A THOUGHT FROM THE VICARAGE

I heard a story the other day, and thought you would enjoy it, and then reflect on it.

A Jewish family was very friendly with the local rabbi. When it came for their 12 year old boy, Benjamin, to attend his Bar mitzvah, it was natural for the family to invite the rabbi to the ceremonial meal in their home. It was a wonderful evening. The silver, the best glass, the required dishes, were all arranged, and the whole occasion was happy and memorable. As the washing up and clearing up were coming to an end, Benjamin's mother reckoned that one of the silver spoons was missing. It had gone.

Some of the guests had made video recordings, and when they were seen, there was the rabbi taking the spoon and putting it in his pocket.

The family was very dismayed and disappointed, but said nothing to the rabbi.

Years later, the rabbi was once again invited to the ceremonial meal, Benjamin's 21st birthday. Benjamin was determined to ask the rabbi about the silver spoon. He did. Without batting an eye-lid, the rabbi looked at him and said, "Haven't you found it? I put it in your prayer shawl."

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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

**Bere Regis Sidesmen**

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The church will be decorated for harvest on Saturday 3rd October from 10.00 a.m. Gifts of flowers and greenery will be very welcome.

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CHURCH SERVICES in OCTOBER

Sunday 4th October
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Mattins (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Bere Regis Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 11th October
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
11.00 a.m. Church Family Service (Bere Regis)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 18th October
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
11.00 a.m. Affpraise (Affpuddle)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Sunday 25th October
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Church Yard Mowing Rota (for the fortnight beginning)

5 October Bill Thorniley - to be arranged

NOTE Saturday 14 November 10.00 - 12 noon AUTUMN TIDY UP

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CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

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

THE BERE REGIS HARVEST FESTIVAL AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Following tradition, Harvest Festival Sunday is on the first Sunday of October (4th).

There is a 6.00 p.m. Evensong, followed by a harvest supper.

This year, we are combining the harvest thanksgiving with a general thanksgiving for those of you who give so much to our church. Whenever I make a list of such people, I invariably miss someone out, but the list includes those of you who give of your time, your talents or your money. It is one of the big enjoyable evenings of the church year, and we hope you will be able to come.

The decorating of the church for Harvest. This will take place on the day before, Saturday 3rd, from 9.30 to 12 noon. Do come and help if you would like to. But even if you can’t help with the decorating, you can bring an offering - fruit, vegetables, tinned goods, flowers, greenery. The produce is given to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester.

BERE REGIS CHURCHYARD AUTUMN CLEAR UP

This will take place this year on Saturday 17th October, from 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon. There is quite a lot to be done, so any help you can give would be appreciated. (Refreshments at 11.00 a.m. !)

THE ST. NICHOLAS MUSIC GUILD SINGERS

This is a chamber choir of capable singers who meet for their own enjoyment, and undertake concerts throughout the county. They are coming to Bere Regis Church for their first performance on Sunday evening 1st November at 6.00 p.m. Their programme will include Maunder’s "Song of Thanksgiving", and Eric Thiman's "The Parables". Both are straightforward tuneful works for chorus, soloists and organ. There
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PARISH COUNCIL

At the September meeting a very important decision was taken which will affect the Village in a very large way. The New Hall sub Committee of Councillors reported on their deliberations concerning the site for a new Village Hall. This has narrowed down to North Street in the area of the Sports Ground and the allotment site in Poole Road. It was also reported that the Drax Hall would not meet the legal requirements of a Village Hall when the new legislation is applied in 2004. Thus a decision was taken to proceed in a positive way to make plans for a replacement hall which met the needs of the village in the new Millennium. The sub Committee was charged with looking at this and will report frequently on progress.

The Council is being asked to suggest specific improvements to the local Public Transport. One suggestion is that there should be at least one daily morning and one evening service to the nearest market town - this is presumably for commuting to work but would obviously be available for shoppers. The question would be ‘which market town’, Wareham or Blandford or elsewhere where people work eg Winfrith? Another suggestion is that there should be a service to and from the Purbeck Sports Centre in the evening for those who wish to use the Centre - to which we all contribute - but are unable to get there. If these interest you please do let me know so that they can be discussed further at the Transport Forum.- 471342.

The Council is always very pleased to see new organisations being set up in the village which are going to involve the parishioners. This is particularly so in this age when so much of our entertainment is provided by the airwaves right into our homes. Thus the Council were more than happy to respond to a request for help from the Bere Regis Amateur Theatricals (BRATS). Here is a new group led by John Brown of Manor Farm Cottages who have got plans for a live show at the Drax Hall in the New Year. They have already attracted a following but require more men - apparently there are more lady thespians in Bere than there are men! So Gentlemen here’s the chance that you have been waiting for!

