**CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

**Age Concern** 2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court

**Autumn Leaves** 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday

**Beavers** 6.30 p.m. Monday, Scout HQ

**Bingo** 7.45 p.m. Monday, Drax Hall

**British Legion Club**

2.00 p.m. - 11 30 p.m. Monday - Saturday
12.00 - 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 - 10.30 p.m. Sunday

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

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

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

**B.R.S.C.**

Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri
7.00p.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.

**Camera Club** 6.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Cyril Wood Court

**Cubs**

1st Mon 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.

**Dorset/Lativa Link Secretary - Jenny Silavs - 01929 471577**

**Dorset/Lativa Link**

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

**Floral Group**

2.30 p.m. Thursdays, W. Kingston village hall

**Guides**

6.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Scout HQ

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

**Mobile Library**

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

**Mothers’ Union**

7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church

**Parish Council**

7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall

**Playgroup Bere Regis**

Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792

**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

**W.I. Bere Regis**

7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

**W.I. Briantspuddle**

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

**Tuesday Clubs:**

**Junior Club**

Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m,

**Youth Club**

Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262

**Swimming Club**

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

**Turberville Court**

2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur
A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

“Describe your mother to me”

“She was a woman who hated conflict”

This snippet of conversation was spoken earlier in the year when I was talking to a man after his mother had died. It set me thinking about the whole subject of conflict. Clearly there are people around us who hate conflict; they avoid it at all costs. They live peaceably amongst their neighbours. If something annoys them, such as the noise of the next door television, or a dog barking, or the sound of drums in pop music, they suffer it.

Equally clearly there are others who will not suffer it. They will knock on the wall or tell you to your face. They confront that which disturbs or offends them. The tingle brought on by conflict does not make them go into a decline. They are abrasive and it seems not to affect them. “I say what I think”. “I speak my mind”.

Conflict comes to every one of us. It can occur between friends. “We don’t speak anymore”. It is painful, but people survive this. We make other friends. It can occur within a family. Two sisters or brothers can fall out, and cease to communicate. This creates more of a problem, because this conflict will have ripples that cross the whole family. A family conflict is very severe, and causes enormous pain; not only to the sisters, but to everyone in the family. It is inevitable that deep conflict can come in families. You can choose your friends, but not your families, and family ties are very strong. Then there is local conflict. A disagreement about something that happens in your group - the Legion, or the WI, or the church. So often when we disagree, we become disagreeable. We dislike the person who disagrees with our thinking. There is conflict and sometimes this grows into hatred.

And perhaps most painfully and tragically of all, there is the conflict which makes for the break in a marriage of two people who loved each other enough to commit themselves to each other for ever. The bitterness, the hatred, the brokeness and shame of this is very great, and those that suffer it need very tender care.

Some of us hate conflict. We shy away from it. Some of us need to, love to, or have to confront, or challenge. Is one group right and the other wrong? Jesus said “Blessed are the peacemakers” and “Blessed are the meek”. Yet he also overturned the tables of the money changers, and these are his words “it is better that a millstone were hung around his neck and he be cast into the depths of the sea”.

THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS with TURNERSPUDDLE

THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS with AFFPUDDLE

January 1997

The Venerable Graham Roblin OBE

Vicarage

Bere Regis

BH20 7HQ

Tel: (01929) 471262
He was talking about the one who hurt a child. There was no peace or meekness in him on these two occasions. It’s a very difficult problem. An aggressive, abrasive, angry or mean-minded person who loves to create conflict, either behind our backs, or face to face, cannot be a good citizen in our society. And yet those who did nothing, and said nothing when Hitler and the Germans began the evil that was to cause the deaths of 50,000,000 people, must be held guilty of cowardice. (That’s easy to say of course. When fear grips you, it causes paralysis.) There is a saying “Evil wins when a good man says nothing”. Conflict is painful. It is sometimes necessary, but you have to be very certain you are right if you are to inflict this pain, either on your family, your friends or your society.

