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Age Concern 2.00 p.m. Thursdays, Turberville Court
Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society 7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall
Autumn Leaves 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday
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
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)
Wednesday 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.
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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
Mothers’ Union 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church
Parish Council 7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
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W.I. Briantspuddle 7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
Woodbury Hill Singers 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall
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Bere Regis Surgery - 10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
Briantspuddle - 12.20 p.m.
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At the end of the story that Jesus told are these words: "Go and do thou likewise."

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen
October 5th 9.30 a.m. Mr Bates / Mr House
6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton / Mr Dashwood

October 12th 11.00 a.m. Mrs England / Mrs March
6.00 p.m. Mr Barnes / Mrs Jutting

October 19th 9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Strange
6.00 p.m. Mrs Griffin / Miss Chesney

October 26th 11.00 a.m. Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Mr Ward / Mrs Ward

Bere Regis Readers
October 5th Miss Frampton
October 12th Mrs Jutting
October 19th Mrs Griffin
October 26th Mrs Ward

Sanctuary Flower Guild
October 5th Harvest
October 12th Mrs P House Mrs M England
October 19th Mrs G Whittle Mrs I Skinner
October 26th Mrs Croome Mrs N Scott

We will be decorating the Church for Harvest on Saturday, 4th October from 9.00am - 10.00am Gifts of flowers or greenery will be much appreciated.

CHURCH SERVICES in OCTOBER

Sunday 5th October
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Harvest Festival (Bere Regis)

Sunday 12th October
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

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

Sunday 26th October
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Holy Communion with the Laying on of Hands (Bere Regis)
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### CHURCH NEWS

#### BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Bellringing practices started again on Wednesdays at 6.30pm in September. Any new learners welcome - please meet at the Church.

Bere Regis tower is hosting the Dorchester Branch AGM on Saturday, 11th October which includes ringing before and after a service at 4.00pm to which all parishioners are welcome.

#### Visit to a Bell Foundry

We have contacted the bell founders 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 a 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 a 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.

Visiting Ringers - Farnham Ringers will be ringing on Saturday, 1st November from 2.30pm to 3.15pm.

John England

### CHURCH FUND RAISING

Many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning on September 17th.
The Annual Jumble Sale at Wareham Town Hall is being planned already for January 31st. Please remember us when ‘clearing out’ items and we shall be glad to receive these after Christmas.
Bere Regis Harvest Festival - Sunday 5th October at 6.00pm. This ever popular service is one for the family, and is followed by a Harvest Supper in the South Aisle of the Church. Gifts of fruit, vegetables, tins (in date) and flowers, should be brought to the church on the Saturday morning between 9.00am and 10.00am. Help with the decorating is always welcome. Even if you are not very good at it!! (Arranging apples is not beyond the scope of most of us!)

Affpuddle Churchyard Autumn Clear-up

 Helpers for this are really needed. There is quite a lot to do, and this does not necessarily involve expertise. This is on Saturday, 11th October from 10 o’clock onwards. Please bring your garden tools with you.

Affpuddle Church Clean is on Saturday, 4th October, 10 o’clock onwards. The Church always looks good but clearly we need to do a bit of in-depth cleaning from time to time. Please come along and help. Please bring with you polishing cloths and dusters. Depending on how many people turn up it is hoped to be able to polish all the pews and furniture, polish the wooden floors, vacuum the hussocks and mats and wash the stone floors. Your help in keeping the church clean and tidy is greatly appreciated and makes St Lawrence, Affpuddle one of the best kept churches in the Salisbury Diocese. Many of the visitors remark on the well cared for appearance of the church.

Village Praise in Briantspuddle Hall

A series of informal evening services in the Village Hall will take place again this winter on the fourth Sunday of each month from October to March, except December. The first one starts at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday 26th October. Do join us.

