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ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Kind relatives used to give us ‘worthwhile’ books when we were young. One of these worthwhile books used to be “Alice in Wonderland”. And a wonderful book it is, but it isn’t a children’s book. It’s a book for grown-ups. But grown-ups tend not to read it because we were given it when we were at school. All this is a pity.

Look at this passage in the opening chapter.

Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank when suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her. When the Rabbit actually took a watch out of its waistcoat pocket and looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waistcoat pocket or a watch to take out of it and, burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after it and was just in time to see it pop down a large rabbit-hole under the hedge.

In another moment down went Alice after it, never once considering how in the world she was to get out again.

It was a dream that was to get curiouser and curiouser. It was Alice being curious that started the problem. She burned with curiosity, the dream reflects human behaviour. Curiosity is part of our life. “What do people think of me?” we wonder. “Will I make an impression?” “Am I popular?”

Then we are burning with curiosity about other people. “What’s going on between those two...?” “Have you heard...?” “Did you know...?”

More important than idle curiosity is the curiosity as we grow up. “What will happen if I do this?” “What’s it like?” “What will it do to me?” Some young people pop down this rabbit hole in experimentation with drugs, or drink or sexual experiment, and like Alice “never once considering how in the world she was to get out again”.

Alice, in the story, jumped in, and as she went down, she found it all rather pleasant. There’s a verse in the New Testament ascribed to Jesus “Broad and easy is the path that leads to destruction”. Alice found this, but only later. She floated down and down, and passed shelves full of pleasant things, and as she was keen on marmalade, she took a lovely jar off the shelf and opened it. It was empty, as these things often are.

When Alice got to the bottom she made a soft landing on a pile of old leaves. That’s the trouble with ordinary little sins. We don’t know when we’ve come to the bottom. We say things like “I’m not doing anybody any harm”, but we are. We don’t think. A glance, or an offhand word sometimes cuts to the quick. The trouble is, the world and Jesus have different attitudes to sin. The world says Adultery! Murder! Theft! this gets you to hell. But it’s not necessarily true. Those three will get you into trouble all right, but Jesus points us to the broad and easy descent down and down with the soft landing at the bottom. Little sins. We can drift down, to rock-bottom and hardly notice it, “never once considering how in the world we can get out again”.

Alice in Wonderland is a brilliant book but it’s not only for children, it’s for adults.

Yours sincerely

Graham Roblin OBE
CHURCH SERVICES in OCTOBER

Sunday 6 October
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
 
 Harvest Festival Evensong (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.

Monday 7th October
2.00 p.m. School Harvest Festival

Sunday 13 October
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)
6.30 p.m. Deanery/NTV Harvest Festival in Blandford
Parish Church

Sunday 20 October
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 27 October
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. Taizé Style Worship (Bere Regis)

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Readers
October 6th Mrs B Griffin
October 13th Mrs P Ward
October 20th Miss S Frampton

Sanctuary Flower Guild
October 6th Harvest Festival
October 13th Mrs P House
October 20th Mrs C Burden Mrs J Gibbs
October 27th Mrs Hazlerigg Mrs P Ward

Bere Regis Sidesmen

October 6th 9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg/Mr Bates (Harvest)
6.00 p.m. Mr Dashwood/Mrs B Griffin

October 13th 11.00 a.m. Mrs England/Mrs March
6.00 p.m. Mr Dashwood/Mr Barnes

October 20th 9.30 a.m. Mr Strange/Mr Croom
6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton/Mr Barnes

October 27th 11.00 a.m. Col Barnes/Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Mrs Griffin/Mrs Jutting

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Readers / Readings and Sidesmen

6th October 8.00 a.m. Capt Badcock The Server
11.00 a.m. Lt Cdr Thorniley 1 Cor 1 4-8
Mr. Elkerton Daniel 3
Luke 11 37-end

13th October 9.30 a.m. Mr D Payne Mr Killer
11.00 a.m. Affpraise 1 Cor 9 19-end
Mrs Holland Matthew 7 13-27

