A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

I WISH....... I WISH!

One of the many things I fail to do as well as I hope to do is to wish for the right thing. Cutting a birthday cake or blowing out the candles, always finds me stumbling mentally for something I really want.

And then at New Year, people say “Make a wish”, and I never know what to wish. So I wish for the wrong thing. You know the sort of thing, “to win the Lottery”, “to get a certain position in the firm”, “to find someone to love me”, “to have a baby”. In life our wishes change. As children we can wish for a doll or a train; then we ratchet up our sights and wish for a football or computer game, but generally our wishes are material. Until an exam comes along, and we wish “to pass the exam”. If we do pass the first exam, our wishes are dominated by that wish “to pass the exam” because they keep coming around. Then when sex begins to be important, we long for that beautiful girl to notice us or better still, fall for our beauty and charm! And we wish, and we wish. But our wish seldom materialises and if it does we have forgotten that we wished for.

Wishes are dangerous. Remember the man who wished that everything he touched turned to gold. He would die of starvation.

King Solomon in the Bible wished for Wisdom, and was praised by God and then amassed a great fortune! It’s all very tricky stuff.

So I set myself a test question. What do people say who have escaped death? They normally say something like “It makes you appreciate life. It makes you appreciate the dawn, bird song, rain, flowers, hills, my family. It makes you live for the moment and for this day”.

“Live, enjoy, and appreciate each day as it comes”. That’s the message of those who have just avoided losing their lives.

So that is going to be my wish in the New Year; but I’m not going to tell anyone, because I was warned not to as a little boy.

Graham Roblin
CHURCH SERVICES in JANUARY

Sunday 4th January  
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 11th January  
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 18th January  
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 25th January  
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. Evening Communion (Bere Regis)  
6.30 p.m. Village Praise (Briantspuddle Village Hall)
BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen
January 4th 9.30 a.m. Mr House / Mr Bates
6.00 p.m. Miss Frampton / Mr Dashwood
January 11th 11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
6.00 p.m. Mr Barnes / Mrs Jutting
January 18th 9.30 a.m. Mrs Hazelrigg / Mr Strange
6.00 p.m. Mrs Griffin / Mr Ventham
January 25th 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
6.00 p.m. Mrs Ward

Sanctuary Flower Guild
4th Mrs M England Mrs P House
11th Mrs P House Mrs P Roblin
18th Mrs J Gibbs Mrs C Burden
25th Mrs C Lewis Mrs D Ventham

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Flowers and cleaning
5th January Flowers Mrs Thorniley Cleaning Mrs Smith
12th January Special Clean Mrs Thorniley Mrs Moriarty
19th January Mrs Thorniley Mrs Haigh
26th January Mrs Thorniley

Sidesmen, Readers and Readings
4th January 8.00 Mr P Badcock 11.00 Mr W Thorniley
Server Mrs P Thorniley From BCP as set
Isaiah 60, 1-6 Matthew 2, 1-12
11th January 9.30 Mr P Badcock Mr R Gainsford Mrs K Wharton
Acts 8, 14-17 Luke 3, 15-17, 21-22
18th January 8.00 Mr R Killer 11.00 Affpraise
Server Mrs H Menzies From BCP as set
Galatians 1, 11-16a Matthew 19, 27-30
25th January 9.30 Mrs K Wharton Mr R Killer

Affpraise
On 18th January 1998 we will be celebrating fifteen years of the monthly informal all-age style of worship services which we call "Affpraise". During that time many people, young and old, in our community and many who now live elsewhere have been involved in creating these services by reading lessons and prayers, acting, playing instruments, lighting candles, ringing bells, planning, serving refreshments afterwards and in many other ways. The results have been enjoyable and we trust that they have also been worthy offerings of worship to God. Do join us as we celebrate these years in church that day.

Jonathan Haigh

Special Clean
On 11th January there will be a special clean of the church between 10.00 and 12 noon. Please come along and help. Depending on the numbers present it is hoped to polish all the furniture and floors, wash the floor and clean the windows. Please bring with you dusters and polishing cloths.

Philippa Thorniley
CHURCH NEWS

Bere Regis Parochial Church Council
The first meeting of the year is on Tuesday 27th January, at 7.15 p.m. in the Church.

Bere Regis Jumble Sale
Our annual Jumble Sale is in Wareham Town Hall, on Saturday, 31st January. The doors open at 10.00 o’clock. If you have jumble which can be sold for church funds, please bring it to the Vicarage in January. Helpers with the Jumble Sale are always welcome; please contact Molly Carlyle on 471441.

