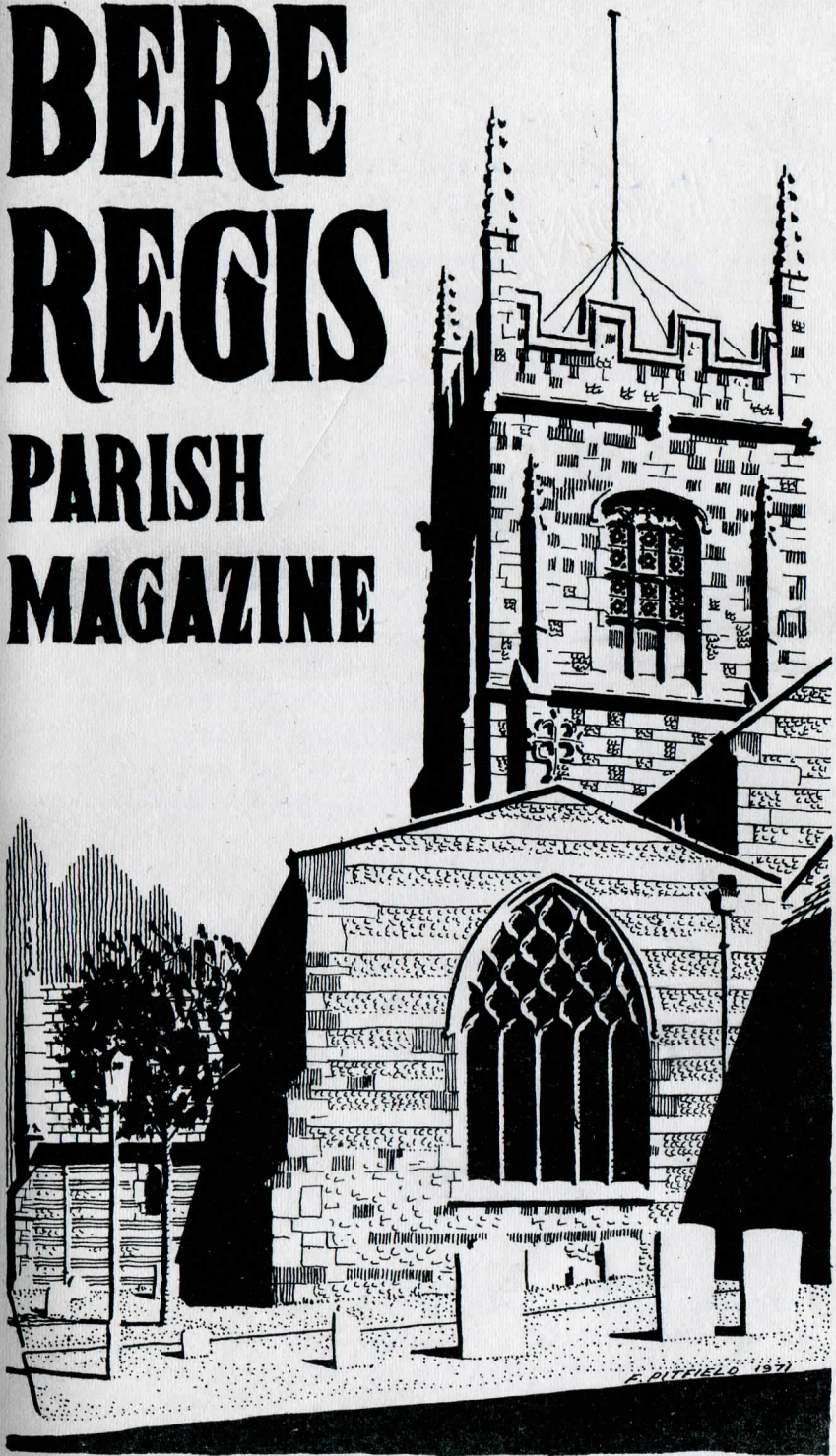


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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

I wish someone could tell us in Bere Regis what goes on in the minds of some of our County authorities. We are all given to understand that the country is in desperate economic position - that money is short, the school programmes have to be cut down, the By-pass must be shelved and so on. And then at the top of Rogers Hill an enormous programme of road alteration is embarked upon, costing many thousands of pounds, and at the end nothing to show for it except more disfiguration of the countryside. The road has been widened to some extent, but on the wrong side, there is no improvement to visibility, and the general curve remains exactly as it was before. As far as those of us who use the road are concerned, it was perfectly all right as it was before, and if the curve had to be altered or straightened it should have been done on the North side and not the South. And what the vast excavations are all about on the South side no one can imagine.