20th October 8.00 a.m. Lt Cdr Thorniley The Server
11.00 a.m. Affpraise Ephesians 5 15-24
Mrs Smith

27th October 9.30 a.m. Mrs Wharton Mr Sanderson
Colossians 1 15-20
Mrs Smith
John 1 1-14

Mowing rota

30th September Paul Badcock, Campbell de Burgh, David Russell

12th October 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon AUTUMN TIDY UP
Cleaning and Flowers

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CHURCH NOTICES

BERE REGIS HARVEST FESTIVAL

This will be held on the Sunday evening of 6th October at 6.00 p.m. and will take the form of an Evensong, followed by the Harvest Supper in the South Aisle. It is always a very enjoyable and popular occasion. If you are new to the parish, or haven't been before, but would like to come, please know that you will be very welcome.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Affpuddle On 9th October starting at 7.30 p.m. in Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle.

Bere Regis On 22nd October starting at 7.15 p.m. in the church.

ADULT CHRISTIAN INFORMATION

The second of the information lectures will be held in the church on Thursday 31st October when the Vicar will talk on the subject "What does the word GOD mean to the Christian?".

NATALIE CLEIN CONCERT

Last year, Miss Natalie Clein, the Young Musician of the Year gave a concert in Bere Regis church which was a wonderful success. She has offered to come again and will be giving a recital on Friday 8th November. Do put this in your diary and look out for further details. The concert will be in aid of Cyril Wood Court.

VILLAGE PRAISE SERVICES IN BRIANTSPUDDLE

This Autumn and Winter the monthly informal evening services in Briantspuddle Village Hall, successfully begun last year, will be continued. They will take place on the fourth Sundays of October, November, January, February and March. The first one will be on Sunday 27th October at 6.30 p.m.

This service is open to all, of any Christian denomination or none. No special prior knowledge or books are needed! Refreshements are served after the service. Do come and bring your friends.

BERE REGIS CHURCH YARD ‘TIDY UP’.

Twice a year, the church yard has a ‘tidy up’, in the Spring and in the Autumn. We do need people to help with this because there is quite a lot to do, and we all appreciate the church yard looking cared for. November 9th is the day. It’s the day before Remembrance Sunday so easily remembered.

Can you spare a couple of hours to come and help, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. It’s fun to do. All-comers welcome! Mr John England is the foreman.

AFFPUDDLE GIFT DAY

The weather was kind. The dawn had heralded a glorious morning, so the Vicar looked as if he was in heaven, sitting in the sun outside the Post Office. No horsebox was needed, and everyone approaching the vicinity was hailed, and responded cheerfully. Kindness was the quality of the day, and it is lovely to report that you donated over £600 towards the church funds. Thank you very much it is deeply appreciated.

OBITUARIES

MR GEORGE ELLIOT (aged 71)

Although he had not lived in Bere Regis for many years, Mr George Elliot attracted a large number of friends to his funeral service on 10th September in Bere Regis Church. It was a very happy service, as his family had asked for, reflecting the character and personality of a very happy man.
Mr Elliot was originally from Sheffield. He was born there in 1924, and on leaving school at the age of 14, he went into the steelworks. It was to be his occupation for the rest of his life, except for four years of wartime service with the RAF. For 2 years of this, he was in Burma as the Military Transport NCO, something that was to give him an abiding interest in cars and motorbikes for the rest of his life.

His wife Kathleen died some eight years ago, after they had been married for forty years. It was a great blow for George, but as they had enjoyed several years here in Dorset, he decided to stay here, and eventually found his way to Turberville Court, where he enjoyed his final years. He was a very gregarious man, and fitted into the community exceedingly well, organising the games and outings, and generally encouraging others to enjoy themselves. He also belonged to the Royal British Legion who were represented at the church service.

His abiding love was his family. His only daughter, Maureen was the reason for him coming to Dorset, but then he had his two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, who captivated his heart. They had been with him in Wareham hospital only two days before his death.

He had the enjoyment of many friends, but Mrs Eve Hodder of Turberville Court shared his interests and her family became his as his became hers. We offer her our deepest condolences, as well as to his close family.

