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A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE
"This is the treasure of the church"

On the 10th August, one thousand, seven hundred and forty eight years ago, a young man called Lawrence was burned alive on what we would now call a barbecue, but then was known as a "grid-iron". He was tortured to death in one of the Roman persecutions which we now call ethnic cleansing. He was one of the small group of people called Christians, hated by the state. The emperor Valerian ruled the Roman Empire.

Because the tightly knit group of Christians were known to look after one another, it was thought that they were rich. This idea was fostered by something that happened at the beginning of the year. The pope, Sixtus II, was martyred. As he left to be killed, he turned to Lawrence and prophesied "You will follow me in three days". With these words ringing in his ears, he sent for all the poor Christians and divided all the church money, having increased the amount by selling the holy vessels.

The news of this redistribution of wealth spread fast, and the greedy eyes of the persecutors and ethnic cleansers brightened considerably.

Lawrence was captured and ordered to produce the treasurers of the Christian church. He said it would take three days.

By the third day he had mustered the lame, the blind, the widows, the orphans and all others who owed their preservation to Christian charity.

When the chief persecutor came to him, he presented him an assembly of want and misery. "This is the treasure of the church" he said.

They killed him slowly, by barbecue. He was buried on the road to Tivoli, and there is a church over his grave called St Lawrence without the Walls.

Since that date he has been venerated by the Christian church as one of the special martyrs. A bone of his skeleton was sent to St Oswald of Northumbria in the 7th century, and by 800 AD, the Anglo Saxon Church at Bradford-on-Avon was dedicated to him. By 1500, 288 churches in England were dedicated to him, including our own holy church in Affpuddle.

When thinking of why our ancestors in the faith were so drawn to Lawrence, I concluded that his remark, "This is the treasure of the church" when looking at the people, strikes a chord in the heart of all of us, regardless of the generation in which we live.

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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

2nd August 9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton / Mr Dashwood

9th August 11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 p.m. Mr Barnes / Mrs Junting

16th August 9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Strange
6.00 p.m. Mrs Griffin / Mr Ventham

23rd August 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Mrs Ward / Mr Ward

30th August 9.30 a.m. Churchwardens - Benefice Service at Bere Regis

Sanctuary Flower Guild

2nd August Mrs E Bangay Mrs P Jesty
9th August Mrs S Hazlerigg Mrs P Ward
16th August Mrs D Ventham Mrs C Lewis
23rd August Mrs P Roblin Mrs B Griffin
30th August Wedding

Readers

2nd August Mrs Lewis
9th August Mrs Junting
16th August Mrs Griffin
23rd August Mrs Ward

CHURCH SERVICES in AUGUST

Sunday 2nd August
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 9th August
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 16th August
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 23rd August
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. Communion with laying on of Hands (Bere Regis)

Sunday 30th August
9.30 a.m. Combined Benefice Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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CHURCH NEWS

THE CONFIRMATION

The confirmation for adults and children in the parish on Friday 10th July was a memorable moment in the present history of our two parishes. The bishop of the diocese came to confirm and to preside at the Eucharist, and the church was packed for the occasion. The bishop stayed on for the time of hospitality and refreshment, and was able to meet those who had been confirmed, as well as members of both congregations.

THE ORGAN IN AFFPUDDLE CHURCH

The replacement organ is now being put together, and sweet sounds are being produced. The pedal board is about to be added, so very soon we should have an organ, built originally in the 19th century, ready for use during the 21st century. When those of us reading this have moved on into new life, its melodious tones will continue to lead the worship of those as yet unborn.

THE LIGHTING OF BERE REGIS CHURCH

Re-wiring and re-lighting of our church was made inevitable following a survey by the accredited electrician.

It was decided to look at the way in which the church was lit, and to see if we could use the technology of the past years to us advantage. This we have done, and a plan has been sent to the Diocese for approval. The plan has three main elements, to give good light to the congregation, to give a new soft light to the 15th century roof, and to light the roof for the many visitors on a "pay as you see" basis.

The south aisle, chancel, Morton Chapel, north aisle, and the vestry, will also be rewired and re-lit at the same time.

The cost of the project is about £10,000. We have had several donations towards it. For example, we have received a donation of £1,000 towards the lighting of the chancel; £600 towards the lighting of the south aisle; £1,000 towards the general lighting.

