A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

In today's world, it can be difficult not to be wrapped up in our own problems and worries. Taking time to think about others isn’t our first priority. We have enough on our own plate. It’s a strange thing, but we are more selfish with those who we love most. We think to ourselves that if they know and love us so well, they of all people should be able to accept us, even if we do have a fault or two. If we are miserable, or bad tempered, we often target our pent up anger against them. They are our family and friends; they should understand. Have you ever thought that the people we most dislike, are the people we treat most courteously. We fear that they wouldn’t put up with us otherwise.

What is the answer to this oddity in our nature? It is to think of ourselves last; to try to think of other people’s feelings and wishes first, even if it is only for one day. It is to show our love for the people who are most important in our lives; to show our love in action. We lose nothing by doing this, we only stand to gain. I suppose the hardest thing to do, is to be like this with people who for one reason or another, we just don’t take to, people that irritate us, or annoy us, and whose presence we find a drag.

Putting this into practice:
1. Put others first, just for one day, especially those with whom you don’t get on
2. Allow someone to have their own way
3. Show how much you love someone

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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

1st March  9.30 a.m.  Mr House / Mr Bates
           6.00 p.m.  Miss Frampton / Mr Dashwood

8th March  11.00 a.m. Mrs March / Mrs England
           6.00 p.m.  Mr Barnes / Mrs Jutting

15th March 9.30 a.m.  Mrs Hazelrigg / Mr Strange
           6.00 p.m.  Mrs Griffin / Mr Dashwood

22nd March 11.00 a.m. Miss Chesney / Miss Miller
           6.00 p.m.  Mrs Ward / Mr Ward

29th March 9.30 a.m.  Mr Croom / Mr Ventham

Sanctuary Flower Guild

March 1st - March 29th  LENT

Readers

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8th March  Mrs Jutting
15th March  Mrs Griffin
22nd March  Mrs Ward
**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

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**VILLAGE PRAISE IN BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL**

**Sunday 22nd March 6.30 p.m.**

This will be the final Village Praise of this winter's series looking at unity. It falls on Mothering Sunday and our theme will be "Unity in the family". Mrs Sheila Evans who is a reader from Gussage All Saints and has long been involved with the Mother's Union in the Diocese will be our speaker. Do join us if you can.

We were sorry that the Rev Jimmy Hamilton-Brown had to withdraw from speaking at February's Village Praise due to ill health. We pray to God for his recovery and we thank the Rev Ray Healey of Bere Regis Congregational Chapel for stepping into the breach at short notice.
March sees the start of Lent this year, with the First Sunday in Lent coming on 1st March (St David’s Day). It also sees some informal Family style services. For example, there is the 11.00 a.m. service on 8th March which is especially designed to make following the service very simple. As we did in February, so too in this service, we are including the Baptisms of two small babies. You would be surprised at how at ease the children seem to be.

Mothering Sunday is on 22nd March and as usual we will be holding a Mothering Sunday Service (11.00 a.m.) with the distribution of flowers. In the evening at 6.00 p.m. there will be another informal service with music and songs as sung in the French Monastery of Taize. This style of worship has become very popular especially with the young.

The last Sunday of the month, being the 5th Sunday, there is only one act of worship for the two parish churches. This is a united service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.in Bere Regis Church.

CHURCH FUND RAISING

Once again the Jumble Sale was a huge success raising £350 plus, thanks to the generosity of the givers and the hard work of all the helpers. Many many thanks to all.

We thought it would be a good idea to re-start the coffee mornings and so there will be one on Wednesday 22nd April and another one on Wednesday 27th May. Both at the Vicarage. Do come and meet up with one another for a chat over the coffee cups.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

Each year a number of generous people give donations to the church. If anyone is considering making a gift of more than £250, and provided the gift is from taxed income, then we can recover basic rate tax from the Revenue, at no cost or inconvenience to the donor.

All that is needed is one signature on a simple Gift Aid form. Your £250 gift is magically transformed into £325 for the church. Truly, something for nothing. So, if you are considering making such a generous gift, please speak first to the Vicar, or the Treasurer.
**BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS**

Our visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry is booked for 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 19th September 1998. There is a charge for the tour of £5 per head and there is a strict minimum age of 14.

Anyone is very welcome to join in the visit and we are planning to add an afternoon visit to the Chelsea Hospital before returning home. The total cost, including coach, will depend somewhat on numbers. Names to John England please.

We are expecting visiting ringers on Saturday 9th May from 10.30 a.m. until 11.15 a.m., making their way to the Guild Festival which is being held this year in Dorchester.

**LENT TALKS**

On Wednesday evenings, in one of the Parish Churches, the Vicar will be talking on the meanings of the Eucharist. The talks are from 7.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. and take place on the dates shown. These are the dates and the places, every talk starts at 7.00 p.m. and ends by 8.00 p.m.

The Vicar

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**LENT LUNCHES in Bere Regis**

The original idea of Lent lunches was that they should be frugal. Somehow this idea has slipped! Now we have home made soup, bread and cheese and coffee. They take place in the south aisle of Bere Regis Church on Wednesdays from 12.30 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Last year, they were a great success, both socially and also in sending any profit made to the charities that work to bring food to the hungry.
At our February meeting, our branch leader welcomed three new members. Our speaker was Mrs Jane Harrison who updated us on the work which has taken place at Holton Lee. It is a centre for the disabled and their carers in a beautiful environment covering 350 acres on the shores of Poole Harbour.

