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A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

Wherever there is love, there will also be pain. Observers of life will soon see this. The pain and heartache of those saying goodbye at an airport or railway station is an example of this. Bereavement is the extreme example of course. To love is to experience pain. To see your child hurt, cuts right into you. So also, to see something you have held dear for many years, changed, can be very painful.

As I begin to re-tell and re-live the story of Christmas, I am acutely aware that the shadow of pain lurks in the corner of the stable. And I don’t mean the pain of Jesus, but the pain of Mary. Early on, in the first few days after the birth of her precious baby, an old gentleman came up to her and said these words “A sword shall pierce your heart”. Her love for Jesus, her boy, was so intense that he feared for her. He knew. And so it proved. As the years passed, we can just peep behind the curtain of her life. The fear of what she had agreed to do for God, to bear his child, was at first overwhelming, but she was strengthened by the archangels. The rejection at the Inn, the anxiety of the coming of the wise men, the massacre of all babies in the area because of her boy, the times as refugees in Egypt, all this happened over about two years. Them came that agonizing time when Jesus began to move away from her. She knew he was a person of destiny. She had to let him go.

Then she had to cope with the fear and pain as the powerful and influential began their campaign of hate and ridicule. Even her own villagers chased him out of the village, and threatened to kill him by throwing him over a cliff. Everyone knows her final pain as she watched her 33 year old boy being mutilated. She was there to the end. Then we hear no more about him.

Jesus if often thought of as ‘gentle, meek and mild. A man of peace and beauty’. Although this picture is true, it can blind us to other aspects of what he was. So too, with Mary. She is pictured in Christian Art as a woman of beauty, and peace, blue veil in place, with downcast eyes. This can deflect our mind from that face, ravaged with pain.

Great artists have often superimposed the shadow of the cross in manger scenes. I think that the shadow fell over Mary as well, and in some way it falls over every mother. Where there is love, there will be pain.

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Christmas Arrangements

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December from 10.00 until 12 noon. Your gifts of flowers, holly with berries, greenery would be most welcome and should be brought to the church by 10 a.m. on Christmas Eve. Help with the decoration would also be much appreciated.

As in past years I am making a collection to purchase flowers to be used to decorate the church. The suggested donation is £1 but lesser or greater amounts will be most welcome. Please let me have your contribution as soon as possible.

Philippa Thorniley

CHURCH SERVICES in DECEMBER

Sunday 7th December 2nd Sunday in Advent
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
6.30 p.m. Christmas Music from the Messiah

Tuesday 9th December
7.30 p.m. Advent Carols (Affpuddle)
- backed by the Briantspuddle Singers

Sunday 14th December 3rd Sunday in Advent
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 21st December 4th Sunday in Advent
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Afpraise Christmas Service (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Christmas Carol Service (Bere Regis)

Christmas Eve - 24th December
6.00 p.m. Christingle Service (Bere Regis)
11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion

Christmas Day - 25th December
9.30 a.m. Christmas Morning Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Christmas Worship and Communion (Affpuddle)
CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 28th December
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.  Christmas Songs of Praise (Bere Regis)

FOR YOUR CHURCH DIARY

Sunday 7th December
6.30 p.m. A concert of Christmas Music from the Messiah, led by the Briantspuddle Singers and Bere Regis Church Choir, with an orchestral backing.

Tuesday 9th December
7.30 p.m. An Advent Carol Service in Affpuddle Church backed by the Briantspuddle Singers.

Saturday 13th December
7.30 p.m. The Bournemouth Scouts Youth Band are to play in Bere Regis Church and all proceeds from the concert will be in aid of Scout Charities.

Tuesday 16th December
Sandford Middle School is to hold its Christmas Carol Service in Bere Regis Church.

Sunday 21st December
6.00 p.m.  Bere Regis Carols by Candlelight.

Wednesday 24th December
6.00 p.m.  Christingle service in Bere Regis Church.
11.30 p.m.  Midnight Communion in Affpuddle Church

CHILDREN

The Church Council has been very anxious for a long time. About there being no Sunday School or its weekday equivalent. It feels it is failing the children. It has talked about the subject at many meetings, but nothing ever happens. And the reason is that no adults have come forward offering to help run such a thing. We have the premises; we have the financial backing; we have the desire to make children’s work a priority; but there is nobody to run it. When parents say “Is there a Sunday School?” we have to reply in a resigned way, “I’m afraid not”.

