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Alison
**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**
7.00 - 11.30 p.m. Monday - Saturday
12.00 - 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 - 10.30 p.m. Sunday

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

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

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

**B.R.S.C.**
Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri
7.00 p.m. Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.

**Briantspuddle Singers**
7.45 p.m. Tuesdays, Village Hall

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

**C.A.B.**
Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.
2.00 p.m. (closed Wednesday)
Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only)
Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

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

**Cubs**
6.30 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ

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

**D.S.S. Van**
1st Mon 10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.

**Dorset/Lativa Link**
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**Floral Group**
2.30 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 2.10 p.m. - 3.45 p.m., car park

**Mother and Toddler**
2.00 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

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

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

**Sub-committees on Post Office notice board**
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

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

**Tuesday Clubs**
Junior Club: 7.00 p.m. 6 - 9 years
Youth Club: 7.00 p.m. 9 years and over,
Congregational Church

**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

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**PLAY AND LEARN VAN**

**Wednesday 11 June and Wednesday 25 June**

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.
THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

June 1997

A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

How do you cope with change? I think I am one of those people who finds change very irksome. I rejoice when I read anything that is anti-change. There was a philosopher called Petronious who wrote some two and a half thousand years ago that he had noticed, that as soon as something was working well, someone would come and change it, in order to create 'the illusion of progress'. When I read that I smiled and realised that nothing really changes, and that there is nothing new under the sun. But we have to come to terms with change. We have to look at it and try to see if it might be for the good. Sometimes it is, and sometimes it isn't. For example, those who wish to 'streamline' a firm or part of our society, instead of saying "I'm sorry we will have to sack you", they say "we are taking efficiency measures". Change in language can be not only irksome, but deceitful as well.

The church is caught up in this problem. In 1962, the Second Vatican Council of the Roman Catholic Church instigated far reaching changes, including a change from the Latin Mass to the Mass being said in the language of the country. This change caused a great deal of discomfort to the faithful, but it has now more or less been accepted. Then in 1980, the Church of England brought in its own alternative form of worship. This in turn was painful to some, but eagerly embraced by others. Another new form of prayer book is being devised for 2000 AD.

In our two parishes, we have two glorious church buildings, and we have a wealth of heritage in the people who have attended church year by year back to their earliest years. Because of this, as vicar of the two parishes, I have the continual responsibility of weighing up the vexed question "is our heritage a dead weight, stopping us from moving, rather like an anchor, or is our heritage a rock from which we can leap forward with confidence."

"We have always done it this way" and "Mrs X has always done that window" can be dead weight statements; anchors holding us back and barriers to new movement, or they can be followed up with positive statements like "but there is no reason why we shouldn't......". Unless there is some clearly defined and theological reason why we shouldn't change, then I think we should have a look at it, not in order to create the illusion of progress, but simply to respond to the needs of our changing and living community.

Chas Roblin

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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

June 1st 9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Mr Dashwood / Mr Ward
June 8th 11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 p.m. Mrs Jutting / Mrs Barnes
June 15th 9.30 a.m. Mr Strange / Mrs Hazelrigg
6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton / Mrs Griffin
June 22nd 11.00 a.m. Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Mr Croom / Mrs Ward
June 29th Joint Service at Turnerspuddle

Readers
June 1st Miss Frampton
June 8th Mrs Jutting
June 15th Mrs Griffin
June 22nd Mrs Ward

Sanctuary Flower Guild

June 1st Mrs Jeeves
June 8th Mrs Jeeves
June 15th Mrs P Ward
June 22nd Mrs Jeeves
June 29th Mrs P House

CHURCH SERVICES in JUNE

Sunday 1st June
8.00 a.m. Trinity I
Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 8th June
8.00 a.m. Trinity II
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 15th June
8.00 a.m. Trinity III
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 22nd June
8.00 a.m. St John Baptist Day
Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service and Party (Bere Regis)

Sunday 29th June
11.00 a.m. St Peter's Day
Open air service in Turnerspuddle Church
Combined parishes of Bere Regis and Affpuddle.
Picnic in churchyard after the service
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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**Mowing Rota**

Fortnight beginning:

- 2nd June - Allan Smith, Hugh Flavell, David Payne
- 16th June - Philip Nicholson, George Silavs, George Sherwood

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**CHURCH NOTICES - BERE REGIS**

**VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY**

This year, the vicarage Garden Party will be held on Saturday 28th June, starting at 2.30 p.m. It is a good opportunity to enjoy a Saturday afternoon in a garden, and to slightly indulge yourselves! There will be strawberries and cream, sandwiches, cakes, ice-cream and a table full of home-made confectionery. A plant stall will also be set up, and there will be a part of the garden devoted to games for the children (free).

During the afternoon there will be a display of dancing by some young people from the parish. If you have any surplus plants that you would like to offer for sale on the plant stall, they would be very much welcomed, and should be brought to the vicarage on the Saturday morning. So, also, if you would like to try your hand at making home made sweets - fudge, coconut ice, etc., it would be a help in stocking the confectionery stall.

Do come along and bring your friends.

**BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS**

Thank you to our ringers for their dedication to their duties. Practices continue on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 until 18 June then break for the summer.

A repeat visit to one of the two remaining bell foundries has been suggested. Would anyone else like to join in as it is quite an experience - rather like stepping back 100 years in industrial engineering.

