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INDIFFERENCE

During the month of February, we were forced to remember two appalling moments in the recent history of our world. We were forced to look as Auschwitz and the unbelievable extermination of little children, old and young women, old and young men, simply because of their nationality. During my time as an army chaplain, I spent two years living in the village of Belsen. So I was forced to look at the extermination camp. I couldn’t close my eyes to the railway sidings where trainload after trainload of fear ridden people were unloaded, only to walk to death. I was forced to look.

Dresden, the great cathedral city of East Germany came into our consciousness towards the middle of the month. We were reminded of fifty years ago when two hundred of our bombers set off from East Anglia to bomb the hell out of that ancient city. Just before coming to Bere Regis, I went to see Dresden for myself. It was still as it was in 1945. Little repair had taken place. The scars of that night in February 1945 were left exposed. Only now is there a move to rebuild and recreate a city that was once known as the "Paris of Germany". To be reminded of the appalling destructiveness of war, and the potential for evil in mankind made me deeply depressed for a long time. "I was forced to look!" For most of us this situation rarely comes. We can sail happily through life, hiding our eyes and burying our heads. We can pretend that there is "nothing new out there". "It is nothing to do with me", we think.

There was a great padre in the First World War. He earned the name "Woodbine Willie". He was always in the front line with the men. He was forced to look. He saw for himself the deaths of young men, and the fear of the wounded, and the empty glazed look of the living. He loved them. After the war, he returned to a civilian parish in Birmingham. Innocently he dreamed that the people of our land would turn to Christ. But they didn’t. He wrote a very sad poem towards the end of his life which I would like to share with you. It’s called "Indifference"
When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged Him on a tree.
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary:
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds
and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham they simply passed Him by,
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die:
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him pain,
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do,"
And still it rained the wintry rain that drenched Him through and
through:
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,
and Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

Yours sincerely
Graham Roblin

SERVICES IN MARCH
1st March - Ash Wednesday
11.00am Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
7.30pm Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
Attended by the Mother's Union

5th March - 1st Sunday in Lent
8.00am Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30am Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00am Mattins (Affpuddle)
6.00pm Evensong (Bere Regis)

8th March - Wednesday
7.00pm Holy Communion (Bere Regis)

12th March - 2nd Sunday in Lent
8.00am Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30am Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00am Young People's Service (Bere Regis)
6.00pm Evensong (Bere Regis)

15th March - Wednesday
7.00pm Holy Communion

19th March - 3rd Sunday in Lent
8.00am Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30am Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00am Affpraise (Affpuddle)
6.00pm Evensong (Bere Regis)

22nd March - Wednesday
7.00pm Holy Communion

26th March - MOTHERING SUNDAY
8.00am Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30am Family Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00am Mothering Sunday Service (Bere Regis)
6.00pm Songs of Praise

22nd March - Wednesday
7.00pm Holy Communion

2nd April - PASSION SUNDAY
8.00am Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30am Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
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CHURCH DUTY ROTAS
Bere Regis Sidesmen - March 1995

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There are no flowers in Church during Lent.

Bere Regis Readers - March

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NOTICES

LENT STUDY. Although there are regular "study evenings" held on Mondays in Affpuddle and Bere Regis, throughout the year, it is customary to hold special "Lent Studies" to which those not involved with the regular meetings may feel drawn to attend.

This year in the diocese, the bishop has produced his own Lent course, and we have decided to follow it.

In Affpuddle, the course will be followed in the homes of the "Home Group", but in Bere regis, they will be held in the Vicarage, led by the vicar. The meetings will start at 7.45pm.

CONFIRMATION. The Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Salisbury this year will be held on Saturday 6th May. You may have been thinking about this and wondering if you should commit yourself. Now is the time! Do ring me to discuss it. - Graham Roblin 471262

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS. Regular practices are held on Wednesday nights at 6.30pm. Any potential ringers very welcome. Two of the local scout troop volunteered to do a basic rope-handling course on four Monday evenings towards their proficiency badge. They progressed very well and we hope that they will continue to practice and become able to ring rounds and take part in service training.

Visiting ringers so far booked in are the Dorchester branch of the local Guild of Ringers on Saturday evening 25 March and ringers attending the Annual General Meeting of the countrywide Guild to be held at Salisbury on Saturday afternoon, 27th May.

CHURCH FUND RAISING. The Jumble Sale held at Wareham on January 28th was a great success and thanks for that is due to all those who gave the many, many items for sale. More importantly though - the event was successful because of the generosity of a band of helpers who gave of their time. The sum of £236 was raised and a great time was had by all!

