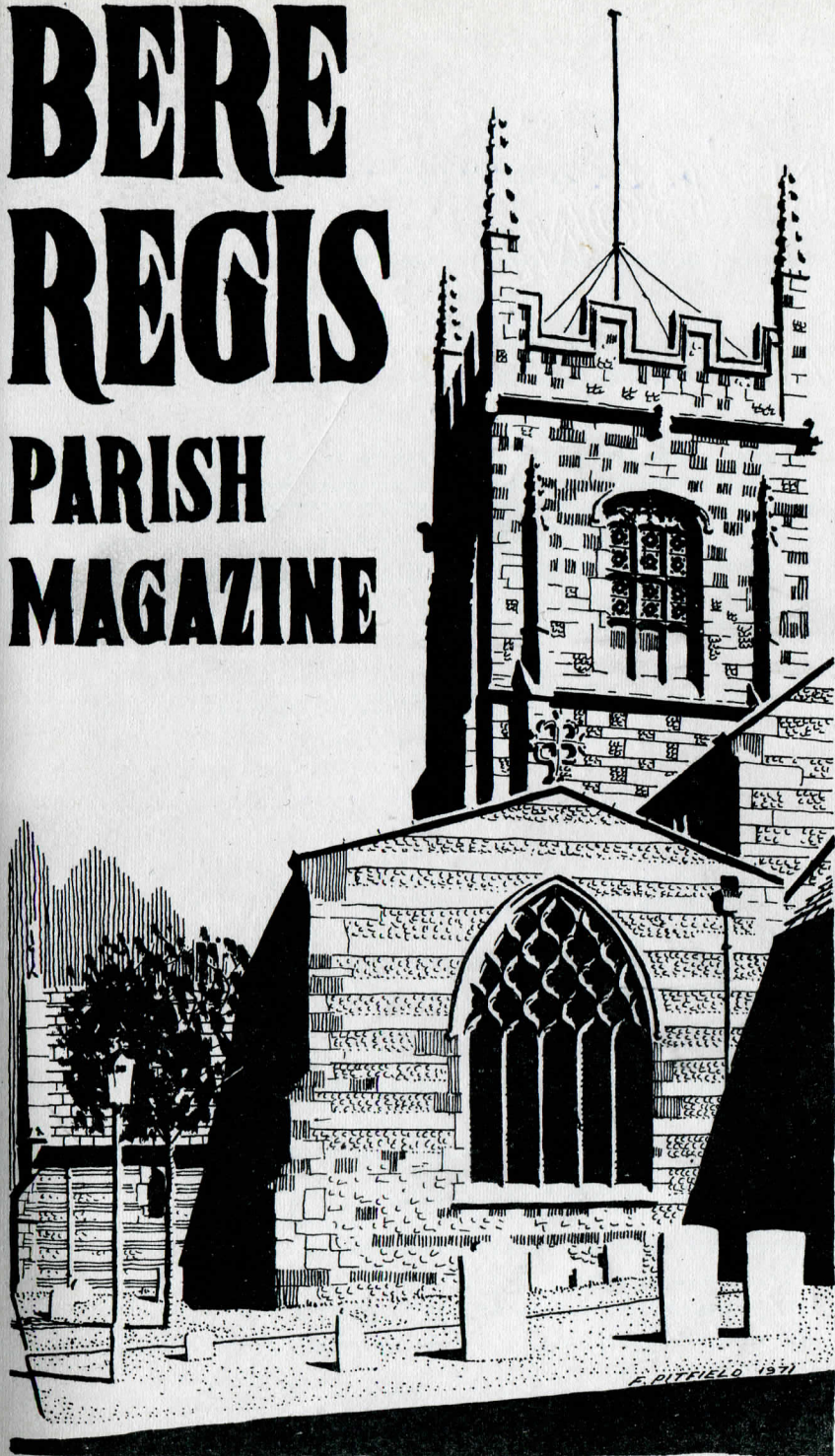


BERE REGIS PARISH MAGAZINE



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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

I just do not know how to say 'thank you' to all those many many people who were involved in one way or another in our so tremendously successful Festival.

From the Dorset County Orchestra Concert which began it for us to the inspiring and unforgettable final Service of thanksgiving it was in every way an unqualified success. I suppose that in one way or another half the village must have been involved in the venture and this perhaps in some ways was the most wonderful thing of all, that so many gave of their time and talents so willingly even in the most humble tasks for the furtherance of the whole.

