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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
Legion Women’s Section 2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ
British Legion Youth 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. Wednesday, HQ
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Woodbury Hill Singers 2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur

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Wednesday 9th July
Bere Regis School - 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Surgery - 10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
Briantspuddle - 2.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August
2nd Lammas Fair/Fun Day at Court Green
8th Twinning Association BBQ at Honeycombe Cottage
17th Dorset Latvia Link stall at Dorset Police HQ Open Day
19th WI Walking Treasure Hunt, meet at Drax Hall 7.00 p.m.
23rd Jazz evening, Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

September
13th Dorset Historic Churches Trust, Sponsored Cycle Ride
16th WI Open Evening
27th PIP First Birthday Party, Drax Hall

October
5th Archive film show, Briantspuddle Village Hall 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.
10th Auction of Promises, Bere Regis Scout Group
18th ArtReach performance - Taylors Ticker
18th Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society, Dorset Evening of Entertainment, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.

November
25th Blood Donor session, Drax Hall

December
13th PIP Christmas Party

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A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

"IS THAT IT?"

Very sadly, and very unusually, this month's magazine contains the obituaries of six people from the parish of Bere Regis. Town parishes, because of their population, are accustomed to this, but country parishes, where people know one another, find it disturbing. When someone dies in the big city, the funeral or cremation service can be quite impersonal. The priest conducting the ceremony may not have met the relatives of the person being buried. When I was a curate in south London, thirty five years ago, I used to do "Crematorium Duty." I would take ten cremations a day. I had to find out the gender of the person being cremated as the hearse drew up, so that I said "He", or "She", "Him" or "Her", in the appropriate place. I am led to believe that things have got better.

Here in our villages, I am privileged to meet and to talk with those who are suffering the grief of the death of the person most dear to them. But even so, when I come to deliver the address, however much I have worked to discover the deeply important person being buried, I am acutely aware that the wife or husband, the children or grandchildren could very reasonably say "Is that it?" Although I have incorporated everything that relatives and friends have told me, I still am not able to tell of the getting up, day after day, the toil, the rows, the happiness, the disappointments, the cuddles, the ordinary things of life that occur week in week out, month by month, and year by year. Only a fleeting snapshot can be produced. "Is that it?" must be the fair response of those bewildered and saddened by the loss of a great part of their whole reason for living.

And then, when I stand by the hearse and see the wooden coffin containing the 'overcoat' of the person who lived just a few days before, I look at the drawn faces of the close relatives, and see written in their eyes the words "Is that it?" "Is that all there is?" All those days, all those moments of joy and happiness and laughter and love, just wrapped up in that box. The importance and the futility of it all cries out for an answer. When a cremation takes place, and the relatives ask for the ashes to be interred in the lovely graveyard of our two churches, I am pleased for them. To have a place where we can go and lay a flower or have a chat seems very beautiful to me. To focus our cry of love and loneliness can be a help. But when that little casket is produced by the undertaker, I groan for the mourners because I can feel the words "Is that it?" "It's so small."
For mankind, coming down the centuries, there has been an awareness that death is not 'it'. Death is not the end. The 'overcoat', clothing the personality or soul of a person may wear out, or be destroyed, but the actual personality continues to live on. We have tried to describe this 'after life', this 'new life', but it is quite impossible. Any description, or any words must be inadequate. A caterpillar could never be able to imagine itself as a butterfly. We cannot imagine our new body in the future existence. Even the word 'body' is a 'this world' word, and unhelpful. So the Christian turns in anguish to Jesus Christ, the revealer of God and eternity. In him we suddenly find a complete authority, a sureness and certainty that "I am the resurrection and I am life". I also am very encouraged to find Jesus crying when his close friend died. He didn't pretend that death was 'nothing at all'. He shows the pain and the sorrow very well. I expect he was there when they lowered his father Joseph into the grave.

"Is that it?" is a very real cry from the heart. "No, it is not", says Jesus Christ.

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Bellringers are having a well earned break from practices for the summer and will start again on Wednesday 10th September.

The tower will be open to visitors for Tower Tours on the day of the LAMMAS FAIR, 2nd August.

On Saturday 16th August the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers have their tower open day and we have been asked to make ours available for visiting ringers from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Bere Regis tower is hosting the Dorchester Branch AGM on Saturday 11th October which includes ringing before and after a service at 4.00pm (to which all parishioners are welcome) and the business meeting.

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

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CHURCH SERVICES in JULY

Sunday 3rd August
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
3.00 p.m.  Holy Baptism (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 10th August
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
2.15 p.m.  Holy Baptism (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 17th August
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 24th August
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m.  Songs of Praise (Bere Regis)

Sunday 31st August
9.30 a.m.  A Combined Service of Holy Communion for both parishes in Bere Regis Church
3.00 p.m.  Holy Baptism (Affpuddle)

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Flowers and Cleaning

Flowers
Cleaning
3rd August  Mrs Armitage
10th August  Mrs Champion
17th August  Mrs Buck
24th August  Mrs Reed
30th August  WEDDING

Sidesmen/Readers and Readings

3rd August  8.00  P Badcock
11.00  W Thorniley
1 Cor 12, 1-11
R Elkerton
1 Sam 3, 1-4(1a)
Mark 12, 18-end

10th August  9.30  D Payne
2 Cor 5, 14-6(2)
Allan Smith
John 17, 20-end

17th August  8.00  R Killer
11.00  Affpraise
The Server
2 Cor 3, 4-9

24th August  9.30  P Roblin
11.00  Affpraise
A Holland
Acts 5, 12b-15
P Badcock
Luke 22, 24-30

