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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday (31st March)
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m.  United Benefice Communion (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis) followed by the Church Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday (3rd April)
7.30 p.m.  Holy Communion (Bere Regis)

Maundy Thursday (4th April)
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
7.30 p.m.  Celebration of the Last Supper (Bere Regis)

Good Friday (5th April)
9.30 a.m.  Service of Devotion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Good Friday Walk
2.00 p.m.  Devotion before the Cross - The Last Hour (Bere Regis)

Easter Day (7th April)
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Easter Morning Service plus Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)
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APRIL 1996

The Venerable Graham Roblin OBE

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"God, I hate you". If you have not said this or felt like saying this at some time, many others have. On Wednesday 13th March, when news began to break of the sixteen little children being massacred, there were many people who in their bewilderment and shock echoed this statement “God, I hate you”. Others were saying “why”, and “how could this happen”. Then, over the next few days, we began to be inwardly angry. “Who was to blame?” we asked. Some said “I have lost my faith”.

It has been a very testing time for Christians. It has been a time when we have been forced to assess our faith and our belief. What do we mean by “God”? Do we see God as a man in the sky who is all powerful and all knowing, who directs everything that happens on earth? I think we do to some extent, but then we say “How can a God who loves, make evil happen”, and we begin to be confused. We are not the first to be confused. From the beginning, mankind has been aware of God, but has not known him. It is an amazing study to see how mankind has responded to its awareness of the Divine. But it is only a study, and it doesn’t help the bewildered and angry soul that is forced into the feeling “God, I hate you”.

What does Christianity have to say? Basically it is this. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus of Nazareth. In Jesus, you have the perfect picture of God. When we understand this, our vision of God changes. We see Jesus as a helpless baby - God is helpless. We see Jesus certainly as the lover of children - “Suffer the little children to come unto me”, and about those who abused children “it were better that a millstone were hung around his neck and he be cast into the depth of the sea.” These are words of Jesus. We see in Jesus, the God who hates sickness and suffering; we see in Jesus, the God who weeps quite a lot, the God who is weighed down by sorrow. And in one week of his life - the final week - we see Jesus whipped, spat upon, tortured, nailed to wood and abandoned. If you want to see God, says the Christian, look at Jesus.

You and I know perfectly well that there is evil in the world. It is in us as well as around us. There is a fierce battle going on all the time between good and evil. That battle raged around Jesus all his life. Even when he was born, evil surfaced in the killing of those tiny babies by King Herod’s soldiers. How God will have groaned in the blackest of sorrow when that evil erupted.

The headmaster of the primary school in Dunblane had it exactly right when he said “Yesterday, evil came into my school”.

As the horror of that evil tragedy in Dunblane begins to calm down in our minds, it ought to bring us up sharply to the awareness that there is a constant battle between good and evil, between God and Satan. The God as shown to us in Jesus, cannot ‘allow’ or ‘wish for’ evil or hurt or disease to come upon us. Rather, the God as shown in Jesus suffers with us and for us as we go through our own pain and sorrow. He loves us and wraps us around in his arms.

A last thought for now in a bewildering moment, the Friday in which they killed God’s son, the Christian calls Good Friday. Why ‘Good’? Because out of that appalling incident, we see God’s total identification with us, to the point of death. But it didn’t end there. Easter followed. Goodness triumphed over evil.

It is a mighty subject, and it is one which continues to make us all passionate; it makes even the atheist say “God, I hate you”. For the Christian, we have to keep our eyes fixed on the Jesus of the gospels. We then find that we can’t say “Jesus, I hate you”. We can’t hate someone who loves us so much. We might well say “Satan, I hate you”.

Yours sincerely

Graham Roblin

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong:
Give us grace neither to act cruelly nor to stand indifferently by, but to defend the weak from the tyranny of the strong; in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for us, but who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.
CHURCH SERVICES AFTER EASTER

Sunday 14th April
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Young People's Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong and AGM (Affpuddle)

Sunday 21st April
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Affpraise (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 28th April
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Regis Praise (Bere Regis)

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Readers
April 7th  Mrs C Lewis
April 14th  Miss P Chesney
April 21st  Miss S Frampton