ALTAR FRONTAL. The Church's purple velvet altar frontal, used at both Lent and Advent, is in urgent need of repair. Kay Norris and Di Phillips have had offers of help with stitching down the gold threads, and would welcome anyone who could give an hour or two for this week.

The frontal will be laid out in Cyril Wood Court on Monday, 22nd May from 10.30am to 5pm and it is hoped that the work can be finished within one week. Please contact Kay Norris on 471296 or Di Phillips on 471423 stating the day and time you can come.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ORGAN. The long serving organ at Affpuddle church is overdue for retirement - it has given all sorts of problems over the past year or more as Ivor Mullins will testify! At the end of January the P.C.C. considered its options including the repair of the existing instrument and the relocation of the organ pipes to reveal the west window.
This is an expensive option and even the repair of the organ at its present site will be more expensive than replacement by a more modern electronic organ. After much discussion the view of the P.C.C. is that the Diocese permission should be sought for the replacement of the existing instrument by a first class electronic or ‘digital’ instrument. Some cathedrals have such instruments: it is important that the quality of the organ at Affpuddle is maintained. The possible cost may be £6000-£7000, less than the cost of repairs to the present organ.

THE WEST WINDOW. The window at the west end of Affpuddle Church is quality stained glass - but few casual visitors are aware of this because the view from inside the church has been obstructed by the organ pipes for over 50 years! The vicar and the P.C.C. have given careful thought to the west window over recent months as the window surround is showing substantial damage by weathering. Without repairs there is a serious risk of the window collapsing in over the next few years.

The cost of repair works could be in the excess of £20,000. Given the proposed replacement of the existing church organ by an electronic instrument the west window will then be fully revealed. The P.C.C. is unlikely to make any decision about the extent of the work to be undertaken to the west window until it is fully revealed. Then, and in the meantime, the views of all interested would be greatly valued. Speak to your friendly P.C.C. member!

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH SPECIAL CLEAN. On Saturday 11th March there will be a special Spring Clean of the Church between 10.00 and 12 noon. Please come along and help and bring dusters and polishing cloths. It is hoped that there will be enough people present to be able to polish all the pews and furniture, polish the floors, wash the stone floor, clean the windows and vacuum the hassocks and mats.

CHURCH YARD SPRING TIDY. On Saturday 25th March between 10.00 and 12 noon (weather permitting) there will a Spring Tidy of the Church Yard. Please come along and bring with you appropriate garden tools.

MOTHERING SUNDAY. There will be a special Mothering Sunday service on 25th March at 9.30 at Affpuddle when posies will be available for children to give to their mothers. Coffee and biscuits will be served after the service and there will also be a stall selling Red Current Jelly, Dried Apricot Jam, Marmalade and Home Made Biscuits in aid of "Sight Savers" a registered charity which helps to save the sight of children in the Third World by screening programmes and also helps those who are already blind.

"SEND A COW". Thank you to everyone who attended the Joint Benefice Service on 29th January and supported the "Send a Cow" stall after the service. £44 was raised and sent to the Charity’s Headquarters. The following Thank You Letter was received:

"Thank you so much for raising this kind support for S.A.C., we appreciate the effort you must have put into making the marmalade and jam".

NEW ROTAS. There is still time to volunteer to help clean the church, arrange the flowers and tidy the grave yard. Please contact Bill or Philippa Thornley on Bere Regis 471497 before 11th March.

FROM THE REGISTERS

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OBITUARIES

MRS LILY AGNES HANSFORD APPLIN (aged 93)
Mrs Applin died on 15th January, 1995, and was buried on 23rd January in the Bere Regis Cemetery, following a Service in the parish church.

In our funeral service, we remembered a lady, born to farming. She came from Burton Bradstock were her father was a farmer, she was in charge of hundred sheep.

In her late teens, her parents moved to Milborne St Andrew to farm, so that is how she and her five brothers and sisters came to this part of Dorset. The man she was to marry, Frank Applin, was a Bere Regis man. He owned the butchers shop in West Street. Many people in Bere Regis will still remember the shop. He and his brothers were well known over a wide area, and Lily was a great support to the shop and the business in general.

