

BERE REGIS PARISH MAGAZINE



PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

BERE REGIS
DORSET

Vicar: The Rev. Denis Shaw, R.D.

Churchwardens:

Mr. R. Smith, Heath View.
Mr. F. Marsh, Southbrook.

Mr. J. House, Lower Stockley Farm - Deputy Warden.

Sidesmen:

Lt.Col. A. Barne, M. Barnes, F. Parsons, J. House, W. F. Lys,
Cdr. C. Maunder, R.N., I. Mullins, D. Poore,
Brig. D. Tadman, H. Dashwood, K. Woolfries,
G. Ward, M. A. Bloomfield,
C. Webster, Major M. Knowler, A. Bates.

Secretary of the P.C.C.: Mrs. G. Howard, Sitterton House.

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Parish Clerk and Verger:

Organist: Mr. Stanley Athill, L.T.C.L., M.R.S.T.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion	...	8 a.m. except 1st Sunday 2nd Sunday after Matins.
Saints Days	...	9.30 a.m.
Family Communion	...	11 a.m. 1st Sunday
Matins	...	11 a.m. except 1st Sunday.
Evensong	...	6 p.m.
Family Service	...	3 p.m. 2nd Sunday.
Sunday School	...	10.30 a.m. except 2nd Sunday.
Holy Baptism	...	3.45 p.m. 2nd Sunday

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

MOTHERS UNION:	7.30 p.m. Vicarage, 1st Wednesday.
FLORAL GROUP:	2.30 Drax Hall, 2nd Tuesday.
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:	7.00 p.m. Drax Hall, 3rd Tuesday.
YOUNG WIVES:	7.30 p.m. Congregational Schoolroom 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
BELLRINGERS:	Practice 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays.
CHOIR PRACTICE:	6.30 p.m. Friday.
BRITISH LEGION CLUB:	7.00 p.m. Thursday, Fri. Sat. Sun. R.B.L. Hdqtrs.
R.B.L. WOMEN'S SECTION:	2.30 p.m. Third Wednesday at H.Q.
BINGO:	7.45 p.m. Drax Hall, every Monday.
GUIDES:	6.30 p.m. School - Thursday.
BROWNIES:	6.15 p.m. School - Wednesday.
WOODWORK CLASS:	7.00 p.m. Thurs. White Lovington.
YOUTH CLUB:	7.30 Mon. & Fri. Club Hut.
AUTUMN LEAVES:	2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday.

Price: 8p monthly.

My dear Friends,

'SO BY HIS CROSS AND PASSION WE MAY BE BROUGHT UNTO THE
GLORY OF HIS RESURRECTION.'

Collect for the Annunciation.

There is no week in our Christian Year more highly charged with drama than Holy Week. To follow the events in the drama through from start to finish can be a well nigh unbearable emotional experience. Yet, I suggest, that unless we have prepared to go with Christ every step of the way we shall miss the full joy of Easter, when it comes.

Palm Sunday commemorates our Lord's brief earthly triumph, certainly, but even then the menace is present. All through the week this sense of foreboding increases until Maundy Thursday (so called because Jesus gave His disciples His New Commandment His 'mandatum novum' on that day), adopting the roll of a slave and washing the feet of His followers). It is because of this voluntary stripping away of all earthly pride that we have the moving ceremony of 'Stripping the altar' on Maundy Thursday. Yet it was on this day too, that our Lord instituted his great Sacrament of the Last Supper which, as it is celebrated week by week, is a source of incalculable consolation to all Christians.

So on to Good Friday with its tale of callous cruelty, mockery, and agonising suffering all summed up in one word - the Cross.

At last Easter Day breaks, with all its joy and triumph. The light has finally overcome the darkness and we have been brought unto the glory of His resurrection. But do remember that just as for Jesus there were no short cuts to glory, neither are there any for us. Just as His way took Him to the Cross, so must ours also. For Him and for us as well it is a case of 'No Cross - No Crown'.

May I wish you all a happy and a blessed Easter.

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE:

Easter is the one Feast of the year when all confirmed members of the Church should make their communion although they should Communicate on at least two other occasions as well. There are two celebrations on Easter Day and on Tuesday of Easter Week this will be a celebration at 7.30 p.m. If you cannot come to any of these or if you are ill or house-bound please let me know.

