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Mr J England, 10 Southmead - 471469

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Cdr C Mander, 15 North Street - 471342

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Bingo 7.45 p.m. Monday, Drax Hall
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Mobile Library Every Friday 2.10 p.m. - 3.45 p.m., car park
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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.
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July
4th  Shitterton Spectacular, with Jim Etherington, Shitterton Farmhouse 8.00 p.m.
5th  Dorset Latvia Link Jumble Sale
5th  Coach trip to the Weald and Downland Museum, Singleton 9.30 a.m.
9th  Autumn Leaves Open day 2.30 p.m.
12th  Affpuddle Church Fete 2.15 p.m.
19th  Carnival, Sports Field
26th  Milton Abbas Street Fair
29th  Blood Donor session, Drax Hall. 1.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m.-7.00 p.m.

August
2nd  Lammas Fair/Fun Day at Court Green
17th  Dorset Latvia Link stall at Dorset Police HQ Open Day

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

October
10th  Auction of Promises, Bere Regis Scout Group
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

"HAPPINESS"

I have always felt slightly uneasy with a part of the American Declaration of Independence. It is the place which states that the pursuit of happiness is a sacred and inalienable right. I know that we all want happiness. I hear parents saying “All I want for my child is that she or he should be happy”. I understand the sentiment. Yet somehow I never think that happiness is any right, and certainly, experience has taught me that pursuing happiness is a waste of time.

The pursuit of happiness very quickly turns into the pursuit of pleasure and leisure. Whenever I have pursued pleasure it has led to greed; the greed that gratifies the senses and ends in debauchery. Whenever I have pursued leisure, it has led to boredom and an itch to stop it.

The great English novelist of two hundred years ago described in one of his books a valley of happiness, where people “wandered in gardens of fragrance. Revelry and merriment was the business of every hour, from the dawn of the morning to the close of even”. Everything was done to fill up the tedium of time. The hero in the story could find no happiness, and in the end he “bent his whole mind on the means of escaping from the valley of happiness”.

Happiness on earth is never lasting. It comes and goes, like rays of sunshine breaking throughout the clouds on a rainy day. Sometime it leaves behind a rainbow, like a ray of hope. Sometimes God sends beams of happiness to assure us of this love. It is a sign of his grace.

You will have your own definition of happiness. For me, happiness is friendship and laughter, it is a loving companion; it is knowing that I am loved, it can be a lovely day. Sometime, sweet content and peace overwhelms me and I cannot account for it. But above all, sublime happiness comes in finding God and loving him.

I don’t think I have ever found happiness by pursuing it. It has always come unexpectedly and always as a gift. Certainly, I never believe it to be my inalienable right, and I try to say a thank you when it comes.

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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

July 6th 9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Mr Dashwood / Mr Ward

July 13th 11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 p.m. Mrs Jutting / Mr Barnes

July 20th 9.30 a.m. Mr Strange / Mrs Hazlerigg
6.00 p.m. Miss Chesney / Mrs Griffin

July 27th 11.00 a.m. Miss Miller / Mr Croom
6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton / Mrs Ward

Bere Regis Readers

July 6th Mrs C Lewis
July 13th Mr I Ventham
July 20th Miss P Chesney
July 27th Mrs P Ward

Sanctuary Flower Guild

July 6th Mrs C Clegg
July 13th Mrs D Barnes Mrs B Cobb
July 20th Autumn Leaves
July 27th Mrs C Burden Mrs J Gibbs

CHURCH SERVICES in JULY

Sunday 6th July 6th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 13th July 7th Sunday after Trinity (Sea Sunday)
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 20th July 8th Sunday after Trinity
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 27th July 9th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)
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Mrs H Menzies
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Mr R Killer
John 13, 1-15

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Fortnight beginning:

30th June - Paul Badcock, Campbell de Burgh, Philip Ventham
14th July - Steve Sanderson, Michael Hipwell, Alex Armitage
28th July - Richard Killer, Dereck Boyt, Bob Holman

CHURCH NOTICES - BERE REGIS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

The bellringers are having a well earned break from practices for the summer.

The tower will be open to visitors for Tower Tours on the day of the Lammas Fair on the 2nd August.

Visiting ringers to our tower have been arranged on the morning of July 12th for those from the Basingstoke area.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - BOX OPENING

It is time again for these boxes to be opened. Could you please either bring your box to church on Sunday 20th July, or bring it to Mary England at 10 Southmead, Bere Regis. Many thanks.