Bere Regis Sidesmen - April 1996
April 7th  9.30 a.m.  Mr House/Mr Bates
6.00 p.m.  Mr Barnes/Mr Ward
April 14th  11.00 a.m.  Mr Croon/Mrs March
6.00 p.m.  Miss Chesney/Mrs Jutting
April 21st  9.30 a.m.  Mr Strange/Mrs Hazlerigg
6.00 p.m.  Mrs England/Miss Frampton
April 28th  11.00 a.m.  Col. Barne/Miss Miller
6.00 p.m.  Mr Barnes/Mrs Ward

Sanctuary Flower Guild
April 7th  Easter Day
April 14th  Mrs B Cobb  Mrs D Barnes
April 21st  Mrs S Norman  Mrs D Croome
April 28th  Mrs P Mooney  Mrs K Benhafield

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 6th April at 10.00 a.m. Gifts of flowers or greenery will be appreciated.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Readers, Readings and Sidesmen - April 1996

7th April  8.00  Capt.Badcock
11.00  Lt.Cdr.Thorniley

14th April  9.30  Mr.D.Payne

21st April  8.00  Lt.Cdr.Thorniley
11.00  Affpraise

28th April  9.30  Mrs.Wharton

The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 6th April 1996 from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Gifts of flowers and foliage would be most welcome and should be delivered to the church by 10.00 a.m.
Flower and Cleaning rotas

Date          Flowers       Cleaning
7th April     Easter        Mrs Thornley
14th April    Mrs Smith     Mrs Hogger
21st April    Mrs Sherwood  Mrs Solly
28th April    Lady Neill    Mrs Wharton

Mowing rota
Saturday 30th March 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon  Spring Tidy Up

Fortnight beginning:
1st April      Bill Thornley, Roger Prideaux, Mike Vlasto
15th April     Harry Jenkins, Nigel Payne, Alan Champion
29th April     Robin Gainsford, David Buck, to be arranged

CHURCH FUND RAISING

There will be a coffee morning on April 17th at the home of Miss Sybil Frampton, 1 Tower Hill. You will be assured of a warm welcome - 10.30 a.m.
Future fund raising dates for your diary:

Coffee Mornings
Wednesday 17th April at the home of Sybil Frampton, 1 Tower Hill.
Wednesday 26th June at the home of Eileen and Colin Jutting, 37 Elder Road.
Wednesday 21st August at the Vicarage

A Kipper Breakfast
Saturday 15 June at the invitation of Margaret and Christopher Mauder, Acorn Cottage, North Street.

A Car Boot Sale and Table Top Sale
Saturday 21st September at the Scout Hut

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NOTICES

New rotas
Lists with the new rotas for the year ending 31st March 1997 have now been delivered. The vicar and church wardens are most grateful to all those who help by giving their time to clean the church, cut the grass, arrange the flowers and serve as sidesmen at services. The moving rota is short of two volunteers due to removals from the parish; if you can help please contact Bill Thornley immediately.

Flowers
A similar request was made last year and I am making it again this year; if you are able to donate flowers or foliage from your garden to be used for decorating the church please contact either the ladies on the flower rota month by month or me, Philippa Thornley.

Incidentally, I think all those who gave money for purchase of flowers to decorate the church will be most interested to learn that the cyclamen were still going strong at the start of Lent and so rather than throw them away, which would have been wasteful, or giving them away, which would have been devious, they are now in the Village Hall for all hall users to enjoy and I have already been told how much they are appreciated.
FROM THE REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

Holy Matrimony
16th March 1996  Gary Christopher Curtis and Deborah Jane Looker

Funerals
18th March 1996  Henrick Jan Ot
19th March 1996  Marjorie Sybil Watts

AFFPUDDLE

Funeral
20th March 1996  Douglas Poore

OBITUARIES

MRS MARJORIE SYBIL WATTS, aged 97

Sometimes we say, when someone close to us dies, “It seems like the end of an era”. With the dying of Mrs Watts it really did seem like this, because in our parish we had a lady born in the last century; a person who had seen six reigns; a person whose life had witnessed the greatest changes in the history of the world, as well as two of the worst wars the world has ever known. She came to Bere Regis only seventeen years ago, but in her eightieth year.

She came when her only son John took over the managership of the cress beds. Yet despite her advanced age, she entered into a great deal of the village life, and the large congregation at the funeral service witnessed to the affection and esteem in which she was held.