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is a vitally important occasion in our church's year. It is to be held this year on Wednesday 13th April at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall. If your name is on the Electoral Roll you should do your best to be there.

The Church of England Children's Society is the Church's own society for caring for children in need. We have a very active branch in the Deanery and on Sunday, 17th April we are to have a Deanery Service in the Bere Regis parish church at 6.00 p.m. The preacher will be the Reverend Michael Hurst Bannister, Clerical Organising Secretary for the Diocese. His message is for all of us.

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL.

Sunday, 3rd April.	10.30 a.m.	Sunday School.
Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Family Communion (preceded by Procession and Distribution of Palm Crosses).
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong.
<u>HOLY WEEK</u>		
Monday, 4th April.	7.00 p.m.	Compline.
Friday, 5th April.	7.00 p.m.	Compline.
Wednesday, 6th April.	8.45 p.m.	Compline.
Maundy Thursday -		
7th April.	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar.
Good Friday, 8th April.	11.00 a.m.	Matins with the Litany.
	7.00 p.m.	A sacred cantata 'The Saviour' sung by the Choir.
Sunday, 11th April.	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion.
EASTER DAY	10.15 a.m.	Sunday School.
	11.00 a.m.	Matins.
	12.00 noon	Holy Communion.
	3.00 p.m.	Family Service.
	6.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong.
Sunday, 17th April.		
Easter 1.	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion.
	10.15 a.m.	Sunday School.
	11.00 a.m.	Matins.
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong (Deanery Children's Society Service).
Sunday, 24th April.	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion.
Easter 2.	10.15 a.m.	Sunday School.
	11.00 a.m.	Matins.
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong.
Sunday, 1st May.	10.30 a.m.	Sunday School.
Easter 3.	11.00 a.m.	Family Communion. 6.00 p.m. Evensong.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE:

Tuesday 12th April (Tuesday in Easter Week). 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

When the news of the death of Kathleen Lys was known in the village there was scarcely a person or an organisation which did not experience a real sense of loss.

If 'Doing good by stealth' is the mark of a true Christian then Miss Lys was certainly one. Yet she had plenty of enthusiasm too and unstintingly gave of her efficient help to charitable causes. Church activities as well as in the political field.

Her retirement to Bere Regis after an exceptionally busy life as a highly qualified Secretary, was for her a home-coming. The long and distinguished association of the Lys family with the village needs no further emphasis here. Kathleen's retirement was busy but happy and although mourned by her family and many friends they yet treasure the memories they have of her wonderful example of loyal and selfless service.

Our sympathy goes out to Kathleen Lys's family at this time of loss.

SIDESMENS' ROTA.

April 3rd.	11 a.m.	Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
	6 p.m.	Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & A. Bates.
" 10th.	11 a.m.	Mr. J. House & Colonel A. Barne.
	6 p.m.	Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. A. Bloomfield.
" 24th.	11 a.m.	Colonel A. Barne & Mr. G. Ward.
	6 p.m.	Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & M. Barnes.
May 1st.	11 a.m.	Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
	6 p.m.	Messrs. M. Barnes & F. Parsons.
" 8th.	11 a.m.	Messrs. J. House & A. Bates.
	6 p.m.	Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & H. Dashwood.

SERVERS ROTA to be arranged.

BELLRINGERS ROTA to be arranged.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

On the 2nd March we all enjoyed joining the Lenten Study Group in the Vicarage when we discussed and considered our own frailty in prayer. After Compline we chatted over a cup of tea.

Our Coffee morning on the 5th March was a very happy occasion with the splendid financial result of £34.24 towards the Jubilee Fund in the village - we would like to thank all who supported us so splendidly.

When reporting the names of our newly admitted members we regret we omitted the name of Mrs. Jean Barnes - our sincere apologies for this.

Our next meeting will start in Church on Maundy Thursday the 7th April

at 7 p.m. with a corporate Communion, after which we will all go to the Vicarage for a cup of tea and to talk together.

Doreen Shaw.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

April 10th.	EASTER DAY.	Mrs. Barne.
April 17th.	Mrs. Griffin.	Miss I. Pitfield.
April 24th.	Mrs. J. House.	The Misses House.