In the village, she was what we now call a 'doer'. She was the person who people called upon to help with big events. She was a caterer, making wedding cakes, and great hams. She was an embroiderer, and helped create the Women's Institute Banner still hanging in the parish church. She enjoyed oil painting, and
if that was not enough, she made gloves for the Dent Glove Company in order to augment the family finances.

Her two sons John and Raymond, born before the war, were an enormous support to her on the death of her husband, thirty one years ago. He had been poorly for two years before his death, but it was a bitter blow for the family. Typically, Lily picked herself up, busied herself, and enjoyed the British Legion, The Women’s Institute, and Autumn Leaves. In the 1980’s, she moved from the centre of the village to the Warren where she lived happily and well, until old age began to take its toll. Then after a short time in and out of nursing homes, she passed from this life into a new life.

May she enjoy her new life in the love and contentment of Jesus.

MR ROBERT WILLIAM ANDREWS (aged 80)
Mr Andrews died on 21st January and was buried in the churchyard at Affpuddle on 27th January, 1995, following a Funeral Service in the Affpuddle Parish Church.

Mr Andrews was remembered in the service as a typical Dorset man. He was described as a very private person, whose word was his bond, who kept to himself, and expected the same of others; a very content and self contained man, secure in himself.

Robert, or Dad, as he was called most, was one of ten children. His parents ran the kennels in between Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston. So he was a countryman from birth. He knew the country intimately and naturally. He worked with his father riding out the horses and exercising the hounds. This love of horses never left him.

As with so many of his age, the war changed his life. He was called up into the Royal Army Service Corps, and was posted to Burma. To get there in those days, the men had to go by sea in a Troop Ship. It was the worst experience of his life - far worse than fighting the Japanese. The conditions in the troop ship was so awful that he determined never to go to sea again. Being a private man, he only claimed his war medals fairly recently on the insistence of his family.

After the war, he returned to Dorset, and worked on the Debenham Estate at Milborne st Andrew. Meanwhile, another person had come to work for the Debenhams, a Dutch lady, who was to work at Briantspuddle. The meeting of the two took place, and Robert broke his vow never to go to sea again, he went across the Channel to be married in Nijmegen, Holland.

For forty years, Mr and Mrs Andrews lived at 22 Bladen Valley. It was their home, and in this home they brought up their three precious daughters, and it was to this home that their eight grandchildren came for love and affection.

Two years ago, the wretched curse of cancer invaded his bones, so it was in some ways a release for him when he died. His family mourn his passing. May he enjoy his new life in God.

MRS LILY KATHLEEN JANE WHITE (aged 69)
Funeral Friday 3rd February, 1995.
It is said 'If you want a friend then be a friend'. How well this sums up the life of 'Kath', as she was always affectionately called. She was a small person with a big warm open heart, full of fun and life. All were welcome in her home for a friendly chat and a cuppa! All her life she was helping and caring for someone, whether family or friends. Nothing was too much trouble for her.

Kath was born at Sydling St Nicholas, near Dorchester, and lived her early life there. She had one sister and four brothers. When she met and married Frederick White they finally settled in Sitterton, where Fred worked as a dairyman. There they brought up their five children, and she has remained in Bere Regis ever since.

Kath demonstrated her true Christian faith in a loving and practical way. She was a great encourager, and even when she was very unwell herself, there was no hint of selfishness or self-pity. What an example for us all to follow. She was much loved in the village and in the Congregational Chapel, where she regularly attended every Sunday, and is greatly missed.

But how much more is she missed by her family. Our sympathy and prayers go to Maureen, Roy (in Australia), Jimmy, Peter, Trudy and all the family.

The three favourite hymns that Kath chose for her funeral show us the way to heaven. Through the 'Old Rugged Cross', by 'Amazing Grace' she knew Jesus Christ as her friend, Saviour and Lord. That is the only way for us to follow too. We are sad, yet we also rejoice, for now Kath has received her Reward in Glory, freed from sickness and pain.

MR JAMES EDWARD CLARKE (aged 83)
Mr Clarke died on 8th February in the Wareham Hospital, and was cremated at the Poole Crematorium on 15th February, following a service of burial at the parish church.

Born in 1912, Jim, as he was known, grew up in South London, in the borough of Sydenham. On leaving school, he became a Commercial Traveller, a profession that was to be his for most of his life. In 1935, he married his wife Lily, and it is a great sadness to everyone that they just missed celebrating their Diamond Jubilee on the 9th June this year.