I do not think it possible to start mentioning names, however, much they did. For one thing there were far too many and secondly in the nature of things some would be bound to be left out. Consequently I shall only say that we are tremendously grateful for all the care and trouble and work given by so many people, without which not only would the Festival not have been possible but could have never achieved the resounding success that it was.

None of us will ever forget it, but to me personally perhaps the highlight of the many wonderful happenings was the Sunday evening service with the Church packed tight with nearly 400 people and the torch-light procession afterwards, with those who were not in Church lining the Village street to watch the vast procession proceeding on its way. During the Circumabulation at one time the Church was completely surrounded by people, the head of the procession on its way through the Church was well over-lapping the tail which was still on its way to making the circuit of the building.

I am afraid this is a very inadequate account but I am no journalist who perhaps ought to have written this with some such heading as "Bean feast in Bere Regis!"

I am also glad to say that though we were prepared to make a loss, owing to the wonderful support we had and to many most generous donations we have more than broken even and made quite a respectable profit. The final accounts are not yet quite ready but will be published in full in the December issue.

I am glad to be able to tell you that the Lessons at the Carol Service on December 21st. this year will be read by representatives of the Young Wives Group and we shall greatly look forward to having them

with us at this most popular service.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

November 2nd. Mrs. Barne.
November 9th. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Mrs. Barne.
November 16th. Mrs. Barne.
November 23rd. Mrs. Barne.
November 30th. ADVENT SUNDAY.

A meeting of the Sanctuary Guild will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday 3rd December at 2.30 p.m. It is a great help if members can attend, or if this is not possible to let me know in advance if there is any particular date on which they wish to arrange the flowers.

New Members are always needed.

C.T.T.

GUILD OF SERVERS

Nov. 2.	Christopher Booth	Nov.23	John Pitfield
" 9.	David Miller.	" 30.	Mark Pitfield
" 16.	Richard Mullins.		

BELLRINGERS - NOVEMBER 1975.

November 2nd. Woolfries, Porter, Ricketts, Miss Pitfield.
" 9th. Woolfries, England, Holman, Porter, Miss Pitfield.
" 16th. Woolfries, England, Holman, Porter, Ricketts, Miss Pitfield.
" 23rd. Woolfries, England, Holman, Porter, Miss Pitfield.
" 30th. Woolfries, England, Holman, Porter, Ricketts, Miss Pitfield.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA.

Nov. 2. 11 a.m. Major M. Knowler & Mr. K. Woolfries.
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. A. Bloomfield.
" 9. 10.50 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys, Col. A. Barne.
6 p.m. Messrs. F. Parsons & D. Poore.
" 16. 11 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries.
6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & M. A. Bloomfield.
" 23. 11 a.m. Major J. Hudson & Mr. W. F. Lys.
6.30 p.m. Deanery Service at Wareham.

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Sidesmen's Rota. (Cont'd....)

Nov.30 11 a.m. Mr. A. Bates & Col. A. Barne.
6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & M. Barnes.
Dec. 7. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & D. Poore.

The next quarterly meeting of the Sidesmen will be held at The Vicarage on Monday, Dec. 8th. at 8 p.m. Please note the date.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Nov. 3. Mon. 7.30 Parochial Church Council - Vicarage.
" 9. SUN. Remembrance Sunday - See notice.
" 12. Wed. 7.30 Mothers' Union.
Autumn Leaves - Talk by Mrs. Penny, 2.30 Youth Club.
" 23. SUN. 6.30 Deanery Service at Wareham. No Evensong at Bere Regis.
" 25. Tues. Floral Group Christmas Fair - Drax Hall - 7 p.m.
" 28. Fri. Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar and Concert by Phoenix Choir - 15p. ticket to Concert.
DEC. 3. Wed. 2.30 Sanctuary Guild - Vicarage.
2.30 - Autumn Leaves Xmas Concert by Junior Leaders Band, Bovington Memorial Hall.
" 4. Thur. 7.30 Conservative Evening Party - Drax Hall.
" 6. Sat. 2.30 Christmas Stocking - Drax Hall.
" 8. Mon. 8 p.m. Sidesmen's Meeting - Vicarage.
" 10. Wed. 7.30 Mothers' Union - Vicarage.
" 17. Wed. Coffee Evening "Larkspur" to draw Autumn Leaves Xmas Draw 7.30.
" 21. SUN. 6 p.m. Carol Service.
" 24. Wed. 11.45 Mid-night Communion.
" 25. Thur. Christmas Day.
JAN. 1976.
" 8. Thur. New Year Party - Autumn Leaves - 2.30 Drax Hall.
" 11. SUN. Plough Sunday Service 3 p.m.
Feb. 12. Thur. Autumn Leaves - Whist Drive, 2.30 Youth Club.
Mar. 12. Fri. Talk on Africa - 2.30 Youth Club - Autumn Leaves.
June 26. Sat. 3 p.m. Bere Regis Garden Party.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage. The speaker will be Mr. R.J.P. Knight, who is the area director of the Social Services. He will be speaking on 'Loneliness'.