CHURCH SERVICES in JANUARY

Sunday 5th January 1997
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 12th January 1997
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Plough Sunday Service (Bere Regis) - please see separate notice
6.00 p.m Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 19th January 1997
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Affpraise
6.00 p.m Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 26th January 1997
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)
BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

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**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

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Church Special Clean

On Saturday 11th January 1997 from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon there will be a special clean of the church after Christmas. It is hoped to have sufficient people present to polish all the wooden floors, polish the pews and other furniture, vacuum clean the mats and hassocks and if time permits wash the stone floors. Please come along and help with this important task and please bring with you polishing cloths and dusters.

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CHURCH NOTICES

PLOUGH SUNDAY

In Bere Regis church we hold an annual Plough Sunday Service, when a plough is brought from the centre of the village to the church. The plough is then placed in the church near the altar, and much of the morning service centres around it, using it as a symbol.

We gather for the procession at the village’s car Park, near the surgery, at 10.50 a.m. Organisations with banners or standards are invited to join us for this ancient country service.
ADULT INFORMATION LECTURE

This series of lectures will continue on Thursday 30th January in the Vicarage. We start at 7.00 p.m. and finish at 8.00 p.m.

CHURCH FUND RAISING

Coffee Morning

A very successful coffee morning was held on December 7th when the magnificent sum of £378 was raised. Thanks are due to all helpers and to those who gave items for sale, especially to Margaret Maunder and Pat House who between them made and iced the Christmas cakes which were raffled. The lucky winners being Mr Bob Stallard and Peter Reeves.

Jumble Sale

The Jumble Sale will take place in Wareham Town Hall on Saturday 15th January at 10.30 a.m. We rely on you to supply items for this. We would be most grateful for anything - large or small, clothing, bric-a-brac, toys, household items. Please phone 471262 or 471441 for details. I do hope our band of helpers are available again this year - we cannot do it without you!

Fun Day - August 2nd

We are breaking with tradition this year and planning a fun day in conjunction with the Lammas Festival. This will be held on Court Green and attractions will be a band, car boot sale, dog show and various other side shows. Plans are at a very early stage and lots of help will be required to make it a success. Please keep this date free.

Tea Party

We are still planning on having a ‘tea party’ in the Vicarage Garden at the end of June.

MC
January 1997

OBITUARIES

MRS JOYCE (JOY) LAVINIA KAIN (aged 82)

After a period of ill health, Joy Kain passed away at her home in Boswells Close, and after cremation at Poole Crematorium, her ashes were interred in the graveyard of the church in Bere Regis. It was there that her husband Jim, and daughter, Valerie, had been laid to rest some years before.

Joy Kain came to live in Bere Regis when the bungalows of Boswells Close were first built. She and Jim had come on his retirement from a lifetime’s work with the Prudential. They were both Londoners, but adapted well to life in Dorset. Jim was outward going and soon joined the Royal British Legion, and became a member of the Drax Hall Committee. Joy was a shy, private person who lived for her family, but she was persuaded to join the Autumn Leaves when it first started, and indeed became a trouper in the song and dance group “The Gadabouts”. But that was some years ago, and as the years took their toll, she retired more and more into her own house, where she had the companionship of her son Ian. It was Ian who cared for her during her last few months of illness.

When we only know the old person in our community, we can forget that that person was once young and vibrant, so it was lovely to be reminded that Joy had been a considerable athlete. She had many medals at County level. Then after meeting Jim, who was a keen cyclist, she took this up and became an excellent competitor.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism - Bere Regis

3rd November Kyle William Govier
10th November Tanya Jane Batt
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Christopher Ryan Harrison
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The death of her daughter at the age of 36 was a bitter blow to her, and it came on top of Jim’s early death six years before.

Joy was one of five brothers and sisters, and it was so good to have four of them present at the Crematorium. We offer condolences to her daughter Beverley and son Ian on their sad loss. May she now rest in peace.

DAVID JOHN DAWSON (aged 42)

It was whilst doing what he loved most that David Dawson died. He was an experienced pilot, and was flying from Hurn Airport to Compton Abbas. The cause of the accident was difficult to assess, but his death was deeply mourned by a wide variety of friends as well as by his immediate family.

