My dear Friends,

It has been a sad month for many people, with the deaths of three prominent people in Bere Regis.

First Mr. N. Hewitt, who was so well known in many circles. He had been an invalid for a number of years but had always faced his disabilities with great cheerfulness. In his younger days he was prominent in village life and will be greatly missed. Then almost at the same time there came the death of Major Munro, our postmaster, after a short illness. Major Munro since he came to the village had made himself part of the place. He played a very large part in arranging for the club room of the British Legion and, held the highest position in this organisation. He was also a vigorous member of the Parish Council. And then on top of these two deaths came that of Mr. Alfred Barnes. This was not unexpected as he had been ailing for some time. There is an excellent obituary of this remarkable man in a later page of this issue so I do not propose to say anything more about him here. We send our sincere sympathies to the relatives of these three men who will all be greatly missed.

As we go to press we come towards the Silver Wedding of the Queen, and Prince Philip. A silver wedding celebration is a reminder that the two people concerned have shown a stability and mutual loyalty of love in their marriage which is the one sure foundation of family life. As one writer in the Church Times has said - it may be trite to observe that Queen Elizabeth II, among those manifold other blessings which her reign has brought to her subjects, has, given them a shining example of happy Christian life. But it is none the less true for being trite, and for this above all the nation at this time will wish to express its loyal and affectionate congratulations.

We congratulate a member of the choir - Mrs. Jean Gould on the birth of a fine baby girl and wish the parents much joy on their new acquisition.

You will find the usual notice of Christmas Services in a later page. As Christmas Day, this year, is on a Monday it is necessary to hold the Carol Service on Sunday, Dec. 17th. Please make a note of this.

Every blessing and good wish for Christmas from Mrs. Tranter and myself.

Your sincere friend and vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

December 3rd. Advent Sunday.
December 10th. Advent.
December 17th. Advent. (Carol Service).
December 24th. CHRISTMAS EVE. Mrs. Tranter.
December 31st. Mrs. Tadman. Miss Llewelin.

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday, December 22nd. Gifts of flowers, holly or greenery will be much appreciated, and should be brought to the Church on the morning of Friday, December 22nd.

C. T. T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR DECEMBER.

December 3rd. 11 a.m. Messrs. W. Woolfries & W. F. Lys.
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & R. Barnes.
10th. 11 a.m. Mr. C. Ward & Major J. Hudson.
6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & R. Smith.
17th. 11 a.m. Mr. J. Mullan & Col. A. Barne.
6 p.m. All Sidesmen.
24th. 11 a.m. Messrs. W. F. Lys & F. Marsh.
6 p.m. The Churchwardens.
11.45pm. All Sidesmen.
25th. 11 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman & Cdr. C. Mauder.
31st. 11 a.m. Messrs. M. Lys & K. Woolfries.
6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & H. Dashwood.

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January 7th. 11 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Major M. Knowler.
6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barne & G. Ward.

SIDESMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING.

This meeting for the arranging of the Rota of Sidesmen will be held at 8 p.m. in the Vicarage on Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 8 p.m. Sidesmen are asked to make a note of the date and endeavour to be present.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Dec. 1st. Fri. Conservative Evening Party 7.30 p.m. Drax Hall.
3rd. ADVENT SUNDAY - Collections for the Blind.
6th. Wed. Sanctuary Guild - 3 p.m. Vicarage.
7th. Thurs. Labour Party Bazaar & Coffee evening - 7.30 p.m. Drax Hall. P.T.A. CHRISTMAS BINGO 7.45 p.m. at the School.
8th. Fri. 2.30 p.m. Bible Study Group - 19 South Mead.

-Dec. 9th. Sat. Drax Hall Committee - Coffee Evening 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Drax Hall.
- 12th. Tues. 2.30 Floral Group Annual Meeting - Drax Hall.
- 17th. SUN: 6 p.m. Bere Regis Church Carol Service.
- 19th. Tues. Autumn Leaves (Over 65's) - Youth Hut.
- 20th. Wed. 2.30 Bere Regis School Carol Service in the Church.
- 22nd. Fri. Church decorating.
- 24th. SUN: CHRISTMAS EVE - 11.45 Mid-night Communion.
- 25th. CHRISTMAS DAY.

Jan. 7th. SUN: Plough Sunday - Service 3 p.m.
5th. Mon. School Managers Meeting.
April 8th. SUN: Commencement of Children's Mission with 3 p.m. Family Service.
22nd. EASTER DAY.
31st. ASCENSION DAY. Friends Service.
June 8th. Fri. 7 p.m. Confirmation Service.

DRAX HALL.

Will our Readers please note that the event in connection with the above Hall, advertised for December 9th - Saturday - has been altered from Christmas Fare at 2.30 p.m. to a Coffee evening 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on the same date.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6th.
Come and enjoy listening to Singing, the old Christmas Carols.
Will everyone please bring a mince pie with them, which will not be allowed to be eaten by its owner!

PHYLLIS TRANTER.

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP.

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Friday, December 8th - 2.30 p.m. at 19 South Mead. New members will be very welcome.

