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A Happy New Year to you all!

How are you feeling at the start of the year? Confident, happy, full of enthusiasm
vigour and health? Looking forward with calm optimism to 1995?

Many of you are, and well done. You should be. Life is for living. We really
have "never had it so good". We are warm, well fed, loved, thought about, and
have water on tap. It could be so very different.

Yet even in our amazing laziness of living and relative prosperity, we can be
a bit "down", in spirit. Prophets of gloom are everywhere.

Politicians tell us that things are going to be worse; more inflation,
unemployment, cutbacks in services, war in the Balkans, higher taxes, higher
prices. And, funny enough, we don't feel very well either! We are anxious about
our job, or children, or future. Some of us will be at the end of our tether; just
getting by, and not sure how long we can carry on. Despite singing Auld Lang
Syne at midnight on the 31st December, we can carry a bit of a burden.

There is a most beautiful verse in the New Testament, recorded words of Jesus
which go like this, "come unto me all ye that are heavily laden, and I will give you
rest".

My new Year message is, don't be ashamed to accept that invitation. We are
not ashamed to go to bed at night to seek rest for our bodies. We should not be
ashamed to seek rest for our weary souls.

We need to find relief for the hurt of our sorrow, for the bitterness of failure,
for the sourness of remorse, for the pain of living.

Our ancestors were often very wise. In our glorious churches of St John the Baptist
in Bere Regis and St Lawrence Affpuddle they found rest - spiritual rest - as they
allowed the worship to unfold. They didn't understand it all; they didn't listen
overmuch to the Preacher; but they rested in the Presence of God they knew. They
knew he loved them.

Like them, you will not find a miraculous solution to all your difficulties. You
will not find the healing of all your hurts. But you can find the spiritual rest that
will enable you to face the work and worry of another week, and the demands of those about you. Your burdens will not disappear; your responsibilities will not shift on to others, but you will get strength, even if only just enough for the next lap of the race. You will be able to face your difficulties with courage, and maybe help others plodding along a lonely road.

I don't make such claims lightly. They are made with the authority of hearing those of you who have experienced many of the "pains of living", and have responded with confidence, having sat for a while in the presence of God.

Do use your church building. You have a most wonderful possession in your midst.

Yours sincerely
Graham Roblin

CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday 1st January - New Years Day
8.00 Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 Mattins (Affpuddle)
6.00 Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 8th January - 1st Sunday after Epiphany
8.00 Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 Plough Sunday Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 15th January - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
8.00 Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 Affpraise (Affpuddle)
6.00 Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 22 January - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
8.00 Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 Mattins (Bere Regis)
6.00 Evening Eucharist and Laying on of Hands

Wednesday 25th January - Conversion of ST Paul
7.00 Holy Communion (Bere Regis)

Sunday 29th January - 4th Sunday after Epiphany
9.30 Combined Benefice Holy Communion in Affpuddle Church
6.00 Ecumenical service with Butt Lane Congregational Church and Bere Heath Methodist church in the Parish Church

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS
BERE REGIS SIDESMEN JANUARY 1995

January 1st 9.30 Mr Bates / Mr House
6.00 Mr Ward / Mr Dashwood

January 8th 11.00 Mrs England / Mrs Stevens

January 15th 9.30 Mrs Hazelrigg / Mr Strange
6.00 Miss Chesney / Mrs March

January 22nd 11.00 Miss Miller / Col Barne
6.00 Miss Frampton / Mrs Ward

January 29th 9.30 Benefice Service at Affpuddle
6.00 Mr Barnes / Mr Dashwood

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

January 1st Mrs P House Mrs M England
January 8th Mrs Griffin Mrs M Cox
January 15th Mrs P House Mrs P Roblin
January 22nd Mrs P Ward Mrs S Hazelrigg
January 29th Mrs J Hudson

READERS - JANUARY

January 1st Mrs S Stevens
January 8th Mrs P Ward
January 15th Mrs P Mills

AFFPUDDLE

Flowers Cleaning

January 1st Mrs Thorniley Mrs Thorniley
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CHURCH NOTICES

A Thank You. - Thank you very much to all those who gave of their time and talents to decorate the churches for Christmas. It is something that takes time at a very busy moment in the year, and it is much appreciated by the communities. Also a thank you to those who made up the working group it make the Carol Books and Carol Service Leaflets.