CHURCH NOTICES - AFFPUDDLE

Church Fete - Cruck Cottage 12th July, 2.15 p.m.

The Church fete will be held on Saturday 12th July 1997. Please tell all your friends and relations about this event. Please come along and please respond generously if you are asked to donate goods for the various stalls.

The gate will be open at 2.15p.m. All the usual stalls will be there, cakes, bric-a-brac, books, plants and tombola together with teas, a raffle and many sideshows and competitions. Weymouth Brass Band will play throughout the afternoon.
OBITUARY

CANON DENIS SHAW

It was with deep sadness that we heard of the death of a former vicar of this benefice, Canon Denis Shaw. He had been very ill for some considerable time and had been nursed throughout by his wife Doreen. When he passed away, very peacefully at the end of May, it was almost a relief, in that he had moved out of this life into a new life in the God that he loved and served for so long. He had moved to an existence without pain, or sorrow, or crying.

His funeral service in Wyke Regis church, the parish to which he had moved on leaving this benefice, was quite lovely. It was a Requiem Communion and the hymns were all joyful, indicating the confidence we all felt in his new life.

Then, on Wednesday 18th June, at the request of Doreen, his ashes were brought back to Bere Regis for interment in the graveyard. This gave us an opportunity to have a Service of Thanksgiving in his old church. At this service we remembered with happiness his ministry here; his gentleness, care and patience, his infectious humour, his joy in music and many other qualities held dear by so many who were here when he was the vicar.

It was a gentle service for a gentle man, and we gave thanks to God for him. Many people came to pay their respects, and it is good to have his ashes interred in our churchyard. May he rest in peace and in the love of God.

BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS' UNION

Our June meeting was a service of Holy Communion when the celebrant was the Revd Justin Bailey from Ansty. Justin chose not to preach but to give us a talk afterwards, using slides showing how eucharistic practices have changed over the years. Whereas in our own church, the sanctuary is bounded by just one altar rail, in some churches, e.g. Puddletown, the altar is encompassed on three sides.

Justin showed pictorial evidence to explain how, in Jacobean times, the Lord’s supper was celebrated in an almost identical format to the original Last Supper.

Twenty five people booked to take part in the Church Crawl, visiting the churches of Maiden Newton, Frome Vanchurch and Cattistock. Supper was booked at the Fox and Hounds Inn, Cattistock.

Our July meeting will be an evening outing to the gardens of the Old Vicarage, Stinsford, price £1.50. This will take place on 2nd July and we leave the village at 6.30 p.m.

Please remember to support the Deanery Sale at Blandford Corn Exchange on the morning of Saturday 5th July. Eileen B will be glad to receive gifts for the stalls and offers of help.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN'S SECTION

The monthly meeting was held on 21st May and 22 members were present. After the Exhortation, minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Mrs M Carlyle who spoke to us on ‘Quilting’ and brought much of her beautiful work to show us.

Teas were then served by Mrs Payne and Mrs Reed and a raffle was run by Mrs Humphreys.

Cenotaph for July - Mrs Curtiss and Mrs Clarke. For August - Mrs Burt and Mrs Carr.
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, GARDENING CLUB

A somewhat disappointing turnout for last month's Club Nite but it was a beautiful sunny day so perhaps members found other things to do.

Perhaps this is as good a time as any to point out some of the problems that confront the committee each year when it comes to booking Guest Speakers for the following year.

We have to book them a year in advance for a start. Every year our expenses increase. Our last speaker cost a little over £40. Kingston Maurward speakers are not much less. Raffle prizes cost more each year. It doesn’t take much to work out that around £35 for the speaker plus about £25 for the prizes means we need to sell £60 worth of raffle tickets just to break even. That'll be the day!

Then again, it's a Gardening Club. Therefore our speakers should have something to do with gardening. Presumably. As it happens, one of the biggest turnouts we had one year was for a talk on Butterflies and another was on Bees. Oddly enough one of the most amusing was our speaker on Health and Safety in the garden.

Sticking to the Gardening theme, it seems to me, looking back over the past few years' lists of speakers, that we end up going round in circles. Could this help to explain why membership numbers are a few down each year? Are we getting bored perhaps?

By the time you read this, Saturday 19th July will be just around the corner. Your committee are once again entering a float on your behalf. Adrian and Elaine will be organising the Bar-B-Que, so one way or another, The Club is very much involved. I get the impression it's going to be a real fun day. Good luck to Ragamuffins and all those volunteers who refused to let the Village Carnival die.

See you all on Tuesday 1st July. White Rabbits.

