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A BONFIRE

Each month of the year has some quality attached to it. We approach the month with an expectancy. June for example: it's often called 'flaming June’. Summer beckons. ‘March winds’, ‘April showers’. These descriptions are born out of experience. None of them are totally right but there is a rightness about the description somewhere in the month.

November is a sad month. The mists and mellow fruitfulness’ of the autumn have almost gone. We have solemn remembrances of the dead at All Souls, and at Remembrance Sunday. Rain beats on the window panes. The clocks have changed to winter time. Those living alone have the lonely dark of the long evening. There is no celebration in the month as has December and January. So it has a sadness about it. You can even say the word ‘November' in a dull way!

Except for one little joy - bonfires! I’m not thinking so much about Guy Fawkes Day bonfires, although they can be enormous fun. I’m thinking more of the little bonfires that are lit at the bottom of the garden, if you are lucky enough to have one. Having put the garden or allotment to bed for the winter, you get the bonfire ready for lighting. Only one match is allowed, and certainly nothing to help it on its way. Slowly it begins to catch. You think you are there. Then there is nothing. It’s gone out leaving a pathetic drift of smoke. More newspaper is stuffed into the potential bonfire. You light it, and this time it's away. The smoke is far more than you imagined, and you pray that the wind won't change and cause aggravation to the neighbours. You keep it tidy, raking up the bits at the side. After having watched it for sometime, and generally got yourself ‘kippered’ you leave it to burn itself out. Every now and again, you return to give it a poke to encourage it. Little puffs of flame come from unexpected areas. In the morning you look out, and it’s almost all gone, except for that thin spiral of smoke, indicating that there was once a jolly good fire.

Even November can bring happiness’, and even if you no longer have a garden and a bonfire, or even if bonfires are banned under some law, nobody can take away the memory of that blissful anxious moment when the flames leaped up and you knew you had been successful. As I watched the little bonfire, it came to me that love can be like that. At the beginning, there is a little fire. This can go out. But suddenly, with the true love, there is the fire which really catches on. It is fierce. This dies down, too, but little puffs of flame burst out unexpectedly. The fire is hot within, but it is not dramatic.
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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**Holy Matrimony**

Holy Trinity Church Turnerspuddle  
27th September  
Michael Mark Yeandle with  
Anna Rose Debenham

St John the Baptist Church, Bere Regis  
20th September  
Daren Martyn King with  
Kathryn Elizabeth Gibson

**Blessing on a Civil Marriage**

St John the Baptist Church, Bere Regis  
27th September  
Martin Joseph Debenham and Alison Margaret Sheward

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**FOR YOUR CHURCH DIARY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**CHURCH NEWS**

**BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS**

Bellringing practices have started again on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. Any new learners welcome - please meet at the church.

Thank you to all our ringers, the vicar and organist who made the Dorchester Branch AGM on Saturday, 11th October, so successful.

**Visit to a Bell Foundry**

We have contacted the bellfounders Mears and Stainbank at Whitechapel, London regarding the possibility of a visit and guided tour. The news is that the first available date (they only do them on Saturday mornings at 10.00am) is Saturday, late in July 1998.

This seemed to me to be a difficult time for travelling in the school holidays, so I have provisionally booked SATURDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER 1998. Next year they are making a charge for the tour, £5 per head, and there is a strict minimum age of 14. Anyone is very welcome to join in the visit and we are planning to add an afternoon visit to another interesting London site before returning home.

Will anyone interested at this early date please let me know.

John England

**CHURCH FUND RAISING**

The Christmas Coffee Morning will be on 13th December, 10.30am at Cyril Wood Court. There will be a raffle, Cooks Table and gift stall. Do come!

Jumble Sale at Wareham Town Hall on January 31st. Any clothing, toys or household items will be very welcome after Christmas.