When there are so many patches on this road that really do need alteration why pick on this particular part? And now we are in the turmoil of new colour lights, when the present ones have been functioning perfectly. And still nothing is being done about the chaos in North Street...where people's property is continually being damaged and there is real danger to life and limb. I myself have had a long correspondence with the M.P. - The Ministry of the Environment and County Hall concerning repositioning and re-cyclining the lights so that traffic could only be allowed through the narrow part one way at a time, and the only answer I have had that 'it cannot be done as it might delay the holiday traffic.'! Good heavens!

At the end of this month we shall be holding the Annual "Friends of Bere Regis Church" Service, and in due course invitations to this service will be going out. Our "Friends" have been wonderfully consistent in the way they have continued to support our church, but in the nature of things every year we lose members by death and removal, and it is essential that these are replaced by new ones. I feel sure that there must be a number of people who would like to become "Friends" especially perhaps among newcomers to the village. If any of our readers would like to have an invitation to the Service and meal on Ascension Day, May 23rd, please let me, or any Church Official know and it will be passed on to the right quarters. New "Friends" are always urgently needed and are warmly welcomed.

Please remember our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers. All being well I shall be presenting eight candidates from this parish, including two adults to the Bishop of Sherborne at Broadstone on Wednesday May 29th at 7 p.m.

You will find in a later page the full list of those who gave Remembrance

Lilies at Easter. I am most grateful to the donors and am glad we have again been able to obtain Arum lilies, though not from Holland this year, owing to the tremendous import tax which has made the cost of them from there prohibitive.

I trust many of you will support the Deanery Service at Wareham on May 5th at 6.30 p.m. A coach will be 'laid on' for the occasion leaving at 5.45 p.m.

I am glad to say the Churchyard lights are now in full working order including the new lantern at the North entrance to the Church. As the S.E.B. did not do the work until the winter was over, we shall not reap any advantage till next winter, but I am glad the work is done at last and would like to say how grateful I am to Mr. T. Woolfries who dug the trench for the new cable and so saved the Church many pounds.

Your Sincere friend and Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

May 5th. Mrs. R. Barnes & Mrs. M. House.
 " 12th. Miss Llewellyn & Mrs. Roffey.
 " 19th. Mrs. Jesty & Mrs. G. H. Griffin.
 " 26th. Mrs. Howard & Mrs. Tadman.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR MAY.

May 5th. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major J. Hudson.
 6 p.m. Deanery Service at Wareham.
 " 12th. 11 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Col. A. Barne.
 6 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore & M. A. Bloomfield.
 " 19th. 11 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & R. Smith.
 6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & H. Dashwood.
 " 26th. 11 a.m. Major M. Knowler & Mr. W. F. Lys.
 6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & H. Dashwood.
 June 2nd. 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & F. Marsh.
 6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & R. Barnes.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

May 5th. SUN: 6.30 Deanery Service - Wareham.
 " 7th. Tues. 7.30 I.T.A. Film at the School.
 " 8th. Wed. 7.30 Mothers' Union - Vicarage.
 A.G.M. Drax Hall Committee 7.30 Drax Hall.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR. (Cont'd....)