Bere Regis Junior Choir
To have spent time as a choir boy or choir girl is something that many older people treasure in their memories. So many people tell me of the time they sang in the Bere Regis choir years ago, and they always have happiness in their eyes as their memories flood back.

We still have a junior choir. There are about 8 regulars who come. There would be many more if only we had an enthusiastic adult singer who was prepared to take the practices each week. We have the organist. We just need someone who knows what he or she is doing, who can make an enjoyable half hour’s practice for young people. At the moment I am taking the choir practice, but although I enjoy it, I cannot give the proper time to making the membership of the choir important enough for the members. There must be someone in the parish with this ability. Is it you?

CHURCH FUND RAISING
We had a successful Coffee Morning on 13th December and raised the sum of £313. Many thanks to all the helpers and to those who attended.

Items for sale at the Jumble Sale on January 31st will be most welcome. These can be household things, books, toys or clothing. If you phone either 471262 or 471441 arrangements can be made to receive or collect. Many thanks for all your help in the fund raising for the past year.

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS
Thank you to those who have sent messages saying how much they appreciate the sound of our bells on a Sunday. May we return the thanks to those who bear with us in our efforts to teach new ringers on a Wednesday evenings.

We have the millennium in our sights and it would be very good if we had a few more ringers able to ring at this special occasion.

If you want to see what goes on, please come along and look on a Wednesday practice night at 6.30 p.m. You may be tempted to try your hand.

MIND THE WORLD GROUP
This year, the Mind the World group is planning a number of open meetings at which a topic will be covered relating to Third World Issues.

February 18th, 7.30 p.m., Cyril Wood Court
Open meeting on the topic of ‘Jubilee 2000’ - Where next? If you would like to know more about this, why not join us? Everyone would be very welcome.

Philippa Ward
**BERE REGIS NEWS**

**MOTHERS’ UNION**

Our December meeting was held at the vicarage by kind invitation of Penny and Graham. We sang our favourite carols, heard appropriate readings and enjoyed seasonal refreshments. A letter and a Christmas card from our link branch in Australia were passed around.

Our January meeting will be held in church at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 7th, when we will hear about MU matters from further afield, from the deanery chair, Mrs Eileen Bangay. Eileen will lead us in a discussion of current matters of interest and concern. There will also be a gift exchange. Please bring a small, wrapped gift, together with 50p. The gifts form a raffle and we all win something. Will any members who have not yet paid their subscription, please bring it to the next meeting.

Brenda Pitfield - 471391

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN’S SECTION**

Held their monthly meeting on November 26th; twenty five members were present. After the exhortation, minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed, the business then followed.

Mrs House, gave her report on the County Conference. Mrs House won the Cake competition at the Conference, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Payne were highly commended, this we thought was very good as there were 61 entries. We were also presented with a cup and a certificate. The Poppy Appeal to date has raised £1,596.38. Our Coffee Evening raised £152.85, our thanks to all who donated and supported us.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Mr P Fletcher, on “Watery Dorset”. Teas were then served by Mrs O Curtis and Mrs Presslee and a Bring and Buy run by Mrs Payne.

Cenotaph:
- January: Mrs Maidment, Mrs Presslee
- February: Mrs House

**PARISH COUNCIL**

At the December meeting it was reported that the Purbeck Structure Plan timings has been delayed. The District Council has applied for Planning approval of the Sandford at Holton Heath By Pass in order to get the project under way. If the by pass is not approved then another or other locations will be necessary for the projected 1400 houses planned for Holton Heath. Thus the Public Inquiry into the Structure Plan is not now anticipated to take place until late ’98/early ’99.

Parishioners will have seen the Christmas lights throughout the village. These have been put in place by the Parish Council for the enjoyment of all Parishioners. The Parish Council is grateful to all who have donated any sums to help defray the costs.

At the start of their meeting the Parish Council received a presentation on the Tolpuddle and Puddletown By Pass by the A35 / A30 Consortium. In the New Year there will be a display presented by the consortium. The display consists of a map sixteen feet in length which illustrates this by pass and how the other roads are affected. The Parish Council will announce the date for this display when it has been arranged.

C.M

**DRAX HALL**

For Parishioners who have not seen the re-decorated Hall, may I say that you are in for a real treat! Gordon Tucker has made a wonderful job of the painting. The Parish Council were delighted to see the results and sit and deliberate in the very bright upper hall!

