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The Vicarage, Bere Regis.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

"WHEN YOU FAST, ANOINT YOUR HEAD AND WASH YOUR FACE, THAT YOUR FASTING MAY NOT BE SEEN BY MEN BUT BY YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN SECRET; AND YOUR FATHER WHO SEES IN SECRET WILL REWARD YOU."

ST. MATT. 6: 17 - 18

To make the best use of the Lenten Fast is always something of a problem. Few of us really believe that there is much virtue or credit in merely cutting out sweets or entertainment, and simply leaving it at that. On the other hand, we most of us have a strong feeling that something should be done to make this Season different from the rest of the year, and to help us in our preparation for the joys of Easter.

What then should we do ?

As with most questions of this nature there is no simple or precise answer. There are, however, guide-lines which we may follow. We should endeavour

- (1) To do something positive which costs us something in time, effort and discipline.
- (2) To so plan our effort that it may be of real service to our neighbours.
- (3) To resolve to carry to God in prayer whatever we are doing so that we may be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- (4) To refuse to yield to the temptation of making much of our penance or to show by our gloomy looks how heavy is the burden we have laid upon ourselves.

In fact, "When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men."

Remember that two aspects of our IMPACT Campaign are ACTION and COMMITMENT. The ACTION has already been mentioned but a new COMMITMENT is essential. Let us, therefore, resolve to dedicate ourselves afresh to our Lord, going with him into the Wilderness, sharing his Agony in Gethsemane and following on the hard road to Calvary. If only we can bring ourselves to do all this in spirit and in truth, then the Resurrection will burst upon us with a joy never felt before because having shared in Christ's sufferings we may, by his grace, share in his glorious triumph.

May this Lent bring you very close to Jesus and may his presence abide with you always.

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

IMPACT This great Diocesan Campaign is now reaching its climax, and it is hoped, the fruits of many months of hard work will begin to appear. There has been a great deal of planning, and a great deal of prayer by a large number of people, and for them it has already proved to be a worthwhile exercise. To everyone however, Impact remains an invitation and an opportunity. Please do not neglect either.

THE LENTEN STUDY COURSE reference to which was made in the February magazine, will be based on a study of certain Psalms entitled "The Lord's Song In a Strange Land." The contributors include Bishop George, and the Rev. Michael Sadgrove, while the Cathedral Choir will contribute music for the prayer and meditations. The meetings are planned for Wednesday evenings in Lent, commencing on the 11th March. All studies will

begin at 7.30 p.m., and the provisional locations will be as follows:-

11th March Raithby Cottage Briantspuddle
 18th March The Vicarage, Bere Regis
 25th March Raithby Cottage Briantspuddle
 1st April Raithby Cottage Briantspuddle
 8th April The Vicarage, Bere Regis

It is hoped that a large number of people will feel able to take part in this interesting and devotional exercise.

LENTEN SERVICES There will be mid-week celebration of Holy Communion during each week in Lent. These commence on Ash Wednesday the 4th March with a Corporate Communion for the local branch of the Mothers' Union at Bere Regis at 7.30 p.m. to which all are most welcome. Celebrations during the following weeks will be at 10.30 a.m. and details will be found under Church Services for the month.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS for both Bere Regis and Affpuddle have now been planned. These are to be held for AFFPUDDLE on Thursday 26th March at 7.30 p.m. at the Briantspuddle Village Hall, BERE REGIS on Tuesday 31st March at 7.30 p.m. at the Drax Hall. It is more important than ever that Church Members should make a strong effort to attend these meetings which so vitally affect the life of the Church in this place.

THE CONFERENCE OF RURAL DEANS takes place at Phillipp's House, Dinton on 17th and 18th March. The Vicar will be away from the Parish on these two days.

THE HEALING INTERCESSION GROUP will meet twice during March on the 12th and the 19th at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM: received into the Christian Family in the Sacrament of Baptism
 25th January. Clare Victoria daughter of Nigel and Susan Arnold.
 1st February. Wesley David son of David and Diane Eastment.

HOLY MATRIMONY: Joined together in the bond of matrimony:-
 7th February Trevor John Lambert and Ann Frances Ricketts.

