Junior, 6.45pm Full Choir, Friday in Church
MOBILE LIBRARY Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 10am-2pm
MOTHER & TODDLER (Closed Wednesday)
MOTHERS UNION 6.30 pm Thursday, Scout HQ
PARISH COUNCIL First Mondays 10.15-11am - BR P.O./car park
PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS Sec. Jenny Silvas 01929-471577
BERE REGIS 2.30 pm 2nd Tuesday,
RBL GARDENING CLUB W. Kingston Village Hall
SCOUTS 6.30 pm Tuesday, Scout HQ
W.I. BERE REGIS 10.00 am 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
W.I. BRIANTSPUDDE Every Thursday- 10.50am-12.25pm Car Park
TUESDAY CLUBS: 2.00 pm Monday, Congregational Church
JUNIOR CLUB 7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, The Church
YOUTH CLUB 7.00 pm Second Thursday - Drax Hall.
SWIMMING CLUB Sub-Committees on PO noticeboard.
TURBERVILLE COURT 5 mornings Bere Regis School - Tel 01305 848792
W.I. 4.30 pm Thursday/Wednesday PM
BERE REGIS 5.00 pm Tuesdays - Scout HQ
WOODBURY HILL SINGERS 1st Tues, 8.00 pm - Club House
JUNIOR - 7.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ
W.I. 7.30 pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
WOODBURY HILL 7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Village Hall
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TURBERVILLE COURT 10.30am, Coffee Morning - first Friday
WOODBURY HILL SINGERS 2.30pm Mondays, Larkspur
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  Tel Puddledown 331
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