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, April 9th.

A meeting of the Guild will be held in the Vicarage on Wednesday, May 25th at 2.30 p.m.

Many thanks to Mrs. Lys for the gift of a wrought iron Pedestal to be used for flower arrangements in the Church, when required. C.T.T.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

Apr.	2nd.	Sat.	Autumn Leaves Dance and Easter Bonnet Comp. Drax Hall - 7.45 - 12. £1. Tickets from Butcher.
"	3rd.	<u>PALM SUNDAY.</u>	Distribution of Palms.
"	4th/10th.		See Church Services.
"	6th.	Wed.	Lent Meeting, Vicarage 7.30 p.m.
"	8th.	<u>GOOD FRIDAY.</u>	See Church Services, also a Sacred Cantata, "The Saviour", 7 p.m.
"	10th.	<u>EASTER DAY.</u>	See Church Services.
"	13th.	Wed.	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Drax Hall 7 p.m.
"	"	"	Autumn Leaves - Tour to Merley Park Gardens, 2 p.m. Usual pickups - 50p.
"	17th.	SUN.	Deanery C. of E. Childrens' Society Thanksgiving Service 6 p.m.
"	22nd.	Fri.	Bible Study Group at 19 South Mead, 2.30 p.m.
"	27th.	Wed.	Bere Regis & District Swimming Club Annual General Meeting at the School, 7.30 p.m.
"	28th.	Thur.	Drax Hall Annual General Meeting 8 p.m.
"			Date to be announced. Annual General Meeting of Youth Club.
May	2nd.	Mon.	Parochial Church Council Meeting, Vicarage 7.30 p.m.
"	6th.	Fri.	Bible Study Group at 19 South Mead, 2.30 p.m.
"	11th.	Wed.	Autumn Leaves.
"	14th.	Sat.	"Teddy Bears Picnic" at "Woodburyside" in aid of Drax Hall funds.
"	18th.	Wed.	Conservative Coffee Morning, Culeaze, 10.30 a.m. - 12.
"	19th.	<u>ASCENSION DAY.</u>	"Friends of Bere Regis Church", Service 7 p.m.
"	20th.	Fri.	Bible Study Group at 19 South Mead, 2.30 p.m.
June	5th.	SUN.	Jubilee Service, Parish Church, 6 p.m.
"	11th.	Sat.	Royal British Legion Womens' Section, Garden Party - "White Lovington" 3 p.m.

June	15th.	Wed.	Autumn Leaves THIRD WEDNESDAY - Summer outing to Exmouth, leaving 1.30 p.m.
"	25th.	Sat.	Bere Regis Church Garden Party, "Summerrods", 3 p.m.
"	26th.	SUN.	<u>PATRONAL FESTIVAL.</u>
July	2nd.	Sat.	Bere Regis P.T.A. Carnival Day.
Oct.	2nd.	<u>HARVEST FESTIVAL.</u>	
"	15th.	Sat.	Autumn Leaves 5th Annual Ball, Bovington, in aid of Autumn Leaves.
Dec.	3rd.	Sat.	Drax Hall - Christmas Fayre.

See Jubilee Calendar for "Jubilee Celebrations".

MAGAZINE EDITOR: Mrs. P. M. Bloomfield, 7 Boswell's Close, Bere Regis. Will you please let me have all matter for the Magazine not later than the 15th of each month.

Owing to lack of space last month we were unable to publish the two poems kindly sent in. We have to thank Miss R. L. Murray who used to live at "Woodburyside", and Kerena, grand-daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Kain.

SPRING.

Spring brings to us, glad rebirth,
The days begin to lengthen,
And from out the fruitful earth,
The new shoots strengthen.
The birds are singing in the trees,
As they are a-mating,
Soon we'll hear the humming of bees,
After their long waiting
For the end of dark winter days,
When the sun was low.
Now, how welcome are its rays,
Shining on earth below,
We thank Thee, Lord, for Thy great love,
For these blessings from above.

R. L. M.

LITTLE EASTER HYMN

My heart sings,
Because at last my soul transcends
The gloom a long, cold Winter brings.

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Cherries bloom.
 Earth's yearly resurrection speaks
 To me of Life beyond the Tomb.

My lips pray.
 In joyful thankfulness to God
 For Easter Day.

