A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

Everyone seems to be so busy. We rush from one thing to another. Some of us are continually running to catch up. And it gets worse as time goes on. It becomes difficult not to be wrapped up in our own problems and worries. So taking time out to think about other people isn't easy. We have enough on our own plate.

Sadly, this busyness and self-absorption not only shuts out the needs of people generally, it also shuts out the needs of those closest to us. I would suggest that we can be quite selfish with those closest to us. If we are miserable or bad tempered, we take it out on our family. The people that we don't like get treated much more courteously. They wouldn't put up with us otherwise.

Of course, one of the joys of being in a close relationship lies in being able to be ourselves, and not having to put up a front the whole time. To share anxieties or frustrations or disappointments is a healing experience. So also to share a little success and boast a little makes life much sweeter.

A spiritual exercise which cannot be anything but good is to try to think of ourselves less, and to think of others more; to consider the other person's feelings and needs before our own. On top of this, why don't we show our deep love for the people most important in our lives. To tell your family that you love them must make for a beautiful day. They may wonder what the matter is, but they will still feel warm inside.

A lot of us feel sad that we haven't expressed our love properly before someone dies, before it's too late.

Yours ever

Graham Roblin

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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

**Bere Regis Sidesmen**

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Please let Mrs Penny Roblin (471262) or Mrs Pat House (471255) know any favoured date, or dates to be avoided in compiling the rota for the first half of 1999, before 20th November please.

**Readers**

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CHURCH SERVICES in NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st November  All Saints’ Day
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  9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
  11.00 a.m. Mattins and Communion (Affpuddle)
  6.00 p.m.  St Nicholas Singers (Bere Regis)

Sunday 8th November  Remembrance Sunday
  8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
  9.00 a.m.  Act of Remembrance (Bladen Valley War Memorial)
  9.30 a.m.  Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
  10.50 a.m. Act of Remembrance (Bere Regis War Memorial)
  11.00 a.m. Remembrance Day Service (Bere Regis)
  6.00 p.m.  Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 15th November  Trinity 23
  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 22nd November  Sunday next before Advent
  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.  Taize Style Worship (Bere Regis)

Sunday 29th November  Advent Sunday
  9.30 a.m.  Combined Benefice Communion (Affpuddle)
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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VILLAGE PRAISE, 6.30 PM SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Do join us on 22 November at 6.30pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall for our informal monthly service on the fourth Sunday of the winter months.

Our theme for these five services is ‘The Humanity of Jesus’

Jonathan Haigh
CHURCH NEWS

THE ST NICHOLAS SINGERS
The St. Nicholas Singers are performing in Bere Regis Church at the time of Evensong (6.00 p.m.) on ALL SAINTS DAY (1st November). This is a choir which meets for its own enjoyment, and undertakes concerts throughout the county. It promises to be a most enjoyable evening concert.

THE MOTHERS’ UNION
The Mothers’ Union meeting on 4th November takes the form of Evening Communion, with the vicar as celebrant, and Mrs. Brenda Pitfield preaching.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (8th November)
The Royal British Legion will be on parade at Bere Regis, and the Act of Remembrance takes place at the churchyard War Memorial at 10.50 a.m., before going into the church for the SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE.

The Act of Remembrance for Affpuddle is at 9.00 a.m. at the Bladen Valley War Memorial. This is followed by a Parish Communion in the church which will have Remembrance as its theme.

MIND THE WORLD GROUP SUPPER
An annual supper organised by the BERE REGIS MIND THE WORLD GROUP will be held in the church on Tuesday, 10th November, at 7.00 p.m. It is always a splendid evening, and members of the group go to great trouble to provide a rich variety of foods. A sales table of Traidcraft and Tear Fund goods will be available. Come and have an evening with a difference.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN THE MONTH
There is one in November, so the two parish churches will meet together for a united Eucharist in Affpuddle Church at 9.30 a.m. It is Advent Sunday, so we will be starting the Christian Year.

BERE REGIS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Bere Regis Church Parochial Church Council meets in the church on Tuesday, 24th November, at 7.15 p.m.
FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Bere Regis

7th June Davina Barbara Rose SHAVE
14th June Adam Matthew Bruce HAAS
19th July Ryan John PILLIPS
2nd August Mark Ashton Thomas NEILSON
30th August Alex William HOLLAND VAUGHAN
11th October Jacob Charles LAMBERT

Affpuddle

16th August Emma Lucy MENZIES
20th September Verity Imogen PITMAN
27th September Jack Field ADENY

Holy Matrimony

Bere Regis

29th August Earl Anthony John DACRE to
Nicola Claire JONES
12th September Andrew Thomas WHITE to
Leigh Denise SINGLETON
26th September Raymond Charles VENNER to
Tracy Jane EVERITT

Affpuddle

29th August Adrian George CROFT to
Sally Lorraine BENNETT
MRS MARJORIE MARION YATES (aged 85)

Mrs Marjorie Yates was cremated in Poole Crematorium on Monday 21st September. She had lived in Bere Regis for 12 years, having come to be near her daughter, Mrs Rosemary Turner, for the last years of her life.

She was born and brought up in Gosport, but from an early age had a close association with Purbeck, because of an aunt who owned an hotel in Swanage. She went there as often as possible, and indeed, worked in the hotel before her marriage. She married her husband, Bill, in 1939, so the first few years of her married life were disrupted by the war. Bill was a soldier in France, but was lucky to be evacuated. They then were posted to Okehampton for two years, and this is where Rosemary was born.

With the war over, the family moved back to Gosport, with Bill resuming his trade as a baker. Their second daughter, Sue, was born at this time. A new job in Reigate saw the family move once more, but this time it remained static until Bill’s death.

The final move for Mrs Yates to Bere Regis proved successful. She was very happy here, and until a short time ago, joined in some of the events arranged for the elderly.