Affpuddle Away Day

Two years ago, we took ourselves off to a delightful old farmhouse at Melbury Abbas, near Shaftesbury, in order to consider and talk about aspects of Christianity. We are doing it again, - on Saturday, 25th October from 10.00am - 3.00pm. This time, our subject is to be “The Church in the countryside after 2000AD.” Mrs Mary Crameri, who works for the Diocese on this subject has kindly agreed to come and lead the day. Can you come? If you can, please tell the Vicar. We only have 20 places. It costs about £12 for the day, which includes coffee, then a lovely lunch (with wine) and tea.

When we know who is coming we can talk about transport.

Bere Regis “Mind the World” Supper

The group known as “Mind the World” reminds us regularly of our commitment to those in our world who live in fear, poverty, drought or disaster. This year, much of the theme has centred around the people of India. So on 31st October, Friday evening, it is arranging a Supper in the Church with an Indian theme. (No take-aways!) There will be a speaker, and also a Traidcraft Stall where you can buy Christmas presents. Following the death of Mother Theresa the people and the poor and destitute have been brought to our attention, so here is an opportunity for us to do a little something to help.

A Special Service for the Departed

Halloween this year is Friday, 31st October. It is the evening before “All Saints Day”; (1st November) when Christians remember the Saints down the ages who have no other memorable day. (Witches and hollowed out pumpkins are things that have come about recently following the superstitious idea that the ghosts of the dead Saints wandered through the graveyards.)

On the day after “All Saints Day”, the Church has an entirely different remembrance. It is a remembrance of those who have died and who we remember. It is called “All Saints Day.” This year, in Bere Regis Church at 6.00pm, we plan to have a simple service when we can do this together. A list will be put in the Church for those who wish to remember someone. This list will be on the table inside the Church from October 1st (rather like the Lily List leading up to Easter.) The service will be a quick one, with hymns, readings, prayers, a time for quiet, and a commendation of we who are living. I hope it will be a help.

Diana, Princess of Wales

No plans were around to cater for the dramatically tragic death of the Princess of Wales, so those of us in positions of responsibility in the community took a day or two to make the responses that many people were hoping for. We do hope the Book of Condolences, the opportunity to light a candle or place a flower or personal gift within our ancient and Holy Church was of value and help. You will be interested to know that nearly 400 candles were lit in four days, and you will be delighted to know that we were able to send approximately £400 to the fund in her memory. This represented the offerings put in the large jar. The little toys and assorted precious gifts will be sent to a Women’s Refuge - a place for battered wives and their children, - the sort of place of which we think Diana would approve.
OBITUARY

PHYLLIS MABEL BLOOMFIELD (aged 90 years)

Following a series of falls in her bungalow in Boswells Close, Phyllis Bloomfield decided the time had come for her to go into a residential home of care for the elderly. As with all people, she was grieved to leave her own home, where she had been so happy for many years, but she went. That was nearly two years ago. For the three years before this decision, she had not known much happiness because of her acute loneliness following the death of her beloved Maurice. Her life should not be seen in the light of her final years. She had lived a full life, and had always been an active member of every community in which she found herself.

Phyllis, was born in Essex, the only child of a successful business man. She was clearly doted on by her parents, and it seemed natural that she should work in the family business. She met and married Maurice relatively late for that time, in her 30’s. They had no children. They had each other, and they supported each other through up’s and down’s. Maurice worked as an insurance clerk for the Royal Insurance. After a while, he was sent to the Liverpool, and there they enjoyed many years. Sadly, due to a breakdown in his health, he had to retire early. So it was that they arrived in Bere Regis, settling into the new street known as Boswells Close.

Because of their normal commitment to the community in which they found themselves, they set to straight away. They became regular members of the Church, Mrs Bloomfield took over what was a Parish Newsletter, and made it into a Parish Magazine. They were elected onto the Drax Hall Committee. She collected for Dr Barnado’s Homes. With the gradual decline and eventual death of Maurice, her own health and confidence went. Children still popped in to see her, but nothing was quite the same. She received Holy Communion every month in her own home.