P.S. I am informed that the Legion Club official opening time is 7.15 p.m. Would you please not arrive before then as it is embarrassing for the staff to have to keep people locked out. It may also be against the law to let people in before time, Many thanks.

Brian

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council discussed the Open Meeting held the previous week with the proposed builders of the new houses in the village. It was felt that the presenters had gone away with a very strong message concerning the feelings of the people who had attended that meeting. There is to be a follow-up Exhibition by the Purbeck District Council in the Drax Hall on Wednesday 16th July between 1.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Council Officers will be in attendance to take questions and suggestions so that, if planning approval is sought, they will be in a position to offer alternative solutions, if they agreed with them in the first place.

The Council is very concerned with the state of the Play Area. Each month sees expenditure for repairs to gates, fencing and now the actual features. We as a village have to meet the safety requirements of the legislation covering such areas. They are very stringent, because children are concerned and could get hurt. The fencing is provided to keep out the dogs that find the oak bark a more comfortable loo than elsewhere. The Council is keen to retain this area for the children, for whom it was provided, by a team of hardworking mums. However, if the vandalism persists, they will have second thoughts and stop pouring your Council Tax into it. The village looks to parents to teach the children to look after their possessions - the Play Area is one such possession.

The Purbeck District Council in its positive endeavours to increase the re-cycling of waste has issued bins for specific items e.g. paper, plastic and tins. This is seen by the Parish Council as a very positive move in the right direction and it is hoped that those householders, who have received the bins will make good use of them. There is no doubt that the separation of selected waste at the source will improve the re-cycling operation.

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DRAX HALL

The new Caretaker of the Hall is Mrs Angela Wright of 13 Green Close. If you have any queries concerning the hall, please contact her. The Committee representatives had attended the annual ArtsReach meeting at Martinstown and as a result it is hoped to provide our normal live theatre performances throughout the years. When bookings have been confirmed, announcements will be made.

For those people who are not aware of what we arrange, let it be known that the same performances can be seen at real theatres for considerably higher seat prices. The ArtsReach team are bringing live theatre performances to the communities. I sometimes wonder if the disappointing attendances are the result of people thinking that they are local amateurs. The prices are kept as low as possible, by sponsoring from all manner of sources. The Hall makes a very small profit but then we see it as a means to further the use of the Hall.

For all users, please note that the Hall is going to be painted in the near future, so please be patient and flexible.

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THE LAMMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST

"It's For You!" The Parish Church is running what it calls a Lammas Fair. We hope it will be a fun afternoon for all the family. It's on 'Court Green' - the field next to the cress packing station on the main road) and everything will start happening at 2.00 p.m.

There will be a band; stalls selling cakes, preserves and produce; side-shows; refreshments; pony rides; face painting; bottle stalls; a prize draw (you will win at 4.00 p.m.); a Spanish stall; book stall; bric-a-brac; and many other delights to add charm to an otherwise pretty dull afternoon.

Give yourself a treat. Come and enjoy yourself.

By the way, the word Lammas comes from a Saxon word HLAM - MAESSE, meaning Loaf Mass. Lammas Day was always held on 1st August and the days around it were called Lammas-tide! On this day a loaf was given to the priest.

There was church and a priest here in Saxon times, so we thought it a happy title for our "Fun day", especially as it is to be held on Court Green, the site of the Manor from Norman times. This will be a fund-raising event, but be assured, it is not to provide bread for the vicar! It will all be for our church.

Lammas Fair

Saturday 2nd August 1997
at 2.00 p.m.
Court Green

1st BERE REGIS BROWNIES AND 1st PIDDLE VALLEY RAINBOWS

The Brownies and Rainbows are continuing to grow in numbers with Brownies enjoying crafts and games at the Scout HQ. We recently held a games evening at the sports field with Rainbows and we will be holding another on the 25th June. Many thanks to the Sports Club for opening their doors (should girls have needed 'comfort stops') and for the refreshments they provided. Rainbows and Brownies will have also had a go at River Dipping - a fun way of finding things which live in the river.

Thank you to all those who made our coffee evening such a success. £40 was raised for our funds.

Our end of term BBQ will be held on Wednesday 16th July from 5.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. at the Scout HQ. All parents, friends, Aunts and Uncles are invited. There will be games, stalls, raffle and, of course, hot dogs and burgers.

Four brownies and myself are off on a Pack Holiday under canvas at Foxlease, Lyndhurst at the end of August. We are hoping for a sunny, dry week.