AFFPUDDLE

BURIAL: Gwendoline Rogers called to rest on
 6th February, 1981. Burial at Affpuddle
 on 12th February, 1981.
 May her soul rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM

Gwendoline Rogers was born at Piddlehinton, the youngest of 5 children. She went to school there, but lost her mother when she was 12 years old. After leaving school she went into service at Swanage. Mrs. Rogers met her husband when he was in the Army and they were married at Wareham. They lived first at Wool but moved to Affpuddle about 58 years ago. Later the family moved to a cottage in Briantspuddle where they lived with their 4 daughters. Mr. Rogers worked for a time for Sir Ernest Debenham but later was employed at Bovington. He died about 12 years ago and the couple had been married some 47 years. Mrs. Rogers had a busy life with her family, but she had outside activities too. She cleaned the Affpuddle School for 20 years in the days when it was required to scrub the floors and when the stoves were solid fuel burning. She also began distributing Welfare Foods during the Second World War and continued this service afterwards, in all for 22 years. She also acted as a Blood Donor for many years, and was proud of this splendid piece of service. But it was to her church that Mrs. Rogers was most devoted. She sang in the Affpuddle Choir for many years and took a great joy in cleaning some of the brasswork which she always kept in immaculate condition. Mrs. Rogers was a devoted mother and grandmother, and had many friends. She will be greatly missed by the village in which she had lived so long.

THE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING of the Milton and Blandford Deanery Branch of the Church of England Children's Society will be held on Thursday 5th March at 7.30 p.m.

in the Parish Room, Blandford. There will be a talk by Mr. W. Davis, the Society's Senior Residential Worker for the Area. All are Welcome. Refreshments will be served.

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH

	BERE REGIS	AFFPUDDLE
SUNDAY, 1st MARCH Quinquagesima St. David's Day	9.30 a.m. Family Comm. 6.00 p.m. Evensong	8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.15 a.m. Matins
SUNDAY 8th MARCH Lent 1.	8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.00 a.m. Matins 6.00 p.m. Evensong	9.30 a.m. Eucharist
SUNDAY, 15th MARCH Lent 2.	9.30 a.m. Family Comm. 6.00 p.m. Evensong	8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.15 a.m. Family Service
SUNDAY, 22nd MARCH Lent 3.	8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.00 a.m. Matins	9.30 a.m. Eucharist 6.30 p.m. Evensong
SUNDAY, 29th MARCH Lent 4. Mothering Sunday	8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.00 a.m. Matins & Mothering Sunday Service	9.30 a.m. Eucharist
SUNDAY, 5th APRIL Lent 5. Passion Sunday	9.30 a.m. Family Comm. 6.00 p.m. Evensong	8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.15 a.m. Matins

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH	7.30 p.m. Holy Comm. (Mothers' Union Corporate Communion)	10.30 a.m. Holy Comm.
WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH		10.30 a.m. Holy Comm.
THURSDAY, 19th MARCH St. Joseph of Nazareth	10.30 a.m. Holy Comm.	
WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH Annunciation of the B.V.M.		10.30 a.m. Holy Comm.
SUNDAY, 29th MARCH Mothering Sunday	Joint Service at the Methodist Church Bere Heath at 3.00 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY, 1st APRIL	10.30 a.m. Holy Comm.	

SIDESMEN'S ROTA - BERE REGIS

March	1st	9.30 a.m.	6.00 p.m.	
	8th	11.00 a.m.	6.00 p.m.	Cdr. C. Maunder and Mr. K. Woolfries. Miss S. Frampton and Mr. R. Stallard.
	15th	9.30 a.m.	6.00 p.m.	Mr. W. F. Lys and Col. A. Barne. Mr. H. Dashwood and Mr. M. A. Bloomfield.
	22nd	11.00 a.m.	6.00 p.m.	Mr. G. Ward and Mr. A. Bates. Mr. M. Barnes and Mr. R. Stallard
	29th	11.00 a.m.		Mr. K. Woolfries and Mr. J. House Mr. F. Marsh and Mr. W. F. Lys.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

March 1st Mrs. Howard Mrs. Watts
 From March 8th until Easter Day. April 19th, no flowers are arranged in the Church.

C.T.T.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - Cleaning

1st March	Mrs. Thorniley
8th March	Mrs. Kayll
15th March	Mrs. Scott
22nd March	Mrs. Herridge
29th March	Mrs. Hogger

During Lent there are no flowers in the Church.

