"The Lord be with you"

This is the last "Thought from the Vicarage" in this century. As I look at the Bere Regis church magazine for December 1899, I have to move back to another world. The magazine has a beautiful etching of Bere Regis church on the cover. Inside came first of all a list of church services; far fewer than those we have now, and communion was celebrated only three times in the month.

There was one service for children on the last day of the century at 2.30 p.m. Articles centred on on the Transvaal War Fund, for "the soldiers and sailors disabled by wounds", and for "the wives and children separated from their husbands and fathers by the exigencies of the war". Then came news of a new vicar, Mr Sotheby, appointed by Balliol College, Oxford: he came from the inner city parish of Lambeth. The editor wrote,"We hope and believe it will be 'good hearing' to all our readers that the magazine will be carried on by the new Vicar". Contributors are asked to pay their subscriptions early in the year! Then came a list of parish charities. There was a Bernard Mitchell Charity - £1 a year from The King's Head Inn at Weymouth - for the poor. "Half peck" loaves were distributed at the Post Office, and a shilling's worth of coal given to those in need.

The Jane Williams Charity was also for the "most deserving`. Jane Williams was the Vicar's wife at the end of the previous century. She left £350, a considerable sum, for the vicars of Bere Regis to use the interest, between Christmas Day and January for the poor inhabitants of the Established Church in Bere Regis. Many other charities are listed, including one for the "dissenting poor" - referring to the strong chapel congregation at Butt Lane.

So ended an amazing century for our country. The industrial revolution had transformed the lives of our people. "Progress" was the key word and attitude of the leaders and commentators. "Optimism" for the future was the cry of most people. But great poverty still ate into the lives of of many. The villages of Dorset were quite poor. Thank God, no one could prophecy the massive slaughter and pain of millions and millions throughout the world that was to come as they looked forward.

What simple thoughts come to us a hundred years on from those days when "half peck" loaves were distributed from the post office? The first one weighs very heavily upon me, and that is the word PENITENCE. In many ways this has been an awful, dreadful, horrifying and tempestuous century. It could be said that it has been the most cruel and
Yet we are aware of the most beautiful and loving people, an unbelievable advance in medicine and a standard of living undreamed of by our ancestors. So I am possessed by the word HOPE. Looking back is vitally important. We must never forget, and we must always learn. But looking forward is vitally important too. To harness the amazing resources we now have for the good of mankind must be our constant hope and aim.

In the same way that the vicars of Bere Regis, and of Affpuddle, would have had no conception of the coming advances in the technology of the twentieth century, so too, I can only wonder at what has been achieved, just in the past few years. The simplest and most sensible thing that I can offer, is a fervent prayer, that the character of our country as shown by ordinary men and women of our land in the past will continue into the future. If we can continue to breed an honest, kind and tender man, then all our dreams and hopes for the future will be fulfilled.

We are used to saying "Happy Christmas". We are accustomed to say "Happy New Year". What do we say as the clock ticks on into a new thousand years? It's too big a thing to trivialize, but we might say, very sincerely, "The Lord be with you".

Cherished Robes.

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100 Watt Club

1st prize - £25
Miss N Roblin - no 151

2nd prize - £10
Mrs J Harvey - no 278

3rd prize - £10

4th prize - £10
Mr E Herridge, no 238

5th prize - £5
Miss G Miller, no 197

6th prize - £5
Dorothy Briggs, no 36
THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE
WITH TURNERSPUDDLE
The Vicar
The Venerable Graham Roblin OBE
The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ

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David Gibbs, Eileen Jutting, Fred Pitfield, Kay March, Sybil Frampton,
Eileen Bangay, Robert Croom, Mary England.

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## BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

### Bere Regis Sidesmen

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CHURCH SERVICES in December

Sunday 5 December - 2nd Sunday in Advent

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m. Mattins & Communion (Affpuddle)
- 6.00 p.m. Advent Carol Service (Bere Regis)

Saturday 11 December

- 7.30 p.m. Dorset Wildlife Carol Concert

Sunday 12 December - 3rd Sunday in Advent

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Bere Regis)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Affpuddle)
- 11.00 a.m. Parish Family Service (Bere Regis)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (Bere Regis)

Tuesday 14 December

Sandford Middle School Carol Service

Friday 17 December

2.15 p.m. Bere Regis First School Carol Service

Sunday 19 December - 4th Sunday in Advent

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Affpuddle)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m. CAROL SERVICE AND GIFT SERVICE (Affpuddle)
- 6.00 p.m. CAROL SERVICE (Bere Regis)
- 6.30 p.m. Village Praise (Affpuddle)
CHURCH SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

Christmas Eve
- 6.30 p.m. Christingle Service (Bere Regis)
- 11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion (Affpuddle)

Christmas Day
- 9.30 a.m. Christmas Morning Service with Communion (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m. Christmas Morning Service with Communion (Affpuddle)

Boxing Day - 1st Sunday of Christmas
- 9.30 a.m. Combined Parishes Communion Service (Bere Regis)

Friday 31 December
- 6.00 p.m. A Millennium Service (Bere Regis)
followed by the switching on of the new floodlights on the church

Sunday 2 January 2000
- 8.00 a.m. 1st Communion of the Century (Affpuddle)
- 9.30 a.m. 1st Communion of the Century (Bere Regis)
- 11.00 a.m. A Millennium Service (Affpuddle)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Bere Regis)
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS SERVICES (Affpuddle and Bere Regis)

1. "CHRISTINGLE". The best attended service of the year is the service known as Christingle. It seems to strike a chord in the hearts of the people. In this service, young people are presented with an orange, decorated with sweets and topped with a candle. Children process around the church, with candlelight making the only light in the church. The symbolism of this is brought out in the service. It is a refreshing way to start the festival of Christmas after the huge secular and consumer build-up in our media. The service is at 6.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

2. MIDNIGHT COMMUNION. This year, it is the turn of Affpuddle to host this service. Please note that the service starts at 11.30 p.m., and covers Midnight.

3. CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES. The morning services in Bere Regis and Affpuddle will be based on the traditional Thanksgiving Communion which has come down to us over the centuries, not unlike the ever popular Midnight Service.

4. BOXING DAY is a SUNDAY this year. There will be one service only in our churches, and that will be a simple Holy Communion with Hymns at 9.30 a.m. in Bere Regis.

MILLENNIUM SERVICES

It is often thought that a day starts at midnight, but traditionally this is not so. In the Jewish and Christian tradition it starts at 6.00 p.m. the day before. (This tradition is reflected in the Christmas Eve celebrations which start at 6.00 p.m., and the eve of All Saints Day, now known as Hallowe'en).

Following this tradition, we in these parishes will hold our first service of the new millennium at 6.00 p.m. on 31st December 1999. This will be in the largest of the churches - Bere Regis. Our service is one that has been written specially for our own community, but we will be presented with a millennium candle, lit at the service, and taken home as a symbol that Christ is to be the "light" to lighten our way into the new year.
Towards the end of the service, the new floodlights will be turned on, so that by the time we leave the church, it will be "lit up". The church will remain floodlight during the night, and in the months and years following, the church will be floodlit from dusk until 10.30 p.m.

The ancient church bells will be rung before and after the service, and then at midnight. Our bell ringers will join others throughout the country in ringing at midday on Saturday 1st January AD 2000.

On Sunday 2nd January, the church services will be at the usual times, but the 11 o'clock service in Affpuddle will be similar to that held in Bere Regis on Millennium Christmas carols are well known and extremely popular. Carols by candlelight remain one of the spiritual high water marks of the Christmas season. As a result, the Christian approach to Christmas known as Advent can easily be forgotten. So this year, the choir and congregation are going to celebrate the Advent season by singing the ancient and glorious Advent hymns, and listening to the prophecies leading up to the birth of the Christ. Come and be part of this spiritual preparation for the 2000th remembrance of the birth of the Christ child.