Visiting ringers to our tower have been arranged for June 28th at 4.30 p.m. with ringers from Kenton, Exeter and on the morning of 12th July for those from the Basingstoke area.

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**CHURCH NOTICES - AFFPUDDLE**

**AFFPRAISE FOR PETS AND PONIES - 11.00 a.m. Sunday 15th June**

All creatures great and small and of all ages, whether 8, 6, 4 or 2 legged, are all welcome at our annual open air pet service, which this year returns to the green in front of Briantspuddle Village Hall. Please bring a folding chair or a rug to sit on and of course one or more pets or a pony if you can. If it rains or seems likely to do so, please only bring animals which can be taken into the hall for shelter without causing a mess.
SPECIAL CLEAN

On Saturday 7th June there will be a special clean of the church between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Please come along and help and please bring with you dusters and polishing cloths. It is hoped to be able to polish all the furniture and the wood floors and vacuum the mats and hassocks and if time permits, to wash the windows.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism - Bere Regis
13th April Liam Mark Gale
4th May Ethan Robert Ian Vowles
11th May Shannon Thomas
11th May Jacqueline Louise Miller
11th May Lawrence Henry Ball

Holy Matrimony in Bere Regis
Saturday 29th March Richard Ruben Gormley to Sharon Nicola Temple
Saturday 5th April Stephen Neil Conisbee to Lucinda Jane Shrimpton

Holy Matrimony in Affpuddle
Saturday 26th April Andrew Robert Tyers to Samantha Julie Price

Confirmation of Bere Regis and Affpuddle Candidates in Corfe Castle Church on Thursday 8th May 1997
Thomas Marsden Matthew House
Claire Halliwell Cheryl Selby
Daniel Carr Abigail Ives
James Tucker Michelle House
Mary Lewis
Gwen Whittle
Sinead Moore

OBITUARIES

NORMAN CURTIS (aged 75 years)

It is with great sadness that we record the sudden death of Norman Curtis, late of Southbrook cottages and husband of Nellie. The funeral service and cremation took place in Weymouth and it was conducted 'quietly' and 'without fuss' as he had directed.

'Quietly and without fuss' was very much part of the character of Norman, but he was remembered and honoured at the crematorium, by not only his immediate family, but also many friends who had valued him over the years.

Norman was a true son of Dorset. He never moved much; he didn't want to. Born and bred in Tolpuddle, the son of a 'carter', he left school at 14, and was apprenticed as a gardener. This apprenticeship served him well, because it endowed him with a love of gardening combined with ability.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, he was moved to the cress beds in Bere Regis and he and Nellie were married. For forty years he worked the cress beds, but had to finish due to health problems. For the next few years until retirement, he worked at Holton Heath at the munitions factory. These were very happy years.

He and Nellie lived at Bucket Hill for forty years. Then they moved to Southbrook and it was here, eighteen years later that Norman died.

Having his son Douglas in the parish with his daughter in law Diane, was a bonus for him, as was the birth of two grandsons, Andrew and Kevin.

Our condolences go to Nellie in her sadness, and to their family and close friends. May he enjoy his new life in a heavenly garden.
IVY LANGWORTHY (aged 84 years)

Mrs Ivy Langworthy came to Bere Regis some twelve years ago, having been recently widowed. She came to the new complex of three houses known as the Laurels in West Street. In those twelve years, she made a few friends, but the sadness of her bereavement was always heavy upon her. She died in Poole Hospital on 24th April and was cremated, following a service in Bere Regis Church on 1st May.

Ivy was a Londoner. She was born in 1912 in Battersea, one of ten children. They were hard times. The first world war was soon upon them. After schooling, it was clear that she was good at mathematics, and she was taken on at the large draper’s firm called Robinson and Cleaver. Their main shop was in Regent Street, and it was there that she was to meet her husband Ted, a man from Kingsbridge in Devon. On marriage, they set up home in Harrow, but the second world war started, Ted was drafted into the Navy, and she returned to her family in Battersea, right through the blitz.

After the war, Ted went back to work in their old firm. Ann and John had been born and were growing up. Then the firm posted Ted to Bournemouth. Here they had eight happy years, but tragedy struck in 1972 with Ted’s death. Things were never the same again for Ivy. She moved about a bit, and finally settled in Bere Regis. She had a lovely family, with seven grandchildren, but two children of Ann’s died, which brought great grief to them all.

Ivy will be remembered by her family with great love, and in this community for her amazing output of soft toys, this was her great hobby. She made hundreds, and always most beautifully. Many of these toys she gave to the orphans of Romania, so it is a happy thought that many unknown and unloved children were given joy and comfort by a lady from Bere Regis.