Fund raising has continued throughout the year, so we are beginning to have confidence that we can achieve our aim. If you feel moved to contribute towards the re-lighting, in memory of someone, or just for yourself, we would be able to dedicate an area of lighting to your wishes. The vestry, or the Morton Chapel, or the bapistry are all places that could be designated as being lit by you. You may even like to make an anonymous contribution to the whole cost. We have no hidden resources or ancient legacies, so we do look to the generosity of the present parishioners to maintain our invaluable heritage.
A CYCLE RIDE FOR CHARITY

An easy and enjoyable way to raise money for charity is to cycle around from church to church in Dorset. At each church, you "clock in", have refreshment, and cycle on again. The Dorset Historic Churches Trust organises it. It's fun, it does you good physically, and it helps others. Our local representatives are:

Miss Sybil Frampton 01929 471643
Mr David Payne 01258 837700

Have a good ride!

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Wednesday evening practices will start again on September 9th and anyone who would like to see what is involved or would like to try will be welcome.

There will be ringing for weddings on August 29th, September 12th and 26th.

CHURCH FUND RAISING

After a lot of worrying and praying that the weather would be kind - the Garden Party went ahead in the beautiful Vicarage garden in lovely sunshine. It was well supported once again and we were pleased to welcome the visitors from Cerennes in France and their hosts. Cream teas were very popular and all the stalls did a brisk trade. The children from the school entertained with their country dancing. Many thanks to all the willing helpers. A wonderful £750 was raised for church funds.

MC

OBITUARY

Mr Frank Arthur Standfield (aged 90)

Frank Standfield died on 20th June, and the service of burial took place in Bere Regis Church on 26th June, followed by an interment in the cemetery.

In the service, we remembered and gave thanks for a man of Dorset, and a citizen of Bere Regis. Bere Regis was his place. He was born here, went to school here, was married here, he worked from here, and died here. Indeed, the only time he ventured forth for any time was when he was called up to serve in the army with the Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. This was in the war, and he supported the Tank Regiments in Italy.

Frank was one of six children, and the family were a well known one in the parish. On leaving school, he went to work for Mr Arthur Jeans who owned the shop, now empty, opposite the Royal Oak. Frank drove the pony and trap, conveying people back and forth to Wareham. He then went to work on the new Debenhams estate at Breamansdown, and stayed there until war broke out.

In 1933 he married Violet, and they made their home in Bere Regis. She was here to receive him back home and they continued to live a normal and happy life in the village. Violet was not always robust in health, and they thought that they may not have children, but in 1947, they were blessed with the birth of Christine. This brought a wonderful and new dimension into their home in Egdon Close.

The post war years saw Frank working as a chargethand on road repairs for the Dorset County Council. He did this for 40 years.
On retirement he was able to indulge himself in his great hobby - his allotment in Butt Lane. And by this time Christine had married George and his adored grandchildren Martin, Robert, and Louise were born and giving him great joy.

Sadness lurked around the corner of his life. Violet died in 1980. It was a bitter time for him. But he picked himself up and went on, and was able to realise his greatest wish, to see his grandchildren grow up into very special people.

Unlike Violet, Frank enjoyed good health and it was only the day before his 90th birthday that he finally had to go into hospital. He came out again, was nursed by his family, but eventually had to go into full time nursing at Alexandra House, Parkstone, where he received excellent care.

In the service we remembered a very reserved man of Bere Regis, who kept himself to himself but at the same time related beautifully to his family, his grandchildren and close friends.

We commended him to God that he would rest in peace.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our July meeting took the form of an outing to Edmondshall House near Cranborne. The party consisted of above fifteen members and husbands and we were given a conducted tour of the house and gardens by the owner, Mrs Julia Smith. The house has belonged to the same family for many generations although it has often passed to nieces or nephews rather than the direct line.

We were able to admire family portraits and furniture, as well as exquisitely made items of embroidery and other needlework. The evening finished at the Fleur de Lys pub at Cranborne where we enjoyed a meal together.

We do not meet in August on the first Wednesday but there is to be a children's morning in church on Tuesday 18th August. This will be led by Mr Andrew Saunders of Scripture Union. Several members have signed up to help. If this does not include you, please let me know if you are available to help. Do let any parents of young children know about the event. All school-age children will be most welcome, minimum age 5 years.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (3 - 11 March 1999)

The Reverend Hugh Maddox is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March next year. The cost per person is just over £800.

The pilgrimage combines the wonder of the Holy City, Jerusalem, with the peace of Galilee. Visits will be made to places associated with His birth, His lakeside ministry, His death and resurrection.