At the end of term, we say goodbye and thank you to Andrea Phillips for all her help at Rainbows. So, once again we need to ask for help with Rainbows. If you are able to help, please let me or Elizabeth Gale know.

Pat Bentley, Brown Owl

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER '50's' CLUB

Members enjoyed an excellent outing to Sidmouth in fine weather, with just a little shower as they were leaving. On the way back they stopped for a delicious fish and chip supper.

The next meeting on the 9th July will be the Open Day and Rose competition. This will be open to the public and all are welcome. There will be an exhibition of tablecloths, and a competition for table mats, which will be judged by the public. The rose competition is for members only, and is one rose on a stem, and not a bud. There will be a sales table, raffle and refreshments.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Summer really did come into our June meeting with Mrs Preston using lots of garden material. In July we have Judy Christian to tell the story, through her flowers, of "The Lyme Ladies".

We do not meet in August, but we look forward to seeing you in September.
BERE REGIS WI

June is always the month reserved for our members’ evening. It was again our pleasure to spend it at Mrs Pauline Jesty’s home. Welcome is always there in capital letters.

Our meeting this month promises to be interesting – the title being: “What’s new in Crafts and Haberdashery”. Come along and find out for yourself!

Did I not report last month - Watch this Space? Here is number one by kind permission of Mrs Megan Stone.

DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

The six new galleries at the Dorset County Museum, entitled ‘A Writer’s Dorset’, will be opened by well known author Margaret Drabble on the 17 July. The project will use the latest computer techniques and animated displays as well as a wealth of original manuscripts, paintings, drawings and objects. These help trace the history of literature in Dorset from the eighth century church writers to the twentieth century.

The centrepiece of the galleries is the Thomas Hardy collection. The museum owns nearly two thirds of Hardy’s manuscripts as well as many of his books and personal effects. Also included are other such literary luminaries as William Barnes, Sir Walter Raleigh, Jane Austen, William Wordsworth and John Meade-Faulkner.

POPP IN PLACE

Thank you to everyone who sponsored or walked in aid of the disabled access to the Drax Hall. More details of that event will appear in next month’s magazine.

Transport

If you would like to attend the Pop in Place but, for whatever reason, you are unable to walk, transport is available. For Mondays, telephone Shelagh on 472368 and for Fridays, telephone Colin on 471855, before 8.30 a.m. or the evening before.

Vegetables

If anyone is interested in providing the Pop in Place with garden produce, please contact our Chairperson or just bring it along on a Monday or Friday morning.

Summer Activities for Children

We have had the go ahead from Pam Woodhouse, the under eight’s officer, to provide activities for children from 5 - 12 years of age during the school summer holiday. A full programme of events was produced in last month’s magazine and all children must register before 25 July. Forms are available from the Pop in Place.

Volunteer Helpers

Depending on the demand for the children’s activities, it is possible that we will need more help as we have to function in accordance with the Social Services guidelines for after school and holiday clubs. This means that the correct ratio of adult to children supervision is essential. If you are able to help us provide this excellent facility to the children of the village during the Summer holiday, please contact our Chairperson.

For more information or offers of help, please contact Alison Bennett - Pop in Place Chairperson on 472023.

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 703747, or your local organiser, Mrs Rosemary Short on 01305 853538.
BRRAD
BERE REGIS RESIDENTS AGAINST DEVELOPMENT
2 Tower Hill, Bere Regis, Dorset BH20 7JA

Thank you to those of you who attended the Parish Council/Fry Developers meeting at the Drax Hall on Thursday, 5th June 1997.

For those of you who couldn't make the meeting, it was certainly very interesting, despite the fact that the details indicated very similar plans to those shown over a year ago when Purbeck District Council had their exhibition. However, we will have 6 weeks in which to make our formal objections to the Draft Local Structure Plan to Purbeck District Council from publication which is scheduled for the 26th June 1997. This means that as individuals our next set of objections must be with PDC no later than 7th August, so please don't let holidays etc prevent you from making your views known, again. It essential that you lodge your comments with PDC even if you have written in before.

The information given at the Fry Presentation can be summarised as follows - it is proposed that there be 60 houses on each site. Access to the development at the West Street site is still proposed directly off West Street (adjacent to No 45). 6 houses will be built at the top of Butt Lane, with access via Butt Lane, although it is intended that the remaining 54 houses would enter and exit via West Street (however, there didn't appear to be anything to prevent the use of Back Lane to Butt Lane at this stage).