31st August  9.30  Joint Benefice Communion, Bere Regis

Mowing Rota

Fortnight beginning:
28th July  -  Richard Killer  Dereck Boyt  Bob Holman
11th August -  David Hall    Tim Reed    Richard Hall
25th August -  Peter Taylor  John Solly  Andrew Aidney

*There is a wedding on 30th August
FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism - Bere Regis
29th June  Mark Christopher Caswell
           Jordan Lee Caswell
6th July   Alice Rose Shrimpton

Holy Matrimony - Bere Regis
5th July   Mark Jason Cooper with
           Harriet Louise Clegg

Funerals and Cremations
3rd June   Lucy Annie Hyde
27th June  Eileen Dorothy Dunning
30th June  Dennis Bernard Thomas Maidment
2nd July   Cara Holmes Barne
4th July   Thomas Morris
14th July  Reginald Leslie Pashen

OBITUARIES

MRS LUCY ANNIE HYDE (aged 78 years)

The funeral service for Lucy Hyde took place in Bere Regis Parish Church on 3rd June, following her death on 28th May. She had been in constant pain for several years. For four years, she had suffered from osteoporosis and had severe deterioration of the hip. This had prevented her from taking her accustomed part in the life of the parish, but a large number of her friends were in church supporting her husband John and daughter Pamela, in their deep sadness.

Lucy was born and bred in Bere Regis. She was part of it, and it was part of her. She was baptised, confirmed, married and then buried in St John the Baptist Church. She was born in Blind Street, the daughter of Montague Cheeseman, a shepherd, just after the ending of the ‘Great War’. She went to school in Bere Regis, and then, when she was 20 years old, she married John. This was on 18th October 1939. War had been declared just over a month before, and John had already been called up. He was to be away, on and off, for the next five years. Lucy worked at Doddings. Pamela was born in 1943. Then at the end of the war, John ran the Royal Artillery Club in Salisbury for two years. This was to be the only two years Lucy was away from her beloved Bere Regis. They returned to take over a new house in Sitterton Close in 1951, and there they stayed.

While John pursued his profession in insurance, Lucy, in between bringing up Pamela, became a school helper and cook and then for many years worked in Central Stores.

As a young girl, she had enjoyed physical team games; hockey, netball and athletics. So it was not surprising to find that she was there supplying Cricket Teas and Refreshments at the sports club. She also loved dancing.

Her pattern for living included service to others. This was tested as the years went by, and eventually she found herself looking after her parents and her brother until they died.

So her many friends joined John, and Pamela with her husband Leo, in their bereavement, but also in their thanksgiving for her life, her love and her friendship, and they prayed that she might be out of pain and in peace.
MRS EILEEN DOROTHY DUNNING (aged 70 years.)

Eileen Dunning, the wife of Alan, died on Thursday 19th June in the hospital in Wareham. She had been ill for a relatively short time and had enjoyed energetically good health up to the moment when her terminal illness struck her. So it was a great shock to her family and many friends to hear of her illness and then of her death, at the age of 70. Alan, with their four adult children, Susan, Judith, Carolyn and Richard, were surrounded and supported in their bereavement by many friends made over the years, and of course, here in Bere Regis. Eileen’s three brothers, and three sisters were at the funeral in the parish church, so it was a great moment of memory, thanksgiving, and prayer that we had together. The six grandchildren were with us as well, and for them it was, as for all grandchildren, a very perplexing time.

Eileen was from Kent. Her father had been a road maker and it was a light memory for the family that she always loved the smell of tar! We remembered that, as we did so many other parts of her life. How that she had a vocation for nursing, training first at the National Children’s Home in Harrogate, before moving on to the Great Ormond Street Hospital, London as a Staff Nurse. Her meeting with Alan way back in 1947 was recalled, together with the years moving around England and Scotland when Alan’s work as a forester directed, eventually arriving in Bere Regis in 1978. Here they really enjoyed their last twenty years together. As with all aspects of their life together, they supported one another in whatever they were doing. So it was that when Alan joined Rotary, Eileen reluctantly joined Inner Wheel and then reluctantly became President, only to direct all her energies into making her presidency a success.

Because Alan loved walking, - real walking - she joined him, and it was this picture that Bere Regis will have of her for many years to come, walking twice a day, along the roads and lanes of the area. What we probably didn’t know was that she walked all around the Isle of White, over the North and South Downs, from Poole to Barnstaple and along the course of the Thames from its source to the Thames Barrier. She also climbed mountains. That showed real loyalty.

So we remembered and gave thanks for a remarkable lady; a person who devoted her life to caring for the sick, especially children and caring for her family; an energetic lady who joined her husband, and one who cheered others as she walked.

In church, we prayed that she would enjoy her new life hereafter. The ‘collection’ received in and out of church was received in aid of the “Garden of Remembrance” Fund in the Bere Regis Cemetery.

MR DENNIS BERNARD THOMAS MAIDMENT (aged 70 years)

The shock of the sudden and unexpected death of Dennis Maidment reverberated around the parish on 20th June. Here was a man, so well known and respected, who despite a bad hip, gave of himself to not only the Royal British Legion, but also to everyone he met. His funeral service in the parish church, indicated the standing and warmth of affection he acquired over the years - extra chairs had to be brought in.

