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For me, the worst aspect of the Olympic Games was the way in which the commentators referred to Silver medalists as having 'failed'. Any one who 'failed' to get a Gold was regarded as having let the country down.

And the more they repeated this, the more we believed it. The government were criticised for not having given enough money. The school teachers were blamed for not working in their spare time to encourage the youth. The Olympic committee were called old buffers. So it went on.

As one who regards the mental to the physical as three is to one, I am full of admiration for anyone who can negotiate the starting blocks. To have even got to Atlanta was a fantastic achievement in itself. To have 'failed' to come first by one hundredth of a second is not failure in my book. It is a source of wonder and admiration. They can all walk tall as far as I am concerned. Well done everyone!

This negative approach to life can make us feel a bit depressed. The university degrees came out in July. "She only got a second class" people say. "Only!" Just to have gone to university was the result of hours of slog, evening after evening, with parents suffering as many agonies. Well done if you were awarded a 'second' or a 'third'. We are proud of you.

A levels and GCSE's. These results came in the middle of August. They were the best results ever, so what did the papers say? "the exams have become easier!" They always have to be negative. And it can affect us if we are not careful. We can begin to look on the black side all the time.

Instead of saying "What a lovely day", we can say "I suspect it will rain later". When lots of berries come on the bushes, we can say "It will be a bad winter". When we say "the church was half empty", we could say "the church was half full". It makes a difference. Let's make a positive effort to be positive.
There is an old saying "Laugh and the world laughs with you; cry and you cry alone". Have you noticed that when you ask someone "how are you?"

and they say "not very well", the conversation dries up rapidly. A positive approach to life and living makes for a very attractive person. The evenings are drawing in, winter is coming. I love the winter - those frosty mornings, the heavy clothes, the rain beating against the window. On second thoughts, I'm not sure I can be that positive!

Yours sincerely, Graham Roblin

CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st September
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 8th September
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)

Sunday 15th September
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival Service (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m.

Sunday 22nd September
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. Evening Communion (Bere Regis)

Sunday 29th September
9.30 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- both parishes together

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Readers

September 1st Mr I Ventham
September 8th Mrs Jutting
September 15th Mrs C Lewis

Sanctuary Flower Guild

September 1st Mrs P Mooney Mrs K Benjafield
September 8th Mrs J Harley
September 15th Mrs K Jeeves
September 22nd Mrs D Croome Mrs S Norman
September 29th Mrs G Whittle Mrs T Skinner

Bere Regis Sidesmen - September 1996

September 1st 9.30 a.m. Mr House/Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Mr Barnes/Mr Ward
September 8th 11.00 a.m. Mr Croom/Mrs England
6.00 p.m. Mr Dashwood/Mrs Jutting
September 15th 9.30 a.m. Mr Strange/Mrs Hazlerigg
6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton/Mr Barnes
September 22nd 11.00 a.m. Col. Barne/Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Mrs Ward
September 29th 9.30 a.m. Joint Service Bere Regis

Thank you to all sidesmen who kindly replied to my note regarding duties from September to November and especially to those new volunteers. I hope to be able to ring the changes in duties a little in future months.

Bere Regis Bellringers

Practices are planned to restart on Wednesday evenings on September 24th at 6.30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to try bellringing or to just come to look are very welcome. Regular attendance should make you a capable ringer by Christmas.
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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Fortnight beginning: 2nd Sept: Philip Ventham, John Solly, Peter Taylor
16th Sept: Duncan Sheppard, Jonathan Haigh, Terry Lane
30th Sept: Campbell de Burgh, Paul Badcock, David Russell

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival at Affpuddle will be celebrated on Sunday 15th September. The church will be decorated on Saturday 14th September between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. Gifts of fruit, vegetables and foliage will be most welcome. Please bring your gifts to church before 10.00 a.m on Saturday 14th September.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

