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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
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

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7.00 p.m, Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.

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7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall

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

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2.00 p.m. (closed Wednesday)
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Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

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

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7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
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9.00 a.m.- 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall

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8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Brian 472135

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Junior - 7.30 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
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1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

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

W.I. Bere Regis
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W.I. Briantspuddle
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Woodbury Hill Singers
2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur

PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Wednesday 17th September
Bere Regis School - 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Surgery - 10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
Briantspuddle - 12.20 p.m.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September
10th Autumn Leaves, 27th luncheon, Drax Hall 12.30 p.m.
13th Dorset Historic Churches Trust, Sponsored Cycle Ride
16th WI Open Evening
27th PIP First Birthday Party, Drax Hall

October
5th Archive film show, Briantspuddle Village Hall 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m
8th Autumn Leaves talk on the Royal Heirlooms
10th Auction of Promises, Bere Regis Scout Group
18th Art Reach performance - Taylors Ticker
18th Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society, Dorset Evening of Entertainment, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
18th Autumn Leaves 25p sale, Drax Hall 2.00 p.m.

November
22nd Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar
25th Blood Donor session, Drax Hall

December
13th PIP Christmas Party

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September
Saturday 6th Super League Darts
Saturday 13th Bulseye - 8.15 p.m. - fun for all age groups
Saturday 20th Disco - 8.30 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. - time to dust off your dancing pumps
Saturday 27th Quiz - 8.00 p.m. - not quite Mastermind
Sunday 28th Harvest Festival - 7.00 p.m. - goodies to buy afterwards

October
Saturday 4th Country and Western with Sue Francis - yee hah
Saturday 11th Super League Darts Saturday 18th Bulseye - 8.15 p.m. - another family evening
Saturday 25th Disco with Rob Antony - 8.30 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. J ohn Tavolta eat your heart out

November
Saturday 1st Super League Darts
Saturday 8th Bless m'All Night with George Hirst - a night for nostalgia
Wednesday 12th Women's section coffee evening - 7.00 p.m. come and support their worthy cause
Saturday 15th Music Quiz - 8.00 p.m. - covering all ages and musical tastes
Saturday 22nd Evening with Ron Hughes - tickets £5.00, include a buffet supper and dancing for all
Saturday 29th Super League Darts

THE PARISHES of BERE REGIS and AFFPUDDLE
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September 1997

A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

SEPTEMBER - A NEW START

I have often felt that September is the start of the year and not January. So it was with a little smug satisfaction that I found that our present day practice of beginning the new year in January is not Jewish or Christian in origin. It is inherited from Rome. The Christian Church has never really liked January to be the beginning of the year, because it comes too soon after Christmas. So it brought in Advent Sunday as the start of the Christian Year. Then I found that right up to the eighteenth century, England held New Year's Day in the Spring, on 25 March. The Jews at the time of Jesus, and before that until today, celebrated the New Year at the end of September. The Orthodox Church has its New Year on September 1st. The secular world has its own ideas of when to re-start. The financial world has had April as a start; the educational world has September or October.

For most people at work, August is a bit of a sluggish time. We look to re-start when September comes and the anxious making sloth of not pushing ourselves overmuch during the summer makes us almost eager to make this re-start with enthusiasm. Children learn all about this from the age of four upwards, in the new class room, new teachers, new schools, new university or college.

The January New Year, inherited from Rome has its own charming traditions. Scotsmen do all sorts of things, resulting in them making 1st/2nd January national holidays! Being dark haired, meant that as a boy, I had to go ‘first footing’ - taking a lump of coal to neighbours’ houses; why, I cannot remember now. But the general tradition is to say ‘Happy New Year’ to a friend or stranger.

There was a time when we made ‘resolutions’, called ‘New Year Resolutions’, because they only lasted for the New Year! I suppose that we all make resolutions even at the September New Year. I also suppose that I am not very different from most other people in being a little selfish in my resolutions. So here is a little story to think about as we mentally start another day of another year. The story comes from the Russian writer Tolsky, and it is entitled “How much Land does a Man require”

A peasant spent much time planning to become a rich landowner. He went with his savings to a man who was selling land, and enquired the price. “As much land as you can walk round in a day”. So he put all his money in his cap on the ground to mark the place from where he was to start. At sunrise, he set off briskly. At midday it began to grow hot. Determined not to stop for rest, he thought only of the acres that were going to be his.
Evening began to draw on. He was tired and hungry. He walked on, for a bit more land. The sun began to sink behind the horizon. He reached the spot from where he started. He reached out for his money, and fell down dead. His dream of owning land was buried with him. His dreams and his plans soaked away out of time into the past.

