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Every so often, you come upon a story that gets to you. It hurts you, or makes you cry. I found this one the other day.

Once upon a time, there was a little old man. His eyes were not what they had been; his hands shook. When he ate, he made a noise and often dribbled, not only down his chin, but onto the tablecloth.

He lived with his married son. They had said he should sell the house when 'mother' died and that he should move in with them. His son's wife was very modern and sophisticated and houseproud. So the dribbling and the mess on the table offended her.

One day they took him by the arm and sat him in a corner of the kitchen. There he ate his meals. He ate out of an earthenware bowl.

One day his hands shook more than usual. The earthenware bowl fell and broke. The son and daughter-in-law were furious. "If you eat like a pig, you should eat out of a trough," they shouted. They made a wooden bowl and he got his meals in that.

They had a four year old son, of whom they were very fond. One day, his father found him playing intently with some bits of wood. "What are you doing?" said Dad. "I'm making a wooden trough for you and Mummy when I am grown up". The little boy looked up for approval.

The man and his wife looked at each other. They didn't say anything. Then they cried a little. Then they went to the corner and took the little old man and led him back to the table.

It is one of Grimms' fairy tales. It is this sort of story that I feel should be taught to young and old alike. A government minister has indicated that he wants more moral teaching to be given to our schools and few would disagree with him. Having said that, I believe that the schools that serve our communities do give a strong moral lead. But it is good to know that there is the beginning of a swing back to the understanding of right and wrong.

This powerful, modern story simply illustrates the ancient commandment "Honour thy father and thy mother". It also illustrates the ancient maxim 'Do as you would be done by'. Both are part of the moral law that we have neglected for too long.

Yours sincerely,
Graham Roblin
CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th February
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 11th February
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. GUIDES THINKING DAY SERVICE
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 18th February
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)

Ash Wednesday - 21st February
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)

Sunday 25th February
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. SONGS OF PRAISE (Bere Regis)

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen - February 1996

February 4th 9.30 a.m. Mr House/Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Mr Barnes/Mr Ward

February 11th 11.00 a.m. Mrs England/Mrs March
6.00 p.m. Miss Chesney/Mrs Jutting

February 18th 9.30 a.m. Mr Strange/Mrs Hazlerigg
6.00 p.m. Mrs England/Miss Frampton

February 25th 11.00 a.m. Col. Darre/Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Mr Barnes/Mrs Ward

Sanctuary Flower Guild

February 4th Mrs J Gibbs Mrs C Burden
February 11th Mrs D Ventham Mrs C Lewis
February 18th Mrs M England Mrs J Clarke
February 25th LENT

Readers

February 4th Mrs P Ward
February 11th Miss P Chesney
February 18th Mrs C Lewis

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Readers/Readings/ Sidesmen - February 1996

Sideman Reader/Reading

February 4th 8.00 a.m. Lt Cdr Thorniley The Server
11.00 a.m. Lt Cdr Thorniley 1 Cor 9:24-27
Mr Armitage
Genesis 1:1-2:3
Revelation 21:1-7

February 11th 9.30 a.m. Mr D Payne Mr Gainsford
2 Cor 12:1-10
Mr Silavs
Mark 7:24-33

February 18th 8.00 a.m. Lt Cdr Thorniley The Server
11.00 a.m. Affpraise 1 Cor 13
Affpraise

February 25th 9.30 a.m. Mrs Holland Lt Cdr Haigh
Hebrews 4:12-end
Capt Badcock
ASH WEDNESDAY
(21st February)

To start off our Lent this year, the following Celebrations of the Holy Communion will be held:

11.00 a.m. in Affpuddle
7.30 p.m. in Bere Regis

A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Most gracious Father
this is our home;
let your peace rest upon it.
Let love abide here,
love of one another
love of mankind
love of life itself
and love of God.
Let us remember that
as many hands build a house,
so many hearts make a home.

A GENEROUS LEGACY

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the late Miss Florence Applin has left the church a generous legacy in her will. Miss Applin lived for many years in West Street (in the house that is now the Post Office), but she moved north in the early fifties.

She never forgot her church, despite being away from the parish for such a long time. She was 92 when she died but there are still many in Bere Regis who remember her with affection. The legacy will be put towards the new kitchen facility being planned for the south aisle.

