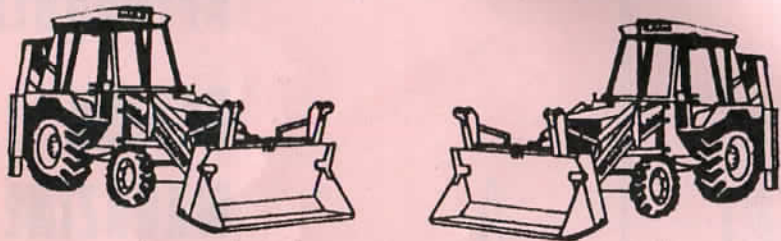


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AN UNCUT CAKE

Long before coming to these parishes, I went to a christening party. On the table was a beautifully iced cake. As so often happens, someone said "It seems a shame to cut it." Do you know, they never did! We looked at it, admired it and went home. No one had any. It was left, uncut.

Cakes, or hot crusty loaves, boxes of chocolates, cans of beer, Yorkshire pudding, - it spoils them to use them - but they are no good if you don't. Cakes are meant to be cut, bread to be sliced, cans to be opened. They are for sharing around.

I believe people are the same. We are to be shared. Some people say "I keep myself to myself." They don't want to get involved. The trouble with this is that they become like that uncut cake; neat, tidy, self-possessed. They give us nothing, we go away empty, and they don't nourish.

To be fair, it's not easy to share ourselves. Some people are very shy. We fear too much involvement. But if you think about it, we all owe a lot to those who share themselves; friends, people we have been to for help, colleagues, a teacher, and of course, members of the family.

When a man and woman comes into church to be married, they promise to share themselves in a most astonishing way. They put their lives in each others hands. They abandon their self-possession. They lose all privacy. And when babies come, they have to share themselves even more. They let themselves be taken over for years; broken nights, nappies, school, untidiness, anxiety; but also enormous pride and joy. But their life isn't their own. They've risked it on a relationship. Some don't. Some can't.

There is no doubt about it, love has it's risks and getting involved can be painful, but you can't have life without it. Cakes are for cutting, bread is for slicing, wine for drinking, and life is given us to share.

Yours sincerely
Graham Roblin.

CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday 7th January - Epiphany

| | |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (Affpuddle) |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion (Bere Regis) |
| 11.00am | Mattins (Affpuddle) |
| 6.00pm | Evensong (Bere Regis) |

Sunday 14th January - Epiphany II

| | |
|---------|------------------------------|
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (Bere Regis) |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion (Affpuddle) |
| 11.00am | PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE |
| 6.00pm | Evensong |

Sunday 21st January - Epiphany III

| | |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (Affpuddle) |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion (Bere Regis) |
| 11.00am | Affpraise (Affpuddle) |
| 6.00pm | Evensong |

Sunday 28th January - Epiphany IV

| | |
|---------|--|
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (Bere Regis) |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion (Affpuddle) |
| 11.00am | Mattins (Bere Regis) |
| 6.00pm | Taize Style Worship (Bere Regis) |
| 6.30pm | Community Service (Briantspuddle Village Hall) |

BERE REGIS SIDESMEN - JANUARY 1966

| | | |
|--------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| January 7th | 9.30 | Mr Bates / Mr House |
| | 6.00 | Mr Ward / Mr Barnes |
| January 14th | 11.00 | Mrs March / Mrs England |
| | 6.00 | Mrs Jutting / Miss Chesney |
| January 21st | 9.30 | Mrs Hazlerigg / Mr Strange |
| | 6.00 | Miss Frampton / Mrs England |
| January 28th | 11.00 | Miss Miller / Col Barne |
| | 6.00 | Mrs Ward / Mr Barnes |

BERE REGIS READERS - JANUARY

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|--------------|-----------------|
| January 7th | Mrs C Lewis |
| January 14th | Mrs P Ward |
| January 21st | Miss S Frampton |

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| January 7th | Mrs Griffin | Mrs M Cox |
| January 14th | Mrs P House | Mrs P Roblin |
| January 21st | Mrs P Ward | Mrs S Hazlerigg |
| January 28th | Mrs Roffey | Mrs Hudson |

