

# BERE REGIS PARISH MAGAZINE



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THE VICARS LETTER

My dear Friends,

.Grateful thanks to all those associated in any way with our tremendously successful Garden Party. In spite of the gloomy weather forecasts it was a really lovely day, warm and sunny - perfect Garden Party weather. It was a very happy afternoon and I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves. The accounts are printed on a later page, and make wonderful reading, the result was again an all time record and more than kept up with the present inflation.

We send our sympathy to the family of Mr. Harold Whiteside, who was buried at Bere Regis on June 28th. He was the Headmaster here for nearly 30 years and was a much respected and honoured member of the parish. He was concerned with all that went on in the village and was a Churchwarden for some years. I am very sorry that last month, owing to shortage of space, so many contributions were omitted from the magazine. Where relevant the omitted articles are being published in this issue so that the efforts of those who wrote them will not be all lost.

I feel that I ought to put on record the visit of the Bishop of Salisbury to Bere Regis on July 10th. A large number of parishioners gathered in the Drax Hall to meet him and were thrilled and held by the way in which he answered the thoughtful and direct questions which were put up to him. He answered all of them directly and honestly, but with the greatest wit and humour. It was a real privilege to have him with us and gave much enjoyment and encouragement to all those who were there to hear him.

During the course of the evening at the request of the P.C.C. the Bishop presented an antique diamond brooch to Miss Smith, our organist, who this year has played the church organ for 40 years. What a wonderful record of service this is, and we both congratulate and thank Miss Smith on her achievement.

Congratulations to the Sunday School on winning first prize at the Carnival with their float "Queen of the Nile". I am most grateful to those who helped especially to Mrs. Collis, and Miss Combes who conceived the idea, designed the float and carried out the decor with such thoroughness and ingenuity. It was a wonderful effort.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILDAugust 4th  
11thMrs. G. R. Griffin  
Miss LlewellynMrs. G. N. Griffin  
Mrs. Sharman

## SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD (Continued)

August 18th	Mrs. Howard	Miss Murray
August 25th	Mrs. Jesty	Mrs. Ward

SIDESMENS ROTA FOR AUGUST

August 4th	11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & G. Ward
	6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes and M. A. Bloomfield
11th	11 a.m. Messrs. W. F. Lys and A. Bates
	6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes and H. Dashwood
18th	11 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins and K. Woolfries
	6 p.m. Messrs. J. House and M. A. Bloomfield
25th	11 a.m. Major M. Knowper and Mr. W. F. Lys
	6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood and D. Poore.
September 1st	11 a.m. Messrs. A. Bates and K. Woolfries
	6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield and M. Barnes

SERVERS GUILD ROTA

August 4th	11 a.m. Christopher Booth
11th	8 a.m. Richard Mullins
18th	8 a.m. David Miller
25th	8 a.m. Mark Pitfield
September 1st	11 a.m. John Pitfield

BELL RINGERS ROTA

August 4th	11	Messrs. Woolfries, Porter, Gibbs, Collis
	6	Messrs. Woolfries.
11th	11	Messrs. Woolfries, England, Gibbs, Ricketts
	6	Messrs. Woolfries, England, Ricketts
18th	11	Messrs. Woolfries, England, Porter, Collis
	6	Messrs. Woolfries, England
25th	11	Woolfries, England, Porter, Ricketts
	6	Messrs. Woolfries, England, Ricketts.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR:

August 10th	Sat.	R.B.L. Horticultural Show. Sports Field.
14th	Wed.	2.30 Social Committee. Summerrods. Augumn Leaves trip to Dorset Villages.
September 2	Mon.	8 p.m. Sidesmen's Meeting, Vicarage
9	Mon.	7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council Vicarage
11	Wed.	Mothers Union. 7.30 Social Evening
16	Mon.	3 p.m. Managers Metg.
October 2	Wed.	7.30 p.m. Drax Hall evening
5	Sat.	7 p.m. Harvest Supper Dorset and Somerset Autumn Assembly of Congregational Churches - Congregational Church.
6	Sun.	Harvest Festival.
10	Thurs.	Childrens Reunion - Mr. Robertson
12	Sat.	W.I. Sale.
17	Thurs.	2.30 Mothers Union Corporate Communion
27	Sun.	6 p.m. Youth Club Service
Dec. 12	Thurs.	2.30 p.m. Sanctuary Guild, Vicarage.
22	Sun.	6 p.m. Carol Service

MOTHERS UNION

There will be no meeting in August, but the Winter Session will commence with a Social Gathering on Wednesday September 11th at which I hope every member will try and be present.