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE - 6 p.m. Sunday 5th December**

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**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - 6 p.m. Sunday 19th December**

The traditional Christmas Carol Service at Bere Regis takes place this year on the Sunday before Christmas. This service has rightly become part of the celebration of Christmas in our country, due mainly, I suspect, because of the Christmas Eve service on radio from King's College, Cambridge.

**THE GIFT DAY in BERE REGIS**

The vicar had beautiful weather for his begging outside the Post Office, but despite this, you were in generous mood. You were in a mood to demonstrate your appreciation of your church. In the space of two hours, over £1000 was received, and people are still bringing little brown envelopes to the church. The donations were all private, but our gratitude is very public. Please do know of our warm thanks for this gratifying expression of your good will.
THE FLOODLIGHTING OF BERE REGIS CHURCH

There has been a small amount of flood lighting of the church for many years, but earlier this year, due to the generosity of Mr and Mrs David Herring, we were able to install a complete lighting system. This will be switched on at 6.00 p.m. on the eve of the Millennium. The floodlights were given as a thanksgiving, and in memory of The Reverend Roland Charles Herring and of his wife Margaret. Mr Herring was vicar of Bere Regis 1936 - 1960. They lived, initially, in what is now The Old Vicarage, and were the first to live in the present Vicarage when the diocese sold and bought in 1955.

The churchwardens and parochial church council are deeply grateful for this dramatic gift, which will make our church a beacon, not only in the daytime, but also in the dark evenings.

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Ringing practices have started again on Wednesday evenings at the usual time of 6.30 p.m.

We are planning to ring in the New Year and have been asked to join with every tower in the country who have been busy training ringers, repairing their bells or adding new ones over the past three years. We will also be ringing for a short time on Saturday 1st January 2000 at 12.00 midday.

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

Thank you to all those who came and worked on the churchyard last month. It was all worthwhile and will leave it in a good state for the winter. Thank you Pat, the hot drinks were much appreciated.
Our November meeting was held in church when the vicar was the celebrant at Holy Communion and the Revd. Richard Thomson preached. As it was All-Saints tide, Richard talked about the after-life. Death is not a taboo subject in the church. We can discuss it openly and share our hope in the life to come with all. But what will that life be like?

Will we recognise each other? And what age will we be in our resurrection body? None of us can answer those questions but we know that those who have died in the faith are worshipping with us and with all who have gone before.

Mary led the business part of the meeting and Christine reminded us that subscriptions, which have been increased to £10 per hear, are due next month. Our bring and buy stall raised £16 toward the cost of the visit of wives of the bishops who will attend the Lambeth conference in 2008.

Eileen had received a letter of thanks for gifts to Beckingsale House. Mary Fagan is planning an exhibition of ‘Beautiful Things of Bere Regis’ and asked for exhibits in September.

We are in the early stages of setting up a lunch club in the village and would welcome help from non-members. If you are interested, please contact any MU member or myself.

Our next meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on 1st December at Turberville Court. There will be carols, mince pies and play readings. Our Deanery advent Carol Service is at 2.30 p.m. on 8th December in our church.

Brenda Pitfield – 471391
### AFFPUDDLE/BRIANTSPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

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AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD

Very many thanks to all who have turned out to help keep the churchyard under control this year,

In spite of the extra area to cover (with the Peace Garden and the north and west sides of the church), we have managed to keep it all in trim and this would not have been achieved without your great efforts. The PCC is looking at ways of maintaining this improvement without increasing the load on individuals. It also plans to improve the north side by the river so that next year more people may enjoy the beauty and peace of that area of the churchyard. A Millennium project! We shall keep you informed as our plans progress.

THE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

This year will be held in the church at 11.00 a.m. on the Sunday before Christmas. Traditionally, this service has taken the form of a Gift Service, when people bring small gifts to be distributed to those living under the protection of the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester. It has been decided that the Carol Service and Gift Service should be brought together to make this pre-Christmas worship slightly bigger than in the past. The church Christmas tree will be lit and decorated for this service.

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION is at Affpuddle this year. Please note that the service starts at 11.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Christmas Eve (Friday 24 December) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Gifts of holly and greenery would be most welcome and should be brought to the church on Christmas Eve before 10 a.m.

As in previous years I am organising a collection for the purchase of flowers with which to decorate the church. Suggested donation £1.00 (though lesser and greater amounts would be most welcome). Please deliver your donations to me at Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle as soon as possible.

Philippa Thorniley
GIFT SERVICE

The Gift Service will be combined with the Carol Service which will take place at 11 am on Sunday 19 December. The gifts are taken to the Dorchester Cheshire Homes and are used for the benefit of the residents. The age of the mentally handicapped residents ranges from teenage to twenty-eight.

The Cheshire Home would welcome gifts of non perishable Christmas Fair (biscuits, nuts, crackers, sweets etc.) goods for the store cupboard (tins, packets and jars) cleaning materials and items such as toiletries, socks, handkerchiefs, note pads, pencils and pens which can be used as presents for the residents. Please do not wrap up the presents, if you wish to include a gift tag please attach it to your gift.

MOTHER THERESA OF CALCUTTA

This is one of her daily prayers

Dearest Lord, may I see you today and every day in the person of your sick, and whilst nursing minister to you.

Though you hide yourself behind the unattractive disguise of the irritable, the exacting, the unreasonable, may I still recognise you and say: “Jesus, my patient, how sweet it is to serve you.”

Lord, give me this seeing faith, then my work will never be monotonous. I will ever find joy in humouring the fancies and gratifying the wishes of all poor sufferers.

O beloved sick, how doubly dear you are to me, when you personify Christ; and what a privilege is mine to be allowed to tend you.

Sweetest Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my high vocation, and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness, or impatience.

And, O God, while you are Jesus, my patient, deign also to be to me a patient Jesus, bearing with my faults, looking only to my intention, which is to love and serve you in the person of each of your sick.

Lord, increase my faith, bless my efforts and work, now and for evermore.
OBITUARIES

Mr ARTHUR TUCKER O.B.E., O.StJ., aged 87

The church at Affpuddle was packed for the funeral on Friday 29th October of a truly lovely man. Mr Arthur Tucker, a surgeon and medical practitioner, had touched the lives of so many people over the years, and in different parts of the world. He had also been a much loved man within the local community where he and his wife Martha had settled on his retirement some fifteen years ago.

In a remarkable address by his eldest son, we heard a graphic account of many aspects of his life. He was Rhodesian by birth, his father having ridden there from South Africa with Cecil Rhodes. His schooling was at a boarding school in Rhodesia, but, at 18, he and his mother came to Great Britain, and Arthur became a medical student in Edinburgh. After qualifying as a doctor of medicine, he went on to study Tropical Medicine. With the outbreak of the second World War, Arthur joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in East Africa. With the war over in 1945, he stayed a little while in Uganda, but then added to his qualifications by studying for Fellowships in Scotland. His next big move was to Aden as the General Surgeon. Here he learned to speak Arabic fluently, and was instrumental in setting up the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. In recognition of his work in this protectorate, he was awarded the O.B.E. He was also made a Commander of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Returning to England in the mid sixties, he was offered the post of consultant in general surgery for the Wessex Regional Health Authority, practicing in Weymouth and Dorchester. It was at this time that he met his present wife Martha. Retirement age came, so he handed over to another surgeon, but, not content with pruning roses, he accepted the post of Medical Officer at Bovington Camp. He did this until he was 80!