Access to the Snow Hill site is still through North Street with a slip road planned where the public footpath runs through the field that currently links North Street with the top of Snow Hill. Approximately 2/3 of the way up Snow Hill there would be bollards, but there would still be access directly onto Snow Hill for 4 houses. Interestingly, at the previous exhibition there were no plans to build houses on the space reserved for open recreation ground, now there are proposals to build 2 houses next to the thatched cottage at the top of Snow Hill. What will therefore happen to our hedgerows?

There are to be 11 Housing Association houses at the West Street development and 9 on the Snow Hill site. Housing Association properties will not be guaranteed for village residents, as allocation would be entirely at the discretion of the Housing Association.

Frys would like to build 25/30 houses over a 5 year period, in effect a permanent building site for possibly 15 years!!

The area allocated for recreation use which lies between the two development areas would be protected by a 50 year lease. There are no plans to lease the remaining piece of land to the west of the development on West Street, which therefore could become available for development at a later date. This would seem even more likely as the access road stops at this far boundary, as if ready for this future opportunity.

Industrial units are still featured on the plan, although Fry's would not be involved in this part of the development, and therefore could give no details.

PDC have confirmed that the Draft local Structure Plan is due out on Thursday, 26th June 1997, and a meeting/exhibition with a presentation on Wednesday, 16th July by PDC/Parish Council from 11.00am to 7.00pm (if you feel that it should be open until later eg 8.30pm please telephone Hilary Jordan on 01929 556561 and make your feelings known). This is to be advertised in the Advertiser, The Guardian The Echo and via posters - watch out for them in case the dates changes again!

With regard to a couple of specific concerns, Fry stated that the Highways Department do not foresee any problem with routing the additional 200 plus cars along North Street & West Street respectively, however it was confirmed they would not allow access to North Street from the Petrol Station roundabout. As for the sewerage, Frys will pay the normal connection charges for new homes to Wessex Water, but when challenged by BRRAD about the overall costs involved in the necessary pipeline/pumping improvements which may well extend as far away as Bloxworth in order to cope with the additional waste, (estimated with run into £millions), we were advised to contact Wessex Water direct. We HAVE already done this, via numerous letters and telephone calls, which to date, remain unanswered.

If you would like to join BRRAD, please complete the slip below and post it to 2 Tower Hill - all new members will receive regular newsletters to keep up to date with the situation.

NAME...........................................................................................................
ADDRESS...............................................................................................

I wish to become a member of BRRAD and would be willing to pay a subscription of £2 per person to support the action fund.

GARDENS OF KIMMERIDGE

Following last year's popular and well supported event - we had at least 300 visitors - 6 Kimmeridge gardens, including two for the first time, will be opening on Sunday 27th July from 2.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Proceeds will be given to FARM AFRICA. There will be at least two plant stalls, cream teas and free car parking

Admission - £2.50
BERE REGIS CARNIVAL DAY - SATURDAY 19 JULY 1997

The sponsored horse ride on Sunday 8 June went well even though there was a downpour at 9 o’clock. There were approximately 26 entries. The riders all went off armed with maps and waterproofs from 9.30 onwards. Marshals were posted in the furthest corners of the wolds (Chamberlaynes Bridge, Bloxworth and Turners Puddle to name a few). A very good day was had by all, organisers and riders alike, and the total amount of money raised should turn out to be in excess of £200. Our thanks go out to all who helped, especially Helen Crocker for organising the route.

The preparations for the Carnival are nearing completion, we hope. The procession will start at approximately 2.30 p.m. with judging at 2.00 p.m. If anyone hasn’t yet entered a float and would like to, contact the Playgroup committee. Arena events are to include a 15th Century battle, vintage motorcycles, Eileen Spracklen’s dancers and Wacky Races. There will be something for everyone on the day, with a bouncy castle and roundabout, plus numerous side shows for the children, licensed bars and barbecue, refreshments and soft drinks, and later on in the day Morris Dancing, a disco and live band.

There will also be a car boot sale and anyone wishing to participate should contact either myself or any of the Committee for an entry form. The cost is £4 for a car, £5 for a trailer or van. Anyone wishing to have a craft stall should also contact us on 01929 472076 during the evenings or 01202 481608 during the day.

We have been promised a Scimitar tank by the army. This will be in the parade and hopefully they will stay after the procession for people to look over the tank.

We are still asking for donations for the Grand Draw to be held on Carnival Day. Anyone wishing to make a donation please phone me.

Draw tickets are on sale all over the village. If you haven’t yet got yours see any of the Committee.