Mrs Watts was born in Hounslow, the daughter of Estate Agents. She went to school there, but her full schooling was interrupted by the first World War. She became a clerk in the Records office in the local army barracks. It was here that she met her husband Rupert. He was a member of the Veterinary team caring for the many horses. They were married in 1922 and he became a civilian vet in Nuneaton. He specialised in dogs, and as a hobby bred Sealyham puppies, one of which became a Crufts champion in 1926.

In 1930, the family moved to Bognor Regis, and this became her home until her husband died in 1961. By this time her son John was a specialist in watercress farming. He had also married and had three children, so she decided to accompany him and to devote her life to the children. It meant several moves, but she was happy, and particularly happy to end up in Bere Regis.

Although dogs had always been a great love in her life, she had to forgo this when she came here. But her other hobbies centred around crafts were kept up. She made many crocheted blankets for people in under-developed countries. She also helped her grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the art of leather work or jewellery making. She was a founder member of the British Legion when women were first admitted, and it was lovely to see our own Women’s Section of the British Legion in attendance.

For 46 years, Mrs Watts kept a diary. On her last day she recorded not feeling too well and asking for God’s help. This indicated her God-centredness. It was an inspiration to many to see her on her way to church before 8.00 a.m., even in the most inclement weather.

It was with a great sense of thankfulness for her long life that the congregation were able to sing “Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son”, “Jerusalem”, and “Now thank we all our God”. We prayed that she might enjoy her new life with the God who meant so much to her in this past life.

WILFRED DOUGLAS POORE, aged 74 years

Doug Poore died in his sleep at his bungalow in Briantspuddle during the night of 14th March. His funeral and interment was held on 20th March in Affpuddle Church, and a large congregation came to bid farewell to one of the sons of Affpuddle and Briantspuddle. The congregation joined his two brothers in remembering with affection and thanking the life of a man who was born in what was then the Post Office up the road from the church on the road to Tolpuddle. Doug never really moved away from the valley. He attended the village school, played soccer for the village team, was a member of the village shoot, and spent the whole of his working life in the parish.

On leaving school, he worked as a farm labourer on what was then called ‘Shop Farm’, just up the road from ‘the Cross’. Then ten years on, he went to work as a tree planter for Sir Piers Debenham, creating the plantation on the heath above Briantspuddle. When that was finished he went to work for Mr Bamlett and Mr Herridge at Throop Farm. It was from there that he retired some fifteen years ago.

A shy and retiring man by nature, and a bachelor, he chose his friends with care, and it was a great thing for him in his later years that he was able to go walking, for many miles, over his beloved countryside, with his friend, the late Ernie Carter. Providence has it that they are both near each other in the peace and beauty of their own churchyard at Affpuddle. At the funeral service, the hymn “We plough the fields and scatter” held a special meaning, and we prayed for Doug that he would be at peace and at rest with God, and with those who have gone before him.
BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS’ UNION

At our March meeting Molly Ransom amusingly described her life so far. Brought up in a strict religious home she told how, at the age of 17, at the beginning of World War II, she was thrown into nursing without any training whatsoever, to receive the wounded after the Normandy landings and, later, sent to Buchenwald to heal the victims there.

She trained and became a successful singer. After marriage she ran a boarding house, also learning as she went along, and now works with young people with drug and other problems. All her life has been run through with humour and her deep religious faith.

Our April meeting, during Holy Week, will be Holy Communion to which everyone is welcome.

THE BERE REGIS BIER

As part of the social history of the county and parish, the County Museum has shown some interest in the history of the wheeled bier which still exists. With the closing of the Churchyard for burials in 1882 and the opening of the cemetery in Southbrook, before the days of motorised hearses, there was a long walk from Church to cemetery and after some years of walking, funds were raised by the then Vicar for a wheeled bier which also had the possibility of being drawn by a horse or pony.

Does anyone have any photographs of the bier or can remember it being used and when? The churchwardens are willing to collect any information for the museum’s benefit.

PARISH COUNCIL

At the opening of the meeting the Chairman, Mr David Gibbs invited all in attendance to stand in silent tribute to those killed and injured at Dunblane on the previous day.

The March meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting at which the Chairman reports on the activities of the previous year. It is also the meeting at which any Parishioner may speak on any topic that concerns them.