People who come to stay can take part in painting and sculpture, music and movement, or, if they prefer, they can just enjoy the peace of the place and observe a wide variety of wildlife. The project was initiated by the Post Green Community, a group of Christians who opened their homes to people needing a safe place to go. Visitors are welcome on open days, which, this year, are 3rd May and 13th September. Volunteers are needed to help with the project so if the idea appeals to you, please phone Mrs Harrison on 01202 625562.

The date for the trip to Mary Sumner house has been fixed. It is 11th August, leaving the village at 7.00 a.m. and leaving London at 3.00 p.m. Names to Eileen B please.

The Lent meditation led by our deanery Chaplain, the Revd Robert Green will take place in Blandford Parish Church on Tuesday 3rd March from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon. Anyone needing transport should contact Eileen B.

Also on 3rd March is a ‘Knit and Natter’ in aid of the Home Farm Trust. This will take place at Cyril Wood Court between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Tea and biscuits will be available. Further details from Mary Feagan on 472237

Our next meeting will be a service of Holy Communion when our guest speaker will be the Revd Ron Wood from Sixpenny Handley. This will take place in the church at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 4th March.

Brenda Pitfield  471391

This will be held on Friday 6th March at 2.00 p.m., and will be in St John the Baptist Church, Bere Regis. The service is entitled ‘Who is my Neighbour’ and has been prepared by the women of Madagascar. The speaker will be Mrs Beatrice Norgate, who was formerly with the London City Mission.
FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

Bere Regis
8th February 1998
Joshua William John Bown
Keigha Amelia Bown

Affpuddle
4th January 1998
Abigail Catherine Hall
Emily Alexandra Hall
25th January 1998
George Selwyn Alick Williams

CREMATION (Poole)
22nd January 1998
Morman William Shiner (aged 77)

FUNERAL
12th February 1998
Irene Mary Cheeseman (aged 79)

OBITUARIES

NORMAN WILLIAM SHINER (aged 77 years)

Norman and Pamela Shiner came to live in Bere Regis fifteen years ago. They were enjoying their retirement together and loved sailing at Poole, where they have a boat. So it was a grievous day for Pamela and her family when Norman passed away on 19th January, after becoming ill just over a year ago. The cremation service took place in Poole, and a large congregation came to honour and remember him.

Norman was born in 1920, so became one of those large numbers of men destined to go to war. This he did and became a member of the Airborne Division, trained as a glider pilot, and was part of that brave group of men involved in the battle of Arnhem. Like so many others, he seldom spoke of this, even though it was inevitably very influential in his life.
After the war, he studied Civil Engineering and this determined his career; he set up a business making moulded concrete. From this he moved into the building trade, retiring when he was 62.

Pamela and Norman married in 1952. They immediately set off for Karachi, making their home there for two years. Back home again, they settled down to family life; Ann and Lesley were born, and they moved to Yeovil. From his early years, Norman loved the sea. So to be near Poole with the boat was a great bonus. So also was his precious family. His wife and daughters were his joy, and then came his grandchildren, who at the time of his death were in Singapore.

At the service, we remembered a very humble, quietly spoken, polite gentle and honourable man; qualities that are admired but not often attained. We gave thanks for him and prayed that he may rest in peace.

**MRS IRENE CHEESEMAN (aged 79)**

The funeral service for Mrs Irene Cheeseman took place in Bere Regis Church on the morning of Thursday 12th February. A large congregation gathered to support Mrs Cheeseman's family and to remember a lady who was essentially brave, hardworking, honest and kind and one who was never heard to complain.

We called to mind her life spent in and around Bere Regis; how that she was born in Briantspuddle, the daughter of Douglas and Mary Curtis, and one of six children. She went to school in Tolpuddle, then went into 'service', but moved to Bere Regis on her marriage to Mr Fred Cheeseman. (Fred predeceased Irene, two years ago)

Mrs Cheeseman never left Bere Regis, but she did move five times within the parish, Southbrook Cottage, Chamberlaynes, the Old Mill in West Street, and to two places in Green Lane. Fred spent his working life as a Cress Farmer and had set up the Cress Beds at Brockhill. It was a most happy family, with Thelma and Gillian their two daughters being very precious to them. Then came grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom were doted on the way grandparents do.
The family was a big part of Mrs Cheeseman’s life. She kept in touch with all her brothers and sisters, writing to them regularly. And when Jimmy Marsden lodged with them, he too became almost a son to them. He was at the funeral, coming down from the north of England.

The death of Fred was a severe blow to her, but she was very brave. She continued walking her dog, as she had done with her other dogs; she continued to cultivate her garden and she continued to show that gritty determination that was so characteristic in her life.

As we processed from the church to the cemetery, passing her first home as a bride, we knew we were laying to rest a woman of the country and of Dorset, but especially of Bere Regis. As we walked down from the cemetery and saw the parish church, with the flag of St George flying and the village growing around it, we felt that once again, another part of the village had gone, and that we would be poorer for it. But she is now re-united with so many of her family and friends.