DID YOU CATCH THE BISHOP’S VISION?

Just over a year ago the Bishop of Salisbury launched his vision for the Salisbury diocese. Each parish has been asked to consider it and responses have been sent back to the Bishop. Here in Bere Regis we have not, as yet, made any far reaching plans and I suggested to the church council that we should extend the decision-making process to the whole parish and not just the church council.

You may have read the details of the Bishop’s vision in the Sarum Link and felt that you would like to comment. Here is your opportunity. We propose setting up three groups to examine further the three areas under discussion and you are cordially invited to opt in to one or other, or all three if you have opinions to share. It is widely acknowledged that changes are needed in today’s church but we have to balance that with the need to retain the traditional values of all that the church stands for.

That leads me to the first area under consideration, namely CONFIDENCE. The Bishop has asked that children, young people and adults should have the opportunity to receive teaching in the Christian Faith. Without a fuller understanding of Christianity, we may be tempted to believe it really is as weak and woolly as today’s media would portray it.

CHRISTIAN INFORMATION

I think it is true to say that most people are aware of their lack of information concerning Christianity and Religion in general. We have quite a lot of information which we gather over the years, but we still would like to know more. We want adult information and not just school memories.

With this in mind, I have decided to try and remedy this for those who wish to hear a bit more. I have managed to get a Franciscan Friar (Brother Reginald) of the Franciscan Order near Cemé Abbas to come each Wednesday in Lent. He is going to talk on the subject of Prayer, Praying and Spirituality.

He will come to Bere Regis Church on 28th February, 6th March, and 13th March and to the Village Hall at Briantspuddle on 20th and 27th March. The meetings will start at 7.00 p.m. and finish at 8.00 p.m. There will be opportunity to ask questions, of course, but the hour will be devoted mainly to us receiving from him.

I hope that this will meet the needs of those who are already church attenders but also those who are still searching.

If this course proves to be of value to people, I will be very happy to look at the possibility of running further Christian Information courses, using the wealth of talent that is available all around us, but often unused.

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This will be on Friday 1st March and will take place at Dewlish Parish Church. The speaker will be Mrs Brenda Pittfield. The service is entitled ‘God calls us to respond’, and has been prepared by the women of Haiti. If you require transport, please contact Mrs M England or Mrs J Healy.
As our confidence grows in the faith, we will need to join other Christians for WORSHIP which is the second area under consideration. Here at Bere Regis, we have a wide variety of forms of worship, both traditional and modern. But we realise that some may not be as user-friendly as you would like. While we may not be able to make any drastic changes, your comments would be greatly valued. Regular worship increases our relationship with God and we recognise his call to serve him and our fellow men and women where we live.

The Bishop encourages us to take ACTION in the community where we live and, while we realise there is much good neighbourliness taking place here in our parish, there could be people here in our midst who feel isolated, neglected or vulnerable. Would you have someone to turn to in an emergency? Is this an area where the church could be responding and would you like to be involved? If you would like to opt in to this initiative, either sign up on the lists in church, or give me a ring on 471391.

Brenda Pitfield

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to the collection for the purchase of flowers to decorate the church for Christmas. An amazing £42.00 was collected and cyclamen were purchased from Mr Whatmore's Mill House Nursery who sold me a collection of eighteen first and second class red cyclamen which have lasted well into January and it is hoped with care will last until we stop having flowers during Lent.

NEW FLOWER, CLEANING AND MOWING ROTAS

During March we will be compiling the new Flower, Cleaning and Mowing Rotas for the year starting on 1st April 1996. Unless we hear to the contrary all the people on the existing rota will be included in the new rota.

We need new volunteers to fill gaps caused by those no longer able to help. If you are able to spare time to help with the weekly cleaning (dusting, sweeping and dry mopping of the floors), the flowers (making sure the flowers in the church are fresh and presentable) and during the late Spring, Summer and early Autumn help with mowing the grass in the churchyard, please let us have your names, addresses and telephone numbers and the times when you would be able to help. Our telephone number is Bere Regis 471497.

Bill and Philippa Thorniley

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE

As usual at the Christmas Gift Service, worshippers brought gifts for the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester. The following letter of thanks was received.