His last years were spent in complete happiness with Martha and their son James. He could look over the fields to the north, and he could potter about in the garden. He wanted for nothing more. He knew the love of his children and their children. He knew the love of Martha. When he died, he had his family there. And he also knew the church, and place to which he was going, because in this life he had come regularly to join in worship and prayer in Affpuddle Church. As we pass his grave in the years to come, we will be able to thank God for a truly lovely and remarkable man.
MR PETER ROBERT FOWLER (aged 67)

It was with deep sadness that we gathered in Bere Regis church on Wednesday 17th November for the funeral of Mr Peter Fowler. The church was very full with relatives, friends from Farringdon in Oxfordshire, and colleagues from the Express Dairy Factory in Milborne St Andrew. There were also many friends and neighbours from Bere Regis. Each member of the congregation brought with them their own personal memories but a common memory running through most people’s minds was that of a very kind man, a generous man and a very private man. Many of us could picture a man puffing happily at his pipe as he pottered about his little garden, and in his splendid garden shed; the sort of man that was only truly happy when ‘doing things’.

He came originally from Oxfordshire, from the ancient town of Farringdon. His father had been a police sergeant there, and although he had been born and brought up in Newbury and Maidenhead, Farringdon was the place that he looked back to. It was here that he started his main life’s work, as a mechanic/fitter with the Express Dairy Foods organisation. He did two years at the Atomic Energy Authority in Harwell, but was then ‘head-hunted’ back to Farringdon. It was also here that he met and married his lifelong friend and companion, June. They had 45 years of married life together. It was also here that their daughter Geraldine was born in 1961. So it was a bitterly sad day when the Farringdon factory closed down. But the firm found him a comparable job in their Milborne St Andrew factory, and so he and June came to Dorset, working at the factory until he took early retirement some eight years ago.

In retirement they decided to do all the things that they were unable to do previously and it is pleasing to know that they had a most happy time. They travelled around quite extensively and they enjoyed the Channel Islands in particular. They became grandparents to two little boys, Johnny and Robert, who called their grandpa – Scampi! Peter loved his football, and supported our village team when he could. He was an affiliated member of the royal British Legion. Sadly, heart problems arose a couple of year’s back and it was this condition that led to his sudden and unexpected death in Jersey whilst on holiday, at the beginning of November.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to June, and to Geraldine, and we pay that he might rest in peace and with his God.
The quiz is in two parts. Part 1 appeared in the November issue of the magazine, and Part 2 is set out below. To enter the prize-quiz competition send your answers to both Parts 1 and 2 of the quiz, with a single entry fee of £2, to "Parish Music Quiz, Heatherdown, Brock Hill, Bere Regis, BH20 7NH", or give them to the Vicar, in a sealed envelope marked "Music Quiz". Answers can be submitted using the relevant pages of the magazine, or photocopies of the pages, or on a sheet of paper (ensuring the answers are correctly numbered). Answers to both parts must be received no later than Friday 7th January 2000. The answers will be published in the February edition of the magazine. You can enter as many answer sheets as you like. Do please make sure you put your name and address clearly on your entry!

41. When is St.Cecilia's day:
   a. 14th February   b. 1st April
   c. 5th November   d. 22nd November

42. Who played the part of the burglar Bill Sikes in the film version of Lionel Bart's "Oliver!"?

43. The music for the Christmas carol "Hark, the herald angels sing!" was written by which famous 19th century composer?

44. Bedrich Smetana composed his monumental series of orchestral tone-poems "Má Vlast" (My Fatherland) in 1872-74. The work includes the stirring piece "Vltava" (Moldau). What does this section depict?

45. 1 minim + 2 quavers + 1 semi-breve = How many crotchets?

46. It is said that Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-78) wrote the hymn "Rock of ages, cleft for me" while admiring a 'famous Somerset rock formation. Where is it?

47. The composer Richard Strauss (1864-1949) was what relation to "the Father of the Waltz", Johann Strauss (1804-49)?

48. What instrument is used to play the "Harry Lime" theme-tune in the film "The Third Man", with Orson Welles?
49. Who wrote the operas "Peter Grimes", "Albert Herring" and "Billy Budd"?

50. In the world of music, what is a misericord?

51. The Welsh composer-actor-playwright, Ivor Novello (1893-1951), was born David Ivor Novello *******. His famous choral conductor mother, Clara, always used the full family name. What was the surname that Ivor dropped?

52. A Hecklephone is:
   a. Baritone member of the oboe family
   b. Type of megaphone employed by dissatisfied concert-goers to express their displeasure with a performance.
   c. Contrivance for testing prestressed violin strings
   d. A conical mute inserted into the bell of various members of the tuba family.

53. In which section of the symphony orchestra would you find a "Tam-Tam"?

54. In some madrigals and mediaeval choral music a section of written score and one or more sections of the words might be headed "Burden", "La-Burden" or "Fa-LaBurden". What does the word "Burden" denote?

55. The French composer Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921), wrote his Symphony No.3 in C minor, Op.78, in 1886. The work includes a major part for an instrument not usually associated with orchestral music. What is it?

56. The "1812" Overture composed by Tchaikovsky in 1880, is a tone-poem depicting a historical event. What does it celebrate?

57. The famous piece of music "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" comes from the -oratorio "Solomon". Who was the composer?

58. Which Christmas carol is this: "....................., The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay; The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay."
59. The well known tune to the Christmas carol "A great and mighty wonder" was composed in the 14th century and harmonized by Michael Praetorius c.1600. When was the melody written:
   a. c. 1066    b. c. 1350    c. 1571    d. 1621

60. The modern classical guitar has:
   a. 6 strings  b. 8 strings  c. 10 strings  d. 12 strings

61. "We Three Kings of Orient are:..." Gasper (Frankincense) and Balthazar (Myrrh) are named as two of the kings. What is the name of the third who brings "Gold"?

62. What is a "Wassail" song?

63. What is the term for the style of music popular in 1930s USA, revived in the USA and Europe in the 1950s, played by bands which used instruments such as the acoustic guitar, harmonica, jug, washtub bass, washtub and drums, with a vocal part:

64. Which one of the following instruments uses "frets":

65. Which of the following is the title given to a minstrel of the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries, of particular accomplishment, often itinerant, who performed only for the nobility:

66. A "Sackbut" is an ancient variety of:
   a. Valve trumpet  b. Drum  c. Trombone  d. Flute or Recorder
67. Antonio Vivaldi (c.1680-1741) wrote his famous choral work "Gloria" in D major RV589, originally to be sung by the:
   a. Bach Choir
   b. Huddersfield Choral Society
   c. Glasgow Orpheus Choir
   d. Venetian Orphanage for Girls

68. The action in Act 1, of the opera "Carmen" (1875), by Bizet, takes place in a square in Seville outside a factory which employs a female workforce. What does the factory make?

69. Richard Wagner composed the splendid orchestral work, the "Siegfried Idyll" to celebrate the birth of his son. What was his son's name?

70. What is Cilla Black's real maiden name?

71. "Non, Je ne regrette rien" became the signaturetune of which French cabaret singer?

72. Who wrote and recorded "Chattanooga Choo Choo"?

73. The ballet music for "Coppelia" was composed by:
   a. Delibes
   b. Bizet
   c. Tchaikovsky
   d. Prokofiev

74. In 1931 Sir Edward Elgar recorded his Violin Concerto with the London Symphony Orchestra. Who was the young virtuoso violin soloist?

75. In a cathedral, large church or monastic establishment one of the clerical dignitaries is the "Precentor". What is his official duty?

76. The "Spinet" and "Virginals" belong to what family of instruments?

77. The lady musicians - Anita Priest, Dame Gillian Weir, Jennifer Bate, Margaret Phillips, Anne Marsden Thomas, Arm Elise Smoot - are concert virtuosos of what instrument?