A SPIRITUAL HOROSCOPE (for the pilgrim in Lent)

Lots of us:
“You know what you believe. You are very flexible and tolerant. You are not worried by change or new ideas. Changing the words of the Lord’s prayer doesn’t worry you. Your faith changes with your feelings. You know how complex religious ideas can be. You are able to pick and choose for yourself what you believe.

Spiritual adviser:
Be careful not to be too fond of novelty. You could use new ideas and beliefs because they sound good rather than because they are true. Your natural and easy optimism could end in disappointment. But you are a good person to have around, willing to adapt and to change.

Lots of us
You are happy to cherish what is old and traditional, but also value what is new. You are neither traditional nor trendy. You are realistic about your church, neither idealising it nor criticising it.
You can stand up for what you believe. You are reasonable about what you believe. You have your head in the clouds and your feet on the ground.

**Spiritual adviser:**
Don’t be complacent because you avoid extremes; the fence is not always the right place to sit. Your realism can easily change to pessimism and your candour to bluntness. Your two spiritual gifts are reasonableness and flexibility. Build on these and you will be playing to your strengths.

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**Lots of us:**
You are the Rock of Ages, unmoving and unmoved. You know what you believe. You have clear beliefs and clear views. You prefer the familiar to the unfamiliar. ‘Change’ and ‘Modern’ are words that sit uneasily in your vocabulary. You are formal in prayer, but underneath your formality you are vibrant and warm in your faith.

**Spiritual Adviser:**
In a changing world, you could be left feeling high and dry. You don’t have to compromise what you believe, to adapt to the times. You could tend to be harsh on yourself and others. You could be judgmental on those who don’t achieve your high standards. If you combine tolerance and understanding with your ability to be clear and firm, you will grow in faith.

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**STOP PRESS**

The **Gift Day** in Bere Regis was a spectacular success. The day started foggy, but undaunted, the Vicar stood by his post, outside what is known as the ‘Post Office’. And one by one, two by two, many of you came bearing gifts for the church. As the fog drifted away, the sun began to shine. The Vicar began his summer ‘tan’, and his face took on a broader smile.

Later that day, the Treasurer telephoned him. “Never before have we topped £1000. Today we have received £1,350”.

To those of you who brought or sent a gift, large or small, our deep gratitude goes to you. It is much appreciated, and will help to maintain our precious heritage.
BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the February meeting the Councillors received the report of a County Council led meeting that had been held to consider the improvements to the A35 with particular reference to the closing of the C79 Lane End to Lower Woodbury Cross. This is now to be permanently closed and the meeting learned that it was actually closed on the initiative of the Police. Some suggestions on the improvement of the junction of the Wareham Road are being researched and the work is anticipated to be undertaken in the next two years.

The whole stretch of the A35 from Bere Regis to the Bakers Arms roundabout is being looked at with the intention of improving the safety of the road. We have a very limited bus service running from the village and certain services only run as a result of a subsidy provided by the County and District Councils which in effect means the Council Tax. A survey of the Tuesday bus to Wareham indicates that the subsidy per passenger is running at £2.85. As the cut off point for subsidy is normally below £2.00 one can see that this bus route is under investigation. The message must be ‘Use it or lose it’.

The March meeting of the Council is on Thursday 12th March which will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting when all Parishioners are particularly invited to attend and let their wishes be known. We particularly hope that some of the younger members may come. The meeting will commence at 7.00 p.m.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION

Held their monthly meeting on January 21st. Twenty two members attended. After the Exhortation minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The business followed and the Chairman read out several letters and cards from the various organisations who attended our Carol Service held on December 8th at Headquarters saying how much they had enjoyed the evening.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Mr E Willis who brought slides and gave a most interesting talk on ‘Upton House’. This, all members found very interesting. Teas were then served by Mrs Gill Cleall and Mrs Reed and a bring and buy was run by Mrs Clarke.

Cenotaph March - Mrs J Hartley April - Mrs Tharly and Mrs Brett
**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GARDENING CLUB**

If you missed our February meeting you should be kicking yourself.

Albert Wason presented some superb slides of flowers and fungi together with many witty anecdotes - Chinese takeaway wrappers will never seem the same again!

All is not lost. For our March meeting on Tuesday 3rd we will have Noel Pires presenting ‘Safety in the Garden’. A good evening is in prospect as Noel had them rolling in the aisles on his last visit.

Come and join us for a friendly night out - you could win some slug pellets in the raffle!

Don’t forget to bring your seed orders - it’s still not too late.

Andy Morrison - 472343

**BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP**

On February 10th, we had a lovely meeting with Mrs Pamela Lewis from Devizes. Her subject was ‘Springtime’ and she used containers that she had made herself from wrought iron.

In March we have Andrea Wilkinson from Burton Bradstock and her title is - ‘The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe’.

Don’t forget, Mrs Herridge is opening her lovely home and garden at Throop Farm House on 16th April for a Coffee Morning - do come. Lovely plants for sale, cakes and bring and buy. Everyone welcome.

**BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION YOUTH SECTION**

The final total raised by the Poppy Pool Marathon reached £120 and a cheque for that amount was handed over by the section on 28 January. The presentation was made by youth section chairman Paul Fripp to Mr Wally Hibbert the local branch chairman. He thanked the members of the section for their efforts on behalf of the Poppy Appeal and the ex-service community.