She was a very private family lady. She adored her four grandchildren and there was a close bond between them. She was remembered with thanksgiving at the service in Poole, and commended to God that she might rest in peace.

At the service, there was a retiring collection for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.
MR WALTER REED (aged 90)

Mr Walter Reed was cremated in Weymouth Crematorium on Monday 21st September, and his ashes interred in Affpuddle churchyard the following day.

Although for the past 18 years he had lived in New Milton, Briantspuddle had become his home, in that for many years he had lived in Barn Cottage, and worked as a cabinet maker. So it was natural that he should wish to come back for his final resting place.

Born and brought up in Alverstoke, he was apprenticed as a cabinet maker at the age of 14.

He married his wife Kathleen in 1936, and they enjoyed a very close bond and relationship all their lives. Christopher, their son, was born in 1942, and when he was old enough, he joined his father as a cabinet maker. Christopher eventually married Sandra, and they had a son Thomas, but tragedy struck in 1981, with the early and untimely death of Christopher. Walter and Kathleen never really recovered from this. They decided to move away from Briantspuddle, to New Milton. A few years after this, Kathleen died. It seemed as if the light had gone out of his soul. He attended a Tuesday club, and continued with pen and ink drawings, for he was a very gifted man.

Sandra, his daughter-in-law, took on the responsibility for his well-being, and a great tribute was paid to her at the service.

So we remembered a true craftsman, a loving husband, father and grandfather, and we prayed that he would be re-united with his beloved wife and son.

CHURCH FUND RAISING

The coffee morning on September 15th was a great success - raising £150 and grateful thanks are sent to all concerned.

Let’s make the Christmas Coffee Morning on 5th December an even greater success. This will be held at Cyril Wood Court and there should be lots of Christmas goodies. Do come! Gifts of items to sell would be appreciated.

The Annual Jumble Sale will be held in Wareham on February 6th. Save all your discarded clothes and household items for us. We shall be pleased to accept them after Christmas.

MC
MOTHERS’ UNION

At our AGM, all the officers and committee were re-elected. We heard reports from various sections of the Mothers Union and at our last meeting we heard of the Christmas Appeal for Beckingsale House, the refuge in Salisbury which provides a safe house for women escaping violent relationships. They need toys, clothes, toiletries, tights and Christmas wrapping paper. Items for the appeal should be given to Eileen B.

There was also an appeal for ‘Cakes for Kairos’ which will be taken to the Verne prison for inmates taking part in the next course. The appeal met with a good response from members.

Our speaker was from the Across Trust, which provides holidays for the terminally ill, the severely disabled and the house-bound. Mr Paul Donlan from Bournemouth came to give us an illustrated talk on the work of the trust.

We saw pictures of the ‘Jumbulances’ which they use to transport the ‘VIPs’ as they refer to those in their care.

Jumbulances look like large double decker buses but they are in fact mini mobile hospitals with seats which convert to beds, special hoists to aid the disabled, a kitchen and toilets, medical equipment including nebulisers, oxygen and all the drugs needed by the individual members. Two nurses and a doctor travel with each party of about 9 VIPs, 12 helpers and two drivers.

Holidays are arranged in various parts of the world including four trips to Lourdes every week. There are three trips to Lourdes from Bournemouth each year. During their holiday, VIPs are taken to all the tourist areas that any other holiday maker would take in - shops, hypermarkets, churches, boating lakes, cable cars, cafes, and bards, with a final party night with cabaret.

Their motto is “we make the impossible, possible”. Each Jumbulance costs approximately £250,000 and funds and helpers are always needed. We can also nominate VIPs.

Next month’s meeting will include a service of Holy Communion when some of our new members will be admitted. There will also be items on sale from the Mothers’ Union shop, including Christmas cards, and calendars, shopping bags aprons, key rings, badges, etc. so please remember to bring your purse!

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PARISH COUNCIL

At the October meeting there were obvious signs that the much talked of development was of concern as there were four Parishioners present. During the period for public participation the thoughts on any development were aired from both the Parish Council and the BRAD organisation. However as no application has been received it could only be a presumptive discussion.

In the Cemetery the Parish Council has, with the assistance of the Ancient Order of Foresters, created a quiet area where the ashes of former Parishioners may be laid to rest. A seat has been given by the Foresters together with trees. There is to be an informal ceremony on Saturday 14th November at 10.00am to which all interested Parishioners are invited.

The Council has details of small Lottery Grants and if more information is required by organisations then please contact the Clerk.

The problems associated with the parking in West Street was discussed by the Council. The Council does not wish to see the arrival of ‘yellow lines’ and it does not wish to see the road blocked off to the traffic. There is a happy go between which can be arrived at by sensible parking and they simply ask that this be adopted so that all can be reasonably happy.

In its now customary Yuletide gesture, the Council will be placing Christmas decorations throughout the village on the morning of Saturday 5th December. Helpers will be welcomed as will donations towards the costs involved.

CM

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

The Singers have had a busy Schedule entertaining Autumn Leaves Lunch, Darby and Joan Club in Upton and Richmond Hill Women’s Forum, Bournemouth.

We would like to thank the Carnival Committee for their generous donation - this will be of great help with our music and transport to the various venues. Wishing them every success for the future Carnivals.

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BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS

The next blood donor sessions will take place in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Tuesday 24th November, from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Please try to come and give blood if at all possible as blood is always urgently needed. New and lapsed donors will be most welcome as well as regular donors.

Information on giving blood can be obtained by telephoning 01179 912020 or your local organiser - Mrs R Short on 01305 853538.