Phyllis Tranter.

THANKS.

We are most grateful for several most generous gifts this month.

1. SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNER.

This most beautiful banner has been designed and made by Miss Combes for the Sunday School. It was carried in procession for the first time at the torchlight procession after the Festival Thanksgiving Service. Thanks in connection with the banner are also due to Mr. Hogg, the upholsterer, for generously donating the cord used on the Banner, to Major Booth for efficiently coping with the welding necessary on the aluminium and to Mr. Marsh for making the beautifully grained oak 'Finials' for making the stand.

The banner symbolises the Teacher (classical in design therefore timeless) gently leading a child up the steps of knowledge and enlightenment. She holds the Scriptures in her hand and the Light is falling upon it. We warmly thank and congratulate Miss Coombes on her beautiful design and the lovely needlework involved.

2. BRIDAL HASSOCKS.

These two beautiful hassocks for use at Weddings have been designed and made and presented to the Church by Mrs. D. Tadman.

The design of the tapestry matches in perfectly with the tapestry kneeler at the Communion Rails and they are a charming addition to our Church furnishings. Many hours of patient work must have been involved and we are very grateful.

3. NEW MATTING.

The new matting which runs from the South porch to the steps heading to the North aisle has been very kindly given by Brig. and Mrs. Tadman - to replace the old matting which was full of holes and highly dangerous. It was a fortunate thing that the matting was in place before the Festival.

SCRIPTURE UNION BERE REGIS BRANCH.

A splendid number of children were present to meet Mr. Harold Robertson at the Re-union held in the Drax Hall on Thursday, Oct. 9th. together with a representative number of parents.

It was a memorable evening with the singing, questions, film strips and of course splendid talks from Mr. Robertson.

Surely the hearts of many of our children must have been touched with the spirit of Our Lord.

Warm thanks to Dr. & Mrs. Boyd, Mr. Legg & their helpers who made all the arrangements.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 9th.

The Service of keeping the Two Minutes Silence will commence at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m. (weather permitting) and afterwards in the Church.

I very much hope we shall be able to welcome our non-conformist brethren at this Service, when we can remember together men and women from the Village who gave their lives during two world wars.

The names of those on the Roll of Honour will be read at this Service and they will also be read at Evensong at 6 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In place of the Family Service this month, on November 9th. - Remembrance Sunday - the Sunday School will meet at the Church 15 minutes earlier than usual at 10.15 a.m. for their lesson and they will then join the congregation at the War Memorial to take part in the Silence, returning home when the congregation proceed into the Church for the remainder of the service.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

On 11th November there will be a talk by Mr. Prince a Tree Surgeon and on 25th November an illustrated talk by Mrs. Hird from an Animal Sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

The above Group will meet on Friday November 14th and Friday, November 25th at 2.30 p.m. at the house of Dr. & Mrs. Boyd, 19 South Mead.

The study this session is on the Book of Joshua. Any interested will be warmly welcomed.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60 CLUB.

Our last tour of the year was had in glorious Autumn sunshine and 80 members enjoyed a trip around Christchurch and later tea at Poole Park. A Raffle was held.

Our Xmas Bazaar and Concert by Phoenix Choir is on Friday, 28th November. Bazaar to commence at 6 p.m. and Concert at 8 p.m. Tickets 15p. to concert. Free Entry to Bazaar - Coffee - Stalls - Raffle - etc.

The Memorial vase will be kept in the Church - if any member wishes to use it for their flowers please contact Mrs. Jeeves, Tel: 204.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 12th November - talk by Mrs. Penny, 2.30 Youth Club - Competition - 3 Carrots.

K. J.

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS.

Read in Church on October 19th.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York hope that you will regard this letter as a personal one from themselves to you. They are asking that it be read in all Churches today because they believe that there is a great body of seriously-minded men and women who are deeply concerned, not only about the economy of our nation, but about its spiritual condition.

During the last few days you will probably have shared through the media something of what we have been trying to say at this critical time. We have posed such questions as these - "What sort of society are we looking for?" and "What kind of people are needed for the creation of this society?"

We Christians believe that God reigns and that he cares about the nations.