**BERE REGIS CHURCH NOTICES**

A Special Service for the Departed - 2nd November

For the first time for many years, we are going to have a special service on a Sunday evening to remember our special, loved and remembered friends and relatives who have departed this life. It will be at 6.00 p.m. on All Souls Day - 2nd November. A list is in the church for those whose name you wish to be placed upon the Altar. It will be a quiet service (not a quick one as misprinted in last month's edition!), with hymns, reading, a time for quiet, and a commendation of we who are living. I hope this will be a help.
Remembrance Sunday - 9th November

We will be following the same pattern as in previous years. The Affpuddle, Breamspuddle and Turnerspuddle Remembrance will take place at the Bladen Valley War Memorial at 9.00 a.m. There will be a Reading of the Names of those who gave their lives in the two world wars, followed by an Act of Remembrance and the Prayers. Then there will be the usual Parish Communion in Affpuddle Church at 9.30 a.m.

The Bere Regis Remembrance will start at the War Memorial in the church yard at 10.55 a.m. with the Names read out, the Act of Remembrance and prayers, followed immediately by a Remembrance Day Service in the church. The Royal British Legion will not be with us this year; it is the turn of Winterborne Kingston to host their service this year.

Bere Regis Parochial Church Council
Meets in the Church at 7.15 p.m. on the 11th November.

Affpuddle Parochial Church Council
Meets in Raithby Cottage at 7.30 p.m. on 19th November.

The Two Parishes of Bere Regis with Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle join together for a United Parish Communion on the months when there are five Sundays in the month. It happens this month and this service will be held in Affpuddle on Sunday 30th November at 9.30 a.m. It is ADVENT Sunday so it will be a happy way to start the year.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NOTICES

Affpuddle Gift Day
The latest total for the Gift Day collection is £648.10. Many thanks to all those who have been so generous.

"Village Praise"
Our winter series of informal evening services in the Village Hall began again in October and the next service will be on Sunday 23rd November 6.30 p.m. Our theme for this series is "Unity" and collections are being given for the work of the "Homes of Mercy" run by the Bible Lands Society in the Holy Land. Do join us.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Thank you to everyone who turned up at the Church on 20th September to help with the decorating. Thank you to everyone who gave gifts of flowers, vegetables and produce. The vegetables and produce were taken to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester. The following letter of thanks was received:

"Please accept our thanks on behalf of the Affpuddle P.C.C. for the donation of Harvest produce, this is very much appreciated by us all. Once again, please convey our gratitude to all concerned for the kindness in considering our young people. Many thanks for the continuing support you have shown over the years."

Churchyard
Owing to the weather it has been decided to postpone the churchyard tidy up until Saturday 8th November when the leaves should have fallen.

Harvest Auction
On Saturday 20th September the Bladen Social Club held a Harvest Auction when fruit, vegetables, produce and bric-a-brac were auctioned for the benefit of the church. A very pleasant and convivial evening was had by all who attended and £160 was raised for church funds. The vicar and Church wardens are most grateful to the Committee and members of the Social Club for arranging this event.

A Christmas Concert of Carols
songs and music will be given by the Bournemouth Scout Band in conjunction with Bere Regis Scout Group on Saturday 14th December at 7.30 p.m. in the parish church, Bere Regis.

There will be a varied programme, with plenty of opportunities for everyone to join in. Come along and sing along!

Proceeds will be split between local charities and the Band's fund raising activities to finance a North American concert tour in 1998.

Cost of tickets will be £5.00 to include mulled wine and mince pie.

(Reduced rates for children and OAPs) Tickets available shortly from all Scout Group Leaders or committee members and at the door.
BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS' UNION

Last month's speaker had to withdraw owing to a family bereavement but we were able to arrange for Mr and Mrs Roberts to come and speak to us about their recent "holiday of a lifetime" in Tanzania, where their grand-daughter is a missionary. They brought with them an interesting collection of souvenirs for us to examine and told us about the work their grand-daughter is doing, namely teaching in a school for orphaned children. We heard of their visit to a Masai tribal chief who has eight wives and thirty children and we heard of the extreme water shortage, resulting in every drop having to be used for several purposes.