Thankfully, her last year at the James Day Home in Swanage was relatively happy. She was cremated at Poole Crematorium on 1st September and her ashes were interred with those of her husband in the graveyard of Bere Regis Church. We prayed for her name that she may be at rest with her Lord and in the company of the one who was her life for fifty five years.

BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS’ UNION

Our September meeting was the AGM when new officers were elected. Our leader, Mrs Diana Phillips, felt that she could not continue to be our Branch Chairman, so we reluctantly accepted her resignation. A card was signed by all members and we expressed our thanks to Di for her past leadership.

Mrs Mary England was unanimously elected as our new branch leader and Mrs Brenda Pitfield was re-elected as secretary. The post of Treasurer was not filled at the meeting but it is hoped that our appointment will be made at the next meeting on 1st October.

Committee Members were re-elected with the addition of Mrs Shirley Day.

Our October meeting will be held in Church at 7.30pm and it will have a harvest theme. Our speaker is to be Mrs Dorothy McNeish from Gillingham and she will be speaking about the Church’s lesser known festivals, with a mention of harvest. Refreshments will be served by the committee. New members are always welcome to join us, or just come along to our meetings to find out a bit more about us with no obligation to join. Another event in October is the Media Plus Day to be held at St. George’s Church Hall, Fordington on Friday, 17th October from 10.00am till 3.00pm. Transport is available and names need to be given in to Mary or myself immediately.

Brenda Pitfield 471391

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, GARDENING CLUB

As ever, the last minute rush to get in a bit of advertising for future events at our North St. venue. The best is yet to come. RBL Gardening Club once again lays on its........

Harvest Supper, Friday, 10th October 7.30pm - 10.00pm. - £3.50

An immense and varied repast of wholesome staples and deliciously tempting delicacies offered at less than the price of Café breakfast. Elaine and Adrian catering with assistance from committee and friends of the club. We guarantee you will be well and truly stuffed.

Tuesday, 7th October Guest Speaker from Kingston Maurward College of Agriculture, will advise on how to get the very best from your Vegetable Plot. Kingston Maurward speakers are always well attended so be early. Doors open at 7.15pm Talks begin promptly at 8.00pm.

If you can’t make it on Tuesday and would like to attend the Harvest Supper, give me a call on 472138 and I will book you in. (not Monday evening, my Skittles night out.)

Brian
PARISH COUNCIL

At the September meeting the Parish Council debated the Local Structure Plan and a majority of those present voted to oppose the Plan on various grounds. In the main they concluded that Bere Regis did not fit into the criteria as stated in the opening chapters of the plan. Some aspects however were welcomed, such as the proposal for a new Village Hall and the extension of the Green Belt.

PC Ron Hawes is now our allocated policeman. He was in attendance and was asked to keep an eye on the children’s play area to discourage vandalism by the older children. A Parishioner asked the Council for children to be discouraged from using the re-cycling bins in the Car Park for exercise. The Clerk will write to the District Council suggesting that the bins be placed further apart.

The Purbeck Heritage Committee are asking for any old movie films which people may have in their lofts to be loaned so that they may be copied on to a video and kept in an archive. Films will be returned. Some people may have a record of a holiday in Purbeck or working in Dorset. What I have seen so far are all fascinating.

Just as we get used to forgetting the General Election we are reminded that next year we are to have elections for District and Parish.

If you have any queries concerning the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk - Mr Jim Ruddock 01929 556263.

CM

BERE REGIS W.I.

The Treasure Hunt held in August made us aware that the autumn was creeping silently upon us, in as much that some of those participating (including myself) finished in the dark. (an earlier starting time is recommended) None the less it was great fun and some of us discovered places completely unknown to us. Very well thought out clues ensured we did a lot of thinking…….but we all finished the course followed by wonderful refreshments, this in itself was an adventure! (if you know where Sue Stone lives.)

Some of us suddenly found ourselves mountaineering in the dark! With the aid of a sure footed guide and there we were sitting at altitude and watching vehicle lights whizzing around on the filling station roundabout, and enjoying the refreshments. Finally, we all descended to earth…… With the aid of our guide …… and with much laughter went home.