The section will be receiving the National Runner’s-Up Certificate, that it won in The Windsor Spinks Memorial Youth Competition, on Wednesday 18 February. The presentation will be made by Lt-Col Tom Buckby of the legion’s National Council who will be accompanied by Mr Michael Wilson the RBL National Youth Officer. Committee members from both the local branch and women’s section will join the youth section members to watch Paul Fripp receive the certificate.
Plans are well in hand for the trip to North Wales which takes in a climb up to the summit of Snowdon. The trip covers four days, 22—25 May, over the bank holiday weekend. There are just a couple of places left to fill and anyone who might be interested should make up their mind fairly quickly.

July 24-26 has now been confirmed as the weekend for the camping weekend being held at Avon Tyrrell in the New Forest. The programme will include swimming in the outdoor heated pool, canoeing, orienteering, night walks and the chance to burn your own meals.

The section is hoping to send a group to the legion’s first ever National Youth Conference. This event is being staged at Nottingham University on the 19/20 September. Apart from the conference on the Saturday afternoon there will also be a disco taking place during the evening for those young people attending. On the Sunday morning the finals of the legion’s National Youth Six-A-Side Football Competition will take place. This will be followed by a Youth Tattoo in the afternoon. It is hoped that a team from the section will have won its way to the football finals that weekend.

Just two places left on the annual trip to Blackpool and Alton Towers over the weekend 2-4 October. As usual this camping and fun weekend proves to be very popular indeed with the members.

The Junior Competitions, held between members annually, are reaching the second round stages. The competition involves Darts, Pool, Wrong-Handed Pool, Carpet Bowls, Dominoes and Shove Ha’ Penny. The games can be played on any youth night that both those involved are present provided that all rounds are completed by the cut off dates. A Finals Night for the competition will be arranged for a youth evening in April. Trophies will be presented to the winner and runner-up in each of the events.

On Monday 23rd February a team from the section will be taking part in the Wareham Rotary Superteams event. This competition, being staged at Wareham Youth Centre, involves a mixture of skill and general knowledge games. The section’s team of six is made up equally by three females and three males. It not known for certain who is providing the skills and who will provide the brains.

Young people from outside the village are also most welcome to join the section provided they are aged between 12 and 17 years. They can just drop in on any youth section evening at the legion club in North Street, Bere Regis, between 7.15 - 9.00 pm. Youth nights are normally a Wednesday but on occasions have to move onto another night, telephone 471693 if in doubt.

TM Vine, Youth Leader.
THE ST MATTHEW PASSION BY J S BACH

On Passion Sunday, 29 March 1998, the Dorset Guild of singers, joined by Wimborne Choral Society, will sing J S Bach’s great commemoration of the final days and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

The Passion will be sung in the Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre and will begin at 6.30 p.m. with prayers by the Bishop of Sherborne. The conductor will be Christopher Dowie, organist of Wimborne Minster and conductor of Wimborne Choral Society. The soloists and orchestral musicians will be local artists.

The St Matthew Passion is a work of great musical beauty and spiritual intensity, and recitatives, arias and choruses describing the last days of Jesus are interspersed with well-known chorales commenting on the unfolding tragedy.

Please do come to the Wessex Hall on Passion Sunday to hear probably the most moving of Bach’s choral masterpieces.

Tickets cost £7 from Guild members (£9 from Poole Arts centre) are available from Sarah Wielton, 38 West Street, Bere Regis - telephone 471562.

DRAX HALL

The Annual Accounts have just been audited and it is very clear that we have drained much of our reserves that had been built up over the years. We are fortunate that our day to day expenditure is covered by our activities and we are particularly fortunate that this year special events have raised some healthy funds. However the necessary painting has made a large hole in the reserves.

More work is required this year to get the electrics up to the standard required, plus work on the doors is necessary. These all cost money. Please help by supporting the events that are held in the Hall. The more users we can get - the easier it is to undertake these essential tasks. Come to the Mini Market and the live theatre on Thursday 2nd April - The Mayor of Casterbridge.

Finally the Blood Bank will be visiting the village at the Drax Hall on Tuesday 31st March. Please do come along and give the chance of a lifetime to somebody in need. It is quite harmless - and I say that even though I can not stand the thought of a needle!

CM.
BERE REGIS W.I.

Our speaker for the January meeting was Mrs J Alderson and her subject was the history of the Turberville window (to be found in our Church). The window is a record of notable families who probably shaped a considerable slice of Bere Regis history. We were all riveted and only the clock brought us back to reality.

For the March programme, we will be welcoming Mr R Impett. His presentation to us will be ‘Along the A31’. We will be updating our knowledge as it is always surprising to discover how much we pass by without ever seeing, or ever knowing about.

On March 21st the Woodbury Hill group of WI present the bi-annual Spring Group Show at Winterbourne Kingston Village Hall, which will be open all day.

Don’t miss it. Come and support us. You will be amazed at the skills of many local members. Whilst you are browsing you may well realise that you could match some of the skills displayed. It is never too late to explore your own ‘Internet’. Think about it! Take up the challenge and join your local WI, the welcome is always there. Third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Drax Hall.