We heard of another special holiday, this time from one of our parishioners. Tina and her family had enjoyed a week's holiday on the Isle of Wight, with the Mothers' Union and came to tell us about it. Her children have compiled a scrap book with photo's and reports of each day's activities which has now been passed "up the line" for others to see. We will treasure this book for many years to come. "Thank you" Tina and your family.

Several members responded to the appeal for goodies for the men at the Verne prison, where the second Kairos course took place in October. Together with gifts from Tolpuddle Ladies Fellowship, I was able to take a car boot full of cakes, pies and puddings, plus £21 to buy a supply of fresh fruit. Reports from the prison suggest that lives are changed drastically as a result of undertaking the course. Statistics from other countries where prisons have used the course for some time, show that re-offending rates among those who have experienced Kairos have dropped from approximately 70% to just 4%.

Next month's meeting on 5th November, 7.30pm in church, will take the form of a service of Holy Communion, when the speaker will be the vicar.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN'S SECTION

Held their monthly meeting on September 17th. 21 members were present. After the exhortation, minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. After the Treasurer's report it was agreed that the following donations should be made: £900 to Benevolent Fund, £300 to General Fund, £50 to County Fund.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Mrs M Stone, who demonstrated the art of "Bread making." Teas were then served by Mrs Payne and Mrs Reed and a raffle run by Mrs D Clarke.

On September 10th, seven members attended the Group meeting at Sandford, an interesting meeting it was agreed.

Cenotaph: November Mrs Presslee December Mrs Maidment

PARISH COUNCIL

At the October meeting, the Council was delighted to learn that the Village had received a 'Highly Commended' award in the Best Kept Village Competition. This is a national competition and we were classed in the Vital Village Section. The judges were particularly impressed with the Autumn Leaves and PIP Group. A certificate recording this achievement was received together with £20.00. The certificate will be displayed in the Drax Hall. As if that was not enough we also received a Second Prize of £50.00 from the Dorset Federation of Trees and some Garden vouchers to the value of £30.00. Thus we collected the princely sum of £100.00. The Council has decided to use the money in tidying up Chapel Lane which is always a problem and we are going to try to make it neater.

A discussion took place concerning the Children's Play Area which is constantly requiring work. Since it was established four years ago the Council has expended nearly £3,000 on maintenance and repairs. In addition countless hours of voluntary help and provision has been put in to help keep costs down. The Council is sympathetic to the need for the area and its young customers, but they cannot pour money in to something which then becomes the target of mis-users. Having looked around at similar areas in other villages, the Council is considering having a tall fence placed around the area and a set time for when the gates will be locked in the evening. This is likely to involve a large cost but it is seen as the only way by which the area can be safeguarded against the sort of damage experienced in the past.

DRAX HALL

The Drax Hall was alive to a splendid performance by the Forest Forge Theatre Company of 'From Dawn to Dusk', a play that they wrote themselves which was based upon life 'beneath the stairs' from the 1920's. It was a perfect illustration of the social changes that occurred from then to the 1950's. A lovely play and greatly enjoyed by our audience.

Another great success that happens every month is the Mini Market. Fresh cakes, plants, and flowers; beautifully crafted greeting cards are but some of the variety of goods available. Give up half an hour of the super market and look into the Mini Market at the Drax Hall on the second Saturday each month - November is a special one for Christmas!

The Blood Man cometh in November! We have been doing very well but there is always a great shortage. Its rather like the money in the Health Service where more and more is required as we expect greater things to be provided. So please come on November 25th during the afternoon or evening. It costs nothing, is easy to do and you really could make it a happy Christmas for somebody.
BERE REGIS W.I.

September - Mrs Maden Mayers was our guest demonstrator on pressed flowers and their uses, this was an open meeting inviting the ‘village’ to come along and see what can be done with even the smallest of flowers and grasses. The number of visitors was disappointing, nevertheless those of us present had more in depth attention.