The cremation took place at Weymouth, and this was followed by a reception in Turberville Court. He would have enjoyed the party! May he rest in peace.

MR WILLIAM ROBERT STOCKLEY (aged 72)

Affpuddle Parish Church was packed for the funeral of Mr Bill Stockley on Wednesday 11 September. He was truly a man of Dorset, and a countryman. He knew nothing else and he was very content to be this, and at his departing he was surrounded by the people of this village, as well as his large family. Fifty people followed the coffin into the little church, and they were all related.

Bill was born in Langton Matravers, one of five children, of whom only his sister, Mrs Dinah Gale now survives. His father was a farm labourer, and moved around the county as work dictated, but after leaving school, Bill settled to his life's work as a farm labourer, in the Piddle Valley. He worked at Southover during the war years, but then in 1946 he married Ivy, and so started a 50 year partnership.

They also moved quite considerably, but only within a three mile radius. They became part of the group who earned the label - "Old Villagers" his early hobby was the playing of the piano accordion, but as the years passed, his abiding love was his garden, although many will remember his aptitude for the dart and skittles.

He was essentially a family man. He and Ivy brought up five children, who in turn presented them with 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Both remembered all their birthdays, and the love and affection that flowed between them all was evident during the time following his sudden death and funeral.

He will be long remembered for his lovely laugh, his fun, and his kindliness. He liked people and they liked him. He leaves behind him a family who will treasure his memory always. May he rest in peace.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism - Bere Regis
25th August 1996 Beverly Louise Gale
15th September 1996 Ryan Watts

Holy Matrimony - Bere Regis
24th August 1996 Paul Stephen Bladon to Christine Eve Bake
14th September 1996 Jason McMillan Paterson to Verity Clare Archer

CHURCH FUND RAISING

A remarkable £100 was raised at the Vicarage Coffee Morning on 21st August. Thanks to all who came. Owing to a lack of local support the Car Boot Sale had to be cancelled.

On October 23rd there will be a Coffee Morning at 37 Elder Road. This starts at 10.30 a.m. and we hope you can come along. Bring and Buy and Raffle.

COPIES OF OLD EDITIONS OF THIS MAGAZINE

To complete the set of magazines of recent years I am short of those for January and June 1991 and December 1993.

If anyone is prepared to part with them they could then be deposited in the county record office with previous editions dating back into the 1880's.

John England
BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS UNION

Our next meeting will be held at the Vicarage by kind invitation of Penny and Graham, on Wednesday 2nd October. The meeting will have a Harvest flavour with special hymns and readings, together with festive food and drinks.

The main activity of the evening will be a bible auction. We will all bring an item mentioned in the Bible, e.g. honey, wine perfume, flour etc, we then identify the appropriate text and auction the items for funds.

Last month, we welcomed Mrs Jenny Silays to our meeting. Jenny updated us on the Dorset Latvia Link. She told us of all the social problems affecting Latvia - high unemployment, a big alcohol problem, high suicide rate, plus pollution and radio-activity caused by the arms race. The Link is at present raising fund to provide a new leg for a 15 year old girl, who needs to come to England for the necessary treatment. One of the airlines has offered to provide transport for her.

Two additional events in October will be the visit to the Verne Prison, Portland on the evening of 9th October, and a quiet morning in Blandford on 15th October.

Brenda Pittfield - 471391

DRAX HALL

Have you booked your seats yet? On the evening of Thursday 3rd October we have the Forest Forge Theatre Company presenting 'Meet me at the Regal' This play is set in the 1930's and recreates life in and around a picture house somewhere in the New Forest.

It's the golden age of cinema and people can escape from the mundane world of reality into the romance and adventure of the silver screen. Tickets and publicity are now available from Mrs Maunder at 15 North Street (471342). Please try to give it your support.

THE CYRIL WOOD MEMORIAL TRUST

Then on the 30th October at 10.30 a.m., during half term, there will be a puppet show for the younger thespians entitled 'Small Wonder'. The story is set in a walled town long ago and involves the Mayor and a Queen. Beautiful hand made puppets are involved and there will be plenty of opportunity afterwards to meet the puppets.