Her friends at her funeral smiled when mention was made of her enjoyment of sport. She loved watching snooker on television, and especially Steve Davies. At the service, we commended her to God that she would enjoy happiness in her new life with God, and with Ted.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village where he worked in a carpenter’s shop until he was thirty. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when public opinion turned against him. He was turned over to his enemies and was crucified. When he was dead he was laid in a borrowed grave. Nineteen centuries have passed and today he is the central figure of the human race. No one has affected the life of man on earth as much as that

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

A PRAYER FOR THOSE GROWING OLDER

Following the vicar’s ‘thought’ in last month’s magazine, we have been sent the following prayer:

Lord, though knowest that I am growing older.
Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject.
Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone’s affairs.
Keep me from the recital of endless detail.
Give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains.
They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Make me thoughtful but not noisy; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use it all. But Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.
BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS' UNION

At our May meeting we were transported in imagination to Uganda, the pearl of Africa. Our speaker was Mr Edred Bowman who is actively involved with the charity, Send a Cow. It was founded about 12 years ago when two Anglican bishops, one of them from Uganda, discussed the possibility of such a venture. Fresians were sent from England to Uganda where the new 'owners' had received much training on looking after the animals. The cows are given to women who have a family to support and the improvement in health and educational standards are very apparent. Other families benefit from the available milk and the ripple effects are changing whole communities for the better.

The BSE crisis prevented cows being sent abroad, so the charity now uses animals born in Uganda to donate to needy families. They are also cross breeding with native born cows and seeing a great improvement in the milk yield. The scheme is supervised by members of churches in Uganda.

Several of our members attended the archdeaconry service at St Mark's, Talbot Village, Poole on 14th May.

Our branch will be responsible for cleaning the Mothers' Union caravans at Durdle Door on 3rd June, occupied throughout the summer season by needy families.

Our next meeting on 4th June will be a service of Holy Communion in church at the usual time of 7.30 p.m. Our guest preacher will be the Revd Justin Bailey from Aysty.

The annual church crawl will take place on 25th June. As usual, we welcome non-members to join us. Further details will be available at our next meeting or phone me if you would like to know more about it.

Brenda Pittfield - 471391.

NORMAN CURTIS

The funeral of the late Norman Curtis of 18 Southbrook, Bere Regis took place on Tuesday 22nd April at Weymouth Crematorium. Nellie and family would like to thank all who sent cards, letters, and messages of sympathy. Special thanks go to friends and neighbours for their kindness and to those who attended the funeral. Particular thanks go to the Venerable Graham Robin for conducting such a lovely service.

The collection in memory of Norman amounts to £120 and will be sent to Bere Regis Surgery.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Bere Regis and District Branch

On April 20th 1997, our branch celebrated the 75th anniversary of its formation in March 1922. We have one surviving founder member who is now in a nursing home, but no doubt his thoughts were with us on the day. We would like to thank most sincerely the Venerable Graham Robin for co-operating with us so readily and putting together such a moving service.

It turned out to be a fine afternoon for our parade led by the Band and the Dorset County Standards. Our branch would like to thank all those Standard Bearers from other branches who attended and everyone who paraded or helped in any way to, what we think, was a most successful parade. The members of the Women's section put the seal on the day with refreshments when we arrived back at the Club.

It was a proud moment also for our Chairman, Mr 'Wally' Hibbert to present Miss Helen Stockley with a Branch Certificate for her dedicated service as the Youth Standard Bearer over the past years. A well earned award and thoroughly deserved. The collection for the Poppy Appeal and the Church raised £65.00.

It is a little unfortunate that whilst we are on parade we are unable to take any photographs although we were fortunate that there were two press photographers there. However, we did see quite a few people using cameras so we would like to ask a favour, that if anyone has any photos of the parade, perhaps they would be kind enough to let us see them, so that they could be kept for memories of our 75th Anniversary.

Finally, we are still without a Poppy Organiser to succeed Mrs Olive Curtis. We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would take on this worthwhile task for us.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN'S SECTION

The Women's section held a coffee evening at Headquarters on April 16th, raising £105. Our grateful thanks to those who supported us and thanks also to the helpers who helped to make the evening a success.

Fourteen members attended the group meeting at Corfe Castle, where we were presented with a Certificate for being runners up for money raised for the Annual Poppy Appeal.

Our annual fete will be held at HQ on June 14th, please come and support us. On June 18th we go on our mystery tour.

Cenotaph

June Mrs Bennett.

July Mrs Curtiss and Mrs Clarke.
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, GARDENING CLUB

Mr Duncan Cunningham’s talk and demonstration on Container Gardening and Hanging Baskets went down well with nearly seventy Gardening Club members on 6th May. He will be a hard act to follow but if Roses are your scene then get in early on Tuesday 3rd June. Should be another triumph for the Club.

Carnival time will soon be round again. Don’t leave town. Elaine and Adrian are Bar-B-Cueing on the night. Gardening Club will have a float, haven’t thought of the theme yet but it will be something to do with gardening. Probably.

We are still picking up new members, and still charging thirty bob, but what the heck, it’s cheap at twice the price and worth being a member just to get in on the Harvest Dinner bash and Xmas do.

I see the trip to the Bath and West is on. Book up quick so we can work out how many mini buses we shall need. Haven’t a clue when it is at the moment but should know by next meeting. See you all then.

Brian

PARISH COUNCIL

The May meeting each year is when the Chairman and Officers of the Council are elected. Thus for the coming year, Mr Bob James of 5 Turberville Road was elected as Chairman and Mr Laurie Fairhurst of 9 North Street, the Vice-Chairman. All of the existing Committee Chairmen were re-elected - see list on the Notice Board. The newly elected County Councillor, Mrs Briggs from Wool was also in attendance and was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. Tributes were paid to Mr Stan Shin the former County Councillor.