On the outbreak of war, he was called up into the Royal Air force, and after training was posted to Egypt as an Aircraft Fitter. Amazingly, he stayed in Egypt for the whole of the war. So it was that he left his wife with their three year old girl Joan, and returned to his wife and an eight year old Joan. We forget the sacrifices made at that time. On demob, he eventually returned to Commercial Travelling, this time in stationery.

Being a very gregarious man, he was invited by the Masonic Order to join them. Eventually he became a Master of his Lodge, and then went on to high office, becoming a Grand Lodge Officer of England.
He and his wife Lily, together with their daughter Joan and her husband Peter, soon became a tightly knit family. So it was natural for them all to come as "a family" to Bere Regis when Peter took over the Royal Oak ten years ago. Jim became a familiar person to those who enjoyed the atmosphere of "the Oak". He was a very kind man, who never overpowered people. He tried not to hurt anyone, was never quarrelsome. He had a quiet dignity, and was always courteous. Despite enjoying high office in the middle years of his life, he practised gracious humility.

Many feel depleted at his passing, but remain confident in praying that he may enjoy the fellowship of the God he saw as "the great architect of the universe".

THANK YOU

Mrs Lily Clarke, with Peter and Joan Hastings wish to say a warm thank you for the many words of kindness expressed to them by so many people following the death of Mr Jim Clarke.

They are deeply grateful for the floral tributes, cards and the donations to the Macmillan Nurses Fund. The Church Service, attended by so many people, following so short a time in the village, was a great comfort to them in their sadness.

THANK YOU

Thank you very much to all friends and relatives who contributed to the Hospice Fund at Wareham Hospital in memory of my late husband, Raymond. The sum of £253.31 was donated.

E Ricketts

WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The W.E.A. and the Dorset Adult Education Service are planning to expand their programmes to offer a series of new courses, some of which are planned for the Bere Regis area. We would like to hear what you might like to see offered. Courses that could be arranged include: Gardening, Local History, Natural History, Literature, Music and Music Appreciation, Art and Art Appreciation, Languages, Archaeology, Creative Writing, and Drama.

For more information or to tell us your preferences, please contact us on any of these telephone numbers: 01460 76548; 01305 848464; 01305 761122.

THE DORSET-LATVIA LINK

After a well-earned rest following our Summer Camp at Trigon last year, the committee have had their first meeting for 1995 and plans and events for the year more or less decided. The Link has received an invitation from Iksskile, in Latvia, for some of our young people and leaders to attend their annual Summer Camp and the possibilities and logistics are now being considered. A proportion of our fund-raising for this year will in any event ensure the continuation of that Summer Camp. Medical aid is again on the agenda and apparently we have an appreciable amount already set aside - getting it to Latvia is another logistics problem. However, there are additional items that need to be purchased and our fund-raising will ensure that we can provide exactly what is required.

I am happy to say that fund-raising will not be as intensive as last year and again we thank all of those in our villages who continue to support our efforts for Latvia. The following events should assist us to achieve our fund-raising target for 1995:-

17 April - Bluebell Walk
29 April - Jumble Sale - Scout HQ Bere Regis
June - Stall at annual Cub Roast - date to be advised
9 or 16 Sep - Folk evening with Ceilidh Band - Courtyard Centre, Lychett Minster
Dec - Briantspuddle Christmas Bazaar

There are one or two other possibilities in the pipeline but these are very much in the embryo planning stage at the present time - details to be advised at a later date.

Finally we are always happy to welcome new members to The Link - either as committee members or as 'Friends'. If anyone is interested in becoming more involved would they please contact me on 01929 471577.

Jenny Silvas, Hon. Sec

DORSET WILDLIFE TRUST

Many of us appreciate the photographic and presentational skills of Tony Bates who has delighted us so often with his programmes on local history and wildlife.

On Monday, 13th March, at 7.30pm, Tony will giving part of a programme entitled 'In Praise of Dorset', at the Dorset County Museum, organised by the South Dorset Group.

The rest of the evening will be an audio-visual presentation by Roger Holman and Colour Sound of the Dorset Landscape.

Please come and support the Dorset Wildlife Trust. Charge £2. Further information from Dorothy Briggs, 471509.
BERE REGIS NEWS
PARISH COUNCIL
The Cemetery pathway has been relaid and the drains cleared so that the torrents of rain that we have experienced recently are led away and are not making the paths impassable. It is hoped that Parishioners visiting the cemetery will appreciate this long awaited improvement. Talking of paths, the Parish Council would like to hear from the users of the footpaths around the village of any problems that they encountered. A survey of the footpaths is being conducted by some of the Councillors, but the more eyes that see the better the paths will be kept. Please contact our Rights of Way Officer, Mr Laurie Fairhurst at 9 North Street, if you know of any problems.