Looking further ahead there will be a musical play entitled 'Tolpuddle Man' on 30th November. This was shown for the first time in Dorchester at the Old Crown Court. More details next month. Tickets for all of the above are available from Mrs Maunder - 471342.

CM

PARISH COUNCIL

At the September meeting Councillors discussed the two topics concerning traffic hazards - the Lane End junctions at which there have been two fatalities and the telephone kiosk at the bottom of Rye Hill. Both are very on-going and the Council is determined to have some action undertaken by the County Council. The Council has also been in discussion with the District Council concerning the provision of a 'ball kicking wall' on the south side of Elder Road, by the elevated walkway. Progress was made when a Site Meeting was held last month and we anticipate receiving a report from the District very soon.

The District Council has requested the Parish Council to prepare a report on Homeless Young People aged 16 - 25. The Council recognise that this could be a major problem as there is no set channel between the young people and the Council. Thus we are appealing to any individuals or organisations who may be aware of any homeless youngster with a problem, to let any of the Councillors know. We will then be in a position to, hopefully, solve the problem. We hope that the new Pop in Place may be a very good source for this information. It is an on going problem and one survey will not solve it. This is a continuous survey.

CM
AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB

A delicious lunch of ham, beef with accompaniments was enjoyed by over 50 members for our 26th birthday luncheon. Ciss Lewis gave an account of our last year's activities and Kath Jeeves thanked the Committee helpers and supporters and gave the toast to the Club for many more successful years.

Charlie gave a very interesting, humorous talk on old Weymouth, telling us of the old building now pulled down and others which have replaced them. Kay March gave a vote of thanks. Our special thanks to Elaine Standfield for a truly wonderful lunch. There were eight cups and Toby Jugs for our competition, including a musical jug. The birthday cake was cut by Charlie and made by Ciss.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th October which is our Harvest Afternoon, when the Woodbury Hill Singers will entertain us. The competition is 'a vinegar bottle'. Our special annual 25p sale is on 2nd October. If you have anything for us to sell, please let Kath have the goods or telephone her on 471175.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

The Leaders are busy planning an exciting Winter programme for the boys and the Committee are busy planning fund raising events to support them.

Our first event is a Jumble Sale on 19th October at 2.30 p.m. at the Scout HQ. Donations of Jumble can be left at the Scout HQ from 10.30 a.m. onwards that morning. We are also holding an Antiques Valuation evening on Saturday 16th November at the Royal Oak Skittle Alley at 7.30 p.m. A maximum of two items for valuation please.

Boys and committee will be Carol singing around Bere Regis on Monday 23rd December in aid of the R.N.I. by.

We are actively seeking the help of someone with a little time to spare to look after our equipment and check it out and then back in again when it is used for camps, fundraising etc. We have accumulated a good range of equipment - tents and so on and it is vital that it is properly cared for and the condition of the items checked at regular intervals. Please contact me on 01929 471651 if you feel able to help in this way.

Bob James has kindly offered to deal with bookings of the Scout HQ - his telephone number is 01929 472113.

Pat Hall

MESSAGE FROM THE STATION COMMANDER - BERE REGIS FIRE STATION

During another busy summer for Dorset Fire Brigade the fire-fighters from your Station in Bere Regis have attended many forest, heath and farm fires, as well as fires in cars and other properties throughout the area.

We have been called upon to assist people injured or trapped following vehicle crashes and also supported other stations at incidents as far afield as Westbourne and Ferndown.

My personal thanks go out to the personnel at the Station and their families for their support and commitment during this very busy period. We are all very proud to service the local community in a Service that requires both teamwork and commitment, but to provide those essential elements we also need the support of the local community.

I wonder how many people are aware that we are still suffering crewing difficulties? The facts are that between 7.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. nearly every weekday, much as we would like to, we can't turn out the local fire engine - we haven't got a crew!!

This means that a fire engine from a neighbouring station has to respond to calls here in the village area. They obviously get here as quickly as they can and are able to satisfy the attendance times that are required by the Home Office, but - we want to serve our local community from our own local Fire Station.