In the service, we all had our own memories. We were reminded of his childhood at Critchell; his paper round in Wimborne, when he cycled for miles; and his enormous pride in joining the Parachute Regiment at the earliest opportunity.

The war was over, but a vicious grubby war was still raging in Palestine, and this is where he was sent. We jear’d of his delight in being privileged to walk “The Way of the Cross” to Golgotha, and to have seen the alleged birth-place of Jesus in Bethlehem.

With his “demob”, he returned to Dorset, and destiny dictated his meeting with Eileen, from Bere Regis, whom he married in spite of the displeasure of the local men. His tenacious character won through. They were married in the parish church. His employment had centred around aircraft, either jumping out of them as a paratrooper, or in the Flight Refuelling Depot at Tarrant Rushton, or at the British Aircraft Corporation at Hurn. He was fascinated by flight, and was known to spend hours watching the gliders at Gallows Hill.

But at the end of the day their were two loves in his life; first his family and second, the Royal British Legion. His family were of course, by far the most important. Eileen and he were a natural partnership and we all enjoyed this. Gloria, born in 1957, and Beverley in 1959, were very precious to him, as were their children, his grandchildren, as they came along.
His hobby and passion came second, the Legion. "DBM" as he was affectionately called, together with Eileen, and John, his brother-in-law, worked for over a quarter of a century for the good furtherance of the club and all that flowed from this. He was a "hands on" member, a worker. So it was not surprising that he should be elected as its President. Nor was it surprising to find the Royal British Legion taking a full part in his funeral, honouring one of its most faithful members. The parish also came to 'pay its respects'. We remembered and gave thanks for a man who made the village his own. May he rest in peace and in the comradeship of those who have gone before him.

MRS CARA HOLMES BARNE (aged 82 years)

The church in Bere Regis was full once again for the funeral of one of its most faithful and much loved people, Mrs Cara Barne.

We had all been together only a few months before for the funeral of her beloved Tony. So it was with a deep sense of sadness that we met, and yet, most of us probably thought that Cara would be pleased to be rid of this life and her ailing body and be together with Tony once again. There was a sense of sadness with us, but also a lightness and gaiety which had been the hallmark of the lady we were burying.

Each one of us were aware, in our memory, that we had known a most vivacious, kind, gentle and tough person. We knew of her fierce support for what she knew to be right and true. We knew instinctively of her courage, her humour and we had all been enchanted by that smile. So it was fun to be reminded of her story; how that she had been born in Australia, the daughter of a successful owner of mines. We had a peep into that forgotten world of India between the wars, when she met the man who was to be her husband; he was playing polo in Calcutta.

We enjoyed the telling of her packing up her belongings in 1939, and boarding the last boat across the channel, then going by troop train across recaptured France, finally persuading a French seagoing captain to take her to Beirut where she was to meet up with her husband in the Lebanon. It was a glorious story of formidable courage and recklessness which was part of her being.

Her complete story is too long for this obituary notice, but it is important to recall both Cara's and Tony's considerable presence and care in this parish over the past 45 years. They came to Culeaze in 1952, and over those years, they worked the land, improving it, clearing it, and making it a house and place of welcome for all sorts and conditions of men. It became for Cara a launch pad for her considerable energy. For many years, she was a Justice of the Peace; for over thirty years, she was president of the Bere Regis Floral Group; she formed the Conservative Women's Constituency Committee and many notable politicians of the day enjoyed the hospitality of her home. But whether farmers or ordinary, she treated everyone the same, graciously and kindly.

To have her son Christopher, with his wife Liza on the estate was lovely for them and of course, her precious grandson Charles, gave her immense joy. Somehow, we felt that she was "at home" in her church at 2.30pm on 2nd July. She knew every part of it, and she had already, through the Will of Colonel Barne, left a Legacy of £1,000 to our church, to be used for the maintenance of the fabric of the building.

Shortly before her death, her doctor came to see her. She held up a Lottery Ticket, and said, "I'm going to win!" He said, "What will you do with the money?" "I'll buy a new body!"

Within the Christian community, we knew that she had been given a new body, a heavenly body, and we rejoiced for her, and prayed with her as well as for her.

MR REGINALD LESLIE PASHEN (aged 75 years)

The parish of Bere Regis had already been deeply saddened over a period of two weeks by the death of several of its well known people, so it was a bitter blow to hear that Reg Pashen had died on 5th July. He was very well known and a most respected and well liked citizen of the village. He was essentially a very caring man, always willing to help and, as such, people warmed to him.

At the Cremation Service in Poole Crematorium on Monday 14th July, a large congregation of family and friends joined together to give thanks for the life of a husband to Pat, a father to Tony and Sue, and a brother to Ron and Win. We also remembered a man who was a friend and neighbour.
Reg was a man of Dorset. He was born, 75 years ago, in Moreton, but soon moved to Tarrant Crawford, where his father was a Dairyman. After schooling in Spetisbury, he followed his father and became a dairyman, but then with the outbreak of war, he joined the Royal Air Force, and was posted to Burma, to fight the invading Japanese. On his return home to Dorset, he spoke little of it, but it clearly affected his life, and he joined the Royal British Legion, becoming a valuable member of the committee. Interestingly, he never wore his medals at the parade services. Many returning servicemen were in this mould.

In 1947, fifty years ago, he met and married Pat. It was very sad that he couldn’t fight his illness long enough to make the anniversary, but they were in their 50th year together. He had the joy of two children, Tony and Sue, and for 43 years, he lived in the same house in Green Close. It was a house that he had helped build in his trade as a bricklayer. (He had also been involved in the building of Egdon Close too.)