Zena Rogers

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

We were all delighted with the slide show by Tony Bates at our February meeting. We were taken through the countryside of Dorset, at all the seasons of the year, which included beautiful pictures of flowers, butterflies, fungi and trees. After which we had a delicious tea.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th March, when the speaker will be Mr John England, with slides of Brownsea Island. The competition is for the Nan Mooney bowl, and is to be a vase of mixed spring flowers, which can include shrubs. We had 15 entries last year and we hope to have even more this year.

Mary England - 471469   Kath Jeeves - 471175
IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

We are holding an Antiques Roadshow in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30 p.m. In charge of the proceedings will be Gary Batt from Hy Duke the Fine Arts Saleroom in Dorchester. The ticket price of £3 will include the valuation of one item and light refreshments.

These events have been extremely popular and successful in the past, and I am sure we are in for a really enjoyable evening. In all the years I have known Mr Batt, I have never known him fail to identify, date and value any item. So whether great-aunt Maud left it to you in her will, or you bought it at the WI jumble sale, or you unearthed it at a car boot sale, bring it along on the night. If time allows, additional items may be valued for a small extra charge.

Tickets are available from Mrs Barbara Griffin at the Cedars, or Diana Holman at Camelot, Affpuddle, or any member of the committee.

Diana Holman

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have started the New Year with an entertainment for The Stroke Club, Poole and residents at Wareham Hospital.

100 WATT CLUB

1st prize - £25  
Mr R D Angell - 20

2nd prize - £10  
Mr J Percy -

4th prize - £10  
Mrs G Jennings - 64

5th prize - £5  
Mrs M Kircher-Smith - 12

6th prize - £5

Shares still available from Gordon Phillips - 471525
POP IN PLACE NEWS

Just a brief reminder for those who missed the article in last month’s magazine - June Edgar, the manager of Michael’s Night Shelter and Day Centre, is coming to give a talk on the work of the centre in March. This will take place on Friday 20th March at 11.00 a.m. at the Pop in Place.

RETIREMENT AT BERE REGIS SURGERY

After nearly 30 years as receptionist at Bere Regis Surgery, Mrs Beryl Cobb will retire on 3rd April.

To mark this occasion, we are holding a celebration with presentation at the British Legion Club, Bere Regis, at 4.00 p.m. on 15th April.

If you would like to attend and/or donate to a present, please contact personally or by post, the Practice Manager, Mrs Wendy Nelson, by the 25th March.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Many thanks to everyone who helped with or attended our Christmas Concert with the Bournemouth Scout Band. It was a very enjoyable evening and the enthusiasm of the young players was lovely to see. We raised £230 which was shared by the Bournemouth Scout Band (£100), Research into Childhood Leukaemia (£100) and the Church Flag Fund (£30).

We will be holding a Jumble Sale at Blandford Corn Exchange on Saturday 25th April at 10.00 a.m.

We are looking for a Quartermaster to help us to maintain our camping and canoeing equipment. If anyone could spare a few hours a month to help us, please ring me on 01929 4716451

Pat Hall
HOME FARM TRUST

There will be a ‘Knit-In’ at Cyril Wood Court from 2.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday 3rd March. The Home Farm Trust helps adults with learning disabilities to live full active lives in the caring community. Their patron is Princess Anne. The charity supports 80 homes and some 530 adults, carers also, are aided to achieve independence.

At our ‘Knit-In’ we need knitters and support from sponsors. Bring some size 8 needles and DN wool. We will be able to help with wool if needed but donations of DN yarn will be much appreciated. Cast on 24 stitches and the strips made will be sewn up to make knee blankets which will be donated to Wareham Hospital.

In the tea interval, our pianist, Edwin Smith will play for us and hopefully we will have some home made refreshments. It should be a nice afternoon. Knitters do come! Sponsors support the cause with your donations. For sponsor forms call at the Manager’s office or at No 9 Cyril Wood Court. For further details phone 472237, or 471909.

KNITTERS WORKSHOP

At the Knitters workshop in February, we looked back at techniques demonstrated about 4 years ago. Invisible seaming in stocking stitch and shaping a sloping shoulder seam (try saying that fast!). Finally we covered casting off the shoulder stitches with 3 needles.

This month on 31st March from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., artist John Hicks will be demonstrating the painters ‘Colour Wheel’, interpreting its use as applied by knitters when selecting yarns to mix together. We are now charging £1 to non-residents towards the rent of the centre and refreshments.

1st BERE REGIS BROWNIES and 1st PIDDLE VALLEY RAINBOWS

Both units continue to grow in numbers and are looking forward to the spring with proposed trips to Monkey World and a picnic at the seaside, with badge and activity evenings during term times.

We have changed our evening and venue for meetings. We now meet at the Royal British Legion Club in North Street. Our new days are - Rainbows - Monday 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. and Brownies - Monday 6.00 p.m. - 7.15 p.m.

The Guide unit is at the moment suspended due to lack of girls. If your daughter is interested in any of the activities Guiding has on offer, please contact either Elizabeth Gale on 471488 or me, Pat Bentley, on 471203 (at work).
A farmer fixed a large weather vane on the top of his barn with the words ‘God is Love’ engraved underneath it. One day, a passer-by stopped at the farm and watched the weather vane turning with the breeze. With a smirk on his face, he asked the farmer, “Do you mean to say that your God is as changeable as the wind?” The farmer shook his head and confidently replied, “No, rather the opposite in fact, for no matter which way the wind of circumstances is blowing in my life - God is Love”.