BERE REGIS MOTHER'S UNION
In February John and Mary England gave a very interesting talk, illustrated with slides on their visit to the Holy Land.

Our March meeting will be on the 1st, and will take place in Church, when we will join in the Communion Service for Ash Wednesday.

On Friday 17th March there will be prayers in the Morton Chapel for Ireland. This will take place at 11am.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
This will take place on Friday, 3rd March, and will be at the Congregational Church, Butt Lane, Bere Regis at 3pm. The theme for this year is "The Earth is a House for all People", and has been prepared by the women of the republic of Ghana.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50's CLUB
What a lovely New Year Party we had in February, with games, (especially the balloon race, which caused much laughter), and readings, followed by a delicious tea. We all had a lovely polyanthus to take home.

At our next meeting of the 8th March, we are to have a talk on the Birds of Dorset. The competition will be for 3 Daffodils.

Please note a change to your programme - the date of the Spring Fayre and 50p sale will now be on the 25th March at 2.30pm 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 10.30 to 5.00pm each day, Proceeds in aid of The Joseph Weld Hospice Trust.

DRAX HALL
This month we have some live theatre. On Tuesday 7th March, at 7.30pm, a presentation of 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' is being staged by the Forest Forge Theatre Company. This production will bring to life the major characters of the book and carefully chart the story of Tess while retaining a humorous edge that gives a resonance to the unfolding tragedy of her life. The action is punctuated with music and songs of the period.

Bookings £3.50. Margaret Mauder 471342

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTT LANE
Decisions! Decisions! Decisions! We're constantly having to make decisions. About the only decision we did not make was our own conception! But once born we began to choose and make decisions. Some are trivial and minor, like "What shall I have for breakfast this morning?" or "Shall I clean the car?" But other decisions are crucial and major, like "Should I marry that person?" or "Shall I move house, and where to?" As normal people we each have the ability to choose and make decisions, even if we are not always able, willing, or allowed to carry them out!

Of course, some decisions are made for us that are outside our control, like what programmes are broadcast on TV - but we have the choice as to whether we watch or not.

Many years ago, God the Father chose to send His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to this evil world, to give all mankind an opportunity to be saved from a lost eternity. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3: 16-17.

Deciding to put your trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and to follow Him is the most important decision you can ever make in this life, for it determines where you will spend eternity. "For salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved". Acts 4:12 Life's biggest DECISION is WHAT you DO with JESUS CHRIST in the here and now.

Thank you for choosing to read this 'epistle' to the bitter end. I hope your feel you made the right decision!

SANDFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
Another of the regular Car Boot sales is to be held on Sunday morning 19th March at the school.

The Sandford Middle School PTA is holding a SPRING GARDEN AND CRAFT FAIR on Sunday 30th April, again at the school, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. More details next month.
PURBECK SCHOOL PFTA
Jumble Sale to be held at Wareham Town Hall, 10am on Saturday 11th March. Grand Raffle, 1st Prize £75 to be drawn at 11.30am approximately. Tickets available from the school or as below. Jumble/Books/Bric-a-Brac/Cakes wanted either to the school by Friday 10th March or contact as below.  
-Gill Webb 112 Hillside Road, Wool. Telephone 01929 463237. Many thanks in anticipation.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP
The Groups Spring Jumble Sale is to be held on Saturday, 11th March, at 2.30pm. As usual items are always welcome and may be left at the HQ from 10.30am on the morning or it can be collected with a call to John England (471469).  

We were sorry to learn that our scouter Derek Boyt, after 5 years service, has decided that due to work and study commitments, he cannot spend so much time with the troop and asks to be allowed to stand down as Scout Leader. He will still however keep contact in a more minor role.  

We are fortunate to have dedicated instructors and helpers but will need a new Scout Leader in June after the May camp in the Gower, South Wales.  

Our Group Scout Leader Phil Venthall would be very pleased to hear of anyone who can fill the bill or knows of anyone who may be interested.

DISTRICT NURSES TEA PARTY
So nice to see so many on a grey January afternoon. Many thanks for coming. We raised £90 which we have donated to Joseph Weld Hospice (Dorchester).  