RECORDED MUSIC GROUP.

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Thursday, December 7th at 7.45 for 8 p.m. The programme will be:
- Mendelssohn - Overture "The Hebrides" (Fingal's Cave).

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**Recorded Music Group.** (Cont'd....)

Selection of Ballet Favourites (Swan Lake etc.)

COFFEE BREAK.

Brahms - Piano Concerto No. 2 in B Flat Major.

If this music appeals to you please come along and join us at Mr. & Mrs. Broomfield's, 7 Boswell's Close.

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**KITCHEN GOODS FOR OXFAM.**

Once more we have to congratulate Mrs. Poore on the wonderful garments she has knitted from odd lengths of wool and unpicked woolen garments which she has given.

The goods made a colourful and brave show when they were exhibited in the Church one Sunday recently.

If any of our readers have old (hand-knitted) garments or short lengths of wool, will they please let Mrs. Tranter have them as soon as possible and she will see they are passed on to Mrs. Poore.

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**MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS.**

I should like to say how very grateful I am to our Magazine distributors who month by month take out the magazine in all weathers. As I have said before, much of the success of our magazine is due to the devotion of this unpaid and often unthanked body of workers.

After Christmas I shall have a vacancy for a Distributor in the Snow Hill district. Will anyone volunteer to take over this round? If so please see me as soon as possible.

P. T. W. I.

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**ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS 1972.**

Sunday, December 17th.

6 p.m. CAROLS by Candlelight.

The Service of Nine Lessons.

This year the Lessons will be read by representatives of the children of the parish. Chosen mainly from the Sunday School.

Printed copies of the Service for all, including full words of all the carols to be sung.

Carols for Congregation and choir.

Come early and make sure of a seat.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Sunday Dec. 24th. 11.45 p.m. Mid-night Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY - 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Mattins. 12 noon Holy Communion.

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**PLough SUNDAY.**

The Annual Procession & Service for Plough Sunday will be held on Sunday, January 7th (the first Sunday after the Epiphany).

The Procession will leave the Old Barn Service Station at 2.45 p.m., followed by the Plough Sunday Service in Church at 3 p.m.

Please come and join the procession and help to keep alive this ancient country tradition.

The plough will be carried by members of the Young Farmers Club.

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**MR. ALFRED BARNES. DIED 31ST OCTOBER, 1972.**

Recently so much has been written and said about Alfred Barnes, firstly on his completion of 50 years and then his retirement after 52 years as secretary to "Court Prospect" of the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society, but with his passing at the age of 80 years, one feels that part of the village has gone.

He was a true parishioner of Bere Regis, loved and respected by everyone and always ready to give a helping hand to anyone. Now that he has gone one feels that his knowledge and guidance will still remain in the various organisations with which he was associated during his lifetime to help them in the future.

Throughout his life he was a member of our Church and for 40 years a member of the Choir. To many of us he set an example, especially in latter years when his health was failing. Many is the time when it would have been much easier and far less painful to have sat by the fire and watched a Service on the television, but he could be seen attending Evening Service.

The restoration of the Morton Chantry Chapel has always been near to his heart and by his bequests and generosity he has helped this work to near completion, and through this he will always be remembered but very sadly missed.

P. M.

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**WOODBURY HILL.**

The moon rides high over Woodbury Hill
Shining down on a world quite still;
A lone star glitters in a deep mauve sky,
Meadows and hedgerows silent lie.

There is no sound from the woods or a stir,
Of a leaf on the trees of pine and fir.
And I think back two thousand years or so
To the Romans who used to come and go,
Upon this hill-fort while the same moon shone
On their legions here in the nights long gone.
WOODBURY HILL. (Cont'd....)

Then before them the Celts on this great mound
Built camps and doubtless sat around
Their fires and talked and lived and died
Oh how much history that hill must hide!
Now, all is peaceful, and the woods are deep
There's a flat green plateau on top where sheep
And rabbit and pheasant and fallow deer
Romp in the bracken and the glades up there.
The hill stands guard o'er our village below
Where from cottage and house a few lights show;
The same moon still shines, and thus it may be
For thousands of years to Eternity.

Joseph E. Hudson.

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BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES'.

On the 13th December a Carol Service and Sale will be held in the
Congregational Church Hall. This will be the only meeting in December.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

On Tuesday, 12th December the Christmas Party will be held in the
Drax Hall.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB.

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK.

The programme commenced on the Friday, 20th October with an Open
Club Night.

Saturday 21st - The Milk of Ponce Collection.
"It's a knockout and Barbecue" - Ben's Bashers won the "It's a knock-
out" competition.

The Iced Fruit Cake was won by Mrs. Reg. Fashen of Green Close.
The Box of Chocolates won by Mr. Lewis, Boswell Close.

Sunday, 22nd - Church Service: This Service was a great success. All
enjoyed music played and sung by Mr. D. Heekeford and Partners, and the
Beacon Christian Guitar Group.

Monday, 23rd - Discoteque.....at the British Legion Club (By kind per-
mission of the Bere Regis & District Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Tuesday, 24th - Coffee Morning. Children's Party.