READERS AND SIDESMEN

1st March	8.00
	11.15
8th March	9.30
15th March	8.00
15th March	8.00
	11.15
22nd March	9.30
29th March	9.30

SIDESMAN

Col. Corner
Mr. Prideaux
Mr. D. Payne
Col. Corner
Col. Corner
Mr. G. Payne
Mr. Scutt
Mr. Bentley

READER

Mr. A. Smith
Mr. Prideaux
Major Kayll (E)
Mr. Bentley (G)
Mr. A. Smith
-
Mrs. Thorniley (E)
Mr. Russell (G)
Miss Waterhouse (E)
Mr. Bentley (G)

IMPACT

IMPACT (Invitation to a Mission of Prayer, Action, Commitment and Thanksgiving) Visits by the Impact Messengers in Bere Regis Parish are taking place this month. Anyone who has not received copies of the letters from the Bishop of Salisbury, and from the local PCC are very welcome to have copies, and should contact John England, 10 South Mead, or the Vicar.

A special service of Thanksgiving is to be held on Easter Sunday evening 19th April, at 6 p.m., to which all are invited, especially those who may not have worshipped in our Church before, or who would like to come again after some long period. A warm welcome will be offered.

IMPACT - AFFPUDDLE

Letters from the Bishop of Salisbury and the Parochial Church Council will be distributed throughout the Parish during the first fortnight in Lent.

BERE REGIS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School children presented a Nativity Play at Christmas on Christmas Eve. This went very well, even though many of the children were ill. It was also repeated on the first Sunday in January, but once again many of the children were ill. We wish to thank all parents, friends who helped with the costumes, Mr. Athill for playing the piano, and Mrs. Mills who works so hard with the children. They all looked very sweet. Our Sunday School party, and prizegiving took place at the Royal British Legion. The children all enjoyed themselves, with plenty of food, and games. Prizes for attendance, and presents, were presented by the Vicar, Canon D. Shaw. Once again we wish to thank all parents, friends, and members of the PCC who helped provide the delicious tea for the children.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Rev. Alan Gill and his wife, Marjorie who is also the Deanery Chairman of the Mothers' Union, gave us much to think about in their interesting and moving talk about Mr. Gill's call to the Sacred Ministry and how they had each responded to it. We meet in church next month for a Corporate Communion at 7.30 p.m. on the 4th March, Ash Wednesday, afterwards repairing to the Vicarage when we will ask the Vicar questions on his Sermon and take tea. On Friday, 20th March, Mrs. Diana Phillips is organising our walk which will start from her house, Culverdell, at 10.30 a.m. The Prayer Group will meet on Fridays 13th and 27th March at 11.00 a.m. in the Morton Chapel. On Wednesday 25th March there will be a deanery Ladyday Service at Gussage St. Michael at 2.45 p.m.

Doreen Shaw.

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* **MOBILE FISH AND CHIPS:** Calling at Turbeville Court Car Park, Thursday evenings 6.30 - 7 p.m. or call Mrs. Hudson, Parkstone 734715.

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* **PIPPA DEE** demonstration, showing our new range of 'Mia Cassara' garments, designed exclusively for Pippa Dee, will be held in the skittle alley of the Drax Arms on Mon. 9th March 8 p.m. 10% discount given on any orders placed during the evening. Everyone welcome. Admission FREE. For any further details contact Sandra Amos, 13 Manor Farm Road.

* **QUANTITY** Roofing Slates and various large sheets reinforced glass 23" x 55", 90" x 21" and other sizes. Offers. Sacks chopped lighting wood, 50p a sack, 6' x 5' aluminium frame and plastic greenhouse £5. Tel: Bere Regis 441.

* **ROYAL OAK:** Phil and Chris would like to remind people that they now provide bars for outside functions; weddings, parties etc. Come and see us to arrange all your special events.

* **KATHLEEN:** Floral artiste. Flowers and houseplants for all occasions. Please order EARLY for your Mothering Sunday flowers and plants. I will be pleased to deliver flowers etc. on this Sunday (29th March). Tel: B.R. 204.

* **SPORTS CLUB.** Bere Regis. Big Night Out, Friday 20th March. Dinner Dance. Crown Hotel, Blandford. Coaches leave Drax Arms 7.30. Tickets, £5.50 now limited. Dancing to the Jonny Day Big Band Sound.

* **PARISH COUNCIL** require a street cleaner at £1.50 an hour for 3½ hours work per week. Please apply to: The Clerk to Bere Regis Parish Council, Westport House, Wareham, Dorset.

* **THANKS:** I would like to take this opportunity in thanking everyone that contributed towards the cheque that was presented to me on leaving Bemister Stores; it was greatly appreciated. Gertie Miller.