"Please accept our thanks for the donation of Christmas food items, this is very much appreciated by us all. Once again, thank you for your continuing support shown toward our young people, please convey our gratitude to all concerned. May we take this opportunity to send our Best Wishes to you and your fellow members for the very Happy New Year."

COMMUNITY SERVICES, BRAINTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

There will be two more 'Village Praise' services for this season. Note that these are now on the 4th Sunday of the month, i.e. 25th February and 24th March, always in Brainspuddle Village Hall and starting at 6.30 p.m. Do book them in your diary now, and join us for this informal time of singing and worship.

OBITUARIES

CAPTAIN JOHN RICHARD COX JOHNSTON CBE RN (aged 72)

It was with a deep sense of sadness that the church community and friends of Johnny Johnston had to witness the long illness he suffered, ending with his relatively early death just before Christmas. Affpuddle Church was full for the service of thanksgiving and remembrance on 22 December and many came from the variety of interests, hobbies and institutions which had been his care over the years.

In the service, we held in our thoughts, a man of great integrity, high honour and straightness, but also a man of quiet humour which he kept to the very end. A quote from one of his friends was read out - "from the time I first met him in the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, he had cheerfulness in adversity and unlimited courage".

It was fifteen years ago that Captain Johnston and his wife Audrey set up home in Affpuddle. It was a lovely retirement home after a lifetime of service in Her Majesty's Navy and here he was able to indulge his hobbies and passions of fishing, shooting and 'local politics'.

Because of his innate modesty, few knew of his courageous career. Early in the second world war he went down with HMS Dorsetshire, sunk by the Japanese. Many of his comrades perished, but he survived. After a period of rehabilitation, he was back at sea again, and was Mentioned in Dispatches as an officer in the clearing of the Aegean Sea, prior to the invasion of Greece.
THANK YOU

I want to thank all my many kind and thoughtful friends and neighbours who have supported me so wonderfully over the past months. The encouraging messages and the avalanche of beautiful, carefully chosen cards helped enormously to ward off gloomy thoughts in hospital and my many most welcome visitors - not to mention their gorgeous ‘goodies’ - made the inactive hours at home most pleasurable. Your generous support, together of course, with the loving care of my wonderful family have seen me through a very trying experience.

With heartfelt gratitude.

Pat M.

THE EDITOR

You will recall that in the January magazine it was confirmed that a replacement for Dorothy Briggs had been found. The new Editor of this magazine is Alison Sheward, and all contributions should now be sent to her at ‘Kastania’, 11 Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis, BH20 7LU. Her telephone number is 471780 and fax number 472280.

I hope that I will be able to do as good a job as Dorothy has for the past ten years but if there are some initial teething problems, I would ask our readers to put them down to my inexperience and the fact that I will be ‘in training’ for a while.

BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS’ UNION

Representative’s reports were given by overseas representative, Eileen Bangay and media representative, Mary Fegan. Eileen told us that the large number of gifts for Croatia, of urgently needed toiletries, crayons, biros, writing paper, needles, sewing cottons, scissors and small toys, which were packed into shoe boxes and labelled as being suitable for a man, woman or child. Jars of sweets too had been delivered in Croatia by Hugh Morley, Mothers’ Union overseas treasurer and a member of the convoy from Dorset. Many of the shoe boxes were filled by children and parents of Bere Regis First School as well as MU members.

Sadly the teddy bears destined for the Sudan could not be sent as the customs officers there would tear them apart in their search for drugs. Instead they went to our holiday families on the Isle of Wight who were delighted with them.

There was a lot of media news. Briefly, the Churches’ Advertising Network put out the result of a survey on the media grabbing Easter campaign 1995. This started off with the following: “Surprise! said Jesus to the friends who had buried him three days earlier.” Advertising Christianity is a huge challenge, a member of the CAN stated, commenting on the survey which overall approved this new approach.
AFK2, the new Christian cable television, will be launched in April 1996. Top name broadcasters with expertise and strong personal faith will be involved in presenting challenging and entertaining TV over twelve hours a day.

Finally, I commented on a new development in computer games which parents, politicians and psychologists are viewing with the greatest concern, even before it comes on to the British market. The game, Endorfun, transmits subliminal, Californian, ‘feel-good’ messages. Look out for this and similar games and, if concerned, write to your MP, or contact me on 472237. Your concern will be forwarded to ELSPA (the Entertainment and Leisure Software Publishers Association). The game has yet to be submitted to the British Board of Film Classification. May be it can be stopped before it is offered for sale here.