If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage please contact:

The Revd Hugh Maddox, Morden Vicarage, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 7DW
BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the July meeting the Council considered the quotations that had been received for improved fencing around the Childrens Play Area in Elder Road. A sum of around £1500 to £2000 is likely to have to be spent for this work which is required to endeavour to restrict the access to the area. This large sum will have to come from the Parishioners Council Tax either this year or next year. In addition the continuing saga of repairs and maintenance of the equipment will add to this sum. The legitimate users, that is those for whom the area was provided, are not the cause of this expense. The Play Area was provided for the young children only and it is in the interests of all Parishioners to prevent the area being damaged by the older children.

As part of the Millenium Celebration the Council is trying to acquire part of the ground on the South side of Elder Road as a Village Green. An application has been made to the District Council and it is hoped that some money can be found from the Millenium Lottery Fund to acquire it. If this is allowed to happen the Village will have a space roughly in the centre on which events could be celebrated.

The Council has been asked to state an opinion on the re-introduction of Dog Licences. They would like to hear views on this from any Parishioner who are invited to pass their comments to any Councillor.

The Bere in Bloom competition is being judged during the first week in August. Two or three Councillors will be undertaking this by walking around the Village and judging gardens 'as seen from the roadway'.

The County Council has advised the Council that they intend to realign the junction of the A35 with the Wareham Road. The proposal is that the junction will form a right angle with the main road thus making it safer to join the A35. At the same time the access to Woodbury Hill from the A35 will be blocked off to prevent that narrow lane being used as a 'rat run'. No time scales have been mentioned for this work.

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to the Twinning Committee on the success of the recent visit by the citizens of Cerences. In particular they acknowledged that the personal contribution made by Mr Eddie Butterfield in arranging for a trailer to be used as a stage was worthy of special mention.

CM.
CONTRIBUTION FROM BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

As we come to the end of another school year we have to say goodbye to our year 4 pupils who are about to start at Sandford Middle School. We wish them all well and hope they enjoy their time there. We also have to say farewell to Miss Milverton, who is taking up a post at Portland School, and to Miss Barnes who has been our Nursery Nurse this year. We wish them both good luck for the future, and thank them for their contribution to the school.

It has been a full and varied school year. We started with an Ofsted inspection, which praised the caring nature of the school, and the good behaviour of the children. Since then, there have been visits to the Iron Age Centre, Bryanston Theatre, Leeson House and Brownsea Island. Out of school time, pupils have played chess, football, cricket and short tennis and have worked with Mrs Mills at 'watch' club. They have learned French, gardening and dancing during lunch times and have contributed to arts work with our 'cluster' of schools, and to the twinning celebrations, football and country dance festivals.

The children now leaving the school have each made a valuable contribution to the life of the school and will be much missed. We hope they will have happy memories of their time at Bere Regis First School!

WILLIAM FRAMPTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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FRENCH CIRCLE

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We will be meeting on Monday evenings at 8.00 pm on the following dates:

September - 14th and 28th
October - 12th and 26th
November - 9th and 23rd

Are you interested, but would like some more information? Then give me a ring - Chantal 471374.

BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION YOUTH SECTION

The members of the section have the chance to go mountain walking once again during August. Subject to the level of support a trip will be made to either Snowdonia again or up north to the Lake District.

Twenty-two members plus five adult leaders will be heading off to Nottingham University on the 19/20 September. On the Saturday they will all take part in the legion’s first National Youth Conference during the afternoon which will be followed by a Disco in the evening. On the Sunday the section will have three teams playing in the legion’s first National Five-A-Side Football Competition. The section is still trying to raise funds to cover the cost of the transport to and from the event.

This will be followed by the annual trip to Blackpool and Alton Towers over the first weekend of October. The young members spent an evening plus the whole of the next day enjoying the Lights and Rides at the Pleasure Beach. On the last day the group head South to Staffordshire and the Rides at Alton Towers. Once the rides close the group head for home and a good nights sleep.

The Youth Section continues to open throughout the school holidays and all are most welcome. During the next few months there will be a Karaoke Night, a Quiz Night, a Disco as well as Rounders and Volley Ball. Darts, Pool and other table games can of course be played every week or members can just meet together for chat.

Terry Vine, Youth Leader.
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PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL - Energy Efficient Discount Scheme

Householders in Purbeck can claim big discounts from energy saving measures in a new scheme being run by Purbeck District Council.

The Energy Efficiency Discount Scheme, open to all private households, allows a £100 discount for loft insulation or a £50 DIY grant, a £150 discount for cavity wall insulation and a cashback of £150 to encourage people to install high efficiency condensing boilers.