READERS, READINGS AND SIDESMEN

| | Service | Sidesmen | Reader/Reading |
|--------------|---------|------------------|---|
| January 7th | 8.00 | | The Server Romans 12 1-5 |
| | 11.00 | Lt Cdr Thorniley | Mr Elkerton Isaiah 49 1-13 John 4 1-26 |
| 14th January | 9.30 | Mr D Payne | Mr Killer Galatians 1 11-end Mrs Holland John 1 35-end |
| 21st January | 8.00 | Lt Cdr Thorniley | The Server Romans 12 16B-end |
| | 11.00 | Affpraise | Affpraise |
| 28th January | 9.30 | Mrs Wharton | Maj Sanderson Hebrews 12 18-end Mrs Smith John 4 19-26 |

FLOWER ARRANGING AND CLEANING ROTAS

| | Flowers | Cleaning |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 7th January | Mrs Thorniley | Mrs Smith |
| 14th January | Mrs Thorniley | SPECIAL CLEAN |
| 21st January | Mrs Thorniley | Mrs Moriarty |
| January 28th | Mrs Thorniley | Mrs Haigh |

FAITHFUL AND DEVOTED SERVICE

For thirty five years, Mrs Eastment of West Street has delivered the parish magazine. This means she has walked the course 420 times. Thirty five years ago, she probably ran the course, but the years take their toll on all of us, so with great reluctance, she has decided to call it a day.

What a marvellous example of faithful and devoted service she provides, We thank her most warmly for her amazing devotion to her church and everything that goes with it.

There is a lovely verse in the Bible which says "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." It applies perfectly to Mrs Eastment. Thank you.

THE CHOIR

The other Sunday evening, a couple arrived in Bere Regis Church, having been to several other churches on the way, only to find that none of them had Evensong except us.

Our faithful choir is the backbone of this glorious service, which so many of you love. It is also the lead for our morning services, and when everyone is able to come, we have lovely anthems. We need one or two new people to join us. Temporary illness, or the demands of family, deplete the numbers, so we need to build up a bigger group. The bigger the group, the easier it is to keep a viable choir going. Do you sing in the bath? Were you once a keen chorister? Are you a bit shy of offering yourself as a choir member? It would be so helpful if you came forward to help us continue the splendid tradition of singing in our special church. Ring Fred Pitfield on 471391 (We have a party in the Royal Oak every year!).

ADULT CONFIRMATION

More and more, people are wishing that they were Confirmed. They may have missed out when they were in their teens, or they may have made a decision not to commit themselves at that time. But now, to be confirmed, and to receive Holy Communion is a great desire. Some of us feel embarrassed to come forward others quite rightly feel that to do so would be too great a commitment.

I am very happy to discuss this with anyone who is in this situation. There is only one prerequisite; anyone offering themselves to this full adult membership of the church must be a regular attender at the church before Confirmation, and be determined to be a full participant in the church afterwards. If you are not prepared for this, there is little point in coming forward. Over the years, many of our most devoted church members have been those coming to confirmation later in life.

PLOUGH SUNDAY IN BERE REGIS

This traditional service, which is still held in Bere Regis will take place on Sunday 14th January at 11.00am. The service starts at the car park near the Surgery, where the plough is blessed and transported to the church in procession. The preacher at the service is Mr Nick Viney, a farmer from the Swanage area. In addition to farming, he is very active in the charity Farm Africa.

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS

Thankyou to our ringers who do their best to call the faithful to services Sunday by Sunday and celebrate special occasions like weddings. Our present numbers are small but we at the moment have a group of keen learners who, in due time, we hope will help swell the ranks.

The present tower had four bells, none of which are the originals from when the tower was built in 1500. A fifth bell was added in the early 17th century and

the sixth was added and the bells rehung in a metal frame in 1920, the new treble bell being dated 1919 and the single Latin word PAX indication the end of the first world war. The oldest remaining bell is the fourth dated 1602 which would have been cast by an itinerant bellfounder in the churchyard or neighbouring field, records of which process are well known from churchwardens accounts.

The steps up to the ringing chamber have been used for all this time and show the wear of ringers boots climbing to their duty and for the 300 years of the person responsible for winding the church clock daily. New ringers or learners are always welcome to our Wednesday night practices at 6.30pm.

SPECIAL CLEAN - AFFPUDDLE

Please note that there will be a special clean of the church on Saturday 13th January 1996 between 10.00 and 12 noon. Your help is asked for. Please come along armed with dusters and polishing cloths. Our task is to clean up after Christmas and is hoped that there will be enough people present to enable us to polish all the pews and furniture polish the wooden floors and vacuum the mats and kneelers.