Mind the World - This group works on our behalf to remind us and help us in our responsibility for those areas of the world where there is great deprivation and need. The next meeting is on 9th January at 10.30 in Cyril Wood Court - Number 9.

Bellringers - Ringing practices will start again on Wednesday 11th January at the usual time of 6.30pm. Those who would like to learn to ring are always welcome.

Corfe Mullen ringers are coming to ring in our tower in the afternoon of Saturday 14th January.

Special clean - Affpuddle - The post Christmas special clean of the church will be done on Saturday 7th January 1995 between 10.00 and 12 noon. Please come along and help to keep our lovely church spick and span. Please bring with you polishing rags and dusters. It is hoped that sufficient people will turn up to help so that all the furniture can be polished, the floors polished and stone parts of the floors washed and the hassocks and mats vacuumed.

Joint Service - The joint service to be held on the fifth Sunday in the month in January (29th January) is to be at Affpuddle. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Send a Cow to Africa - After the joint Parish service on 29th January, jam and marmalade will be on sale. The proceeds of which will all be sent to the "Send a Cow to Africa" Charity. Some of you may have read about this project in "The Times" or heard about it on Radio 4's "Weeks Good Cause". Please be generous. After all you will get something for the money you donate!

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- Friday 10th February: 09.20 - 16.00
- Saturday 11th February: 09.20 - 14.00
- Monday 13th February: 09.20 - 16.00

Further detail is in the book 'Patterns of Thought' - the hidden meaning of the Great Pavement of Westminster Abbey by Richard Foster. This was published in 1991 by Jonathan Cape under ISBN 0-224-02910-X.

CHURCH FUND RAISING

Jumble Sale at Wareham Town Hall on January 28th. This will start at 10am and with your help and support is normally a big success.

If you can help on a stall or provide "Jumble" or "White Elephant" or Cakes, we would be so grateful. Please contact M Carlyle (471441) or the Vicarage (471262) and is wished, items will be collected.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism
- 11th December: Luke Gregory Havelock Hudson

Holy Matrimony
- 10th December: Cleaves Palmer and Edwina de Candamo
Burial of the Dead

2nd December
Geoffrey Alan Green

7th December
Donald John Smith

12th December
Raymond Percival Ricketts

19th December
Kathleen Stewart Bates

OBITUARIES

Mr Geoffrey Alan Green (aged 65 years)
It is with deep sadness that we record the death of one of the best known and best loved characters of Bere Regis.

In the church, filled to capacity, we remembered with thankfulness a man who had the personality to lift people up in their day to day living. His cheerful "Hello darling" to the ladies, and his manly "bonhomie" could be heard up and down the West Street. We shall miss his presence amongst us for a long time. The phrase used by everyone at the news of his death was "what a lovely man". He was a big man physically and in personality.

In nine months, Geoffrey had been suffering and deteriorating, and it was a bitter sadness for his family to have to witness this. To outsiders, his spirit remained buoyant.

Originally from Morden, after leaving school at fourteen, he worked at Charborough Park, first as an under gardener, and then on the forestry side, almost entirely in Bere Wood. Forty three years he worked on the estate. It was a sad day for him when he had to give up, at the age of 58, because of a bad heart. Charborough Park and Bere Wood were his working life, and many are the stories that he retold to all of us, often embroidered and embellished.

National Service in the late "forties" saw Geoffrey in the R.A.F. As with most men of his age, it had a great influence on his life. So it was natural for him to be a big member of the Bere Regis Royal British Legion. He made such an imposing Standard Bearer, and his "calling" of the numbers at the Bingo evenings will long be remembered. He gave to society, lifting our spirits.