As the years unfolded, Reg became part of Bere Regis. People knew him. Initially he was a leading light in the Darts League, but then the “sedentary nature” of Cribbage took his fancy and he enjoyed that. In earlier days he had played football, but as the years passed he was promoted to the Premier League of those who watch critically. He was in the Gardening Club, and enjoyed his own garden.

So we saluted a good gentle and caring man, loved by his family and honoured by his friends, and we commended him to God.

BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS’ UNION

Our July meeting took the form of an evening outing to the beautiful gardens of the Old Vicarage, Stinsford. Eighteen people made up the party which included a few husbands. Despite a short shower, we all enjoyed the evening, and particularly the brilliant rainbows.

Would members please note that our August meetings have been cancelled. We meet again on 3rd September for our AGM. Please bring suggestions for our next year’s programme. There will be an opportunity to boost our funds, and, maybe, to pick up a bargain at the ‘goodies’ stall. Please bring items for sale which can include anything that looks good, tastes good, smells good or does you good!

Two items of news from the deanery. The sale at Blandford Corn Exchange was well supported and raised in excess of £200.00. An outing has been arranged for Friday, 19th September, visiting Mapperton House & Gardens, with tea at Beaminster. The coach will leave the village at 1.45pm and return by about 6.00pm. The total cost will be £9.90 and we would welcome non-members to join us. Names, please, to me or Eileen Bangay as soon as possible.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN’S SECTION

Held their annual Fete on June 14th realising £135.50. Our grateful thanks to all who supported, donated and helped us to make the afternoon a success.

On June 18th many members and friends once again enjoyed our mystery tour, a lovely day and beautiful scenery.

There will be no meeting in August but Mrs Stone will be our Speaker in September on “Cookery.”

Cenotaph:

August Mrs Burt and Mrs Carr

September Mrs March and Mrs Curtiss

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION FLOWER SHOW

Cancelled due to unfortunate circumstances and will take place next year.
PARISH COUNCIL

At the July meeting the Council received a reply from the County Council concerning their request for some speed limiters being placed in Elder Road. Regrettably, funds are not available for this type of road. The Council therefore asks users to exercise care when driving into and along Elder Road, particularly by the Children’s Play Area.

The Council received from Mr Hammick, of the Bere Regis Twinning Association, the village copy of the Twinning Charter which was signed with Cerences during the visit there in June. He reported that it was a very happy and social visit. The people of Cerences also presented a Normandy apple tree in memory of Mrs Eileen Dunning, one of the Bere Regis Founders of the Association. The tree is to be planted in the Cemetery in the new Garden of Remembrance.

The Council could not discuss the proposals being put forward by the District Council in the Local Plan as the plan had not been published. Members of the public questioned the Council vigorously on this subject, but the plan was only expected to be available later in the week. The District Council had an exhibition scheduled and the public was advised to take their questions to the District representatives. After last month’s statement concerning the Play Area, the Councillors were faced with the hard facts that repairs to the items are going to cost £1,200. It was agreed that some hard facts have got to be learned about protecting this facility which is provided for the young children.

IN SUPPORT OF THE DRAX HALL

I am sorry I was too late to enter this “Thank you” letter in the July issue of the Parish Magazine, but here I am now expressing my very grateful thanks to all who came and supported the ‘Spring Fair’ and our ‘Cheese and Wine Midsummer Madness Party’ in June which as you know were held to raise money for the painting and decorating of the Drax Hall. These two events attracted many outside visitors including people on holiday but as always the local people of Bere Regis who continue to support fund raising activities for the village and charities.

Many, many thanks to all local (and outside) business men and women - garages, shops, restaurants, pubs, mechanics, local caravan park, builders, painters, a ceiling specialist, my friends, neighbours and family - everyone who so kindly donated draw prizes, cheese, wine, and cash donations. My “Thanks” too, to the ‘gang’ who always help with the preparation and clearing up work. We had a wonderful evening of old fashioned singing, dancing, and of course, eating; and even the children joined in with the fun and had a good time. Thank you again - we raised just over £400 at the Cheese and Wine Party - excellent!

Elizabeth Spracklen

BERE REGIS WI

Traditionally, this is the month when we take a break, but why waste a pleasant light evening? Make a note of the date ……… Tuesday 19th August.

A Walking Treasure Hunt
meet at the Drax Hall
Time 7.00pm
everyone welcome
Adults: £1.00 accompanied children Free
Cash Prize for the Winner! Bring your Legs!
Refreshments at journeys end.

Also, a note for your Diary: September 16th will be an Open Evening!! Details next month.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

Our Rose Competition at our Open Day was a great success. There were 29 roses entered for the rose bowl, which was won by Mrs Selby from Corfe Castle. Many flower shows would like this many roses entered in their Single Rose Competition. Our judge was Mrs Elizabeth Spracklen, who looked so nice, and we extend to her our grateful thanks for coping with a hard job so graciously. Twenty tablecloths were on exhibition and they included crochet, embroidered and lace. There were also a large number of table mats on show. A pleasant afternoon, enjoyed by all.

Kath and Charlie invite all members to afternoon tea at Larksprur, on Wednesday 13th August at 2.30pm. If you require transport please let Kath know.
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make our Shitterton Spectacular such a success, especially to Di and Ian Venthall for opening their garden for the event and also, organising it all for the Scout Group. We were blessed with a lovely evening and made £1,800 for Scout Group Funds. I do hope everyone in the village enjoyed the music and that we didn’t disturb your sleep!