DRAX HALL

As ever the audience was enthralled by the latest performance of the Forest Forge Theatre when they presented their own written play 'Please Mr Porter'. It was a premiere night for the Drax Hall as we were privileged to see the first performance of this historical, and one might also say, hysterical comedy which was the story of a small country railway station and of the lives affected by its presence in pre-war days and up to the Beechings axe. It was a sell out for us and everybody enjoyed it!

Our next live performance is something different as we are holding a 'Soup, Sweet and Speaker' evening on Saturday 14th November. The speaker will be Trisha Lewis who impersonates the late Joyce Grenfell. The well loved nursery school routine, ‘George, don’t do that!’ is recreated with a delightful lightness of touch and a sure sense of comic timing, as are many other favourites such as, ‘Stately as a Galleon’, and ‘I had three brothers’. As the title for the evening suggests, there will be food included in the ticket price of £5.00. The bookings have already started and we do ask that anybody who intends to come should book a ticket so as to help with the catering.

May I take this opportunity to stress that we in Bere Regis are very lucky to be associated with Artsreach in Dorchester as it is through that organisation that we are able to bring professional live theatre to the village. In this respect we are luckier than Wareham. Please ask to see the Artsreach programme for events around the county if you are interested.

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FOBRS NEWS

We held our AGM on 16th September and all officers remained with the exception of our Secretary. Julie Lye resigned and we thank her for all her efforts in the past. Amanda Witham volunteered and was unanimously voted on as our new Secretary. We would also like to welcome Cheryl Orchard, Kate Inkster and Claire Gamble as new Committee Members.

Our Chocaholics Christmas Fundraising is going extremely well. Anyone who would like to see a catalogue, please contact the undersigned before 6th November 1998.

Preparations are underway for our annual Christmas Fayre, this year being held on Sunday 22nd November during the afternoon. Table tops will be available for craft exhibitors, again please contact the undersigned for further information.

Our November Car Boot Sale will be on Sunday 29th November.

Christine Granger (Chairperson) 472159

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our October meeting was a lot of fun with Maggie Sales from Salisbury “Gone to Pot”. In November Jenny Winstone from Milford on Sea is our demonstrator and her title is “Vision of the Future” and should be very interesting.

Our Christmas meeting on December 8th will be lovely with Barbara Hudson from Alresford. Do come - visitors are always welcome. It should be a nice meeting and we will have some new ideas on our Christmas decorations. Her title is Christmas Enchantment. The AGM will be on 12th January 1999.

Pat House
BERE REGIS FIRST SCHOOL

The Autumn term is well underway now and preparations for Christmas have already begun! The children are getting excited at the prospect of parties, presents, pantomimes and pudding!

As usual there will be a Christmas show at the school in December to which all parents and friends are invited. As the hall is small, it would be helpful if those who can, come to the dress rehearsal on the morning of Monday 7th December, or to the afternoon performance on Tuesday 8th December to avoid congestion at the Thursday evening showing (10th December).

The staff and children are working hard to implement the government’s new literacy strategy. It has involved much change and upheaval in all schools across the country, but we have endeavoured to make the changes as smooth as possible so that the children will benefit in the long term. Our standards are already well above average, but we are trying to raise them even further.

If any community groups would like to involve the pupils in any projects they have, please contact the school to discuss possible arrangements.

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST GREAT CYCLE RIDE

Richard Killer, Mike and Hilly Menzies with baby Emma, David Payne, Steve Sanderson and Roger Wharton took part in this year’s sponsored cycle ride and between them raised £333, half of which goes to Dorset Historic Churches Trust and the other half to Affpuddle Church.

Thank you to those riders, their sponsors and to the team of helpers who acted as stewards throughout the day, and especially to Lyndy Ventham who transported us to Winterbourne Abbas in her horse box to start the ride.

Unfortunately only nine riders visited Affpuddle on the day

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Pre Christmas Sale

During the sessions leading up to Christmas, we would like to invite you to bring in your good quality second hand toys, books, board games, videos to sell on our 50 - 50 scheme.

I am sure a lot of people will need to make room for Santa’s visit this year and would welcome some extra cash.

Please note that only good quality items will be accepted. For more details of this scheme telephone 472023 or 471913.

Michael's Night Shelter

Thank you to the local schools who have donated their harvest gifts to us to sell in aid of the homeless. We were delighted to send a cheque for £30 to Michael’s Night Shelter for the homeless.

Lawrence Dean Emery

Lawrence lives with his family in Sandford. He was born healthy but sadly due to a seizure at 4 months old, is blind and has no co-ordination in his limbs. His parents are trying to raise £18,000 to purchase a specialist van with a ramp. The Pop in Place committee has voted and nominated this cause as their charity for the coming year. From time to time we shall hold raffles and send the proceeds to Lawrence’s family fund.

If any reader wishes to contribute, cheques may be written to: The Lawrence Dean Emery Fund and can be handed in to the Pop In Place chairperson or sent directly to the family. Telephone 472023 for the address.
**Carols and Mince Pies**

At the Pop in Place on Monday 21st December from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon there will be a special session for Christmas. This will be our last session until the annual party on 2nd January 1999.

**Pop In Goes West**

The Pop in Place Annual Party and Show will take place on Saturday 2nd January 1999 at 3.00 p.m.

The afternoon consists of a show put on by the Committee and Volunteers, featuring songs from the hit musicals Calamity Jane and Oklahoma. This will be followed by a tea party.

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Our September meeting began with Miss Glover of Parkstone taking us on a pictorial journey around Poole harbour. Seeing and hearing about both the coastline and the islands, all things that we take for granted as ‘just being there’. We are all aware of Brownsea island, but tend for forget the others - Long island, Green island to name but two, but they all play a part in our history.