What do we need? We need about six people who are prepared to become a team. This team must be prepared to commit two of its members to be ready to look after and instruct children every Sunday of the year. The time of such meetings would be up to the team, but it could be at 10.15 a.m. - 11.15 a.m., and the children could be part of the worshipping congregation for part of this hour. Those volunteering for such a team would be given instruction in how to become a Sunday School teacher. The diocese helps with this all the time, and more locally there are groups who come around the parishes advising.

If we can get the team, and have an imaginative programme, then we are sure that parents would respond very positively. But we need the team. How about you?

Graham Roblin

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FROM THE MESSIAH -
Sunday 7th December 6.30 p.m. Bere Regis Church

The Briantspuddle Singers are being joined by some of the Bere Regis Choir and backed by an orchestra from Dorchester and district to sing excerpts from the Messiah, for their and our enjoyment. Making music, and hearing music ‘live’ gives such pleasure. Do come and join in. There will be a ‘retiring collection’ to help defray costs.

THE BOURNEMOUTH YOUTH BAND OF THE SCOUTS are coming to perform in Bere Regis Church on Saturday 13 December at 7.30 p.m. Please see the separate advertisement.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
1. Please note that the Midnight Communion this year is in Affpuddle Church. (We take this in turns). Also, please note that it starts at 11.30 p.m.
2. The ever popular Christingle Service on Christmas Eve starts at 6.00 p.m. This service has come into the country over the past few years, and has taken over as the most popular service of the year. Be prepared to stand if you come at the normal time!
3. On Christmas Day, because the midnight service is in Affpuddle, the main service for Bere Regis is the 9.30 a.m. Christmas Morning Service. This takes the form of a Communion Service with Carols.
4. On the Sunday after Christmas, when things can be a bit flat, we have decided to have an evening Christmas Songs of Praise at 6.00 p.m.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NOTICES

THE CAROL SERVICE
This year, we have decided to do something which proved successful in the past, and that is to have an Advent Carol Service. We are lucky to have the Briantspuddle Singers to back us up and to sing some interesting carols. This service is on Tuesday 9 December at 7.30 p.m.

THE MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE
is in Affpuddle Church. (This alternates with Bere Regis.) Do note that the service starts at 11.30 p.m., and do remember to come early if you want a good seat!

THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
during the past two years has been lovely, but not many came, so we have decided to ask parents to bring children to the “Special Affpraise Christmas Service” on the Sunday before Christmas at 11.00 a.m., or to the Bere Regis Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 6.00 p.m.

THE CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE
is at 11.00 a.m. It will be a service of Carols and Readings with an opportunity to receive Communion.

Gift Services
The annual gift service will be held on 21st December. As in past years you are asked to bring gifts to the church for the benefit of the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester. Suggestions for gifts include non perishable Christmas fare (no fresh foods please), small gifts suitable for the residents whose ages range between 18 and 30 and are male and female, items for the store cupboard and cleaning materials.

Affpuddle Away Day 25th October
The vicar and twelve members of the Affpuddle congregation came together at Melbury Abbas from 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a beautiful calm day. The subject of the day was “The church in the country side after 200 AD”. Mary Cramer from the diocesan staff led our discussion and gave us plenty to think about in terms of likely available numbers of ordinands and full time clergy in the future, use of lay members' gifts, different forms of local ministry and supervision, leadership training and possible structures of benefices, teams, deaneries etc. Christian education and church finances also exercised us.

The vicar celebrated Holy Communion with us before lunch and we had a time in the afternoon when we broke into smaller groups to look at some scriptural passages relating to ministry and the roles of individuals within the church. At the end of the day Mary drew our varied contributions together, leaving us better informed for further debate on these subjects which will clearly be taxing us all in the months and years to come. We hope that she in turn had some useful feedback to take with her for deliberations at the diocesan level.

The farmhouse and its outbuildings, which were our conference centre, looked perfect in the autumn sunshine and we made the best of our opportunities in the coffee breaks and after the excellent lunch, to stroll by the lake, ponds and streams and waterfalls of the extensive grounds, enjoy the smells and sounds of the countryside and chat and meditate about the subject of the day and less serious matters.

All in all we had an enjoyable, thought-provoking, yet relaxing day together, well worth repeating with appropriate subjects in the future.

CHURCH FUND RAISING
Do come to the Coffee Morning at Cyril Wood Court on December 13th at 10.30 a.m., when you will be able to do more Christmas shopping and maybe win a raffle prize!