Two of our members were invited to Winterborne Kingston W.I. it being their birthday party, also two further members attended Briantspuddle birthday evening. I don’t need to tell you the buffet at both events were superb (as always) and the entertainment and quiz were great fun. Sometimes our knowledge of our own county is found to be wanting.

November is our AGM maybe a few lapsed members would like to join us. Apart from a review of the past year, we need to look ahead to 1998. Perhaps some new ideas for our village W.I.? Fresh minds are needed to give us a push, so come along and make the evening a debate on the coming years diary. There must be many of you reading this with ideas that could be aired and shared on the evening, opening up new avenues.

Some of you may well wonder..... what is the W.I.? You could say we are the “in betweenies” we are not old and we are not young and neither are we snide! Our group is one of the oldest in the country, but we are not the original members! Some years ago, my mother asked me to accompany her to her afternoon W.I., my reply was “not to that felt hat and pearls brigade!” How wrong I was! How I have laughed since ...... so come along and don’t make my mistake!

Will we be seeing you on NOVEMBER 18th? Time 7.30pm at the Drax Hall.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

We were all very interested in Mrs Young’s’ talk on the Royal Jewellery through the ages and enjoyed looking at her beautiful slides of various members of the Royal family wearing the jewellery. We had a lovely harvest tea and there were many scent bottles on show.

At our next meeting on Wednesday 12th November, we are to have a talk by Mr Ian Ventham on the work of the R.N.I.I. The competition is a soft toy, but not a doll or teddy.

On Saturday 22nd November we are holding our Christmas Bazaar at 2pm in the Drax Hall.

FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL

At the AGM on 2nd October 1997, I was elected Chair Person of the F.O.B.R.S. and one of the things I’d like to do is, through the Parish Magazine, inform everyone of what we are doing.

It is easy to moan and complain that not enough is done for our children. It is challenging, rewarding and fun too for parents, grand-parents and other keen and interested persons to ‘band together’ and ‘make things happen’. I am really looking forward to doing just that, together with the Committee, Parents and others and the Teachers and children too.

As with all fund-raising efforts, we rely on support and I hope that the kind contributions and generosity given by the people of Bere Regis in the past, will be forthcoming this year too.

By the time you will be reading this, our first event of the ‘97/98 year will have been held; an Autumn Disco for the Children at the school on 23 October 1997. We will be showing ‘Chocoholics’ Catalogues’ to all parents and anyone else who maybe interested in purchasing the ‘finest quality continental chocolates, liquers and Christmas Novelties’, prices start from 20p! (All orders must be in by 6th November.)

We are also well into the planning of our annual ‘Advent Fayre’ this year being held on Sunday 7th December from 2pm - 5.30pm More details on this event next month.

If any readers have any fund-raising ideas, comments or requests or would like to help us in any way, we would be pleased to hear from them.

Christine Granger - Chairperson, F.O.B.R.S. - 472159

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our meetings are at 2pm at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall, on the second Tuesday, November 11th we will have Rosemary Swateridge from Southampton. For our meeting on December 9th we have a special Christmas Demonstration with Margaret Fairhurst. Margaret is a National Demonstrator and is very good. Please note that our meeting that month will be at Briantspuddle Village Hall as it is a bit bigger than Winterborne Kingston Hall and we expect a lot of people for that special Christmas meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

Pat House
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Your Scout Troop Needs You!

We now have 24 boys in the Scout Troop and two trained leaders, Martin Cosker and Jan King. We would like to be able to offer places to six girls to join our Troop initially so that we can include girls in our Scouting activities, at a younger age. We already have girls in our Venture Scouts, 15 - 21 years.

We need at least one more Scout Leader - male or female, so that we can offer places to girls in our Scout Troop. Our Troop is one to be proud of; the boys work well at their Scouting activities and enjoy canoeing, sailing, night hikes, camping etc. They are a lively, enthusiastic well mannered group of boys and helping to run the Troop could be very rewarding for someone with sometime to spare each week. If you feel you could help, please contact me - Pat Hall on 01929 471651.