Margaret Boyd.

(Thoughts which came on a beautiful Spring morning in Buckinghamshire).

OUR FRIEND JESUS.

Girls and Boys
 Close your eyes
 Jesus will whisper in your ear.

He will whisper about
 Groves of trees, Fairies,
 Gnomes, and Angels,
 From Heaven above.

Seated on a cloud
 in the sky, sits God,
 Watching all the
 Good little children,
 on the earth below.
 From Heaven above.

Kerena Hammond

Age 8.

Grand-daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Kain.

QUEEN ELIZABETH SILVER JUBILEE FUND

and

BERE REGIS JUBILEE COMMITTEE

There appears to be some confusion about the fund raising activities for the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Year.

There are two separate fund raising projects in the Village. The main one being for the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Fund. This will be a door-to door collection culminating in a Flag Day conducted by the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal organisation, and the money raised will be sent to the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Fund. The organiser for the local area is Mrs. Jean Munro of 13 North Street.

The second fund, organised by the Bere Regis Jubilee Committee, will be used solely for local village celebrations in June. These will include events and functions for villagers of all ages and the presentation of

25 pence pieces to all children up to the age of 16*.

We also hope to provide, in the village, something permanent and useful for the future.

Funds for this purpose are being raised by each individual organisation in the village between now and June, and a full list of events will be published in the Parish Magazine and also displayed in the local shops.

I hope this will clarify the situation and ask you to give your full support to both fund raising efforts.

*Children born after 6th June 1961.

J. M. Kain,

Hon. Treasurer.

Bere Regis Jubilee Committee.

THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL
HOUSE TO HOUSE AND FLAG DAY STREET COLLECTION.

As on the occasion of King George V's Jubilee in 1935, there is to be a house-to-house and street collection undertaken by the Royal British Legion in aid of this Appeal.

It is to take place during the week of the 9th to 14th MAY, terminating with the street collection on SAT. 14th MAY.

The Appeal will be launched with a Nationwide Television and Radio Broadcast by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales on Sunday 24th April. Existing Poppy Appeal Collectors will be covering their usual areas but if anyone over 16 is willing to help I shall be very grateful. A substantial proportion of all the Fund will be available for promoting local projects, so this too may help our own young people to participate in projects to help others in the community or themselves.

Please have a contribution ready for the collectors during that week when they will have to carry out the task of knocking on all your doors.

My thanks to all those who have promised to help, and any more volunteers can contact me at 13 North St., Bere Regis or 'phone 663.

Jean Munro.

BERE REGIS PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A.

Some of the Mothers met at 16 North St. on Thurs. 10th Feb. in order to discuss the making of items for the Carnival, and to make suggestions about possible events for that day. We are to meet again at the same place on Thurs. Mar. 3rd at 10.30 and would welcome anyone else who can come. Come for the coffee anyway, even if you are unable to make anything! Your ideas may be invaluable.

If anyone has any spare embroidery silk, scraps of material, or old socks(men's) they would be appreciated, and can be given to Mrs. Ward at 16 North St.

P.W.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - CALENDAR OF FUND RAISING EVENTS.

Tuesday 29th. and Wednesday 30th March.

Primary school concert in school hall. Admission free. Starting 7 p.m.
A collection will be made in aid of Silver Jubilee Village Fund.

Friday 1st April.

Playgroup, Cubs, Guides and Brownies "Mile of Money". From the end of Butt Lane to Bemisters Stores.

Saturday 23rd April.

Bere Heath Coffee morning at the School House, Chamberlaynes commencing 10.30 a.m.

Saturday 7th May.

Jubilee Barn Dance. Diggory Venn Band at the Drax Hall 8 - 12 p.m.
Admission £1 including refreshments.

Wednesday, 8th June.

Concert for all over-sixties of Bere Regis at the Drax Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments provided. Admission free. Donations for this concert are being collected in a sweet jar in Mr. Jeeves' shop.

Monday, 20th June.

Bere Regis and District Swimming Club Sponsored Swim at the School Pool.

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We would like to keep the above calendar up-to-date. If there are any additions required, please contact me at 12 South Mead (tel: Bere Regis 479).

R. HOLMAN.

on behalf of the Village Jubilee Committee.