There will be one last open Carnival meeting for any interested parties to attend. This is to be held at Bere Regis Sports Club on Wednesday 9 July at 8 p.m. This is your carnival so if you have any last minute ideas or suggestions, or would be available to help, please feel free to come along. I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 19 July at the Sports Field. Let’s hope the weather is kind to us.

Wendy Johnson, Secretary, Carnival Committee - (01929) 472076

JUBILEE 2000

"Energetic action on debt would make a radical difference to the prospects of many of the poorest countries in the world - at no practical cost to creditor countries". So said Kenneth Clarke when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the new government has shown itself keen to link foreign policy to the safeguarding of human rights and basic needs. There is cross party support for the ideas behind Jubilee 2000 and it is essential that our MPs hear about the concerns of the people they represent, so that they can translate concern into action.

A recent study by the well known relief organisation, Medecins sans Frontieres, found that in Kinshasa, capital of Zaire, one in ten children under five was malnourished, and one in forty was starving. Can we comfortably sit down in the morning and tuck into our breakfast, knowing that we are dependent on many ‘Third World’ countries for supplying our tea, coffee, much of our fruit and out of season vegetables, rice spices, etc, while the growers often have a job even to stay alive?

If, like I do, you welcome the motion by Jubilee 2000, for cancellation of unpayable debts, to give people in many developing countries the chance of a new start in the year 2000, perhaps you could contact me, or join the Mind the World group (Chairman - Pat Chesney, Tel: 01929 471519) in order to help us with brilliant ideas for the promotion of the scheme! Or you could keep your eyes open for the Jubilee 2000 petition and encourage your friends to sign it with you.

The purpose of the petition is to gather as large a number of signatures as possible, hoping to beat the Guinness Book of Records Korean Petition of 13.5 million signatures. They will be submitted first to the meeting G7 countries meeting in Birmingham and chaired by Britain in June 1998. Then a full global collection of signatures will be taken to the G7 meeting in Germany in June 1999. (Members of the Mind the World Group have petition forms.)

Finally, letters to either Christopher Fraser, our local MP, or Clare Short, International Development Secretary, would be of great value. It is said that all policy matters are worked out within the first six months of the life of a new Government, so don’t delay. To be able to demonstrate a large number of letters in support of Jubilee 2000, will strengthen Clare Short’s arm in making representations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Or you could write to the Chancellor direct! The address for all MPs is: House of Commons, Westminster, London W1A 0AA.

Good luck and thank you.

Philippa Ward, Tel: 471527
We all have at least one Christian name, or first name, as well as a surname, of course. We are known and identified by our name, or nick-name, for better or worse! Just mention a name like Eric Cantona, or Prince Charles, or Margaret Thatcher, and immediately we have a mental picture of them. How accurate that picture is, is quite another matter.

Names are very important. They convey a sense of who we are, and also how others relate and react to us. Give a dog a bad name (like rottweiler) and he will have to live with it for the rest of his life. Household trade names like Tesco, or Sainsbury, or Boots, rely on their good name to keep their customers. The worldwide corporation of the Coca-Cola company has a large legal department and even field inspectors to protect their trademark name. That's how vital it is to them.

Much more is at stake, however, when the name of God, or His Son, Jesus Christ, is taken in vain, misused or abused, or used as a curse. God is jealous for His holy name and He will protect it (Ezekial 39: 25). The name of Jesus Christ is reviled and hated by many people around the world, but it is the most important name in all the world (Matthew 1: 21).

That is why true Christians who have a personal relationship with Christ Jesus through spiritual new birth, revere, honour, trust, love, and praise His wonderful name. There is a well known hymn which starts 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear'. It goes on to say:

Jesus, my Shepherd, Saviour, Friend
My Prophet, Priest and King.
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the Praise I bring.

Yes, you can count on Christ Jesus' name.

"God exalted Jesus to the highest place and gave Him a name above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow" Philippians 2: 9.