Resolution: Today should be the most important day of my life.

BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

September 7th  9.30 a.m.  Mr Bates / Mr House
               6.00 p.m.  Mr Ward / Mr Dashwood

September 14th 11.00 a.m.  Mrs England / Mrs March
                  6.00 p.m.  Mr Barnes / Mrs Jutting

September 21st  9.30 a.m.  Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Strange
                     6.00 p.m.  Mrs Griffin / Miss Chesney

September 28th  11.00 a.m.  Miss Miller
                     6.00 p.m.  Miss Frampton / Mrs Ward

Bere Regis Readers

September 7th  Mr I Ventham
September 14th  Mrs Jutting
September 21st  Miss Chesney
September 28th  Mrs Ward

Sanctuary Flower Guild

September 7th  Mrs J Herring  Mrs P House
September 14th  Mrs J Clarke  Mrs M England
September 21st  Mrs N Gibson
September 28th  Mrs Owens  Mrs Wood

CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7th September
8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 14th September
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 21st September
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Sunday 28th September
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9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Bere Regis)
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**BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS**

Bellringing practices start again at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 10 September. Any new learners welcome - please meet at the church.

Thank you very much to those who manned the tower for Tower Tours on the day of the Lammas Fair. Your information was much appreciated and as well raised £46 towards the fair.

Bere Regis tower is hosting the Dorchester Branch AGM on Saturday 11 October which includes ringing before and after a service at 4.00 p.m. (to which all parishioners are welcome) and the business meeting.

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Holy Baptism - Bere Regis**

- 20th July: Katie Lauren Gale
- 3rd August: Megan Louise Loveless

**Holy Baptism - Affpuddle**

- 10th August: Lewis Daniel Ben Hewitt

**LAMMAS FAIR**

We would like to say 'thank-you' to everyone who so kindly made cakes for the Lammas Fair Cake Stall. We had a lovely varied selection of delicious cakes and we took over £180.

Rene and Pat
CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH NOTICES

The Bere Regis Parochial Church Council meets in the church on 9th September at 7.15 p.m.

The Affpuddle Home Group meets for its first meeting of the Autumn on Monday 15th September. The study for this session is on the book of Daniel, and the vicar will give an introduction to this interesting but misunderstood book.

Affpuddle Harvest Festival

We are holding this on Sunday 21st September at 11 a.m. It will be a family service, especially designed to cater for the needs of the cross section of those who enjoy this service.

Bere Regis Harvest Festival

We are holding this on Sunday 5 October at 6.00 p.m., followed by a Harvest Supper in the South Aisle. The service will be a traditional Evensong with the Harvest hymns and songs.

Affpuddle Away Day

We are having an opportunity to have a few hours away to think about the church after 2000 AD with a particular look at the church in the countryside. The ‘Away Day’ is on Saturday 25 October. It is at the Grove Farmhouse in Melbury Abbas, and we will start at 10.00 a.m. with coffee. Then at 10.30 a.m., the Revd Mary Cramer who heads up the Bishop’s team on Rural Ministry will talk to us about the thoughts of the Church of England concerning our ministry after the Millennium. After a splendid lunch, we will have an hour discussion on our reaction to Mrs Cramer’s vision. The cost will be £15 inclusive.

Would you kindly begin to notify the vicar if you would like to take up a place on this ‘Away Day’

BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHERS’ UNION

Following our August break, meetings resume in September with our AGM on Wednesday 3 September at 7.30 p.m. in Church. Please come with plenty of ideas for next year’s speakers etc.

The deanery outing is to take place on Friday 19 September, leaving the village at approximately 1.45 p.m. Details are slightly different from those given in last month’s magazine, in that we are unable to go into Mapperton House. However, the gardens will be open and tea will be available at Beaminster. The amended charge, which includes the coach fare, will be £7.00. Please give your name to Eileen Bangay or myself if you wish to go.