Tim Stokes Energy Conservation Officer said, “Last year we were only running discounts for loft insulation. This year we have expanded the scheme adding cavity wall insulation and condensing boilers, giving more choice to more households.”

He added “These measures will enable householders to make substantial savings from their fuel bills as well as make their homes warmer.”

Only private householders may apply but there are no restrictions on the income or savings of applicants. Furthermore, householders aged over 60 may be able to claim an additional grant of up to £78.75 for loft and cavity wall insulation from a national grant source.

Work for the insulation grants has to be carried out by installers who have been approved by the Council to operate under the scheme.

For further details of the discounts contact Mr Stokes on 01929 557311.

DRAX HALL

We are very lucky to have booked the Forest Forge Theatre Company for their presentation of ‘Oh Mr Porter’ on Thursday 1st October.

This is a brand new play that they have written which recalls the days when ‘the train took the strain’ in this part of England. This is another play based upon local social history and joins those previously presented about the Cinema and that of life ‘beneath the stairs’ in the large country houses.

I am sure that it will be success and enjoyed by all who see it.

CM
**BERE REGIS W.I.**

The June meeting is always exclusively for Members and a most enjoyable evening was held. Our evening was hosted this year by Mrs Margaret Maunier. We began by meeting in the Drax hall as usual. A competition was first on the agenda, a most unusual one!

**The Competition Theme**

We were invited to submit a new design for Margaret’s garden!!! This proved to be hilarious, no expense was spared and can you imagine the different approaches as to how it should be? Very few of us took size into consideration. If all the designs were actually produced on the proposed housing development site ... we would be “famous” “our own garden and design centre” think about it! ... I expect Margaret’s husband has thought about it as well!!

After us having taxed our brains we all crossed the road to Margaret’s home and the party refreshments, which included strawberries and cream and other mouthwatering delights. No wonder we are the size we are.

What it did point out to those of us present was that “W.I” is not the stuffy old fashioned group many think of us as being. Think about it! We are the modern “W.I” so why not come and join us? We do not meet in August - even we have holidays! Starting again in September, third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Drax Hall. A welcome is there waiting for you.

Zena Rogers

**BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GARDENING CLUB**

A technical hitch caused us to miss publication in July but we are still alive and kicking.

Our speaker for July was yet another who professed to know little about our chosen subject but managed to make an interesting evening for the World Cup depleted audience.

Get your brains fine tuned for BOB'S FUN QUIZ on Tuesday 4th August. We hope this will be a special evening with a good showing of your planted containers.

The topic for lst of September meeting is “HERBS”

Andy Morrison 472343
AUTUMN LEAVES OVER '50's' CLUB

A large number of members and guests attended our July open day and Rose Competition. There were 50 entries and Mrs Heather Dixon won the Rose Bowl. The judge was Mr John James. Twenty beautiful trays were on display and before leaving for home, a delicious tea was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be on 12th August and will be tea at Larkspur, to which you are all invited by Kath and Charlie at 2.30 p.m. If you require transport, please ring Kath on 471175. Hope to see you all there for a lovely afternoon in the garden.

Mary England - 471469  Kath Jeeves - 471175

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1st prize - £10
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MRS L CONNELLY, NO 176

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1st BERE REGIS BROWNIES

During the last two months, the Brownies have been working on projects from the Brownies 97/98 Challenge, including trying to blow up balloons without air (this one was fun and thanks to BRRBL for not minding too much about the flour and rice scattered outside), a nature ramble down by the river, drawing pictures showing healthy foods (these to be laminated to make place mats), a display to each other of various dance routines and making chocolate crisbies (which looked delicious, even the bits in their hair).

Jane Storey has rejoined the pack and is thinking of further messy and noisy activities. These will include finishing the Challenge over the next month or so and certificates of achievement will be presented. We also welcome Kim Cope as a unit helper.

Other activities: We hope to enter a walking group in the Carnival and we are also starting to plan our end of term barbecue/fund raiser. Details to follow on this and we hope to see you there.

A big thanks to American Express Bank in Poole, who have donated funds to the pack. We will be able to use the money to stock up on equipment, badge books, badges and activity packs. Donations of any size are always greatly appreciated and help us to make the Brownie activities more interesting, educational and fun.

HELP: We have been given permission to put/build a cupboard in the ladies' cloakroom at the British Legion. If anybody has an old cupboard or would be willing to make one for us, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Jane Storey on 01929 471041 (evenings) if you can help.