Briantspuddle WI invited two of our members to join them in their 10th birthday celebrations. I was one of the ‘privileged ones’. Briantspuddle ladies are to be congratulated on a most enjoyable evening! The refreshments as usual were superb and the entertainment was refreshingly different. All too soon it was time to return home, so anyone reading this who could have been there - you missed a treat.

Next month is our AGM. A review of the past year and our speculation on our programmes for 1999, this leads to lively debate. Why not join us? The welcome will be there.

Zena Rogers

“LIGHT UP A LIFE AT CHRISTMAS”

Throughout the year there are times when we want to remember those who were special to us but who have died. One of these times is Christmas. During December at the Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester a Christmas Tree will be illuminated with hundreds of tiny white lights which you are invited to sponsor in memory of a loved one, a friend or a colleague. Last year hundreds of sponsors found this a very positive way of remembering in the knowledge that they were also supporting the very special work and care provided at the Hospice.

Following an open air Lighting Up Ceremony and Carol Service around the Tree on Tuesday 15th December at 6pm, to which everyone is welcome, the names of those remembered will be inscribed in a Christmas Book of Remembrance which will be kept in the Chapel at the Hospice where it may be viewed.

Special sponsorship forms will be available in churches, the Hospice, its Charity Shops or by telephoning the Hospice Trust Office (01305) 788009, who will also be pleased to give any further information you may require.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - YOUTH SECTION

The National Youth Conference weekend held at the Nottingham University Sutton Bonnington Campus on the 19/20 September turned out to be very enjoyable. The accommodation and food were really first class with a disco to entertain our young members in the evening. The conference discussed many topics concerning young people and how the legion could involve them actively in its affairs. Looking forward to next year it was agreed that the young people themselves should have the greatest say in how events are organised and run, in particular the 1999 National Youth Conference.

The boys’ teams in the National Five-A-Side Football Competition had mixed fortunes. While the Under 15s played with skill and determination to reach the semifinals where they unfortunately were eliminated. The Over 15s were always going to be up against it as they only had four players available on the day. The situation was in theory eased when the organisers and other team managers agreed that a player could be used to double up from the Under 15s. This in fact turned out to be a nightmare for Shaun Cope who ended up close to collapse from exhaustion by playing game after game in two leagues. Looking back at the weekend our young people had met up with other like minded young people from across the country including Wales and Northern Ireland. They are all looking forward to travelling to next year’s event wherever it may be held.

For once the weather was kind to the group making the annual visit to Blackpool and Alton Towers. Although there were a few light showers for just over half the journey north the sun did break out before darkness fell. A drive along the Golden Mile to take a close view of the Illuminations was followed with a visit to the vast number of amusement arcades near the Tower. The following morning the group visited Fleetwood and the famous market complex there. A hot sunny day with clear blue skies seemed more like July than October. In the afternoon the group returned to central Blackpool to look around the town, walk on the beach or out on one of the three piers. The highlight of the visit however came in the evening when nearly five hours were spent taking in all the rides at the Pleasure Beach including the “Big One” and the “Play Station”. Then it was late to bed and up very early in the morning for a quick breakfast and the journey South to Alton Towers. The weather had become cooler, grey with a few heavy spots of rain. This of course was hardly noticed by the young people in the group as they enjoyed themselves on such rides as “Oblivion” where they disappeared vertically down underground at great speed. Still they all agreed it was fun and are looking forward to going again next year.
November 1998

Members are looking for people to sponsor them when they take part in the youth section Sponsored Night Walk on the 6 November. This will involve walking through part of Wareham Forest when it is hoped that members of both the Men’s Branch and Women’s Section will join in the plod to help raise much needed funds.

Junior Competitions will commence again in early November and all members are reminded that if they intend to take part they must be fully paid up members and place their name on the entry sheets displayed at the club. The competitions will consist of Boys Darts and Pool, Girls Darts and Pool, Mixed Carpet Bowls, Dominoes, Shove-HalfPenny and Wrong Handed Pool. Remember you have to be in it to win it!

In last month’s notes I stated that Youth Section Nights would be moving to Wednesdays for the winter. Well what a difference a month makes. As there will be a new dart team playing this winter at the club on Wednesday nights it has been decided to keep Youth Section Nights as they were before. So the section will therefore be meeting from 7.15 pm until 10.00 pm on the first Wednesday each month and then the following Tuesdays.

A reminder that Membership fees are now due and they should be paid up by the end of October at the latest. New members are welcome to join at any time just call in to the legion club in North Street on any youth night.

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**BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS**

Wednesday evening practices have started again at 6.30 p.m. Anyone who would like to see what is involved or would like to try will be welcome.

The Bellringers outing to Whitechapel Bell Foundry and Chelsea Hospital was a great success. Everyone was on time for the 7.00 am start and Bill Sykes got us through the early fog and London traffic just right for the tour but we did feel that three fire engines outside the foundry was a bit unusual. However they were vital to control a chimney fire in the building and the works manager coped with his very interesting foundry history and the fire brigade.

After a picnic lunch on the Thames embankment in beautiful sunny weather, Sgt Lyn Williams, one of the Chelsea Pensioners, then gave us a fascinating tour of the Hospital in true military fashion and finished by taking us to the neighbouring Army Museum for our tea and gave us fond farewells for our journey back.

**BERE REGIS CAMERA CLUB**

Since the last report of our activities on location we have been meeting at Cyril Wood Court on the first and third Thursdays in the month. On 3rd September, Bert Wason visited us and gave a talk and slide show on landscape and fungi photography. A lively discussion was held afterwards on wide ranging subjects connected with photography.

On 17th September, Stephen Olding, a member of our club, showed us his portfolio of portraits which made us realise how far most of us have to go to reach his high standard.

In the first meeting in October, Vanessa Ryder entertained us to a show of slides with an artistic flavour. She showed us the results of taking photographs through a microscope of insects, feathers etc. If you see an exhibition of her work, do visit it.