Brief details are available of a Media Plus Day to be held at St George’s Hall, Fordington, Dorchester on Friday 17 October. The cost for the day will be £2.50. The organisers need to know numbers by 3 October, so please let me know at our September meeting if you wish to attend.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN’S SECTION

Fifteen members attended our July meeting. After the Exhortation, minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Our speaker for the afternoon was Mrs P Roblin on ‘Floral Arrangements’ which proved most interesting to all members. Mrs Roblin donated her arrangements for our raffle, which went to boost our funds.

Teas were then served by Mrs K March and Mrs Leigh, a Bring and Buy run by Mrs Payne and the raffle by Mrs Clarke.

Cenotaph September: Mrs K March Mrs Curtiss

October: Mrs House

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have entertained the residents of Christchurch Court, Dorchester for their special evening.
PARISH COUNCIL

At the August meeting the Purbeck Structure Plan concerning the proposed development within the Parish was discussed. Parishioners will be interested to learn that the timing for comments on the proposals has been extended to the 30 September. Each point of the Plan was dealt with in detail. The Council’s response to the Plan will be finalised at the next Council meeting in September.

The Council is concerned about dog fouling around the village and proposes to designate specific areas where it will be an offence for owners not clearing up their animals’ ‘calling cards’. Note, it is not an offence for the animal to do ‘it’ - the offence is committed when the owner fails to clear ‘it’ up! The following areas are under consideration and the Council would welcome any comments from parishioners - the Sports Field, the Board Walk, the area for games adjacent to the Scout Hut, the Children’s Play Area and the green areas around The Cross and the Shitterton Pump. Comments to any Councillor please.

CM

BERE REGIS W.I.

Our July meeting was very interesting. Our speaker Mrs Erbetta came with an ‘Aladdin’s Cave’ of all that is new in Crafts and Haberdashery, it was quite surprising how many creative ideas are available - some unknown to us.

This month is an Open Evening, an invitation to come and extend your knowledge even further! Tuesday 16th September, at the Drax Hall, 7.30 p.m. Mrs Maden Myers - Pressed flowers and their uses.

Followed by tempting refreshments. It will be a pleasure to welcome you.

Zena Rogers

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S INSTITUTES

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50’s CLUB

invite all members to their 27th Birthday Luncheon

at the Drax Hall on Wednesday 10th September 1997

12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m.

Competition - Tips or Hints £1.00 - pay at the door

Please ring Kath on 471175 if you have not put your name on the list by

Monday 8 September

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

We all enjoyed a delicious tea at Larkspur in August. As it was such a lovely sunny day, many of the members took the opportunity to walk around Kath and Charlie’s pretty garden. To finish the afternoon we had a sing song around the piano.

Our meeting in September will be on Wednesday 10th. This will be our annual luncheon and will be 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m. and will cost £1.00 Please let Kath know by Monday 8 September (471175) if you have not already put your name on the list, as we require to know the numbers. Competition - household or cookery tips.
BERE REGIS YOUTH CONCERT

After a few years of absence, I am asking for your help in producing a village concert with an accent on youth (but including the young at heart) in Church at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday 8 November 1997.

I have already been in contact with some of the performers in previous concerts.

Solo items, as well as duets or groups are all welcome and if there are enough there can be 'Orchestral Items' which can be practised on a few Sunday evenings after evensong.

Could you please let me know if you can offer your talents by 14 September please.

John England, 10 South Mead (471469)

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Sadly, Bob Holman did not manage to complete his swim of Loch Lomond on 5 August. After completing eleven miles in good conditions the wind got up in the exposed part of the loch. Within half an hour, he was battling against a force 4 to 5 which was causing a heavy choppy swell. For the next three hours he was unable to make much progress, and indeed the accompanying boat was having to use full throttle on its outboard motor and oars to stay with him. After three hours of battling with these conditions, it became apparent that he would not be able to complete the swim.

Although the end result was disappointing, we are still hoping that this attempt will raise a lot of money for cancer research. £1,500 has come in to date, with the fund growing daily. A very big thank you to everyone who has supported this venture so far.