David had lived here in Bere Regis for just over a year, but he had become well known to many because he was the Friday night barman at the Drax Arms. It was a trade that he knew well because he had specialised in the catering and hospitality world for some years prior to his last job.

He was a native of Bournemouth, and was educated at Porchester School. He got the ‘bug’ for flying when he was 13, when he had his first flight, and had hoped to go into the RAF. His eyesight let him down, so he opted for civilian employment which involved mechanics, metal work, woodwork and electrical work. He did this for 10 years and then moved to the world of outside catering and the management of Corporate and Social functions.

He then reverted to the technical work, working first with Motorised Caravans, and then Transcold Refrigeration.

But underpinning everything was his abiding passion, flying. He was a member of the Bournemouth Flying Club, and the Royal Aeronautical Society. He won his wings and became an experienced pilot, with over 100 hours to his credit.

His marriage sadly did not last very long, but he had a son, David Martin, now aged 13. Our condolences go to Jane, in her bereavement, as well as to his mother and all those who were near and dear to him.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

To round off their year’s activities, the Woodbury Hill Singers, during December, have entertained Wyevale Garden Centre for TRIMAR, Foresters’ Christmas Service at Bere Regis Church and their Christmas party, Hensboch Twinning Society, Over 60’s Upton, Lytchett Matravers over 60’s, Sunshine Club, Wareham, Veterans Association and Lytchett Minster Luncheon club.

Grateful thanks to members of the singers who have given so much time to entertain and for their enthusiasm. It is greatly appreciated. We wish everyone a very Happy New Year.
BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS’ UNION

December 4th saw two events in one day but happily the majority of our members managed to attend on both occasions. In the afternoon, we welcomed members from five of the other branches in the deanery to our annual advent carol service. Our deanery chaplain, the Revd Robert Green, led the prayers, representatives from all the branches read the lessons and our vicar led the service, after which we enjoyed a social time and refreshments.

In the evening we welcomed Mrs Ruth Rowland from Weymouth to speak to our monthly meeting. Mrs Rowland spoke on the origins of well known carols and we sang several of them. She also told us how the now very familiar service of nine lessons and carols first began and she ended her talk with Christmas poems by Thomas Hardy and John Betjeman.

We begin the new year with a meeting on Wednesday 8 January when we meet in the church at 7.30 p.m. Our speaker will be Mrs Alma Gill from Charminster, who will speak on the current theme “To live and work to His praise and glory”. Tea hostesses will be Shirley, Margaret B, and Jean G.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391

THANKS

Jane Rogerson and family would like to thank all those who have given support and messages of sympathy on the tragic loss of their beloved David. Special thanks to the Venerable Graham Roblin for conducting a lovely service and David and Carole Archer for all their kindness.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GARDENING CLUB

All’s well that ends well. We managed to struggle through ‘96 ending the year with a fabulour Harvest Supper and Christmas Party. Catering provided, of course, by Elaine and Adrian. No doubt we shall be able to persuade Elaine to feed us again this year. Many thanks darling.

John Wrixon our Treasurer kept us solvent once more. With any luck you will get the accounts at the AGM - 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 7th January.

We, the committee, will retire as usual and probably be brought back in again, also as usual. We picked up a new committee member in Percy House. Percy is keen on shows so he will take care once more of the Spring and Autumn flower shows, they were well supported so bear them in mind.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391
Andy Morrison continues to be our Seed Ordering Officer. It would help if you got your seed orders in to Andy as early as possible. We need the discount in order to give you 25% off. Megan Stone can’t get out of the Chair, thank heavens, and it looks like you are going to be stuck with me as Secretary.

Adrian has tried hard to get coach trips off the ground. The trip to the Bath and West show was great. Alas we can’t seem to get enough support to cover the cost, so out they go.

All Guest Speakers are booked for 1997, except one. I am having trouble finding someone to talk on Geraniums. If you know a geranium expert please give me a shout.

The Legion Club were very grateful for our £75 donation and we had a nice letter of thanks from the Vicar for the £30 donated to Church funds. No doubt the Poppy Appeal were happy with £30 also. Membership fee of £1.50 just about covers donations and we manage to pay guest speakers out of raffle funds. Many, many grateful thanks for your support of the raffle. We still have cash in the bank, so I doubt if we will put up fees.