Thank you for all the raffle prizes, the cakes cooked by my colleagues and the egg lady.  

Looking forward to seeing you all again in May - Watch this space.  
-Gill Webb, DN Sister

UPDATE ON JUBILATION DAY -  
Bere Regis, 17th June 1995
Since the article in January’s Parish Magazine, things are beginning to happen and the programme for the day take shape. What delights are there in store for those visiting the village in JUBILATION DAY. Well, if you feel like a long walk, the Purbeck Plodders will be setting off on a 20-mile walk at 9.30am - to be back at 4pm in time for tea! We really feel that they should change their name as the one thing they don’t do is plod. 4 - 5 mile walks to the north, south, east and west at 10am and again at 2pm. Tours of the flower-decorated church preceded by a short organ recital. Village treasure trail. Display in Cyril Wood Court. Exhibition at the School. Exhibition, refreshments and bookstall at the Drax Hall - the information centre for the day. Gardens open to the public. Car Parking arranged by the British Legion. Even the cricket team are playing at home. Contact has been made with the Police about traffic and the St Johns Ambulance for the blisters of the unfit or wrongly shod.  

The information centre for the day will be the lobby of Drax Hall.  
There will be a souvenir programme/brochure selling at a modest price well before the event and advertisements can be included for a small fee.  

If there is anyone in the village not already involved and who would like to be, please do not hide your light under a bushel, but contact Ann on 01929 481174 or Sue on 01035 263759 (after 6pm).

BERE REGIS W.I.
In the January meeting we held a ‘Woman’s Hour’. Our own members being reporters and interviewers. Three visitors came with a view to joining us. Congratulations to Mrs Beat Cleall, she has been a member for 50 years; she was presented with some flowers and a card by two members.  

The March meeting will be an evening of a “Colour and Image” consultant with ideas of scarf tying. A competition of one Daffodil. Tea hostesses will be Mrs J Gibbs, Mrs N Lee.  

To see the years programme, please look in the New W.I. box by the bus stop at West Street, behind the wall.

COFFEE MORNING
March 4th, 10.30am At Cyril Wood Court
Please come and support our Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy on March 4th. We are raising funds for our BANANA BOX APPEAL. With the money we plan to send boxes of sewing and educational materials, clothes and blankets to our Sudanese friends presently in exile in Uganda.  

Winchester Diocese is kindly letting us use their proven system of shipment for good packed in empty banana boxes. We need to pay the £15 per box shipping cost door-to-door - plus the cost of small items to supplement what we already have waiting to go.  

Any contributions for the Coffee Morning would be gratefully accepted.  
-PW, Mind The World Group

PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Wednesday 1st and 15th March
9.15 - 10.00 Bere Regis School  
10.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery
2nd BERE REGIS GUIDES AND 1st BERE REGIS BROWNIES

We would like to thank all those who contributed to and came to our Jumble Sale on Saturday, 21st January. Despite the weather we made the wonderful total of £60. Again, a big THANK YOU to you all.

We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Concert in March. Plans are well under way and will - hopefully - all fall into place on

SATURDAY, 18th MARCH
at the Drax Hall at 7.00pm. Doors open 6.30pm
There will be refreshments and a raffle during the interval.

All units here in Bere Regis have now found leaders BUT more help is always welcome. If you are able to help in any way please call in during a meeting. You will be most welcome.

Pat Bentley 471875

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The first meeting of 1995 was certainly a ray of sunshine amidst the wet and windy weather still engulfing us. Hopefully by the time this report is in circulation we shall also be enjoying some better weather.

Around 50 ladies enjoyed an enthralling demonstration by Gillian Halbin of Ringwood. The attention to detail using only the very best foliage and the most perfect of blooms was evident in every one of her arrangements. The colours ranged mainly from yellows to soft pearl and orange, some intermingled with blue but all used carefully to create her 'Miscellany of Designs'.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March '95 at 2.30pm at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall, where the demonstrator will be Margaret Fairhurst of Honiton who will be 'Looking Forward to Spring'.

NB. Please note, change of venue for this meeting

WAREHAM HOSPITAL

A big thank you to all who supported our coffee morning in January. £80 was raised for Friends of Wareham Hospital.