We are in urgent need of extra help to organise events through the year. Several members of the committee have served on it for many years and wish to be released from their duties. The group has done some really valuable work over the twenty years it has been operating and it would be a great shame to see all this cease through lack of continuing support. It really does mean just a few hours each year. A maximum of three or four events are held during the year, but the money they make is a very valuable contribution to research into finding a cure for cancer. The person to contact if you can spare some time is Mrs Barbara Griffin who lives at the Cedars, situated between the Royal Oak and the vicarage. Telephone 471253 (daytime) and 471326 (evenings).

Our next event is to be an Antiques Valuation evening at Briantspuddle Village Hall on the evening of 25 March 1998. Mr Garry Batt of Hy. Duke, the fine art valuers in Dorchester is coming along and will be available to give his expert advice on your treasures.

Diana Holman

IN SUPPORT OF THE CARNIVAL

Having recently enjoyed the village carnival and listening to the do's and dont's, the if's and but's on the day in question and since the main talking point by past and present participants, was the decision to use the recreation ground in North Street as the rendezvous point, there are some comments to be made.

The general feeling by a vast majority was this is where it should be held - a very wise decision by the organisers. Also, in their favour, we were blessed with glorious weather and this brought people out in their droves, hence invading the drinking wells at the rec and almost drank the legion oasis dry. One could say we were caught with our trousers down as no-one could have envisaged that there would be such a large turnout of spectators.

This endorses the rendezvous location for future carnivals when we will adopt the Scouts' motto and 'be prepared' with stock and staff.

On this note I wish to thank all those who assisted in the pulling of pints, glass collection and washing and general duties in the running of licensed premises. This was all done voluntarily, partly as their contribution towards the carnival, and partly due to their loyalty for the British Legion Club where membership is available - just turn up any Friday evening.

But the final word must, I emphasis must, go to Wally, Wendy and workers, for the tremendous amount of time and efforts they put into the planning of this carnival which was for the pleasure of the entire community. I sincerely hope when the balance sheets become available, all the work was not in vain and shows healthy returns.

EJS

POP IN PLACE

The Pop in Place has raised £185.50 towards disabled access to the Drax Hall from our sponsored walk - thanks to all our sponsors.

The first birthday celebrations will be on Saturday 27 September at 6.00 p.m. and tickets are available at £1.00 each from the Pop in Place. This will include supper and help towards the cost of the entertainment.

Come along and join the fun celebrating our first successful year.

Thanks to everyone who entered into the spirit of the carnival with the Pop Indian float.

Summer activities for children was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by children and parents alike with over thirty five attending per session, enjoying the various activities, games and songs etc.
New to you scheme

Please can all unsold items from the scheme be collected within two weeks of withdrawal or they will be donated to charity. This is due to lack of space.

Fresh produce

Anyone wishing to assist with providing fresh produce for the Pop In Place to sell, please contact 472023 or just call in on Mondays or Fridays between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

BRITISH RED CROSS IN DORSET

The British Red Cross in Dorset currently operates sixteen Medical Equipment Loan Depots throughout the County with a thriving centre located locally at Wareham. These outlets specialise in lending medical equipment to individuals on a short term basis which is on average four weeks. The items vary from wheelchairs and walking aids to bathing and toilet aids and their use makes life easier for many people following an accident or operation, or whilst visiting the area, giving them mobility and independence. Some of the equipment has to be authorised for use by a professional (such as a Doctor or Occupational Therapist) to ensure the client is given the correct item - other pieces are available without this authorisation. Although the equipment is of the very highest standard there is no charge for the service, it relies entirely on donations.

The British Red Cross also relies on volunteers working within this service to help man the centres. If any reader feels they could devote a minimum of two to three hours a week to helping within our Medical Equipment outlet we would be very happy to send them further information. There is no need for past experience as full training is given. The most important feature of all our volunteers are that they are good listeners and have a caring and sympathetic nature. Please contact Veronica Precious on 01929 551555 if you would like to know more about this service.

THANK YOU

Sylvia, Dave and I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all our friends far and wide who kindly sent messages of sympathy in our sad and sudden loss of dear Percy, a wonderful husband and father and a friend of so many. Thank you to everyone who attended his funeral at a full church in Winterborne Kingston. Also thanks to Rev Maddox for a lovely service and his kindness to us all.