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We have had a very successful year of Fund Raising and at the time of writing, have given Bere Regis First School over £1,000 to spend on extra educational equipment, resources and school trips, not covered by LEA funding. Thanks you everyone who has supported us; we all appreciated it.

A special ‘thank you’ to the Carnival Committee who have very kindly donated the sum of £125 towards the cost of a Coomber Listening Centre for Class 2.

DRAX HALL

The Management Committee were very pleased to receive the sum of £125.00 from the Carnival Committee. This magnificent sum will be put towards our latest project - the purchase of new chairs for the Hall. In the light of the comments about the Hall some may suggest that it is the wrong time to think about new chairs, but the Hall is going to be used for a long while yet, and the new Hall will require chairs. We thank the Carnival Committee and congratulate them on yet another splendid spectacle.

Our next event will be a ‘Soup, Sweet and Speaker’ evening on Saturday 14th November. The speaker will be Trisha Lewis who impersonates the late Joyce Grenfell. This is a departure from our usual events and has the promise of a most amusing evening.

In the Parish Council item you will see a report that the Hall has a limited future. Hurrah say some, but do bear in mind that it is a very well founded Hall being built in brick. It has some unfortunate features, which are not possible to change, and it is too small for what is envisaged for the future. However it has done us all noble service throughout the forty odd years that it has been our Village Hall and we should be grateful to the loyal supporters for their efforts to keep the building going. We owe it to them to ensure that the new Hall will provide an even better service to all the Village so that it is used and supported by all sections of the community.

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**POP IN PLACE NEWS**

The Pop in Place celebrates its second birthday. During the last two years we have witnessed the growing success of the project. We are delighted to cater for a broad spectrum of people spanning the entire age range from babies and toddlers to pensioners and all ages in between.

The twice weekly sessions are very well attended and people enjoy meeting others and using the Library. The clothes recycling scheme is incredibly popular and generates a sound income to help to pay the rental for the use of the rooms.

The programme of children’s activities staged in the summer holiday was a huge success - there are some very talented young people.

Sarah Deaves has been awarded a special Pop in Place Merit Award for her contributions in art and craft.

Amy Bennett has been presented with the 1998 Youth Volunteer of the year award for outstanding hands-on assistance and help with preparation for the various summer activities. Also for help during Pop in Place session in the cafe and Library.

The Pop in Place depends greatly on its volunteers and we are pleased to have a team of 22 people that help on a rota basis. We have also recognised one of our regular session helpers. The 1998 Volunteer of the Year is Mr Colin Vowles. Colin has shown outstanding commitment for the last two years and has excellent social and communication skills helping us to always make people feel welcome.

The Pop in Place has rapidly become a vital part of people's lives and a much needed facility within the local community.

**Birthday party**

On Friday 4th September, we celebrated the second year of running. 102 people in attendance, not including the committee. Many children and their parents enjoyed a very good show put on by the ‘Good, bad, and Cuddly puppet theatre. Many people enjoyed Bill’s Music and food in the Lower room. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we were without a cake for the party, but Elsie Bennett made and donated one for he next Pop In session on Monday 7th September. Our grateful thanks to her for her kindness. Thank you to all who help to make the Pop In Place a success.
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20 August 1918

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28 August 1998

the ladies of Bere Regis are still meeting once a month (not the same ladies, you understand!).

This was a cause for celebration. A Party was arranged and on the 20th August more than fifty members and invited guests gathered at the Drax Hall for the Party.

Commencing with entertainment by the Southbourne Follies, followed by refreshments arranged in fine style by the committee and the skilful expertise of Elaine Standfield. (No need to say, we all left our diet sheets at home!). Time flew past us with great alacrity and then it was time to say our farewells and express our appreciation to all for a wonderful Anniversary party.

We are now embarking on a further Eighty Years... come along and make it possible. Today’s events are tomorrow’s history. Remember the day and the time - third Tuesday of the month. 7.30 p.m. at the Drax Hall. A warm welcome will be there.

Zena Rogers

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S INSTITUTES

NO NEW DEAL WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS

Dorset Youth and Community Service is desperately seeking volunteers to help with its key role in the government’s New Deal for young people programme in Dorset.

The Service has secured the contract for the mentoring part of the New Deal, which entails matching young jobseekers who, for some reason, lack confidence or are vulnerable, with a mentor who is able to befriend and support them and move them towards either employment, training or further education.