Items for the Jumble Sale at Wareham Town Hall will be most acceptable after Christmas. Please phone either 471262 or 471441 for more details.
OBITUARY

Mrs ‘Kath’ Crocker of Lane End Farm (aged 81)

It is with deep sadness that we record the death of a much loved lady, well known to many in the parish, Mrs Kath Crocker of Lane End Farm.

At the very well attended service in Bere Regis on Friday 14th November, the congregation gave thanks for a most gentle and caring person; a mother to Richard, Maureen, Heather and Anne, a grandmother and a great-grandmother.

Although she came to Bere Regis fifty years ago, she was in fact born to farmers from the parish of Ansty. She was very much a lady of the land. (She was the daughter of a farmer, the wife of a farmer, and the mother of a farmer.) On leaving school she went to work in the Cheese Factory, but on the outbreak of war, she left that and joined the Land Army. This had two dramatic results for her. She had an accident which affected her hip, and left her with a permanent limp, but she also met the man who was to be her husband, Harold. They moved to farm Higher Stockley Farm on their marriage, but after six years, they took over Lane End Farm, the place that was to be Mrs Crocker’s home for the rest of her life, the next 44 years. Here she was to be the home maker and mother, as well as the backing to the children as they grew up. Tragedy struck when Harold died aged 52, just as the children were becoming teenagers. They were hard years, but she managed and coped.

As with most of us, sadness' and joys intermingled. The joys were the coming of her grandchildren, and subsequently her great-grandchildren. The deep sadness was the fatal traffic accident of her first grandson. Then came her 'stroke' some five years ago, from which she never really recovered.

Underpinning her life was a commitment to her church in Bere Regis. Until her stroke, she would be there, sitting towards the back, Sunday by Sunday. So she was very much at home when she came in for her final visit. She was interred in the cemetery. We offer our condolences to her large family and pray that she may now rest in the peace and love of the Lord she came to know over many years of devotion and prayer.

BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS' UNION

At our November meeting, the vicar was the celebrant at our service of Holy Communion. He spoke on the problems of stress and anxiety which we tend to feel are modern problems and look back with nostalgia to the so-called peaceful past. However, these are age old problems and people lived lives of great poverty with fear of illness, demons and hell. We can only rely on God’s spirit of power and love to help us combat our fears and weaknesses.

We are all invited to an Advent Carol service at Sixpenny Handley on the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd December. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Eileen B as soon as possible.

Beckingsale House, the refuge for women at risk of violence from abusing partners have requested Christmas presents for the women residents. Items such as toiletries and gifts can be given to Eileen. They also need gifts of bedding for single beds, e.g. sheets, blankets, duvets etc and are also appealing for funds to extend their premises.

Next month is our pre-Christmas meeting and Penny has kindly invited us to the vicarage. There will be carols and appropriate readings for the season, together with refreshments provided by the committee. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd December at 7.30 p.m. at the vicarage.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN'S SECTION

We held our AGM on 15th October and 24 members were present.

After the Exhortation, a short silence was held for a passing member, Mrs Peggy Adams. Then followed reports and thanks of the year’s activities from the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. Then came the selection of Officers and Committee, all were returned en-bloc with the exception of the retiring Treasurer, Mrs V House who has served us well for 27 years. Mrs E Bennett agreed to carry on as our new Treasurer and we all wish her success.

The President then presented Mrs House with a Poole Pottery plate and the Vice President thanked her for all her hard work during the past 27 years and presented her with a basket of flowers.

Teas were then served by Mrs S Legg and Mrs Robins, a bring and buy was run by Mrs Duffy and a raffle by Mrs Holland.

Cenotaph: December - Mrs Maidment January - Mrs Maidment and Mrs Presslee
PARISH COUNCIL

At the November meeting the Council discussed a survey that had been requested from the District Council concerning the facilities within the village for sport and recreation. Quite what the outcome will be is not known but if the Government is handing out money in the future then we need to let our needs be known. The replies have to be in quickly so as soon as you read this and if you have a specific need then please tell any Councillor or the Clerk know about it.

In the meantime a study is going to be progressed concerning transport. The Transport Forum has responded to the Government Department with some ideas on integrating transport facilities. The same Forum will be running the study when it appears and they would appreciate responses, particularly from potential passengers wishing to get to college or work.

During the first week of December the Christmas trees and lights will be put up by the Councillors. Anybody who would like to make a contribution to the funds should make their donation to David Gibbs.

BERE REGIS W.I.

In October we were made aware of how Badgers lived and moved in areas and like all animals they do have their own unwritten laws. Those who were unable to come missed an interesting evening.