PLAY PARK

Thanks to all who signed the petition calling on the Parish Council to reverse the neglect of the Berc Regis Play Park. We have got over 100 signatures so far, - if you haven't signed it yet, and want to, there are copies at the Pop in Place. We have sent the petition to the Parish Council but we will send in more pages as we fill them.

We hope this clear statement of the concern of many people in the village will persuade the council to fullfill its commitment to maintain the play area. Up to now the council has only carried out essential safety repairs - there has been no preventative maintenance - ie a coat of paint! It is essential that some extra maintenance is done before the winter to protect this superb facility from further deterioration.

Lest hope we make some headway so that the play area is there for children now and in the future and the efforts of so many people in raising money to build it are not wasted.

FRIENDS OF THE PRACTICE - Community Health Volunteers

Summer holidays over? Feeling a little flat? Looking for a worthwhile project to occupy your spare time this Autumn?

Friends of the Practice at Puddletown Surgery would like to recruit new volunteers to help patients in a variety of ways.

You could make someone smile by:
- providing transport to appointments
- shopping and errands
- visiting and providing company
- family support
- giving a carer some time off

The person smiling the most will be you!

For more information, please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator, Sue Chalk on 01305 848333 and/or come along to the Volunteers' Tea Party at the Puddletown Surgery, Mill Street, Puddletown from 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 10 September to find out more about what is involved in being a Friends of the Practice Volunteer.
LUCY ANNIE HYDE deceased

John, Pam and Leo would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who attended the funeral service and also to the Organist who kindly played Lucy’s favourite song ‘Trees’. Also for all the support and help from friends and neighbours and for the many letters and cards of sympathy.

We received a total of £370 in aid of research into Osteoporosis, for which we thank everyone.

John Hyde

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our meetings start again on September 9th, when Elizabeth Pelley is demonstrating People and Places.

Meetings start at 2.00 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

Pat House

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

On Saturday 13th September the annual cycle ride organised by the Dorset Historic Churches Trust will take place. Last year’s total of £26,870 beat all records and of this, half went to the Trust for repairs to churches in Dorset and the other half was returned immediately to local churches nominated by the people who were sponsored.

Cyclists, Walkers, Horse-riders and Wheel-chair users can all have a fun day and at the same time help your church and the Trust by finding sponsors who will pledge an amount for every church you visit during the day.

Helpers are also required at both churches to welcome visiting cyclists on the day.

Sponsor forms and a list of churches open for the occasion can be obtained from Sybil Frampton (Bere Regis) on 01929 471643 or David Payne (Affpuddle) on 01258 837700.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

It has been a funny sort of ‘hot, wet, dry, be prepared for anything’ kind of summer this year, hasn’t it? It could not make up its mind whether it was June in April, or March in May. Lots of rain fell during the Wimbledon tennis fortnight and rain affected the cricket Test matches, which in the end did not prevent the Australians again swamping England and sinking them without trace.

Have you noticed how we seem to have been swamped by ants this summer? As soon as they are sprayed with killer powder one finds that they have moved ‘house’. The ants are not strong creatures but they prepare and store their food in summer, for they are exceedingly wise. Proverbs 30:25. Ants know instinctively that autumn and winter are coming, so they take advantage of the warm summer weather to march off with food and store it up for when the cold frost and snow of winter arrives.

If we are wise we can learn a lot from the ants in how we live our lives. When things are going well for us in the sweet spring and summer of our lives, then we can forget that life’s autumn and winter will surely follow, to test or swamp us. What do we do then?

The first step in preparing for life’s autumn and winter is to believe and receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. From then on we learn to trust and love Jesus, and store up God’s word in our hearts and lives. Then, when life is not so much tennis or cricket but more like a football being kicked around, we will already know who to trust. Like the ant we may not be strong but we will be exceedingly wise to trust the Lord Jesus Christ in every situation and to live for Him. Acts 4: 12. Proverbs 3: 5-6.

On Saturday 27 September at 7.30 p.m., our monthly Celebration meeting at the Chapel, Butt Lane, will take place. Our speaker this month is Gerald Gotzen. Gerald has spent many years in Ethiopia and also worked in Russia during the days of the Communist regime. He has much to tell us concerning God’s work in these places and you are invited to come and hear him. This is a meeting not to be missed!