The Council decided to support the closure of the C79 and invites any Parishioner who wishes to comment to do so by writing to the County Council - for the attention of Mr Chalmers.

The Local Plan, that had been expected to be available for comment, has been further delayed until a date in June. It has apparently been approved by the District Council. Parishioners are recommended to read a small booklet entitled 'The Dorset Countryside'. Copies are available at the Post Office.

CM

DRAX HALL

The Drax Hall lost a very faithful and dedicated Caretaker with the death of Norman Curtis. He was so very reliable and the Hall was always very well prepared for the users in plenty of time. He enjoyed coming up to the Hall and just quietly did the work that he knew was required. The Hall Committee were grateful for such a loyal and helpful man and our sympathies go out to Mrs Curtis, their son Douglas and his family.

CM

BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

Vacancy - have you got time on your hands and are interested in children?

There are vacancies on the Board of Governors for LEA (Local Education Authority) appointed Governors. You don't have to have children to apply. The full board meets twice a term and is involved in all aspects of children's education and welfare. For more information contact either Dorset Governor services on 01305 224156 or Gill Cleall (clerk to the Governors, Bere Regis First School) on 01929 471744. Alternatively contact the school direct on 01929 471334.

On Saturday 7th June at 2.00 p.m., there will be a Jumble Sale in aid of Wareham Stroke Club. This will be held at Bere Regis Scout Hut. If you have any jumble or bric-a-brac which needs to be collected, please call 471186 or 471170.

COACH TRIP TO SINGLETON

I have organised a visit to the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, near Chichester on Saturday 5th July. This will leave Bere Regis, Drax Arms at 9.30 a.m. and return from Singleton at 5.00 p.m.

There are some seats available at £7.50 plus entry to the museum (Party rate £4.00). Enquiries to John England, 10 South Mead - 471469.
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

The group will celebrate its 21st birthday this year with a family weekend on Brownsea Island over the weekend of the 13th and 14th September. We plan to involve all four sections of the Group and their families.

The Scouts will be camping at Half Term, 26th May - 1st June and the Cubs will be camping at Bowling Green Woods over the weekend of 21st and 22nd June. Several of our Scouts have passed their BCU 1 star test and others are working towards their BCU 2 star and 3 star tests in preparation for canoeing on moving water in the near future.

Do join us for an evening of music and good food on Friday 4th July at Shitterton Farmhouse - live music, a meal plus a bar for £7.50 per head. Please see details in our full page advertisement elsewhere in the magazine.

Pat Hall

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

In May, we had a very amusing meeting with Mrs Margaret Walker and in June we have Mrs Shirley Preston. She is an area demonstrator and comes from Bradford-on-Avon and her title is 'Here comes Summer'.

On June 22nd, Mrs Catherine Watson's garden will again be open. A flower arranger's garden with lots of unusual plants.

Pat Hall

FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL

The next FOBRS committee meeting is on Tuesday 3rd June at 3.15 p.m. in the school hall. Anyone who has a child at the school is welcome to come to our meetings - you do not necessarily have to be a parent to join the committee.

We now have a notice board situated outside the main entrance to the school. A small charge of 20p per fortnight will be made for any adverts placed. If you wish to place an advert on our board, please contact Paula Hewitt, care of the school, or leave your advert and money in the school office.

The FOBRS will be holding a Fete on Saturday 7th June at 2.00 p.m. at the school. Do come along and support this event - there will be much to see and do. We have the Adams Axemen and Mrs Spracklen's dancers, Wareham Town Band and plenty of games and stalls, cream teas, candy floss and a bouncy castle. Entrance will be 50p for adults with children free of charge.

We will be having a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Thursday 26th June at the school, to begin at 3.30 p.m. All teddies in the area are invited - any age - as long as you are accompanied by a human! Entrance to the picnic will be 50p for each bear. Bring your own picnic please.

We have plenty of games lined up for you, so make sure this is marked on your calendar.

The FOBRS are always looking for new committee members and new fund raising ideas, so if you would like to help in any way, please contact the school.

Jane Pitman, Chairperson for FOBRS

AUTumn LEAVES OVER ‘50s’ CLUB

We learned a lot about the life of Bees at our May meeting when Mr Brian Miller was our speaker. He brought a hive along with him, and showed how the bees made the honey, and looked after the Queen. Quite a large number of members' honey pots were on display.

In June we have our outing to Sidmouth on the 11th June, leaving from the car park at 11.00 a.m. There are 8 seats available to anyone who would like to come to this delightful seaside town. Names please to Kath Jeeves on 471175. The trip costs £4.50
THANKS

Gordon and Christine would like to say thank-you to those people who phoned, talked, wrote and hugged after Glen's accident. To some she was 'just a dog' but to us she was special. Extra thank you to Russell and Peggy.

Gordon and Christine Tucker

RAGAMUFFINS PLAYSCHOOL

We have now made some progress with finding an alternative building for playschool. It is an old portable classroom which will need to be transported from Weymouth to Bere Regis at the beginning of July. The building needs to be split in two and then craned into position. The cost of transportation is about £1300 so if anybody can reduce this we would be grateful.

We would also like a surveyor to inspect the classroom prior to its move. Again if anybody could offer their services this would be appreciated.