Anne Stevens is our first Guest Speaker at the AGM, just to make it interesting. Poor Anne got the 'flu last year, so keep your fingers crossed.

See your all on the 7 January and once again - thanks for your support.

Brian 472135

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION

Held their monthly meeting on 27th November and 19 members attended. After the Exhortation, minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The Chairman then gave her report on the County Conference and told members that we had won two cups. She gave her thanks to all members for their support and work throughout the years.

Nine blankets knitted by members were sent to Alderney Hospital and a letter of thanks had been received. The Chairman also thanked the members for attending the Armistice Parade and Service.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Mr A Bates, with slides of Bere Regis past and present. We all found this every interesting. How different the village looks today compared with many years ago. Our Coffee evening realised £138 - our thanks to all who supported and helped to make the evening a success.

Once again our Carol Service was attended by members of all organisations in the village and enjoyed by all. Our thanks to members of the Branch who always wait on the Ladies with sherry, mince pies and coffee, on this particular evening.

A Bring and Buy was run by Mrs Diffy and teas were served by Mrs Reed and Mrs Leigh. We now look forward to another successful year in 1997. A Happy New Year to all our members. Cenotaph for January - Mrs Maidment and Mrs Presslee, February - Mrs House.
January 1997

A busy month for the Hall with extra activities such as the Blood Donor session. This time we sent off 53 units which is the most that we have sent to date. However, as one young person remarked, as we sipped our tea and ate our biscuits, it ought to be more considering the population of the village. True, but you cannot force a volunteer, and we do not wish it to be something more than asking people to come forward. Thus I ask for more volunteers to spare the short time that it takes to give one unit of the life saving fluid. The next session is to be in March 1997. Try to come along, please.

We had a very good crowd for the performance of Tolpuddle Man on 30th November. House Full notices would have been put up - if we had them! Thank you to everybody who came along to see the superb performance. Watch out for the next performances in February and March. Regrettably we have been unable to book a puppet show for half term, but we do have one for Wednesday 26th March - just before Easter. We also have a lantern workshop booked for the same day which is suitable for the over ten year olds and adults.

CM

PARISH COUNCIL

At the December meeting Councillors were given a presentation by the Builder/Developer who have been asked by the Estate to produce an outline plan of the proposal for additional houses in the village. As readers will be aware it is estimated that an additional 63,000 houses are required by 2011 in Dorset. Of these, Purbeck has to find 3,800 and 3,500 have been allocated.

Changes are afoot for the Car Park. The bins are to be relocated and there will be a softening of the general appearance by the addition of trees. There will be slightly fewer spaces for parking. A drawing of the proposals is to be displayed and comments are invited. Pass them to any councillor so that they may report them to our January meeting.

Everybody will have seen the Christmas trees now, lit up through the village. Our grateful thanks to everybody who allows the trees to be placed on their properties, to Michael Eastment for the electrical work, to David Gibbs and Alan Dunning for helping. Also to the people who have donated towards the cost of the trees.

CM
FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

On behalf of the FOBRS, I would like to thank everyone who gave their time to help out and support the Advent Fayre on 1st December. We raised approximately £360 for the school. I would like to thank Mrs Hurdiss for arranging the children’s choir. Also thanks to Mr and Mrs Dunning for judging the Christmas card competition. The winners were:

Class 1 Dale Norris  Class 2 Robert Hewitt
Class 3 Lisa Bennett  Class 4 Hayley White

The four cards will be printed and sold next Christmas. Thanks also to Father Christmas for visiting and to Mr Battishill for the use of the school.

Our next event will be a skittles evening at the Royal Oak, Bere Regis on Friday 24th January 1997 at 7.00 p.m. Teams of four at £4 per team. Entry forms from the school or ring 472350 or 472414. We hope this will be an enjoyable family evening and there will, of course, be a raffle.

Jane Pitman
Chairperson, on behalf of FOBRS

THANKS

Pat, Mary, Terry and families would like to say a very big thank you to all friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy and cards sent to them on the death of their dear mother - Nan Mooney. Also many thanks for donations received in her memory.