The exhibition of our work will be on 5th December and will be open all day. In the morning we are combining with the Parish Church for their Christmas coffee morning so you can enjoy our photographs with your refreshments. We look forward to seeing you on the 5th December at Cyril Wood court from 10.30 a.m.

Richard Turner, Chairman, 471144
BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Well, here we go again! Thanks to all those who attended our AGM on 11 September. Representatives from most of the village organisations attended and awards were made from last year’s funds.

Those benefiting from the funds included the Woodbury Singers, Drax Hall, Age Concern, Bere Regis Swimming Club, FOBRS, Sports Club, Andrew Mackintosh, Gardening Club, Autumn Leaves.

Wally stood down as Chairman - may I take this opportunity of once again thanking him for all his hard work over the past two years. He will be a hard act to follow.

The new committee was elected - Pete Creswell takes over the Chair, with Wendy staying as Secretary and Lynn remaining as Treasurer. Colin Greening is vice chairman and the committee is made up of Di Bennett, Tina Elford, Sheila Leigh, Elaine Standfield, Phil Rolls, Joy Creswell and Roger Angell.

The first meeting of the new committee was held on Tuesday 15 September. Our new chairman, Pete Creswell, opened the meeting and welcomed old and new committee members.

We have some dates for forthcoming events. These are as follows:

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We are also planning to hold another quiz along similar lines as last year. This is scheduled for February. Watch this space! Old favourites like the duck race will be held again, provisionally booked for late May bank holiday weekend. As the Easter bingo was so popular last year, we are putting in an extra one this year, for Christmas. All are welcome and the prizes will be seasonal!

The Treasure Hunt this year will be a walking event - just around the village. Entry forms will be available from the Legion or any of the Carnival Committee from Thursday 17 December. You may do the treasure hunt any time between then and Sunday 27 December. You must have your entry form back to the Legion by 6 pm on this Sunday for adjudication. The Club will open early for the judging. Get your thinking caps on! You could save the walking until Boxing Day to work off the effects of Christmas Day and its excesses!!
You may notice we have a new event listed. The Glamorous Granny Competition. This was suggested at the AGM and sounds like a good idea. The music we are planning for the evening will be George Hirst - he plays the accordion and is very popular. So Granny’s - brush off the fur and feathers and come along to what should be a fun evening.

The Carnival Prince/Princess disco will be held on Saturday 26 June next year - watch this space.

We are also planning a pigeon race and darts night - dates yet to be arranged.

We look forward to seeing you all at the various events being planned. If you want the Carnival to go ahead then please give us your full support.

If you have any ideas for events or would like to help out at any event, please contact one of the Committee.

Mark Saturday 17 July 1999 in your diaries as being Carnival Day - let’s make it the best one yet.

Wendy Johnson  
01929 471803

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**ENERGY ADVICE DAY**

**Thursday 3rd December. 10am - 4pm. Mowlem Centre. Shore Road, Swanage**

I am writing to let you know about the 'Energy Advice Day' Purbeck District Council is hosting in December.

On the day we will be giving away 300 free low energy light bulbs worth £10 each courtesy of Southern Electric. These will be available mainly on a first-come, first-served basis and on completion of a simple questionnaire.

Those who are unlucky will still be able to purchase lamps at £5 each (RRP £10) from Purbeck District Council.

There will also be a number of displays and free advice will be available.
COUNCIL LAUNCHES DISCOUNT BOILER SCHEME

A scheme launched this month means residents of Purbeck and North Dorset can obtain high efficiency condensing boilers at amazingly low prices.

The Dorset Energy Savers Partnership is a partnership between Purbeck and North Dorset District Councils and Signpost Housing Association. By combining buying powers it has bulk purchased high quality condensing boilers enabling it to pass on the savings to householders.

Purbeck District Council's Energy Conservation Officer Tim Stokes commented, "By working together we have drastically reduced the price of condensing boilers. By taking advantage of the cashbacks offered by the Council and the Energy Saving Trust, the final cost of replacing a boiler ranges from approximately £455 to £895 depending on the size of the boiler. In most cases this is cheaper than the cost of installing a standard boiler with a lower efficiency."

Currently householders in Purbeck can claim up to £350 as a cashback for installing an approved condensing boiler. The Council is also offering grants for loft and cavity wall insulation. These are not means tested so any one living in privately owned or rented housing can take advantage of them whether working or not.

To find out more contact Mr Stokes 01929 557311.

ROYAL NAVAL CORDITE FACTORY ASSOCIATION

With the final withdrawal of the Navy from Holton Heath after some 80 years, an Association has been formed to safeguard the artefacts which remain, including a splendid large detailed model of the Factory itself. As many people in this area will have worked at the factory over these years, they or their descendants may well have further artefacts, photographs etc. which they would like to donate to the Association, or memories of events and people which they would be happy to record for posterity.

Such responses would be much welcomed by the Association, membership of which is open to all who have a common purpose in preserving memories of an important aspect of life in this area during much of this century.

Further details are available from the Membership Secretary, John England at 10
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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

We all enjoyed the lovely slides and the interesting talk on Badger Watching by Mr Howell, and were amazed to see the badgers eating out of his hand.

There were a large number of animals made from material or knitted entered in the competition.

Many thanks for the generous donation from the Carnival committee. We wish them well for the coming year.

Will members bring anything they have for the Christmas Bazaar to the next meeting. This will be a talk by Mr Bert Wason from the Dorset Wildlife Trust, and will be held on the 11th November.

The competition will be a picture of a landscape.

The Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 28th November at 2.00 p.m. in the Drax Hall.