We are very conscious that the church services that are so precious and important for many people are not immediately attractive to younger people. Because of this, we have used the experiences of other churches and devised a service which we hope will be simpler and more understandable for not only the young, but also for any who are not used to Church of England services. In Bere Regis, this form of worship is used on the second Sunday of each month at 11.00 a.m., and in Affpuddle it is on the third Sunday of each month, again at 11.00 a.m. It is a much more informal form of service and very easy to follow. The service is also much shorter, lasting about thirty five minutes.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - AFFPUDDLE (15th September)

The Affpuddle Harvest Festival takes place at 11.00 a.m. on 15th September. Gifts of fruit and vegetables and any produce should be brought to the church on Saturday morning around 10.00 a.m. Any help with the decorating of the church will be greatly appreciated. The gifts will be taken on Monday to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester. After the service, there will be a Harvest Lunch in the Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Harvest Lunch - Sunday 15th September

The successful lunch which was held after the Affpraise service last year is being repeated this year. The lunch will be held in the Village Hall after the Affpraise Service starting at approximately 12 noon. The menu will consist of cold ham, baked potatoes, assorted salads and summer pudding or fruit jelly and cream or biscuits and cheese with coffee or tea afterwards. Orange squash will be available but if people wish to bring their own drink plastic glasses will be available. Don't forget to bring a bottle opener.

The tickets, which will cost £2 for adults and £1 for children may be purchased between 1st and 12th September from Philippa Thorniley. In order to cater as economically as possible I must know numbers in time. The aim of holding this luncheon is to provide a get together for parishioners and not as a fundraiser. If there is any profit it will be donated to church funds.
AFFPUDDLE DAY AWAY - 21st September

There is to be an opportunity for another 'Day Away' in the delightful retreat Centre at Melbury Abbass on 21st September. This will take the form of a 'Quiet Day', together with an opportunity to look at where we are going as a parish over the next few years. It will start at 10.30 a.m. and finish at 3.00 p.m. If you would like to join this party please ring the Vicar.

SPECIAL CHURCH CLEAN

The day originally chosen for the special clean of the church has been chosen for a Retreat Day. The special clean will now be done on Saturday 28th September between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. Please come along and lend a hand. Please bring with you dusters and polishing cloths. It is hoped that sufficient people will be present to enable the pews and furniture to be polished, the woodfloors to be oiled and polished and the stonefloor to be washed.

A GIFT DAY - AFFPUDDLE - 14th September

The upkeep of the church building and the general ministry of the church in country parishes does cost a lot of money, and we no longer have the support of the Church Commissioners to help us with this.

Many of you are very generous in your Covenanting and in your regular giving, and for this we are immensely grateful. But there are many of you who value the continuing presence of the church in the villages but are not regular contributors.

If you could help us financially by offering a gift on this annual Gift Day, it would be very much appreciated. The Vicar will be outside the Post Office at Briantspuddle on Saturday 14th September between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. Because his prayers for fine or wet weather seem to be singularly inadequate, a horse box is often provided as a shelter. He will, however, leap out at the sight of anyone carrying an offering!

BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE COMBINED SERVICE - Sunday 29th September

When there are five Sundays in the month, it has become the custom for the parishes to combine for the main service of the day. On the 29th September, our service will be at Bere Regis at 9.30 a.m., followed by refreshments, when we can meet together.

BRITISH LEGION HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Vicar will start the annual celebration of Harvest at the British Legion Hall at 7.15 p.m. on Sunday 29th September.

BERE REGIS HARVEST FESTIVAL - Sunday evening, 6th October

The first Sunday in October is the traditional day for the Harvest Festival in Bere Regis. It takes the form of an Evening Service followed by a Harvest Supper in the south aisle of the church. The decoration of the church takes place on the morning of the Saturday before. If you would like to come and help, please know that you will be very welcome. Also, if you would care to contribute in any way to the Harvest Thanksgiving this would be much appreciated. Gifts of flowers, fruit or vegetables or any produce should be brought to the church on the Saturday morning, preferably by 10.30 a.m.

The Bere Regis First School comes to the church on the Monday following this for its own Harvest Festival. This is at 2.00 p.m. Any adult support for this service is good for the children.