78. "Tarantella" is:
   a. A Southern Italian town named after a dance
   b. A dance named after a Southern Italian town
   c. A spider named after a Southern Italian musical town
   d. A town named after a Southern Italian dancing spider
80. Who was the husband of the late Jacqueline du Pré?

81. During his career as a conductor and sponsor of music, Sir Thomas Beecham founded two London orchestras. In 1932 he founded the London Philharmonic. Which orchestra did he found in 1946?

82. One of the world's current greatest flautists was brought up in the back streets of Belfast. Today, he is known as the "man with the golden flute". Who is he?

83. It was not until 1955 that a common standard of pitch was agreed internationally. Today the Standard Pitch, sometimes known as Concert Pitch, is set at "A" (Immediately above Middle C) = 440 cycles per second. From this, Middle "C" itself = 261.62 cps. What is the frequency of "A" an interval of a 13th (octave + 6th) above Middle C:
   a. 110 cps  b. 220 cps  c. 880 cps  d. 1760 cps

84. In the Carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas" how many "Pipers piping" did my true love send me in total?

85. Stephen Cloebury is Director of Music of what famous collegiate establishment?

86. Which musician, actor and playwright who turned to cabaret later in life, wrote the songs: "The Stately Homes of England", "London Pride", "Three Juvenile Delinquents", "Could you please oblige us with a Bren-gun", "Sigh no more" and "Mad Dogs and Englishmen", amongst many others?

87. Michael Flanders and Donald Swann wrote numerous comic and satirical songs. Many of these they performed themselves in their two revues. The first revue was "At the Drop of a Hat". What was the title of their second show?

88. An "Appoggiatura" is:
   a. A grace note as important melodically as the note on which it "leans".
   b. A crushed ornamental note of no particular significance
   c. A series of grace notes similar to a trill.
   d. An arpeggio played by a harp.
89. Who said in his Diary of the 9th March 1666: "Music and women I cannot but give way to, whatever my business is."

90. On what family of instruments is the technique of "double stopping" used?

91. What is a "Gamelan:
   a. South-east Asian ensemble of gongs, drums, xylophones and flutes
   b. Lively Javanese dance
   c. Chinese musical puzzle
   d. West Indian set of drums made out of old oil barrels

92. The pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski (1860-1941) is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Of which country did he become Prime Minister in 1919?

93. When was the Jamaican popular music and dance style "Reggae" devised:
   a. 1920s   b. 1940s   c. 1960s   d. 1980s

94. In which English county is Glyndebourne Operahouse situated?

95. In the mid-1990s the monks of the Benedictine Abbey of Santo Domingo de Silos in Spain surprised the world by recording an internationally best-selling album. What "hits" did they perform?

96. What is the time-signature of a rhythm of five quavers in the bar?


98. By how much is an "interval" increased to make it an "augmented interval" ?

99. The study and ringing of bells is known as:
   a. Caliology   b. Calligraphy
   c. Cardiology   d. Campanology
   e. Choreography   f. Chronology

100. What is the correct name of the saint known colloquially as "Santa Claus" ?
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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

It is regretted that there will not be a bonfire/beacon or fireworks to mark the Millennium. Frankly the requirements are too severe for it to be held as a public event. However the one unique item to commemorate the new Millennium is the gift of mugs to all young people up to the age of eighteen who are in secondary education.

Thus during November we have been trying to ensure that the names of all young people who qualify are on the list. None of us are so perfect that we can get the list complete without a hitch so please bear with the chronicler and check that your offspring are included. The list is available at 15 North Street - Tel 471342, the Post Office and at PIP. Tremendous assistance has been rendered to the compilation of the list from various groups and neighbours. However we would not wish to miss anybody who qualifies so that they do receive their ‘special to Bere Regis’ Millennium Mug.

It has always been the intention that some mugs would be available for sale. If you wish to purchase a mug then please let me know - again 15 North Street - Tel 471342. Price an amazing £3.00 each - your very best millennium bargain!

The Council has been very concerned about the toilet block in the Car Park. The Purbeck District Council has, as a policy concerning all toilets in the District, decided to reduce the numbers available. This unfortunate state of affairs has come about as a result of the vandalism - obvious in our own block - and mis-use by inappropriate groups. Our own toilet block is being considered for closure.

Before this policy is implemented, the Parish Council wishes to ascertain the thoughts of our Parishioners. eg What do think about the toilets being closed? Currently they are constantly being vandalised and used as a meeting place by both youth and older people from outside the village. As a result they are a burden on the Council Tax. On the plus side they provide an amenity which visitors can make use of when they use the Car Park as a starting point for walks etc. If they were to go what about the site? The Council has mentioned the need for more space for the Surgery and also the need to find another location for the re-cycling bins. This topic will be discussed at the next Council meeting in December so please let the Councillors know your thoughts.

When the rains come, as they seem to like a monsoon from time to time of late, it is always happens when the road drains are blocked which results in flooding. There is now a faster way of getting the matters resolved by the County Council and presumably the District Council. One may call CLARENCE on a free line - 0800 23 23 23 - giving your name, the problem and its exact location. If reporting a street lighting fault give also the lamp column number that is painted on the column. CLARENCE is available on weekdays from 9.00am to 5.00pm ( 4.00pm Fridays). CLARENCE is a small team of specially trained operators who will make sure that your problem gets to the right person.
Christmas is almost here - it will be when you read this - and the Parish Council is putting up trees again. This will all happen around the first weekend of December. If you enjoy the display please help by donating towards the trees. Alan Dunning and David Gibbs will happily accept your offerings and pass them on to the Council.

Finally the Councillors and Clerk wish all Parishioners a very happy Christmas a prosperous New Year and a peaceful Century. I was trying to think of a suitable adjective for the Millennium but a thousand years is a great deal of time to wish for anybody! (Just think, 'arold, of the arrow in his 'ead at Hastings, was not even born when the present Millennium started)

CM

THANK YOU

W A L Tucker, OBE. O St J, FRCS

James and I would like to thank everyone in Briantspuddle and Affpuddle for their immense kindness both in words and in deeds, shown and indeed still being shown to us after our desperately sad loss. It is extremely comforting to realize that we are surrounded by so many friends. Arthur will rest peacefully in the knowledge that his little family are so well cared for; he will always be in our hearts. A special thank you to Graham Roblin for his wonderful support and for conducting the funeral service.

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The Christmas Table Sale will be held on Saturday 11th December and not on the date that I stated in error last month. This is held with the Mini Market on the second Saturday of each month. Come along for some real bargains and help the Hall.

The first tranch of twenty chairs arrived on the afternoon of the last Committee meeting so it was possible for them to be tried and tested. Certainly the meeting was held in a degree of comfort for all concerned. There have been some very favourable comments passed to date so let us hope that they will give us good service. Another thirty chairs have been ordered which will bring our complement of chairs up to the numbers that we require. Next year we must endeavour to replace the remaining old chairs.

The second Line Dancing event was held in November and was a very happy and jolly event - the food was good too! A handsome sum resulted to the benefit of the hall accounts, and the committee is grateful to Eileen Spracklen for organising the evening. Watch out for the next one!

A Millennium Panto! Looking forward into the next century, The Bere Regis Amateur Theatricals are producing their version of ‘Aladdin’ on the 28th and 29th January. They have been putting in a tremendous effort with rehearsals and deserve the support of us all.

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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Last month, Mrs Jean Cox from Bournemouth gave us a lovely Christmas demonstration. December 14th will be a workshop of Christmas ideas, with our tutor, Mary Fielden.