The Cubs enjoyed their weekend Camp at Bowling Green Woods despite it being a very wet weekend. The Scouts are off on a Dartmoor weekend soon and will also go on a week’s Camp in the summer holidays. The canoe trailer and the Patrol Tent which were purchased earlier this year are both proving very useful.

Pat Hall

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

It has been decided by the group not to circulate Christmas catalogues this year as the quality of last year’s cards was disappointing. Thank you to everyone who has ordered cards from us over the years.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Cheese and Wine Party at Camelot, Affpuddle on 20th June. £600.00 was made for cancer research on the evening, and the sponsorship for Bob Holman’s Loch Lomond swim grows almost daily. At the time of writing, around £900.00 has come in sponsorship. If anyone feels that they would like to have a sponsorship form, please do ring us on 01305 848262, or contact any member of the I.C.R.F. committee.

Diana Holman

NATIONAL BLOOD AUTHORITY

The next blood donor sessions will take place in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Tuesday 29th July from 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. and from 4.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. Do please try to come along and donate your blood as it is always urgently needed. New and lapsed donors are always welcome as well as regular donors. The third session this year will be on 25th November.

Information on giving blood can be obtained by telephoning 01703 296723, or your local organiser, Mrs Rosemary Short on 01305 853538.

Letters

The girls and I extend our thanks to all those kind people who sent us letters, cards and words of comfort after Dennis passed away. We received so many that I couldn’t possibly answer each one personally. I trust you will accept this as our humble thanks.

A big thank you also, to those who attended the funeral and sent such lovely floral tributes.

I felt really proud that so many people thought so highly of him.

Last but not least a thank you to our neighbours who have given me great support over these past weeks.

Eileen Maidment.

I should like to express my extreme gratitude to all my friends and neighbours for their messages of sympathy, their gifts of flowers and their prayers for both Eileen and I over these past difficult weeks.

It has personally given me and my family a great deal of strength.

Thank you very much.

Alan Dunning

The residents of Turberville Court and friends would like to say a big thank you to Angela for arranging our Social Evening, to Cis for the lovely eats and to Bett and Eve for the draw.

WILLIAM FRAMPTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Grants are available for young people living in the Parishes of Moreton, Affpuddle and Brianspudde, who are undergoing apprenticeships, further or higher education, or a period of training of any other description, and who are in need of financial assistance.

Apply to: The Clerk, William Frampton Educational Foundation, Savernake House, 42 High West Street, Dorchester, Dorset.
DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

The new gallery A writer's Dorset opens to the public at 10.00am on Friday, 18 July. The gallery, costing £650,000 and the fruit of 3 years' research and planning, consists of six rooms with extensive displays and a series of special audio and computer aids.

Special Features include:

- the sinister speaking "Brazen Head": emblematic of medieval Christian beliefs and doubt.

- the Monks Bench: where children and adults begin a medieval "Riddlers Trail" quiz through over 1,000 years of writing in Dorset.

- displays showing the interaction of drama and tradition in customs such as mumming, rough music, animal disguise (like the infamous Ooser), skimmity riding and the modern community play.

- a special sound and video interactive exploring Thomas Hardy's life and work in a choice of programmes.

- a William Barnes touch screen to help make his dialect poetry accessible and better appreciated by a wider audience.

- and ... the people's favourite - a reconstruction of Thomas Hardy's study, now evocatively re-displayed. Step inside and hear some of his poems read aloud.

MILTON ABBEY MUSIC FESTIVAL 1997

The nineteenth annual Milton Abbey Music Festival will take place, as usual, over the August Bank Holiday weekend, Friday 22nd to Monday 25th, inclusive. The Abbey Church, in its wonderful setting in the Dorset countryside, is a well known beauty spot and this annual Festival now attracts many visitors from all over the country.

The Festival this year with a Service of Sung Eucharist in the Abbey with the Messe Solennelle by Jean Langlais, sung by the Festival Chorus conducted by Stephen Binnington and with Trevor Doar at the organ.

The Festival Chorus and orchestra with Stephen Binnington conducting, will again perform on the Sunday evening and the works to be performed are:-

- Schubert: Magnificat
- Handel: Organ Concerto Op7 No.1 (with Trevor Doar at the organ)
- Vivaldi: Beatus Vir
- Mozart: Requiem

The soloists at this concert will be Ann-Marie Williams (Soprano); Hilary Brown (Contralto), Tim Trenchard (Tenor) and James Davies (Bass).

The Renaissance Choir, whose members are drawn from the Festival Chorus, will be conducted by Ian Davies, and they will sing at the various Services which are being held over the week-end. Sung Eucharist will be celebrated in St. Catherine's Chapel on Saturday morning with Byrd's Mass for 4 voices and on Sunday morning in the Abbey there will be a Service of Mattins, with a setting of the Canticles by Stanford and the anthem "Turn back O Man" by Holst. On Monday, Choral Evensong will be sung in the Abbey with the anthem "Te Lucis Ante Terminum" by Balfour Gardiner.

Compline will be sung in the Abbey on Saturday and Monday evenings, the anthem on both occasions being Rutter's "The Lord bless you and keep you".

Other events which have been arranged for the weekend include, on Saturday, an organ recital by Trevor Doar who will be playing works by J S Bach, Boyce, Mendelssohn and Mulet. This will be followed by a Buffet Supper in the Abbot's Hall and a concert in the Theatre by "Dragonsfire" - a vocal and multi-instrumental quartet in a varied programme of music and song of all ages.