If any girls would like to join the Brownies, ages 7 to 10, please feel free to come down to Royal British Legion any term time Monday, between 6.00pm and 7.15pm and speak to one of the Leaders - Pat Bentley, Liz Gale or Jane Storey.
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POP IN PLACE NEWS

The Pop In Place will be celebrating its second birthday on Friday the 4th of September from 9am until 12 noon.

Everyone is welcome to pop in, there will be music, food and a warm welcome.

Please call into the Pop In Place before the party to put your name on a list so we have an idea of how many we are catering for.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in making the Pop In Place success, we have a very dedicated committee and volunteers who help to run each session.

Bere Regis is the only rural community in Dorset that has such a facility catering for the complete age spectrum and the last two years has really shown what an asset it is to the great many people.

During the two sessions each week we have young mums and babies and people in their 70's and 80's attending, during the school holidays we have youngsters attaining work experience and Trident schemes assisting us.

We have recently purchased many new videos for hire and we have many books for people to borrow on a wide range of subjects. We have a computer and printer that people can book time on to write up that essay or letter and if you don't want to do it we will do it for you.

The New to You Scheme continues to make money and provides a good way of obtaining clean low price 'new to you' clothes.

The children are well catered for thanks to the Williams Educational Trust by super facilities in the children's area and of course the Summer activity programme that we are running again this year, this enables them to experience many art forms and creative writing, drama and music.

We hope you will be able to join us on the second birthday on Friday the 4th of September.
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Activities

Over the past term, all four sections have been busy taking advantage of the “wonderful” weather to carry their activities outdoors. The Scouts have sailed at Sutton Bingham in near gale force conditions; the Beavers spent their Funday at Longleat picnicking in their coach sheltering from the rain, whilst the Cubs, as ever, had a dry camp at Bowling Green Wood.

The Summer Term has been hectic. The Scouts managed to fit in a long weekend camp on Dartmoor in May. The older Scouts completed one of their overnight practice hikes for Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. The younger Scouts went for a shorter day hike with the Leaders and found that even Leaders are not infallible when it comes to navigation! A swim at Tavistock on the way back removed most of the mud before return to Bere Regis. A further weekend, mainly for the Duke of Edinburgh candidates is planned for July.

Canoe training on the lake at Buddens on Thursday evenings has proved popular and the more advanced group is now canoeing regularly on the Frome from Wareham Quay. We hope to do an overnight expedition into Poole Harbour in the autumn and we are trying to get the landowner’s permission to use the River Piddle at Wareham for training.

Dinghy sailing has continued at Sutton Bingham most weekends, despite the poor weather, and we have achieved some successes with RYA assessments. Four of the older Scouts so far have taken part in week long offshore cruises with the London Sailing Project and hated the experience so much that they have all asked to go again next year. Another 6 are due to go over the summer holidays.

The Venture Scout Unit has had a fairly quiet term with most members being involved in school exams. They are now preparing for their epic voyage along the East Coast in the Thames sailing barge “Xylomite” in late July, when the weather will be superb?

Expedition to Kenya?

The Venture Unit is looking at the feasibility, in 2 year’s time, of undertaking an expedition to Kenya to help Kenyan Scouts in a project to help the street children of Nairobi, some of the poorest children in the world. The trip could include the opportunity to climb Mount Kenya and to visit the coast. It would require a great deal of fund raising but would be an opportunity of a lifetime. It would be available to any youngster over the age of 17 at the time. Anyone interested? Ring Phil Venthall 01929 471215 for details.

The highlight of the term has been the Group’s involvement with the Twinning Weekend. We were asked to do the catering for the Yetties concert and managed to serve in excess of 400 baked potatoes, fillings and salads in the concert interval. At the time of going to press we earned around £700 for the Group funds and we are most grateful to all the parents who helped with this event.

Leaders and committee members are looking forward to a well-earned rest over the summer before we start again in September.

Interested in joining?

We welcome new members to all our sections
Beavers
meet Wednesdays 6.30 to 8.00pm contact Kim Benjafield 471170
Cubs
meet Thursdays 6.30 to 8.00pm contact Julie Cosker 471688
Scouts
meet Mondays 7.30 to 9.00 pm contact Martin Cosker 471688
Ventures
meet Fridays 7.30 to 9.00 pm contact Phil Venthall 471215

Interested in helping?

We need volunteer adult help with all Sections, both uniformed Leaders and non-uniformed Helpers. All training and uniforms provided free. Are you willing to give some time to help local youngsters? Demanding? Yes. Frustrating? Yes, at times. Fun? Certainly. Rewarding? Without a doubt.