Rev Ray Healey - 471443

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Cricket Results

17 May
- WESSEX WANDERERS 149 allout
  (M Bennett 4-20, S Cheeseman 3-33)
- BERE REGIS 150 for 4
  (M Bennett 43no. D Rogerson 27no. C Way 30)

18 May
- POOLE & POOLE OG'S II 150 for 7
- BERE REGIS 146 allout
  (D Merritt 26, D Rogerson 26, G Price 40no.)

24 May
- WEYMOUTH LAB CLUB 125 allout
  (M Bennett 3-18)
- BERE REGIS 118 allout
  (D Rogerson 42)

25 May
- BERE REGIS 122 allout
  (D Rogerson 25, I Macklin 30)
- MUDEFORD 125 for 8
  (D Rogerson 4-21)

31 May
- GILLINGHAM 215 for 8
  (I Macklin 3-32)
- BERE REGIS 217 for 7
  (R Hewitt 64, D Merritt 43, C Way 34)

1 June
- ABBOTSBURY 159 for 9
  (S Cooper 4-39, S Cheeseman 3-31)
- BERE REGIS 163 for 9
  (D Merritt 44, G Price 49)

7 June
- MILTON ABBAS 182 for 6
  (M Bennett 3-23)
- BERE REGIS 100 allout
  (C Way 41)

8 June
- BERE REGIS 215 for 3
  (R Hewitt 81 no. C Way 76)
- BEAMINSTER 210 allout
  (C Oram 4-39, D Rogerson 3-61)
Bere’s battle for survival continued at home to neighbours Wessex Wanderers, who proved a tough hurdle to overcome even at home. Their unorthodox top order have kept them in contention more than once, and their 149 on Bere’s track is a useful total. Bowling veteran Mark Bennett and spring chicken Steve Cheeseman shared seven wickets to ensure maximum points. The former steered Bere to a six wicket victory with Dean Rogerson hitting a dominant 27 not out.

Earlier Sir Charles Way badgered his way to a form boosting 30 off as many deliveries. The daunting task of facing a useful Poole & Poole Old Gramphones at home was weakened somewhat, as the Sunday side, led by Reggiana “Calypso” Fripp had only nine men to beat. They set about their task with the bowlers toiling, but a steady stream of wickets led to the away side from Poole crumbling to 150. Bere’s reply had the look of D&D about it, as the two Deans both reached 26, and Bere moved inexorably towards their target. Centre stage was left for Old Watfordian hearthrob Graeme Price, who looked totally in command until he ran out of partners and Bere fell four runs short.

Bere were on a hiding to nothing down Mudeford way, having never confronted them before. The game was over relatively early, but this gave a false picture as Bere ran Mudeford’s high flyers close. Messrs Rogerson and Macklin stole the batting show, but 122 was never enough, despite Mud’ losing eight wickets getting there. Dean Rogerson showed a welcome return with the ball, with four wickets.

Bere Regis have never met artificial pitches with even guarded enthusiasm. Gillingham are newcomers to these cricketing shores, and possess a useful mat. Fielding first, Bere’s bowlers were hammered to all parts during the opening fifteen overs. It was not customary for Bere to chase leather, and Gillingham threatened to run away with it. Parity was restored, with Iain Macklin taking three wickets and Bere applied some form of pressure although with the carpet playing well, it was always going to be a 200 plus wicket. A swift response was required.

Openers Russ “Eric Hall” Hewitt and Tiny Merritt answered the call with a stand of 92, Russell continued on to 64, an innings curtailed by the decade’s most ridiculous umpiring decision. It proved to be one that almost swung the game for the home team. The “Homer” umpire adjudged our skipper out, despite him getting an inside edge onto the pads that could have been heard at Bere, but leg before was the verdict. This sparked a major collapse, with five middle order batsmen tumbling. Batting legend Doug Curtis rekindled former glories as he remained cool in the middle. He hit two boundaries, one sailing past mid-on’s right hand to clinch an improbable three wicket win. His partner, Nicky Cheeseman handled the pressure cooker situation well and his winning weekend was far from over. Rarely have Bere chased runs and won two games in the space of 48 hours, Abbotsbury became the second victims during “The Great Weekend of Bere Cricket”.

At home Bere have a formidable record, Abbotsbury decided on batting, they progressed at a gradual rate. Steve Cheeseman bagged both openers, but the Swans remained on course for full batting points. They did not count on the accuracy of seamer Steve Cooper, coming back from the wilderness. He was primarily in for the all-rounder spot, but his mammoth spell yielded four wickets, keeping the skipper most happy although he ran him out later on. General Gordon Tucker held two ultra classic catches and was fined heavily later. This highlighted Bere’s top fielding performance thus far, restricting the ambitious Abbotsbury to 159 from their allocation of overs. Graeme Price and Dean Merritt compiled a stand worthy of winning any game, they surpassed three figures and the home side were cruising, until Tiny ran his partner out staying put on a certain three. He was on 49.