Over a dozen parishioners attended and questions were asked concerning the future of the village. Strong opinions were expressed on proposed developments that had been heard of. The Chairman stated that he was trying to arrange a public meeting to be addressed by the Planning Authority so that all would know of the intentions.

Complaints were received concerning the parking bollards in the rear of Old Barn Road, the state of the footpath from West Street and the area and the bus stop in West Street. One parishioner expressed her gratitude for the new footpath signs that have been erected.

Representatives from ‘Pop in Place’ (PIP) advised the meeting of their intentions. The monthly meeting followed, when it was reported that there may be a boundary change which would mean that our District Councillor would represent Bere Regis and Bloxworth only. Morden would be detached to Lychett Matravers. Concerning the forming of PIP and the Council granted £100 to the organisers to enable them to get started.

The Public Meeting mentioned above is currently provisionally scheduled for the evening of Wednesday 8th May, at the Drax Hall. Watch out for notices confirming this. The Hall is limited to 100 people at any one time, so if you wish to attend please be early.

CM

BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Unfortunately we missed the closing date for last month’s magazine so our Poppy Appeal report was held over. Although state news, it is a very satisfying report. The house to house collections were up by £132.30 to a total of £1597.23, and the total rose to £2417.94 with all the various church collections. Donations from coffee evenings, whist drives etc., an increase of nearly £300.

Our Poppy organiser, Mrs Olive Curtis, and all the Legion Branches would like to convey their most sincere thanks and appreciation to all Poppy Collectors, garages, shops, public houses who all helped so much for us to reach such an excellent total, and especially to everyone who gave so generously.

The Youth Section also played their part by raising a further £122. Despite the loss of several members due to age limits, the Youth Section has well over thirty members who meet regularly each week.

The Gardening Club meets regularly each first Tuesday in the month, and are holding a Spring Show on April 12th at 7.15 p.m. - open to all Legion Gardening Club members. Entries on the night, up to 6.30 p.m. Schedules are available from the Gardening Club secretary or at the Legion Club. We hope you will all support the show. Just one entry each will make quite a display.

The Men’s branch hope to hold a bring and buy sale at the Club on May 10th, so any unwanted items will be welcomed. More details later.

This year, being the 75th anniversary of the Royal British Legion there will be quite a few events going on. We celebrate our 75th anniversary next year having been founded in March 1922.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Twenty three members attended the monthly meeting held on February 21st. After the Exhortation and apologies and minutes of the last meeting, the Treasurer read the Bank Balance and suggested that we donate £300 to our schemes - £200 to the Benevolent Fund and £100 to the General Fund.

April 10th is our Spring group meeting where we have to entertain the Isle of Purbeck group of women's sections. It was then decided to have a Jumble Sale on Saturday 20th April at the Scouts' Hut at 2.00 p.m. Miss Norris was our speaker for the afternoon. What an interesting time we had, her work is something to see and believe. A very clever lady and humorous with it. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Burt.

Teas were served by Mrs Clarke and Mrs Leigh and a raffle was run by Mrs Payne.

Cenotaph for April - Mrs Tharly and Mrs Brett.

BERE REGIS SWIMMING CLUB

On the 14th June 1976, the Bere Regis Swimming Club held its first club night at the School. 120 people turned up on the night, many to cool off after yet another hot day (remember the summer of '76)?

A great deal has happened since then and the Club has continued to teach local children to swim. I am pleased that we are still continuing this work today, and it gives me great pleasure to remember the many children who have benefited from our weekly swimming sessions.

We are now planning a special event to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the club on the 14th June. To mark the occasion, we are holding a Barn Dance to the music of the ‘Wreckin’ Reels’ at the Bere Regis First School and inviting all past and present members (and their families) to join us. The event is from 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. and tickets are £5.00 for adults, £2.50 for children or £15 for a family ticket, including a Ploughman’s Supper.

For further information or tickets, ring Bob Holman on 01305 848262 or Tina Street on 01929 471570. Do come and have a great evening!

Bob Holman

DRAX HALL

The Theatre Workshop was a great success at half term and I am certain that there are still many fishes decorating small bedrooms. The performance of 'Much Ado About Nothing' presented by the Forest Forge Group, was likewise a great success.

At the AGM we had nine parishioners attending and the Committee was re-elected. The accounts showed a loss of just over £250 for the year which was accounted for by unplanned expenses. The income was up on the previous year, particularly in the hireings. No increases in charges are planned for the forthcoming year.