With Eileen his wife, they set up home first in Blind Street, then as the family increased, moved to Southbrook, and finally to West Street, at the heart of the village. He had seven children, and seven grandchildren, the last of which was baptised in the church a month ago. It was to be the last time he could manage to get to his church.

With gardening as his big hobby he was a natural as the church gardener. That he took slightly longer to mow the grass was only because he had to mix his hobby with his love of people. Nobody passed through the churchyard without a chat. It was a great ministry. We mourn his passing, and offer our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Interred in his churchyard, we pray that he may enjoy his life with the Lord.

Mr Donald John Smith (aged 63 years)
Mr Smith had for some years suffered a rare blood disease, and it was a cause of deep sadness to his wife and children to see him go down hill over the last few months. He had suffered his illness with bravery and fortitude, qualities that had characterised his life.

He came to live in Shitterton thirteen years ago, becoming the herdsman/dairymen for Turnerspuddle farm. They were very happy years, until his illness struck.

Originally from Southport, after leaving school he took up deep sea fishing. It was wartime, and his "catches" were in great demand in the Lancashire area. After the war he came south to Bath, and went to agricultural college. After graduating, he worked at market gardening. It was in Bath that he met his future wife Sheila, and after their marriage, they set up home, farming near Taunton. Then they were offered a big job in Suffolk, looking after a large herd of cattle.

Because of family demands, they eventually moved back to the West country.

In any obituary notice, it is not possible to record properly the real worth of the person. It is only possible to record "pointers" and "indicators". So when people say things like "he was a very kind man" - "He was a very good man" or "if you wanted a lovely peaceful world, make it populated by Don Smiths", you begin to know that here was one of natures private, but good caring and kind people. The picture of him staying up all night with a sick dying cow, making the cow more comfortable by padding straw under its head and caring for it is one that will stay with me for a long time. In the darkness of that stable, the real worth of Donald Smith was hidden from the world, but not from god.

To his wife, Sheila, and to his children John, Helen and Susan, we extend our deepest sympathy. May he continue to enjoy the presence and love of the one, born in a stable.

MR. RAYMOND PERCIVAL RICKETTS (aged 85 years)

On 12th December, Raymond Ricketts was brought back to his own very special church for burial. For fifty years he had been a bell-ringer in the belfry. Sunday by Sunday he had climbed those narrow steps and given of himself. For 62 years he had sat in the congregation, singing with vigour all his favourite hymns; so energetically that he was sometimes at variance with the choir and congregation. But nobody minded, because they loved him and his faithfulness. As a tribute to him and his faithfulness, the bells rang out before his funeral, and as a mark of the loss felt by the community, the bells were tolled.

Mr Ricketts came to Bere Regis 62 years ago on his marriage with Ethel. She had come from the Dorchester area, but moved to the parish because of employment in the cress beds, and the cottage at Hollow Oak which came with the job. For twenty years, he worked in the cress beds, at a time when it was very hard, damp and cold work.
After leaving this employment, he worked for almost 30 years for Mr Griffin, the builder. He was well past retirement age when he finished.

When we become old and frail, it is sometimes forgotten that we were very different in earlier years. So it was with happiness that Mr Ricketts' prowess on the cricket and football field was recorded. Playing for Bere Regis over many years, his enthusiasm and skill was invaluable to his teams. And in the days of village fetes when there was running races, and high jumps and long jumps, he was always on the front, competing earnestly for the cup or trophy.

There can be no doubt that he was a competitor. Even in his main hobby, gardening, there he was winning prizes at the local shows for having the biggest or best vegetables.

But his great love was his family; his wife, son and daughter, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. He loved making a fuss of them all. Our condolences go to them in their bereavement, and our prayers are for Raymond that he may enjoy paradise, "making a cheerful noise", and "singing merrily to God"; the God he served so faithfully for so many years.