P.C.C. MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Parochial Church Council at Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle on Wednesday, 24th January, 1996 at 7.30pm.

THE EDITOR

In the last issue of the Magazine, I announced that Dorothy Briggs had asked to be released from her position as Editor of our magazine. I also advertised for someone to take her place.

It is with great relief and happiness that I am able to tell you that Alison Sheward of Rye Hill Close has offered her services.

She has experience in creating magazines and news letters for her firm, British Home Stores. Like many of you she has enjoyed the Parish Magazine since she moved to the parish eight years ago, so now she feels that she should offer herself and her experience to take up when Dorothy has left off in a month or so's time.

CHURCH FUND RAISING - BERE REGIS

We had a very happy and successful Coffee Morning on November 18th when £193 was raised.

The annual Jumble Sale will be on January 27th at Wareham Town Hall, 10.00am. Any items to sell would be most gratefully received. Clothing, household items, books, toys etc. These may be delivered wither to the Vicarage (471262) or 33 Old Barn Road (471441). I do hope our normal band of helpers are ready and willing once again!

FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM (Bere Regis)

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| 5th November | Thomas James Bastian Lia Rachel Vowles |
| 26th November | Elliott David Steele |
| 3rd December | Harvey James Lillie Stephen John Trenchard |

FUNERAL AND CREMATION (Affpuddle)

14th December Samuel Dyer Smith, aged 89

AN OBITUARY

MR SAMUEL DYER SMITH (Sam), aged 89 of Briantspuddle

With a sense of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Sam Smith, a large congregation of relatives and friends filled the Affpuddle Church on the afternoon of 14th December.

There was of course deep sadness too, at the passing of a loving and much loved man, but the funeral service reflected the kindness and humour of one of the older villagers.

Sam Smith moved to Briantspuddle in 1952, aged 46. Before this, he had lived in Northamptonshire. Generations of blacksmiths in the family naturally led him to become one himself, but before the outbreak of the Second World War, he became an engineer for the local water works. This position he held, until attracted to the similar job with the pumping station at Briantspuddle.

He had married Babs on Guy Fawkes Day 1932, and they had four children, Judy (now in Tasmania), Malcolm, Sue and Lesley. So with a growing family, they moved to the village. Being a keen cricketer, Sam was picked for the Tolpuddle team, but had to retire a few years later when it was suggested that he needed a "runner"!

This involvement with the local scene was increased when he became a founder member of the Bladen Social Club, and became its Secretary.

On retirement, he sadly suffered several bouts of ill-health, and worst of all gradually became almost blind.

Three years ago, he and Babs celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary, surrounded by a large and loving family.

A churchman from birth, Sam enjoyed joining in the hymns, even when he couldn't read the words, so the singing of Crimond, together with the carol O Little Town of Bethlehem, and The Day Thou Gavest Lord Is Ended meant much to his many friends and to his family.

May he rest in the love of the God he had served for so many years.

THANKYOU DOROTHY

This will be one of the last editions of our village magazine which will be in the care of our present editor, Dorothy Briggs.

She took over from Mrs Shelton of Bridge House, Shitterton and she has occasionally reminded me that it was I who persuaded her to take on the job for a short period. Dorothy has deciphered our letters, articles, reports and advertisements and moulded them into the often admired magazine of which our villages can be justly proud. She has been assisted over recent years by Martha Tucker who collects the Affpuddle news. On behalf of our villages, a big thankyou for your patience and dedication.

We will now have to remember to put your name on the circulation list.

John England

THANK YOU!

Could one very painful hip and two very painful knees say a very warm thank you to the Woodbury Hill Singers for their much appreciated gift of a sturdy wooden seat by our bus stop in West Street. I am sure that many others feel very grateful too but perhaps they have not yet got down to saying so!

GOSPEL FOR RURAL YOUTH PROJECT (GRYP)

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Christian youth worker, part-time and ecumenical, for gospel for Rural Youth Project (GRYP). An established project, the post is initially for two years, covering area from Winterborne Stickland / Whitechurch to Milborne St Andrews / Dewlish / Cheselborne.

Details and application forms from Mrs M Lyon Dean, Milton House, Milton End, Winterborne Whitechurch, Blandford, DT11 0AN.

BERE REGIS NEWS

MOTHER'S UNION

Owing to the snowy weather our speaker could not come to our December meeting. Also, owing to 'flu' Sally Cheeseman could not welcome us to her house as planned. (Glad Sally is now better).