Reverend Ray Healey 471443
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Cricket Results

20 July
POOLE & POOLE OG’S II 182 for 6
BERE REGIS 164 all out
(D Rogerson 41, C Oram 21, R Fripp 21)

26 July
STALBRIDGE II 79 all out
(S Cheeseman 3-16)
BERE REGIS 81 for 1
(C Way 29 no, D Rogerson 24 no)

27 July
MUDEFORD 170 all out
(S Cheeseman 6-41, R Fripp 3-35)
BERE REGIS 165 for 9
(D Merritt 42, R Fripp 30, G Price

* 2 Aug
GILLINGHAM 81 all out
(P Thompson 5-25, S Cheeseman 3-16)
BERE REGIS 64 for no wkt
(D Rogerson 24 no, D Merritt 40 no)

10 Aug
BERE REGIS 102 all out
(G Price 22)
BEAMINISTER 103 for 6

* Bere Regis won by 10 wickets on reduced target on rain affected game

16 Aug
BERE REGIS 116 all out
(R Hewitt 47)
BRYANSTON 117 for no wkt

17 Aug
BERE REGIS 142 for 9
(D Rogerson 44, G Price 31)
KINGS PARK 143 for 8
(D Rogerson 6-49)

As their highly motivated captain Reg Fripp has justly pointed out over recent weeks, the Sunday eleven would have been right up there challenging for honours in the division five elite instead of being securely fastened to the middle of the table. Their eventful trip to Poole Park culminated in an eighteen run defeat, but Bere had their chances with Dean Rogerson hitting a season’s high of 41 with able support from Reggiana Fripp and Hristo Oram. The antics of the home sides’ bowlers gave the umpires one or two problems to deal with. All in all though it was a fine performance in the face of a fair amount of intimidation and distraction, mainly from the various species of fowl parading up and down the park.

With Bere’s hopes of survival in the Saturday section taking a dive in the middle part of the season, they embarked on a crucial series of games, and thankfully negotiated them with maximum points barring a slip away to Wessex Wanderers. The last two matches were absolute pushovers, which in some way was a relief, but both Stalbridge and Gillingham fielded extremely under strength sides giving two no contests. However they provided Bere’s batsmen with practice untold off their North Dorset buffet bowling.

The heralding of the first summer’s heatwave lifted spirits, and Bere battred out what was arguably the best contest seen on Dandelion Park. Electing to field, Bere’s erstwhile skipper took it upon himself to tear out the top order of Mudeford’s line up. His spell of deadly accurate seam-up bowling proved almost decisive. However Bere’s eleven was depleted and were short on bowlers, leaving an onerous task on the shoulders of paceman “Mantis” and other part timers. Runs started to flow from the most evenely paced and bouncy wicket played on so far this campaign. A tribute to the groundmen’s efforts. The Mantis completed his twelve overs bearing the brunt of some brutal hitting and Bere were chasing leather.

Parity was restored as Steve Cheeseman came back at the Reclamation End. A vastly more accurate five overs yielded five wickets, and Mudeford tumbled from a position of security to 170 all out. There were one or two champagne catches from the Rinky Dink and Dulux. With four overs extra, Bere set about their target with weakened batting ranks, and the 171 seemed a long way off, but with Dean Merritt at the helm, anything is possible, and his positive approach at the top ensured that Bere were in the hunt. Heartthrob Graeme Price provided the foil with his punishing strokeplay, they took the score along to 100 for 3, then a mini-collapse ensued, leaving the Calypso King bereft of partners.

He starred in a sparkling eighth wicket stand with child prodigy Nick Cheeseman, who hit an dominant 19 decreasing the run rate required to under six an over. He showed a maturity beyond his years upping the tempo perfectly. His swansong stroke was destined for a six, only to be clawed in by an extraordinary catch. The King resumed his mantle of chief clubber, however with late wickets falling, Bere just did not have enough in the bank and were denied by five runs.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

Affpuddle Home Group

The Home Group is a very un-serious group of like-minded people in the parish, open to all who enjoy getting together on one evening a week in term time to study the Bible or some other Christian subject. This routine is punctuated occasionally by something different such as a video or a party. New members and occasional drop-ins are always welcome. The meetings rotate between four or five homes and the locations and times are in the church notices each week and in a programme available in the church.