How about you? Whether North, East, West or South, the good news is ‘God is Love’ and He never changes whatever the weather of life may bring. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is Love. Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him. 1 John 4:8 & 16. I am the Lord, I change not. Malachi 3:6

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, Christ Jesus, that whoever believes in Him would not die but would have eternal life. John 3:16. Jesus Christ is the ultimate and total expression of God the Father’s love, clearly demonstrated at his crucifixion.

Someone once said, “One thing about the British weather, we can get all the seasons in one day.” It matters not if we are in the spring, summer, autumn or winter of life, Christ Jesus came to be our Saviour and Lord, here and hereafter. In vain passers-by look for an alternative to God’s love, but there is only one true God and Jesus Christ points the way to Him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ who you have sent. John 17:3. Make sure you are on the way with Jesus.

On Saturday 28th March at 7.30 p.m. Dr Geoff Barnard will be speaking at the Chapel Butt Lane. Geoff is a scientist and an excellent Bible teacher. Everyone is invited to this meeting.

Rev. Ray Healey, 12 South Mead, Bere Regis. Tel: 471443
BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football results

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“It was a long time coming” they said. Bere’s title challenge frittered away in the unrelenting icy North wind. Intense rivals Hospital Metalcraft came to Bere having played two games less than Bere, but six points adrift. After ninety minutes torture for Bere and their manager, Metalcraft went away just three points behind, and with a healthy goal difference. Bere’s confidence was fragile after scraping past lowly Cranborne the previous week. They needed a lift, and the returning Steve Cheeseman put Bere ahead inside five minutes with a well drilled effort through a crowded six yard box into the corner. This was perhaps the worst event to happen, as Bere sat back with drastic consequences.

A fortuitous equaliser followed by a defensive lapse, enabled Metal’ to take the lead. With a Polar wind at their backs, Bere set about their opponents, who at times seemed a shade of their 1996-7 best. However their midfield always prove to be more than a match on any occasion, diving appearing to be flavour of the day. After a few more pirouettes, a few scares, a half time cup of tea and an awe inspiring interval team talk, Bere emerged to dominate for twenty minutes, but failed to capitalise.

With the defence like statues, Bere conceded a third and the killer fourth went in leaving Bere with a mountain to climb. Veteran, Ricky Cummins notched a second for Bere, and they played with some spirit. Two chances fell the way of Wayne Cope and Burt Stranack, and the bumper crowd expected goals, but the pair missed out when on another day they would have buried them with ease. It was a masterful second half performance from the visitors, underlining their championship elect tag. Bere were not in it, and three more goals flew in over a period of ten minutes. This left Bere with a lot of soul searching to do, as heads drooped seriously.
In a local derby, revived this season, Bere attempted the double over Stickland United on their compact ground. In bygone battles, many a Bere player can recount stories of tough games against the old foe. These days Stickland are a mere shadow of their former self, and presented Bere with a chance to go back to the top of the league. Seldom has there been a team which has emerged from the players’ tunnel minus two centre halves. In the first half alone, Bere were able to pick off their opponents at will.

All that was required was a measured lob over the top, and Bere’s marksmen were in. Trigger Townley in a comeback striking role opened the scoring with a perfectly placed effort within five minutes. Bere expected a home backlash, but surprisingly were allowed freedom and space. Trig’ could have bagged four inside twenty minutes. Instead the dependable Burt Stranack re-discovered his form in front of goal, and with the help of some bizarre goalkeeping, helped himself to four before half time.

With the home defence looking as deserted as the Marie Celeste, John Cleall ran from just inside Bere territory, and had a clear run on goal before coolly slotting home. The half was ideal for morale, but it was dented when midfield general Bungy Brown sustained a shoulder injury. After the break, Bere showed a reluctance to press forward, and Stickland staged a mini-revival, pulling a goal back. However with their defence, it was still possible for Bere to score when they fancied. Sub, Andy Curtis got just reward for a lot of industry and added two more, whilst Burt Added a fifth. On another day when Bere’s finishing could have been improved, the score would undoubtedly read 20-1, but results went the way of the Regis, and they once again sat at the head of the league.

Surviving a scare at the hands of Cranborne a few weeks previous, Bere were in no mood to concede ground at home to Stalbridge, who despite being one off the bottom, are no pushovers. Two goals in each half, and an all round solid performance kept Bere in the driving seat at the head of Dorset Division Three North & East. Once again fortune smiled upon Bere, as their rivals battled out a 2-2 draw, leaving Bere seven points ahead having played two games more. It seems that hitman Burt Stranack is reaching peak form at the right time, he hit a second hat trick in two games, with top quality service from his midfield. The defence tightened up restricting the visitors to long range efforts.