The Blood Donors did very well again and thanks to them eighty four units were sent off from the November session. This is a best so far but, as ever, more is required. Please, if you are able, come to the next session in March. It is a very easy thing to do - and very relaxing! Remember that you are making a wonderful gift to somebody for very little effort on your part. There really is nothing to fear even if your name is A. Hancock Esq!

C.M

**THANK YOU**

Just a big thank you to the residents of the village who have made our Streets so colourful with the super lights and Xmas Trees - it has been a pleasure to tour the village to see them all.

Also, thank you for our newly decorated Village Hall - what a transformation. Let’s hope the bookings will come in and support the Hall.
BERE REGIS W.I.

First of all a Very Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

It is the custom of the WI to both visit other groups’ Christmas parties and also to return the invitations to our own, and this was done as usual.

Several of our members spent enjoyable evenings at Lychett, Morden and Winterbourne Kinston, also three of our members enjoyed their evening with the Bere Regis British Legion (Women’s Section) Carol Evening.

But when it comes to a Party - ours was first class! We began by welcoming our visitors from the other groups. The buffet was superb as it always is and our entertainment was hilarious. It was a pleasure to see Mrs Iris Bush join us for the evening, we all wish her continued good health for 1998, as we do all our members who are not enjoying the best of health at the moment. We look forward to being able to welcome them at the start of the new year.

A big thank you on behalf of all of us to the tireless committee. Without them we would not be able to have the enjoyable and interesting meetings throughout the year, keeping us informed of the WI movement nationwide, plus other activities - remember the treasure hunt and guided walks - even the ‘natives’ needed guides. If you are not a member or perhaps a lapsed one, and you have read this report, maybe you would like to start the new year with us. The third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Drax Hall.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

We all enjoyed the lovely carols sung by the children of Bere Regis First School, and then joined together to sing some of our favourite carols. The meeting ended with a delicious Christmas tea.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday January 14th. This will be our New Year Party, when everything will be free. Free entry, free tea, and free raffle. Come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon, when all our members will not have to pay a penny.

The club has had a very successful year with 60 members on the Register - attendances have been good - our thanks to the committee for their support.

New members are very welcome - just come along to our newly decorated Village Hall, North Street, 2.30 p.m., every 2nd Wednesday in the month. We have an excellent programme for 1998 - or ring Kath, 471175 and introduce yourself. Happy New Year to you All.

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL - NEW GRANTS FOR LOFT INSULATION

A £100 discount off the cost of loft insulation is now available to householders in the Purbeck District in a scheme launched this month.

The Council has teamed up with local insulation companies to offer 300 discounts over the winter months for private householders.

The discounts are available on a first-come first served basis until the money runs out and everyone who takes advantage of the scheme will receive two free low energy lamps worth £10 each.

Energy Conservation Officer, Tim Stokes said, "Loft insulation is one of the best measures you can take, reducing fuel bills greatly and making the house much warmer. This scheme reduces the price significantly so that the cost of carrying out the work should be recovered in less than two years through reduced fuel bills."

He added, “We’ve included low energy light bulbs in the deal to give people the opportunity to try out the latest technology. They last ten times longer than normal bulbs and will each save about £60 off electricity bills over their lifetime.”

All work has to be carried out by approved installers who give a free survey and quote. There is also a £50 grant for people who would like to carry out the work themselves but they must get approval from the Council before buying any materials.

For a leaflet and full details of the scheme and any other energy saving enquiries contact Tim Stokes at Purbeck District Council - 557311

100 WATT CLUB

1st prize - £10
Mr W F Lys - 61

2nd prize - £10
Mrs J Ruffle - 104

3rd prize - £10
Mrs H Loxton - 70

4th prize - £5
Mrs H Loxton - 69

5th prize - £5
Mrs P House - 41

 Shares still available from Gordon Phillips - 471525
THE WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have had a busy time Christmas entertaining - their venues being Salvation Army, Poole, Blind Association, Swanage; Wyevale Garden Centre for TRIMAR; Joseph Weld Day Centre, Dorchester; W.I. Carey; Foresters Xmas Party; Sunshine Club, Wareham; Anglebury Day Centre, Wareham and Cyril Wood Court.

We have 16 singers and our thanks to them all for their dedication and support throughout the year.

Happy New Year to You All!

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The Carnival Committee is once again in full swing. Unfortunately the bonfire planned for 8 November had to be cancelled due to bad weather but luckily enough we didn't incur too much expense.