Mary England - 471469    Kath Jeeves - 471175

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Alesja
After several attempts we have managed, finally, to contact Alesja through her aunt (Alesja does not have a telephone) and are informed that Alesia has an appointment with a doctor for an up-date on her present state of health, with particular reference to her prosthesis. A copy of her doctor's report, together with Alesja's own thoughts on this, is to be made available to Tim Harley our medical expert, by Alesja, following which the Link will decide on the best course of action.

It would appear from other information received from Alesja that there are two centres in Latvia at the present time, specialising in the treatment of prosthesis but we have no knowledge of the type or the availability of such treatment. As in this country, Alesja must make application to attend one of these centres through her own doctor, but we are uncertain how long this process is likely to take. We hope to have more information in the next issue of the magazine.

Newsheet
The next edition of our Link Newsheet is currently in process and will be despatched within the next 2/3 weeks.

Christmas Fayre
Once again The Link has been invited to run a stall at the annual Briantspuddle Christmas Fayre to be held on Saturday 5 December. The usual mixture of Tombola, gifts etc will be on offer and we look forward to seeing you all there. It always gives my Christmas the shot in the arm it needs to get motivated and it is a chance to get together for a real village occasion.

Our Subscription Secretary reports a steady trickle of renewals which is very gratifying. However, if you are not already a member and would like to support our efforts do get in touch with Hilly Menzies on 01929 471263 or write to her at Starmoor, Throop, Briantspuddle, Dorset for a subscription form.

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**BERE REGIS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GARDENING CLUB**

Our thanks go to the Carnival Committee for their donation to Club funds.

The Harvest Supper was well attended and a hearty spread was enjoyed by all.

To try and hold on to memories of summer our November (3rd) speaker will talk about Birds and Butterflies.

If you are looking for another good meal, book Tuesday 1st December in your diary for our Christmas Party Night.

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The church service will follow, and subsequently the parade will re-form at the corner of Elder Road. The formation will then march via Elder Farm Road, Manor Farm Road, West Street and North Street to Legion Headquarters.

Regrettably the parade will not be served, as for many years, by Richard Goldie (who is now recovering in hospital at Poole from a recent heart attack) but with Terry Vine as Parade Marshal, and as usual led by the Stour Valley Band.

As usual, an evening Armistice Service is being held in the Butt Lane Chapel at 6.00 p.m., and members are invited to support.

On the following Wednesday, 11th November, there will be the opportunity for those who remember that day specifically as Armistice Day, to join members around a silent ceremony at the Memorial at 11 a.m. You will not be alone.

NOTICE

A TOUR OF TURKEY from April 21st to 29th 1999, visiting fascinating places - Classical, Biblical and later - is being organised by the Rev. Jack Elwin. For further details ring 01305 871358.

HOLY RUINS AND HOT WATER

My wife and I were wallowing in a swimming pool of lovely hot water bubbling from a natural spring. Later we paddled in the stream as it tumbled over fantastic white travertine terraces, "Cotton Castles" they call them. This was Turkey last March, and we were visiting Bible and early Christian sites. The hot water we were in cooled as it fell, and was lukewarm when it reached Laodicea (see Revelation 3:16). The day before we had walked down the ancient streets of Ephesus, seeing temples, shops, public lavatories and the huge Theatre (Acts 19).
Later, in Cappadocia, were more amazing sights - tall cones and cliffs of volcanic rock, with ancient dwellings, churches and passages carved into the rock, many decorated with frescoes and mosaics.

Then there was Istanbul, the fabled City of Byzantium, with churches, mosques, museums and bazaars. We could have bought carpets, spices, jewellery, and a thousand other things. We ate largely (food is cheap), drank Turkish wine, and took scores of photographs. We saw lots, lots more. It was all fascinating - and tremendous fun.

I'm planning to lead a group to Turkey next April, 21st-29th 1999. If you might be interested please contact me - phone 01308 871358. Alternatively, Brenda Pitfield has further details – 01929 471391

**HOME WATCH**

Could you be a home watch contact for your village/road?

Dorset Police are expanding the number of home watch groups in the North Dorset and Purbeck area especially in rural villages. Many reported problems involve members of the public who are NOT in a home watch group. We appreciate that most villages still hold that community spirit, and are always willing to look out for their neighbours and report any suspicious vehicles, but without a local contact we cannot pass you the information in advance about suspicious vehicles in neighbouring villages/towns or known active criminals before they get to you.

Residents are encouraged to work together. Some members may be at work all day but perhaps would be prepared to receive the information by fax at work if no contact is available to take it by telephone at home. This can then be photocopied and passed to another neighbour who may have more time to deliver the information.

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As part of our regular monthly programme, there will be a special meeting at The Chapel, Butt Lane, on Saturday 31st. October at 7.30pm., when Gerald Gotzen will be the speaker. Gerald has worked for many years in Ethiopia and also Eastern Europe. He is a dynamic Bible teacher, with a wealth of experience. Everyone is invited to this meeting.

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DOROTHY EVELYN MAUD OSBALDSTONE

Dorothy Osbaldstone died in Dorchester Hospital on 2nd September aged 95 years, after a short illness. The funeral was held in the Congregational Church, where we gave thanks to God for her life.

Dorothy moved to Bere Regis over sixty years ago, when she married her husband George. They settled in Southbrook, and were very well known in the village. Both George and Dorothy were active members and deacons of the Congregational Church, George until his death in 1984, and Dorothy until she left the village to live at the James Day Home in Swanage when she was 90! For many years Dorothy also taught the children in the Sunday School.

Dorothy was a very quiet person, always gentle, loving and caring. She never said an unkind word about anyone (how few of us can say that), and would give away her last penny to help others. She was one who truly lived the Christian life in every way. The last eighteen months of her life Dorothy lived in a Christian care home in Weymouth, lovingly cared for by the staff there.

We shall miss Dorothy, but we rejoice that she is now with her Lord whom she served so faithfully.