A very big “Thank you” to Christine and the team for making it possible.

Note of irony. The winners were two visitors on holiday locally! Christine delivered the prize to them (having supper at the Drax Arms) on her way out she heard ……. “and we beat the locals!!!!!!”

The speaker for this month, Tuesday, 21st October, 7.30pm will be Mr Howell. The subject: Birdwatching, I am sure it will be very interesting, not many of us are nocturnal enough to observe their activities. We look forward to seeing you. Refreshments as usual.

Zena Rogers

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ’50s’ CLUB

Sixty members sat down to our annual luncheon held at the Drax Hall. The guest for this year was Mr Alan Dunning. Mrs C Lewis gave a report of the year’s activities, and Kath thanked Charlie, Fred and all the committee for their hard work during the year. Kath then read out the household tips for the committee. Entertainment was provided by the Woodbury Hill Singers, and the afternoon finished with tea and cake.

The speaker for our next meeting on the 8th October will be Mrs Young, with a talk on the Royal Jewellery. The competition will be a scent bottle or phial. Members allowed to bring one guest.

On the 11th October in the Drax Hall, we will be holding our 25p Sale and new to you table. Entry will be free, and there will be refreshments.
RAGAMUFFINS

We held the official opening of our new building on Saturday, 13th September. I was delighted to see so many people from the playgroup and local villagers. Both the opening and the new building has been a complete success and the children are now enjoying their new environment.

I would like to thank everybody who helped in any way. This includes supporting us in our various fund raising events and the very generous Carnival procession collection. This collected £270 and we then received a further £500 from the Carnival Committee fund. Thank you.

The playschool has been overwhelmed by the support of the whole village and we should all feel very proud of the strong community spirit.

Personally, I would also like to thank all the parents, staff and committee, who presented me with a lovely bouquet of flowers and a crystal decanter on Saturday. It was unexpected but greatly appreciated.

Debbie Scott, Chairwoman

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

On the weekend of the 13th / 14th September, the Bere Regis Scout Group celebrated its 21st Anniversary, with a family camp on Brownsea Island. I joined them on the Sunday, for a memorable day.

7 Venture Scouts, 16 Scouts, 11 Cubs and 1 Beaver plus their Leaders and several of their families had camped on Brownsea on the Saturday night. Four Beavers, plus their Leader and several more families joined them for the Sunday. Everyone, plus all the kit, was transported to and from the island by the Royal Marines on landing craft. It was an exciting journey - especially when some passengers were soaked in spray!

The weekend activities were mainly games and the water games were very popular especially those involving balloons full of water! Luckily, the weather was sunny and the island was a superb setting for a memorable weekend camp.

We were fortunate to be joined by our former Chairman, John England, on the Sunday. He kindly, led the singing at the Service, held at the Brownsea Church on the Sunday afternoon, to commemorate our Anniversary.

It was so good to see so many boys and their families having fun together.

Pat Hall

REGINALD PASHEN

Pat, Tony, Sue and Don would like to “Thank” everyone for messages of sympathy, cards and letters. Also, friends and neighbours for their support and donations to MRI Critical Care Appeal (towards West Dorset Hospital Scanner) Total so far, £125.

REGINALD PASHEN

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our September meeting was a most enjoyable afternoon with Mrs Pelly from Portsmouth telling us, through her flowers, of her favourite people and places. In October, we have Sue Blandford and her title is “Daydreams”. For our meeting on December 9th we have a Special Christmas Demonstration with Margaret Fairhurst. Margaret is a National Demonstrator and one not to be missed. Our meeting will be in Brianstrupple Village Hall, as it is a bit bigger than Winterborne Kingston hall and we expect a lot of people for that special Christmas meeting.

Pat House

THE LAMMAS FAIR

Although the beginning of August seems a long time ago now, some of you may not know that thanks to the enormous work of the helpers, and the generosity of the givers, £1,800 was raised for Church funds. It was such a “happy” afternoon, sadly interrupted by the rain, but the brave stuck it out, and kept saying “It’s only warm rain!”