The family would also like to thank all the Doctors and Nurses both locally and in hospital for their care and kindness during her illness.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’s CLUB

We had a lovely Christmas afternoon in December. The children from Bere Regis First School sang songs from their Christmas play, and also other carols. They all seemed to be enjoying it, and so did we. Tea followed, which included a slice of Mrs Eve Bryant’s birthday cake.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January, when it will be our New Year Party, with a special tea.

Thank you to all the committee and helpers for all their help and also for the many contributions. We wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.
BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our December meeting was delightful, with the demonstrator using all fresh material and none of the glitter and plastic of the usual Christmas demonstration.

In January we have our AGM. Please come along.

Pat House - 551266

BERE REGIS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Bonjour !!!

Thank you all for your efforts in getting your voting slips to the ballot box at the Post Office on time. A meeting was held by the committee members on the evening of 6th December at which the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Alan Dunning counted all of the voting slips that had been entered. The results are as follows:

Cerences 49 votes
Flamanville 36 votes
Keep Looking 4 votes

Since then Mr Jean-Marie Remoue, the Mayor of Cerences, has been contacted personally and after having a meeting with his colleagues, returned the call expressing their delight at what they hope to be a long and fruitful relationship between us.

There will be an Annual General Meeting at the Drax Hall on 23rd January 1997 at 7.00pm at which officers of the association will be elected for the coming year. There will also be discussion about the future development of relationships with Cerences. Everyone is welcome to come along.

In the meantime we need your help by becoming a member so please pick up the phone and call Mr Peter Loxton on 471660. Also if you voted for Flamanville or the third option to keep looking, we hope you that you will divert your support towards Cerences. Thank you all once again and we look forward to seeing you at the Drax in January. In the meantime:

Joyeux Noel et Bonne Annee!!

If anyone is interested in French lessons or conversational French, either beginner or advanced or requires further information about the association, please contact any of the committee members.

Bernard Hammick 472424, Ruth Draycott 471295, Peter Loxton 471660, Roger Angel 471898.
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

The Beavers are looking forward to their Christmas Party and enjoyed their ‘Keep Fit’ evening which was organised by the Venture Scouts.

The Cubs are working towards their Astronomer’s badge and are busy practising the entertainment they will perform when the Scouts cook Christmas Lunch for some of our Senior Citizens on 22nd December.

The Scouts are continuing their canoe practice and Phil Ventham, our Group Scout Leader, and Daniel Bull, our Assistant Venture Leader, are continuing their Canoe Instructor training.

Two of our Scouts are planning to go on a sail training cruise next summer. Congratulations to Jan King who has been awarded her warrant as a Leader in the Scout Troop.

Please remember our Quiz Evening on 18th January.

The Scouts will be sending Christmas Greetings to their friends in Latvia and I wish all our friends in Bere Regis and District, a very Happy New Year.

Pat Hall

BERE REGIS WI

November being our Annual General Meeting it was a review of 1996, which was quite eventful with interesting speakers and promotional projects.

We now look forward to 1997, with a new programme of topical interests for all.

The committee are as follows:

President  Mrs Megan Stone
Secretary  Mrs Eileen Jutting
Assistant secretary  Mrs Nancy Gibson
Treasurer  Mrs Shirley Day
Programme Secretary  Mrs Janet Gilpin

Supporting members of committee are - Mrs Sally Cheeseman, Mrs Sheila Leigh, Mrs Nancy Gibson, Mrs Christine Tucker and Mrs Stella McLeod. We thank them for giving their time to make it possible for us to have entertaining evenings. Let us thank them by giving our support at meetings. If you are not already a member, why not make a New Year Resolution? Start the new year by joining us. There is always a welcome for you.

Zena Rogers
THE POP IN PLACE

Christmas at the Pop In Palladium was a huge success and the audience of almost 100 people from around 4 months old to the grand age of 90, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

They were treated to a variety of song and dance routines, performed by the Pop In Place committee and people who attend the sessions. After the party, tea was served with sparkling wine, crackers and lots of food. There was a surprise visit from Father Christmas who gave everyone a little gift.