ADULT CHRISTIAN INFORMATION LECTURES

As advertised in last month’s magazine, there is to be a series of six adult Christian information lectures during the Autumn and Spring. The first of these will be on Wednesday 26th September at 7.00 p.m. in the church at Bere Regis. The talk itself and a time for questions will last only one hour, followed by coffee.

It is hoped that this will help people to understand various aspects of the Christian faith in an adult way, rather than relying on dim memories of teaching at school or at confirmation classes. The Vicar will be giving the lectures, so it shouldn’t be very ‘highbrow’! The first talk will be entitled “Let’s have a look at the Bible”
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Bere Regis  Tuesday 1st October in the Church
Affpuddle  Wednesday 9th October at Raithby Cottage

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism
Bere Regis  21st July 1996  Sally Emma Pegg

Holy Matrimony
Bere Regis  27th July 1996  Christopher James Stell to Sally Rebecca Flann

CHURCH FUND RAISING

A Car-Boot and Table Top sale is to be held on Saturday 21st September at the Scout Hut. This will be from 12.00 noon until 4.00 p.m. Cars £3.00 and tables £2.50. As space is limited please phone 471411 in advance to book your place. We shall have one or two tables manned in the hall and items for these would be very welcome. All proceeds to Church funds. Collection can be arranged. Do please support this new venture.

On October 23rd there will be a coffee morning at 37 Elder Road by kind invitation of Colin and Eileen Jutting.

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the August meeting, Councillors expressed their concern resulting from the recent road accidents within the parish. The Council has, for a number of years, attempted to suggest improvements to the Lane End junction with the Wareham Road and also the junction of that road with the Poole Road. Previously the County Council stated that the accident record did not warrant any changes. Now that two serious accidents, resulting in fatalities, within a relatively short time, have occurred it is to be hoped that a different reaction may be heard.

Our District Councillor reported on the meeting that she had attended concerning the proposed Structure Plan for Purbeck. As Parishioners will be aware, this involves the provision of 3,800 more houses within the District between now and 2011. Of this total, we are currently programmed for 120. We understand that following that meeting the plan is being amended and prepared for the period of public consultation and the subsequent Inquiry.

There was a pollution incident recently resulting from the fracture of the sewer in West Street. The leakage found its way into Bere Stream. It is understood that there was some confusion as to whom this problem should have been reported. Matters which involve any of the following - damage or danger to the natural environment, pollution, poaching, risks to wildlife, fish in distress, illegal dumping of hazardous waste and flooding incidents are the concern of the Environment Agency who can be contacted on 0800 807060 at anytime day or night. There is no charge for calls on this number.

To close on a sweeter note! The Bere in Bloom competition took place during July when the Chairman and District Councillor walked around the Parish. They reported that they had great difficulty in selecting the prize winners but concluded by choosing Mr and Mrs Poore of 12 Egdon Close for equal first prize with Mr and Mrs Miller of 5 Egdon Close. Runners up for the third prize were Mr and Mrs Owens of 23 Green Close. A special prize will be awarded to Mr Ted Veal of Hyde. Prize winners will be notified of the arrangements for receiving their prizes.

DRAX HALL

The Blood Transfusion team were well pleased with the response from the village. There were 47 donors at the session which is most encouraging. There is always a need for more donors so do think about it for the next session in November.

The Pop in Place team have made a vast improvement to the Lower Room and they will be getting under way with a grand opening in September. No doubt they will be announcing this elsewhere in the magazine.

On the evening of Thursday 3 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. Then on the 30th October during half term there will be a puppet show for the younger thespians. This will be in the morning lasting just under an hour. More details of this later.
AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB

We had a lovely afternoon for our visit to Kath and Charlie at Larkspur in August. The garden looked beautiful and was enjoyed by the large number of members present.