ALFRED DOUGLAS ABRAHAM

Alf Abraham died on 6th October at the Bournemouth Hospital aged 80. Although Alf had not been well for most of this year, his death was quite sudden. The funeral was held at the Congregational Church on October 13th.

Alf was born in London, but moved to Bere Regis 50 years ago, to his little cottage in Butt Lane, where he and his wife May raised their two children, Jean and Terry. Alf was a Dunkirk veteran, and was always happy to reminisce about his war days, and also his exploits as a part-time fireman in the village fire brigade, for which he received the Queens award for 34 years loyal service.

In his latter years he regularly attended the Congregational Church and came to a real faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. We shall miss Alf very much, and extend our sympathy to his family and friends, but we rejoice in the certain knowledge that he is now with his Lord.
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The most promising start to a campaign for many years has been witnessed at the Old Rec this current football season. Both teams have flourished in their respective divisions and the victories and team spirit has kept the ale flowing in the clubhouse. The Saturday XI was pre-season favourite for a promotion push with the majority of local bookmakers, and they have more than lived up to their tag. Having met the most worthy opponents in the division and got a creditable draw, they have not looked back since, and despite dropping two points in a dour encounter with Mere, they sit at the top of the pile with a healthy credit balance in the goal difference department. Having built on an already formidable squad, manager Archie Knox Cheeseman is justly proud of their achievements thus far.

They have a very tricky away cup tie against Kingston 'On the Hill'. Bere's old enemy from seasons' past, they have progressed a lot further these days with the addition of some quality players, not plying their Jurassic tyle of football as seen in bygone days. Bere will have their work cut out this time.

With similar aspirations, Bere's Sunday Manager, Nick Macklin hoped for a top three finish at the outset of this term. Just one defeat in a near flawless six weeks, and a cup run all up and running, things are looking rosy for the Sunday Warriors.

Pre-season signings have added depth and strength to the squad, and given the manager many options on team selection.
Armed with the ability to change tactically, Nick has steered his charges to a wholesome second in the table, with the side being free-scoring, although goals conceded may be a problem, with an offside trap not working as it should. A devastating performance sending shudders around the league disposed of Summer's Electrical in the cup at everybody's favourite venue - Whitecliff.

With the defence "playing tighter than a Scottish Banker", Bere's opposition crumbled after running out of ideas. Bere swarmed all over the sparkies, and a relentless wave of attacks culminated in a succession of corners, one converted by Bungy Brown, a 20 yard slice from Kev Cox made it 2 before the break. A long punt from sturdy goalkeeper -Dean Bogerson found Rob White in acres, who doesn't miss, he made it three. Two further goals from Iain Macklin and top scorer Andy Curtis made it a complete rout. Fresh fruit in the shape of pears though appeared away to Stokeford Challengers who fielded a side of supreme athletes. Bere's trainer was on the pitch more often than not with the Challengers giving 110 per cent in a bruising encounter that Bere were more than glad to forget.

CLUB REPORT

To all that are interested in participating in the village's sporting activities, below is a brief outline of club activities as undertaken by the committee at present.

* Two senior football teams entered/affiliated into the Dorset Football League. One team in Saturday section-Division Three North & East, and one team in Sunday section, Division Four.

* Two senior cricket teams entered/affiliated into the Dorset Cricket Association and the PCB Dorset Cricketers' League. One team in Saturday section Division Three, and one team in the Sunday section Division Five.

* An expanding cricket youth section held Tuesday evenings for varied ages from early May to end of August. This team is entered in the Dorset Cricket Association's indoors six-a-side league at the Dorset Cricket Centre, Hurn Bridge.

* A senior indoor six-a-side team entered in the Dike's Bakery Indoor Cricket League commencing early November 1998.

* A ladies' darts team which plays in a number of competitions through Winter and Summer.
With the prospect of major village re-development, and with the ever changing face of the community, the Sports Club are looking for the number of Sports played and catered for at the Recreation Ground to be expanded. It has been proposed that the Football Section will be forming a youth section for the 1999 season, also we currently entertain the youth side from Winterbome Kingston as they use the ground for training.

Next year with the nearing completion of the Boules court, the club is hoping to be part of a league through Dorset, as part of the ongoing Twinning Association initiative. Also the club has played host to and will be the headquarters for many cycling events involving many local clubs.

The Sports Club welcome any new members with regards to playing, non-playing or any enthusiasts with new ideas as to which sports to introduce or upgrade or presently played events. Please contact the club Secretary - Sue Stone on 01929 471933 if

**YOUTH REPORT**

Now we are approaching Winter, we should say goodbye to Cricket, but no, some youths of the right age and ability are competing in a six-a-side league at Christchurch.

May I say thank you to all who turned up on Tuesday evenings. I hope that you all enjoy it and I must say that there has been a lot of improvement. See you all next year.

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CHURCH NEWS

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD AUTUMN CLEAN-UP

This will take place on Saturday 14 November starting at 9.30am. In addition to the usual work, it is proposed to lop the trees and begin to tackle the area north of the church. Refreshments will be provided!

Any help would be much appreciated. Please come and bring suitable tools. If in doubt, please ring Paul Badcock or John Solly.

Finally, our special thanks to Bill Thorniley who for many years has organised the mowing rota and ensured that the churchyard has looked so well kept.

Paul Badcock & John Solly

HARVEST LUNCH AND HARVEST FESTIVAL

A very successful Harvest Lunch was held after the Harvest Affpraise on Sunday 20 September when 36 people sat down to beef stew and dumplings and apple pudding. After all the expenses had been paid there was a surplus of £22.50 which was sent to Christian Aid for their work in Bangladesh.

On the Monday following the Harvest Festival services all the produce which had been given to decorate the church was taken to Dorchester Cheshire Homes to be used for the benefit of the residents.