Are you willing to give it a try? Please ring Phil Venthall on 01929 471215 or Pat Hall on 01929471651 or any of the Leaders for more information.

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who has supported this year’s committee and the events we have staged.

If you are part of a charitable organisation in the village (not necessarily a registered charity) and would like to apply for an award from this year’s carnival proceeds, please contact either myself or Wally. All requests for awards will be considered by the Committee.

Wendy Johnson - Secretary 471803  Wally Dyke - Chairman 471536
THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

I obviously needed my holiday when compiling the Link item for the June issue of the Parish Magazine. There were two errors - our Link friend Austra Liepins died in April and not January as reported and the second name of our newest and youngest Link member is Lucy and not Louise - apologies to Mike and Hilly, and of course to Emma Lucy.

The weather for the Wool Spring Fayre on Sunday 7 June was, mercifully fine, if a trifle cold, enabling us to raise the sum of £81 for Link funds. Thanks are due to the organisers of Alfriston church Coffee Morning in passing on surplus books and bric-a-brac to the Link for sale at the Fayre, particularly a collectable supply of Science Fiction paperbacks. We had everyone from the local vicar to holidaymakers purchasing long unobtainable favourites and paying very generously for the privilege. For the aficionados there are a few left - Isaac Asimov, William Gibson and quite a few of E. Doc Smith - a suitable donation secures. Grateful thanks are due to the Wearham Rotary for their kind invitation and continuing support.

Through the efforts of Jonathan and Penny Haigh of Briantspuddle, members of both the Link and of Alfriston church, contact has been maintained with 2 of our young Latvian visitors who attended the Summer Camp at Trigon in 1994 and spent some weeks with Jonathan and Penny as part of their home-stay. Digna and Gunta are both students, with Digna attending the Latvian Christian Academy at Balduri near Urmula in Latvia. Courses at the Academy are naturally Christian based, studying not only theological matters but counselling and care working concerns also. Gifts of books to the girls from the Haighs in 1994 prompted a request in 1997 from the Rector of the Academy for help in obtaining several books, unavailable in Latvia, to assist his students in their studies.

One of the twin aims of the Dorset Latvia Link is young people and, with this in mind, it was agreed by the committee that the 6 books be purchased accordingly. This was achieved through the SPCK Christian bookshop in Salisbury with an extremely generous 20% discount into the bargain reducing the cost considerably, with the last book being forwarded late last year. Acknowledgement from Latvia of safe receipt of the books has taken time but we are happy to report that all books arrived safely and are being put to very good use. Total cost to the Link was £59.97.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - As previously indicated, to assist in streamlining our administrative process subscription renewal will now take place twice-yearly instead of on an ad hoc basis. The minimum subscription rate remains unchanged at £2.50. If you would like to become a member of The Dorset Latvia Link please contact our Subscription Secretary Hilly Menzies either by telephone on 01929 471263 or write to Stann Moor, Throop, Briantspuddle.
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BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Due to the appalling weather of late, there is no sports club report this month.

BERE REGIS CAMERA CLUB

The members have been out on location, with varied scope for photography in the local area including visits to a bluebell wood, the Hyde Reserve, Durlston Country Park, Poole Town Quay and the Arne RSPB reserve. Now we are looking forward to seeing what has been taken at these locations when the members show their pictures in the autumn.

We are planning to have an exhibition of our work one week-end later in the year which will show everyone what we can produce.

New members are very welcome to our club, which prides itself in having friendly meetings to discuss photography. We meet at the Cyril Wood Centre on the first and third Thursdays in each month at 7.30 so do come and join us.

Enquiries to the Chairman, Richard Turner. Tel. 471144.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my family and friends for all their get well messages, visits, flowers etc, during my recent stay in hospital. Also for doing my shopping, housework and garden since I returned home.

Thank you all for your kindness.

Edna Marsh
Now that the Foot ball World Cup has come to an end, I suppose you could say that the main topic of conversation in this country is the weather! When are we going to have some fine, hot, sunny summer weather? Many people, in desperation, have booked last minute flights to holiday destinations abroad.

As usual the poor old weather forecasters get all the blame for something that is not in their power to alter. Their job is to forecast, or foretell and predict, what they estimate could well happen. They may be held responsible for the accuracy of their predictions but not for the actual weather itself.

You may be tempted to throw your TV set through the window because you do not like the weather forecast, just as the football fan did when England lost in the World Cup, but it will do little or nothing to change the final result. It is amazing how some people's world can come crashing down, making them feel 'totally gutted' because of the so called bad weather or a bad football result. Will Carl Tyler or David Beckham ever be forgiven for having made a bad mistake and getting things wrong?