Offers of Refreshments to Mrs. England please, 10 South Mead.  
P. J. T.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP . . . .

There will be no meetings during August but the group will re-assemble on September 13th when the epistles to Timothy will be our course of study.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

All Services will be the same as usual during August, with the exception that there will be no Family Service on the second Sunday nor will there be any Baptisms. During the Vicar's absence on holiday, the services will be taken by the Rev. W. H. George of Winterborne Stickland.

## HISTORY OF BERE REGIS

At last I have been able to make arrangements for the publication of my book on Bere Regis, and am hoping that the brochures cum order forms will be available in time to be issued with this month's magazine. As it will be appreciated, a book devoted to a single village is not considered by any publisher to be a very profitable investment due to its inevitably limited appeal, but the Dorset Publishing Company have agreed to undertake its publication on a pre-order basis.

It will be what is called a limited edition of 400 copies and those who place an order by means of the order form provided will have their names printed in the text as a list of subscribers. This was a very common and popular method of publication of such books in Victorian times. The publishers will not of course commence printing until a sufficient number of orders have been received. I am hoping that if order forms are returned quickly enough, that the book might appear in time for Christmas this year, although this cannot be guaranteed in these days of shortages and other uncertainties.

If anyone wishes to save postage, order forms can be returned to me and I will see that they get to the publishers. The book, by the way, will be hardback covered in cloth binding with a specially designed dust cover and will cost £5.50. The brochure will give further details and show some of the 299 illustrations which the book will contain.

F. P. Pitfield, "Hillbutts",  
Bere Regis.

P.T.A. The committee thanks very much all those who helped in any way to make the Carnival Day such a success. A gross total of £300 was taken.

THE P.T.A. are collecting waste paper and cardboard in aid of funds. Anyone who has any material should contact the school or Norman Simmonds - Court Farm. Not only will this collection help in the raising of funds but will help the natural efforts of conservation of paper and wood products.

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## BERE REGIS CHURCH FETE

	<u>1974</u>
Groceries	£41.28
Produce	£20.71
Mothers' Union	£68.88*
Orangery	£25.00
Household, China, Glass	£25.20
White Elephant, Jumble	£17.77
Raffle	£53.30
Guessing Game, Knitting Comptn.	£00.35
Tombola	£13.43
Cakes	£19.82
Sideshow	£ 6.98
Teas	£ 9.49
Soft Drinks (net profit)	£ 2.18
Girl Guides	£ 3.06
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Donations	6.01
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Gross receipts	313.46
Less Expenses paid in cash	<u>2.50</u>
Net receipts in cash	310.96
Less Expenses paid by cheque	To follow.
OVERALL	*including £47.26 sale of plants raised by Mrs. Tranter.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

(Held over from July issue)

We would like to thank Mr. N. Reed for his kind gift of flower plants which were sold at our May meeting. Due to his generosity we were able to present headquarters with part of the cost for new crockery. There will be no meeting in August. War Memorial Flowers, August - Miss Lys.

## REPORT OF GARDEN PARTY

Despite the damp weather an enjoyable afternoon was had by all who attended the Garden Party held at White Lovington.

Thank you Miss Llewellyn for the use of your garden.

The event was opened by Mrs. Butler "Miss Royal British Legion".

Kevil Steele presented her with a posy of flowers.

Over £95 was raised.

Prize winners were:

Main Competition: Mr. Foot, Mrs. P. Jesty, R. Pashen, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. R. Barnes, Mrs. K. Ricketts, A. Pitman, Mrs. G. Pashen,

Mrs. I. Snook.

Competition for Cake: Mrs. House

Competition for Handbag: Miss Mileham

Table Skittles: Mrs. E. Cook

Treasure Hunt: Mrs. Kircher Smith

Peas in Jar: Mr. A. Brook

Ball and Bucket: Mrs. P. Steele

Skittles Challenge Bowl: Mrs. P. Steele

#### ON GROWING OLDER

(A Mother Superior's  
Prayer)

LORD, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details - give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains - they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them becomes sweeter as the years go by. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old woman is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had a very lively meeting in May, when Mrs. Simpson, Voluntary County Officer, came to explain and discuss the Resolutions for the A.G.M. in London. Some of the Blind Choir are to visit us in June and we very much enjoyed hearing them sing. We thank all who supported our Coffee Morning in May at The Cedars, and are pleased to say we were able to help the Royal Institute for the Deaf by £20.