The final concert on Monday evening will be given by The Giordani Ensemble, a group of seven orchestral players with a programme of light classical music.

Further details and tickets can be obtained from Ticket Secretary, Mrs Jeanette Whinfield at "Windrush", Winterborne Houghton, Blandford, Tel: 01258 880683 or from our agencies:-

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BERE REGIS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Twinning now official!

A marvellous welcome greeted those of us who attended the festivities in Cerences. We were overwhelmed by the friendship, hospitality and generosity shown to us by our Norman twins. Our lasting memories are of dessert and Calvados accompanied by ‘Strand Hugg’ (local folk band of some account), mousles frites supper and dancing in the square. But above all the people of Cerences.

Bernard Hammick has thanked Jean-Marie Remoue on behalf of Bere Regis and said that we look forward to Cerences’ next visit to us so that we can return their hospitality.

The superb flower pedestal, designed and made by Eddie Butterfield was presented to Cerences and our Parish Council Chairman presented a signed copy of the Bere Regis book. Gary Hewitt on behalf of the Fire Station also presented a Dorset Brigade plaque to the Sapeurs Pompiers. In return, the Mayor of Cerences gave us a Normandy apple tree (among other things) and this was skillfully brought back by Ruth Draycott. It will be placed in the Garden of Remembrance and there will be a ceremony to mark the occasion.

9th August - Barbecue at Honeycombe Cottage. £4 per ticket.

Bring your own drinks. Tickets in advance only - none for sale on the night.

PS Membership fees are now due. Still only £5 per household. Contact 471660.

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

On Saturday 13th September the annual cycle ride organised by the Dorset Historic Churches Trust will take place. Last year’s total of £26,870 beat all records and of this, half went to the Trust for repairs to churches in Dorset and the other half was returned immediately to local churches nominated by the people who were sponsored.

Cyclists, Walkers, Horse-riders and Wheel-chairs users can all have a fun day and at the same time help your church and the Trust by finding sponsors who will pledge an amount for every church you visit during the day.

Sponsor forms and a list of churches open for the occasion can be obtained from Sybil Frampton (Bere Regis) on 01929 471643 or David Payne (Affpuddle) on 01258 837700.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

“It pays to advertise” so we are told. Well, I suppose it must be true considering how much time, effort and money is spent by many companies, large and small, doing just that. They are all trying to sell to you and me their latest product that we cannot possibly do without, or their latest fantastic offer we would be foolish to refuse. Buy now, pay later!

Watching some of the dreadful adverts on TV is enough to prevent me buying their product at once. Some adverts leave one wondering just what connection, if any, there can be with the item they are supposed to be trying to sell. On the other hand there are some brilliant, amusing adverts that catch the attention at once. I wonder which one is your favourite?

My favourite, though I rarely watch that much TV (believe it or not), was firstly the little boy, and now a little girl of the ‘Safeways’ advert. The little girl remarks, “My mum says ……” Whether you agree with her is up to you! That is your choice and mine.

This reminds me that Jesus Christ came to this earth to tell us, not what Mum says, but what God the Father says. In the Gospels we read of Jesus saying, “For I do not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commands me what to say and how to say it. I know that his commands lead to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.” John 12: 49-50.

The truth of the Bible remains true whether we agree with it, believe and obey it, or leave it on the shelf. The ‘Safeway’ is to follow Jesus Christ and His way of life. But the choice is yours and mine!

When the shepherds saw Jesus just after his birth, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Luke 2: 17. The disciples, Peter and John, said, “For we cannot help speaking about what and whom we have seen and heard.” Acts 4: 20. So too must I - a commercial about Jesus Christ is worth taking seriously, as it pays to follow Jesus all the way.

Rev. Ray Healey
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Cricket Results

14 June
BERE REGIS 173 for 5
(D Merritt 55, C Way 39, D Rogerson 37no.)
BRYANSTON 175 for 8
(P Thompson 3-43)

15 June
BERE REGIS 91 allout
(S Cheeseman 21, G Tucker 23, D Merritt 21)
KINGS PARK 94 for 6
(C Oram 4-31)

29 June
WAREHAM 152 allout
(R Fripp 4-22, D Merritt 3-30)
BERE REGIS 140 for 3
(G Price 64no, P Thompson 30no.)

* Bere won by 7 wickets on rain reduced target.

5 July
WEYMOUTH LABOUR CLUB 266 for 6
(M Bennett 3-55)
BERE REGIS 194 for 3
(R Hewit 73no, G Price 28no, C Way 30, M Bennett 24)

6 July
PUDDLETOWN 122 allout
(P Thompson 4-34)
BERE REGIS 123 for 3
(R Hewit 71no, D Rogerson 25no.)

12 July
SPETISBURY 160 allout
(S Cheeseman 4-41, D Rogerson 3-36)
BERE REGIS 161 for 2
(D Merritt 79no, M Bennett 56no)

13 July
OWERMOIGNIE 79 allout
(D Rogerson 5-16)
BERE REGIS 80 for 5
(D Merritt 29, D Rogerson 33no)

19 July
WESSEX WANDERERS 220 for 9
(M Bennett 4-49)
BERE REGIS 183 for 8
(R Hewit 24, D Rogerson 31, S Cheeseman 26no, G Tucker 25no.)