The Committee agreed to try to get some films for showing in support of the Purbeck Heritage project, Purbeck Cinema 100. This is to commemorate the centenary of the Cinema. Watch this space for more details. Not only live theatre but live films!

CM

BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GARDENING CLUB

Looks as if we have got back on track at last. A pretty hairy start to the year though. First speaker, Anne Stevens, down with 'flu. Second speaker, T Allwood, couldn't make it. What a carry on. So my grateful thanks to Kingston Maurward College and George Blakc for filling in and our dear pal Tony Bates for his wonderful Beauty of Flowers slide show on March 5th.

A very appreciative audience of around 60 members enjoyed the show. That's most of the membership so far. I counted last week 75 including me. We usually have around 100. Don't be shy now you lot. It's still only 30/- a year to join and wit-a-lot-you-got-for it. Free show and guest speaker every 1st Tuesday at North Rd, RBL Club and Bar. 25% off Dobie's seeds and 10% off gardening goodies in various shops in Wareham, Blandford, Dorchester etc. Not forgetting special offer on 6X, outing to Bath and West Show, Harvest Supper, Xmas Bash and introducing ...... for one night only .... the RBL Gardening Club....... Spring Show.

Yes folks, Friday 12th April is the date. 7.15 p.m. is the time. We decided on an evening show for a change so you can combine enjoying the thrill of winning prizes with your daffs, pot plants, home made marmalade, hot cross buns, flower arrangements, loaf of bread, knitted animals, colour photographs et alle with a pleasant evening among friends at Le Club.

The Show is open to all Members and Legion Members and their children. If in doubt give me a shout - Brian 472135. Better still, turn up at our next Club Nite for advice on Growing and Showing, Veg and Flowers from Mr B Sprackland. That's Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30 p.m. Good timing, don't you think!
Your committee gained another member so it reads: Chair - Megan Stone, Treasurer - John Wrixon, Seed orders - Andy Morrison, Le Show - Adrian and Elaine Standfield and Percy House, Outings - Elaine and Adrian, Secretary - yours truly, Brian Murray.

We are looking for bags of support for this year’s Show. Just pray the weather turns up trumps for a change. Many thanks to all our members for support through a somewhat hazardous period. See you at the Club.

BERE REGIS W.I.

We are all looking forward to the Spring - can we make a Spring resolution? Support the W.I. in your village. Our programme secretary, Mrs C Tucker, has spent many hours putting our programme together for 1996 and is no doubt already slotting 1997 into her files.

So why don’t we do something about it and show her our appreciation for what she has done and is doing for our group, by coming along this month - 16th April at 7.30 p.m. This will be an interesting evening with Mrs Williams who will be taking us through Preserves and Unusual Preserves. Our hostesses will be there as usual with the refreshments - a welcome is there for you.

Zena Rogers

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Thank you to all those who supported our Jumble Sale last month.

Plans for our ‘Cub Roast’ on Saturday 6th July are progressing and Cubs are being closely watched. Activities at Shitterton Farm will be starting at 2.00 p.m. with the Main Draw at 5.00 p.m.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’s CLUB

At our March meeting, we were taken on a tour by slides of Australia and Tasmania. This was presented by Mr Tony Bates, who had recently visited these countries. We all enjoyed the marvellous scenery, and wild flowers and animals, and felt we had really travelled with him. This was followed by the competition for three spring flowers and tea.

Our Spring Tour will take place on Wednesday 10th April, when we will be visiting the Dorset Knob factory at Morecombe, and then on to Bridport for tea. Names please to Mrs Kath Jeeves.

SANDFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL P.T.A.
COFFEE MORNING AND MINI TREASURE HUNT

On Saturday 27th April 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon at the Scout Hut Bere Regis. There will be a raffle games stalls, cakes, a bring and buy etc. We still need help for this event. Any donation can be brought to the hut from 9.00 a.m. on the day. Tel: 472023 details.

FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL

Many thanks to all who attended the Easter Fayre in March.

Skittles Evening
We are holding a family skittles evening at the Royal Oak on Friday April 19th at 7.30pm. This will be a very informal evening and people can enter teams for the skittles. There will also be a raffle etc. and everyone is most welcome to come along and join in. However, no unaccompanied children please.