PROGRAMME FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

SATURDAY - 4th June - Whist Drive - Drax Hall - 7.30 p.m. 20p.

SUNDAY - Thanksgiving Service - Inter denominational - 6 p.m. Parish Church.
Church to be decorated by Flower Guild for the week.

TUESDAY - 7th June - SPORTS AND GALA DAY - 2.30 p.m. Admission free.
4.30 Tea for children (if fine).
If wet - Tea to be held at School and Drax Hall.

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Programme for Jubilee Celebrations . . . (cont'd..)

TUESDAY - 7th June - DANCE at Drax Hall - 7.45 - 12. £1 ticket incl. light refreshments - DRAW FOR THE BIG RAFFLE TO TAKE PLACE AT THIS DANCE AT 9.30 p.m.

DISCO to be held at the Youth Club - 7.30 - 12. 40p. tickets.

WEDNESDAY - 8th June - The Jubilee Committee invite all Bere Regis Over 60s. to a Concert and refreshments at the Drax Hall - 6.30 p.m.

RAFFLE . . . A Raffle is to be held (and drawn at the Dance).

1st Prize: £25. 2nd. Prize: £15. 3rd. Prize: £10.

Tickets are obtainable from the various Organisations and P.Office, Jeeves Butchers, Jarvis Garage, Shell Garage, etc.

BEST DRESSED BUILDING - Entry forms to be obtained from the various shops - entrance free. Three prizes. Judging on Monday, 6th June.

25p. pieces to be presented to the children at the Tea by The Rev. Denis Shaw and Mr. Goldie, Chairman of the Jubilee Committee.

THE JUBILEE VILLAGE QUIZ.

This competition took place at the Youth Club Hut for four weeks, 17 teams taking part :-

R.B.L. Branch	Young Farmers
R.B.L. Womens' Section	Young Wives
R.B.L. Club.	W.I.
Swimming Club	P.C.C.
Playschool A.	Cubs.
Playschool B.	P.T.A.
Youth Club Members	Guides
Youth Club Management	Barne's Brains
Autumn Leaves.	

The P.C.C. were the winners. Runners up were Young Farmers. P.C.C. team members were Mrs. Tadman, Mrs. Bloomfield, Mr. Bloomfield, and Mr. Booth. Members of Young Farmers were Miss J. Swingler, Miss L. Poore, Mr. J. Shave, and Mr. J. Abbott. The Rev. D. Shaw presented the winners with a £1 Gift token each and the runners up with a 75p. token each. Question Master was Mr. A. Brooks, Scorers were Mr. P. Mintern and Mr. G. Lemon, and Timekeeper was Mr. E. Axford.

A draw was held each evening.

15th February Box of Fruit - Mrs. Frampton.

Box of Chocolates - R. Phillips.

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- 22nd February - Box of Groceries - Mrs. White.
Fruit Bowl - Mrs. Mills.
Talc Powder - Mr. P. Bennett.
- 1st March. - Pomagne - Mr. Presslee.
Coffee & Tea - Mr. J. Barnes.
Glasses - Mrs. M. House.
- 8th March. - Vase - Mrs. A. Brooks.
Groceries - Mrs. J. Cleall.
Casserole - Mrs. W. Moore.
Butter Dish - Mrs. G. Pashen.

The amount raised was £48.50p.

L.B.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

Mrs. Daphne Cooper has had to cancel her demonstration on April 12th. owing to illness, but her place is to be taken by Mrs. D. Tuffin. Mrs. Tuffin is an old friend of the Group and was one of our first demonstrators, so we shall look forward to her visit.

Will members please remember that there will be a Plant Stall at this meeting if they have anything to spare.

Instead of a meeting in May we shall be holding a Spring Show. More details next month. Also, on May 17th there will be an outing to Brownsea Island, providing there are enough members and non-members wishing to go. If anyone not in the Group would like to join the outing will they get in touch with any member of the committee. The coach will be leaving the village at approximately 11.30 and returning at 5 p.m.

A. L.

WOMENS INSTITUTE.

At the February Meeting, Mrs. Farrow gave a demonstration of Paper Sculpture. A competition for a Valentine Cake was won by Mrs. S. Day.

On the 19th April, Mr. A. Bates will show a film "Flowers in the Desert."