Also in October, our group entered the Dorset Area group competition - 'Let's Celebrate' We selected to portray Baby’s First Birthday and created a display consisting of an Iced Birthday Cake, Soft Toy and a small floral arrangement. We came close to the top of awards receiving 85 points out of a possible hundred. Top was 91 points - so well done to all.

December is the next event, our Christmas party. We will all be enjoying a convivial and relaxed evening.

Zena Rodgers

A SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE EDITOR

Alison would like to take this opportunity of saying a big thank you to Barbara Crowe for all the hard work she has put in over the past twelve months - proofing the magazine, frequently typing up copy, and visits to the printers. Thanks again Babs!

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

At our November meeting we were shown some beautiful films of the work of the RNLI by Mr Ian Ventham. There were 18 soft toys on display for the RNLI competition. Mrs Burden won first prize, which was judged by Mr Ventham. A very difficult task as there was such a good selection.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th December, when the children of Bere Regis School will be singing for us. Afterwards we will all join together singing carols of your choice. There will be a Christmas tea - 25p at the door.

The members of Autumn Leaves would like to take this opportunity to thank the Carnival Committee for their very kind donation of £100 towards Autumn Leaves funds. We wish them every success in 1998.

We take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.
FRONT OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun? It seems only a few days since I wrote our last 'FOBRS News' yet so much has happened.

On Wednesday 22nd October, Nicky Roberts of 'Chocoholics' came to the school with a tempting selection of chocolates from their range. Catalogues were passed around and orders in excess of £600 resulted, making this a very good fundraising event. We hope to run this again before Easter. Thanks to Nicky and all who supported this event.

On Thursday 23rd October, we held our Autumn Disco which was greatly enjoyed by the children. The music, games, squash and biscuits all went down very well. Thanks to the parents and staff who looked after the children and to Tina who very imaginatively decorated the 42½ lb pumpkin donated by Pete and Joan of the Royal Oak. Pete and Joan have been wonderful supporters of the School and the children presented them with gifts to mark their retirement and to say 'thanks' for their support.

The 1996 Christmas Card competition winners, Dale Norris, Robert Hewitt, Lisa Bennett and Haley White, have had their winning card reproduced as 'Colour-Me-In-Cards'. Eight cards (2 of each design) and envelopes are being sold at £1.00 a pack at our Advent Fayre and from the School.

The children have all contributed to the design of a tea towel which we have had produced and these are also available at the Advent Fayre and the School at a cost of £2.50 each. They make great Christmas pressies for grandparents, aunts and uncles etc.

I have now mentioned the Advent Fayre twice so perhaps I should now let you know what we have planned. The event will be held at the school on Sunday 7th December between 2.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. There will be a free mince pie and tea or coffee, cake stall, lucky dip, raffle, tombola, numerous games, tuck shop and Father Christmas has agreed to pay us an early visit. Table tops will be available £3.00 each for non-school purposes. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon for all the family and we hope to have a lot of support.

If anyone would like further information, can offer any help, or has any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Christine Granger - Chairperson, FOBRS - 472159

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

December 9th - Christmas Demonstration with Mrs Margaret Fairhurst who is a National Demonstrator. This will be at Branspuddle Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. There will be mince pies and tea and visitors are always welcome.

DORSET LATVIA LINK

Alesja - If all goes according to plan we should be welcoming Alesja and her travelling companion to Dorset on Saturday 29 November 1997. They arrive at Gatwick on the British Airway flight from Riga arriving at 8.45 p.m. and will be met by David Hills of our committee together with a group of Venture Scouts. Return to Latvia will be on the evening flight, Saturday 13th December. Alesja will be attending the Dorset Orthopaedic Clinic in Ringwood for three mornings during her first week for the supply and fitting of her new prosthesis. Wareham Hospital have very kindly agreed to undertake her physiotherapy and this will take place every afternoon at 2.00 p.m. during the second week of her stay. We have managed to draw up a timetable of events and, whilst not wishing to over organise the stay of our visitors, if anyone wishes to meet or entertain them please get in touch with me and I will endeavour to help. They will be attending the Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall on Saturday 6 December when many of you should have the opportunity of meeting them. We are also planning a lunchtime drink at the Frampton Arms at Moreton on Sunday 30th November and everyone is welcome to join us.

As mentioned the WI have very kindly invited the Link to hold our usual stall at the Christmas Fayre when we will be running a Tombola, selling cakes and books etc.