MRS KATHLEEN STEWART BATES (aged 91 years)

Intrepid as ever Mrs Bates in her 91st year set off on a holiday abroad, but very sadly she suffered a stroke on the first day, and had to be brought home to hospital in Dorchester, where she died on 14th December.

Although not a native of these parts, she soon integrated herself into the Bere Regis community, and the large numbers at her funeral in the church indicated the esteem in which she was held.

Born just after the turn of the century, to an army surgeon, she seemed never to be in any place very long. She two brothers and three sister; (the two sisters were present at the funeral but the two brothers predeceased her).

In 1930 she married Roy, a senior civil servant, and they continued to move around the countryside as his work demanded. He was in the Housing and Local Government Department as District Auditor, but sadly died of a stroke at the early age of 56. They had three boys who by this time were at University or at work. So Mrs Bates settled into a new home in Farnham, where she became very active in the town's societies and institutions. She joined the Farnham Repertory Company, and was able to enjoy her considerable talents in painting and flower arranging. (She had studied art before her marriage). She was also a very keen and good golfer, winning many trophies.

After five years in Farnham, she moved to Winterborne Stickland, where once again she enjoyed entering into many of the local activities. She was a lover of the countryside in all its aspects, so Dorset was a very pleasing place for her to be. Then 23 years ago, she and her first son Anthony came to live at Barrow Hill. The surrounds of the house resembled a bit of a quarry, so it was natural that she should set to and create one of the most lovely and interesting of gardens. It was so beautiful that she was persuaded to 'open it to the public' on occasions, to raise money for charity.

She was a great walker and hill climber. In her late sixties, she climbed and walked in the Dolomites to 10,000 feet. Holidays needed to be physical and a challenge. She knew most of the footpaths of Dorset. She also swam a great deal. This year she swam in the sea - locally, aged 90.

What many people did not know was that she had cancer in 1948, and a reappearance of it in 1965. But she was a survivor, with an indomitable spirit. She worked tirelessly for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Her church was very precious to her. She came as often as she could, latterly with the help of her close friends. She had an ability to make close friends, even in advancing years, so she would have felt very much at home in her church on her final journey.

We extend our condolences and sympathy to her sons Anthony, Martin and Roger. In their sadness they will feel great pride in and thanksgiving for a very fine lady and loving mother. She was held in the highest regard by all who knew her. May she rest in the heavenly garden of Christ.

APPRECIATIONS

Geoff Green - Mrs Green and family would like to thank everyone for all the sympathy and help given to them throughout Geoff's illness and beyond.

Your cards, letters, visits and support of every kind have all helped, in no small way, to sustain us through a difficult time.

We wish you, all that he gave to us; Love and happiness.

Raymond Ricketts - The family and I would like to express our thanks for the many letters and cards of sympathy received. Also to everyone who came to the church, and the bell ringers for their tribute.

Grateful thanks to all the nursing staff, and home care assistants who attended Raymond during his long illness.

A special thank you to Venerable Robin for his kind words and lovely service.

Ethel Ricketts

THE THOMAS WILLIAMS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUST

If you are under 25 years of age and live within this Parish, then perhaps the above name Trust can give some financial help when you undertake further Education or Specialist Tuition. Application by letter stating your case should be made to the Hon. Secretary to the Trustees at 42 West Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7HS.
NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS!
Will all our much valued contributors please resolve that in 1995 they will write or type on only one side of the paper? Often items have to be cut up to be placed in different parts of the magazine which, you will understand is very difficult if both sides are used. Thank you.

BERE REGIS NEWS

Jubilation Day - Bere Regis: 17th June 1995
1995 is the sixtieth year of the founding of the Ramblers’ Association nationally and Dorset Area is making plans for all sorts of celebrations, one of which is JUBILATION DAY.

Dorset Area is covered by four Groups, north, south, east and west and when thinking of a place to hold a celebratory day, Bere Regis was chosen. Why? - because it offers a wonderful centre for walks - in all directions; has good parking (including toilets!), a well-equipped village hall (already booked to be the Information Centre with a display and a special tea to be provided by the WI) and is fairly central for the four Groups.