The party was a fine example of how the Pop In Place has bridged the generation gap in the community, with very young babies, toddlers, first school, middle school, upper school, children and adults in their 20’s, 30’s, 40’s, 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, 80’s and even 90’s all coming together to celebrate Christmas within their own local community. The event was paid for entirely by Pop In Place funds.

Thank you to Dorset Drilling Services and to Mr and Mrs John James for the purchase and decorating of the Drax Hall for Christmas. This has been a pleasure to all Hall users over the Christmas festivities.

We wish all readers a Happy New year and remind you that everyone is welcome to come along to the Pop In Place on either a Monday morning from 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon or the same time on a Friday morning - or both!

Hope to see you in 1997.  

Alison Bennett

GENEROUS BERE REGIS

In 1993 there was an appeal from Christian Aid and the Salisbury - Sudan Link for sewing materials for Sudan. As ever, Bere Regis responded most generously.

The materials were used to help Sudanese women:

- provide for their families
- learn new skills
- generate income.

Because of the success of the 1993 appeal, another has been launched to last from September 1996 until March 1997.

The items needed are displayed overleaf, together with collection points and contact telephone numbers.

Please help if you possibly can. All gifts will be put to very good use.
WANTED
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- Needlework scissors
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Items can be handed in at:
- The Pop-in-Place
- “Culverdel” Shitterton
- Bere Regis Church
  Sunday services
- or contact
  Eileen Bangay 471724
  Pat Chesney
  471519 for collection
Slowly but surely, ‘Big Ben’ ticks remorselessly on to the midnight hour as people watch and wait for it to strike twelve o’clock. An old year gone for good (or bad), now a New Year dawns.

As we stand with our backs to 1996 and our faces towards 1997, what vision, what hope do we have for the future? In 1893 a group of social analysts gazed, not at one year ahead, but at one hundred years into the future, and tried to forecast what the world would be like in 1993. Some of their predictions were:

◊ many people will live to be 150
◊ the government will have grown more simple, as true greatness always tends towards simplicity
◊ prisons will decline, and divorce will be considered unnecessary

As we can see, they were hopelessly wrong on all counts! I wonder what they would predict today if they were alive? So what does the future really hold for us? Some things we may have some idea of, but in the main we have to admit that we don’t know. The better question is - WHO holds the future for you and me?

If it is man and this world, how insecure and uncertain that can be, for circumstances can so easily change without warning. But if I have put my trust and hope in Christ Jesus and I let Him hold my future, then I have total security, for Almighty God never changes. He is totally dependable.

One day God will strike the last hour, then where will we spend our eternal future? What hope for you and me then? I have every confidence in God’s word and his promises. I have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. This hope is offered freely to you too, for 1997 and far beyond. Take it before it is too late. Hebrews 6: 17-20.

On Saturday 25 January at 7.30 p.m. you are invited to join us at our monthly celebration meeting at the Chapel. Our speaker will be the Rev Bert Campbell from Weymouth. Bert is an evangelist, who brings God’s Word in a powerful and relevant way.

Rev Ray Healey
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football Results

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Early pace setters, Okeford United were brushed aside by a rampant Bere on their own slope. It was Burt Bacharach who found the target three times with some lethal goalpoaching, but Bere some true spirit in the face of some enterprising football from the home side. Wayne Cope turned provider for two of the goals, coupled with the in form Stuart Merritt who both tormented Okeford down both flanks.

Bere’s long suffering manager was most pleased with what was described as their best performance of the season to date. As winter closed in on a windswept Sturminster Marshall housing estate, there was a definite smell of malt whisky in the air, with the referee stumbling onto the pitch. Our heroes were to hit a purple patch in the first half, recording a first half lead of 8-0. Largely thanks to another hat-trick for that man again, Burt with his partner, the pacy Ricky Cummins also hitting the same. Wayne Cope and libero Steve Cheeseman added more as Bere thought Christmas had come early with snow in the air and the Stur defence taking on the appearance of Swiss cheese.