Your Scout Group needs Storage!

We now have so much equipment - canoes, camping equipment etc. that we need extra storage. If anyone has a secure store or garage they could rent out to us we would be very grateful. This could be in Bere Regis, Brientspuddle, Winterborne Kingston or Winterborne Whitechurch.

Pat Hall

POP IN PLACE NEWS

A very enjoyable evening was held on September 27th to celebrate the first year of the Pop In Place. Very many thanks to all who have supported this new community initiative - especially all the dedicated volunteers who give their time free of charge to serve coffees, set up for the sessions and sell the clothing and organise the book and video library.

Dorset Community Action Vital Villages.

We were delighted to learn that the Pop In Place was recognised in the Vital Villages Competition and singled out for praise at the award presentation.

Pop In Place Christmas Party, Saturday, 13th December at 3.00pm - "Merry Pop Ins". The Pop In Place are very grateful to Mr Dyke and the Carnival Committee for their kind donation towards this from the Carnival funds. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun afternoon of entertainment and food. Tickets available from PIP - Free of Charge.

CALLING ALL ADVERTISERS

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

Most display advertisements are printed up for the full year, so mid-year changes cannot be made. However, if you particularly want the flexibility of an advert which changes during the year, then please give me a call to discuss.

The final deadline will be Friday 28th November.

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

CALLING ALL READERS

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

Editor: Alison Debenham, 11 Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis. 01929 471780
THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

George Silavs had a very busy but successful visit to Latvia and brings greetings and good wishes from all our friends in our Link village of Ikssile. Sadly he reports that life is becoming even more difficult as the gulf between the “haves” and “have-nots” widens - the entrepreneurial flair is alive and well and thriving in Latvia as in any free market. Children wander the streets as parents find it increasingly difficult to feed and clothe themselves and their families, and alcohol and drug abuse are on the increase. Freedom brings its rewards but the elderly and the poor, not surprisingly, look back with nostalgia to the days of Communist domination when most had enough to eat and a roof over their heads. However, the old part of Riga is being lovingly and carefully restored largely due to the multi-national companies who have their offices in the old city and tourism is booming bringing much-needed capital to Latvia.

ALESJA - Whilst in Latvia, George met with Alesja’s surgeon, a 36 year old whizz kid in micro-surgery, who is arranging for up-dated X-rays and photographs for despatch to Tim Harley, our Chairman as it was not viable for the prosthesis to be supplied and fitted in Latvia after all. Upon receipt of the up-dated information it will then be possible to arrange for Alesja to come to Dorset for her treatment. Harvey Lines, a former pupil of Hardy’s school in Dorchester and now working for British Airways in Riga had arranged initially for one free return ticket for Alesja’s visit. Following a visit from George he generously increased this offer to two free return tickets. We hope it will not be too long before Alesja is in Dorset and able to walk comfortably again after so many months of inactivity.

MEDICAL - A visit by George to our Link Doctor - Lelde Samite - revealed a sad lack of many essential and very necessary drugs and other items in her medicine cupboard at the Ogre children’s hospital. The Link is hoping to send a parcel off shortly to make good this shortfall and to maintain the supply on a regular basis. Fund-raising for the future will be geared to this and to ensuring the continuing support and necessary maintenance for Alesja’s prosthesis.

A reminder that our Subscription Secretary, Hilly Menzies, is always happy to make you a Link member for an annual subscription of not less than £2.50 per annum. She can be contacted on 01929 471263

Jenny Silavs Hon Sec
BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS

The next blood donor sessions will take place in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Tuesday, 25th November 1997 at 1.30pm - 3.30pm and 4.30pm - 7.00pm. Blood is urgently needed at all times, so do please try to come along and donate. New and lapsed donors are always welcome as well as regular donors.

The first sessions in 1998 will be on Tuesday, 31st March.