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Members of the section along with their leaders will be heading off to Nottingham University to take part in the legion’s first ever National Youth Conference. The conference, being run over the weekend 19/20 September, also includes the Youth Festival and Five-A-Side Football Competition. The section have a team playing in both the Boys Under 15s and Over 15s leagues scheduled to take place outdoors weather permitting or otherwise the large indoor sports hall will be used. All members will be attending the afternoon conference on the Saturday and the Disco in the evening before the competitions commence on the Sunday.

Just a fortnight later, over the weekend of 2-4 October, a group of members will be heading up north to Blackpool to spend a couple of days at the famous Pleasure Beach Amusement Park, where the youngsters can ride on the “Big One”, a roller coaster, that towers high over the seaside town. As well as the “Play Station” and the many other rides which make the park so popular. On the Sunday the party head back south to visit Alton Towers near Stoke-on-Trent for yet another day spent on White Knuckle Rides. After a quick recovery the party will spend the evening making the long journey home to Dorset.

At the end of July the members of the youth section held a challenge Carpet Bowls match against the ladies of the Women’s Section. Although the youngsters ran out clear winners on the night all had a very enjoyable time. The ladies very kindly provided refreshments which were very welcome indeed. The ladies suggested that perhaps another challenge could be arranged in the near future when they could seek their revenge.

To help raise funds for the section the youngsters will be staging a Sponsored Night Walk through Wareham Forest on the 6 November. It is hoped that members from the branch and women’s section will join in the long plod through the dark and help to raise the much needed funds.

The youth section meets each Tuesday evening from 7.15 p.m. until 10.00 p.m. at the legion club in North Street and is open to any young person aged between 12 and 18.

Please note that Youth Section Nights move to Wednesdays for the winter period November to March.

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BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on Friday 11 September. Cheques were presented to the following village charitable organisations:

Autumn Leaves, Age Concern, Bere Regis Swimming Club, FOBRS, RBL Gardening Club, Woodbury Singers, Bere Regis Sports Club, Drax Hall Management Committee and Andrew Mackintosh.

Wally resigned as Chairman of the Carnival Committee due to pressure of work. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work over the past two years, without which the last two carnivals would never have got off the ground. From my point of view, it has been a pleasure to work with someone who puts 100% into whatever he does. All the best Wally, and thank you.

Elections for the 1998/9 committee then took place. Pete Cresswell was nominated as Chairman and duly elected. Wendy Johnson and Lynn Davies keep the posts of Secretary and Treasurer. The committee are Colin Greening (Vice Chairman), Roger Angell, Joy Cresswell, Elaine Standfield, Phil Rolls, Diana Bennett, Sheila Leigh, Liz Gale and Tina Elford. If anyone has any ideas or comments please speak to any one of us.

Suggestions for forthcoming events (in addition to those that we already run) are a Barn Dance, murder/mystery night and a Glamorous Granny competition.

Please keep an eye on the parish magazine for forthcoming events and support us because without the support of the village the Carnival would fold.

Please make a note of next years Carnival Day, this is to be Saturday 17 July 1999.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at some of our fund-raising events in the future.

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AUTUMN LEAVES OVER ‘50’s’ CLUB

Our last meeting was our Birthday Luncheon, when Mrs Cis Lewis said we had a successful year, and outlined our speakers. Some of them being a talk on tea with samples, Brownsea Island, and films by Tony Bates. We also had a tour to Chichester and an outing to Sidmouth. Mrs Kath Jeeves thanked everyone for their help. 62 members attended the dinner.

We were then entertained by the Woodbury Hill singers, and finished with tea and cake.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th October, and will be an Harvest afternoon with a talk on Badger Watching by Mr Howell. The competition is for a knitted or material, - not a teddy bear.

If anyone knows of any new people in the village who would like to attend, please bring them along or contact Kath Jeeves.

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We have had a relatively quiet year so far but are still awaiting further news from Latvia concerning Alesja’s progress. She is an elusive young lady at the best of times and the fact that she has no telephone is proving frustrating. We hope to have an update on her situation shortly. However, we understand that she is continuing to enjoy her new lifestyle.

Summer Camp

Dace, our Ikskile contact, reports that for a variety of reasons, they did not hold a Summer Camp this year. However, they have been approached by the Dutch YMCA with a view to a joint venture either in 1999 or 2000 and we have been invited to take part. Certainly we would wish to assist financially if at all possible, with the practicalities of attending being discussed at our next meeting.