Once the classroom is here it will be all systems go! We need to carry out repairs to the outside, a new felt roof, connect electricity, water and drainage, fit cupboards, plumbing, electrical work and paint it etc. The Parents intend to do as much as possible but we desperately need assistance from anybody that can help us with any of the above. Please phone me for more details or offers of help on 471657.

In order to achieve this we need to raise approximately £5000 during this summer. We have already raised some money from an evening with Rapport and the Easter draw at the Royal Oak. May we thank both Rapport and the Royal Oak for their support and generosity. The Drax Arms are also raffling a barrel of beer and again may we thank them for their support and generosity. We have also received donations from the LVA and the Ancient Order of the Foresters.

We have the carnival coming up and the procession money comes directly to us - please give generously. We also hope to receive funds from the carnival fund (so let's make it a very profitable and enjoyable day for everybody). However we still need other funds and we are currently planning other events.

Please contact me on any of the above matters or anything else you wish to raise. Please support our playschool - the children really do benefit from it. Thank you.

Debbie Scott, Chairwoman.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

There is to be a Cheese and Wine party on Friday 20th June at Camelot, Alfrington (Bob and Diana Holman's home). Tickets, available from all committee members, will be £5.00 each which includes supper and a glass of wine. Please do come along and support us and have what we hope will be a very enjoyable evening.

In early August, Bob Holman is attempting to swim the twenty three and a half mile length of Loch Lomond in aid of Cancer Research. If he succeeds, he will be the oldest person to do the swim, breaking the record set by Commander Gerry Forsburg in 1959. Publicity for the swim will be at the party on 20 June, along with sponsorship forms if you would like them.

We look forward to having the pleasure of your company.

Diana Holman

THE RAMBLERS - DORSET AREA

Family Rambling Day

Children all over Britain are being invited to tear themselves away from the television and sample a breath of fresh air and the delights of the countryside. The Ramblers' Association's event, Family Rambling Day, which takes place on Sunday 29th June, will give them the chance to join one of hundreds of walks, specifically designed to introduce young people to walking. The event is being sponsored by the UK's leading holiday cottage company - Country Cottages and also Countrywide Holidays - which runs walking holidays. It is free and ideal for children of all ages and their families.

Children taking part in FRD will also have the chance to enter the Rambler's 'Make a Map' competition, for which they have to make a map of the walk they explored on FAD, or of their favourite walk, real or imaginary. Overall first prize will be a fabulous week long family holiday in one of Country Holiday's Cottages. In addition, winners of each age group category will receive a three night break at one of Countryside Holidays' Guest Houses.

Further information can be obtained from the Area Publicity Officer on 01305 263759 (after 7.00 p.m.)
POP IN PLACE

The Pop in Place AGM was held at the end of April and the following people were elected to serve on the Pop in Place Committee:

Chairperson  Alison Bennett
Secretary     Shelagh Rowan
Treasurer     Tony Wise
Vice Chair    Tina Elford
Auditor       Molly Carlyle

Committee members are - Cecilia Clarke, Sheila Leigh, Christopher Smith, Colin Vowles, Gwen Vowles and Rosemary Wise.

Thanks to all who attended the meeting. Grateful thanks to all the members of the committee who work hard to make the Pop In so successful. The commitment and enthusiasm of the volunteers is an essential part of that success.

We intend to stage some events in the long summer school holiday that will be interesting for the younger part of the community. Any ideas or offers of help will be most welcome.

Fruit and Vegetables

We are asking for local gardeners to supply the Pop In Place with their surplus fruit and vegetables to be sold to our users. If you are interested in helping out with this, please contact our Chairperson for more details including financial arrangements.

New To You

This part of the Pop in Place is very popular if you have any good quality second hand clothing or household items so do bring them along. We have sold nearly £700 worth of clothing since we opened in September and if you bear in mind that we are open only two mornings (six hours a week) and that the average item sold is approximately £1.50, that's an awful lot of clothing. It's always good to have different items so come along and let us sell your unwanted good quality clothing for you. Save all that wardrobe space!!

Progress Report

The Pop in Place has produced a detailed progress report that was read at the AGM, if you would like a copy please telephone Alison Bennett on 472023. We think you will be surprised at what the Pop in Place has achieved in only 7 months. Copies of the annual accounts are also available on request.

Volunteers

The Pop in Place needs lots of different volunteers of all ages to assist with the many people that attend. If you could offer just one morning a month to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. All we ask is that you are of a friendly and sociable disposition. If you think that this could be for you please phone the Chairperson for more details.

Forthcoming Events

Sponsored Walk

We will be organising a sponsored walk to take place on Friday 20th June starting at the Scout Hut at 6.30 p.m. All the proceeds from this will go to the Drax Hall Committee to put towards the much needed Disabled Access to the building. Your help will be greatly appreciated either by sponsorship or walking. Forms now available from the Pop in Place or telephone 472023.

Events for School Summer Holiday

Friday 25 July       Pop in Place session with Art and Craft Activities
Monday 28 July      Nature Walk - start at the Pop in Place at 10.00 a.m.
Friday 1 August     Pop in Place session with Art activities available
Monday 4 August     Pop in Place session on creative writing and poetry
Friday 8 August     Picnic and comic sports at the Rec starting at 11.30 a.m.
Monday 11 August    Pop in Place session with Art and Craft activities
Friday 15 August    Pop in Place session and the Salt Dough Experience
Monday 18 August    Pop in Place session and design a new welcome sign
Friday 22 August    Pop in Place session and collage making

Pop in Place closed on Monday 25th August and Friday 29th August

Re-opening on Monday 1st September

If you and/or your children wish to take part in any of the above, please call in the Pop in Place for a form. There will be a small fee of 20p per child to cover the cost of art materials.