However, things took a happier turn as Penny and Graham welcomed us to the Vicarage, and Di and Mary England put together some delightful readings on aspects of Christmas.

We did not have a piano but several members of the Choir led us as we sang carols . . . and it turned out to be a very pleasant evening.

On 3rd January, George Ward will speak on Emergency cover for the Social Services.

PARISH COUNCIL

As the millennium approaches, the Council is undertaking a survey of the Sports and Recreational facilities in the village. All of the various organisations are going to be asked to co-operate and copies of the survey will be available for individual use. As many replies as possible are required. We are trying to make provision for the future - not just for the immediate future. Be bold and imaginative in your replies and remember that it is not just the young and agile that we are trying to think of as there are other Groups that cater for the sports people of yesteryear.

Complaints concerning the playing of ball games in the roads have been received. The Council is trying to get the District Council to agree to the siting of a 'kicking wall' near to the Riverside Walk. To date the District Council is resisting but we feel that it is necessary and are therefore pressing the District Council for a positive result.

THE DRAX HALL

The Blood donor service sprang a surprise visit on us during November and consequently only thirteen donations were collected. They have decided that Bere Regis shall have a regular visit and the next session will be on the 26th March 1996. Donors who normally go to Wool will be asked to come to the Drax Hall instead.

The Theatre Workshop is planned for Thursday 22nd February and following that on 12th March a performance of 'Much ado about nothing' is being presented by the Forest Forge Group - they presented 'Far from the Madding Crowd' last year.

CM

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50'S CLUB

At our Christmas meeting the children of Bere Regis 1st School, sang carols from their Christmas play, also traditional ones. We all loved seeing and hearing the children. Afterwards we all joined in singing carols, and this was followed by tea. There were many lovely Christmas decorations on display.

Our New Year meeting will be our party, and this will be on Wednesday January 10th.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Since the last magazine there have been the Quiz evening at which twelve teams of four competed for the Christmas hamper. Thankyou for coming and a special thankyou to our questionmaster Jenny Balcon and her husband the scorer. The winning teams prize was received by Laurie Fairhurst.

A wine-tasting and talk was organised by the venture unit, the proceeds of which would be used for the ventures pensioners party.

The results of our carol singing will be reported next month.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Now we are in 1996 - A Happy, Hopeful and Peaceful New Year to all of us.

Reflections on 1995 have been done by many - and even more have made resolutions for 1996. Can I suggest one resolution to lapsed members? You've guessed it! Why not join us again? I am sure you have new ideas - we could do with lively debate on how best to go forward, make the village aware of us, and create an objective and work towards the goal? You will find a very warm welcome awaiting you.

Our Speaker this month is Mr Goslin. His talk is titled All Star Music Hall, it promises to be interesting. We look forward to seeing you. Usual refreshments served.

WOODBURY HILL SINGERS

After a very successful year the Singers have entertained at various venues 25 times. The V.E. Concert made £300 profit and a seat by the Bus Stop us now in place in West Street.

Wishing the Ladies of Woodbury Hill singers a Happy New Year and grateful thanks for their hard work and devotion during the past year. A special thought for Pat.

KJ

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 50 CLUB

A special thank you to all our friends in the village for the support they have given the Club. Thanks to the committee for all their wonderful help.

Wishing our members a Happy New Year and a successful 1996.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Kathleen and Charlie would like to thank all who supported the Guide Dogs. We wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

BERE REGIS COMMUNITY PLAY

There will be a meeting from 10.30am - 12.30am on 9th January in Cyril Wood court to continue the planning and detail of the community Play. Please come, all ideas are welcome, and helpers are needed for research, costumes and dialogue. Enquiries to Bere Regis 471902.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS

So another year dawns, with new beginnings, hopes, desires, resolutions and bright ideas - well that is the theory, anyway.

Father Christmas, Carols, God, the Nativity Story and all that religious stuff, plus the 'season of good will', has been packed away and forgotten for another twelve months, assuming it had been remembered in the first place.

I suppose for many the New Year will begin and continue in much the same way as the old year finished. But sadly for the widow and four children of Philip Lawrence, the very popular head teacher at St George's Roman Catholic school in Maida Vale, London, the new year will certainly not be the same again for ever. Our sympathy and prayers go out to them.