In the same way, don't throw the Holy Bible, God's infallible Word, through the window, if you do not happen to like what God says and teaches. "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults and giving instructions for right living. 2 Timothy 3: 16." Remember, unlike the weather, God does not change! (Malachi 3: 6)

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AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

CHURCH BARBECUE

At 2 o'clock on the day it became obvious to the most optimistic amongst us, who were
determined to believe that the forecasters would get it wrong, that eating in the garden
that evening would be impossible. So a quick change of plan for the Barbecue was
necessary and a switch was made to the Village Hall. At least all the tables and chairs
didn't have to be moved so far.

There was some doubt now by the pessimists on the number of people who would turn
out on such an evening, but we need not have worried. At six o'clock, dead on cue they
started to arrive and by seven the hall was bursting at the seams.

Thanks to valiant efforts by the cooks who worked under extreme conditions, the food
started to come up on schedule. Some extensive Army training was obviously to the
fore in the way our awning was rigged to make sure the fire stayed alight (not quite up
to Navy standards, but a good effort!!!).

A wide variety of salads, kindly prepared by many members of the parish,
complemented the burgers, bangers and chicken, and the whole lot was finished off with
some ice cream and excellent raspberry topping.

Meanwhile the Tombola, Raffle and Bar were doing a roaring trade and the Band
played throughout the evening.

Despite the foul weather, everyone seemed to have a smile on their face and to be
enjoying themselves, which was reward enough. And at the end there were the usual
large number of helpers to clear away and to return the Hall to its normal tidy state.

The PCC would like to thank all those who helped in so many ways, including all those
who came, to make the evening a success. Oh, and by the way, over £600 was raised for
Church funds. Thank you all very much.

Paul Batecock

Bill and Philippa Thorniley would like to thank all those who contributed such
wonderful prizes for the tombola held at the Church Barbecue on Saturday 1st July.
The tombola raised £152 and the bottles, tins and jars not used will be saved and used
for the tombola in aid of church funds at the Christmas Fair in December.
PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL

The annual Purbeck Film Festival is held at venues throughout Purbeck from Friday 2nd October to Saturday 17th October. This year’s theme is ‘Spellbound in darkness’ - The art and magic of cinema. At the time of going to press the programme has not been finalised.

There will be a wide programme of old and new films, archive films, silent films and some live shows. Briantspuddle Village Hall is hosting a silent film ‘Sunrise’ when it is hoped to have a pianist accompanying the action. The Hall Committee is making an event of the occasion and the ticket price will include a finger buffet and there will be a wine bar available for interval and pre-film drinks. Incidentally it is hoped to have a showing of a film made by the film company Sophie worked for before William’s arrival. Sophie did a great deal of work on the film and its preparation. The film is called ‘A Kind of Hush’. You will probably have to wait until they are sweeping out the cinema before you see her name on the credits but maybe she is working her way up the credits list!

Philippa Thorniley

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Village Hall Committee was held on Monday 13 July 1998.

A great deal of discussion took place and several jobs were re-allocated so that each member now has a specific responsibility.

The main fund-raising event of the summer is the Barn Dance on Saturday 22 August when there will be dancing to Ivor Hyde, and in addition to a delicious farm-house style supper, the Bladen Social Club have kindly offered to provide a bar, make a donation to the Hall funds and to pay for the hire of the Hall for the night. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank them officially through this publication for their most generous gesture.

Tickets for the Barn Dance will shortly be available at a cost of £5 from either Mrs Jenny Lightfoot, Mr Eric Rolls or Mrs Linda Holmes.

The Bladen Social Club have also kindly agreed to display a list of the Hall Committee and the keyholders for the Hall on the British Legion Notice Board.

The next meeting of the Hall Committee will be on Wednesday 19 August 1998.
BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Firstly may I thank everyone who supported our Raffle and Jumble Sale for the MRI Scanner appeal on the 2/3/4 July. A total of £192.56 was raised.

Secondly, don’t forget the horticultural show on 1st August. Bar-B-Que in the evening. All are welcome.

On the 15th August we have entertainment in the club. Please come along (Joe Cool) - Super Hits of the Sixties Show.

Skittles - would anyone like to enter in our Monday Skittle league. Six people per team and the only rule is that you have to be, or become a member of the club. Phone me on 01258 837267 for further details before 15th August.

Sue Jeanes

AFFPUDDLE AND BRIANTSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

At the July meeting an update was given on the progress of the Village shop/Post Office. A draft lease had been received from DAPTC and this would be circulated to PC members and Friends of the Shop Committee and then discussed at the August meeting.