In January we have our AGM

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NEW HALL COMMITTEE

This Committee was formed as a result of the Parish Council inviting all Village Groups and associations to send representatives to an open meeting in August. A Committee was formed from the forty or so Groups on which each Group was represented. The four originally appointed Parish Councillors also joined the Committee making a total of forty five people.

Obviously such a Committee was too wieldly and so a Working Group of ten consisting of six Committee and the four Councillors was set up. The Working Group meet on the last Wednesday of each month and the Committee meets on the same evening but every three months. The Committee is the driving force that sets the targets eg a Village Hall in the centre of the Village. The Working Group are ‘doers’. We have a Chairman - Guy Storey - and other Officers and we have a bank account and a small sum of money. That is the background to date.

The Committee will have met again when you read this. The Working Group consisting of ten from the Committee has met on two occasions and have been concerned with the proposed sites. The favourite continues to be The Cross even though it seems that every time we move forward something happens to put us back! The latest ‘bombshell’ was the revelation that the archaeological site, which we all thought was confined to Court Green, was in fact extended by English Heritage to include the adjacent allotment site in 1997. No reasons were given, it just happened.

Quite why they found it necessary to extend the site northwards is what we are trying to ascertain. This was particularly bad news as contrary to initial thoughts, the Highways Engineer who came to talk about the traffic implications at the site, was most encouraging. He was of the opinion that he could engineer a solution to access the site which would also help to reduce the speed of the traffic in that stretch of road. As his primary concern is safety and not traffic flow he was enthusiastic about the use of this site. The other site that we have been considering is at The Moors, behind Egdon Close but even that site is not without its problems. The Environmental Agency are against its use as the site lies on the flood plain.

Thus we may not have much to show for all the meetings, but we do know a great deal more. Bere Regis suffers from a lack of suitable sites for a centrally placed Village Hall and Surgery. The best site is not available because of the foundations of a manor house lie under the turfs of a field. Sadly we may lose to those unseen ruins the opportunity to have, in the adjacent plot, tomorrow’s equivalent of yesterday’s manor house. However we will press on to the next hurdle!

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The Shaun Brady Knockout Trophy was won by Graham Price.

This season’s presentation evening for members and partners will be held in the Royal Oak Skittle Alley at 19:30 on Saturday 18th December 1999.

The ROGS Annual General Meeting will be held at the Royal Oak on Thursday 24th February 2000, when the year 2000 venues will be announced by the incoming Captain, Jim Corbin.

All prospective new members are invited to attend the AGM and enrol for the new season.

For more information, please contact Roger Duncanson - Tel: 01929 472141.

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BERE REGIS GARDENING CLUB

The Rev Timbrell gave an extremely witty and interesting talk on herbs for the November meeting.

On Tuesday 7th December it’s time to get our snouts in the trough again and enjoy another of Elaine’s feasts at our Christmas Party. Tickets are £5.00 and not £5.50 as previously mentioned and you can book with Adrian or Elaine on 471774.

**Don’t forget to bring your see order to the Christmas Party.** All orders received by then will be entered into a £5 raffle.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 4th January 2000 at 7.30 p.m. in the British Legion Hall. Please enter your name on the nominations list in the RBL entrance hall if you would like to join the committee – we are always looking for new blood (or slightly used) with fresh ideas.

The AGM will be followed by the normal monthly meeting at 8.00 p.m. when Bryan Edwards will present another of his slide shows.

For the February meeting on Tuesday the 1st, Mr Dawe will be giving the latest situation on genetically modified crops. Non-members are welcome to attend.

To mark the Millennium, 300 daffodil bulbs have been planted in the Cemetery by the Gardening Club.

Season greetings to all.

Andy Morrison - 472343

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS’ SECTION

Twenty members attended the AGM on 20th October. We now have 59 paid up members. The chairman, Mrs Maidment thanked all members for their hard work throughout the year. The Secretary and Treasurer then gave their reports.

All officers and Committee were returned en bloc. Teas were served by Mrs Pat Gibson and Mrs S Leigh, a raffle was run by Mrs G Cleall and a Bring and Buy by Mrs Payne. The January meeting will be ‘Members Afternoon’.

Our Poppy appeal Coffee Evening raised £168.70. Our grateful thanks to all who supported and donated to this event.
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Mrs Bright was our speaker at the November meeting who showed us a film of a wonderful trip down the river Thames. We started at the source and ended up in London. A truly delightful afternoon.

A large collection of unusual ornaments were on display.

Our next meeting will be at 2.30 p.m. on 8th December in the Drax Hall, which will be our Christmas afternoon. The children from Bere Regis First School will be coming to sing Christmas songs and carols, after which we will all join together singing carols with Kath at the piano.
A “Youth Club” in Bere Regis? Well that’s just what we are!
Since opening in 1983 the section, which is affiliated to Dorset Youth Association, Dorset Youth Partnership and Youth Clubs UK, has provided a continuous service to the young people of Bere Regis and the surrounding area. The section, as the title suggests, is an active part of the Royal British Legion both locally and at national level. However it is, and will always continue to be, first and foremost a Youth Club that is open to all young people in the 8 to 17 year age group. Whose parents do not need to be members of the legion in order for them to join the youth section, if they are then that is purely a bonus for the legion! I hope this clears up any misunderstandings that might have existed in parents’ minds.

The section runs on youth club lines, meeting once a week in the local legion club, thanks in no small way to the support of the legion club for providing the facilities. Here young people can take part in many indoor activities as well as going on outward bound trips and outings to theme parks, etc. The club facilities provide a warm and safe environment in which our local young people can meet with one another. The activity programme enables them to take part in events, sometimes as an individual, sometimes a member of a team. Helping to improve their teamwork skills, obtain a better understanding others and to develop their powers of leadership.

The activity programme up until the end of the millennium includes, a French Night, Swimming at Blandford, Glass Painting and the Christmas Disco to round the year off. Looking into the first quarter of the New Year, there will be a trip to Chessington World of Adventure in March mixed in with all the usual activities within the club. Before all of that however, the section holds an Annual General Meeting at the club on Tuesday 23 November at 8.00 p.m. All youth members are requested to attend and take an active part in the proceedings that evening.

Should anyone require any information on the section and its activities, please contact the leader by telephone or call into the legion club on any youth night.

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Make the pastry in the usual way. Put into a plastic bag and put into
the fridge to rest for about ½ hour. Roll out half the pastry and cut
into 3” rounds, with the other half of the pastry cut 2 ½” start
shapes.

Line the tins with rounds of pastry and put a teaspoon of mincemeat
into them and top with the star shapes. Brush with milk and sprinkle
with sugar and bake for 20 minutes or until lightly golden. When
cool, store in an airtight tin.
BERE REGIS W.I.

The October meeting was most enjoyable. Mrs Young of Wareham enthralled us all once again. Having brought many beautiful pieces of jewellery with her she was able to describe a great deal of their origin and value. Also some of us produced our own items of interest, and it was very surprising to learn of their original beginnings and value. (We went home in convoy in case we were robbed!)

This month brings to a close another year, can it really be a whole year has passed? It only seems like yesterday. Make a NEW YEAR resolution ... Welcome our W.I. into the... New Millennium.... It will still be the 3rd TUESDAY of the month.

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The Pop In Place nominated worthy cause
The charity for the year 2000 is the Poole Hospital Scanner Appeal. A complete
programme of events will appear in January's Magazine. The 'Garden's For Tina' event
(mentioned briefly last month) will now be held on Sunday 23rd July. Offers of gardens
for viewing are invited, please phone Alison on 472023. A special service will be held in
the church at 6pm on the same day. The collection from that will also go to the Scanner
Appeal.

We would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness over this rather difficult
year and wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and everything you are hoping for in
the New Millennium.

Alison Bennett and Julie Lye. Pop In Place Community Team.