Future dates for your diary

Saturday 27th September - the Pop in Place celebrates its first birthday with a family disco in the upper hall. With the excellent Flash Back team who cater for everyone's taste in music. An evening not to be missed. Entry by Ticket only from the Pop in Place from 1 September

Pop in Place Christmas Party and entertainment will be December 13th.

Alison Bennett - Chairperson - 472023
BERE REGIS CARNIVAL DAY - SATURDAY 19 JULY 1997

The carnival princess disco was a resounding success. We raised over £170 with what was taken on ticket sales, Wally's requests and the raffle. Hannah White won the Carnival Princess title, Daniel Damien is Carnival Prince and Colin Greening is Carnival Drag Queen. There were three brave men who entered the Drag Queen competition - and they will be named! Thanks to Ben Bentley (or is it Benjamin), Dick Clee (watch out Dame Edna) and Colin (Colleen) Greening. The evening went really well and thank you to everyone who helped me clear up.

By the time you read this we will know the results of the Tug-of-War, Duck Race and hopefully Balloon Race. At this moment in time I am panicking because the river is blocked and we haven’t got any scaffolding to go across the river.

The next event to watch out for is the Sponsored Horse Ride to be held on the 8 June. It will start from Court Green and there is a choice of a short ride or a long ride. Phone Wendy for details (01929) 472076. If anyone is willing to help with marshalling on the day please also call me.

We now have a hurdle making demonstration and someone who makes walking sticks on show on Carnival Day. If anyone has any bright ideas for sideshows we will be pleased to hear from you.

I would just like to say a big thank you to some of our sponsors - namely Wally Dyke for providing the Carnival Princess Disco free of charge, the Legion Club for providing the venue, Tesco’s at Tower Park for raffle prizes, Chesworth Electrical, Penske and Megabowl also for raffle prizes.

The Grand Draw tickets will be on sale shortly. The Draw will take place on Carnival Day itself. Prizes include cash, a meal for two at the Greyhound, Winterborne Kingston, a meal for two at the Jazzy Joint at Sandbanks and a nights bed and breakfast accommodation in Weymouth.

Keep up the good work everybody and let’s hope for the weather!!

Wendy Johnson
Secretary - Carnival Committee

A LAMMAS FAIR - 2nd August

It should be great fun! We are organising a fair to be held on Court Green on Saturday 2nd August. There will be side shows, craft displays, cakes and produce stalls, bric-a-brac, bottle stall, a beer tent, books galore, pony rides, and a Spanish stall, and a 'draw' which you are bound to win!

There will be a band to make you happy and cold refreshments. What more could you want? Put the date in your diary and bring your family and friends. By the way, there will be tours of the church by experts and the chance to go up the tower.

VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 28th June 1997
at 2.30 p.m.

Teas, sandwiches and cakes
Strawberries and cream
Ice cream
Plant stall
Games for children
Confectionery stall
Displays of dancing
BERE REGIS WI

The April meeting gave many an opportunity to observe and taste the interesting preserves that the speaker for the evening (Mrs Williams) brought with her. Many quite unusual and interesting combinations of fruit.

In May, the resolutions were debated and our decision are now with the representative taking them to the TGM held at the NEC in Birmingham. We also held the plant sale, making a small reward for the funds.

Watch this space for details of forthcoming events.

Cream Teas in July and Treasure Hunt in August

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Drax Hall and are always pleased to welcome old and new members. The usual refreshments by our hostesses for the evening.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have entertained the Over 60 Club, Winterborne Kingston and a special evening for the 71st dinner of the Veterans at Broadstone British Legion.

We meet on Mondays at Kath’s ‘Larkspur’, Snow Hill at 2.30 p.m. for rehearsals and have enjoyable afternoons. Telephone 471175 for information

Kath Jeeves

JUBILEE 2000

If you should go up to London at any time during the next 2 ½ years, you will be able to see the Jubilee 2000 clock high on the roof above Piccadilly Circus. It shows the number of days left till the start of the new millennium, a time when it is hoped that many poor people in developing countries will be enabled to make a new start.

The argument is often made that ‘Charity starts at home’ or that Governments in ‘Third World’ countries are often corrupt with leaders salting away money for their own private use, and it would be futile to suggest that this has not happened. Jubilee 2000 acknowledges this and is not proposing repeated cancellations of foreign debt. However, it is the people of these countries who suffer, because of obligations taken on without their say so and it is they who Jubilee 2000 seeks to help.

Nor have all the mistakes been made on the side of the borrowing countries. Like it or not, the developed and less developed countries are all inextricably interconnected in the field of international trade and finance. For example, demand for coffee in Europe and the United States, can affect the price the Kenyan or South American small farmers receive, and thus their livelihood.