On the principle of keeping the best until last, social worker, George Ward, who lives in the village, told us about his work in the Emergency Duty Service. The team of ten social workers, covering the whole of Dorset, are very busy. For instance, over the Christmas ten day holiday, 1,320 incoming calls were received. An outline of the kind of crises which might have to be dealt with made absorbing listening.

In February, Ruth Draycott will be telling us about her work as a voluntary prison visitor. On Friday 2nd February at 2.30 p.m. a Deanery Candlemas Service will be held at Blandford Parish Church, during which Eileen Bangay will be commissioned Mothers’ Union Deanery Chairman by Canon Gerald Squarey, the Rural Dean.

The March meeting on 6th March will be held at the house of Sally Cheeseman, North Street, and not in Church.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

The Accounts for next year were considered at the January meeting. Resulting from this it is to be hoped that, in one instance, the appearance of the cemetery will be improved by more frequent cutting of the grass, and its removal. The recent electrical power failures were discussed and we have since learned that the telephone number to call to obtain information on its duration etc is 0345 708 090. The previous routine whereby one called Di Phillips, who had a special number from which she obtained the information, is no longer applicable.

A number of trees are going to be planted this year by the Council. Please encourage their growth and sustenance by observing when perhaps they look a little sad through the lack of water and letting Mr Dunning know. Also please do not vandalise; they cost money which is being spent on enhancing the appearance of the village. New trees will be seen at the eastern approach in the vicinity of the Royal Oak, by the river walk behind Bitchams Mead and in the cemetery.

It was reported that the Board Walk is quite slippery at this time of the year due to the damp atmosphere. All Parishioners are therefore advised to take care when walking along it. Steps have been taken to reduce the risks of slipping by the laying of chicken wire mesh along short lengths of the pathway and it is hoped to increase these lengths in due course.

Certain meetings of the Purbeck District Council which are already open for the public to attend, are now going to be preceded by a Question and Answer period. Currently this is a trial for six months and if successful it will presumably become a permanent feature of the meetings, which is something the Parish Council meetings have had for a long while.

The questionnaire concerning the recreational facilities etc in the village and mentioned in last months magazine, is being circulated. If individuals would like to comment they should contact Sue Stone.

Finally as a tail end postscript, it is noted that the ‘visiting cards’ of various dogs are being scattered on the pathways in the village. It is an offence and if the owner gets caught the penalty is severe. However, it is also offensive and the Council requests that dog owners please clear any mess their dogs have caused on the pathways.

**BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP**

On a very wet evening just before Christmas a large number of representatives of the Scout Group went carol singing and we are pleased to report that over £50 was raised for the Victoria School in Branksome. Thank you to all those who braved the weather and to those who contributed.

The Executive Committee have met and some dates for fundraising events have been chosen. The first is our regular spring JUMBLE SALE on Saturday 16th March.

Di and Ian Ventham have kindly agreed to allow us to hold the CUB ROAST at Shitterton Farmhouse on Saturday 6th July. Please note these dates in your diaries.

**2nd BERE REGIS GUIDES**

Have begun this term with a planning evening followed by a cooking evening. If you are a girl aged between 10 and 15 years, then why not call in at the Scout HQ in Elder Road any Tuesday evening between 6.30 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. and see what activities we do. There are three camps on offer this year plus outings to Foxlease, Brownsea and activity days in August with the Brownies. Come along and see us.

**1st BERE REGIS BROWNIES**

Continue to go from strength to strength. We now have 16 girls but only one full time Leader. We cannot continue like this. If you are able to help on a slightly more regular basis, please come along and see what it all entails. Many Brownie trips are planned. A trip to Foxlease Fete and a Brownie Fun Day there will take place, plus the possibility of another trip to Brownsea and two activity days around the village in the summer holidays.