* PARISH CALENDAR *

MARCH		
3rd	Tues	Pancake race at Sitterton at 10.30, followed by coffee morning at Mrs. D. Phillips
4th	Wed	Lent commences
7th	Sat	Sponsored swim for Medical Equipment Fund, Bovington
11th	Wed	Autumn Leaves 2.30, Drax Hall
11th	"	Imperial Cancer Research Fund coffee morning, Summerrods 10.30
14th	Sat	Music in Bere Regis. Concert by Blandford Choral Society. 7.30 p.m.
18th	Wed.	Coffee Evening, Royal British Legion HQ, 7.00 p.m.
19th	Thurs	W.I. Group Spring Show, Winterborne Kingston Village Hall 3 - 6 p.m.
20th	Fri.	Sports Club Dinner and Dance, Crown Hotel, Blandford.
21st	Sat.	Scout's Jumble Sale. Youth Club Hut.
22nd	Sun	British Summer Time begins
APRIL		
1st	Wed	'New to You' etc. Sale. Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
4th	Sat	W.I. Coffee Morning, 'Ryemount', Rye Hill, 10.30 - 12 noon
11th	Sat	Youth Club Jumble Sale, Youth Club Hut
15th	Wed	Autumn Leaves, first tour.
17th	Fri	Good Friday. Maunder's Cantata 'Olivet to Cavalry' sing by the Church Choir
19th	Sun	EASTER
28th	Tues	Coffee Morning, 7 Rye Hill Close 10.30, in aid of Drax Hall.
MAY		
10th	Sun	Confirmation Service, 9.30 a.m.
13th	Wed.	Drax Hall AGM, 7.30 p.m. Drax Hall
23rd	Sat	Mrs. Penny's Cavalcade of Costume, 7.00 p.m. at the Church
JUNE		
13th	Sat	RBL Garden Party at White Lovington, 3.00 p.m.
JULY		
16th - 19		Craftsman's Art and Music's Measure.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the Service for the Women's World Day of Prayer for this area will take place in St. John's Church, Bere Regis at 2.45 p.m. on Friday 6th March. There is an excellent speaker, Mrs. Ann W. Cripps from Dorchester, and the theme is "The Earth is the Lord's", the Service having been prepared by Christian American Indian Women representing Indian tribes from throughout the United States. It is a beautiful service and a wonderful opportunity for women of all denominations to meet together for prayer and worship. There will be tea and biscuits served at the back of the church after the service.

Doreen Shaw.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

Mrs. Cynthia Burden and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for messages of sympathy, letters and cards in the sudden and sad loss of a dear husband and father, John. Special thanks to Dr. Benjafield for his care and to Canon Shaw for his help and words of comfort. Many thanks for the donations which amounted to £417.80 of which £152.60 has been donated to the Poole Body Scanner Appeal and £265.20 to the Bere Regis Medical Equipment Fund.

* AFFPUDDLE NEWS *

BRIANTSPUDDLE THURSDAY GROUP

Recently the Thursday Group held two stimulating and interesting meetings. The first took place at Raithby Cottage on 22nd January when the Group discussed the Dorset Structure Plan and submitted their views to the Structure Plan Team in Dorchester. The second meeting took place at 33 Briantspuddle when Mrs. Cox gave a demonstration of slimming food. Members were able to sample some of the dishes demonstrated and came away with masses of hints and tips and ideas.

Future Plans:

- 5th March Toddler Group at Fiona Hogger
- 12th March 'The Work of the Samaritans' - 2.15 Maggie Reading, 22 Bladen Valley. Creche at Lyn Penman.
- 19th March No meeting
- 26th March Toddlers Group at Lindy Ventham
- 2nd April Toddlers Group at Andrea Smith

The Thursday Group are delighted to welcome non members (male and female) to their talks, demonstrations and meetings.

THE YEAR OF THE DISABLED

As part of their programme for the Year of the Disabled, the Dorchester Branch of the Dorset Association for the Disabled are holding a coffee morning at Tenantrees, West Stafford, on Tuesday, 31st March (cake stall, plants, bric-a-brac and raffle) 10.30 - 12 noon. The proceeds will help towards the purchase of a bus/ambulance specially adapted to take wheel chairs. Do come along and support this worthwhile cause.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

The Briantspuddle Thursday Group are helping to organise a Mothering Sunday Service at Affpuddle on 29th March at 9.30. There will be a special preacher and posies will be provided for children to give to their mothers. Do come along and bring all the family.