Thankyou's
Thankyou to all who supported the Sponsored Disco in aid of Kenya 2000. We don't have
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KENYA 2000 UPDATE

We have had several fund-raising events recently. The Jumble Sale at Blandford Corn Exchange made £325, despite initial gloom as to whether we had sufficient to sell! Jumble left over was sold at the Scout Hut on 16th October. On Saturday 30th October the Pop-in-Place organised a Sponsored Disco at the Drax Hall; the community team have made us their charity of the year. Over £300 was raised, thanks to all who organised and supported this.

At the group meeting on 12th October the Camping and Outdoor Shop in Bournemouth presented a selection of suitable equipment for Kenya. Because of the range of climate and terrain the group will experience, the right kit will be vital. This was followed by a talk from Gavin Bate - the team leader. He inspired us all - without pulling any punches as to the physical hardships and discomforts to be looked forward to. The medical brief he provided alone made pretty dramatic reading. A supply of double velvet toilet paper was one of his essential items to be carried! All the team were given a comprehensive booklet setting out information about the general organisation and an itinerary for the trip. If anyone is interested in reading this ask any group member or contact Sally Knight 01929 471838.

One quote from the booklet - "However miniscule the effort may appear relative to the global size of the problem, it is important to understand that every child is one life, and helping one life may be just about the best thing you will feel you have ever done."

Coming down to earth - a group of 10 team members went on a training weekend to the Brecon Beacons from 22nd-24th October. It turned out to be one of the wettest weekends of the year! They covered about 22km climbed to about 1800ft/600m, camped out overnight, carrying about the amount needed for Kenya; all in appalling weather conditions. A thoroughly wet group returned to Bere Regis and local washing machines are still recovering. In the New Year the emphasis for the group will be very much on training and a concentrated fitness programme for all.

Future events - Presentation by Gavin Bate "Itchy Feet"

This is not to be missed! Gavin is a charismatic speaker.

7.00p.m. Drax Hall Bere Regis

Millennium Concert Drax Hall - 11th December, organised by the Pop-in-Place

Details -Alison Bennett 01929 472023
BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The Carnival AGM was held on 17th September 1999 and opened with the vice-Chairman thanking everyone for attending. He reported that he had had a vote of thanks from the Sports Club for the splendid state that the field was left in after the carnival.

Awards were made to the various organisations that had applied for a donation. Everyone was very grateful for cheques received.

The Chairman of our new committee is Colin Greening, Secretary – Wendy Johnson, Treasurer – Lyn Davis. Committee members John Brown (BRATS), Phil Rolls, Sheila Leigh, Elaine Standfield, Judy Newton (Twining), Jane Storey (Brownies) plus a representative from FOBRS.

Now we get to work for Carnival 2000!

It was suggested at the AGM that the Carnival Committee should co-ordinate events in the village so that everyone was aware of what was on and so that no events would clash. I would therefore be grateful if all organisations could let me know what events they have organised and the dates so that I can start pulling together a ‘Village Diary’.

The first event we have planned is the Christmas Bingo – always a favourite – and this year we don’t think we have clashed with Ladies Darts. The event will be held on Thursday 16th December and will be held in the Legion Club. All are welcome to attend – we especially welcome the youngsters – there will be a special ‘snowball’ round for them. Turn up by 7.45 to purchase your cards. Prizes galore.

Watch this space for future events.

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This year, the older pupils will visit Bryanston Arts Centre to see their Christmas play and we have a small theatre group coming to do a show in school. There is the usual round of parties and decoration making, with the children already making articles to sell at the Christmas Fayre on 28th November.

The school play will be performed on an extra evening this year, as the audience numbers seem to be ever increasing. There will be an afternoon performance, as usual, for the ‘Autumn Leaves’ group and anyone else who can’t make it to the evening show. Tickets will be available free, either from the school – 01929 471334, or from the Vice Chairman of FOBRS, Andrea Phillips on 472112 (evenings after 6.30 p.m.).

The plays will be held on:

- **Dress Rehearsal** - December 6th at 11.00 a.m.
- **Afternoon Performance** - December 7th at 2.00 p.m.
- **Evening Performance** - December 8th at 6.00 p.m.
- **Evening Performance** - December 9th at 7.00 p.m.

The FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL would like to send a big, big thank you to all who helped and donated at the Christmas Fayre, and to the committee members for all their hard work.

Have a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BERE REGIS BABYSITTING CIRCLE

We currently meet on the first Tuesday afternoon each month from 1.30 p.m. to arrange sitters ahead, and allow mums and children the opportunity to get to know one another better. The December gathering will be at Chris’s home - 6 Stanbarrow Close (on 7 December 1999). Newcomers are welcome. Contact Su Roberts on 471322 for further details.
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6 (Mon) Womens Section Carol Service
11 Function
16 (Thurs) Carnival Bingo
18 Christmas Draw 9 p.m.
26 (Boxing Day) Dice Horse Racing 12.15

JANUARY 2000
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I don’t know what your views are of all the Millennium celebrations, and the tremendous cost involved. Did we have to spend over £750 million on a Dome and a Big Wheel - made for man’s glory, not God’s. What are we really celebrating anyway? After all, it is only a change of date from one century to another, and we have to mark the passage of time in some way. Is that all there is to it? Our whole lives are controlled by time, for better or worse - seconds, minutes, hours, days, months and years. We have clocks and calendars, there is past, present and future, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The present dating system was put together by a Scythian monk called Dionysius Exiguus in AD525. He devised a new dating system that measured time from before and after the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. Jesus’ birth is a fact of history and not fiction or a fable. ‘BC’ means Before Christ and ‘AD’ means Anno Domini, the Latin for ‘The year of our Lord’. The monk Exiguus got his facts right about Jesus, but his sums wrong. Jesus was born around 5 BC, and I believe probably in September or October at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles, but not on 25th December - Christmas Day.

Even though the Church was at fault in attaching the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ to a pagan festival held on 25th. December, it is still an opportunity for us to put Jesus at the very centre of our lives, our Christmas and our millennium celebrations, for after all, it is His coming to this earth as Lord and Saviour that we are celebrating!

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17 Oct  BERE REGIS  21 0  POOLE LABOUR CLUB
23 Oct  BERE REGIS  5 6  STICKLAND UNITED
30 Oct  LINTHORPE  1 1  BERE REGIS
31 Oct  COOLSHORE UTD  2 3  BERE REGIS
6 Nov  Dorset Saturday Junior Cup 1st Round
      NETHERBURY  6 2  BERE REGIS
7 Nov  Dorset Sunday Junior Cup 1st Round
      HAMWORTHY ROYALS  3 2  BERE REGIS
14 Nov  BERE REGIS  5 1  WELD ARMS

Bere Sunday side faced Coolshore United at a windswept Chapelgate. Against the wind, Bere did not start well in the first few minutes. To say that Coolshore adopted the Wimbledon approach would be an insult to Wombles everywhere. A hopeful through ball sprang Bere’s weak offside trap and their forward finished immaculately to give Coolshore the lead in the first five minutes.

Bere never lost their heads and slowly began to dominate the game, as they finally brought the ball back to ground and began to pass it around. Kev Cox picked up where he left off, tormenting the Coolshore defence to distraction and creating chance after chance. Ian Macklin hit the bar with a thunderous drive. Then, horror of horrors, even Rob White showed he was human by blasting over from 3 yards out. This was, surely, not going to be Bere’s day. Just when you thought things could not get any worse, they did!! Rob White controlled the ball on the edge of the area and left it for Andy to finish into the far corner for a deserved equaliser. But no, the referee disallowed the goal for Andy not calling a name.

All these shenanigans finally had the effect of waking the sleeping tiger and Bere roared into life. Bere had yet to play their trump card, Wayne Cope. For his first trick he slotted the ball past the despairing keeper from a perfect ‘White’ through ball to equalise. A big boot from Paddle, a sublime flick from Rob White and Cope was there once again to produce a perfect lob and the equalising goal. Even when his lovely assistant was taken off with a gorgeous black eye, the magician had one last rabbit to pull out of his hat. Ghosting in behind the defence once more he slotted the ball into the corner for the winning goal and a deserved hat trick.
Despite playing against 11 men and the referee, Bere had once again laughed in the face of defeat and won 3-2. This result has kept Bere in second place in the league behind West Quay. Next week, the Cup and all the thrills and spills of another Regis Cup run.

Currently, the League’s whipping boys they were coming from a 13-0 drubbing against West Quay and were yet to score a goal. Bere has their worries with many absentees. This proved to be no problem at all, though, as Nick Macklin now has a squad that even Alex Ferguson looks on with envy. He was able to draft in proven internationals, such as Steve Ives and Ian Macklin, and still name three quality substitutes. Poole Labour could only marvel at this strength in depth, as they started the game with just nine players, most of which were older than our own Scottish antique.

It was, therefore, no surprise when the goals started to flow from the off as Bere, with the bold gamble of three up front, attacked with skill and pace and were 2-0 up after 5 minutes. An exquisite own goal at the back post from a nervous Poole Labour defender started the rout off and it went downhill from there for the poor beleaguered Poole team. There is not enough space to describe every goal as Bere raced away to a 13-0 lead at half time, but some of the more memorable ones deserve a mention. Johnny Cleall managed two with his standing foot in a first half hat trick, one a volley that almost knocked the goal over.

Paddle, in our goal, felt about as useful as a chocolate teapot. This may explain why, in one of the rare occasions the ball came into the Bere half, he almost gifted them a goal as he tried to dribble it past their attacker. Luckily, Paddle has the skill to hoof the ball up the field and Bere finished the half 13-0 ahead. The second half was more of the same as Bere made the most of a chance to improve their goal difference. Spivey started the scoring off with a near post header from a corner that was booted away from inside the goal. Andy Curtis rapped another one in shortly after, but Bere then had a bit of a lean spell.

This did not last and Wayne, who had missed more chances than a blind Monopoly player, finally got his shooting boots on with a goal for the record books, scored with his left foot no less!! The rest of the team soon took up the mood, as Andy chalked up five on the day. Wayne eventually reached four and Adam relinquished the flag long enough to lash the ball past a suicidal keeper.

Even Mark Gale managed to find the net with one of his better shots. The referee blew his whistle for a glorious 21-0 victory, Steve Ives looked a bit sadder than most as the only player who had not scored. I am sure the old trophies were unpacked that night for Steve to reminisce on the times when he could score goals. Another three points in the bag and Bere remain one point behind West Quay in second place, albeit with the best ‘goals for’ in the league.
For the cup game away to Hamworthy Royals, manager Macklin had almost a full squad to choose from apart from the usual dependent goalkeeper. There was still, however, the reassuring sight of Steve Ives filling the goal as only he can.

Little was known about Hamworthy, apart from a few useful results in the league, so the manager started with his trusty 3-5-2 on a pitch that would make a postage stamp seem spacious. Bere passed the ball confidently on the little grass there was and started the game at a gallop. Striker Andy Curtis starred. For his first goal, he robbed the last defender and coolly slotted the ball inside the keeper’s near post.

His second goal was spectacular, a volley from fully 25 yards that gave the keeper no chance and set Bere up perfectly to stride easily into the next round. Twenty minutes gone, 2-0 up and cruising. It was then that Bere stopped playing and Hamworthy started. The Hamworthy forwards used their superior speed and agility against Bere’s ageing back line. As it was, Hamworthy did score before half-time, a scrappy goal as Bere failed to clear from a corner, which gave them hope for the second half.

The second half still did not spark Bere back into life, though, and as the game wore on Bere’s luck ran out. The ball was attracted to the Hamworthy players like a magnet and no matter how hard Bere tried they could not get it back. Another scrappy goal as a deflection from Rob White’s head caught Iver off balance in goal. Despite the save, the ball fell straight to a Hamworthy, who despite Iver’s best efforts managed to force the ball in. The winner came in fortuitous fashion when the ball flicked off a Hamworthy head to another willing runner, who smashed the ball eagerly past poor Iver. With little time to do anything Bere were out of sorts, out of luck and out of the Cup.

Please do not forget that full and comprehensive football and cricket reports, club events and developments can be viewed at the Bere Regis Sports Club official website - http://homepages.tesco.net/~pip.evans/brfchome.htm.

Finally please also make a note for forthcoming BRSC events for the festive and Millennium period:

Dec 19  BRSC Christmas Draw and Mixed pairs darts, 7.30pm at Clubhouse.

Dec 27  Charity football match, followed by ‘Bullseye’ Challenge, 11.00pm at the Recreation ground onwards.

Dec 31  Members’ Millennium evening, from 8.00pm till late, at the Clubhouse.

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Our coffee morning on 13 November 1999 was an outstanding success. We had marvellous support from the village, our Link members and friends and raised the outstanding sum of £245.00, a great boost to our funds. This would not have been possible, of course, without donations of raffle prizes, cakes, produce, books and bric-a-brac etc, not only from those who attended but from those also who were unable to attend but took the time and trouble to deliver their contributions in person. We thank everyone for their time and talents.

In addition we received a number of cash donations from folk who were unable to attend and for this we are very appreciative. None of this would have been possible without a super venue, and Audrey of "Bladentye" very generously gave not only her home but a great deal of her time to ensure the success of the event. Finally thanks are due to all who bought items on offer (particularly the "Antique Junque") but, if you missed out don't worry, you may see some familiar items at our stall at the annual Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall on Saturday 5 December.

ALESJA

It appears that Alesja may require remedial surgery on her limb and Dr LIBERMANIS, our medical contact in Riga, has very kindly offered to carry out this procedure free of charge. This will naturally delay Alesja's progress but we are looking forward to confirmation that this has been done. In the meantime plans are being finalised for the visit by our medical representative.

Finally we wish all our Link members, friends and supporters a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and thank you all for your continuing interest in our efforts. Thanks also to Alison, the editor of the Parish magazine, for her unfailing help and patience throughout the year.

JENNY SILAVS, Hon Sec

Note from the Editor

Apologies to Jenny and the Latvia Link for the ‘typo’ in last month’s mag. The subscription is in fact £2.50 not £2.30 as printed!
DORSET EVENING ECHO - COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

Just a reminder that I am Community Correspondent for the Dorset Evening Echo at Weymouth. Each week I write both about forthcoming and past local events in Bere Regis, Affuddle, Tolpuddle and Puddletown.

If you have any news items which you would like me to include, I should be delighted to hear about them. All sorts of local events make very interesting reading for the people who live in the communities described.

My telephone number and fax number is 01305 848262.

Diana Holman

ART REACH

On Saturday 26 February 2000 Art Reach and Briantspuddle Hall Committee will present Pauline Cato and Tom McConville, a musical duo. Tickets will be on sale from the end of January. At the time of going to press it is not possible to let you know the price of the tickets but it is unlikely to be more than £5.00 per ticket. Do keep this date free in your new millennium diaries.

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01929 400617 GIFT VOUCHERS
On Friday 15 October 1999 the Briantspuddle Hall Committee hosted a film show, ‘The Lady Vanishes’ and supper as part of this year’s Purbeck Film Festival. Forty people attended the supper and film show and another ten people came for the film only. It was a very pleasant evening and after all expenses were paid £64.15 was raised for the Hall Repair Fund.