Our next meeting will be on the 11th September and will be our Birthday Luncheon. This will be held in the Drax Hall at 1.00 p.m. Price £1.10. The list is with Kath and Nan. Please let us know by Monday 9th September at the latest if you are coming so that we know the numbers for the caterers. The competition will be a mug or cup with a face e.g. a Toby Jug etc. The club is subsidising the luncheon and it is hoped to see you all there.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The singers have entertained at Christchurch Court in Dorchester for their summer meeting.

THANK YOU

Carly Standfield and Shane Mooney would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards and gifts. The support they have received from everyone has been tremendous.

They are now well on the way to recovery.

BERE REGIS BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Very many thanks to all who came to our end of term BBQ. A little over £80 was raised for our funds.

Guides enjoyed a sponsored sleep-out camp at the end of July, sleeping in shelters under the stars for one night. We had our now customary thunder storm on our first night but the rest of the camp was fine and hot. We were joined by some Guides from Pudlettown for the night of the sleepout and Brownies from Bere Regis came over for a day of crafts and water games. All Brownies who were able to join us gained a craft badge. Well done!

Thank you to Michelle, Joanne, Kerry and Charlotte for representing Brownies at the Pet Service in Church during August.

Guides re-commence on Tuesday 17th September and Brownies on Wednesday 18th September.

Pat Bentley

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Since our last report our Standard Bearers and members have attended several Standards Dedications and Services of Thanksgiving for the 75th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion. The highlight being the trip to Weston Park for 'Legion Day'. After an early start and a long roundabout journey to pick up the various people they arrived at about 11.00 a.m. and had to get ready for the rehearsal. It was a blistering hot day and quite a lot of standing about.

For all that it was 'quite a day' and all enjoyed it, but were no doubt glad to see the lights of home after a very tiring day. We are very proud of our Standard Bearers who gave up their time to 'show the flag' for Bere Regis, and we owe them a most generous thank you for all their efforts.

At home we held our 24th Annual Flower Show. Unfortunately entries were down due to our usual, or is it unusual Spring and Summer weather. It was however quite a good show and the judges remarked on the standard of the exhibits. Our thanks to everyone who helped prepare the show and gave Draw Prizes. Also to all those who exhibited and supported us in the afternoon. I am sure our Show secretary would like to add her thanks to all concerned. Judges over the years have made very good comments on our show and said do your best to keep it going so we must look forward to our 25th Annual next year and try to make it a good one to celebrate the foundations of our Branch 75 years ago.

P G House

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Women's section held their monthly meeting on July 17th and 18 members were present. After the Exhortation the business followed, and members were told that the blankets they had knitted, had been delivered to Wareham and Weymouth hospitals by Mrs Burt and Mrs Clarke.

A letter of thanks from the County Chairman was read for the Section being 2nd in the National Schemes. A request for more blankets was received from Alderney Hospital, so members - please get knitting.

The treasurer then gave her report and said we could donate a further £800 and it was agreed as follows: Benevolent £600 General Fund £200.

Mrs Humphreys, our Group Chairman, told members of the experience of the 75 years celebrated at Westminster Abbey which was attended by the Queen and Prince Philip.

Our Speaker for the afternoon was Mrs V House, on making 'paper flowers'. Teas were served by Mrs Bennett and Mrs Presslee and a Bring and Buy run by Mrs Reed and Mrs Gale. Cenotaph September - Mrs March, October - Mrs House
IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

We have held three fund raising events this summer since the coffee morning in May. In June a stall at Tolpuddle fete raised £95.00, a raffle at Bere Regis Carnival raised £74.35 and then on July 20th, almost the whole committee plus friends did a relay at Tesco in Dorchester. Instead of batons, we handed on collecting tins and sashes of course and this raised a total of £278.86.

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise this money which all goes to aid research into finding a cure for cancer. If anyone could spare a little time, or can come up with ideas for raising funds, we would be very pleased to hear from them.

Diana Holman

THE THOMAS WILLIAMS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUST

If you are under 25 years of age and live in the Parish of Bere Regis and are at University or undertaking specialist tuition, the above name Trust may be able to give you financial help.