Pat Bentley 471875
DRAX HALL

The Hall accounts for the year show a loss of just under £300 even though the income from hirings has increased. This shows that the expenditure was higher than anticipated and on analysis it can be seen that we had additional fees to meet the stringent safety regulations. In addition the insurance premiums have increased but we shall be searching around for a lesser priced, but still beneficial policy for the future. During this year we must replace the front door so a request has been made to the Parish Council for a grant towards the cost of this. The AGM of the Hall Committee takes place in March. All are invited, so please do come.

The mid-term event on Thursday 22nd February will be an all day visit from Ticklish Allsorts who will present ‘Mutiny on the Kit Kat’ during the afternoon, which is 75 minutes of children’s entertainment with music, songs, slapstick, live action and giant puppets. This is preceded in the morning with a workshop called ‘Ship Shapes’ during which you can design your own dream ship, make a pirate hat and flag, help to populate the underwater scenes in the play with magical fish which you can keep after the presentation in the afternoon. The workshop begins at 10.30 a.m. and the play at 2.00 p.m. Details and tickets from Mrs Maunder on 471342.

On Tuesday 12th March we are privileged to have the Forest Forge Theatre Company presenting ‘Much Ado About Nothing’. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. The story is a roller coaster of deception, intrigue and verbal sparring as villains plot and lovers meet, and nothing is as it first appears in this world of trickery and misjudgment. Shakespeare’s play will be transported to the 1920’s with music, dancing and lots of laughs for all. Bookings etc 471342

BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE

It is with sadness that I report of the death in December last, of Mrs Rose Rodd. As many of you will remember she was our New Zealand link, spanning many years of friendship, starting with Sally’s grandmother through to Sally. On our behalf, Sally has sent condolences and a request that we would like the link to continue - we all hope so.

February 20th is Shrove Tuesday - our pancake race and coffee morning takes place at Sally’s home at 101 North Street. The first race is at 10.30 a.m. so come on you athletes of yesteryear - have a go - you might surprise yourselves. Also, calling all the Mums. The children will be on half term so get them to show us how we used to race - pans and pancakes will be provided! If all that fills you with apprehension, remember the coffee morning. Contributions to the tables and raffle would be greatly appreciated.

At 7.30 p.m. on the same day, we have our monthly meeting. Our speaker will be Mrs Duncan, VCO. This is your opportunity to come and put forward your ideas and questions and learn if you don’t know already, why we are keen to keep the Women’s Institute alive in our village. I don’t have to remind you that a warm welcome awaits you, complete with the usual refreshments.

VE/VJ DAY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

At the final meeting of the village committee it was agreed, with the consent of the PCC, that a seat should be placed in the churchyard as a permanent reminder of the fiftieth anniversary of the ending of the Second World War.

A small plaque will be attached to commemorate the way in which fourteen village organisations united to plan and provide two days of celebrations which were enjoyed by several hundred people, funded by donations from both District and Parish Councils, local employers and the people of Bere Regis.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

It was December’s ‘CHRISTMAS CRACKERS’ demonstration by our own Catherine Watson of Tinsleton who kept a packed hall of members and visitors enthralled with her interpretation and use of flowers and greenery, capturing the atmosphere of the season which soon spread infectiously through the room. After the demonstration a cup of tea and a mince pie were enjoyed by all, rounding off a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

The AGM was held on Tuesday 9th January 1996, with the following officers being elected to the Committee.

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The next meeting is to be held at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall on Tuesday 13th February at 2.30 p.m. The demonstrator will be Mrs Mariel Crisp of Sturminster Newton whose theme will be ‘INFLUENCES’.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50 CLUB

We had a very happy afternoon at our New Year party. We all had a present in pass the parcel and enjoyed the poem read by Cic. The balloon race caused much laughter. After a lovely tea, we all went home with a beautiful primrose.

Our next meeting will be on 14th February and will be a talk by a swan herd on Abbotsbury swans. The competition is anything depicting a swan.

PLAY AND LEARN VAN

Wednesday 14th February

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CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

The story is told of two men who were ‘Standing Watch’ on a ship out at sea during a dark, stormy night. A great wave hit the ship and washed one of them overboard, where he sadly drowned, even though he had been standing in the most sheltered ‘On Watch’ position possible. But the other sailor survived, even though he had been standing in a far more dangerous and exposed position. What made the big difference? The man who was lost had nothing to hold on to.