Hostesses for April: Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Penfold and Mrs. Davis.

S.M.M.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

in aid of Nursing Association.

Culeaze Gardens will be open on WEDNESDAY, MAY 11th and SUNDAY, MAY 15th from 2.30 - 6 p.m.

Entrance Fee 10p. Children half price. All proceeds to the Nursing Association.

As the new District Organiser of this annual appeal I have just been given the lists of the amount collected in 1976. I hope that by the time this goes to press the collectors will have received their own copies. There will also be a copy at the Post Office and in the Church Porch.

Thank you for collecting or donating to raise the record sum of £425.63.

Jean Munro.

PARISH COUNCIL.

Bere Regis by-pass. There being no insurmountable objections to the plan for the by-pass to run north of the village, the Department of Environment have informed the Parish Council that this plan will now be developed and it is hoped that, all being well, work will begin within the next year or two.

Housing Development (Site 88). The Parish Council has been protesting against the inclusion of three storey blocks of flats on this site, and is glad to report that amended plans show only two storey ones.

Jubilee Celebrations. The Parish Council has agreed to donate £100 to Bere Regis Jubilee Fund.

In aid of our Village Hall. Raffle prizes to be drawn, May 14th at Wood-buryside (or in the Hall if wet) include a portable Television. Tickets are now on sale at the Post Office as well as from members of the Drax Hall Management Committee, Parish Councillors and others in Bere Regis.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

Unfortunately, owing to illness, we did not hold the second meeting in February; nevertheless, we concluded in our first meeting our study of the parable of "The King and his servants' debts". Thus, on March 11th we were able to complete a helpful study of "The Labourers in the Vineyard", leaving the subject of "The King and the Marriage Feast" to be started at the next meeting. This will not be until April 22nd, as stated last month, owing to the Scripture Union Mission at the end of March, and then to Easter commitments in the earlier part of April. In May we hope to meet on the 6th & 20th to continue our studies on the "Parables of the Kingdom" at 19 South Mead.

SCRIPTURE UNION - Bere Regis Branch.

Details of Harold Robertson's Teaching Mission were given last month, when reference was also made to the hope that several coffee mornings, by invitation to children's "Mums" would be held. We are most grateful to the following who agreed to undertake these:- Mrs. England of 10 South Mead. Mrs. Burden of "Springfield," Soutbrbook. Mrs. Phillips of "Culver Dell", Sitterton. Mrs. John House, of Lower Stockley Farm, Bere Heath.

These meetings, which started at 10.30 a.m. and lasted about an hour, were addressed by Harold Robertson, with discussion following, and catered for those in their respective districts of the village. In addition, however,

there was a special afternoon meeting, from 2.15 to 3.15 p.m., on Wednesday at the Manse, organised by Mrs. Jenny Kellard, wife of the Congregational Pastor, for any who could not manage to attend a meeting in the morning, and for any of those outside the village whose children were attending the Mission, most of whom attend a Sunday School or Youth Group in the village.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed and a good attendance in spite of the bad weather, for Mr. Stanley who gave "Slides of Wild Flowers", these were slides of rare species in Dorset and he gave an interesting talk on where he found the flowers and how he managed to take the wonderful slides.

A beautiful Collection of "glass" was displayed from the Competition, and Mr. Stanley was asked to judge. He said how difficult it was to decide the winners as there were so many cut glass specimens. The winners were 1st, Mrs. Collison., 2nd, Mrs. Marks, 3rd, Mrs. Dora Barnes. The Raffle was won by Mrs. D. Barnes, Mrs. Sollis, Mr. Sollis, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. Marks.

Mrs. Jeeves thanked all who had attended and announced the next meeting.

K.J.

A successful Whist Drive and Dominos was held - winners were Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Roland, Mr. Allan, Mrs. Ricketts - Dominos - Mrs. Osbalstone and Mrs. Shaw. 20 entries for three spring flowers was judged by Mr. Shaw.

The next meeting is our first Tour to Merley Park Gardens on Wednesday, 13th April. List is at the Butchers, leaving 2 p.m.