We believe that he has demonstrated his concern in the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We believe that his Spirit is operative today doing his recreative work in individuals and groups.

If however a responsible society is to come into being everyone must realise that he counts and that his contribution matters.

The time has therefore come when we feel it is our duty to call all Christian people

- (i) to pray steadily, persistently and intelligently for our nation.
- (ii) to think seriously about our society in the light of what we believe, asking such questions as "What sort of society do we want?" and "What sort of people do we need to be in order to achieve it?"
- (iii) to co-operate with Christians of every allegiance, and with any others who are willing to be associated with us, so as to influence society in a positive and helpful way.
- (iv) to live out the faith we profess, that God reigns and that God cares.

We therefore invite you as members of your local congregation to take seriously God's call to God's people in God's world, and to go on and work out in further detail in the next few months, what this will mean for yourself, your home, your parish and the community where you live and work.

DONALD CANTUAR:

STUART EBOR:

PLAY GROUP.

The Bere Regis Playgroup committee would like to thank all those who supported their coffee morning on the 8th Oct. when £28.70 was collected including donations.

The play group run by a committee employing a trained supervisor and using voluntary help from Mothers will open in January 1976 in

Sitterton. Although registered as a charity there are no funds available other than a very small annual grant of £20.00. and so all money raised is of vital importance in the equipping of our playgroup and in helping to ensure that fees are kept to the minimum. All money from fees and fund raising activities are used in the running of the Play Group as we are a non-profit making organisation.

We are looking for toys and books in good condition also cupboards or bookshelves for storage and we would welcome any suitable contributions. If you can help us please contact - Mrs. Gooch, Sitterton Farm House. Mrs. Geerfield, 87 West Street. or Mrs. Griffin, The Cedars, West St.

Thank you.

B. Griffin - Bere Regis Play Group Committee.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

At our next meeting on November 11th. we shall be having a demonstration on Christmas Decorations by Mrs. Joan Rose, who is Chairman of the Wessex Area.

There will also be a Plant Stall if any members have any they can bring.

On November 25th. we are having our Christmas Fair which this year will be in the evening at 7 p.m. There will be the usual Christmas decorations on sale, a Raffle and other Stalls.

A.L.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

After the summer break it was good to start our Autumn programme in September, and having concluded the business of the Meeting we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Cox from Portisham, who was to tell us of Bed and Breakfast round the World. Her highly entertaining account of her honeymoon journey hiking from England to Australia, and the adventures they had in obtaining B. & B. in the various countries they passed through, kept us absolutely absorbed. It did us good to meet personally someone who really had done something so out of the ordinary.

We shall surely find Mrs. Jesty's talk at our October Meeting both helpful and interesting, when she tells us of the Health Service and what it means to us as individuals.

Our November gathering is our A.G.M., and we shall be having the report from our Delegate to the Autumn Council.

J.W.D.

DRAX HALL "XMAS STOCKING".

This is being held in the Drax Hall on Saturday, December 6th. at 2.30 p.m.

There will be attractions for everyone including FATHER XMAS with presents for the children, a Xmas Presents Stall, TOMBOLA &

RAFFLE. Do keep this date free and come along and join us.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION ...The house-to-house collection carried out in Bere Regis in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution raised £26.16. Very many thanks to all collectors and to those who gave so generously. P.H.

SHITTERTON FETE: The children and parents of Shitterton would like to thank those people who gave so generously at their fete this August. The Fete raised £17.60. of this £4 went towards starting off the new Play School as a charity run organisation. The other £13.60 was given to Henchard House, home for children in Dorchester, and was gratefully received.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENT.

Extract from a recent report in the Bournemouth Echo:-

"The whole village of Bere Regis will benefit from the building of a new estate of 120 houses to be erected by Purbeck District Council" "Incorporated in the lay-out is a public car park for 34 cars and a site for toilets.".....

Good news indeed but our regret is that owing to Ministry of Environment requirements concerning the number of houses to be built no provision has been made for a Village Hall and Community Centre. The Parish Council is therefore investigating ways and means of acquiring a suitable site, and will report developments.

CAR PARKING FOR THE DISABLED: The Parish Council has been informed that Car Stickers and Badges are now available to disabled drivers in order to obtain free car parking facilities. Application should be made to the County Council Welfare Department.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY MATRIMONY: Sept. 20th. Michael Robert Smith and Rosemary Ann Brown.

Oct. 12th. Michelle Elizabeth Hyde.

SMALL ADS.

(15p. every three lines)

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EVENINGS and WEEK-ENDS.

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