What a dramatic picture that is of life for most of us. When life is peaceful, or there are only a few ripples or squalls we feel we can deal with them in our own strength and self-sufficiency. But what happens when the sea of life gets rough and even life threatening? Who, or what, have you got to hold on to then? Your family, friends or finances maybe? Yet how secure are they?

But there is a ROCK that every person can choose to take hold of, and be held by, for now and all eternity - called CHRIST JESUS. Every Christian can say from personal experience, “I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the strength of my salvation, my stronghold.” Psalm 18; 1-2.

The Lord has not promised to keep us FROM life’s storms, but to keep us THROUGH them, as we trust in Him.

On Saturday 24th February at 7.30 p.m. at the Chapel, we shall be having another of our monthly Celebration meetings, when the speaker will be David Noakes. David has an international ministry, he is an excellent Bible teacher, with a particular emphasis on the relevance of Bible prophecy for today. This is an evening not to be missed, do come and join with us.

CRIME PREVENTION

A car etching and bicycle marking session was held in January. Unfortunately the notice was too short to enable a good response on that occasion but it will be repeated later in the Spring. We have been promised more notice so please watch this space. CM

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
Football Results

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Boxing Day Extravaganza

Oram’s/Lemon’s Spring Chickens | 1 | 5 | Cheeser’s Bath Chair Veterans

The Sports Club’s annual Boxing Day bash took place amidst early disorganisation. The main event of the day was a football match contested between the young and old for the Fred King Trophy. It was played out in true spirits on a pitch which could have easily hosted the Olympic Curling Championships. The post-Christmas cold snap took its toll on Bere’s already battle scarred Plantain Park surface. Team selection posed problems as the two managers were totally unsure of the anticipated turn out, as with previous years an expected full twenty-two would actually be an embarrassing three. But with some twenty-nine players to choose from, ranging from young to old, pedestrian to athletic, the game went ahead in spite of the biting cold and the over indulgence of Christmas cheer.

The turnstiles clicked, and anticipation amongst a festive crowd rose to fever pitch, well almost as the Spring Chickens and the Bath Chair Boys took the field all so gingerly on the icy surface, some needing a gyroscope to maintain their balance just in the pre-match warm up. It was not going to be a day for last ditch tackles or do or die tactics. For some it was a chance to parade Aunt’s Christmas present in the shape of woolly hats and gloves, but all the apparel was necessary as the referee, the evergreen, stalwart Reg Fripp prepared to kick off.

With seven across the back and The Stove failing a late fitness test, the Veterans were in no mood for any slips or January Sales defending bolstered by the ebullient Peter Larder behind them who was invincible. The Spring Chickens relied upon skill and sheer pace against the Vets’ two speed defence, but this was to prove unsuccessful in the sub-zero temperatures, as the Vets’ proceeded to dish out a lesson in football. It was Hall of Famers, Herbie Swann and Vasbert Green who stole the show with a ‘perfect six’ display on the ice down the Vets’ left flank leaving the international panel of judges dumbfounded. The Spring Chickens fought back to 1 - 1 and worked some intricate moves on the glacier but had no answer to the big boot style which proved a formidable weapon. The Vets’ went in at half-time boosting a 3 - 1 lead, though largely thanks to some fearsome goal keeping from their own Rene Higuita. The cup of tea was gratefully accepted along with the Kendal mint cake.
They expected a second half onslaught, and it duly arrived, as the Vets’ just could not find a kind of fluency at the start, as the Chickens’ defence held firm with some no-nonsense ‘Arsenal-esque’ defending from Martin Lemon. But despite some deft trickery in midfield from Hristo Oram and Roberto Cox, the Vets’ struck through local farmer Steve Ives, whose relentless harrying and running after the loose ball paid dividends, bearing fruit in the shape of two goals. The crowd numbered some forty-four which coincided with the Veteran’s average age across the back, though many belted the Bath Chair tag. But during the remainder of Christmas week a lot of baths were needed and chairs were used to their full potential.

The Sports Club would like to voice their thanks to everyone who played or attended on that very cold Boxing Day, and a special thank you to Reg Fripp for braving the cold and officiating in the middle.

The Sports Club will be holding a quiz evening on 18th February, taking in questions from a wide range of subjects. Teams of four are most welcome and will commence at 8.00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPULDE W.I.