Finally we would like to thank our many friends and supporters for enabling us to bring Alesja to England for her treatments and for their continuing support in 1997 and wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 1998.

Jenny Silavs - Hon Sec

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BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

As Christmas approaches, everyone at the school is working hard to make the festivities go with a swing. There are plans for carol concerts, shows and parties. We have recovered from the recent OFSTED inspection, and are delighted that the inspectors recognised the caring nature of the school, and the good relationships throughout, which lead to standards of achievement in line with national targets.

We try not to forget that pupils need to gain a sense of community and our many planned events help them towards this aim.

Dates to be noted are:

Advent Fayre
Christmas Show Senior Citizens Tuesday 9th December - 2.00 p.m.
Parents Thursday 11th December - 7.00 p.m.
Cluster Schools Concert Monday 15th December - 7.00 p.m.
Carols in the Church Friday 19th December - 2.00 p.m.

THE WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have entertained the over 60s at Stapchill and the Salvation Army. They will be singing on Sunday 7th December at 2.30 p.m. at Wyevale Garden Centre in aid of TRIMAR. Please support this excellent cause and also enjoy your shopping for Xmas. They will be joined by the Irish Dancers from Yetminster. The Singers are full booked for Christmas entertainment.

We wish our friends in Bere Regis a Very Happy Christmas

PRESS RELEASE - November 1997

Rowlands Wait Touring Park Scoops Top Green Accolade

Professor David Bellamy has named Rowlands Wait Touring Park in Bere Regis as one of the UK’s most environmentally friendly touring parks.

The park has received a SILVER David Bellamy Conservation Award which recognises the exceptional achievements it has made to protect and enhance the natural environment.

Set in 82 acres of Dorsetshire countryside, the park offers peace and quiet and is ideally situated for walking and to use as a base for exploring the local area.

Two years ago, Rowlands Wait was given a grant to restore an old pond and this is now maturing well, attracting many amphibians, insects and flowers.

Over 140 gold, silver, bronze and commended parks were named in what David Bellamy has described as the ‘Green Olympics’ for holiday parks. He said he was ‘absolutely amazed’ when he discovered just how much was being done to protect and enhance the environment, and that ‘many parks have actually taught me a lot, and I think it’s time they were given deserved recognition for their big commitment.’

Rowlands Waits’ award was made on the basis of a detailed audit of the park’s environmental policies - an independent assessment from the Dorset Wildlife Trust following its inspection of the park, and on Conservation Award Survey Forms completed by holidaymakers to Rowlands Wait.

The owners of the park, Bernard & Linda Hammick, plan to create an area dedicated to butterflies and to use traditional hedge-laying methods to re-establish the boundaries.

The park is a member of the British Holiday & Home Parks Association, the park industry’s official body, which is assisting Professor Bellamy with the conservation awards project.

POP IN PLACE NEWS

The Christmas Party is on Saturday 13th December at 3.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets are available free of charge from the Pop in Place on Monday or Friday mornings.

On Monday 22nd December there will be a carol and mince pie morning and everyone is most welcome. This will be the last session before Christmas.

The Pop in Place wishes everyone a happy Christmas and we will re-open on January 5th 1998.

In the New Year we are planning to organise a bi-monthly community lunch. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions about this please call in and see us.

Alison Bennett - 472023
JUBILEE 2000 - NOW LESS THAN 800 DAYS TILL THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Despite my silence in the magazine during the past few months, Jubilee 2000 has not gone away! During the summer, membership of the organisation has grown to more than 8 million people in Britain alone with the National Federation of Women’s Institute’s, Comic Relief, the TUC, UNISON, the YWCA and OXFAM all joining.

The Mothers’ Union, already working with its partners in countries affected by unpayable debt is undertaking research into the effect of this debt on people’s health and lives; and will report their findings to the World Wide Council in 1998 along with ideas for action in support of the Jubilee 2000.

Networks like the Mothers’ Union and Women’s Institutes have awesome scope for making an impact on the debt situation, and their support is extremely valuable.

Here in Bere Regis, we have made a good start in obtaining signatures for the world wide petition, with an information board and petition forms on display in church through the summer. Forms are still available from Pat Chesney or Philippa Ward, either for your own signature or, better still, for you to take away so that you can encourage your friends to fill them in. The ultimate aim of Jubilee 2000 is to obtain a record breaking 14 million signatures and the more people who help, the better it will be, so please ask!