This term we begin on Wednesday 10th September by joining our friends in the Bere Regis group for house communion, followed by a party. Our regular Monday programme begins on 15th September at 7 Bladen Valley, where the vicar will introduce us to the term’s subject, the Old Testament book of Daniel - in which all who study may find practical help towards spiritual living in a secular world. Meetings begin with refreshments at 7.45 pm. Do join in!

J Haigh

Harvest Festival

The church will be decorated for Harvest Festival on Saturday 20th September from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Gifts of fruit and vegetables, tins, groceries, jam and flowers and foliage with which to decorate the church would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your gifts to church on Saturday before 10.00 a.m. As in past years all the produce will be given to Dorchester and District Cheshire Homes for the benefit of the residents.

Church Annual Gift Day

The Venerable Graham Roblin, our vicar, will be at Briantspuddle Cross Roads opposite the Village Shop from 10.00 until 12 noon on Saturday 20th September to accept gifts in support of the church.

A letter will be delivered to your house during September explaining the requirements for church funds. Please give generously.

Affpuddle P.C.C. Meeting

There will be a meeting of the P.C.C. on Wednesday 17th September 1997 at 7.30 p.m. at Raitby Cottage.

Village Hall news

Thanks to the generosity of R.A.G.E. it has been possible to buy new chairs for the Village Hall which will be in use by the end of September. The Committee are most grateful to Paul Badcock and R.A.G.E. for their useful and generous gift.

Thanks also to the Bladen Social Club who while the skittle alley was being maintained and repaired have arranged for the floor to be sanded and sealed. This is greatly appreciated and helps to keep the village hall smart and well maintained.

During October the following events are being organised which should be entertaining and well worth attending:

*Sunday 5th October 4.00 p.m. Cream Teas and Old Films - This is part of the Purbeck Film Festival and any surplus funds raised will be used for the benefit of the Hall

*Saturday 18th October at 7.30 p.m. Art Reach and Purbeck Film Festival are presenting Taylors Ticker - a one man presentation by Richard Derrington who was formerly Mark Hebden from the Archers. Tickets costing £4 may be obtained from Philippa Thorniley, Bere Regis 471497 from the middle of September. There will be a bar. All the past Art Reach Productions have been very well worth attending and there is no reason to suppose that this will be any different.
*Saturday 25th October - "Impromptu musical evening" by Judith Ram, Pupils Past and Present, Friends and Relatives at 7.30 p.m. Bar and refreshments. Tickets - Adults £3 Children £1 - available from Gillian Vingoe, 18 Briantspuddle 471832 or Bladen Village Stores. Funds raised will be donated to Briantspuddle Village hall.

*On Friday 28th November there will be another Art Reach Production. The Mellstock Band "Rejoice all Men!", Christmas in Thomas Hardy's Wessex with carols, Stories, Songs and dances. Tickets nearer the time from Philippa Thornley. Mince pies and wine will be sold during the interval.

There will be a meeting of the Briantspuddle Hall Committee at 8.00 p.m. at Raithby Cottage on Monday 8th September.

THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

Aleysha - We have received words that all necessary surgery has been carried out successfully on Aleysha's leg, which means that arrangements can now be made for the supply and fitting of her new prosthesis. It is anticipated that two members of the link will be visiting Latvia in September when the opportunity will be taken to discuss details etc. The link is currently planning a new project for our fund-raising in Ikskile and this will be on the agenda during that visit.

As previously advised the link will be running a stall at the Dorset Police HQ Open Day on 17th August, when it was the intention to raise funds for both the link and the West Dorset MRI Scanner Appeal. However, the Scanner Appeal along with a few other local charities, has been invited by the Dorset Police to run a stall on their own account, so the Link has decided that the Cystic Fibrosis Trust will be the other beneficiary of our fund raising efforts on Open Day. Cystic Fibrosis claims the lives of many sufferers annually but as a charity perhaps is not as well supported as those with a high-profile. However research has not only improved the quality of life for many but extended it considerably in the past ten years, especially for children. Our thanks to all who have given (yet again) of their time, their bookshelves and their no-longer-needed-treasures to help us to run the stall.

A reminder that for £2.50 minimum per annum you can become a member of the Dorset Latvia Link - subscription secretary Hilly Menzies, 471263, Starmoor, Throop, Briantspuddle.
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