This month a member of the St John’s Ambulance team will come and give us a practical lesson on ‘Breath of Life’. If any non-members would like to attend this interesting and useful session, please feel free, you will be most welcome.

JUMBLE SALE

Briantspuddle W.I. are holding a jumble sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th February at 2.30 p.m. If you have any jumble which you would like us to collect, please ring Martha on 471358 or Jenny Beadle on 471002. Alternatively you may take your jumble to either Kate de Burgh or to Jenny Beadle during the week prior to the Jumble Sale or you may leave it at the Village Hall on the morning of the Jumble Sale.

ART REACH

On Saturday 16th March 1996, Trio Sirocco will be giving a concert in Briantspuddle Village Hall. There will be an interval bar. Tickets cost £3.50 and £3.00 for students and may be obtained from Philippa Thorniley. Tel: Bere Regis 471497.

BLAIDEN SOCIAL CLUB

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st February at 8.00 p.m.

BRIANTSPULDE VILLAGE HALL

At the end of December the Hall Committee organised a story telling event for the children in the parish. Some twenty children attended and enjoyed stories from around the world told by Ms Wendy Warham and her assistant.

Plans are afoot for the New Year. It is hoped to run the 100 Club again, to organise a Street Fair and to hold an event near Christmas. The money used to pay for the new central heating boiler and the new oil tank has nearly been replaced into the savings account. Plans are being made for the refurbishment of the gents and ladies W.C.s during January 1996 and routine work has been done on the electrics.

We are fortunate to have an unusual Village Hall with space and character - when people from outside the parish visit the Hall they are impressed by the manner in which it is cared for and its unusual character. It goes without saying that this does not happen as if by magic and needs hard work and ingenuity to think of ways to raise money and to manage the funds raised as efficiently as possible. If you are able to help with the fund raising or have time which you could spare to be a committee member, please contact the Chairman, Gill Vingeoe on Bere Regis 471832.

The 100 Club winning number for January 1996 was 24.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

The Community Supper will be held on Saturday 10th February at Briantspuddle Village Hall. Tickets which cost £6.50 may be obtained from Robin Gainsford. Tel: Bere Regis 471419.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 1996

10th Community Supper, Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.30 p.m
18th Scout District Cyclocross, Buddens Farm
18th Sports Club Quiz Evening, Clubhouse 8.00 p.m
21st Bladen Social Club, AGM
22nd Ship Shapes/Mutiny on the Kit Kat, Drax Hall 10.30am/2.00p.m
24th Briantspuddle W.I. Jumble Sale, Village Hall 2.30 p.m.

March 1996

12th Much Ado About Nothing, Drax Hall 7.00 p.m
16th Jumble Sale, Scout HQ 2.30 p.m
16th Chamber Music Concert, Briantspuddle Village Hall
23rd Autumn Leaves Spring Fair, Drax Hall 2.30 p.m
23rd Coffee Morning, in aid of Albanian Orphanage, Cyril Wood Court
31st Venture Unit Car Treasure Hunt 10.30 a.m.

July 1996

6th Cub Roast, Shitterton Farmhouse
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Age Concern 2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court
Autumn Leaves 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday
Beavers 6.30 p.m. Monday, Scout HQ
Bingo 7.45 p.m. Monday, Drax Hall
British Legion Club 7.00 - 11.30 p.m. Monday - Saturday
and 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 - 10.30 p.m. Sunday
British Legion Women's Section 2.30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ

Section
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Brownies 6.00 - 7.15 p.m. Wednesday, Scout HQ
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Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.
Briantspuddle Singers 7.45 p.m. Tuesdays, Village Hall
Choir Practice 6.00 p.m. Junior, 6.45 p.m. Full Choir, Friday in Church.
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Guides 6.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Scout HQ
Mini Market 10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
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Mother and Toddler 2.00 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church
Mothers’ Union 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church
Parish Council 7.00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, Drax Hall
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Playgroup Bere Regis Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792
Rainbows 4.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Scout HQ
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Scouts Junior - 7.30 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
Senior - 7.00 p.m. Fridays, Scout HQ
W.I. Bere Regis 7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
W.I. Briantspuddle 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall
Tuesday Clubs:
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Youth Club 7.00 p.m. 9 years and over, Congregational Church
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