Our next coffee morning will be on March 22nd, 10.30 to 12 noon.
Norah and Roy Lee, Woodbury Cottage, 74 West Street, Bere Regis

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The RBL Women's Section held their monthly meeting on January 18th. 26 members attended. After the Exhortation and apologies, the Chairman welcomed a new member Mrs S Leigh. After the correspondence and Treasurers report, Mrs House then gave the report on the County conference at Dorchester held in

November last, from which came our special effort for the year, which is going to help the Widows on RBL pensions. It is to D.I.A.W.Y.L. (Do it any way you like it) so we have arranged a sponsored knit. Mrs House then told us that we had won two Certificates, being runners-up for the highest donations to Women's Section Schemes, a very good effort.

We discussed National Conference to be held at Bournemouth, when the monies raised from the sponsored knit will be handed over, and Dame Vera Lynn has consented to receive this. Mrs Maidment will be our delegate. One member, Mrs Gibbs requested Baby Wool for knitting clothes for the Premature Baby Unit at Poole. Our speaker was Miss Noriss, and what a mine of information, her talk and slides on the "Wedding Dress" was most interesting, unfortunately we ran out of time so we were unable to see all the slides, but everyone thoroughly enjoyed what they did see. Teas were then served by Mrs March, a Bring and Buy, Mrs Ditty. A Coffee Evening will be held at the RBL Club on March 15th at 7pm, everyone welcome. Centotaph for March is Mrs J Hartley.

RBL GARDENING CLUB

Gardeners Club Nite proved extremely popular despite the foul weather. Around 65 turned up to find out where all the Wild Flowers had gone. Whether they did or not I cannot say as I was too busy counting up the money for renewed membership. We have 75 paid up Members. A good start to the year.

Elaine is arranging a trip to Heritage Seeds, at Osmington around August-September when the wild flowers are all in bloom. Don't miss that one. If you fancy dropping into a pub on the way back have a chat with Elaine.

MARCH 7th Mrs J FARMER

GARDENING ON WALLS AND FENCES

Gardening can drive you up the wall so I suppose whilst you're up there you might as well learn how to make good use of our time. Gossiping over the fence is more in my line than gardening on them but its never too late to learn. Membership renewals or new members. It's still only 30/- per year. I'll be there, grubby paw outstretched as ever.

Hope to see you. Thanks for your support

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football Results

Jan 15 Woody's 2 2 Bere Regis
Feb 4 Bere Regis 0 2 Gillingham T

There has been scant regard for footballing action over the past six weeks or so as the atrocious weather has cut a swathe through the football season, leaving all three Bere teams facing a murderous fixture backlog in April through May.
Despite record downfalls this year, the old Rec. has remained in a relatively healthy condition, but will be severely tested over the coming months, although how much football will be played remains to be seen. It appears to be a struggle for the 1st, 2nd and Sunday teams, who are third from bottom, bottom and bottom of their respective leagues. Just tow games took place, and the Sunday side took one point at Woody's when the harvest should have been two. A rare header from Mike Azzaro and a cross-cum-shot floated in from Arch Cheeseman, were Bere's responses.

Indoor 6-a-side Cricket

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Having mixed fortunes during their third season in the competition, the Bere cricketing six faced the old foe Damerham, a contest of fierce rivalry. Having won the toss for the fifth time in five, Graeme Price and his barmy army compiled a formidable total with Steve Cheeseman and Tommo Thompson finding the gaps and walls to great effect. Early strikes saw Bere on their way to a momentous victory, despite a late rally from the enemy.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

RECYCLING BINS

The Parish Council is pleased to inform everyone that Purbeck District Council will be installing a bank of recycling bins in the Bladen Social Club car park in the early part of April.

Initially, there will be four - one to collect cans and the other three the traditional green, brown and clear glass. It is hoped to add a fifth in due course for the collection of plastic containers.

In order to keep them as unobtrusive as possible, they will be sited behind the Club nearby the Hall kitchen door, In accordance with the planning restrictions, there will be no signs, so keep an eye out for their arrival and pass the word around! They will be here on a trial basis at first, so the more of you who use them on a regular basis, the more likely the facility is to become a permanent feature.

One word of warning - please ensure all boxes, bags etc use to transport items to the bins are taken home and please too, clear up any breakages since - as everyone knows - the children do play in the car park and we don't want any nasty accidents!

BRIANTSPUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE

The redecoration is progressing satisfactorily. The Hall is now complete and the passage to the Bladen Social Club and the W.C.'s and the Ladies and Gents conveniences are very nearly complete. The kitchen is going to be washed down and a coat of paint put on the walls. The wooden chairs have been taken to Sandford to be repaired in two lots. In the Spring and Summer when the weather improves it is hoped to paint the exterior of the hall. The committee is most grateful to everyone for their forbearance during this time the work has been done.