May 13th. Mon. 3 p.m. School Managers.
 " 15th. Wed. Conservative Coffee Morning - Culeaze 10.30 - 12.
 " 18th. Sat. Methodist Coffee Evening - Culeaze 6.30 p.m.
 " 23rd. Thur. ASCENSION DAY - 7 p.m. Friends Service.
 " 25th. Sat. W.I. Coffee Morning at "The Cedars".
 " 29th. Wed. 7 p.m. Confirmation at Broadstone.
 June 1st. Sat. R.B.L. Women's Section Garden Party - White Lovington.
 " 11th. Tues. Young Wives Summer Market.
 " 12th. Wed. 2.30 Sanctuary Guild.
 " 13th. Thur. 7.30 p.m. "Maths Evening" at School.
 " 29th. Sat. Bere Regis Garden Party.
 " 30th. SUN: 6 p.m. Hymn Singing.
 July 6th. Sat. Carnival Day.
 " 10th. Wed. The Bishop of Salisbury will visit Bere Regis in the evening.
 Aug. 10th. Sat. Horticultural Show R.B.L. Headquarters.
 Oct. 6th. SUN: Harvest Festival.
 " 12th. Sat. W.I. Sale.
 " 27th. SUN: Youth Club Service.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next monthly meeting of the M.U. will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday May 8th. The speaker on this occasion will be a member of the staff of the Borstal Institution at Portland and he will be telling us something of the work the Borstal's do, and how they try and cope with the younger end of our community who get into trouble.

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP.

There will be only one meeting of the above Group in May, and this will be held on Friday May 24th when we shall be continuing our study of St. Mark's Gospel.

JUMBLE SALE

Wednesday May 1st at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Tranter is arranging a Jumble Sale on the above date, the proceeds of which will be put towards a fund to buy new Crib Figures to replace the ones which were stolen from the Church the Christmas before last.

Will you please look out any items of clothing etc. which you may have, which can be sold at this sale.

We are hoping the Drax Hall will be available for this event and your goods can be brought there on the morning of the Sale or previously

to the Vicarage. If you need your goods collecting, please have a word with Mrs. Tranter or the Vicar.

DEANERY SERVICE AT WAREHAM

6.30 p.m. Sunday May 5th

There will be no Evensong at Bere Regis on this Sunday.

In its place, a coach will leave the corner entrance to the Church at 5.45 to take us to Evensong at Lady St. Mary at 6.30 p.m. The Bishop of Salisbury will be the preacher and this will be a grand opportunity for many of you to hear him for the first time.

The Vicar hopes that all our Evening Congregation and many others will come with us on this occasion.

+++++ REMEMBRANCE LILIES FOR EASTER 1974.

R. Phillips	B. Phillips
Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Bloomfield	Our Parents
Ruby Legg	Mum & Dad. Lulu & Perce.
F. Pitfield	Percival John Pitfield (Father)
John & Madge Shrimpton	(Son) Charles
G. H. Griffin	Husband & Charles (Grandson)
Louie Pitfield	Perce
Glyn, Daveen & Mark Bastian	Daddy, Grandad & Granma Vacher & Uncle Les.
Mrs. R. Barnes	Mother & Father. Kate & John Pitfield.
Mr. R. Barnes	Mother & Father. William & Ethel Barnes
Mrs. Ern Hewitt	Husband Ern
Mr. & Mrs. Lambert & Trev.	Dad. Mr. E. Hewitt.
Mr. & Mrs. R. White & boys	Dad. Mr. E. Hewitt.
Edna Hewitt	Dad. Mr. E. Hewitt.
Mr. & Mrs. Lambert & Trev.	Dad. Mr. G. Lambert.
Mrs. C. Tadman	Joyce Tadman
Mr. & Mrs. R. Pashen	
Graham & Barry	Son & Brother Robin
The Vicar & Mrs. Tranter	Adrian Paul Tranter
R. N. & G. B. Smith	Parents
Mrs. Rawbone	Percy, Eddy, & Arthur Pinnow. Son-in-law. U.S.A.
Sheila & Harry	Mum & Dad
P. Sharman	Josephine & William Farthing
Pauline Howard	Husband & Father
J. H. Benoy	Wife
E. K. Burgess	Francis Burgess
N. Day	Edward Charles Day (Husband)
Mrs. R. Ricketts	Annie & James Scadden (Parents)

Mrs. K. Stickley	Cecil R.V. Stickley (Husband)
Mark & John Pitfield	Grandfathers - B.J. Wright & P. J. Pitfield.

Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Hewitt & Angela.	Dad. George Hewitt.
	Mother. Mildred Hewitt.
E. & A. Lys	George & Nora Lys.
C. Barne	Her Sister
A. M. Barne	His Mother
M. Llewellyn	Brothers
Mr. & Mrs. V. Seymour	Claire & Jason. Brother & Sister.
Mrs. F. Collison	Mother & Father
Mr. G. Collison	Mother & Father
Mr. S. Allen	Wife
Mrs. M. Eastment	Mother
Mrs. B. Percy	Mother
Mrs. M. Caikes	Mother
Daniel & Diane Eastment	Grandmother
Peter, John & Michael	Grandmother
M. Carlyle	Father & Sister
Mrs. F. Hewitt	Frederick Hewitt (Husband)
Mrs. W. E. Mintern	William James Hewitt (Father)
P. R. Mintern	Lillie & Reginald Mintern (Parents)
Mrs. V. N. Hames	William James Hewitt (Father)
Mr. E. B. Hames	Arthur & Clara Hames (Parents)
Lorna Mahoney	H. & D. Drake
Mrs. W. Legg	Walter Ernest Marsh (Father)
Mrs. G. Davies	Husband. William Davis
	Son. John Davis
Mrs. F. Parsons) Mr. & Mrs. A. Toop. Mother & Father
Mr. S. G. Toop)
Mr. H. J. Toop)
Mr. R. W. Toop)
Mr. E. J. Toop)
Mrs. E. J. Toop) Mr. & Mrs. J. Barnes. Mother & Father
Mrs. E. Smithys)
Mrs. D. Toms.	Husband. Charles Toms.
	Son. William Toms.
Miss P. Lewis & family	Ethel & Jack Lewis, Mother & Father.
G. & E. Norman & family.	Parents & Grandparents.
	Brother & Sister, Uncles & Aunt
	Nephew & Cousin Norman Mitchell
Mr. & Mrs. J. Steele	Mother & Father
Major & Mrs. G. W. Booth	Uncle Austin
Mr. M. Miller	Parents
Mrs. M. Miller	Father
Mrs. M. Barnes	Edwin & Florence Ricketts (Parents)
Mrs. G. Barnes	Maurice & Jack Ricketts (Brothers).

Monty Barnes	Richard & Jane Barnes (Parents)
Mrs. M. Mooney	Her Husband. Thomas A. Mooney
Mrs. P. Mileham)	Father.
Mrs. M. Lewis)	

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHURCH

A Coffee Evening will be held at Culeaze House on Saturday May 18th by kind invitation of Col. & Mrs. A. Barne. Commencing at 6.30 p.m. Proceeds are for Chapel Trust Funds.

SERVERS GUILD ROTA

April 28th.	8 a.m.	Christopher Booth & John Pitfield.
May 5th.	8 a.m.	Mark Pitfield & Richard Mullins.
" 11th.	11 a.m.	David Miller & Christopher Booth.
" 12th.	8 a.m.	John Pitfield & Mark Pitfield.
" 19th.	ROGATION SUNDAY	
" 8 a.m.	Richard Mullins & David Miller.	
" 26th.	8 a.m.	Christopher Booth & John Pitfield
June 2nd.	WHIT SUNDAY	
8 a.m.	Mark Pitfield & Richard Mullins	
11 a.m.	David Miller & Christopher Booth	

If you are unable to attend please contact Mark Pitfield at Hillbutts, Butt Lane, Bere Regis 391.

M. P.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall at 7.30. On May 14th there will be a talk about Soft Toys by Mrs. Maunder and on the 28th a Members Hobbies & Recipes Evening.

The recent house to house collection made by the members of the Group in aid of Dr. Barnardo's raised £18. 38p.

M. E.

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2nd APRIL 1974.

As will be the case at each of the ordinary meetings of the Council in future, the meeting was preceded by 'the Democratic Half-hour', as it is called, during which some members were present to answer questions put by members of the public and several availed themselves of the opportunity. It is understood that they found this to be well worth while and it is felt that this will become a valuable feature, as more come to know about it and make use of this source of information regarding many things that affect their daily lives, or indeed bring to the notice of the Council what they believe to be a need in the Parish.

Before the normal business of the meeting started, a most informative talk was given on rural police matters in the county of Dorset by Inspector Ricketts, in charge of this sub-Division. Inspector Ricketts

who also answered many questions from Councillors, will be known to many as he was stationed in the village some 15 years ago and it was very pleasant for those who knew him then to renew their acquaintance.