An Easter Dance is to be held at the Drax Hall, 2nd April 7.45 - 12. Tickets £1 including light refreshments. This is in aid of Funds for the Club - Also an EASTER BONNET COMPETITION. The draw for the large Easter Egg will also take place. Tickets for the Dance & Draw from the Butchers Shop. It is hoped that the Public will support this successful dance dancing to Wyn Polley.

BERE REGIS GUIDES.

In the Christmas holidays we hired a coach and went to Bournemouth, where all the Guides had an enjoyable time at the Skating rink. Some of them seemed to spend more time sitting on the ice than standing on it, but could all skate a bit before we left.

At the end of January, a nice evening was spent thanks to Mrs. Phillips of North Street, when they all had sausages, beans and chips.

M.E.

DRAX HALL BINGO.

Readers' attention is drawn to the fact that a Bingo is held in the Drax Hall every Monday night at 7.45pm. This is a nice evening out which costs very little and it is a chance to meet your friends for a chat over a cup of tea and a game of Bingo. Our usual time to finish is 9.15pm. so it's not too late. Old and New members are always given a welcome. The more people that come the bigger the prizes so gather all your friends and come along to the Drax Hall on a Monday evening and make it your regular night out.

M.A. Mooney.

DRAX HALL: Please remember the A.G.M. on Thursday April 28th at 8 p.m.

DRAX HALL

At a meeting of the Drax Hall Committee held on 24th Feb. it was brought to the attention of the Committee that possible hirers of the Hall would be interested to know which days of the week are most likely to be free. These days are Thursdays & Fridays, but it is, of course, available on other days when not regularly taken up by other Organisations. Anyone wishing to book

the Hall on any day please contact myself (Mary Lewis, 7 Southbrook, or the caretaker - Mrs. Jean Barnes.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES

On Tuesday 12th April there is to be a demonstration of Paper Sculpture by Mrs. Farrow, & on the 26th an Estee Lauder demonstration. Recently we have been on a few outings. Before Christmas a number of us visited Salisbury for shopping, and a number of members have been to Cookery dems. One of our most popular visits was to the Sauna Bath at Poole, where we all came out feeling cleaner if not slimmer!

M.E.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB.

The Management Committee would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed to the Jubilee Village Quiz we held at the Youth Club Hut. The winners were the Parochial Church Council, and runners up The Young Farmers. The sum of £48.50 was raised. I would like to thank the Y.C. members who each Monday evening stayed after their Club night to clean up and prepare for the Quiz on Tuesday evenings.

The two Five-a-side Football activities have now been completed, both teams finishing in the bottom section of their leagues. In March the boys are entering in a Knock-Out football competition at Bovington Camp, the winners of this competition will represent the County in the National Competition; also in March a Fishing competition. On March 23rd the girls begin Netball every Wednesday evening at Parkstone.

Weekend April 22nd-24th. Members of our Club are going to Baggator Training Centre, Dartmoor, the activities - Walking - Camping - Caving.

Weekend May 13th-15th. Another party of our Club are going to Baggator, the activities - Walking - Camping - Canoeing.

The Youth Club Annual General Meeting will be held in April, the date to be announced later.

L.B.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB.

The Club has now completed its' winter sessions at the Bovington pool where our members have been taking part in the Swimming Teachers' Association Distance Awards, and the Royal Life Saving Society's Rescue Skills Scheme. Both schemes have been outstanding successes, and we will continue to use them in encouraging swimming and life saving within the club.

Member's Disco and Skittles Party: This took place on Friday 4 March at the Drax Arms Stable Bar and was very well attended. The presentation of Distance Awards and Rescue Skills Awards was made by Reverend Shaw. This was followed by a very enjoyable evening of skittles and dancing.

Annual Swimming Gala: The Club is now in the process of ordering 14 perpetual trophies to be presented to the winners of this years events. We are very grateful to the P.T.A. and the Williams Trust who have generously agreed to sponsor a cup each.

Sponsored Swim: In aid of the Village Jubilee Fund and Club Funds, Monday 20th June in the School pool. Sponsor cards will be available to members on the first session of our summer programme. 50% of the net profit will go to the Jubilee Fund and 50% to Club funds.

Annual General Meeting: This will take place at the School on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30 p.m. Please do attend this important meeting. Your support and ideas are needed!

R. Holman.

"SMALL ADS".

(15p. for 3 lines).