Wickets fell in avalanche form and they became the major part of the equation, as overs were irrelevant at the time. Nicky Cheeseman in his second performance of the weekend kept his head as others didn’t. He was greeted at the crease by John “Rinky” Denholm for the last wicket. By now overs were running out, and a grandstand finish looked likely as the home faithful paced up and down like sentries chewing nails aplessly. With six needed from the final over, wily old John took a glance round the ground and spotted a major flaw in Abbotsbury’s defences. They hadn’t done their homework, failing to take into account Mr Denholm’s famous flourish through the third man area. Two fours off consecutive were guided down to the spectators’ bench and Bere were home with two balls left. Jugs flowed in the clubhouse, and the post match festivities carried on well into the night, although someone has some explaining to do about a stocking.

A trek of Marco Polo proportions faced Bere when they were away to Beaminster. Stand in skipper General Gordon Dulux Tucker was in confident mood, as he took with him a strong side. With Bere batting first on an even mat, Sir Charles Way and Eric Hall took control adding 128 for the second wicket. Beaminster’s run getters had a reputation of big hitting, and it was always going to be a contest. The skipper was forced into some radical re-thinking on fielding positions, he even wooed the crowd with an impromptu Michael Flatley impression. Dean “DHL” Rogerson had a bumper day in the runs conceded column, but coupled with Chris Oram who narrowly avoided a jug, they steered Bere home. The final wicket being a top pressure catch from Dean Merritt down at long-on.

The Cricket Club will be staging a fun evening at the clubhouse on 4 July, centering naturally around American Independence Day. On the night there will be events for all ages, and themed food and selected beers and wines on offer.

The Football Club is progressing towards the 1997-8 season with one team on Saturdays and one on Sundays. Training sessions will commence at the ground on 9 July at 7.30pm.

Steve Cheeseman
DORSET LATVIA LINK

I am very happy to report that Alesja has had her operation at long last. The operation was a success although she will require a further two minor operations to tidy things up. Given the length of time she has suffered with an ill-fitting prosthesis it is hardly surprising that problems developed, but it is hoped that further surgery can take place very soon. The surgeon has indicated that the initial funding should be sufficient to cover the cost of any further minor surgery required, but we will have to wait and see.

Our Jumble Sale takes place on 5 July at the Scout HQ Bere Regis - details elsewhere in this issue. Jumble etc. is still required so please contact the Secretary on 01929 471577 for collection, or leave it at the Scout HQ during the morning of 5 July. There is some doubt about our stall for the Milton Abbas Street Fair. However, our stall at the Dorset Police HQ Open Day on 17 August is very much a going concern and costs us nothing, apart from a lot of hard work. More details in our next issue.

The Link were invited by Wareham Rotary to run a stall at the Wool Fayre-on-the-Green on Sunday 8 June. We were very fortunate that weather remained fine and, although attendance was not large, there was a Maypole and Country Dancing as well as a plant stall and afternoon teas. We managed to raise £46.26 which was most acceptable.

Jenny Silavs - Hon Sec

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

Briantspuddle Hall Committee

The Annual General Meeting of the Briantspuddle Hall Committee was held on Monday 2nd June 1997. The Annual Accounts were passed and a report of the previous year's work was presented to the committee. The following committee members resigned, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Killer and Mr Russell. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for their contribution towards the work of the Committee.

The following new members were elected, Mrs Beedle and Mrs Lightfoot. Discussion took place about the main fundraising event, a Jazz evening, to be held later in the year. Mrs Vingoe resigned as Chairman, her three year period of duty having come to an end. Mr Beedle was elected as Chairman. Mrs Thorniley continues as Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs Thorniley and Mrs Vingoe have attended an Art Reach promoters evening and it is hoped to have a varied, entertaining and interesting programme of plays and concerts in the Autumn and Winter season. Details will appear in the magazine as soon as the programme has been arranged.

Captian Paul Badcock attended the meeting and explained that due to the fact that the R.A.G.E. funds had been invested with the Alliance and Leicester Building Society which had now converted to a bank, the organisation was eligible for bonus shares which would be sold and the money used to buy approximately 30 new chairs for the hall. Naturally the news was received with gratitude. Plans are afoot to choose a suitable style and colour. It was agreed that the Hall Committee would buy another 30 chairs at the same time. The Hall Committee is most grateful to R.A.G.E. for their generous gesture.

CHURCH FETE

Do not forget the church fete in Cruck Cottage garden on Saturday 12th July at 2.15 p.m. Come and listen to the Band whilst enjoying yourself on the sideshows and finding those bargains on the stalls.
Local Bed and Breakfast Accommodation required for weekend of 26th/27th September. If you can help please call Alison on 01929 471780.

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