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

THANK YOU

Dorothy Towers Smith would like to “Thank” all who remembered her on her 90th Birthday especially the Woodbury Hill Singers, who so ably entertained those present in the Cyril Wood Court Community Centre.

THE WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have entertained The Townswomen’s Guild, Sandford, Autumn Leaves Luncheon and Cyril Wood Court for a 90th Birthday.

A RETURN VISIT TO UGANDA

Uganda, often known as “The Pearl of Africa” is the country where we worked and brought up our five children between 1961 and 1972. Since our departure the country has gone through enormous political and economic turmoil and there has been civil war and genocide. Thankfully, in recent years there have been many changes for good, a democratic government has been set up under a peace-loving and forward looking president.

Earlier this year, we had a wonderful opportunity to return to the land where we had spent such happy years amidst so many lovely Ugandan friends. We joined a party of British people flying out to share in the Centenary Celebrations of Mengo Hospital, the first Mission Hospital set-up by Sir Albert Cooke in 1897. Two of our own children had been born at the hospital.

We were given a tremendous welcome - it seemed as if we had never been away. The joyous drama, singing and dancing at both the hospital and Namirembe Cathedral were so moving. Whilst in Kampala we were able to revisit the school for Physically Handicapped Children that we were privileged to set up. The school has expanded and is currently led by an enthusiastic Director.

We then travelled two hundred miles in a bus on bumpy roads to the Ruwenzori Diocese at the foot of the "Mountains of the Moon". We had both worked at Canon Apolo Primary Teacher Training College for five and a half years. During all the troubles the college had been closed, re-opened, suffered two earthquakes and was ransacked at the time of the civil war. In more recent years, Steven Rwankwenge, one of our former students, had been appointed Principal with the task of re-establishing the college. A committed Christian, he set about re-furbishing the chapel and rebuilding the damaged classrooms and dormitories. He sought and obtained financial assistance locally and from churches overseas. He is now responsible for training three hundred students as teachers for the West of Uganda.

One thing which struck us was that the majority of students were sleeping on the floors of the dormitories. They were able to carry mattresses long distances by bus or cycle from their homes, but not beds. All those formerly owned by the college had been stolen during the war. When we were due to leave we discussed with Steven his priorities for the rebuilding and we mentioned beds, he wholeheartedly agreed that a "bed project" be set up. Metal beds can be produced by local craftsmen for the modest (to us) cost of £25 each. We were able to start the fund ourselves.

The P.C.C. of St Lawrence has decided to support the project by donating contributions from the collections received on the second Sunday in each month. Of course, other donations would be well received.

Our return visit was a truly memorable one. The warmth of welcome and the love shown by a people who have suffered so much is something we will treasure always.

Dawn and Terry Lane - 471751
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football Results

20 Sep  CRANBORNE  0  5  BERE REGIS
27 Sep  BERE REGIS  0  4  STOURPAINE
28 Sep  BERE REGIS  5  3  THE GEORGE HOTEL
4 Oct  HAZELBURY BRYAN  1  8  BERE REGIS
5 Oct  STUR. MARSHALL  2  4  BERE REGIS
11 Oct  BERE REGIS  2  1  STICKLAND UTD
12 Oct  Dorset Sunday Junior Cup Round One
        KINGS ARMS  2  4  BERE REGIS

It was Bere’s ability to squeeze the play and command the midfield, that totally shutout ‘Bryan’. The ball seemed to ping around the park from one green and white jersey to another. Top marksman Burt hit the third capping off another three man incisive move, he then made it four and five, then later seven following a slide rule pass from Adam Rogerson. He assumed the role of playmaker and was not finished until he hit a pass with the outside of his right boot of “FIFA ‘97” dimensions. It was so measured that Kevin Scimeca Cox was left in acres of space, and he drew the keeper and rifled in a left footer for goal of the match, the manager was in raptures. Rivals of days gone by in the form of Stickland faced Bere competitively for the first time in many years. Heavy overnight rain made the playing surface near perfect. Bere’s opponents were alongside them in the league, and something of an unknown quantity. Early exchanges went Bere’s way, with chances falling to Burt Van-H, Ricky Cummins and Darren Brown.