Please apply in writing to the Hon. Sec. 42 West Street, Bere Regis, BH20 7HS

Ena Strange

BERE REGIS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Bonjour!

During the past six weeks or so your committee have been able to obtain much more information on the possible villages for twinning with us. Of the four that we originally approached, two are keen to carry discussion further. In mid-July, Tony Bates, accompanied by Eileen and Stan Bangay visited and were shown around both villages armed with cameras and a camcorder. We are now ready to show our village the available options.

There will be a preview meeting at Cyril Wood Court on 18th September from 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., when you will be able to look at a display of photographs and a short video on these two Normandy villages, together with members of the committee. Do come along and support this interesting project. There will be another opportunity to see the display at other venues including the pubs and the Pop in Place. Later in the year all in our village will have an opportunity to vote for the choice they prefer.

Tony Bates

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Could you cycle or walk around some of Dorset's churches and chapels to raise money for the church of your choice and for the Trust?

The Great Cycle Ride is on Saturday 14 September from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Perhaps you could help in a more sedentary way by sitting in Bere Regis church for an hour, checking in the cyclists. Enquiries and offers of help to Sybil Frampton please. Tel: 01929 471643. Sponsor forms are available for collection in Affpuddle Church now.
BERE REGIS CAMERA CLUB

Meetings first and third Thursday of every month at Cyril Wood Court - 7.30 p.m

Firstly we wish to congratulate Jim Barnes for being the first recipient of the Roy Du Preez Shield, for the most improved work over the year. Every member of the club has improved over the year, but Roy selected Jim for his all round achievement.

Over the last couple of month’s club members have been very active, making the most of the good weather and long evenings. On July 4th we travelled to Kingston Maurward to photograph the gardens. We discovered that when you try to do close up flower photography the wind always seems to be blowing a gale!! However, we all found something that caught our eye and all produced some good results.

Higher Hyde nature reserve was our next location, under the watchful and enthusiastic eye of Tony Bates. Members attempted to photograph elusive butterflies and damselflies as well as trying their hand at wild flowers. Those who survived the vicious man eating mosquitoes until dusk, were rewarded with a wonderful flying display by a pair of Nightjars (too dark to photograph, of course).

A programme of slide shows and hands-on workshop evening are in prospect for the autumn and winter. We welcome any one interested in taking better pictures, using anything from a compact camera to more advanced equipment.

For further information contact Marion Cox, on 471654 or Julian Lightfoot on 472007.

AFFPUDDLE GRAND SUMMER DRAW

About £450 was raised in this year’s draw. Many thanks to all who helped or participated.

The winners are as follows:

1st prize - £50 Mr C Fulluck from Sutton Waldron. 2nd prize - £25 R Tuson from Sturminster Newton. 3rd prize - £10 Daniel Stuart from Blandford Camp. There were four winners of the £5 runners up prizes - Rev Graham Robin, Patricia Lacour from France, B Page from Bere Regis and V De Carnamo from Puddletown.

POP IN PLACE

Many thanks to the residents of Turberville Court who made us very welcome when we held our coffee evening there in July. Also thanks to all who attended the event and a splendid £120 was raised for the Pop in Place fund.

Redecoration of Lower Room - Drax Hall

Very many thanks to all the people who have given up their spare time to assist with the painting of the room to be used for the Pop in Place.

The end product is very good. The room has had a complete face lift with newly painted walls, ceiling, doors and windows and features an attractive border. The back room has been transformed into a super library with sponging effect walls complemented by stencils painting and pine book shelving for the books and videos. Come and see for yourselves.

Thanks to the PIP Committee - Shelagh Rowan, Sheila Leigh, Tina Elford, Maria McMahon, Peter, Dino and Daphne. Amy, Tom, Charlotte and Paul Bennett. Claire Bennett and Peter McLeod. I'm sure that you will agree that they have done a superb job! All paints were purchased by Drax Hall Committee funds.