Can you help? We are currently looking for men and women to become part time fire-fighters here at Bere Regis so, if you are physically fit and available during the day, then come and join our team, - we really do need you.

If you would like more information, please contact me during the evening on 471185, or during office hours, the District Officer is available on Blandford 459893

Gary Hewitt - Station Commander - Station 14

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to Kirsty, Charlene and Megan for the many visits they paid to Bert and Pat during school holidays. They had a complete history of World War II from Bert and still they came back. They gave us much pleasure. Great kids, Tina.

From us both in "D-Day"
POP IN PLACE - Where People Matter!

The Official Opening was a huge success with approximately 130 people attending. Speeches were made by Roy Comben of the Drax Hall Committee, Bob James of the Parish Council and Tony Wise from the Pop In Place Committee.

The Opening was conducted by Dr Tim Harley with a speech entitled “Where People Matter”. thanks to all who supported this memorable occasion.

The Pop In sessions run on a Monday morning from 9.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon and again on a Friday morning at the same times. There will be an opportunity to purchase fresh vegetables at low prices and the chance to borrow from our excellent range of books and videos in the free lending library. The ‘New to You’ scheme is also underway, so bring in your items to sell or come along and buy yourself something. If you have vegetables we can sell, please bring them along, either as a donation or on a 50/50 basis.

Transport is now available for people wishing to attend but are not able to walk. Please telephone Alison on 472023 and we can arrange this for you. Volunteers are always welcome to sign on the help rota. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors who were:

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The Community Council for Dorset - community project fund.

Donations from local people and fund raising by the Pop in Place Committee.

Practical help came from:

Richard Hoare Country Pine - donation of a book case for the library
Alison Sheward - production of publicity leaflets
Sally Anne Helliker - painting of the super opening plaque
Pat Gibson - who ran a cake stall at the Mini Market and donated proceeds to the Drax Hall paint fund
Megan Stone - making the Pop in Place commemoration cake
Julien Lightfoot - our official photographer for the event

Finally, we would like to thank the Drax Hall Committee for welcoming the project into their Hall with such enthusiasm, and of course last but not least, the Pop In Place committee and helpers who have worked so hard to launch the project. Is this new initiative in your village - it's there for you!

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

Discipline, or rather its very opposite, indiscipline, seems to have been one of the main topics lately, especially since the new school term has got underway. Without discipline, anarchy and chaos reign supreme. Without discipline the nation, and society as a whole, is in danger of total collapse. Lack of proper discipline in the home or school, in sport, industry or prison etc., leads to friction, fighting and even war.

But who sets the standard of discipline, for we all can have our own measure and standard? Whose responsibility is it to see that the set standard of discipline is carried out or met? No-one likes being disciplined by others anyway!

The story is told of a little piece of wood, bitterly complaining because its owner kept carving it, making holes in it and shaping it to his liking and desire. The man said to the little piece of wood, “Without this hole all the way through you, and all this cutting, carving and gouging, you would still be just another stick all your life. Instead I am making you into a beautiful flute, that you would flow music in the maker’s hands”.

So, through being disciplined there comes a disciplined life that is true freedom in the master’s hand. God the Father’s discipline is always in love and for our ultimate good. To resist or reject His discipline results in greater hurt. To yield to it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it through Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 12: 5-11.

On Saturday 24 October at 7.30 p.m. at the Chapel, we shall be having our monthly Celebration meeting, when the speaker will be John Hollidge. John, a former airline pilot, comes from Marlow, Bucks. He is an excellent Bible teacher with a particular understanding of, and love for Israel - the roots of our Christian Faith. This is a meeting for people in the whole of the area and everyone is welcome.

Rev Ray Healey
BERE REGIS W.I.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Drax Hall. The speaker that evening will be Mr Fair who has a wealth of knowledge relating to the swannery at Abbotsbury.

If you have never visited the swans you will discover what you have missed, and if you have your memory will be refreshed. The pleasure of the evening is there for you to participate in.

Come and enjoy the evening and a warm welcome, with refreshments will be there as usual.