The senseless, callous and evil murder of a dedicated family man, outside his school gates, by a group of young people, left most people in the nation stunned, shocked and angry. It also revealed, yet again, the weakness of the law relating to the use and sale of knives, guns and other lethal weapons. It also illustrated again the depths to which our nation and society as a whole, has slid over the past 50 years. There is NO FEAR, that is reverential AWE, of GOD, and no respect for the sacredness of LIFE itself. LIFE is so CHEAP. Why should a nation be so shocked by the murder of one man, and yet not be disturbed in the slightest by the legal murder of millions of unborn children. We reap what we sow, and the innocent suffer.

We have just celebrated Christmas, the birth of JESUS CHRIST, who came to be our Saviour and to rescue us from the consequences of our sin. He is the only One who has the answers to the evils besetting our society. Unless young and old alike turn to Him, and receive His offer of new life, then this New Year will not continue in the same way as the old one. It will in fact get even worse.

Happy New Year - I wonder!

"The fear of the Lord leads to life." Proverbs 19:33

On Saturday 27th January at 7.30pm we shall be having another of our monthly praise meetings, when the speaker be Geoff Barnard. Geoff will have just returned from a trip to Israel and will bring us an up-date of the situation there. You are warmly invited to this meeting,

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

After a very busy month we are now able to give you the results of our Poppy Appeal. The House to House Collectors raised £1597.23, and with all the other Church and Chapel Collections from the whole of our area and various donations etc.etc. the total at present sent up to Maidstone is £2,417.94. This being an increase on last year of over £300.00. This is a truly magnificent result, so our thanks must go to everyone, and we do really mean everyone, because you have all helped in some way or other, collecting, giving, fund raising everything and we are sincerely grateful for all your efforts, to help us to help all those servicemen, women and widows who so badly need our help. Our thanks also to the Shopkeepers, and Garages who took part in the Poppy Window Competition. The Red Post Garage were adjudged the Winners with The Drax Arms runners up. We all thought all the displays were very good indeed, thank you all, and we hope you will all support us again next year.

The Senior Citizens party was well attended as usual and I'm sure everyone had a most enjoyable evening with George Hirst. The refreshments laid on by the Ladies was as always really great and everyone ate too much as the plates of delicious food kept coming round. Thank you Ladies for your hard work.

The Branch held its AGM on December 11th and elected Mr Wally Hibbert as its chairman. We all wish him well and give him our support.

The Youth Section have as usual been very active. They organised an All Night Pool Marathon in aid of the Poppy Appeal, raising £105.00, with a little more to be collected. Miss Helen Stockley was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate at the Annual Youth Standard Bearers Competition, against boys and girls from various Junior Service Units. Certainly a very fine effort. The Youth Section, well into their own competitions had a visit from the National Youth Officer to present them with their 3rd Place Certificate for their entry in the Windsor-Spinks National Trophy, and much to his surprise their Leader, Mr Terry Vine was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the County Chairman, Mr Tom Buckley for his work over the past twelve years with the Bere Regis Youth Section and also as the Dorset Youth Officer.

Finally, may I thank everyone for their help and support over the past year and Wish you all a Very Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Held their monthly meeting on November 15th, 23 members being present. After the Exhortation, the Chairman welcomed the new Secretary, Mrs Cockburn to the table. Minutes of the last meeting were then read and signed, and business was then discussed. Then to our Speaker for the afternoon, Mrs Megan Stone, who demonstrated "Icing Cakes" and gave us handy hints ready for icing our Xmas Cakes.

Teas were then served by Mrs Curtiss and Mrs Brett, and a Bring and Buy run by Mrs Clark. On November 27th, we held a Coffee Evening, this realized £139. Our thanks to all who supported, donated, and helped. On November 22nd, our Carol Service was attended by members of all of the village organisations, a very enjoyable evening with members of the Branch waiting on us with sherry, coffee and a variety of eats, our thanks to them.

The County conference held on November 29th was a proud day for our Section when we were awarded the Kenrick Cup for all round Efficiency, The Chadwick Cup for best Branch accounts, and the Dorothy Memorial Cup for the highest donations to "Women's Section" Schemes. We now look forward to a successful 1996.

Cenotaph for February - Mrs House.

DISTRICT NURSES TEA PARTY

Our next Tea Party is to be held on Wednesday 24th January '96 to be held at the D'urberville Hall, Colliers Lane, Wool at 3 - 4pm.

Come and enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake - all welcome. We shall hold a raffle, any prizes gratefully accepted. If you need a lift, we may be able to help - please ring.

We look forward to seeing old friends and new.

Gill Webb, DN Sister (462376)

PLAY AND LEARN VAN

Wednesday 17th and 31st January

9.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis School

10.15 - 11.00 Bere Regis Surgery

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football Results

| | | | | |
|--------|------------------------------------|----|---|-------------------------|
| 18 Nov | Chilport UK | 4 | 2 | Bere Regis |
| 19 Nov | Dorset Junior cup 2nd Round | | | |
| | Bere Regis | 2 | 5 | New Inn (Shipton Gorge) |
| 25 Nov | Bere Regis | 0 | 1 | Sturminster Newton |
| 25 Nov | Dorset Junior Cup 2nd Round | | | |
| | Weymouth Arms | 6 | 1 | Bere Regis |
| 2 Dec | Bere Regis | 0 | 4 | Chilport UK |
| 2 Dec | Morden | 9 | 2 | Bere Regis |
| 3 Dec | JPL | 11 | 1 | Bere Regis |
| 9 Dec | Ferndown Town | 3 | 4 | Bere Regis |
| 9 Dec | Bere Regis | 0 | 1 | Dorset Fire Brigade |

A sequence of five games without a win is not cognisant with a team that has aspirations of remaining in Division Two for next season. The premier ranks of Bere's footballers continue to move their way painfully through the second division minefield. An away game at Weymouth on the unforgiving marshes, did not do Bere any favours as they succumbed to Chilblains UK, though a late rally proved most useful as they took some of their fighting qualities into the Stur. Newton game at home. This was a basement battle to behold, and the game went ahead despite anything the skies could throw at the hapless pitch. It took a reckless infield pass from Stuart Merritt and Lyndon White was caught out cold as the ensuing speculative shot sailed in, a stroke of luck that never seems to come Bere's way, as they hit the bar twice, post once and had two shots cleared off the line. In fact as the hailstorm continued, Bere's defence and goalkeeper were saturated to the extreme but could not find that extra surge in the box or the ingenuity. A collapse at home to Chilblains UK followed, as Bere crashed 4-0 to

a swift counter attacking side. Their footballing roots were re-discovered away to Ferndown, who were below Bere in the league. Bere's midfield acted like a surgeon's knife for an hour and cut their way through with precision storming to a 3-0 lead, but once again fresh fruit came on in the shape of pears, and it needed a late stunner from Burt Simpson to seal a vital three points. The second eleven were in desperate need of an away win to Weymouth Arms in the second round of the Junior Cup. It was needed to boost their already deflated season, and a spirited performance was up to the pint of a one-nil lead to Bere just before half-time, but heads went down, and a 6-1 defeat followed against a team of hardened drinkers and Sunday morning specials. A mauling at the hands of local rivals Morden did not improve the reserves' situation as the chasm deepened on the icy slopes. A battle with Bluewatch at the Recreation Ground gave the home army of faithfulls a tense encounter, and defeat was string down the gun barrel again. It took a single strike from the Fire Brigade to settle the matter on a day of missed chances. With all three teams progressing in the respective cup competitions this season, cup fever has been all the rage with anything from away ties against herds of sheep, to nailbiting penalty shoot-outs, to mud wrestling with west Country pub teams. The Sunday eleven face a re-scheduled 2nd round tie against The New Inn from down Shipton Gorge way. An embarrassing defeat occurred, a 5-2 reverse.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

COMMUNITY SUPPER

Don't forget the Community supper in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Saturday 10th February 1996 at 7.30pm. Details from Robin Gainsford, (Bere Regis 471419).

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year for the first time, the PCC and the Briantspuddle Hall Committee shared in the organisation of the Christmas Fair. The Mission to Seamen and Latvia Link organised stalls and Mrs Reynolds sold raffle tickets for a quilt made in aid of The Men of the Trees. The attendance was disappointing but each organisation ended up with a profit of £91.66.

BRIANTSPUDDLE HALL COMMITTEE

For the first time for over ten years the Hall Committee organised a Christmas Raffle. The committee is most grateful to Eldridge Pope for paying for the printing of the tickets. To Tesco's, Marks and Spencers, Boots and Blackwells for giving prizes. After the first prize of £50.00 was deducted, the profit to the Hall Committee was £108.00.

The December 100 Club prize was drawn at the Christmas Fair and the winning ticket number was 26.