Official Opening

Everyone is welcome to attend the Official Opening of the Pop in Place by Dr Tim Harley on Saturday 7th September at 3.00 p.m. There will be speakers from the Parish Council, Drax Hall and Pop in Place Committees. The celebration will be followed by tea and refreshments and the cutting of the Pop in Place cake.

Regular Sessions of the Pop in Place, in the Lower Room of the Drax Hall, will commence on:

Monday 9th September 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
Friday 13th September 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

and weekly thereafter on those mornings. We will be pleased to welcome you.

The New to You facility will be in operation and the lending library, so come along and make good use of the new facility in your community.

Whoever you are there is always a welcome for you at the Pop in Place Bere Regis.
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

So the soccer season gets underway again in this country. Did it ever have a break, one may ask?! One may also ask, what is the value of a football star these days, when we hear that Newcastle United has paid £15m to Blackburn Rovers for Alan Shearer, and Shearer is paid £24,000 per week to kick a 'bag of wind' around on a football pitch.

What is the value of a young life that comes to a sudden end in a car crash, or by a drug overdose? What is the value of the life of a very popular, young vicar in Liverpool, murdered by the very person he was trying to help.

What value does Almighty God, the Father, place on your life, when He gave His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on cruel cross for you, so that by believing in Him as Saviour and Lord, you might have eternal life?

What value do you place on Jesus Christ's life - that He died to save you from a lost eternity?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son" John 3: 16-18

On Saturday 28th September at 7.30 p.m., at the Chapel, Butt Lane, we shall be having another of our Celebration meetings when the speaker will be Rev. Malcolm White from Barry, South Wales. Malcolm is an excellent Bible teacher, presenting Bible truths in an easily understood and amusing way. Everyone is welcome to these monthly meetings, which are for people from the whole local area.

Rev Ray Healey

BILL SLADE - Car repairs and servicing

I am now back to work after my accident and welcome old and new customers. See my advertisement in the small-ads for details.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Cricket Results

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After their ignominious defeat at the hands of Wool, Bere were hoping to return to the victorious track against Wessex Pensioners at Broadstone Rec. Our travelling army ran the gauntlet of many species of hungry insects in the humid atmosphere. The events that followed were what can only be described as a bad day at the office. Bere's batsmen put in a performance equivalent to the British Olympic Weightlifting team. The wicket had its say with one or two deliveries hitting base level, but Bere threw in more than their fair share of calamitous shots to produce an end result of an embarrassing 84 all out against bowling of no repute. Despite a spell of venomous bowling from Steve Cheeseman, Bere went through the motions of a heavy defeat with their season in tatters.

The away fixture to Stalbridge was cancelled due to an aberration on the part of the Farmers FM weatherman. The home game was quite well and truly played as Bere sought to regain the spark and initiative in the league. The erratic form of skipper Russell Hewitt took a turn for the better as a patient 44 helped Bere, but it was Sir Charles "Dictionary" Way who topped the scoring charts with a powerful 75. The left-hander picked off a succession of very friendly "buffet" deliveries. It was a case of sunbathers beware, not from UVB but from sixes returning from orbit of the bat of Sir Charles. This innings proved the backbone of a formidable 203 for 4 when Bere's lower order clubbers were not needed. A fiery opening spell from Mark Williams earned three wickets, and Bere made hardwork of getting a maximum points victory. Venkatesh Anwar Green weighed in with a jug avoiding 4-24, in spite of Bath hearthrob Graeme Price spilling a dolly catch, Bere regained some of their lost momentum to take to their next game.

After infuriating their faithful fans over recent failures, Bere met with Milton Abbas at home on an uncharacteristic damp day, which during early exchanges the weather accounted for three overs. With Bere unexpectedly bowling first, there was a lively opening spell from Mark Williams and Steve Cheeseman which may well have yielded four or five wickets on another day. Nevertheless Bere's reserve attack was put to the sword and their out fielding suffered culminating in what was a leather chase as Milton took their chances. A tidy spell from former favourite Nelson Brockway took care of Bere's top order and from there Bere never recovered despite a final flurry of hitting from the opening bowlers ensuring the team of maximum batting points.