Ironically, the whole debt problem began because there was too much money in the system! In the 1970’s, oil producing countries were making huge profits and Western banks were looking for new investors, to stabilise their interest rates and avert a financial crisis. They lent lavishly to Third World countries and without much thought about how the money would be used, or whether the recipients had the capacity to repay it. Then two things happened:

1. In the mid 1970’s, Third World countries, encouraged by the West to grow cash crops, suddenly found that they weren’t getting the prices they were used to for the raw materials they sold, like copper, coffee, tea, cotton, cocoa. Too many countries - advised by the West - were producing the same crops, so prices fell. This meant that there was less money available for debt repayment.

2. At the same time, interest rates began to rise, pushed further by an increase in US interest rates. Oil prices rose again. So Third World countries were now in the situation (familiar to us) of negative equity, they were having to pay out more but they were not able to earn as much as previously. They had to borrow more money just to pay off the interest on their loans.

Each time a Third World Country take out a new loan, the I.M.F. imposes strict conditions on the debtor country. These always include reduced spending on services such as health and education, and often, enforced devaluation of the currency. This only exacerbates the problem of repaying the loans, and many countries have already repaid their debt several time over, but still owe more than they originally borrowed. Small wonder that they turn in desperation to the most lucrative means of raising foreign currency, the drugs trade, and destruction of the rainforests. These measures also affect the lives of Westerners, and provide a second reason for us to act.

If you are concerned by the plight of these world citizens, please share the news of what Jubilee 2000 is doing, with your friends, colleagues, and teachers. The July edition of the parish magazine will have suggestions for further action. Every little bit helps, as consumers have shown in the supermarkets. Jubilee 2000 needs massive support if the project is to succeed. So did the abolition of slavery. It can be done!

Philippa Ward
The weather seems to have been upside-down or topsy-turvy so far this year, doesn't it? We had hardly any rain during the Winter, then Summer seemed to arrive in April. March winds and rain came in May. Even the cuckoo seemed to be confused this Spring. I wonder what the June weather has in store for us. It's all very changeable and unpredictable isn't it?

There's a similarity with the final result of the general election. All very changeable but who would have predicted such a landslide victory and such a big majority for the New Labour Party. The 'wind of change' just blew the whole opposition away. Topsy-turvy indeed! Inevitably for this nation, ahead of us lie calm and favourable winds but also stormy seas, no matter who is in power.

One is reminded of an old verse by E W Wilcox, which says:

One ship drives East and another drives West
While the self same breezes blow
'Tis the set of the sail and not the gale
Which directs the way they go

We cannot choose or change the winds of life, whether they are favourable or hostile, but we can set our sail to steer in our chosen direction and choose with whom we sail. Whatever the changeable political climate or the weather may be, it is much much better and safer to set our sail to catch the wind of the Holy Spirit and to sail with Christ Jesus as Saviour and Lord of our life. I may not have a big majority on my side, but I would sooner be in the storms of life with Jesus, than to be in the storms of life without Jesus. (Luke 8: 22-25). Choose very carefully which way you set your sail or you could end up in the wrong place!

The monthly Celebration meeting at the Chapel, Butt Lane, will be on Saturday 28th June at 7.30 p.m. when our speaker will be Rev Ron Axon. Ron and his wife, Eve, come from Colne in Lancashire. Ron is an excellent Bible teacher and everyone is invited to this meeting.

Rev Ray Healey

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

FOOTBALL RESULTS

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Having already confirmed their top two status, Bere turned on the style, finishing the season losing just twice in 1997. On their way to second spot, Bere have scored 102 goals. A phenomenal achievement considering that the bulk of the goals have come from the newly formed pairing of Burt Stanack and Ricky Otto Cummins. The midfield ranks have been galvanised by the return of Bungy Brown with some towering performances in the engine room. Full backs John Cleall and Kev Scimeca Cox put in a solid season giving Bere plenty of options down both flanks.

In all team spirit has flowed right from the first victory at home to Allendale, through the debacles at Hospital Metalcraft, and the epic clashes down "The Rec". During emotional scenes on the last home game of the season, offensive co-ordinator Archie Cheeseeman paid tribute to his charges at a jubilant press conference. Despite their success, it appears that promotion has not yet been guaranteed due to deliberations from the hierarchy at the DCFA, so next month will be a testing time and crucial to the club's future.

CRICKET RESULTS

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Many were asked, but one volunteered. It was Pete Thompson who drove Bere on their annual appearance in the Alliance & Leicester Giro Village Knockout Championship away at Beamace of Wiltshire. After losing a crucial toss, skipper Russell “Eric Hall” Hewitt was forced to bat, and his captain’s innings of 62 was the backbone of Bere’s 137. In the face of stingy bowling, Bere’s tail almost saved the day as Graeme Price and Pete Thompson rekindled some of the form so desperately needed this season. Pete chipped and drove his way to 13 not out, but the target they set was to prove too little. With this meagre total to defend, Bere were up against it as they were woefully short on bowlers.

They got off to a dream start with Mark Bennett creating a stir of his own fantasy cricket. Bere were rampant, but the necessary killer instinct was left in the minibus or possibly at Burger King. The home side cruised home, but should have been made to suffer. Even the Praying Mantis at the end could not squeak out a couple of wickets. A fine day was had by all, and Bere were prefect ambassadors in Melksham Liberal Club afterwards. The opening league encounter of the season was away at Stalbridge, a regular fixture of late. The weather was typically inclement, but a game was fitted in on a grim day for Bere cricket. The batsmen failed to apply themselves on a reasonably bouncy track. The lower middle order assembled some kind of a respectable total, but 108 was never going to be enough even with Stalbridge fielding such a youthful side. The bowlers toiled without success early on, but the game edged away like the shadows created by a reluctant May sun. A late three wicket flurry from Steve Cheeseman ensured points were in the bag. The major positive note was that Iain Macklin put in a sterling performance on his first team debut.