Forthcoming action

During December, pre-printed postcards will be available in church for anyone wishing to keep the Government on its toes! The idea is to attach a coin to a postcard, on which is written a message supporting cancellation of the backlog of unpayable debt of the world’s poorest countries and a request for the attached coin to be put towards that cancellation. If you send the postcard to your MP, he will pass it on to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The Government has to account for every transaction and the work involved should be an effective reminder of our support for the reduction of poverty.

May 16th 1998

This is the date for the meeting of the ‘G7’ (G8) nations in Birmingham and Jubilee 2000 hopes that tens of thousands of people will travel to Birmingham for that day, to let the world leaders know of our support for Jubilee 2000. An interim presentation of the petition will be made, and there is even talk of hiring a train to take people from Dorset!

Watch this space and please, help in any way you can. The more people who do their bit, the more successful we shall be. And it can be fun so why not join us?

Philippa Ward - 471527
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football Results

18 Oct MERE TOWN 2 5 BERE REGIS
19 Oct BERE REGIS 3 1 SIGMA SPORTS
25 Oct BERE REGIS 4 0 SHAFTESBURY
26 Oct BERE REGIS 2 2 FOX & HOUNDS
1 Nov DORSET JUNIOR CUP ROUND 2
BERE REGIS 5 4 W & S TRINIDAD
2 Nov BERE REGIS 1 2 SWANAGE SOC CLUB
8 Nov STALBRIDGE 2 3 BERE REGIS
16 Nov DORSET SUNDAY JUNIOR CUP ROUND 2
FOX & HOUNDS 5 0 BERE REGIS

The prospect of an eighty mile round trip for Bere to Mere and back weighed heavily on the players’ minds. Mere being surely Dorset football’s most northerly outpost, had a side which differed completely to the side Bere did the double over last term. This time a spacious pitch enabled both sides to flourish. The first half was fiercely competitive with the home side deserving perhaps more than what fate delivered them. Bere’s back four stood firm in the face of very direct, but deft attacking. Cut and thrust remained a key phrase for Bere, and it literally looked like they would score every time they moved forwards, as Mere’s defence conceded time and space.

Bere capitalised on this with veteran Ricky Cummins capping off two flowing moves each including no more than four players. This still flattered Bere who could not get a grip in midfield. They yielded two goals, one being a penalty uncharacteristically given away by John Cleall. With the local crowd becoming uneasy, the converted penalty gave them hope and also Bere’s manager plenty of fuel for his half time team blitz. After a diet of water, and all the footballing clichés you could want to hear, Bere came out and produced a commanding second half display, giving the defence a welcome break. Gloves Rogerson deputising for the absent Bungy Brown, stamped his authority in the middle feeding the right flank using Wayne Cope’s fearsome pace. This led to a fourth, forcing the home keeper into a blunder. There was a goal mouth scramble in which Bere should have scored at least four times, this was ended by Wayne Cope sealing a 5-2 win, in the closing stages, Bere’s head coach was afforded the rare luxury of sending on Dean Rogerson as a replacement striker.

Bere faced a team from Bournemouth in their annual outing in the Dorset Junior Cup. Events that followed were unprecedented, as the two sides fought out a battle of the likes of which have not been witnessed at the Old Rec for many years. The visitors possessed players of ability, pace and vision, but added to these attributes were traits of violence and intimidation. A supreme first half hat-trick from Burt Stramack set the tone for the match. Trinidad as the opponents were called, rarely showed the care-free, relaxed manner of their Caribbean counterparts. Bere’s hitman was at the head of Bere’s strike force, benefiting from the industry of all around him.

However in between goals, Trinidad managed to contrive two of their own, albeit controversially. The language of their football told Bere that it was going to be a classic, although their first goal was offside and their second crossed the line after an infringement on Bere’s keeper. The referee gave Bere an unexpected lifeline at 2-2, when Ricky Cummins jumped in the area and was adjudged to have been pushed, the resultant penalty was tucked away, 3-2. A substitution at the break, saw Rob White give Bere stability across the middle. But as Bere raised the stakes, so do the opposition, and thing became rather heated. Adrenaline was flowing when Wayne Cope added a fourth for Bere, and they dug in and expected a backlash from Trinidad. They managed a swift throw and Bere were left asking the questions after letting in the softest of goals. Worse was to follow, as the referee awarded Trinidad a penalty for a foul on a player who had just previously stamped on a Bere player’s head. Lyndon White made amends for his scathing challenge which resulted in the kick, he pulled out a stop of Seaman proportions after initially going the wrong way.