In the first of what will be six testing away challenges, Bere travelled to the much vaunted Stourpaine, and put in a show of hard graft on their vast expanse of a pitch. With the surface taking on the appearance of a billiard table, Bere knew they were up against it. This game was the most important yet, and Bere rose to the challenge. In a scrappy first half, Bere probed forward when they could, but found themselves overrun in midfield. But they weathered the storm, and crafted one or two decent openings.
With an efficient referee, it was a clean game, and one befitting the top of the table. The sucker punch came - for Stourpaine, when Bere took the lead two minutes before half time, when a goalbound shot form Ricky Cummins, was nudged in by Burt Stranack for his tenth in fourth games. Bere went in, happy but slightly disconsolate as they allowed the home side a fair amount of space.

It was ironic that in previous away encounter, Bere have crippled teams with their swift counter-attacking, but it was two set pieces that won it for Bere. Wayne Cope floated over a pearler of corner, causing mayhem in the ‘Paine box, a Bungy jump later freed Tony Lumsden at the far post for the winner. The luckless Kev Cox conceded a penalty giving the home side hopes, but their onslaught never materialised. Bere’s defence held their ground with goalkeeper Lyndon White having a field day, and it was their day inflicting only a second defeat for Stourpaine.

Hangovers have always been a part of Sunday League folklore, and Bere’s Sunday counterparts met a rare commodity in these leagues-a footballing side in the from of Kings Arms. Having left half of the defence in the garage, it was not going to be Bere’s Sunday, and they were in certainly not in any mood to compete. In spite of a jet propelled header from Darren Spivey having rose gracefully out of the mud, Bere let in five severely denting their title hopes. It was the efforts of “The Cat”-erpillar in goal that kept the scoreline down.

Having been forced to re-shuffle the pack, which produced more jokers than kings, manager Nick Macklin and his band had to reflect on a day when they were outplayed. A squad ravaged by injuries and babysitting duties left Bere’s manager down to his last twelve, the dirty dozen. The game was the second crucial encounter in two games, and once again Bere came away with nothing against a team which had knocked them out of the cup. A blunder from Bere’s usual safety first keeper, saw a header trickle under his body in the first minute.

This set a precedent and they let in another four. Veteran campaigner Steve Ives went down with a recurrent Boxing Day injury, leaving Bere depleted through the middle. Chris Oram scored a brace, making the score 3-2, and Bere were in the game for the first time. They however lost their shape, and in pursuit of that elusive third goal, they were overcome in the final third of the game.

A trip to Swanage, alongside the railway on a pleasant Sunday morning, would seem like a worthwhile venture for any family, but if you encounter Swanage Anti-Social Club on a football pitch, expect the censors to give the showing anything but a U certificate. Bere’s worst fears were realised when there was no official for the day, and Swanage Club’s manager stepped in, and wasted no opportunity in waving play on witnessing two-footed tackle after another from the home team.
With more off the ball incidents than an ice hockey game, you would think that the referee would take a grip. But having shared some of the mind altering substance that the rest of his squad had imbibed in, there was no chance. A piece of opportunism from Iain Macklin, saw him rob the goalkeeper to make the score 1-3, a header striking the bar from Gary Jeff could have made thing interesting. But GBH was the order of the day, and two vicious assaults on Kev Cox and Andy Curtis tried the Bere’s manager’s patience.

These ugly incidents were however upstaged by an elbow in Dean Rogerson’s face, this sparked a sending off, hours of injury time, and Bere took themselves off the pitch after 55 minutes before more flying challenges and punches were thrown. This was a game unheard of in Bere history, but is likely that the result will stand giving the home side three undeserved points.

The warmest day of the year greeted Bere’s home encounter with Pimperne, and they returned to winning ways in spite of a couple of hairy moments. Mark Gale got off to a flyer, with a fifth minute penalty after Hristo Oram tumbled in the box. A Rob White tap in made it two, twenty minutes in, but in between each goal the visitors managed to equalise. Bere went 4-2 up either side of half time, and started to play as though they had the freedom of the park. A third goal was conceded, made proceedings a little more urgent, and Bere pulled away in the final quarter of an hour hitting three more, with Mark Gale rounding off the scoring with a slide rule chip sealing a much needed 7-3 victory.

The Cricket Club are appealing for player and enthusiasts alike, for the forthcoming 1998 season, we play in the Dorset League, with one team on Saturdays and Sundays. Anyone interested, please contact H Swann 01929 471131 or S Cheeseman 01929 471022.
AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE NEWS

CHURCH NOTICES

LENT TALKS
Start in Affpuddle Church on Wednesday 4th March at 7.00 p.m. (The church should be nice and warm!) The Vicar is taking as his theme the subject ‘The Eucharist’, exploring the way it is structured and its meaning as it has come down to us over the centuries.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
17th March at 7.30 p.m. in Raithby Cottage

MOTHERING SUNDAY (22nd March)
There will be the usual distribution of flowers at the 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL SERVICE (22nd March)
This will be at 6.30 p.m. This is an informal act of worship which takes place during the winter months. It has proved to be most popular; why not come along?

DON’T BE CAUGHT OUT!
On Sunday 29th March you should have changed your clocks and watches - British Summer Time begins. And there is no service in Affpuddle on that day - it’s in Bere Regis at 9.30 a.m. - a united service of Holy Communion.

CHESHIRE HOME
The following letter was received after copy was submitted for the February magazine.