Carnival Queen Disco
This will be held at the Royal British Legion, North Street on Friday the 24th May at 7.30 p.m. There will be dancing to Flash Back Disco. Tickets are available at £1.00 each - adults and children are the same price. The Carnival Queen will be picked during the course of the evening. The Competition Rules are:

- you must be at Middle School or older
- live within a four mile radius of Bere Regis
- be available to head the Carnival procession on Sat 13th July

Please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment from Alison Bennett - 472023 or Sarah Hewitt - 472414.

Bere Regis Carnival - Sat 13th July

The Bere Regis Playgroup will be organising the Carnival Procession this year and for so doing will be putting all the proceeds of the street collection to their funds. For further information about the Procession or entry forms phone Sarah Brady - 471466.

Sponsorship
We are in the process of gaining sponsors for the Carnival this year and a special sponsorship stand will be available to hand out your company’s advertising literature and regular announcements will be given out over the public address system. The cost of this will be the very reasonable fee of £10. If you, or your company, would like to take advantage of this and have not yet received a letter, please contact Sarah Hewitt on 472414.
Trade Stands
If you wish to run a trade stand at this popular event please contact the School on 471334 and leave a message with your name and address. The cost will be £7.50 as in the past. Tables will be £1 each.

Helpers
We are always short of help at this event with the vast amount there is to do. Even if you don’t have a child at the school but are willing to help out in any way we would like to hear from you. Remember all the profit will go to the Swimming Pool fund this year.

School Swimming Pool
The School pool is in need of repair. £2,000 will need to be spent just to be able to open it again this year. A total outlay of approximately £5,000 will be needed to complete essential repairs.

If you are involved in another organisation and feel you may be able to run a fund raiser for us please let us know. The Royal Oak has kindly placed a large whiskey bottle on the bar to be filled with coins, maybe you can think of a way to help.

The children really enjoy the facility of the Pool but what is much more important is that a great many of the children and adults in this village actually learnt to swim in it. To be able to offer it open for use in the long summer holiday is always popular with children and parents alike.

Years ago, a group of parents worked very hard to raise the funds to build the school pool the whole community pulled together then and I believe that they can do it again now to keep this available for the children of the village.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE F.O.B.R.S. FUND RAISING, IT WILL ALL GO TO THE SWIMMING POOL FUND.

BERE REGIS TWINNING ASSOCIATION
Bonjour!!

Nothing much to report on the twinning front since our last meeting but I can assure you that your committee are working hard over the odd glass of wine or two to bring the twinning to fruition.

We will keep you posted.

In the meantime if you would like any more information please call one of the committee members - Bernard Hammick 472424, Ruth Draycott 471295 or Peter Loxton 471660.

POP IN PLACE
Thank you to everyone who has returned the questionnaire that appeared in March's Parish Magazine.

Early indications have shown that the project would be supported and attended by an acceptable number of people to make it worthwhile proceeding. We have gained the offer of session help by 12 volunteers for our rota. Support has been forthcoming from many leading community members.

If you wish to fill in your questionnaire and haven't got round to doing so yet, there is still time.

The Way Forward.
The steering group have three steps to undertake.

◊ To gain financial backing by donation or grant to establish the project. Once initial outlay has been made, the project should become self-supporting financially.
◊ Creating the right atmosphere in the venue, this will involve some redecoration etc.
◊ Public awareness, producing leaflets explaining the Pop In Place, its aims and opening times.

Calling all village organisations.
If you would like to encourage a greater membership and make new people aware of what you are about please send us your details. Ideally this would be a leaflet type of hand out, but if you don’t have anything currently then maybe we can help you out.

How can you become involved.
◊ By donating books for the lending library.
◊ Take part in the 50/50 sale of items that will be part of each session. It has been suggested that we carry second-hand school uniform for the local schools as well as lots of other good quality, clean, second hand articles.
◊ By helping yourself, you can also help others. As the project starts to make a profit we will be asking its supporters to name appropriate good causes for donations.
◊ Just by popping in and having a coffee, our friendly team will make you feel very welcome.
◊ By offering to go on the help rota.

For further details about P.I.P., offers of help, details on your organisations, contact:
The P.I.P. Steering Group, c/o Alison Bennett, 3 Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis. Tel: 472023
BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The March meeting was very interesting. Mrs Barbara Hudson gave a lovely demonstration with various things and exotic flowers from around the world.

The April meeting is a workshop so please bring your container and materials to do your arrangement. There will also be a plant stall. Please note the date of the next meeting which is 16th April.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

The dreadful massacre by one evil gunman of 16 young children and their teacher, and the injuring of another twelve at the Primary School in Dunblane, Scotland, stunned and shocked the whole community and left them all in deep grief. Those shock waves of grief were felt by all the nation, north and south of the border. Our sympathy, compassion and prayers go out to these stricken families.

Many questions will of course be asked, but how many will or can be answered. Why was my child murdered? Why was my child not? Some parents will be grateful, but perhaps feel guilty because their child is alive while others have died. Others will be very angry. How could this happen here? Why was this madman allowed to possess guns?

Where was God in all this? Why did He allow this tragedy to happen, especially to innocent five and six year old children? Why did God not intervene and stop these murders?

I believe God grieves and His heart is broken afresh for each family too. As we come to Easter once again, perhaps we are able to see the answer to some of these questions there. Jesus, in love and compassion, intervened in this world nearly 2000 years ago and gave His life on a cruel cross, taking the punishment for the sins of all mankind, and then rose again on the third day to give us hope of eternal life.

Out of death comes new life for all who turn from their sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, obey His commands and follow Him. Not to do so is to invite disaster upon ourselves. Easter is all about death to our own selfishness and sin, and of a new life lived for Christ Jesus. Colossians 3: 1 - 4.

The Lord has promised to keep every one who believes in Him through, but not from, every trial and tribulation that we may have to face in this evil and wicked world. This tragedy has concentrated the mind of the nation as to why there should be such evil in our midst. The same thing happened when James Bulger was murdered, but after a while the nation recovered from its shock and continued to ignore God’s standards and rules for living, that are intended for our good. Will the same thing happen again this time?

Will this nation as a whole, and we as individuals in particular, willingly allow Christ Jesus to intervene in our lives, and be our Risen Saviour and Lord for Life?

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football Results

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The current dismal run of results has put paid to Bere’s proposed Stock Market flotation. Any chance of mid-table mediocrity for the premier eleven has frozen up along with the pitches of mid-west Dorset. True enough the extreme cold snap has limited the number of games played, thus restricting the team’s opportunity to play to a consistent standard demanded from the manager. The weather relented at home to bitter rivals Wareham, when one or two old faces appeared and watched Wareham romp to a quite easy win, despite some early alarm bells thanks to Bere’s firebrand striker Burt ‘Simpson’ Stranach.

What followed was some kamikaze defending enabling Wareham to equalise some five seconds from the restart, but worse was to follow when Bere entertained Portland United at home, they started brightly with some crisp, neat play through the middle, notably Hristo Oram and Antonio Cheeseman linking to effect. A two goal lead was established when the Burtman ran onto a powered header and sprung the offside trap. All things looked decidedly rosier for Bere who were ebullient as Roberto White ran riot and added a third before half time, but no-one told Portland that they were not allowed to score and they cashed in on some shameless defending from Chris Augenthaler making the score 3 - 2 at the interval.

As the second half unfolded the sparse crowd witnessed what was a thumb nail sketch of the entire season. Heavily entrenched in their own half, Bere capitulated and were resurgent thanks to a clinically taken goal from Fabrizio Ives and led 4 - 3 with six minutes left, but it was time for any luck and sense to leave the fast sinking ship and a hopeful miss-hit shot sailed nicely onto the head of a shocked attacker and went in giving the Cavemen an unlikely victory. Strangely the fixture computer churned out an away meeting with the same opponents next week. The team went preparing for the expected weather differential by packing long Johns a plenty. The game was not so easy this time round and three first half goals were enough to sink Bere’s hopes, though the introduction of Phil Beardsey bolstered the ranks for the coming weeks.

The reserve eleven have stuck to their task, and their manager Archie Cheeseman has kept faith with local youngsters, and with the early part of the season the old cries of “we’re doomed” could be heard ringing around the old stadium.
Nevertheless, despite finding victories hard to come by, some face has been saved and some notable performances have been posted. Away to the Ferryman, Bere outplayed the pub side and were denied a worthy victory by a cruel twist of bad luck, something which seems to be ever present in each of Bere’s sides.

The Sunday eleven have been struggling of late and are propping up all of the other teams in their division. Unfortunately for them the difference between themselves and their immediate neighbours up the league is not too much, and a far greater placing could well have been achieved with some application, as demonstrated at home to the White Swan when the away side stormed to a five goal advantage, with Bere scoring three in reply.

The Sports Club will be staging a general social evening at the clubhouse combining the Annual Easter Egg Draw with a pre-season cricket get together, which will take place on the evening of the 7th April. Also with all this inherent cold weather it is time to turn our thoughts to cricket again, banishing all the nightmares of England’s Winter tours. The Cricket Club will be holding net sessions at Milton Abbey School on 7th and 14th April, all players young, new, and old are most welcome. The club are also appealing for umpires and scorers for the newly set separate Saturday and Sunday Leagues this forthcoming season. Anyone interested please call Bere Regis 471882

PLAY AND LEARN VAN

Wednesday 17th April
9.15 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Bere Regis School
10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Bere Regis Surgery
1.45 p.m. Briorspuddle

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Hall committee met on 5th March. The business discussed included the planned renovation of the kitchen to comply with health recommendations. Specifications are being prepared and quotations sought.

Fund raising plans were also discussed. The 100 Club will be run again this year and plans were made to arrange an exhibition of embroidery and to organise a jazz night. A Christmas event will probably be held. Though as such they are not major fundraising events it is hoped that we will be able to arrange one or possibly two Artreath performances during the next season. If any member of the parish has any ideas for either a one-off or regular activity which could be run in the village hall do please contact a member of the committee with your plans and offer of help to organise it.

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

Spring is a busy time of year for our local W.I.s. Apart from our monthly meetings we take part in the horticultural show in March in Winterborne Kingston. In April some of our members will attend the annual meeting in Weymouth Pavilion. April is also the month of our Woodbury Hill Group social event and then we will have our own meeting in the Hall on Wednesday 3rd April when Mrs. Hunter from the Wessex National Trust will be our guest speaker. It was good to see quite a few non-members at our meeting in March. Guests are always welcome. Teas for April: Diane Holman and Tessa Hellin.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 1996
10th Autumn Leaves Spring Tour
10th RBL Women’s Section, Group meeting, HQ 7.30 p.m
12th RBL, Gardening Club, Spring Show, HQ 7.15 p.m
17th Coffee Morning for Church Funds, 1 Tower Hill 10.30 a.m
19th FOBRS Skittles Evening, Royal Oak 7.30 p.m
20th RBL Women’s Section Jumble Sale, Scout Hut 2.00 p.m
27th Sandford PTA, coffee morning and treasure hunt 10.00 a.m

May 1996
2nd Age Concern outing to Laycock 7.30 p.m
24th Carnival Queen Disco, RBL

June 1996
14th Swimming Club, Barn Dance, BR First School 7.30 p.m - 11.30 p.m
15th Kipper Breakfast, Acorn Cottage, North Street 9.00 a.m
26th Coffee Morning for Church Funds, 37 Elder Road 10.30 a.m
27th Age Concern Fete, Culver Dell 2.00 p.m

July 1996
6th Cub Roast, Shitterton Farmhouse 2.00 p.m
13th Bere Regis Carnival

August 1996
21st Coffee Morning at the Vicarage 10.30 a.m

September 1996
21st Car Boot and Table Top Sale, Scout Hut 12.00 noon - 4.00 p.m

October 1996
5th Autumn Leaves 25p Sale

November 1996
23rd Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar
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EDITORIAL NOTE

Invoices have now been sent to those ‘small-ads’ advertisers who have not yet paid for their entries. Payments for 1995 in arrears and 1996 in advance are now due. Those advertisements for which payment has not been received will be deleted from the May issue of the magazine.

The Parish Magazine small-ads section is widely read and is frequently the first place people will look for local services. It is a cost effective form of advertising and entries can be made for single months or for a full year. If you run a local enterprise, offer personal services, accommodation or are a skilled tradesperson then why not consider this method of promoting your business.

During the course of this year, the layout of the small-ads section will be changing to mini-display boxes, when the charges will be £10 per box for a full year or £2.00 for a single month.

Occasionally, it will be possible to place display advertisments of either a half page or a full page in a single issue. Further details of charges for this can be obtained from the Editor - Alison Sheward on 471780.

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Contact Mark Bennett - 01929 471011 or Paul Bennett - 01929 472023

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