Events planned leading up to the carnival include a skittles night, a carnival quiz, tug of war, duck race, sponsored horse and mountain bike ride to name but a few.

Posters for all events will be displayed in the local shops, post office and watering holes.

Diary of Events

16 January  
Skittles knock-out at the Royal Oak.

22 February  
Carnival Quiz at the Sports Club

9 April  
Easter Bingo - venue yet to be arranged.

4 May  
Tug of war, car boot sale, fancy dress dog show, wellie wang at Court Green

23 May  
Duck race and wheelbarrow race followed during the evening with the Carnival Prince/Princess and Drag Queen disco at the Legion.

June  
Sponsored horse ride and mountain bikes

18 July  
Carnival Day

If anyone is connected with a group that may be interested in putting on a display in the arena on carnival day please contact a member of the committee.

Entry forms for the skittles evening are available from the Secretary on 01929 471803 or the Chairman on 01929 471536.

Lets hope this year’s carnival will be as good as the last enabling us to

BERE REGIS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Joyeux Noel et Bonne Annee.

Since our official twinning with Cerences in June the Bere Regis Twinning Association has gone from strength to strength. We are still gathering members and momentum. Bere Regis First School is now in the process of communications with their opposite number in Cerences by means of a 'Travel Bear'. This bear carries a rucksack filled with items made by the children to represent life in Bere Regis. He is then sent to France where the French children will repeat the operation and send him home. His name is 'Regis Bear'!!!

Members of our local Fire Brigade also made friends with their opposite numbers and we hope that their friendship will continue to grow.

Socials

On 22nd November we had a very enjoyable wine and skittles evening at the Royal Oak, which was attended by 38 people. The skittles ended up with a head to head between Claire Halliwell and Ruth Draycott who battled it out until Claire was pipped at the post. Well done !! We also managed to raise more funds for the association. The evening was organised by Roger Angel and everyone who came had a very enjoyable evening.

Dates for your diary

January 22nd at 7.00 pm the AGM will be held at Cyril Wood Court and all are welcome to attend. At the same time Tony Bates is kindly going to present one of his famous slides with music shows. Those of you who have been to one before will know that it is not one of your "run of the mill" slide shows, so do come along.

June 27th - The Big One !! This is the Official Twinning Reception for the return visit by our French Friends and we have booked the Yeeties for the evening and they should hopefully be supported by a French Folk Band - Strand Hugg - and as many people from Cerences as possible, so keep your eyes open for the venue and tickets as they will sell out quickly.

And finally

Anyone who is not a member but would like to join and receive our newsletters, please contact Peter Loxton on 471660. Likewise, anyone interested in French classes or conversation groups, please contact Janet Gilpin on 471829. Go on don’t be shy !!!

A Bientot.
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

So yet another year has gone by, how quickly they seem to fly, don't they? Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn and now back to Winter again. I suppose at the beginning of a New Year, it is natural, and by tradition, that we look back on the year that has just gone, with no doubt, a mixture of sadness and gladness, regret and joy, loss and gain.

I wonder what big event stands out for you personally in 1997? Probably the really big event for this country and one that sent ripples all around the world, was the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in that shocking car crash. It stunned millions of people, who felt that they had lost someone they really knew and loved, even though they had never met her personally, face to face, in their lives. They had only seen her on TV, or seen and read about her in their daily newspapers.

Now the beautiful icon is broken and gone for ever, just like 1997. Instead permanent memorials are being planned up and down the land in memory of Diana, to help fill an empty void.

As a New Year dawns on us God the Father lovingly offers to all who will see and hear, not the 'Winter' of the memory of a Princess, but the 'Spring' of new life and hope in the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings. (Revelation 19: 16)

The world thought that death on a cross had ended it all for Jesus, but that was only the beginning. They reckoned without the Father’s promise of new resurrection life, not only for His Son Jesus, but for all who turned from their sin, confessed Jesus as Lord and believed in His resurrection from the dead. (Romans 10: 8 - 10)

Yes, we can know about Jesus, but to be a Christian and a disciple of Jesus we each need to meet Him spiritually ‘face to face’. And know Him personally as Saviour and Lord. You can be confident about the future if Jesus is Lord of your life in the present!

What better way, not only to start 1998, but to continue in 1998 and beyond......