It is difficult to put into words the atmosphere at our June meeting, when we were fortunate enough to have the Blind Choir with us. Their programme was varied and well done, and their cheerfulness

gave us much food for thought. Our July gathering will undoubtedly prove most enjoyable as Mrs. Jesty has kindly invited us to hold our Members' meeting in her garden (or house, if wet). Usually we do not meet in August, but it has been suggested we have a short tour of the Purbecks one evening, ending with supper at Church Knowle.

We cannot find our cups and saucers - did we by any chance hire them out or lend them?!

J.W.D.

#### AUTUMN LEAVES

We welcomed two new members to our meeting July 10th Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Day, whom we hope will enjoy our future get togethers. A 'Sarah Coventry' demonstration of Jewellery was given and it seemed to be enjoyed by all.

We have sold all our tickets for The Mike Yarwood Show on July 23rd but are still taking names for our trip to the Dorset Villages on Aug. 14th.

J.L.

#### RED CROSS FLAG DAY . . .

The results of the House to House collection was £23.42½. I am very grateful to all, who gave so generously and to the Collectors.

E. Lys.

#### THE DORSET ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED

The amount collected in Bere Regis for the above was £24. This shows a slight increase on last year.

Mrs. Lys is grateful to the collectors and to all those who contributed.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS: BURIAL: June 28th. Harold Whiteside 81yrs.  
HOLY BAPTISM: July 14th.

Martin James Lemon  
Duncan Thomas Legg.

#### BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting was held on June 19th.

With regard to the up-dating of the street lighting, it was reported that data was being collected for discussion at a meeting of the Lighting Committee to be held shortly, at which a representative of the SEB would be present. It was hoped that this would result in a recommendation to the Council, which, if adopted would lead to an order to the Board for the necessary improvements to be carried out, but whether, as is

hoped, this could be done before next winter seems very doubtful.

It was decided to write again to the District Council about the nuisance still being caused at Sitterton by effluent from the piggeries and also to the River Authority regarding what appeared to be pollution from the same source.

No reply had been received at the time of the meeting regarding the Culeaze/Land End water supply, but a letter was received by the Clerk shortly afterwards stating that nothing could be done until 1977 at the earliest. However, a member agreed to look into the legal position, since he understood that, in certain circumstances which he believed pertained, it might be possible to force the Authority to make this supply.

The two representatives of the Council on the Management Committee of the Drax Hall reported on the results of the recent meeting of the latter at which it was decided to increase considerably the hiring charges. It was pointed out, however, that even these would not result in covering the expected annual outgoings with lettings at their present level, and these might drop because of the increases. The need, therefore, for making strenuous efforts to raise money by all possible alternative means was stressed.

As will have been seen by many, the undergrowth on the plot between 78 and 81, West Street, has been fully cut and the material is awaiting collection, which is not proving easy to organise.

The Cemetery Committee reported that everything was satisfactory except for the growth on some paths; the Chairman said that he would ensure that these are dealt with if they were not cleared shortly.

With regard to the Trees Committee, the Clerk reported that, of the £27 donated by various organisations and individuals, practically all had been expended on the planting programme. The Terms of Reference were expanded to allow for consideration to be given to the matter of Tree Preservation Orders, and a meeting of the Committee will be held soon to review the present situation and to arrange plans for the future.

The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with the Clerk of the Lower Winterborne Parish Council regarding action the latter had taken relating to the White Post junction on A31 (Wimborne Road) although the latter is, in fact, in Bere Regis Parish. It was agreed that they should keep us informed on further actions and, in accordance with this, a copy was received of a letter sent by their Council to the Chief Constable advocating the replacement of the hedge on the inside of the main road curve beyond the junction with posts and rails to improve visibility and a 'STOP' sign on the minor road. The Council agreed whole-heartedly with these recommendations.

A copy of Standing Orders, prepared by the Clerk in accordance with the previous decision of the Council, was signed by the Chairman.

(Report to be continued in Sept. issue)