The Social Club and the Hall Committee met in June to discuss the Lottery application. It was a very constructive meeting and all agreed that full public support as well as that of the relevant committees was essential. Careful consultation was required in order to obtain that support.

A progress report on the Puddletown by-pass was given by the road builders (BBTA) on 2nd July. A time table of road closures was given and it was reported that following previous concern over possible noise from the new road, tarmac would be extended further toward Puddletown and the road would be ‘jointless’ thus provided a less noisy surface.

There have been several instances of pet animals being poisoned, probably as a result of the illegal use of poisoned baits. Suspicious incidents should be reported on 0800 321600. Traps may be used legitimately to control ‘recognised pests’ but should anyone discover a suspicious or illegal trap, leave it alone and phone the police.

There was much discussion about the B3390 and the need to direct traffic towards Bere Regis at Waddoc Cross, rather than allowing traffic through Affpuddle, which was unsuitable for heavy vehicles. The PC is to consult with PDC over the matter of declassifying the B3390 and the possibility of new signposts at Waddoc Cross.

The bottle banks situated in the Social Club car park, although well used, are unsightly and the frequent banging of bottles and cans, even on Sundays, is a dreadful nuisance to the neighbours. It was agreed that the present site was not very satisfactory and an alternative site should be sought.
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The PCC and the Editor truly appreciate all the hard work Martha has put in - deciphering handwriting, meeting deadlines and chasing copy.

We are grateful to Jan for volunteering her services and would ask that any contributions from the above areas are submitted via Jan in future. Her address is shown on page 56.
Please remember that the copy deadline is the 13th of each month.
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Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.
  2.00p.m. (closed Wednesday)
Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only)
Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
Camera Club
Congregational Church 7.30 p.m 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court
  10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane
  10.00 a.m. Sunday School
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.
1st Mon 10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.
D.S.S. Van Secretary - Jenny Silvas - 01929 471577
Dorset/Lativa Link 2.00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village hall
Floral Group Unit suspended
Guides
Kingsbere Quilters 3rd Wednesday, Drax Hall
Mini Market 10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall
Mobile Library Every Friday 2.00 p.m. - 3.35 p.m., car park
Mothers’ Union 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church
Parish Council 7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board
Playgroup Bere Regis Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305
  848792 Wednesday/Thursday PM
Pop in Place 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall
Rainbows 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion
RBL Gardening Club 6.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774
Scouts
  Junior - 7.30 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ
  Senior - 7.00 p.m. Fridays, Scout HQ
Swimming Club Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m,
  Blondford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262
Toddler Group 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 7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
W.I. Briantspuddle 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Briantspuddle Village Hall
Woodbury Hill Singers 2.30 p.m. Mondays, Larkspur, Snow Hill

PLAY AND LEARN VAN

There is no play and learn van during August
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August
1st  Bladen Social Club, Horticultural Show
1st  FOBRS Scavenger Hunt and Barn Dance
4th  Gardening Club - "Bob's Fun Quiz"
11th  Deanery outing to Mary Sumner House (see below)
15th  Bladen Social Club - Super Hits of the 60s Show
16th  Table Top sale - Cyril Wood Court

September
1st  Gardening Club - 'Herbs'
4th  Pop In Place - 2nd birthday party
19/20th RBL National Youth Conference, Nottingham University
19th  Bellringers visit to Whitechapel Bell Foundry

October
1st  Forest Forge Theatre - 'Oh Mr Porter', Drax Hall
4th  Friends' service and Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Supper
30th  Craft Exhibition and Sale of Work, Cyril Wood Court
2nd Nov

November
28th  Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar

December
5th  Christmas Coffee at Cyril Wood Court in aid of Church Funds

February

Deanery outing to London

There are a few seats available on the coach trip on Tuesday 11th August.

The coach leaves the Drax Arms at 7.00 a.m. and arrives at Westminster Abbey at 10.00 a.m. The coach leaves Westminster at 3.00 p.m. for the return journey.

The fare is £2 return.

Please contact Eileen Bangay on 471724

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

Forthcoming events:

AUGUST
2 (Sun)  TABLE TOP SALE 3 pm
15  BARRY B
22  SUPERLEAGUE DARTS
29  BULLSEYE

SEPTEMBER
12  DISCO
27 (Sun)  HARVEST FESTIVAL

Don't forget:
Whist - every other Thursday
Bingo - every Sunday (eyes down at 8.30 p.m.)

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