AFFPUDDLE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

meeting of the PCC was held at Raithby Cottage on 4th February. Discussion took place on the future of Turnerspuddle Church, the pattern of Sunday Services and the provision of midweek services for occasions such as Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day. Rocksborough Smith reported on the Impact Campaign. The Vicar reported that the top of Sherborne was unable to attend the Harvest Festival as promised. Bishop Ildocks would take Bishop Wilson's place at the confirmation service at 9.30 on 1 May. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was fixed for Thursday 26th March.

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE QUIZ

The Editors apologise to the Bladen Social Club for the omission of the notice about the quiz. Regrettably this was due to an error at the printers. It is hoped that this event was not affected in any way by this error.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AFFPUDDLE

This will be held at the Village Hall, Briantspuddle on Thursday 26th March at 7.30 p.m. At this meeting elections will be held for Church Wardens, Parochial Church Council and Sidesmen. It is an opportunity for discussing any other Church matters that you wish. Please come and make it a truly representative meeting.

* BERE REGIS NEWS *

MAGAZINE ANNOUNCEMENT

It was simply not possible to publish the entire list of accounts for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund this month, because of lack of space. We shall endeavour to do so as soon as possible. In the meantime, the accounts can be seen by any villager in the Post Office. A large part of next month's magazine will be devoted to a special issue to discuss the critical condition of the Church. Part of the problem is set out in a special statement which is hopefully attached to this magazine. Because of this would it be possible for the Parish Associations to be as sparing as possible about next month's items. It is a one-off situation and hopefully we shall catch up with all the news as soon as we have launched the campaign to save our Church.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 1980 POPPY APPEAL

The sum of the appeal for Bere Regis and the eight other districts is £807.42. There may be further contributions before the May 1981 deadline. We have kept up to date with inflation by raising £100 more than last year. But the ex-servicemen and their dependants who are helped by this fund need more aid as they get older and sadly we still have soldiers in Northern Ireland. Grateful thanks to everyone for such a successful result!

Hon. Organisers: Jean Munro, Irene Phillips and Pat Pitfield.

House to House collection: £334.23

Church Collections:			
Affpuddle	9.70	Bloxworth	11.60
Bere Regis Congregational	28.25	Bere Regis	53.73
Wreaths:		Youth Club	4.30
Poole Sea Cadets Band	4.30	Mrs. Davis	2.00
Scouts	2.40	Wreaths in stock (2)	8.60
RBL Women's and Men's Sect.	28.40		
Donations:		RBL W'ms section	15.00
RBL w'ms section fund raising	148.51	RBL club	100.00
RBL men's section	60.00		

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

The AGM of the Group was held at Summerrods on 26th Jan. A gross amount of £1,089.34 was raised during 1981 and £1,066.45 was sent to Central Fund. Colin Cochrane, Regional Appeals Secretary, attended the meeting and spoke about the enormous value of research carried out. Over 30,000 cases of cancer a year are now completely cured.

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise funds last year and we hope you will support this year's events which start with a coffee morning on Wed. 11th March at Summerrods, 10.30 a.m. till noon, with a Cook's Table, Bring & Buy and Raffle.

AUTUMN LEAVES

Next meeting is on Wed. 11th March, 2.30 p.m. at Drax Hall with a talk and slides on Denmark. The competition will be decorated hard boiled eggs in an egg cup. We are also running a 'New To You' on 1st April, 2.30 p.m. at Drax Hall. Anyone with anything to sell on a 50-50 basis is asked to bring it to Jeeves Butchers with name, address, amount required. Also, anything for the sales tables, such as china, glass, jams, chutney, in good condition. NOT jumble.

K. J.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

The Club is to hold a sponsored Swim in aid of the Carnival Medical Equipment Fund on Saturday 7th March at the Junior Leaders Pool, Bovington. Our members are now seeking sponsors for this very worthy cause, so do help if you can.

CRAFTSMAN'S ART & MUSIC'S MEASURE

Opening with a concert on the evening of Thurs. July 16th an exhibition of local Arts, Crafts, Skills and Hobbies will be held in Bere Regis church until Sunday evening, when there will be a Thanksgiving Evensong at 6 p.m. Will any one living in or near Bere Regis who may have work suitable for this exhibition please inform Mrs. Howard (BR 295) before April 30th. To illustrate the theme 'Celebration' local voluntary organisations will also be invited to show co-operative exhibits. Further information will be posted to secretaries.