Having beaten everyone on the path to glory, Bryanston visited Bere in confident mood. Bere had a weakened side with the loss of the influential wicket keeper batsman Pete Cheeseman. A vital loss, and with Bere batting on a difficult track, openers Eric and Dean built a patient first wicket stand. The latter progressed to his season's first half-century. Sir Charles Way gave the run rate a shot in the arm with a rapid 39, and Dean "DHL" Rogerson maintained the tempo with four sixes in a late top edge blitz, setting the table topppers 174 to win. The resurgent Vasebert Green back in his customary strike bowling role, claimed a dangerous opening bat and Bere were on their way. At 12 for 2, Bryanston needed to re-build, and they did moving ominously towards their target.

The talk amongst the home camp was that they only needed to take five wickets and the rest would follow. A punishing late spell from Pete Thompson yielded three wickets, but Bere suffered on a day when chances were presented to them on golden well bowled, but were not taken. They made Bryanston fight all the way, and gave them a fright. Playing both league leaders at home on the same weekend with depleted sides, was not Bere's idea of preparing for survival in their respective leagues. The Sunday eleven met arrogant Kings Park, who had only dropped one point thus far. Dean "Tiny" Merritt carried on with his fine batting form, only to fail in the twenties. This sparked a collapse of England proportions proving catastrophic, front-line batsmen threw their wickets away as if they were attending a prior engagement. Only tail end resistance saw them through to one batting point. Kings Park were rocked back on their heels with the loss of two wickets in the first over, the perpetrator being Hristo Oram. They managed to negotiate a hostile spell before tea and steered a gradual path to victory. They lost six in getting home, but the game petered out in the late June sun tainted by the away team's endless and needless complaints about the wicket.

With not a lot of cricket being played in balmy June, Bere's cricketers have become well short of the necessary match practice needed in the hunt for points. Intermittent showers provided a poser for the dedicated groundstaff, soon to be featured in a forthcoming video. Mr Peeks prepared a dessert of delight for the home game versus Wareham. Calypso Fripp won the toss and made a prudent decision electing to bowl. From the off, the "Lockheed" brothers applied the brakes and pushed their local rivals into a corner. Skipper Reg turned in a season's best performance with the ball, harvesting an innings breaking 4-22.

He awoke the crowd with a Bere version of The Haka to secure a leg before reducing Wareham to 41 for 3, Bere's fielding was top notch and Dean Boberson registered his first home maiden of the season, quite an achievement. Pete "Monty" Thompson clinched a jug for the lads with three catches. He had an off day on the bowling front, but it was left to the Praying Mantis to clean up, who almost claimed a hat-trick. With the weather abating, and only four overs lost, the final wicket fell leaving Bere a revised target of 140 off 44 overs. Their hopes were high and needed a solid start. They were soon 18 for 2 and on the backfoot. Simon Walker gave glimpses of past glories, but hole out behind the corner reducing the home side to 3 for 3.
The sparse crowd were expectant of a morale boosting victory, and heartthrob Graeme Price delivered as he soared to the top of the averages with a near perfect 64 not out, full of strokes all around the wicket. His foil was Monty Thompson who had been scratching around for some kind of form. Their unbeaten stand of 108 enabled Bere to claim a maximum haul with five overs to spare. The fines committee registered a record tally in the clubhouse afterwards as offences were handed out for crimes such as possessing a provocatively named talcum powder.

One man’s meat is another man’s poison is a well-worn phrase, and was a fitting description for the wicket which Bere played on to friendly Weymouth Labour Club. A batsman’s paradise enabled 460 runs to be scored in one day with the loss of only nine wickets. Where some people might say we need bouncier tracks in the county, others may well argue that these pitches do not give a result. Bere were batted out of it as they had to chase a huge 267 to win. They mustered 194 in reply leaving the majority of Bere’s batters woefully short of practice. Russ “Eric” Hewitt showed a welcome return to form with 73 not out, but all in vain. A curtain raiser defeat at Puddletown, did not get Bere off to the fairy tale start that disciplinarian captain Calypso King Reg Fripp wanted. In the return match the ranks were bolstered by the presence of Eric Hall and the returning Pete “Monty” Thompson. They both captured the headlines. First of all Pete bowled Bere into a match winning position, curtailting the dangerous Puddle’ middle order taking four wickets in his best return of the campaign. Russell added his second half-century of the weekend steering Bere to a seven wicket win against dangerous opposition.

A target of 35 points from 70 was the skipper’s aim for the Saturday eleven. Their next three games will be crucial towards survival. The first was at home to lowly Spetsbury, and they got off to an astonishing start as the opening bowlers reduced the visitors to under three an over and took a damaging two early wickets. Spetsbury recovered though to 159 all out, as Bere showed their customary lack of ability to finish off opponents. Many happy days were had by Dean Merritt who turned in a star performance with three absolutely vital catches and his match winning innings of 79, in a club record unbroken partnership of 149 with veteran Mark Bennett. Coconuts were spread all over the pitch at Overnoigne for the Sunday eleven’s trip on 13 July. With a strong line-up, Bere proceeded to take the game by the scruff of the neck, and peg the home side back. Dean “DHL” Rogerson continued his recent run of good bowling form and as wickets fell steadily, he spun his way to 5-16, with possibly a little help from the batsmen. The oppressive humidity told on the Mowers and they crumbled to a hapless 79 all out, leaving Bere to get there in 65 overs. Dean Merritt set about the bowling eyeing an early finish, and coupled with the in form other Dean their stand of 41 proved decisive, thankfully though as Bere wickets tumbled at the end leaving them with only a five wicket win, but still enough to keep the skipper most happy.