As always, very sincere thanks go to the large committee which met and planned the event, the labourers behind the scenes who carted the tables and chairs, the stall holders who worked for months to create bigger and better stalls, and of course to the creators of the “Dog Races.” It was all great fun, and the reward will make such a difference to our constant problem of finance.

100 WATT CLUB

The first winners have been drawn and the first prize of £10 goes, would you believe it, to ticket number 81 - Graham Roblin. The second prize of £5 to Mrs H Loxton, ticket number 66. Many thanks to all who have purchased shares - more are still available from Gordon Phillips at 102, North Street - 471525.
How amazing! Through the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, at the hands of an alleged drunken driver, practically the whole nation was shaken and shocked emotionally. In their grief and sorrow, many took their flowers and gifts to the London Palaces, in loving memory of a very attractive Princess.

The Queen, and members of the Royal family bowed to the pressures of the people and relaxed the usual protocol. How ironic, that the one accused by some as being a 'loose cannon' was carried on a simple 'gun carriage' at her funeral. Grief and loss was expressed in many different ways. Thoughts turned to the two young Princes', William and Harry, and their future. Time will tell how this event has marked their lives.

Now some four weeks have passed, and with them much of the emotion and shock of it all. What difference has it made to the Nation and to individual lives? What is left? What was the grieving all about? Emptiness remains: who, or what, will fill the gap? Life must go on, but need it go on in the same old way?

Today, as always, God the Father offers to fill that gap with His love, grave, mercy, peace and healing. He offers forgiveness to all those who will turn to the Lord Jesus Christ, and turn away from their sin, thus making Christ Jesus, Lord and Saviour, of their lives. He wants us to follow and worship Him every day of our lives.

The grieving for Diana, seems to have met a need within people to have 'something or someone' to worship or to focus on. How much more fulfilling it is to worship God the Father through Jesus Christ. He alone can give meaning and purpose to our lives today and every day. "Christ, died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again." 2 Corinthians 5: 15.

On Saturday, 25th October at 7.30pm, our special monthly meeting will take place at the Chapel, Butt Lane. You are invited to come and hear our speaker, Malcolm White, who comes from Barry, South Wales. Malcolm is an excellent Bible teacher, presenting his message in a clear and humorous way.

Reverend Ray Healey 471443

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Cricket Results

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Having played out the remnants of a stop-start, stop-start season, Bere's campaign fizzled out in the damp and soggy atmosphere which has personified this summer. A non-event away to Bournemouth saw Bere's batsmen crumble like the pack of cards of old, a collapse of England proportions. On a wicket made in heaven, batsmen should have flourished and Bere didn't and set a miserably total of 96 off some 52 overs. The home side made short work of this target, leaving Bere with another early bath.

Their final match at home to Broadstone was in doubt, but the groundstaff in benevolent mood, allowed the fixture to go ahead, despite the square and wicket's surface taking on the appearance and texture of a massive Naan bread. The visitors won the toss and surprisingly elected to bat, and found the going tough. Pete Thompson having rediscovered his bowling roots, coupled with Steve Cheeseman set about the top order, and ended with seven wickets between them. There was a catch of Herculean dimensions from Dean Rogerson, which had the benches talking. However Broadstone clawed their way back into contention, and set a very useful target of 135 with some lucrative late hitting.