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

A bank account for the money raised for the ECG machine has now been opened in the name of Bere Regis Carnival Medical Equipment Fund, at the Natwest in Dorchester. Please send all funds to the treasurer, Mr. M. Trott, of 4 Broad Close, Winterbourne Kingston.

£112 was raised at a coffee morning held by Mrs. Rolls in Winterborne Kingston. Thanks from the Committee. £400 approx was raised at the darts marathon at the Royal Oak. Thanks to all sponsors and to everyone who helped during the day. The response has been so overwhelming the committee have raised the target to £2,500 and we hope to buy more equipment for the surgery. The Committee members are: Miss J. Phillipps, Chairwoman; Mr. M. Trott, Treasurer; Mrs. V. Bull, Secretary; Mrs. Welton; Mrs. Carr; Mrs. Donaldson; Mr. Shave; Mr. Gledhill; Mr. Carr; Mr. Holeman; Mr. Hileham.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Sarah Welton will talk on 'The Living Sea' at our March meeting, the hostesses being Miss Beatty and Mrs. Percy. Final date for entry forms for the Group Spring Show, March 5th. A coffee morning in aid of the Medical Equipment Fund and Dorset Federation Women's Institute will be held at Mrs. Carlyle's, 'Ryemount', Rye Hill on April 4th 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

N. P.

FLORAL GROUP

At our next meeting at 2.30 p.m. on Tues. March 10th Mrs. Joan Stogden will give a demonstration entitled 'Flowers for our Pleasure'.

YOUTH CLUB

We regret the 50-50 auction advertised last month has had to be cancelled, owing to lack of support.

On April 11th there will be a jumble sale in the club hut, any contributions including books and toys may be left with Pam Collis at the Corner Shop or Di Phillips at Sitterton. Mrs. Penny's Cavalcade of Costume to be held in the Church at 7.00 p.m. May 23rd. £1.00 to include coffee; 50p under 16s.

PLAYGROUP

At half term on Feb. 20th we will lose 9 children who start school on March 2nd. However, we have a never ending waiting list and will be full up again when term re-starts.

Our Annual jumble sale is on Feb. 28th in the Youth Club Hut at 2.00 p.m. All proceeds to the Medical Equipment Fund, so please support it.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Mrs. Maidment welcomed all members to the first section meeting of 1981 and reminded them this year was the Diamond Jubilee of the RBL, and that special efforts must be made in fund-raising events to help all those who need our support. Mrs. Hadden presented slides and gave a most interesting commentary on 'Oberammergau' (The Passion Play).

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH

Harry Cleall, our Standard Bearer wishes to thank everyone who sponsored him in the Standard Bearer's Competition, thereby helping him to achieve his ambition of seeing a new Branch Standard dedicated in this Diamond Jubilee year.

MUSIC IN BERE REGIS

Blandford Choral Society will be visiting us on March 14th, 7.30 p.m. to sing an interesting programme of Lenten Music including the Vivaldi Gloria. Admission £1; OAPs 75p; children 50p.

BERE REGIS CHURCH - URGENT REPAIRS

Now that our church is in need of some urgent repair work it would perhaps be helpful to explain what is involved in the running and upkeep of such a building. It was first built in about the year 1050 as quite a small building, and added to and enlarged over the centuries, reflecting comparable growth in the village itself, until about 1500 when it reached its present size. Some parts of it are therefore more than 900 years old, whilst even the 'newest' parts are more than 450 years old.

In former times the parish church would have been the only public building in the village, and as such was used for various other public functions in addition to worship and it is encouraging that at the present time our churches are once again being seen as the social as well as religious centres they once were. Our magnificent parish church should therefore be regarded as a unique heritage, not only for the use of the church in this place, but for the parish as a whole.

However, the responsibility for the running and upkeep of the building rests solely with the Bere Regis Parochial Church Council (the P.C.C.) and churchwardens, without any outside assistance from diocesan, national or public funds - we can never say "when are they going to do something about this or that?". Indeed we actually have to contribute to public funds by the payment of VAT on repair work!

Day to day running costs alone (heating, lighting, cleaning and minor maintenance etc.) are difficult enough to meet these days, and absorb a high proportion of available funds, as anyone concerned in the running of any building will know only too well. Even relatively new buildings need constant attention and maintenance, so that it is even more important in the case of ancient ones to ensure that essential repair works are not neglected and allowed to develop into almost impossibly expensive major reconstructions.