Rev Ray Healey, 471443

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
Football Results

22 November  BERE REGIS  1 : 5  GILLINGHAM TOWN
29 November  BERE REGIS  1 : 1  MERE TOWN

Dorset Junior Cup 2nd Round

6 December  DONHEAD  2 : 6  BERE REGIS
7 December  BERE REGIS  3 : 3  AMBASSADOR
13 December  DONHEAD  1 : 3  BERE REGIS

Bere’s Saturday eleven have hit their rocky patch, but seem to have weathered a very untimely storm. They suffered an ignominious defeat at the hands of Gillingham Town. It was a 5-1 reverse played in absolutely atrocious conditions, but on the whole most of the participants came through injury free. The squad’s mood after the game was decidedly downbeat, but almost unanimously feeling that a defeat was on the cards. Having romped to a victory at Mere, business as usual was expected at home, the early period of the game saw Bere contribute to a scrappy affair, but Mere had the better of it, and a defensive error let them take the lead.

A typical striker’s goal from Burt Stranock sealed a point for Bere when they really needed three. Thankfully a cup match enabled Bere to realign themselves and get back on the rails. They visited Donhead, and completed the first of an away double against them on consecutive weekends. A welcome return to form by Ricky Cummins saw him add four to his season’s tally, and eventually book a place in the last eight at home to Chickereall on 3 February. A home game with Linthorpe follows and the outcome will go a long way to deciding the promotion’s of Division Three.

In Sunday Division Five, Bere have had little opportunity to impact on the leaders due to cancellations and free dates. Ambassador Snooker had recently been deposed from the top of the league, and came to Bere with a point to prove. A classic encounter followed, with the referee playing a major part for all the wrong reasons. A Chris Oram double backed up by Andy Curtis was enough to take a point from the former pacesetters. Their manager must now await news of a mounting fixture backlog.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

BRIANTSPUDDLE FAIR
The Church Wardens and Church Council would like to thank all those who supported the tombola stall at the Briantspuddle Christmas Fair on 6th December. £47 was raised for church funds.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL
Art Reach
On 28th November there was another Art Reach Production. The Mellstock Band gave a wonderful performance of country music with readings, carols and music from the time of Thomas Hardy. 86 people attended the concert and the committee served wine and mince pies in the interval. After all expenses £112.00 was raised for hall funds.

29th March 1998
The next Art Reach production will be "Life in the Freezer" by Ben Osborne on 28th March. This will take the form of a talk with a slide show/film and describes the making of the television series of this name. At the time of going to print there are no details of ticket price, but it is likely to be in the region of £4. There will be more news in either the February or March magazines.

Plans are progressing, albeit slowly, towards the lottery application and ideas are being formulated and discussed.

Philippa Thorniley

PHILIPPA'S FARE AT THE BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE FAIR
Thank you to everyone who supported my stall at the Briantspuddle W.I.Fair. I sold everything bar 2 bags of biscuits (which could have made another £11) and raised £81.50 plus £40.75 has been sent to both Sight Saver and N.S.P.C.C.

Incidentally when I was "toiling" in the kitchen I was listening to Women's Hour and there was an item about River Blindness and the work Sightsavers is doing to combat this horrible disease, so I asked that your/my contribution should be used for this work.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE
The Feasibility Committee has held a further meeting with Mr Foss of the Village Retail Shop Association which proved to be helpful. Current investigations are centering on the various options for future premises together with forecasts of likely costs involved in producing them. The "Portacabin" solution has already been put to one side as likely to prove too costly.

A meeting has also been held with Mr Michael Grime, the Building and Development Manager of Purbeck District Council, who was very sympathetic to our problems and intends appointing a head officer to liaise closely with us over any future developments. Meanwhile Mr Wilding has agreed to open for a third period each week in December and January. In January he will open from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. each Friday evening, but please note this is for shop business only. The committee is grateful to the Parish Council for funding the provision of ground to form a path to the Granary steps and our thanks to Kevin Tucker for transporting it and to Eri Rolls, Alan Champion and John Solly for laying it.

BRIANTSPUDDLE CHRISTMAS FAIR
Many thanks to everyone who helped to "make" the Christmas Fair. The event proved to be successful to all stallholders; thank you to each of them for providing the raffle prizes.

Briantspuddle W.I. raised just over £100 for its funds, which will help greatly during a time of low membership numbers, however, our membership is now taking a turn for the better.

Martha Tucker

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.
Mulle wine and mince pies and wonderful music warmed the hearts and spirits of our members during December's meeting, which was very well attended. We start the New Year with a meeting on the 2nd Wednesday in January when Mrs Johnson will make a presentation about "Jane Austen and her times". The meeting as always is open to non members.

Martha Tucker
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