With regard to the Drax Hall renovations, the main part of the work is almost completed, but not, unfortunately, the electrical installations. This is because the sum allowed for these within the total had proved much too low, principally because the requirements of the Chief Fire Officer proved to be much more stringent than originally anticipated, so that a further sum of £320 was required. Realising that, in order for the Hall to be passed for use, this payment was unavoidable, the Council agreed to it, but it was resolved that, if for any reason a further sum should be required, a Parish Meeting should be called to discuss the whole matter.

Because of the faulty street lighting for the past four months, it was resolved to withhold payment of the last quarterly payment of the contract for the financial year until the Council were agreed that all possible satisfaction had been obtained. The whole matter of updating street lighting in the village was referred to the Committee to be formed for that purpose, as well as others, at the next meeting of the Council.

It was decided to approach at once the new Purbeck District Council regarding the water supply to the Culeaze/Lane End area, in view of the urgency of the matter.

Unfortunately, as reported by the owner, the machine intended to be used for the clearance of the bramble-covered vacant site on West Street has proved unsuited to the purpose, and therefore the difficult and time-consuming method of hand-clearance has had to be undertaken, as and when possible.

On the matter of road safety outside the school, it was reported that, on the advice of the police, a letter was being sent to the County Council, asking that special road markings should be applied where the School bus waits to ensure that cars do not encroach thereon; parents are being notified of their purpose by letter.

An extremely surprising outcome has been reported from the District Council regarding the proposed development of the land on the South side of West Street by Morden Estates, Ltd., for which Outline Planning Permission had already been granted and detailed plans of which had been awaited by that Council. The whole of the land, including the Manor House itself, amounting to just under 10 acres has been offered for sale to the Council which has agreed to purchase. One can only sincerely hope that, after four years delay, matters can now be speeded up so that, not only Sheltered Housing for the Elderly will be provided rapidly, but also some bungalows for the more able-bodied elderly, thereby, particularly, releasing some three and four bedroomed Council Houses for others waiting for them, this applying also to those proposed to be built at the rear of Southbrook.

Finally, in the vitally important matter of planning application, there are two results over which the Council has good reason to feel that it can congratulate itself. The first relates to the Silo Tower at Lane

End Farm, the site-meeting concerning which was reported last month, and about which this Council had asked that certain provisos should be made if permission was granted, such as improved location for visual amenity purposes, painting to harmonise with the background, tree planting for screening, no new road access etc., and virtually all have been included; this can be considered as most satisfactory.

The second application was that for a Caravan Park at Chalk Pit Farm. It will be recalled, from last month's report, that this matter was to be discussed at a site-meeting to be arranged. Meanwhile, a number of Councillors were very active making sure that as many as possible were informed of the disastrous effect, both as to amenities and dangers, such development would have in the village and surroundings. To the great surprise of everyone an unexpectedly early meeting of the Purbeck District Council was held and, to the intense relief and great pleasure of the Parish Council, it was reported that, in spite of the Planning Department not being opposed to it, the District Council had completely rejected the proposal.

It was felt that the reasoned argument which this Council had put forward, particularly that this was a viable agricultural unit which would be lost (and this was backed by the N.F.U.), was a big factor in this result. This is a great encouragement to be active in this way and a confirmation of the view that good results can be expected from sincere, properly-informed and well-documented opposition, combined with personal contacts, where the Council is clearly opposed to any proposal affecting the Parish.

BERE REGIS SCHOOL: The school have organised two evenings at which parents can hear about and understand, a little more of the Initial Teaching Alphabet scheme of reading, and the modern mathematics teaching - including, of course, our new metric systems.

Both of these evenings will I am sure be very worthwhile, and will enable parents to better understand the efforts of their children.

I.T.A. 7th May - Mathematics 13th June.

John England.

P.T.A. Chairman.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP: The next meeting of the Floral Group will be held in the Drax Hall on May 14 when Mrs. G. Habbin will be paying a return visit. Her demonstration is entitled "MAYTIME MISCELLANY" & it is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend and bring a friend if possible. Will anyone who has booked a seat for the outing to Stourhead on May 16 please pay for it at this meeting.

A.L.