Bere's reply was swift, but the debit column outweighed the credit side, as wickets tumbled once again. The score read 46 for 6, with frontline batsmen falling by the wayside. Steve Cheeseman strode out to the middle, and with Dean Rogerson, started to reduce the arrears. He hit an eventual 42 not out, with a mighty six, but a fluke run out disposed of Dean "DHL" and with just three wickets left, Nicky Cheeseman added vital support as the overs ticked by, but the runs were knocked off gradually. Some tight bowling from the visitors restricted the run rate, and it was left that 15 was needed off the last over, this proved a bridge too far, but Bere were left with a performance to take heart from.
A youthful looking Corfe Mullen met our Sunday Marauders led by cut-throat leader Reg Fripp. He had a depleted eleven, and was limited in the bowling department. He led the way with an economical spell of 12 overs including 5 maidens and two wickets. Corfe were reduced to 110 for 8. Then Bere bowled Corfe back into the game with just a little bit of luck in the hitting department. Veteran Steve Cooper was put to the sword after a lengthy lay off. Likewise young star Iain Macklin took a pounding as Corfe reached maximum batting points. The reply from Bere was woeful in the extreme, with only the captain showing the way with a top score of 20. This was a game to forget.

Local rivals Wareham were the last opponents on Sundays and away on the carpet, Bere put in a batting performance of meekness, leaving the home side and bottom of the table team a meagre 96 to win. With a severely weakened side due to last minute injuries, Bere did as well as they could, and ran Wareham close, losing out by just two wickets. Pete Thompson did his level best to bag a victory for the colours of Bere with a jug winning five wickets. Their captain was left to reflect on a season of what might have been, after losing out in at least six matches by the narrowest of margins against some fearsome opposition.

The Cricket Club’s Annual Grand Draw and Presentation Evening will be staged at the Bere Regis Sport Clubhouse on 27 September, all are welcome.

**Football Results**

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The new football season kicked off with an untimely pasting taken by Bere on the trail which is to be their first season in division five on a Sunday. The manager was frustrated with the referee in the first encounter, who was a last minute replacement due to the apparent dearth in refereeing talent in the leagues at present. A 7-1 thrashing was dealt by Ambassador, with at least two coming as a direct result of bizarre refereeing. The lone reply came from a reliable source in Rob White, on a day which was forgettable.

Their Saturday counterparts did not start until the following week, and met fellow promotionees, Alendale at home. The visitors had come with the sole intention on playing the flowing game, and Bere were chasing shadows before they could settle down. But they always looked the sharper up front, and created better chances. A positional reshuffle prior to the game, left the manager some problems. It was after twenty minutes, that Ricky Cummins opened the scoring, capping off man move with a half hit left foot push. The scoring pace which has become Wayne Cope’s trademark, saw Bere go two up. he had the measure of ‘Date’s left back and left him for dead after 36 minutes. It was a route which sadly Bere never capitalised on during the latter reaches of the game. This was a performance not for the faithful to relish but one of consolidation at this stage of the season. Not to be outdone, Burt Van Hasselbank completed the scoring, and also the old one-two-three of last season’s scorers.

**AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS**

**Village Hall News**

The new chairs have arrived; again thanks to R.A.G.E. for their generous contribution towards the purchase. They are very smart and comfortable and will be a very welcome addition to the hall equipment.

The Hall Committee met during September. Among the business discussed was the fundraising programme and the Lottery Application. The Jazz evening raised £252 towards Hall funds. There has been progress albeit slow with the Lottery Application.

*Jazz Evening - The Mill Street Jazz Band once again proved popular with 80 plus village enjoying a mixture of traditional and modern jazz. The Village Hall committee would like to express their thanks to all helpers and sponsors, especially Peter and Betty Fisk and Thatcherfield Insurance Company.*

*Sunday 5th October - from 4 p.m. Archive Film Show and afternoon tea. Tickets cost £5 to include the tea, available from Philippa Thorniley Bere Regis 471497. It is hoped to be able to show "The Golden Goose" among the films together with other films from Lady Debenham’s collection.*

*Saturday 18th October - Art Reach “Taylors Ticket” - Richard Derrington, 7.30 p.m. There will be a bar. Tickets cost £4, available from Philippa Thorniley, Bere Regis 471497.*

*Saturday 25th October - Impromptu Musical Evening - Performances by Judith Ramm, Pupils Past and Present, 7.30p.m., bar and light refreshments. Tickets, £3 Adults and £1 Children are available from Gillian Vingoe, 18 Briantspuddle 471832 or from Bladen Village Stores.*

*Friday 28th November - Rejoice all Men - Melstock Band, 7.30 p.m. Bar and Mince Pies. Tickets available from Philippa Thorniley Bere Regis 471497.*

**Home Watch**

*Burglars Warning - Advice from the Crime Prevention officer:*

A Team of burglars have been sighted in Piddlecrethide recently. This team are wanted in connection with numerous house burglaries across the Southern Counties. The team predominantly break into secluded rural houses and steal antiques, including furniture.