The pace of Wayne Cope was largely ignored by the visitors, and Bere exploited this to great effect. A free kick was awarded for offside, and Steve Cheeseman sent Wayne away, who deliberated before putting Burt in for his ninth of the season with a low right footed drive. Bere looked to seize the initiative, but could not build, and Stickland crept back into the match. They were in the ascendancy, when the referee gave a penalty for a challenge which looked like a perfect clearing header. It was a heinous decision and this rattled Bere, but held on with some grim defending thanks to a rare winner from Stuart Merritt.

Following the nighttime on Turlin Moor, Bere’s Sunday heroes have hit the winning trail. Reeling off five out of five and still in the cup, promotion must now look like a distinct possibility. The George Hotel visited Bere, and must have been wary of the 10-0 annihilation that Bere handed them last season. There was a delayed start, so as to get the crowds in, but the temperate weather ensured the wait was not unpleasant. It was a historic day, as Chris Oram was given the freedom of Bere, the football pitch that is. The George allowed the front runner time and space, and this was utilised to good effect. The first was set up by Chris feeding Andy Curtis from close range. Old veteran Steve Ives caused havoc amongst the away defensive ranks, and ended up in a heap as the ball rolled invitingly on to Oram who ran on forty yards to score with ease.

A moment of indecision at the back enabled The George to pull one back, but it was Oram’s day with a hat-trick, and although there were one or two late scares it was Bere’s morning. A trip into the unknown met Bere, as their first round tie in the Dorset Junior Cup paired them off with Kings Arms of Dorchester fame. The grass was long, and Autumn showed its teeth for the first time this season. Bere progressed into the next round, in spite of only playing “five minutes of football” in the eyes of their manager. Going a goal down was not the gameplan, but Bere clawed their way back against a very average Division 5 pub team. Rob White grabbed the headlines with all four of Bere’s goals, one a precise chip from the corner of the penalty area, a late goal only stiffened Bere’s resolve, and they moved on but this was not a game for the scrapbook.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

Archive Film Show

On Sunday 5th October over 80 people attended an archive film show and tea party which was part of the Purbeck Film festival. Trilith again provided a varied selection of archive film from all over Dorset. The main attraction was a showing of "The Golden Goose", a film made by Lady Angela Debenham in the early 1960s. After all expenses it is expected that over £250 has been raised for the Hall funds.

Art Reach Production

Friday 28th November - Rejoice All Men - Mellstock Band, 7.30 p.m. Bar and Mince Pies. Tickets £4 available from Philippa Thornley, Bere Regis 471497.

The Hall Committee will hold its next meeting on 10th November at 8 p.m. at Raithby Cottage.

HOME WATCH

Since my last report there have been three burglaries in the village. In one case equipment has been stolen from unlocked garages, in another garden ornaments were stolen which have luckily been recovered and returned to the owner by the police and finally horsetack was stolen from a locked tackroom in Affpuddle. There is no further news about the robbery at Briantspuddle Post Office.

Since writing the previous paragraph three further burglaries from sheds in Bladen Valley have occurred, where two lawn mowers, two mountain bikes and a strimmer were stolen. The sheds are at the top end of the garden, remote from the house.

Bill Thorniley

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

Our birthday party proved to be a very successful one. Several members from other institutes joined us in our Quiz around Dorset. It was a very challenging but most enjoyable quiz. This was followed by a delicious supper.

In November we have our Annual General Meeting as well as a talk on a very popular type of treatment "Massage and Aromatherapy" by Mrs Shenton.

BLADEF STORES

Sadly Bladen Village Stores closed on 15th October and a few days later Betty and Peter Fisk left the area. A collection was made in recognition of their hard work over many years and the response was most generous. As a result Peter and Betty were presented with a gift token for Beales stores to the value of £250 and a bottle of wine. We will miss them very much and we wish them a happy and enjoyable retirement.