Many feared the lively carpet at Puddleton, and Reggiana “Calypso” Fripp under the new banner of skipper, took his charges on a journey into the unknown of the vast expanse of division five. “Town wickets tumbled straight away as opening bowler Steve Cheeseman took four wickets in a seven over spell. “No Spikes” Oram bowled with venom, but ran out of luck on his first spell, although he more than compensated with the bat. However as seems to be the case with many times, Bere were made to labour for their ten wickets. They looked as though they might well need to chase a sub-100 total, but some painstaking batting saw Puddleton through.

A rejuvenated Pete Thompson arched his back and claimed four late wickets ensuring that Bere had 48 overs to reach a reduced target of 128. A healthy start was needed in the hunt, and a solid start for Bere saw them reach 12 for 3, with batting on the low side, Bere needed a stand. They got it through Reg Fripp and Hristo Oram, and this put Bere back in the driving seat. Wickets however were thrown away like confetti and a second collapse hampered Bere as they fell 20 runs short.

Steve Cheeseman

DORSET LATVIA LINK

Our thanks to all non-committee members who took the time to attend our AGM on 25th April. The executive committee remains unchanged but, following a recommendation made at that meeting, it was agreed that the executive members should serve for a period of 5 years only. This means that we will be looking for a new Chairman and Secretary in 1998. Prospective candidates welcomed.

The latest update on Alešia is that her operation had to be postponed due to a severe bout of flu. She has recovered but the surgeon who was to have performed the operation succumbed so we are awaiting information as to progress. Latvia was feet deep in snow in April and is apparently experiencing an outbreak of influenza similar to that suffered by many in the UK during the winter.

Our fund-raising programme has been extended to include a stall at the Dorset Police HQ Winfrith Open Day on Sunday 17th August 1997. This is always a well attended event and this year our committee have agreed that the proceeds be shared between the Link and the West Dorset MRI Scanner Appeal. Stall holders must be employees of the Dorset Police and proceeds must go to local charities.

Members are reminded of our Jumble Sale on 5th July and Milton Abbas Street Fair on 20th July (this is subject to approval from the Street Fair Committee). Jumble, bric-a-brac and books are needed for all these events and can be left with the Secretary or telephone 01929 471577 for collection.

AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE

The Annual Meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Monday 2nd June at 7.30 p.m. During the meeting the June 100 Club prize of £25 will be drawn. In the May magazine it was incorrectly stated that the December prize for the 100 club was £35, it is in fact £50.

During April a matching set of white china (consisting of tea cups, saucers and tea plates), 2 extra milk jugs and a 6 pint metal tea pot were purchased for use in the hall. This equipment will not be available for use outside the hall. The old china may be hired out for events held within the parish.

The committee met during April and business discussed included the progress of the application for the Lottery Grant, Fund Raising including the 100 Club, a Jazz evening to be held in the summer and reserving at least two, possibly three Art Reach promotions which have been popular during the past two years and the purchase of new chairs within the hall.
BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

We still have some seats vacant on our coach trip to Montecute House and gardens on 14th June so if anybody is interested please contact Nicky Killer or Janet Croft.

This year's June walk will take place on Wednesday 11th June in the evening when we take a walk around Hardy's cottage by following the Thorncombe Wood Nature Trail.

Spent energy and liquids will be replaced at The Sun Inn near Charminster afterwards. We will this year also have a meeting in the Hall in June on our usual first Wednesday of the month when we will be enlightened on our characters through our handwriting.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

By popular request, Briantspuddle Village has been entered for the 'Best Kept Village' competition which is to be judged during July, possibly running into August.

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YES! The Twinning Ceremony is to take place on the weekend of 28th - 29th June in Cérences and we hope that as many of us as possible will be there to take part.

Bere Regis is unique in Dorset in that a ballot of the village was held to select a twin, and you gave us an overwhelming mandate to twin with Cérences.

This led to the very successful weekend visit from the people of Cérences, during which we initiated our Norman friends into such varied English mysteries as skittles and trifle! Everyone, both French and English had a great time!

The Mayor, Jean Marie Remoud has conveyed his appreciation and thanks to all who took part and we have been invited to a ‘return match’ in France. He says that there will be ribbons in the streets of Cérences, and every door will be open to us!

Also following a meeting of Bere Regis Parish Council, the Council have offered the book on Bere Regis by F. P. Pitfield, to present to the people of Cérences, they also add their full support to our Twinning Association.

If you are a current member of the Association and would like to visit Cérences, either to stay with a French family, or in a hotel or in your own tent or caravan, please contact as soon as possible on 01929 471849

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OTHER NEWS

Sadly so far, we have not been able to muster enough interest to pay for a French language class in the village, but we are hoping to start a French conversation group to “brush up” all that rusty school French! Janet Gilpin already has some names but if you want to join in please give her a ring on 471829
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