Dorset Area has just under 1,900 members and it would be quite sensational if they all came, but not much fun for the village. Therefore, Dorset Area have invited Bere Regis village to join in their celebrations and make it day for all to remember!

On a very very wet day in early December - Ann Richards, a former village resident, who is one of the Area Jubilee Co-Ordinators, was joined by Sue Blake of Dorchester the other Jubilee Co-Ordinator, at Mission Control (Ann’s Dad and Mum's house in West Street). From there, well-dressed up for the weather they visited many of the Bere Regis residents who are involved in the village organisations and businesses to talk about the day - as well as whipping all over their carpets. Despite this, so far everyone had been very supportive in agreeing to run an event or think about running an event as they are not sure what - or assisting in some way - all monies raised will go to the organisation concerned, not the Ramblers’ Association. Ann attended the Parish Council Meeting on 8th December and has obtained their blessing.

It has not been possible to speak or see everyone who is connected with a village organisation or society and they would not want anyone to be left out so if you would like to know more or offer your services in some way, please contact Ann on 01929 481174 or Sue on 01305 263759 (after 6pm) or Laurie Fairhurst, Chairman of the Dorset Area of the Ramblers’ Association and PC member - 9 North Street. Ann and Sue are the main contacts, some might say ringleaders, and are dealing with the arrangements on the Ramblers’ Association side, with Laurie from the Parish Council looking after the village’s interests.

Further information will be published from time to time in the Parish Magazine.

PARISH COUNCIL

The council is most grateful to Mrs Jeeves for holding a Coffee Morning in aid of the Christmas Trees and lights. We all enjoy the bright lights that colour the dark streets at this time of the year and they do not appear by magic. Mrs Jeeves raised the magnificent sum of £140 and more money was raised by Mrs Gibson and Leigh with their cakes at the Mini Market. Altogether a magnificent effort. Michael Eastment is the electrical wizard and he is supported by many of the Councillors. The future of the trees and lights was discussed at the December meeting when it was stated that we need to find approximately £250 each year. If anybody has any suggestions concerning the funding of the decorations perhaps they would contact any of the Councillors.

The Council would like to know of any events that are being planned for the fiftieth commemoration of VE and VJ Days. Please do let any Councillor know.

The Bier at the Cemetery is in a very poor condition as it is not used these days. The Council is endeavouring to interest a Museum or similar who would be keen to restore it for display.

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BERE REGIS MOTHER'S UNION

Our Christmas meeting began with the enrolment of a new member Mrs Marsh, and a short service. This was followed by an exciting ghost story written and told by Mr F Pitfield. Mince Pies and Coffee were then enjoyed, and the evening ended with a carol auction.

At our January meeting we are to have a gift exchange and Quiz, and representatives reports. Tea hostess Shirley Day, Jean Gibbs and Margaret Bartlett.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our December Christmas Party we were joined by a number of guests from our group institutes. We played the card game, paper cutting, and had a quiz, before enjoying the delicious supper provided by the members. The evening finished with carol singing.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Thankyou to all those who came with us Carol singing in Winterborne Kingston and Bere Regis and specially those who invited us afterwards for inner warmth. The result of your efforts will be reported in next months magazine.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTT LANE

So a New Year yet again. As is customary at this time of year, we have an opportunity to look backwards and then forwards. We look backwards to what has been and what might have been, but now it is too late to change things. We look forward to a better start.
I wonder what New Year resolutions you have made or have broken within a few hours or days of the New Year starting? never mind - keep trying.

How about making a new beginning as a Christian with Christ Jesus in charge of your life as Saviour and Lord? Jesus can be totally relied upon and trusted for He does not change (Malachi 3:6) Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8). He knows all about our past, our present and our future, so there is no point in trying to hide from Him. Instead, why not accept His invitation and COME TO HIM and come alive with Him in '95.