On the back of a 9 match unbeaten run, Bere were to let complacency creep alarmingly into their play at two consecutive home games. However when the chips were down, Bere were for once prepared to roll up their sleeves and show some steel. The Mount came to The Rec and pegged Bere back and deserved a 1-0 lead. Bere turned the screw after the break and it was Wayne Cope causing mayhem scoring twice in two minutes to settle a lacklustre encounter brightened by extravagant goalkeeping from The Mount’s guardian.
January 1997

An unknown quantity in the shape of Witchampton travelled to Bere with their strongest squad yet, including an ex-Charlton star. It took a move of breathtaking quality rounded off by an Adam Rogerson in full flight heading in at the far post, this was followed by a thunderbolt from Hristo Oram who embarked on a bizarre can-opening celebration. A goal conceded late in the first half set up what was to be a classic encounter that will be talked about for some time.

Bere had to defend like they had not before after Witchampton drew level and started to press forward menacingly using their substitutions shrewdly, and Bere were drawn into one or two unsavoury challenges as the mud flew, but Bere's midfield general, Colin Phillips rose head and shoulders above his opposite peers, leading Bere to an improbable victory when Steve Cheeseman hit a hopeful ball down the inside right channel, Burt Stranack took full advantage of some hapless defending slotting home from a narrow angle.

Cup fever returned as Bere travelled to high-flying HMFC. Bere started brightly enough and took the lead through a Hristo Oram direct corner. A disastrous episode ensued as Boban Lumsden watched on as HM equalised. The lead was restored by hitman Burt Stranack only for the home team to draw level once again, and from there they never looked back, as they tore Bere apart down either flank with some penetrating football. Bere never had an answer to their powerful midfield and caved in under the strain, which is not a characteristic of them. A woeful performance, although the final insult was inflicted as Boban Lumsden had collected the ball late on only to be poleaxed resulting in a goal.

A stretched squad for Sundays has given manager Mike Walker one or two headaches during recent weeks, but they have come through having put in a cup run of note although league points have been hard to come by. Away to Excel, Bere played out a 3-1 reverse with the player-manager scoring after a long solo run. A point away to GPT Siemens should have been an easy three, for long periods of the game Bere sensed they could have converted a number of chances to put the match beyond doubt, but after going 1-0 down, Mike Walker needed inspiration, and he turned to journeyman striker-goalkeeper Pip Evans who shored up the side and Andy Curtis equalised giving Bere something to take into their third round cup tie at home to The Ferryboat of Swanage. They were bottom of the league, but included so many ringers in their side that they would not have looked out of place at a campanologists' convention. Even so Bere put in a topsy turvy performance and Des' midfield almost stole the show for Bere but they could not beat Ferryboat's quality goalkeeper. Away to Henry Brown, old hand Fabrizio Ives scored a hat-trick with a penalty from Mark Gale which was not sufficient to steal the points from a spirited Henry. Missed chances were rued once again, although with suspensions coming to an end Desmond will have a full squad to select from in the new year.
AFFPUDDLE NEWS

Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 13th November and 11th December.

Much was said about the Parish council’s responsibility regarding planning matters and the meeting of 11th December was preceded by a talk by Mr M Grime from Purbeck District Council on delegated planning applications. He explained the legal responsibilities of the Parish Council and the procedures for delegated and non-delegated applications. The date of the Parish Council meeting relative to the time allowed to respond was also discussed.

A quote had been accepted for work to be carried out on the corner stones of the War Memorial. It was decided to have three new stones rather than the original two. It was noted with interest that the columns were made of Sussex Marble and that the original stone came from Winspit quarry. Dorset County Council were to be contacted to see if they could assist with the drainage around the Memorial.

Mr Barter and Mr Beedle gave an update on the Village Hall lottery appreciation. It was apparent that most people were against major alterations and an assurance was given that no alterations would take place without the full agreement of all interested parties. Alternative forms of grant were being investigated and the Lottery Heritage fund was being considered instead of the Charity Fund.

Purbeck District Council had suggested a textile bank to be added to the mini-recycling bins outside the Village Hall. With possible building works, this was considered inappropriate.