Subscriptions

This is a gentle prod for those of you who have not yet renewed your subscription following the recent despatch of renewal notices. Remember, we need all the help we can get. For those of you interested in becoming members of the Dorset Latvia Link, please contact our subscription secretary, Hilly Menzies on 01929 471263.

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Homoeopathy can treat virtually every form of disease from depression to arthritis, migraine to irritable bowel syndrome and may even be used as a complement to conventional medicine. Its approach is holistic which means treating the whole person rather than concentrating on a set of symptoms. The homoeopath notes the symptoms the patient wants cured, but is also interested in other signs or indications of disorder which the patient might feel are less important. This is because any illness is a sign of an imbalance within the body, so the emotional and psychological well-being of the patient is just as important, if not more important in some cases. When a conventional doctor sees a skin problem like eczema he/she may well prescribe an ointment. This will probably reduce the local inflammation but it can never cure since it is not addressing the root cause of the problem. For many people this may be a new concept but Homoeopaths believe every symptom the body displays is there for a reason.

A first homoeopathic consultation usually lasts about an hour and a half, I would ask the patient many questions about his/her medical history and personal circumstances, this might include what their favourite foods are, or how they sleep for example. After this I work on the case and then prescribe a remedy. These can come in the form of a little white pill, other times in liquid form or granules. The 'remedy' is specific to the unwell person and will assist the Immune system to fight the disease and so encourage the body to heal itself. A follow-up consultation is then planned for about six weeks later.

Homoeopathic remedies are based on the concept of ‘like cures like’, an ancient philosophy which can be traced back to the fifth century BC, when it was formulated by Hippocrates. The name Homoeopathy come from the same idea, it is derived from two Greek words meaning similar and suffering. Homoeopathy as we know it today was first formulated two hundred years ago by Samuel Hahnemann, a German doctor who believed that the medical practices at that time were too harsh and tended to hinder rather than aid healing. Some familiar examples of ‘like curing like’ are the following: the substance coffea has the ability to stimulate the mind to the point of causing sleeplessness, amongst other symptoms. If somebody has a similar kind of sleeplessness (and it wasn’t due to excess coffee) the remedy, Coffea, which is made from coffee might help.
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Since medicine began it has been recognised that we have a capacity for self-healing. In most acute illnesses such as colds the body naturally resists infection and in time gets better through its own natural defences. In more long-lasting chronic illnesses such as asthma, ME, or depression for example, the body’s vitality is often too damaged to do this without assistance. In these cases the right remedy will stimulate the body’s self-healing powers to start the process of cure.

One of the most common questions people ask before stating a course of homoeopathic treatment is ‘how long will it take?’ Usually with a homoeopathic remedy an improvement is noticed fairly quickly, although this depends on the nature of the ailment, health, age and length of time the patient has had the problem. A rough guide is a month for every year they have had the illness. The healing process tends to be slowed down by the amount of conventional medicines the patient has had, especially if they continue to take them. There are however marvellous cures that seem to happen overnight of long standing complaints, even in cases where the conventional doctors do not believe a cure is possible.

Health care everywhere is undergoing great changes as many people realise that there is more to health than being physically fit and well fed. Innovative techniques in surgery and miracle drugs improve many lives but continuing chronic illness such as heart disease, arthritis, cancer, allergies, emotional and mental disturbance are the fate of many more. Life today is faster and more furious than ever, leaving less and less time to contemplate the simpler more natural things of this world. Homoeopathy, I believe, reflects this and has a great deal to offer.

As for myself, my mother took me to homoeopath as a teenager so it has been part of my life for many years. After school I became a nurse and later went on to work in the theatre ( the thespian sort not the hospital sort!) I decided on a career change after my son was born and trained for four years to be a Homoeopath. I am licensed with the Society of Homoeopaths and fully insured. I practice from home but I also visit patients in their own homes, so for those of your who don’t have transport or are house bound, I can come to you. I hope to find a local NHS practice that would like to incorporate homoeopathy into the Surgery, this would mean homoeopathy could be available on the NHS not just privately. Then patients could be referred to me by their GP and as a consequence would not have to pay.