And a very successful Film Show of Steve McQueen in "Bullitt".

Wednesday, 25th - Whist Drive. Thursday, 26th - Bingo.

Friday, 27th. - Open Night.

Saturday, 28th. - Salsa at Youth Club Hut. Where the Grand Draw
place - the winners were as follows:
1st Prize - Transistor Radio - Mrs. Parker, Bloxworth.

2nd Prize - Camera. Barry Tuck, Bere Heath.
3rd " - Whisky. Miss D. Samways, Milborne St. Andrew.
4th " - Xmas Cake. C. H. Riggs, Parkstone.
5th " - Basket of Fruit. D. Phillips, Church Cottages, Bere Regis.
6th " - Torch. Mr. Lucas, Dorchester.
7th " - 2 pair of Tights. Mrs. W. Dam, Bloxworth.
8th " - Tin of Tea. Mr. King, Bovington Camp.
9th " - Crackers. Mrs. D. Gale, Brantspudle.
10th " - Pudding Mix. Miss I. Walden, Druce.

The Youth Club Committee and members would like to thank all those
who supported the above activities and all who helped.

L. B. - Chairman.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

I would like to thank all who gave so generously to the house to
house collection held last month, also to all who so kindly help with
the collection. £22.60 has been sent to the Society.

Edna Coates.

CHOOSE YOUR HYMNS FOR TV SERIES.

Sir, - "The Choice is Yours" is the title of a new series of television
programmes which is to start in January on BBC-1. It will temporarily
replace "Songs of Praise". Selected choirs throughout Britain will sing
hymns selected by viewers.

For many people certain hymns are associated with special moments in
their lives - either to do with a particular incident, a special person,
or maybe an inner experience either of comfort or challenge. We hope
that each request will reflect these associations and so help to reveal
the hymn's meaning. We want to demonstrate the important part that hymns
can play in the Christian's life.

We are now beginning to plan the first few programmes and we need,
straightaway, to have requests from people who would like to help us.
Please send your request, together with a brief summary of the special
meaning the hymn has for you, preferably on a postcard, to: "The Choice
is Yours," BBC Television Centre, London W12 7TD. Please include your
address and, if possible, a telephone number for daytime use.

We are looking forward to following up as many requests as possible
- though it may well be impossible to acknowledge all the correspondence
we receive.

RAYMOND SHORT
(Series Producer, "Songs of Praise"),
COLIN SEMPER
(who will introduce "The Choice is
Yours")
SOLEMN VESPERS in a music hall. - Our attention had in the first instance been attracted by a poster, which informed us that on that evening Father Ignatius, whom we may, perhaps, be allowed to designate the freelance of the Church of England, would preach, and that a selection of Mozart's 12th Mass would be given, illustrated by a full band and chorus. The town was Brighton, the locality a large handsome room, bearing the designation of "the Grand Concert Room." Precisely at the time appointed the orchestra played an overture, the Kyrie was then sung, at which the people rose simultaneously, then followed another portion of the Mass, and next appeared Father Ignatius himself, having a surplice over his habit, who stationed himself on the lowest step of the platform, the only furniture being a plain deal table, partly covered with an ordinary red and black cloth, a Bible, Prayer Book and a decanter of water. To our astonishment the preacher commenced the ordinary Evensong. Father Ignatius, having divested himself of his surplice, and assuming a white embroidered stole, worn deacon-wise, prefaced his sermon with an extempore prayer.

And to think that some people say that parsons are odd today!!

Ed.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

Two coaches were needed to take 71 members on our afternoon outing in October. First stop was at Hardy's monument, then on to Portland lighthouse with a short stay, then back to Weymouth for tea. Mrs. Rowland and Mr. Stevens were given a buttonhole and a chorus of 'Happy Birthday'. Then home by 6.15 p.m. Everyone gave thanks to the drivers for all their help.

'BET POLITE TO BEES!'.

Charles Butler, parish priest of Wootton St. Lawrence, Hants, in Stuart times, loved music and wrote about it: he also wrote an English grammar. And he loved and wrote about bees.

Bees not only made money for him, (he was able to give his daughter 'his sweet honey girl' a good dowry), they also gave him ideas for sermons.

Bees, he warned his congregation, were sensitive creatures, not to be dealt with by anyone dirty or smelly, 'or having a stinking breath, caused through the eating of leeks, onions or garlic. Thou must not come puffing and blowing unto them, nor violently defend thyself when they seem to threaten thee, but softly moving thy hand before thy face gently put them by. In a word, thou must be chaste, cleanly, sweet, sober, quiet and familiar. So will they love thee and know thee from all other'.

What a good speaker he would have made for conservation meetings, this gentle, kindly parson who treated even such small creatures as bees with so much respect and courtesy!

FROM THE CHURCH Registers.

HOLY MATRIMONY: Oct. 21st. Stephen UVEDALE LAMBERT and Jane ROFFEY.
Nov. 18th. Gordon William TUCKER and Christine Ann HOUSE.

Nov. 6th. Alfred Barnes.

SMALL ADS'.... (15p. every three lines).