A suggestion was made that it would be a good idea to collect memories, anecdotes and recollections of village life from our residents to form a permanent historical record. County Records Office had offered the loan of a tape recorder for the purpose and the Parish Council agreed to fund sundry expenses as a community project.

Village Hall News

On Saturday 25th January 1997 at 7.30 p.m. there will be an Art Reach performance of light classical music by The Budapest Cafe Orchestra in the village Hall. Tickets at a cost of £4.50 are available from Philippa Thorniley. There will be a bar.

On Sunday 2nd March 1997 at 7.30 p.m. there will be an Art Reach performance by the Denison String Quartet. This Quartet are people from Northern Ireland who perform similar music to the Trio Sirrocco who gave a concert last March. Tickets costing £4.00 may be obtained from Philippa Thorniley.

On February 15th there will be a fundraising Valentine’s Day supper. Tickets are £6.50 and can be obtained from Robin Gainsford on 471419.
The Hall Committee met in November and in December. Their main task is to consider the planning for the proposed Lottery Grant Application to improve the hall facilities. Everyone will agree that the toilets and the kitchen are in need of upgrading.

The Hall committee would welcome constructive comments and suggestions for improvements that could be made to the building. These should be in writing to Mrs Gill Vingoe, 18 Briantspuddle and should include the name/address of the person/organisation making the proposal. Anonymous proposals cannot be accepted nor considered. The hall committee is very conscious that after the improvements have been made the building must be used and more importantly maintained by the community and every effort will be made to make any improvements as lasting and cost effective as possible. It should be said that at this time no hard or fast plans have been made and before any plans are submitted or applications made there will be a chance for all residents and ratepayers to view the proposed improvements and make comments.

The committee has agreed that it is high time to replace the ageing and very uncomfortable chairs in the Village Hall with chairs that are more comfortable and comply with regulations for theatrical performances and concerts. The old chairs will be stored and used for hiring outside the hall premises. Mrs Vingoe is writing to businesses in Dorset asking for sponsors for the chairs. If anyone in the parish would like to sponsor a chair either in memory of a relative or friend or on their own behalf please contact Gill Vingoe for details.

Briantspuddle W.I.

We would like to thank everyone who helped and attended this year’s Christmas fair for making it such a successful and enjoyable event and we hope everyone managed to do some successful Christmas shopping. Thank you to the Social Club for providing the refreshments.

On Wednesday 4th December our membership was treated to a splendid dinner in the Hall prepared by two of Delia Smith’s pupils, Jenny and Nicky. The food was wonderful, the company delightful, the decorations in the hall very seasonal and the waiting by Richard and James first class. We were also provided with an excellent and most economical dishwasher in the form of Robert. Thank you all for a wonderful evening.

Thank you

The family of Babs Smith formerly of 10 The Hollow, Briantspuddle wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy, generous donations to the Royal British Legion and for attending the funeral service on Tuesday 14th November. Their support was greatly appreciated.
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PLAY AND LEARN VAN

Wednesday 8th January and Wednesday 22nd January 1997

9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Bere Regis First School
10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Bere Regis Surgery
2.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. Briantspuddle

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 1997

18th Quiz Evening, Scout HQ 7.30 p.m.
23rd AGM Twinning Association - Drax Hall 7.00 p.m.
24th FOBRS skittles evening - Royal Oak 7.00 p.m.
25th Jumble Sale, Wareham Town Hall 10.00 a.m.
25th Briantspuddle Village Hall - Budapest Cafe Orchestra 7.30 p.m.

February 1997

15th Briantspuddle Village Hall - Valentine’s Day supper

March 1997

2nd Briantspuddle Village Hall - Denison String Quartet 7.30 p.m.

POP IN PALLADIUM

What a lovely afternoon at the Pop In Palladium. Such a well rehearsed programme from Pop In People. People of all ages from Grannies to Grandchildren on the stage, and a hall full of people to enjoy a lovely Christmas Party with all the Christmas trimmings and lots of festive food. And, Father Christmas with a gift for everyone. This is something we have felt is sadly missing in our life today. The young and old meeting socially together as one great happy family, instead of separate units. If this is PIP, may you continue to succeed.

Fred and Cis Lewis
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