Zena Rogers

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Cricket Results

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Owing to illness, Steve is unable to write a report for the Sports Club this month.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

Jazz Evening

Jazz Evening in the Village Hall proved to be a great success with nearly 100 people in attendance. The Mill Street Jazz Band entertained us with their usual blend of traditional jazz. The evening not only provided good entertainment but due to generous sponsors made a healthy profit of £462.66. This money will be used towards refurbishment of the village hall kitchen. Many thanks to the hard working helpers and everyone who supported this event.

Piano Concert

Mrs. Judith Ram. Tickets are on sale for this event which will take place at Briantspuddle Village Hall on Saturday 26th October at 7.30. Bar from 7.30 to 10pm and finger buffet served during interval. For tickets contact Briantspuddle Village Stores or Gill Vingo 18 Briantspuddle. (tel. 471832)

Purbeck Film Show

Produced by Trillith. Tickets on sale from Philippa Thornley, Raithby Cottage, tel 471497 - £2 Adults, £1.50 Children 16 and under. Take this opportunity to celebrate 100 years of cinema by watching archive film taken in Dorset spanning 100 years. Appropriate refreshments on sale during the interval.

"Musical heritage of Thomas Hardy"

The Yettles. This show is now sold out and we have a list of people awaiting cancellations. Proof that the early bird catches the worm!

Affpuddle Harvest Lunch

A very successful Harvest Lunch was held in the Village Hall after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Though this has never been intended as a fund-raising event, the sum of £17.98 was donated to church funds after all expenses had been paid.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Peter, Olive and all relatives and friends for all the cards and presents I received and for making my 90th birthday such a happy occasion.

Olive Ward
HOMEWATCH

The following is an extract from the Dorset Police HOME WATCH NEWSLETTER.

Advice to householders - reduce the risk of burglary
Eight out of every ten house burglaries are not committed by professional criminals. In three cases out of ten the thief does not even have to use force to gain entry - he simply takes advantage of the householder leaving a door or window open. So a burglar is probably not a professional but he will take advantage of any opportunity you may give him to steal from your home. Here are a few tips on how to make your house less attractive to such an unwanted visitor.

Doors and Windows
Always lock all doors and windows when you leave the house even if you are only going out for a short time. Fit good quality dead-locks to all your doors, and for the back and side doors fit locking bolts, top and bottom, for additional security. A door viewer and chain on to the front door are also worthwhile additions. Remember never to leave keys in door or window locks, or close by where they can be used by the thief.

Hedges and Trees
Keep all your hedges and trees trimmed so that there is a clear area, between four feet and eight feet from the ground, to enable your neighbours and passers by to see vulnerable doors and windows.

Garages and Sheds
Always lock your garage and garden shed - do not provide the burglar with a ready made tool kit and remember to lock that ladder away or chain it securely to prevent its use.

Other points to watch
Never leave a spare key under the doormat or in any other hiding place, he may not be a professional but he will know where to look. You may consider installing a burglar alarm or some form of security lighting - the latter is not only a deterrent to the burglar but can also be of great convenience to you. Make your valuables less attractive to the would-be-thief, mark them with your house number and post code - this can be done invisibly - but remember to advertise the fact by placing a sticker in your window advising the would-be thief that you have taken precautions.

When you go away cancel your newspapers and milk etc. A simple timeswitch can be used to switch on lighting or the radio (a discussion programme in preference) and ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property. Better still join a Homewatch Scheme; your local police will be happy to advise on this.

Further advice and information is available from WAREHAM POLICE STATION
Tel 552222

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

After the summer holidays we met again in September, fully refreshed, for a skittles evening together with our spouses and children, followed by a buffet supper. Thanks to all members who provided the wonderful food. This month we celebrate our birthday with the Woodbury Hill Singers and guests from other institutes within our area. If anyone wishes to join us and listen to the wonderful singing please feel free to do so. In November we will have our A.G.M.

Briantspuddle W.I. has decided to organise a Christmas event in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th December, 3.30pm. I appreciate that most of you do not yet wish to hear anything about Christmas, but you might just like to jot the date down on your calendars. Further information will appear in next month's magazine.