On Saturday 28th January at 7.30pm we shall be having our monthly celebration meeting when Dr Dennis Ball from Milborne St Andrew will be the speaker. Dennis is well known for his gentle, yet challenging ministry. Why not make a resolution to come and hear him! Everyone is welcome.

BERE REGIS FIRE STATION
Members of Bere Regis Fire Station, collected £601 for children in need during Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November. I would like to thank the personnel who gave up their time, Mr Harvey, the manager of the BP petrol station, for allowing us to make the collection on his premises, together with the Royal Oak and Drax Arms. Also for the generosity of people in and around Bere Regis.

Gary Hewitt, Sub Officer in charge, Bere Regis Fire Station

PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Wednesday 11th and 25th January
9.15 - 10.00m Bere Regis School
10.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

GOVERNORS’ GOSSIP
As another busy year comes to an end, the Governors at Bere Regis First School spent the last meeting reviewing 1994 and also planning various activities for 1995.

We have now outlined a programme of work to assist the School with reviewing and developing its Policies to ensure we keep up to date and more importantly, meet all our legal obligations.

We will work with staff and parents as necessary to try and complete this task in a way that will support and improve the education experience for our children.

The Governing Body changed in 1994 with the welcome additions of John Watts and Alan Dunning. Both have come into the Group with energy and a willingness to become actively involved in helping the School.

Unfortunately, one of our other active Governors, Judi Thompson, has had to stand down from her position as Parent Governor and clerk due to other commitments, and we should like to record our thanks to her for the efforts and enthusiasm she brought to the job.

If you are a parent of a child at the School and would like to join the Governing team, we would be very interested to hear from you. If you have not already received an application letter, please contact the School or ring me direct on 471198.

Finally I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all the staff and parents who have so actively supported BRFS during 1994, and look forward to their continued support in 1995.

Bob Jennings, Chair - BRFS Governors

DISTRICT NURSES TEA PARTY
We would like to welcome both old friends and new to our next Tea party.
Venue - D’Urberville Hall, Colliers Lane, Wool
Date - 25th January 1995
Time - 4pm
We shall hold a raffle, we may be able to offer transport.

NORAH & ROY
are holding a Coffee Morning on January 18th at Woodbury Cottage, 74 West Street for friends of Wareham Hospital. Cake Stall, Bring and Buy - 10.30 to 12 noon.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND
Kathleen and Charlie thank all who have given donations for the Guide dogs and who save tin foil throughout the year. Over 30 sacks have been delivered.

Happy New Year to you all. KJ

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS
The Singers have entertained the Over 60 Club, Puddletown: Christchurch Court, Dorchester: Luncheon Club, Lytchett Minster: Heart Foundation at Poole Hospital: Over 60's Wareham and Wareham Hospital.

Thank you Singers for your hard work throughout the year and your willingness to give so much of your time.

Happy New Year to all of you. KJ

KATHLEEN & CHARLIE
would like to thank so many people who supported overwhelmingly the Coffee Morning for the Xmas Trees for our Village - donations, Superb Cakes and Raffle Prizes - a sum of £140 was raised. We think you will appreciate the Village Trees are a joy to us all.
IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Our Christmas concert on 3rd December made a profit of £201.40. Our enormous thanks go to the cast of "Anything Goes", both for giving such an excellent performance and for so generously giving their services in aid of Cancer Research.

During the interval, a presentation was made to Miss Audrey Lys who retired from the Committee after eighteen years of loyal service, ever since the group was first formed.

Vivian Clarke from Dorchester, who ran this year’s London marathon for us came along to present a cheque for £1,677.90 to the Group. In return he received a pair of running shoes given be the ICRF’s Area Office at Taunton as appreciation of his efforts.

Thank you to everyone who supported us.

THE R.B.L - WOMEN’S SECTION

27 members attended our monthly meeting on November 16th. After the Exhortation and apologies, the Chairman welcomed the new Secretary and wished her well. Eleven Women’s Section members went to the festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall and thanks were given to Mr F Steele for driving the mini-bus. After the business, Mrs Celia Hole then gave an interesting talk on the work of Barnado’s and showed an original photograph that Dr Barnado himself took of some of the boys that he cared for. Afterwards she sold Christmas Cards etc. for that cause. Thanks from the floor was given by Mrs March.