Prior to matchday, Bere's premier eleven faced one or two selection problems for the trip to Bournemouth, the first of four very crucial fixtures. With a tough day ahead expected, Bournemouth fielded a weak side, but Bere's top order batsmen including Russell Hewitt and Sir Charles "showed the" Way as they compiled 200 for 5. It was spin's turn to win the day, as Dean "Donatelio" Rogerson took a jug winning 5-15 sealing maximum points mopping up the buffet bowling.

Having given Abbotsbury a roasting on their own patch in Thomas Hardy Country, Bere were up against opponents who had dropped only 6 points out of 180 in their quest for promotion. In recent weeks in Bere's case it has been more of a labour for relegation. The Calypso King ripped through the top order with his unique brand of "seam-up" bowling. The Spin King Dean "Don" Rogerson turned his way to 3-46, and put Bere in a match winning position. Abbotsbury whose side differed greatly from the reciprocal encounter, had more than one or two aces up their bowling sleeves including throwing the ball. Bere not renowned for their run chasing prowess embarked on their usual wade through treacle that was their target of 107. A kamikaze run out of stalwart General Gordon proved the landmark for the visitors to press home the advantage. With front-line batsmen flumming in the dark for their form, another black day was guaranteed as flags were lowered, but spirits were raised as ale flowed in the clubhous.

Spetisbury, another team who Bere had well and truly pasted away from home took on a chameleon type appearance with eight different players. They produced a turncoat performance that bamboozled Bere in the July heat. Bere were short on batting, long on drinkers, which gave The Rinky Dink a rare chance at the number six spot, he failed to deliver, but General Gordon and Simon Earwicker plundered the visitors bowling which was at best benevolent and should have yielded far more runs. With the batting ranks depleted due to The Stove, Bere turned to their bowlers for inspiration and the Lockheed Brothers took full effect, but wickets never tumbled when all that Bere needed was to get past the first five batsmen and then they would be into the driftwood, but a professional approach saw Spetisbury home.

Having extended the hand human kindness to the opposing captain of Corfe Mullen, stand in skipper Pete Thompson and the rest of the Sunday eleven were treated to a display of unparalleled arrogance and complacency from their opponents. Electing to bowl on yet another unyielding artificial surface, Corfe took command with impressive stroke play and dominant running between the wickets. Bere's bowlers toiled on a long, hot afternoon, with most of the pie-throwers serving up a Grosvenor delight for the home side. The reply from Bere gathered pace but fell behind some fifteen overs, and with The Stove still out, batting was in short supply. An eighty-eight run defeat was inflicted, maybe deservedly so on the part of the home side (Team Volvic of Corfe Mullen), but the nature of their win will be questioned, as Bere suffered a barrage of abuse during their innings including a broadside from their eloquent tea-lady. In compensation changing facilities were top notch with Club 18-30 accommodation.

A vital return to form for veteran Doug Curtis proved decisive in the home game with Moordown 2nds. The visitors' openers were despatched to the pavilion by a deadly opening spell, but a move that was to backfire as Moordown proceeded to fly along at five an over, targeting at least 200. Bere's cause was not helped by Premier League misfiling and for once The Calypso King went wicketless from the wrong end, a rare event indeed.
Another bowler who for one reason or another seemed out of sorts was Andy "Chamois" Welsh. He turned the screw on the run rate with Mark Williams as they took four important wickets when buffet spin failed. The daunting task of surpassing 170 was set about with purpose, as Dean Rogerson and General Gordon added 61 for the first wicket. Then The Stove fell to an indifferent stroke, and soon Bere were 92 for 3. However with Honiton Pete Thompson at the wicket with Doug Curtis, Bere turned the game into a cakewalk and a very welcome nineteen points were in the bag.

Club notices include:- The Cricket Club's Annual Draw which will take place at the clubhouse on 22 September incorporating a quiz and trophy presentation. On 29 September at the clubhouse, there will be a General Knowledge Quiz run by Sue Stone, all will be welcome. Finally a note of congratulations to the Sports Club's ladies darts team who recently became winners of the Village Summer Darts League.