Every 5 years the church is thoroughly inspected by an architect (we employ Mr. K. Wiltshire of Salisbury who is a specialist in this field) who produces what is known as a quinquennial report. The diocese does no more than notify us when a report is due - the P.C.C. has to engage the architect and pay the cost of the report (plus VAT).

A quinquennial report is usually a long document detailing the state of the whole building and listing all the items requiring attention. There is probably no P.C.C. anywhere which is ever able to tackle all of the work listed in its quinquennial report at one stroke - here, at any rate, we have to be selective, and by means of a P.C.C. sub-committee (known as the 'fabric committee') the report is studied in depth and recommendations made to the P.C.C. In considering the report the fabric committee normally takes two main points into account -

- (a) That priority should be given to any item where delay might cause further deterioration, and
- (b) That it is wiser to tackle relatively few items thoroughly rather than to attempt too many superficially.

At the moment the most urgent priority is the renewal of the guttering of the nave roof - this was last renewed in 1875 so that it is now over 100 years old. There are several leaks, and as the guttering is embedded in the tops of the walls, water has penetrated and the plaster is beginning to deteriorate. Renewal will not be a simple job as the gutters will have to be replaced clear of the walls and the roof coverings extended. Another priority item concerns the high level windows of the nave on each side (10 altogether).

The ironwork has rusted causing pieces of stone to burst away from time to time, and many of the glass panes are broken or missing, allowing much of our previous heat to escape. In addition, the heating system (installed in 1926) has developed a serious leak (allowing precious hot water to escape). By a process of elimination the leak must be in the underground pipework from the boiler house, under the tower wall, and this too will be a difficult and expensive repair.

Altogether these 3 urgent items alone will cost in the region of £10,000, all of which the P.C.C. will have to raise somehow or other in a very short time.

We are fortunate here in that our church has been well maintained in the past, to the extent that the parish has not been required to undertake any really major structural repairs for the last 100 years or so. Surely everyone in the parish must wish that this degree of care and attention should continue - we owe it not only to our predecessors who bequeathed to us so fine a building, but to those in the future who will inherit it from us.

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WIVES GROUP

Our new banner was dedicated in church, and was presented by Mrs. S. Cheeseman, Mrs. C. Truswell, and Mrs. D. Phillips. The collection was taken by Mrs. J. Gibbs and Mrs. C. Tucker, and a lesson was read by Mrs. M. England. Speakers for March are to be Mr. Bloxman who will talk on Purbeck oil, and Mrs. Griffin, who will give a demonstration of Easter Cookery.

SCOUT GROUP

Thanks to all who supported the group so well in their show "Variety Pack", both at Briantspuddle and Bere Regis. It was very encouraging to see such good and appreciative audiences. It is appropriate to thank our Scout leader Mr. Gubbins, Cub leader Miss Marilyn Mitten, and her helpers Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Simpson for their hard work and patience, and to thank the local committee for their vital help at the shows, and during the year. It is hoped to have a profit of about £35 from the two shows.

SCOUTS WASTE PAPER. The group wishes to thank the many people in Bere Regis area who save their waste paper for us. We hope you will continue to do so, and collection will continue on the first Saturday morning in the month. The last collection of 3½ tonnes brought £32 to our funds.

PUZZLE CORNER

Last month's anagrams were:-

1. Sutton Waldron;
2. Hampshire.
3. Iwerne Minster;
4. Ashmore;
5. Mappowder;
6. West Moors;
7. Coombe Keynes;
8. Maiden Newton;
9. East Stour;
10. West Stour;
11. Martinstown;
12. Tarrant Keyneston.

Here are 12 more Dorset place names, the last in the present series.

1. Ten motors;
 2. Shell map;
 3. Lower sand basin;
 4. Pet lawyers;
 5. Crept one month;
 6. Man on fag card;
 7. All windows;
 8. A baby slumber;
 9. On left leg;
 10. Who'll we trust?
 11. A rotten bus;
 12. Oh, no ma'm.
- F.P.P.

* AROUND TOWN *

* The Limerick competition for the Bere Regis Wives Group Cup held in February and judged by Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Jeeves, was won by Mrs. M. House with the following:

There was a young lady from Bere,
That lives not far from here,
She is as mad as a hatter,
But that doesn't matter,
Because they're all queer around here.
Fascinating. It prompts me to ask if we could not produce a whole book of stories about this young lady, in limerick form, in aid of the Church Fund.
All entries welcome. I start the ball rolling:
There was a young lady of Bere,
Who tried to be very sincere,
When village chatter,
Ruined her patter,
She gave up and took to the beer.