Teas were then served by Mrs Payne and Mrs Reed, and Bring and Buy stall was run by Mrs French.

Our carol singing evening on December 8th was once again a very enjoyable evening, with members from all the village organisations joining us, a big thank you to Mrs Beresford for playing for us on her accordion, and thanks to, to members of the Branch who waited on us with mince pies, sausage rolls, tea, coffee and sherry. We now look forward to a successful 1995.

Cenotaph for December and January:
Mrs Maidment and Mrs Presslee.

SANDFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Coffee Morning at the Scout Hut - 18th February from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Some of the parents of Sandford Middle School children living in Bere Regis have kindly offered to stage a fund raiser in the Village. Stalls include Cooks Table, Raffle, Bring and Buy, Games etc. Please come along and support this event.

Helpers - more help is required. If you are able, phone me on 472023 for details.
Alison Bennett

GUIDES and BROWNIES SPRING CONCERT

Saturday 18th March, 1995 at the Drax Hall at 7pm

Please write this date in your diary - the girls are promising to stage a splendid concert for the village. I hope you will be able to come along and support them.

Young people doing something positive for the community should surely be encouraged.

If anyone/company wishes to sponsor this event, expenses will be hire of hall and producing the words and music for the singers and musicians. Please contact me on 472023. We would be looking for about £40. in total.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

PLAY and LEARN VAN

Thursday 19th January
11.45 - 12.30 Briantspuddle

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The painting is progressing satisfactorily if a bit slowly. It is hoped that the hall itself will be completed by the end of January and the pictures and curtains can be replaced. Work is also being done on the Gents W.C. and the passage way. It is hoped that the wooden chairs can be renovated during the early part of the year. The replacement of the oil tank was brought forward by sheer necessity and in the not too distant future serious consideration will have to be given to the replacement of the hall oil fired boiler which is "playing up" and is coming to the end of its useful life. The hall roof was re-bridged during the Summer of 1994 which we are informed should prolong the life of the thatch by a few more years. The big cloud hanging over the Hall Committee and you the community is the cost of the re-thatching and the future structure of Local Governments and the future availability of grants will be or whether such grants will be available bearing in mind the crisis in local government funding.

Three Men in a Boat

On 3rd December, Ridiculousmus staged a performance of Three Men in a Boat. The play was most amusing and provided an opportunity to see a live performance in the Village. It is hoped that another "Artreach" production can be arranged in the not too distant future. Three Men in a Boat was great fun and well worth seeing.

BRIANTSPUDDLE WI

This month we meet on the 10th January at 7.30pm as usual in the Village Hall when our guest speaker will discuss and demonstrate the art of make up and colour co-ordination. If any non-members would like to come and join us they will be most welcome as usual.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January
7th  10.12am  Affppuddle church special Clean
18th  10.30am  Coffee Morning, 74 West Street - for friends of Wareham Hospital
25th  3.00 - 4.00pm  District Nurses Tea Party - D'urberville Hall
28th  10.00am  Jumble Sale - Wareham Town Hall, for Bere Regis Church

February
18th  10-12 noon Coffee Morning - Scout HQ - for Sandford Middle School

March
18th  7pm  Guides and Brownies Spring Concert - Drax 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,
                        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
BRIANSTPUDDLE 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,
               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 Second Thursday - Drax Hall.
                Sub-Committees on PO noticeboard.
PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS  5 mornings Bere Regis School - Tel 463214
PLAYGROUP BRIANSTPUDDLE  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. BRIANSTPUDDLE  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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TURBERVILLE COURT  2 -4pm, Social afternoon each Tuesday
               10.30am, Coffee Morning - first Friday
WOODBURY HILL SINGERS  2.30pm Mondays, Larkspur

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