AFFPUDDLE and TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

Police Report At the meeting held on 8th October, the Police reported on a recent spate of burglaries of garden sheds and outbuildings in the Bladen Valley area. He reminded us that garden tools, machinery etc. should be stored under lock and key and garden sheds should be securely locked.

Puddletown By-Pass A full report was received on the current situation with work on the Puddletown By-pass. Earth moving started in April but has been difficult due to wet weather in June and July. Work had progressed reasonable during August and September. Approximately 10 million cubic metres of soil need to be moved which will be distributed to landscape areas along the route. Damp chalk is difficult to place and some materials for landscaping will have to be excavated from a "borrow pit" for which planning permission is required.

The two pristine river courses are being closely monitored to ensure that no leaching occurs and along the route. Diesel / petrol traps are being installed to ensure no contamination of water courses.

The project is planned for completion by April 1999. Contingency plans are being put into place to overcome the delays due to earthmoving due to bad weather and it is anticipated that completion could be as early as end 1998.

Concern was registered over possible noise caused by the concrete sections of the highway but the continuously reinforced pavement without joints and covered in a 'smooth' skin would not cause a noise problem. Several archaeological finds had been discovered all of which are to be displayed in the Dorchester Museum.

Speed Limit A letter has been received from DCC to inform the Parish Council it could find no justification in placing a speed limit at Briantspuddle. Trials in Suffolk had not been successful in reducing accidents and there was thought to be insufficient evidence of a speeding problem.

The B3390 was not to be de-classified at the moment and would first require D.O.T. approval.
VILLAGE SHOP

A recent meeting was attended by 58 people. It was though that the ‘Den’ adjacent to the Village Hall would be suitable for a ‘satellite’ Post Office which would be manned on Monday and Thursday between 9am and 1pm. The Village Hall Committee have cleared out the den in preparation for an Open date of 16th October 1997.

The Parish Council agreed to fund heating and lighting until the end of the year. In the meantime the Hall Committee would continue to discuss the longer term future of the P.O. and submit proposals to the Parish Council in writing.

“BEST KEPT VILLAGE” COMPETITION - BRIANTSPuddle

Congratulations all! - Briantspuddle was awarded first prize and £200 in the environment category of the recent Best Kept Village Competition. We know we live in a beautiful village but it is gratifying when others think so too. The money we hope to contribute towards a stone seat in the village.

Many thanks to the volunteers who spent several hot hours clearing the public areas of the village, and to everyone who tidied their verges and frontages in time for the judging.

Jenny Lightfoot and Jenny Beedle, Briantspuddle W.I.

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### November
- **12th** Autumn Leaves, talk on the RNLI 2.30 p.m.
- **14/15/16th** Cyril Wood Court Open Weekend and Christmas Craft Fair
- **18th** WI AGM, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
- **22nd** Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar, Drax Hall (entry free) 2.00 p.m.
- **25th** Blood Donor session, Drax Hall
- **28th** Rejoice All Men, Briantspuddle Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

### December
- **7th** Concert of Christmas Music, Bere Regis Church 6.30 p.m.
- **7th** FOBRS Advent Fayre 2.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.
- **9th** Advent Carol Service in Affpuddle Church 7.30 p.m.
- **13th** Bournemouth Scout Band Concert, Bere Regis Church
- **13th** PIP Christmas Party 3.00 p.m.
- **13th** Christmas Coffee, at Cyril Wood Court, in aid of Church 10.30 a.m.
- **16th** Sandford Middle School Christmas Carol Service
- **21st** Bere Regis Church - Carols by Candlelight 6.00 p.m.
- **24th** Christingle Service, Bere Regis Church 6.00 p.m.
- **24th** Midnight Communion, Affpuddle Church 11.30 p.m.

### January
- **31st** Jumble Sale at Wareham Town Hall, in aid of Church 10.00 a.m.

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