* Glad to hear the ECG machine has now been ordered and the Carnival Committee has raised its heights to £2,500. It's a singularly wonderful local success story.

* Major Geoffrey Booth, treasurer of the P.C.C. is by nature and profession a most meticulous and careful man. He is neither given to trivialities nor to dramatic overstatements. It was profoundly shocking to me, then, to hear his report to the last PCC meeting. I quote: "We can no longer afford to be polite about this. The Church will close in the next decade if we don't do something about it right now."
"The fact is that if we cannot raise about £10,000 within the next 12 months the church will end up as a furniture depository in the nineties. If the people of Bere Regis wish to marry or bury their dead this side of Blandford they will simply have to care about the

problem we are now facing."

The problem is set out carefully by Fred Pitfield in an attached statement. It is the first in a dedicated campaign to save our church. Much of next month's magazine will be devoted to a further explanation of the situation, and what we can do about it. The fact is that this is now most certainly not a 'crying wolf' situation. The church is quite frankly getting to the position where it will not be able to function for much longer. Surely, this is one item where the whole village can pull together, individually and collectively, over a sustained period of, say, two years, to make sure this unique heritage on our skyline, and this spiritual core of our village life, can be saved for posterity?

* I find it appalling that there should be a request in this magazine that certain youths should allow us to have a Christmas tree. In fact, over the Christmas period we motored to Surrey and Bere Regis was just about the only village we passed through which did not have one. It is the same youths who are preventing OAPS from Turbeville Court from attending church on Sundays by rearing up at them with the front wheels of their bikes; the same youths who are systematically destroying the new toilets; and the same youths who seem to be completely ignored by the County's truancy officer. I have asked my wife to patch up my longjohns for I am absolutely determined that this village should enjoy the simple pleasure of a Christmas tree next year, even if I have to camp out on a permanent guard.

* Mr. Hamish Anderson, a man whom I respect, has written to object to a paragraph I wrote last month. I welcome his letter and any others. In the past few months I have looked very carefully at parish magazines up and down the country and I am still not sure exactly what the yardstick is. They seem to be very much what every community wishes to make of them, but most people seem to have different ideas on this. Obviously we must cover all the church news and try and give service to all the associations in the parish. But this magazine is also the only organ in our village where local issues can be aired. My own views tend to be not only pedantic but probably boring as well. If you agree with this, or if you feel there is a subject that needs comment contrary to my own opinion, please let me know in writing, and I shall do my very best to find it a space.

* As Rupert Murdoch's official biographer I called him last week to make absolutely sure he was not interested in taking over this magazine. We may rest assured. Page three will continue to be devoted to the Sidesman's Rota.

LETTERS

Dear Sir,
I normally look forward to each issue of the Parish Magazine which keeps us in touch with all that is happening in the village. However, I was more than surprised by the paragraph which purports to discuss a possible visit by Her Majesty to view the Church roof. A Parish magazine should eschew politics in whatever guise but this paragraph is blatantly political - something the royal family carefully avoids. And I feel this calls for an apology in your next issue and an undertaking to keep politics out of our parish magazine in future.

Yours sincerely, Hamish Anderson.

* Sorry Ed.

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CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

MOTHERS UNION:	7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Vicarage.
FLORAL GROUP:	2.30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, Drax Hall.
WOMENS INSTITUTE:	7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall.
WIVES GROUP:	7.30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Vicarage.
BELLRINGERS:	7.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesdays.
CHOIR PRACTICE:	6.30 p.m. Children, 7.30 Adults., Fridays in the Church.
BRITISH LEGION CLUB:	7.00 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. R.B.L. Headquarters.
- do - WOMENS SEC.:	2.30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday at H.Q.
BINGO:	7.45 p.m. Mondays, Drax Hall.
GUIDES:	6.30 p.m. Thursdays, School.
BROWNIES:	5 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays, School.
SCOUTS:	7 p.m. Thursdays, Youth Club Hut.
CUBS:	6.30 p.m. Thursday, School.
YOUTH CLUB:	7.30 p.m. Senior Members Monday and Wednesday Junior Members Friday Club Hut
AUTUMN LEAVES:	2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday.
PLAYGROUP:	4 mornings at Youth Club, phone B.R. 777 (Mrs. Carr)

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