Bere had a bad day at the office away to Wessex Wanderers in another important league game, they allowed the home team to slip away and were made to pay for it. Not only chances went begging, they suffered the ignominy of being attacked by flying ants on their annual migration. Many a hat hit the outfield before Bere gained some foothold on proceedings.

DORSET LATVIA LINK

First of all our grateful thanks to all who supported our JUMBLE SALE on 5th July by attending or donating jumble and books etc. We raised £105.00, which was amazing in view of the Ladies Final at Wimbledon that afternoon when many were at home glued to their television screens. It is very difficult to remember such events when planning our fund-raising calendar so far ahead but nevertheless we were delighted with the result.

As previously advised we will be running a stall at the DORSET POLICE HQ OPEN DAY on Sunday 17th August. (Proceeds from this event will be equally divided between the Link and the West Dorset MRI Scanner Appeal.) This is an all day event and if anyone would like to help with the stall, as well as have an interesting day out, do get in touch with me. I will need reasonable, prior notice, as all stall holders/helpers will require identification badges. A quick prayer for a fine day would not go amiss - last year it poured - the only wet Sunday for weeks!!

Jenny Silvas, Hon. Sec.

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Bladen Horticultural Show, Saturday 2nd August. Entries to Mr McGrory by the 31st July for schedule phone 01929 471766. Exhibits to be displayed by 10.30am. Show opens at 2.00pm with various stalls and Teas.

Vic Gale Memorial Darts K.O. Saturday 30th August. £1.00 per entry open to non members all money raised for charity. 7.30pm start.

Club fund raising. A Total of £1,150.00 has been raised for the MRI Scanner Appeal. Our fund raising has now changed to provide things for the Children’s Ward at West Dorset Hospital. Thank you for all your efforts with saving waste paper and please keep it coming. The price of paper is dropping.

Thanking you.

Sue Jeanes
Briantspuddle Hall Committee

There was a meeting of the Hall Committee on 7th July 1997. Business discussed included the main fundraising event of the year, the Jazz Evening to be held on 23rd August, the progress albeit slow of the Lottery Application, the choice of colour for the upholstery for the new chairs and the agreement to increase the number of new chairs purchased to 80.

Art Reach/Purbeck Film Festival

The Purbeck Film festival is to be held in October and the Village Hall has been asked to participate. Events to be staged include another archive film show to be combined with afternoon tea/cream teas in the Hall on Sunday 5th October from about 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Also included in the Festival is a performance in conjunction with Art Reach of Taylors Ticker on 18th October 1997 of a one man performance given by Richard Derrington (the late Mark Hebden from the Archers). To quote the notes in the Art Reach Promotions "Taylors Ticker is a tale enthusiastically illustrated by its ingenious and lovable hero, Ezekiel Taylor, set in rural Warwickshire before the turn of the last century. Packed with vivid imagery, this is a storytelling at its best and Richard is a master of economic delivery."

Also promised for the end of November is a performance by the Mellstock Band of "Rejoice all Men!" Christmas in Thomas Hardy's Wessex with Carols, Stories, Songs and Dances. It is hoped that this will be held on Friday 28th November.

Do put these dates in your diary. In the past all the Art Reach performances have been excellent both in content and value. More details will appear in future magazines.

Jazz Evening - Saturday 23rd August

Bar 7.30 p.m. until 11.30 p.m.

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Bar-be-cue - Saturday 9th August 12.00 noon until 2.30 p.m.

Please come and join us at Delaware, Briantspuddle, for a "friendly village get together bar-be-cue" on Saturday 9th August from 12.00 noon until about 2.30 p.m.

The food will be prepared by members of our local W.I. but this is not a fund raising event! There will be a charge of £2.50 per person which will include all food and drink.

If the weather is bad the event will be cancelled, which is the reason we will not sell tickets in advance, but we do hope to see you all there!

Neighbourhood Watch

On 2nd July I attended a meeting of the Home Watch Connection in Wareham organised by the police. I was asked to draw your attention to the following:

Bogus Callers:

Further calls have been received regarding bogus callers, door knockers and odd jobbers. Do refer to the crime prevention advice given in our last transmission. In Dorchester a lady returned home to find a male under her bed. He stated he was mending a pipe for her sister, which was a falsehood. He apologised and left the house, on being discovered, nothing was taken. This male is described as white, 5'8" tall, straight blond hair, 20-30 years, Welsh accent and wearing blue jeans, pale blue shirt and white trainers.

Burglaries in depth

Since 7th May there have been eight burglaries in the Wareham area, which is exactly the same number as last year. Predominately the thieves have been active in the daytime and early evenings. Frequently entry to properties has been through rear ground floor windows and doors.

As the summer draws on, seasonal increases in burglaries occur when entry to property through insecure doors and windows is more prevalent and we urge you to ensure that all doors and windows are secured whenever leaving your home even for the shortest time. This advice is also relevant should you be working or relaxing in your garden and are unable to keep an eye on your home.

Intruder alarm systems are still proving to be an effective deterrent against the burglar.

Sheds and garages

Recently there has been a large number of shed and garage burglaries in the rural towns and villages. Offences are predominantly committed during the late afternoon and early evening, and gardening tools and equipment are being stolen. Please ensure that you have clearly post coded your garden tools and that the shed or garage where stored has sufficient security in use on it. Apart from the physical loss of these items, it is important to secure them because they are used by thieves as tools to gain entry to your home.
Prize winners for the Briantspuddle Church fete draw:

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