Thank you to everyone who gave up time on Saturday to decorate the church and who also brought flowers and produce with which to decorate the church, which as usual looked beautiful.

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This promises to be a really enjoyable evening. Tickets will be available from the beginning of November from Philippa Thorniley (tel. Bere Regis 471497) and it is expected that they will cost £4.50. Wine and soft drinks will be on sale before the show and during the interval.

Don’t forget ‘Bah Humbug’ the December Art Reach Production to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 19 December at 7.30pm. Tickets for this show will be on sale from the beginning of December.

Philippa Thorniley

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

Briantspuddle W.I. recently celebrated their 10th Birthday in style with the Serenade singing group and a buffet supper. Briantspuddle had a W.I. previously for many years but it went the way of many small village organisations and eventually folded. The present members are most grateful to Mrs Bowell and friends for re-starting it in 1988. We have been pleased to welcome new members this year and hope to continue from strength to strength!

Next month, Wednesday 4 November, is our AGM which we will follow with a demonstration from Mrs Holman. She will be showing us how to make two small Christmas decorations and visitors will be most welcome. Could all members and visitors please bring a ruler, a pencil and a pair of scissors suitable for cutting paper!

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I. CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are currently organising the Christmas Fair to be held in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Saturday 5 December at 2pm. If you are interested in having a stall please contact either:-

Nicky Killer 4 Bladen Valley Briantspuddle Tel. 01929 471202
Jenny Beedle 6 Bladen Valley Briantspuddle Tel. 01929 471002
Stall holders will be charged £2.00 each to enable us to cover the hire charge for the hall. The fee will be collected on the day.

So why not leave all your Christmas shopping until Saturday 5 December and come along to the Christmas Fair. There will be lots of stalls with Christmas cards, stocking fillers, small gifts, Christmas delicacies and much, much more and entry is free.

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL - AGENDA 21

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BRIANTSPUDDLE AND TURNERSPUDDLE PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on the 16th September, the draft Agreement between the Parish council and the Friends of Briantspuddle Post Office and shop was studied. Capt. Badcock representing the Friends tabled several amendments which were accepted. the council would require a nominal rent for the premises and would provide a grant to the Friends.

Mrs Lightfoot outlined the latest plans for the Village Hall from the Lottery Committee. The proposed developments were to be discussed further at the October meeting and this was to be followed by a joint meeting of the Parish council, the Hall committee and the Social Club committee.

It was reported from Neighbourhood Watch that there had been a spate of break-ins into outbuildings and everyone was reminded to keep garden sheds, out-houses etc securely locked.

At the October meeting held on the 14th, the council was disappointed to learn that the Purbeck District Council had rejected the proposal to move the recycling bins to a wide piece of verge just outside the village (opposite the pumping station). It was thought that PDC had not fully appreciated the dreadful nuisance caused by the bottle banks being in their present position. A member of the PDC was to be invited to talk to the Parish council at their next meeting following a site visit.

Purbeck District Council were to be asked to clear the grass cuttings after mowing the verge outside the village hall as the grass was being walked into the hall. There was also some confusion as to which authority was responsible for cutting the verges and the ring. This was to be clarified.

It was noted that the closure of the B3390 from 6th October for two weeks was very badly signposted. The only access to Affpuddle off the main road was Tolpuddle or Bere Regis.

The Parish Council meeting was immediately followed by a meeting with the Social Club committee and the Hall committee, to discuss the plans for the Lottery application Hall development. The meeting was held in the comfort of the Social Club and was well attended. Mr Barter, in the chair, said that the plans, which everyone present were familiar with, were acceptable to the Planning Authorities and indeed the plans in their present form had been suggested by them.
A lively discussion ensued when the Social club committee made it quite clear that the proposed alterations to the club, which would involve near demolition and lengthy closure were unacceptable and unwanted. It was pointed out that a closure of six months or more would result in much of the custom going elsewhere and there was a risk that the club may never re-open. Furthermore the proposed alterations had never been requested by the club. The meeting was also reminded that the Social Club was a major supporter of the Village Hall and without this support the Hall would have difficulty in surviving.

There was, thankfully, unanimous agreement that many of the proposed developments were essential. The toilets, the kitchen, and outbuildings were in need of improvement and disabled facilities would be obligatory by 2004. Many members of the meeting felt that the development plans had become too ambitious and they could not understand the need for such drastic alterations to the Social Club.

Mr Jones, the architect said that a compromise was possible. He could draw plans which would accommodate the essential requirements while keeping the internal alterations to the club to an acceptable minimum and still remain sympathetic to the Planners’ suggestions.

With everyone’s agreement, it was decided that Mr Jones was to draw the plans and together with the support of several representatives, present them to the Planners as a joint proposal.
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<td>Secretary - Jenny Silavs - 01929 471577</td>
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Kingsbere Quilters
3rd Wednesday, Drax Hall

Low Impact Exercise class
Every Monday, 7.30 - 8.45 p.m. School hall - 472153

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

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PLAY AND LEARN VAN
Wednesday 4th and Wednesday 18th November
Bere Regis School - 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
Bere Regis Surgery - 10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

Forthcoming events:

NOVEMBER
7 BULLSEYE - 8.15
14 SUPERLEAGUE DARTS
21 RON HUGHES PLUS SUPPER
   Tickets £5 available from Richard or Glo on 472520
28 QUIZ - 8.15
30 Mon) SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

DECEMBER
4 SOUND & LIGHT DISCO
5 BULLSEYE 8.15
7 WOMEN’S SECTION CAROL SERVICE
12 CHRISTMAS DRAW 9.00
19 CHRISTMAS QUIZ - 8.15
26 DICE HORSE RACING 12.15
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