Almost immediately, Bere responded by building through the right half channel, and Rob White beat two, and rifled a right footer past a helpless ‘Dad’ keeper, the crowd were in raptures, and this was only the second round. The final thirty minutes were unforgettable in Bere folklore. Unfortunately the referee was put under enormous pressure, and seemed to lose his way. Rob White rashly got his marching orders, his game costing him roughly £1 per minute played. There was more, as the game became a disciplinary minefield, the referee handing out cards like he was at a business convention. The visitors felt the heat too, by losing two themselves which could have been at least two more, such was their poor conduct descending the game to basement levels.

There four dismissals in total, including the luckless Stuart Merritt. Bere will feel the ramifications as suspensions will hit hard. Trinidad made 5-4, a dramatic finale ensued with Bere’s defensive back nine drawing on reserves they never knew they had, whilst avoiding further realignment from the opposition. Having picked themselves off the floor after the previous encounter, Bere travelled to the slopes of Mount Stalbridge in blustery conditions. They gave a disjointed first half performance, which had become synonymous with them this season. The front two, netted a goal a piece, to help Bere to a 2-1 advantage, after letting in a goal of the powder puff variety. Stalbridge came at Bere and betrayed their bottom of the league tag.
They played a flowing game and punished Bere when the usually dominant Chris Merritt skidded in a shot off the top of his head, giving Bere a literal mountain to climb in the second half against the wind, rain and unforgiving slope. They were more than equal to the task, and commanded respect from all concerned. The two wing-backs, Kevin Scimeca Cox and John Cleall worked the flanks with an industry not seen before. It was at the end of a typical move don the right, that Tony Lumsden found himself in the area with the keeper to beat at a tight angle, he duly delivered sending Bere to within a point of the top of the league.

A series of hard games continued at home to Shaftesbury, were Bere extended their run of league form against a team which denied Bere space and time as though it was rationed. A sombre first half showing frustrated the Bere hopeful, although they reaped one goal from a frenetic half hour. Bere’s central defensive duo were in no mood to give anything away, and the final moments of the half were simply down to rolling up of sleeves and plain old defending. A half time cup of Rosy Lee seemed to work, and Bere awoke from their herbal slumber. They swept forward in droves. with the wing backs working the flanks and the opposing defenders. A fluid move which had origins at the back, saw Kevin Scimeca Cox release Wayne Cope on the right, who looked up and slotted over an inch perfect low cross back to Kev, who ‘nutmegged’ the advancing keeper. Defensive indecision allowed Steve Cheeseman to pick out Buri Stranack with a quick free-kick, and he added his thirteenth of the season via a lungie from a Shaftesbury leg.

Just as with the Stock Market plunge in October, Bere’s Sunday football fortunes plummeted after harvesting only four points in five weeks, coupled with an untimely exit from the cup. Key injuries and absentees have not helped the cause, giving their tireless manager one or two problems.

At home to Swanage Anti-Social Club, the pitch was shrouded in fog at kick off, but cleared enough to give the players near perfect conditions. The visitors made all the early running, and Bere were being constantly pegged back. They managed a few breaks, and Andy Curtis could have punished an otherwise tight back five, including their goalkeeper who acted as a third central defender. Twenty five minutes in, the ball broke down Bere’s right, and Steve McElaney found himself deep in enemy territory. With options few and far between, he went alone and promptly beat two oncoming defenders, and with a drop of the shoulder, cut inside unleashing a beast of a twenty yard poke from the corner of the area. A bemused Swanage keeper waved the ball wide only to see the ball shave a post and rattles the net. Bere maintained this lead, with Dean Rogerson pulling off some stunning saves around all parts of the goal. However he was helpless to prevent the fatal two goal blow which determined Bere’s fate, the winner being an unstoppable left foot drive.

An athletic looking Fox & Hounds visited these shores, and brought with them a stingy defensive record. Bere set about ruining just that by dominated a slightly scrappy first half, they deserved their lead. The opening goal came via a deft flick from Iain Macklin, deceiving all around him. Bere seemed to lose their way against a team they must now play away in the cup. They became the hunted, and were hounded when defensive indecision allowed the Foxes to creep back in earning a point. The cup tie against the same side proved to be a disaster for Bere, they suffered a 5-0 reverse. Bad luck was the order of the day, as goals flew in off Bere defenders, they now must concentrate on the league.

The club will be holding several events around the festive period, these are as follows.