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There is an old saying that says, what you get out depends on what you put in. How true that is of most things in life. If you put ‘baloney’ in, then that is what you will get out. (Baloney has two meanings; it can be a type of sausage, or it can be rubbish or nonsense!) An athlete has to put maximum effort into his preparation and training if he wants to get maximum results and win the race. If we put little, or nothing, into our home life, family life, work or personal life, then that is what we will get out - little or nothing! The Bible says this too. In 2 Corinthians 9:6 we read, ‘Remember this; whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Whatever we put into our lives, sandwiched between birth and death, is up to us. It is our choice. Perhaps you are sick and tired of what you have in life’s stale sandwiches, and would like a change. Some people say that believing in God and His Word, the Bible, is all baloney - ridiculous nonsense! But perhaps you have never opened your heart and life to Christ Jesus and allowed Him to fill the sandwich of your life with His love, mercy, forgiveness, wisdom, guidance, peace, joy and truth.

Put another way, Jesus says, I am the Bread of life, and my Word, the Bible, is meant to be ‘meat’ in your life every day. Jesus says to us, ‘Come, taste and see that the Lord is good’. (Psalm 34:8). The true Christian life is full of God’s blessing, and not full of the world’s baloney!

There will be a special meeting at The Chapel, Butt Lane, Bere Regis on Saturday 31st, October, when the speaker will be Mr Gerald Gotzen. Gerald has lived and worked for many years in Ethiopia and Eritrea, proclaiming the Gospel. He was involved in the amazing operation that air-lifted 15,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel in 1991. He has also worked in eastern Europe, helping the persecuted Church there. He is a dynamic speaker and excellent Bible teacher. Everyone is invited to this meeting.

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CHURCH NEWS

VILLAGE PRAISE, FOURTH SUNDAY, OCTOBER - MARCH

Affpuddle Parish’s evening “Village Praise” services begin again when the dark evenings are back with us this month, and will take place on the fourth Sunday of every month until March (except December). Do join us on 25 October at 6.30pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall for a service of hymns, prayers, readings and other activities in an informal atmosphere, suitable for worshippers of any Christian denomination or none.

Jonathan Haigh

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH - SPECIAL CLEAN

On Saturday 10 October there will be a special clean of the church from 10am to 12 noon. Please come along and lend a hand. Please bring with you dusters and cleaning cloths. It is hoped to be able to polish all the furniture, polish the wooden floors, vacuum the mats and the hassocks and if time permits wash the stone floors.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

The latest meeting of the Village Hall Committee took place on Wednesday 19 August 1998. The Committee are still investigating various fund-raising possibilities to help towards the improvement of facilities. There is now a Year Planner situated on the notice board inside the hall, this lists all forthcoming bookings, however, parishioners are requested to continue to make all actual bookings through Mrs Philippa Thorniley, the Year Planner is for information only and is not to be completed by anyone wanting to make a booking.

Mr Bert Jeanes who is now responsible for minor repairs has already carried out and arranged a number of repairs to the building. New Formica topped tables will shortly be ordered and will replace the existing card tables.

Visitors to the shop will notice that the garden area to the side of the Hall is looking much tidier, the Parish Council have kindly arranged for a regular gardener to keep this in good order.
A barn dance was held on Saturday 22 August with the Ivor Hyde Trio playing to a full audience. Graham and Jenny Lightfoot led the dancing on the evening as they were celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary that week, they were quickly joined by others and the dance floor was never empty from then on. There was a licensed bar provided by the Bladen Social Club and a hearty farmhouse supper was included in the ticket price - all who came along commented on the excellent value, indeed at a cost of £5 a ticket this must have been one of the bargains of the year - talk to anyone who attended and I’ll bet you will want to reserve your own ticket for the next big event before we sell out!!!

Two Artreach promotions are booked for November and December - Irish Folk Music on 21 November (see following article) and Bah Humbug, a variation on Dickens ‘A Christmas Carol’ on 19 December - just the right lead up to the festive season.

Watch this publication for details of future projects.

Linda Holmes, Secretary, Briantspuddle Hall Committee

ART REACH

There has been a change to the production planned for November. Instead of “Na Nog” the Cello and Harp Duo the following show will be held on Saturday 21 November “Maire Ni Chathasaigh and Chris Newman”.

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**PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL**

During September 1998 a programme for the forthcoming Purbeck Film Festival was delivered to most houses in the Parish. This is the third year that the festival has been held. There is a full and interesting programme of films, workshops, live shows, archive film shows and silent films being shown at venues throughout Purbeck. Do support the Silent Film Show “Sunset” being held in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Friday 16 October 1998 at 7.30pm. Tickets which may be purchased from Philippa Thorniley or from the Festival Office, Electric House, West Street, Wareham. Cost £5.00 or £4.00 (students and OAPs) and include a light supper. Wine and soft drinks will be on sale before and during the interval.

This film show is forming part of the fund raising programme for the Village Hall.

**RNLI**

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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
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