They tend to use hire vehicles when travelling to commit crimes. They are known to have used Ford Transit type vans and large cars such as Volvos. These criminals may call at a house first to reconnoitre the area and if challenged or disturbed at the house will have a story ready to explain their presence.
It was requested that sightings of suspicious persons and vehicles are reported to the Police Control room at the time seen, giving as good a description of persons and vehicles as possible. It is requested that Home Watch Coordinators and participants be aware of potential targets in their area and be available to give advice regarding bogus callers.

In addition if you are aware of anyone having experience of this type of crime, as outlined above, since the beginning of the year, please ask them to notify the circumstances to Blandford Crime Desk, 01258 452101 extension 3024.

**Theft**

Reports are still being received, despite earlier crime preventative warnings of shed and garages being broken into and power tools stolen. Also walk-in thefts to homes through open doors, whilst the occupier is busy in the garden.

Please remember the advice given in earlier articles to secure your sheds and garages and remember to secure your windows and doors whenever leaving the house unoccupied even for the shortest time.

I have tried to get information from the Police following the robbery at the Briantspuddle Post Office, but so far no information has been received. I would like to offer our sympathy to Mr and Mrs Fisk over this unfortunate and shocking incident.

Bill Thorniley

**Briantspuddle W.I.**

Like so many institutes nationally, Briantspuddle W.I. is suffering a low membership total at present, which unless we can increase this, may mean that some time in the future it may have to fold. With the disappearance of so many other organisations in the village it would be sad to see yet another one disappear. The committee will continue to do its utmost to keep it going of course.

We are a very informal group who meet every first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm, when we have a business meeting, usually lasting about 30 minutes followed by a demonstration or a talk by a guest speaker or some other form of activity, after which we have a cup of tea and a chat to catch up with our friends in the village.

In June we usually take a coach trip to some historic place, as well as going for an evening stroll followed by a visit to a local pub. If anyone would like to join us one evening to see what we get up to, we always welcome non-members. Our programme for the evening is always displayed on the notice board. For further enquiries please ring Martha Tucker, 471358 or Nicky Killer, 471202 or Janet Croft 471044.

In September we had a very interesting talk by Mrs Foster who spent several years in Japan with her husband and during this time studied the history of the Kimono, of which she showed us her total collection. We hope to have her back one evening when she will give us a slide show on the complete history of the Kimono.

In October we celebrate our 9th anniversary with a quiz on Dorset followed by a buffet supper. Members from other local institutes usually attend our anniversary and we hope to see some local non-members as well.

In November we meet for our A.G.M. to appoint a new team of Officers.

**DORSET LATVIA LINK**

Alesja - George Silvans is off to Latvia on 20th September, where among other things, he will be talking to Alesja's surgeon about her operation and discussing the final stages of what has proved to be a rather lengthier process than at first anticipated. It may even be possible for Alesja's new prosthesis to be supplied and fitted in Riga, which would of course be ideal, but we shall have to wait and see.

Our stall at Dorset Police HQ Open Day raised £246.36, to be shared equally between the Link and the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. It was a very hot day but a lot of fun, with thousands of people in attendance and once again, we offer our thanks to all who cooked cakes, supplied saleable items, or helped with arrangements and helped with the stall on the day. We certainly could not have done it without you and we are most grateful.

Jenny Silvans

**WOODBURY HILL SINGERS**

The Singers have started their Entertainment Programme for the Autumn and have sung to the Townswomen's Guild, Sandford and to the members of the Autumn Leaves Over 50's Club for their 27th birthday luncheon.

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