14 Dec Pot Luck Darts Pairs, with meat prizes on voucher system.
21 Dec BRSC Annual Christmas Draw.
26 Dec Boxing Day Charity inter village/club football match.

**RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION**

Each year the Ramblers’ Association throughout the country has a Festival of Winter Walks and invites the public to join them. The South Dorset Group’s walk take place on Saturday 27 December at 1.30 p.m. The meeting place is Maiden Castle Car Park, Dorchester and the walk will be approximately 4 ½ miles. There are some hills. Sorry no dogs allowed on this walk. For further information telephone 01305 784672

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AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

Briantspuddle Hall Committee

On 18th October Richard Derrington (alias Mark Hebdon in the Archers) gave a memorable performance of a failed poacher/successful fly tyer in “Taylor's Tickler”. Some 60 people enjoyed a masterly and moving performance and £103.22 was raised for Hall Funds.

There was a meeting of the Hall Committee on 10th November and among subjects discussed was the successful fundraising programme for the past year, the Lottery Application and Hall maintenance.

Briantspuddle Village Shop

As a result of the meeting mentioned in last month's magazine, a new committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Paul Badcock, to investigate if a village Post Office/Shop is sustainable. This committee has met already on several occasions and produced, distributed and collected a questionnaire from the majority of householders in the local area. Over 50% of all the households circumscribed wanted the committee to consider a villageshop in one form or another. This is now being undertaken with the help of a Field Officer from Vira (Village Retail Services Association). In the meantime Mr Eric Wilding of Moreton Post Office continues to provide a good service on Monday and Thursday mornings.

Christmas Fete Saturday 6th December 2p.m.

As in 1996 the Christmas Fete in the Village Hall has been organised by Briantspuddle W.I.

There will be a variety of stalls from which we hope you will be able to purchase some useful gifts. The Social Club will be serving refreshments and as usual there will also be a raffle. Since we no longer have a village shop this will be one of the few opportunities to meet up with your local villagers in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and we hope to see many of you there.

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December

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8 December Womens Section Carol Service
11 December Christmas Whist
13 December Christmas Draw
20 December Christmas Quiz 8.15
26 December Dice Horse Racing
            First race 12.15
31 December Black Magic Roadshow

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all our members

January

3 January Superleague Darts
10 January Bullseye 8.15
17 January Superleague Darts
24 January Barry B - all round singer
31 January
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Age Concern
2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court

Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society
7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall

Autumn Leaves
2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Larkspur, Snow Hill

Beavers
6.30 p.m. Monday, Scout HQ

Bingo
7.45 p.m. Monday, Drax Hall

British Legion Club
7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday
7.15 p.m. - 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

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.

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

Dancing classes
Fridays 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.

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Floral Group
2.00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village hall

Guides
6.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Scout HQ

Kingsbere Quilters
3rd Wednesday, Drax Hall

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

Mobile Library
Every Friday 2.00 p.m. - 3.35 p.m., car park

Mothers' Union
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church

Parish Council
7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall

Sub-committees on Post Office notice board

Playgroup Bere Regis
Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792 Wednesday/Thursday PM

Pop in Place
9.00 a.m.-12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall

Rainbows
4.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Scout HQ

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

Scouts
Junior - 7.30 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
Senior - 7.00 p.m. Fridays, Scout HQ

Swimming Club
Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m., Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262

Toddler Group
1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

Turberville Court
2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Social afternoon each Tuesday
10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning, 1st Friday

W.I. Bere Regis
7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

W.I. Briantspuddle
7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall

Woodbury Hill Singers
2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill

PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Wednesday 3rd December
Bere Regis School - 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Surgery - 10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
Briantspuddle - 12.20 p.m.
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### CALLING ALL ADVERTISERS

At this time of the year we start to plan the layout of the Parish Magazine for the forthcoming twelve months. Now is your opportunity to review your advert - maybe change the size or adjust the wording.

Most display advertisements are printed up for the full year, so mid-year changes are difficult to make. However, if you particularly want the flexibility of an advert which changes during the year, then please give me a call to discuss.

The final deadline will be Friday 12th December.

Invoices will be sent out during December.
Rates are shown on page 1.
If I don’t hear from you, we’ll continue with your existing advertisement.

### CALLING ALL READERS

We’re always pleased to receive your comments on the design, layout and content of the magazine - we are striving for continuous improvement. The Editorial committee will be meeting soon to discuss changes for the New Year, so please let us have your thoughts and ideas. You can contact me direct, Martha Tucker on 471358, the Vicar or any of the Church Officials.

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