Steve Cheeseman

**AFFPUDDLE NEWS**

**CHURCH GIFT DAY**

The Gift day will be held on Saturday 14th September between 10am and 12 noon when the vicar will sit at the cross roads in Briantspuddle to receive your gifts. Envelopes and a letter will be distributed earlier in the month. Please give as generously as possible.

**100 CLUB**

The winning numbers are as follows:
June: No. 2, July: No 79, August: No 61. Thanks to everyone who has taken a number this year. All the numbers have been sold and this will make a profit of £460 for the Hall Repair/Thatch Fund.

**VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

Purbeck Film Show - 11th October 1996 - 7.30 to approx. 9.30. A showing of archive film taken in Dorset spanning 100 years - produced by Trilith.

We have been offered this opportunity to celebrate 100 years of cinema. There will be an interval of 30 minutes when appropriate refreshments will be available! Tickets for this event will be advertised throughout Dorset and will be available from Philippa Thorniley, Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle, 01929 471497, £2 for adults and £1.50 for children under 16.

Piano recital by Mrs. Judith Ram - 26th October 1996 - 7.30 p.m. to approx 9.30 p.m.

Tickets for this event are now on sale at £2 per adult and £1 per child (16 and under) from Gillian Vingoe, 18 Briantspuddle, Tel: 01929 471832. There will be a bar and light refreshments.

“MUSICAL HERITAGE OF THOMAS HARDY” by the Yetties (Arrethach)

We are still awaiting details of the 1996/1997 programme of events from Arrethach. We received so much interest for the Yetties production of the Musical heritage of Thomas Hardy (Saturday 16th November 1996) that we decided to take reservations for tickets. Notice of this intention was posted on the Affpuddle and Briantspuddle notice boards and in the Village shop.

Ticket sales have gone extremely well and there are very few tickets remaining at the time of writing this article and we would expect to be sold out at the time of the Parish Magazine issue. The Arrethach shows are receiving much acclaim and we would advise all villagers that early booking is advisable. Please remember that Arrethach themselves advertise their productions throughout Dorset. As soon as details are received of further productions notices will be posted on village notice boards and in Briantspuddle Stores.

**EMBROIDERY EXHIBITION**

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the Embroidery exhibition scheduled for 27th to 30th September has been cancelled. We thank everyone who offered assistance with this event.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

September 1996

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.

Briantspuddle Singers
7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall

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

C.A.B.
Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m (closed Wednesday)

Cure Regis Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only)
Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 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
1st Mon 10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O./car park

Dorset/Lativa 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 Group
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

Playgroup Bere Regis
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board

Rainbows
4.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Scout HQ

RBL Gardening Club
8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. Tel: 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:
- Junior Club
- Youth Club
- Swimming Club

Turberville Court
7.00 p.m. 6 - 9 years, Congregational Church
7.00 p.m. 9 years and over, Congregational Church
Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m., Blandford Leisure Centre. Bob Holman, 01305 848262
2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Social afternoon each Tuesday
10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning, 1st Friday
3.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur

Woodbury Hill Singers

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Please submit all announcements, copy or advertisments to Alison by the 15th of each month, or Martha Tucker, Delaware, Briantspuddle by the 13th.

EDITORIAL NOTE
The October issue of the Parish Magazine may be a few days late being distributed as a result of the Editor’s holiday commitments. However, this is a timely reminder to all contributors that the copy deadlines detailed above allow very little time for flexibility and all are encouraged to get their copy in as early as possible - it’s amazing how many envelopes drop through my door at 9.00 p.m. on the fifteenth of each month!

Regular readers of the magazine will have noticed that during the last few months we have endeavoured to make it more “reader friendly” with a greater use of graphics and borders etc. I am able to scan logos, photographs and pictures, provided they are of high quality, so those of you who submit articles on your club or society, may wish to let me have your logo so that your supporters can easily identify your article in the magazine.

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