DORSET LATVIA LINK

Following a brief respite we are now back on the fund-raising trail for our 1996 Medical Project. Our funds received a welcome shot in the arm from the Bere Regis Mother's Union, who very kindly made a generous donation following a recent update on the work of the Link.

We have heard from Ikskile that Aleysha is 'very happy' at the prospect of a new prosthesis. As she does not speak English our contact is Dace Ozole, who attended our Summer Camp at Trigon in 1993 and speaks and writes very good English. Dace is assisting Aleysha with the various aspects of the medical reports and once these are obtained, our Chairman, Dr Harley, together with the Link team, will be able to assess the best course of action. We will keep you informed of events.

Together with Dr Jonathan Edwards and his colleagues of the School of Service Industries at Bournemouth University, George and I spent a most enjoyable evening with a group of Latvian Horticulturists, four from the Balduri School of Horticulture in Urmula and two independent growers, here to study methods of growing, packing and storing produce as well as visiting various outlets to follow the food chain to its logical end. Sponsorship is through the British Council, who are assisting many newly-independent nations in this way, and it was a privilege to see some of the work that is being done for Latvia with the enthusiastic support of the University.

Our Subscription Secretary can be contacted on 01929 471262. Jenny Silavs - Hon Sec
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
12.00 - 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 - 10.30 p.m. Sunday

British Legion Women's Section
2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ

British Legion Youth
7.00 - 10.00 p.m. Wednesday, HQ

Brownies
6.00 - 7.15 p.m. Wednesday, Scout HQ

B.R.S.C.
Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri
7.00 p.m., Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.
7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall

Briantspuddle Singers
6.00 p.m. Junior, 6.45 p.m. Full Choir, Fri in Church.

Choir Practice
Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.-
2.00 p.m. (closed Wednesday)

C.A.B.
Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only)
Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon

Camera Club
7.30 p.m. 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court

Cubs
6.30 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ

D.S.S. Van
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Dorset/Latvia Link
Secretary - Jenny Silvas - 01929 471577

Floral Group
2.30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston village hall

Guides
6.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Scout HQ

Mini Market
10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

Mobile Library
Every Friday 2.10 p.m. - 3.45 p.m., car park

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 Thursday, Drax Hall

Sub-committees on Post Office notice board
Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 84879

Playgroup Bere Regis

Rainbows
4.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Scout HQ

RBL Gardening Club
8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Brian 472135

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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7.00 p.m. 6 - 9 years, Congregational Church

Youth Club
7.00 p.m. 9 years and over, Congregational Church

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Turberville Court
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Woodbury Hill Singers
2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 1996

- 3rd 'Meet me at the Regal', Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
- 5th Autumn Leaves 25p Sale
- 9th Autumn Leaves Harvest afternoon 2.30 p.m.
- 11th Purbeck Film Show, Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.
- 19th Jumble Sale at Scout HQ 2.30 p.m.
- 23rd Coffee Morning at 37 Elder Rd for church funds 10.30 a.m.
- 26th Piano recital, Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.
- 30th Puppet Show, Drax Hall 10.30 a.m.

November 1996

- 8th Natalie Cline concert, Bere Regis Church 7.30 p.m.
- 9th Bere Regis church yard 'tidy up' 10.00 a.m.-12.00
- 13th R.N.L.I. Talk, Autumn Leaves
- 13th Folk Art (Decorative Painting), Cyril Wood Court 7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
  and every Wednesday until 18th December
- 16th Antiques Valuation Evening, Royal Oak skittle alley 7.30 p.m.
- 23rd Xmas Bazaar, Autumn Leaves, Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.
- 30th 'Tolpuddle Man', Drax Hall

December 1996

- 7th Christmas Coffee Morning at Cyril Wood Court 10.30 a.m.
  (proceeds to Church Funds)
- 7th Briantspuddle WI, Christmas event 3.30 p.m

January 1997

- 18th Quiz Evening, Scout HQ 7.30 p.m.
- 25th Jumble Sale, Wareham Town Hall 10.00 a.m.

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