On Thursday 6th April the Hall Committee plan to hold a Jumble Sale at The Town Hall in Wareham. It has been decided to hold this sale outside the Parish as it is likely to attract more customers. Please let either Gill Vingoe or Philippa Thorniley have jumble, bric-a-brac and books. If you are able to help by transporting jumble etc. to Wareham and also to help at the sale on Thursday 6th April between 9am and 1pm please let either Gill or Philippa have your names. The sale itself will take place between 10am and 12 noon. The hour each side is for setting up and clearing up.

A last minute reminder: this year's Village Hall Quiz will be on Saturday 4th March. It will be held on the same lines as in the previous two years. You may come either with an organised team or just turn up and team up with others in the Hall or just come along and observe. Refreshments will be served in the interval.

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

This month, our guest speaker is a representative from "the men of Trees". Teas: Kate de Burgh and Betty Fisk, Hostess Martha Tucker.

BRIANTSPUDDLE PLAYGROUP

On Saturday 15th April we will be holding an Easter fair at Briantspuddle Village Hall at 2pm. Everybody is welcome. There will be something for all ages, including an Easter Fancy Dress competition for all the children. Please come along and support one of your local playgroups. If you are interested in having a stall or are willing to help in some way, please contact Jane on 472350 or Sherrilee on 471557. If you have young children and would like to visit the playgroup and look around, you will be very welcome.

Also on the Friday, 3rd March at 9.30am the photographer is visiting the playgroup. We would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone with children or babies to come along and have their photograph taken. A creche will be provided also tea and cakes for a small charge. Thank you for your support.

S A Albin, Chairperson

PLAY AND LEARN VAN

Thursday 9th and 23rd March - 11.45 - 12 - Briantspuddle
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March
4th  10.30am  Banana Box Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court
7th  7.30pm  "Tess of the D’Urbervilles" - Drax Hall
11th  10.00am  Jumble Sale - Wareham Town Hall - for Purbeck School PTA
11th  2.30pm  Jumble Sale - Scout HQ
12th  7.30pm  Harp Recital - Sarah Deere-Jones - Cyril Wood Court
     Tickets £4.00
13th  7.30pm  'In Praise of Dorset' - Dorset Wildlife Trust - County Museum, Dorchester - £2.00
15th  10.30am  Coffee Morning - 33 Old Barn Road
     for Bere Regis Church
18th  7pm  Guides and Brownies Spring Concert - Drax Hall
22nd  10.30am  Coffee Morning - 74 West Street
25th  2.30pm  Autumn Leaves Spring Fayre - Drax Hall

April 1995
1st & 2nd 10.30-5.00pm  Kingsbere Quilters - Cyril Wood Court
6th  10-12 noon  Jumble Sale - Wareham Town Hall
     for Briantspuddle Village Hall
15th  2pm  Easter Fair - Village Hall - Briantspuddle Play Group
17th  Blubell Walk - Dorset-Latvia Link
29th  Latvia Link Jumble Sale - Scout HQ
30th  10.30-3pm  Spring Garden and Craft Sale - Sandford Middle School

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AGE CONCERN

2.00 pm Thursdays, Turberville Court
2.30 pm 2nd Wednesday

AUTUMN LEAVES

6.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ

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

6.15 pm Wednesday, Scout HQ

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Winter Season Opening Times: Tues,
     Wed & Fri 7.00 pm, Sat 4.25 pm, Sun 7.30 pm

BRIANTSPuddle SINGERS

7.45-9.30 - Village Hall

CHOIR PRACTICE

Tues 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,
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     5 mornings Bere Regis School - Tel 463214

PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS

PLAYGROUP BRIANTSPuddle

Enquiries Gill Jennings 471198

RAINBOWS

4.30 pm Tuesdays - Scout HQ

RBL GARDENING CLUB

1st Tues, 8.00 pm - Club House

SCOUTS

Junior - 7.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Senior - 7.00 pm Friday, Scout HQ

W.I. BERE REGIS

10.15 am Sundays in Church

W.I. BRIANTSPuddle

7.30 pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

TUESDAY CLUBS:

7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Village Hall

JUNIOR CLUB

7.00 pm 6-9 years, Congregational Church

YOUTH CLUB

7.00 pm 9 & over, Congregational Church

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