The November meeting started with our speaker, Mrs Browning, giving a talk on Milton Abbas, a village which she loves. She is an excellent photographer and the fascinating details of the history of the whole place were well illustrated with her slides, one of which showed the Morrismen leaping in unison at one of the Street Fairs. All of us learned a little more about the history of this fascinating village. A very happy and well attended start to our meeting whose main purpose in November is the Annual General Meeting. This in fact took very little time as with one exception all the Committee agreed on re-election, a new member filled one vacancy and our President happily took back the Chair.

We discussed the proposed theatre/cinema visit in December and decided on an Art Reach production at Martinstown by the theatre company Forest Forge. Their Christmas production is ‘Hansel and Gretel’.

The President gave a brief resume of the Autumn Council Meeting at Weymouth which she and two members attended. The main speaker, Kaffe Fasset, will no doubtless be remembered not only for his wonderful embroideries and knitting on slides but also because the projector broke down!

Reports were given on our financial position and the activities during the year. This will culminate with the organisation of the Christmas Fair on 4 December at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall. Again stalls are free to the various charities and organisations who come together with Christmas related goodies for sale. Father Christmas will be there and teas are available, so please come.

At our January meeting the speaker will be Mr B Bateman on ‘Road Safety in Dorset’ - perhaps a cautionary start to the New Year and Winter Weather.

Mary Bentley
There is, as ever, an undercurrent of activity at the sharp end on our Hall Committee. Our plans for Hall improvements are progressing [but slowly]. Having found early in the year that we had to select from a choice of architects, we chose, selected, interviewed and sent out a fairly comprehensive list of questions to enable us to make an objective decision. However, the best laid plans ............ and all that. Architects (some) were a bit slow to respond and after some chivvying and time elapsing we still only had two replies and finally one withdrew. We decided to leave it there and choose between the two, but No! ..... our chairman was told when attending a meeting about Village Hall Improvements that funding had been denied to Halls which had not scrupulously followed ‘proper procedures’. So, after enquiries, more firms are selected, approached and interviewed etc. - we wait - one replies and after an interlude one withdraws. So selection from 3 can now take place. The Hall Committee are now reviewing the architects submissions and are on the very brink of a decision.

Don’t worry folks we’ll get there in the end!!

The lovely chairs in the Hall are another source of continuing consternation with the suppliers refusing to take any responsibility for the poor condition of the frames. Our independent report has been ignored and the Parish Council who originally bought the chairs, are having to pursue the matter in the courts.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

New Year’s Eve Party - Tickets are still available for the Village New Year’s Eve Party from Jenny Beadle, Jean McGrorty and Janet Croft. The party starts at 9.30 pm.

Christmas Bingo - Saturday 4 December at 8.30 pm. Visitors welcome.

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Christmas Draw - Monday 20 December. Members only.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

There is, as ever, an undercurrent of activity at the sharp end on our Hall Committee.

Our plans for Hall improvements are progressing [but slowly]. Having found early in the year that we had to select from a choice of architects, we chose, selected, interviewed and sent out a fairly comprehensive list of questions to enable us to make an objective decision. However, the best laid plans ............ and all that.

Architects (some) were a bit slow to respond and after some chivvying and time elapsing we still only had two replies and then finally one withdrew. We decided to leave it there and choose between the two, but No! ..... our chairman was told when attending a meeting about Village Hall Improvements that funding had been denied to Halls which had not scrupulously followed ‘proper procedures’. So, after enquiries, more firms are selected, approached and interviewed etc. - we wait - one replies and after an interlude one withdraws. So selection from 3 can now take place. The Hall Committee are now reviewing the architects submissions and are on the very brink of a decision.

Don’t worry folks we’ll get there in the end!!

The lovely chairs in the Hall are another source of continuing consternation with the suppliers refusing to take any responsibility for the poor condition of the frames. Our independent report has been ignored and the Parish Council who originally bought the chairs, are having to pursue the matter in the courts.
At the last Committee meeting it was agreed that the Hall Committee should purchase cutlery and extra china for the use by hirers in the village hall for which there would be an additional charge. The hire charge and deposit will be agreed at our next meeting.

Currently the Hall Committee are able to offer hirers the use of soup plates, meat plates, large tea plates and cups and saucers and stainless steel pattens suitable for serving meat and vegetables. The cutlery consists of knives, forks, soup, dessert and tea spoons and serving spoons. This is a useful facility which it is hoped will benefit the community although it must be repeated that the equipment may only be used within the village hall and cannot be hired for use elsewhere.

Our programme of entertainment continued in November with the entrancing production of Noel and Gertie on Saturday the 13th. A large and appreciative audience were allowed a glimpse into a life of exquisite manners and urbane humour as the story of the relationship between Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence unfolded in dialogue and music culminating in a tragic ending. The atmosphere was spellbinding, we all thoroughly enjoyed the show and look forward to 26 February 2000 for our next treat from Art Reach.

The Committee has tentatively drawn up a programme of events for the Year 2000.

So far, we are planning a talk from Wessex Archaeology about the ‘finds’ on the site of the by-pass but with no date for that as yet. Also, we plan to stage a day long exhibition of village history at the end of April with an evening talk from a member of the 20th Century Society. Can we make a plea here for local residents to dig out your memorabilia and old photos to help us along?

The Open Gardens was such a pleasurable day for all and such a great success that we hope to repeat the experience during June 2000. A Doll’s House and Miniatures Sale combined with a cream tea at Cruck Cottage is planned for the summer, possibly August and another Farmhouse Supper and Barn Dance for September. Of course, our ever popular 100 Club, Purbeck Film Festival and Art Reach productions will feature prominently again next year.

By the way, this is an ideal time to say that we would welcome any suggestions of events to add to our calendar and any residents with a burning desire to assist us in our endeavours will be welcomed with open arms by members of our committee.

We sincerely hope that the events and facilities on offer in our Hall along with those provided by The Bladen Social Club on the same site offer something for all tastes, and we thank each of you who has come along for helping to keep the heart in our village.

Merry Christmas and Happy Millennium to you all from the Briantspuddle Hall Committee.
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1st  Mothers’ Union Carol Service
4th  Briantspuddle WI Christmas Fair, Village Hall  2.00 p.m.
7th  Gardening Club Christmas Party  8.00 p.m.
8th  Autumn Leaves Xmas afternoon
11th  Drax Hall Christmas Mini Market/Table Top Sale  2.30 p.m.
11th  Dorset Wild Life Carol Service, Bere Regis
11th  Pop in Place Millennium Musical Memories  3.00 p.m.
11th  Church Christmas Coffee Morning - Cyril Wood Court  10.30 a.m.
14th  Bladen Social club Christmas Party  3.00 p.m.
16th  Carnival committee Christmas Bingo  7.45 p.m.
19th  Bere Regis Carol Service
24th  Christingle Service
24th  Midnight Communion, Affpuddle
25th  Christmas Day Service, Bere Regis
31st  Millennium Service, Bere Regis  6.00 p.m.

January 2000

2nd  New Year Service, Bere Regis  9.30 a.m.
2nd  New Year Service, Affpuddle  11.00 a.m.
4th  RBL Gardening club AGM and Bryan Edwards  7.30 p.m/
7th  Closing date for Christmas ‘Prize’ Music quiz
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5th Jumble Sale - Wareham Town Hall, in aid of Church 10.00 a.m.
24th Royal Oak Golf Society AGM - Royal Oak
26th Art Reach - Pauline Cato and Tom McConville

June

16/17/18 Annual Cub Camp, Bowling Green Wood, Lulworth

July

15th Carnival
23rd Gardens for Tina event

September

22nd Visit of Twinning members from Cérences

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