On 16th March 1996, the Hall Committee in conjunction with Artreach is giving a concert in the Village Hall. The concert will be given by The Sirocco Trio,

a young trio, the members of whom are all either winners or finalists in various national and international competitions. I am informed that the repertoire is somewhere between classic FM and Radio Three. Tickets will be priced at no more than £4.00 and there will be concessions for students. Details of tickets and the programme will be advertised in future editions of the Parish Magazine and on the Village Notice Boards. There will be an interval bar selling wine and soft drinks.

Preparations are being made for the 1996 Street Fair. Help is being sought with organisation of this event. The Committee is getting no younger and consequently are not as agile as they once were. If you can help in any way, please contact Gill Vingoe on Bere Regis 471832.

The produce which was left unsold after the Christmas Fete was donated to the Cheshire Homes of Dorchester, with which we form a close link. They have sent us a letter of thanks which we would like to pass on to all concerned.

BRIANTSPUDDLE W.I.

Over the limit we were not, but we all thoroughly enjoyed our night out at "The Sailors Return" last month. The new President gave a vote of thanks to Pat Hall, our retiring President, together with a pottery jug for all the hard work she had put into the post over the years.

Next month we meet on 10th January, when we will all learn how to transform into beauty queens!

PARISH COUNCIL

In order to better fall in line with other committee meetings, the Parish Council will now meet on the second Wednesday of the month, starting February 1996.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 1996

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| 9th | 2.30pm | Floral Goup A.G.M. |
| 24th | 3.00pm | District Nurses Tea Party - Wool |
| 27th | 10.00am | Jumble Sale - Wareham Town Hall for Bere Regis Church |

February 1996

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| 10th | 7.30pm | St Valentine Supper - Briantspuddle Village Hall |
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March 1996

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| 16th | | Chamber Music Consort - Briantspuddle Village Hall |
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CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

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| AGE CONCERN | 2.00 pm Thursdays, Turberville Court |
| AUTUMN LEAVES | 2.30 pm 2nd Wednesday |
| BEAVERS | 6.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ |
| BINGO | 7.45 pm Drax Hall (Mondays) |
| BRITISH LEGION CLUB | 7.00-11.30 pm Monday-Saturday, 12.00-2.00 pm & 7.30-10.30 pm Sunday |
| BRITISH LEGION | |
| WOMENS SECTION | 2.30 pm 3rd Wednesday, HQ |
| BRITISH LEGION YOUTH | 7.00-10.00 pm Wednesday |
| BROWNIES | 6-7.15 pm Wednesday, Scout HQ |
| B.R.S.C. | Winter Season Opening Times: Tues, Wed & Fri 7.00 pm, Sat 4.25 pm, Sun 7.30 pm Tues 7.45-9.30 - Village Hall |
| BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS | 6pm Junior, 6.45pm Full Choir, Friday in Church |
| CHOIR PRACTICE | Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 10am-2pm (closed Wednesday) |
| CAB | |
| CUBS | 6.30 pm Thursday, Scout HQ |
| D.S.S. VAN | First Mondays 10.15-11am - BR P.O./car park |
| DORSET-LATVIA LINK | Sec. Jenny Silavs 01929-471577 |
| FLORAL GROUP | 2.30 pm 2nd Tuesday, W. Kingston Village Hall |
| GUIDES | 6.30 pm Tuesday, Scout HQ |
| MINI MARKET | 10.00 am 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall |
| MOBILE LIBRARY | Every Thursday- 10.50am-12.25pm Car Park |
| MOTHER & TODDLER | 2.00 pm Monday, Congregational Church |
| MOTHERS UNION | 7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, The Church |
| PARISH COUNCIL | 7.00 pm Second Thursday - Drax Hall. Sub-Committees on PO noticeboard. |
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| RAINBOWS | 4.30 pm Tuesdays - Scout HQ |
| RBL GARDENING CLUB | 1st Tues, 8.00 pm - Club House |
| SCOUTS | Junior - 7.30 pm Monday, Scout HQ Senior - 7.00 pm Friday, Scout HQ |
| W.I. BERE REGIS | 7.30 pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall |
| W.I. BRIANTSPUDDLE | 7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, Village Hall |
| TUESDAY CLUBS: | |
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| YOUTH CLUB | 7.0pm 9 & over, Congregational Church |
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| WOODBURY HILL SINGERS | 2.30pm Mondays, Larkspur |

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