"Please accept our thanks for the donation of Christmas Fayre and presents, on behalf of the Affpuddle P.C.C., this is very much appreciated by us all. Once again many thanks for the continued support towards our young people, for the kindness and consideration shown over the years, please convey our gratitude to everyone. May we take this opportunity to send our Best Wishes for 1998"
SPECIAL CLEAN

On Saturday 21st March there will be another special clean from 10 p.m. to 12 noon. Please come along and help. Depending on the number present it is hoped to polish all the pews and furniture, vacuum clean the hassocks and mats, polish the wooden floors and wash the stone floors and clean the windows. Please bring with you cleaning cloths and dusters.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Art Reach - Life in the Freezer

A slide show and talk about the making of the television programme "Life in the Freezer" given by Ben Osborne will be held on Saturday 28th March at 7.30 p.m. Tickets costing £3.50 are available from Philippa Thorniley (tel Bere Regis 471497). Interval refreshments will be available.

The Briantspuddle Hall Committee met on 2nd February. Among topics discussed was the progress of the Lottery application; there have been meetings with the Parish Council and further advice is sought from the Dorset County Council Officer for co-ordinating Heritage Lottery Applications at the beginning of March.

Fund raising for the maintenance/capital equipment fund was discussed. Plans were made to hold a barn dance in August, to run the 100 Club again and to host possibly three Art Reach Productions in the Autumn and Winter of 1998/1999. The Purbeck Film Festival would probably be held again and there would be another event sponsored by the organisers in the Hall. Last year the Film Festival sponsored the very successful film show and in conjunction with Art Reach the production of "Taylors Tickler".

The necessity for increasing hire charges was also discussed. It is the aim of the Hall Committee to cover the day to day running costs from hire charges and to use fund raising for purchase of capital equipment and for the major maintenance expenditure (the largest item at present is the need to rethatch the hall in the not too distant future). In the event of the Lottery application not being successful the cost of future improvements will have to be funded by the Committee through its fund raising programme. Users will be given warning of the increase in charges which will be likely to come into force on 1st May 1998.
THE DORSET LATVIA LINK

Paediatric defibrillator

Hard to believe it is March with two meetings under our belts already, but so it goes on. Our fund raising for 1998 is geared to bringing Alesja back to Dorset within the next 12 months for the necessary adjustments to her prosthesis. We will be supporting also the annual Summer Camp in Ikskile if required, but our main concerns are for the Childrens Hospital in the neighbouring Village of Ogre which serves our link village of Ikskile.

Our contact in Ogre is our old friend Dr Lelde Samite who works hard to give her small patients some quality of life. However it is becoming increasingly difficult for her to afford the most basic drugs and medicines to do this and so following the receipt of a list of her more urgent needs, we were pleased for our visitors to courier back to Latvia on our behalf medical supplies to the value of £660 to assist with her efforts.

There are several items of medical equipment that are standard in our own hospitals which she could never hope to acquire. However, Mike Brown and friends from the Crow's Nest Inne in Swanage, who helped to make Alesja's stay so memorable, have agreed to put their not inconsiderable talents to work to raise funds for a paediatric defibrillator (vital equipment required to resuscitate children during cardiac arrest) and the Link will continue to fund-raise for medical supplies. A list of our proposed fund-raising activities for the year will be published in the April Magazine.

Jenny Silavs

FOR SALE

Veesa Trekka Motorcycle for sale, almost as new, insured for 7 months, £700. Please ring Bere Regis 471264 between 9.00 and 9.30 a.m.
The Vicar and Congregation
St Lawrence Church
Affpuddle
Dorchester
Dorset, UK

20 January 1998

I am writing on behalf of the College Board of Governors, Staff and Students and on my own behalf. We send you sincere greetings and best wishes to you all.

We were delighted to receive your generous donation of £300 which was sent to us through Terry and Dawn Lane, the former tutors (members of staff) of Canon Apolo College of 1960s. They paid a visit to their former college in March 1997 and promised to find friends once in the UK who would assist the college with our ‘Bed Project’.

With your donation, we have already placed an order for 10 double-decker beds and we hope by the time our new term opens on 9th February 1998, these beds will have been delivered at the college for use.

We thank you very sincerely and we hope the Almighty Lord will continue to shower his blessings to you all.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Rwankirene
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EARLY NOTICE

The Dorset Children’s Show, the annual event put on by the Rotary Club of Wareham and the Tank Museum, is being held on Monday 4th May 1998 at the Tank Museum, Bovington.

Please note the change to the first of the May Bank Holidays.

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March
7 March   Function
14 March   Bullseye - 8.15 p.m.
21 March   Disco
28 March   Sue Francis

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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 8.00 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,
Blandford 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
Wednesday 4th March and Wednesday 18th March
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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May
- 4th Dorset Children’s Show, Bovington Tank Museum
- 4th Tug of war, car boot sale, wellie wang - Court Green
- 22nd Barn Dance at Lower Stockley Farm
- 23rd Duck race and wheelbarrow race, Carnival disco
- 27th Coffee morning at the Vicarage 10.30 a.m.

June
- 14th Sponsored horse ride and mountain bikes
- 25th Age Concern Fete, Culver Dell, Shitterton 2.00 p.m.
- 27th Official Twinning Reception
- 27th Garden Party at the Vicarage

July
- 18th Carnival Day

September
- 19th Bellringers visit to Whitechapel Bell Foundry 10.00 a.m.

November
- 28th Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar