BERE REGIS PARISH MAGAZINE
The Vicar's Letter.

My dear Friends,

September has been a sad month for us all with the death of Eddie Rawbone our Verger and Parish Clerk.

He has been such an institution at Bere Regis for so many years that it is almost impossible to believe that we shall see him no more, bustling about the Church and village with his usual speed and energy.

He originally came to Bere Regis as a young lad going to a school which used to be on the Blandford-Dorchester Road and from there he went straight into the employ of Mr. Bedford, and remained in the same firm of Bedford & Jesty the whole of his working life - where he gave loyal and consistent service. From early times he was closely connected with his Parish Church and if he had lived another six months he would have sung in the choir for 50 years, and we were all looking forward to celebrating this, in some appropriate way. He became Parish Clerk some 14 years ago and fulfilled his duties conscientiously with his usual vigour.

I know that it is always said that no one is irreplaceable and this is true, but it is more difficult to replace some than others and there is no doubt that we shall have great difficulty in finding anyone to fill the gap in our lives that Eddie Rawbone has left.

We send our warm sympathies to Mrs. Rawbone, who nursed him and cherished him so cheerfully and well right to the end in spite of her own ill health. It was her wish that she should be able to care for him at home and it was a happy thing that this wish was granted.

As we go to press the news has come of the sudden death of Lord Fisher, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, only a week before the fortieth year of his consecration in York Minster as Bishop of Chester. There was to have been a special celebration of the Holy Communion in the village church of Trent where he had served as an honorary assistant Curate, since his retirement from the Primary eleven years ago. Much will be written about the life of this remarkable man and I hope in next months magazine to include a proper obituary of one of the greatest of our Archbishops. All I will say at the moment is the feeling of gratitude I have to him when I remember now that owing to the illness of the Bishop of Sherborne we were in great difficulty over a Confirmation and that at the shortest notice he put off a most important engagement to come to Bere Regis to take the Service for us. This was typical of him and his care for what so many would consider the unimportant.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

Paul Tranter.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

October 1st. - HARVEST FESTIVAL. Mrs. Tranter.
October 8th. - Mrs. R. Barnes. Miss Combes.
October 15th. - Mrs. Lys. Mrs. Benjafield.
October 22nd. - Mrs. Barne.
October 29th. - Mrs. Kircher Smith. Mrs. Howard.

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR OCTOBER.

Oct. 8th. 11. Brigadier D. Tadsen & Major J. Hudson.

Oct. 22nd. 11. Mr. N. Lys & Major R. Knowler.
6. Youth Service.
Nov. 5th. 11. Messrs. K. Woolfries & F. Marsh.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR.

4th. Wed. 7.30 A.C.M. Local Assoc: Girl Guides.
14th. Sat. Diocesan Synod, Salisbury.
16th. Mon. 3 p.m. School Managers Meeting.
18th. Wed. 7.30 p.m. A.C.M. Royal British Legion at H.Q.
20th. Fri. 2.30 p.m. Bible Study Group - 19 South Mead.
Youth Club Week commences.
21st. Sat. W.I. Sale - 3 p.m. Drax Hall
22nd. Sun. 6 p.m. Youth Service.
23rd. Mon. 7.30 p.m. Deanery Synod - Tolpuddle.
8th. Wed. 7.30 p.m. Mothers' Union. Mrs. Shipp - 'Growing up together'.
Dec. 1st. Fri. Conservative Evening Party - Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
6th. Wed. 3 p.m. Sanctuary Guild - Vicarage.
9th. Sat. Drax Hall Committees - Christmas Fare - 2.30 p.m.
13th. Wed. 8 p.m. Youth Club Committee.
17th. Sun. 6 p.m. Carol Service.

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

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Jan. 7th. Sun: Plough Sunday Service - 3 p.m.
April 8th. Sun: Commencement of Children's Mission.
" 22nd. EASTER DAY.
May 31st. Thu: ASCENSION DAY - 'Friends' Service.
June 8th. Fri. 7 p.m. Confirmation Service.
" 30th. Bere Regis Garden Party.

HARVEST SERVICES

8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Mattins.
3 p.m. Children's Gift Service. 6 p.m. Evensong.

The Family Service usually held on the 2nd Sunday will for this month be moved to the 1st Sunday so as to co-incide with the Harvest. We hope all children will bring a gift to the Harvest.

Gifts will be sent as usual to Christmas Homes, Wareham.

TWO JOKES.

One from the Church Times and one from Puddletown Parish Magazine.

VILLAGE EVENT: Seen on the notice-board of a Somerset country church last week: "Tuesday, August 29, Beheading of St. John Baptist.
Funeral 2 p.m.

BOW WOW! A man stopped at the vet's to fetch the family puppy. When he reached home he said to his wife, 'He can't have enjoyed being there. He barked all the way home as if he were trying to tell me something.'
'He was', said the wife. 'He was trying to tell you you were bringing the wrong dog home'.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

Meetings of the over 65 Group will be held in the Drax Hall on the 3rd Tuesday in every month at 2.30 p.m.

The notice of this will be included in Church & Village Activities on the back page when the next batch of covers are printed. In the meantime we invite all eligible and interested to make a note of this new Village Activity.

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MOTHERS' UNION.

The vicar and I will be attending a meeting at Dorchester on October 4th, when we shall be hearing a detailed explanation of the recent report on the Mothers' Union parts of which have already been summarised in last month's Parish Magazine and on which the vicar commented in his letter.

The Branch must now be given a full report on the proposals of the Commission as we have to give our report and comments to the Central Council by April 1973. Therefore at our next meeting on Wednesday, 11th October - 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage I have asked the vicar to go into the Commission's report in detail and to explain to you what it means so that we can comment on it intelligently. Please try and be present on this date as it is so important for us to understand.

Phyllis Tranter.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

There will be a Sale of Work on Saturday, Oct. 21st in the Drax Hall at 3 p.m. to be called - The Bere Regis Boutique. Produce and Food Stalls, White Elephant and Jewellery, Grandmother's Treasures, Teas. Admission Free. The speaker at the October meeting will be Mrs. Penny, who will give a talk with slides entitled 'Cavalcade of Costumes'.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane at 7.30. On Tuesday, 10th October the Annual Party will be held in the British Legion Club Hut, and on the 24th will be the Annual General Meeting.

NATIONAL YOUTH CLUB WEEK - OCTOBER 20TH - 28TH OCTOBER.

Saturday 21st -
"It's a Knock Out Competition" will take place at the Bere Regis Sports field commencing at 7.30 p.m., under floodlights. The four village sides taking part are: The Sports Club, Drax Arms, Bens Bashers, and the Bere Regis Youth Club. There are five exciting games and four heats of the Mini Marathon.

Sunday 22nd. 6 p.m. Youth Church Service.
Monday 23rd. Discothque at Club Hut - 8.00
Tuesday 24th. Coffee Morning - 10.30 a.m. Hillview, Sitterton. Children's Party - 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 at Club Hut. In the evening a Film Show in the Club Hut.
Wednesday 25th. Whist Drive - Club Hut - 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 26th. Bingo........Club Hut - 7.30 p.m.
Friday 27th. Discothque - Club Hut - 8.00 p.m.
Saturday 28th. Autumn Bazaar - Club Hut - 3.00 p.m.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

October 10th - Fork Supper at Culzean.
November 14th - Christmas Decorations by Mrs. Goodall.
November 28th - Christmas Fair - 2.30 p.m. Drax Hall.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BERE
REGIS AND DISTRICT BRANCH

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 7.30 p.m. at H.Q.

ALL WELCOME

E. Steels - Hon. Sec.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION:

The Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, October 18th. It is hoped that as many members, as possible, will attend this meeting, to elect the Officers and Committee, and make suggestions for next years programmes.

As a result of hard work by Members, during the year, £100 has been donated to the Women's Sections Benevolent Funds.

E. L.

THANKS.

I should like to say a big "Thank you" for the lovely farewell the Choir & Organist gave to my dear Husband Eddy - the Parish Clerk & Verger, also to the Vicar for his lovely address.

Mrs. Rawbone.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeeves would like to thank everyone for the help and support they gave in every way, enabling us to have such a successful evening.

Proceeds amounted to £60, giving the over 65's group a good start.
Letter to the Church Times.

PETITION FOR DECENCY.

Sir, - The publication of the Longford Report later this month will once again raise the question of the control of pornography to the forefront of public debate.

Now, and if, the law should be changed in order to ensure freedom for the individual from obscene pressures within advertising and the mass media must, in the final analysis be the decision of Parliament. It is, however, essential that M.P.'s should be in no doubt about public concern over this matter.

The urgency of the task is underlined by a recent episode in which the Director of Public Prosecutions refused to take action against the publisher of an article for a young teenage girls' magazine in which they were told that normal and abnormal sexual practices - including intercourse - were perfectly permissible at thirteen and no reason at all why they shouldn't start at eight!

Your readers will no doubt know of the petition for public decency which is now circulating in many parts of the country. So great is the response to the invitation to sign this petition - at least eighty per cent of those asked - that it has been decided to continue with the collection of signatures well into the New Year. Churchpeople who are taking the petition into the highways and by-ways of their communities are finding that it is giving an excellent opportunity to get to know people who perhaps never come to church.

We are most grateful to those of your readers who have already collected signatures, but there may well be some who would be glad of a fresh opportunity to do so. We would be most appreciative of their co-operation.

Petition forms and relevant literature are obtainable from the address below - a stamped addressed envelope would facilitate the work of distribution.

(Mrs. ) MARY WHITEHOUSE,
Hon. Gen. Sec.
National Viewers' and Listeners' Association,
Par Forest,
Kidderminster, Worcs.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND BROWNIES.

The Annual General Meeting of the Local Association will be held at Bere Regis Primary School at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th October, 72. After completion of business Miss Llewellyn will give a talk, with slides, on her life in Rhodesia. All Parents of Guides and Brownies and anyone interested in Guiding will be most welcome.

BERE REGIS SCHOOL.

Our Sponsored Walk proved a great success and, although there are still three or four sets of contributions still outstanding, for various reasons, it is clear that we shall top the £200 mark easily after expenses have been met. I have therefore forwarded a cheque for £100 to Coldharbour Hospital, Sherborne, towards the cost of their remedial Swimming Pool, and have received a reply asking me to convey thanks and appreciation to all concerned in raising this sum. The balance of the money collected is being spent on new text books and readers, and will benefit all the children in the School.

Eric Gomney - Headmaster.

ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

In the recent door-to-door collection on behalf of the above, the sum of £18.04 was raised. I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously and especially thank those helpers who did the collecting. This amount included the contents of the "blind stocking" from the Post Office.

M. Carlyle - Local Organiser.

DR. RAMSEY: 'HATRED OF INJUSTICE'.

A STRONGLY-WORDED appeal to all nations to be shocked into new hatred for injustice was made by the Archbishop of Canterbury at a service of prayer on Sunday for the victims of last week's Olympic Games massacre.

Preaching in St. James's, Piccadilly, during the service - which was broadcast on television and radio - Dr. Ramsey asked that the world should be shocked into a new, concerted action to thwart acts of violence and terrorism.

He said: "Our sympathy goes out to the victims who suffered in Munich, and to all victims of outrage anywhere. Let us pray for the terrorists as well - and let them know that cruelty is not going to promote any cause, or do more than alienate and outrage the feelings of people everywhere."

The Archbishop referred to the new sort of violence that was unknown in view - the idea that justice could be promoted, that sympathy could be won for some cause or other around the world, by spreading terrorism around the world.

"Hijacking, kidnapping, hostages, murder - let all countries be shocked into some new concerted action to thwart this."
The Deanery of Lincoln has been filled by Canon Blakesley, whose stall at Canterbury has fallen to Professor Rawlinson. Both are extremely unsatisfactory appointments, regarded from whatever point of view. Both gentlemen are theologians of the broadest type; but, even if that were not so, at a time when Cathedrals are at last beginning to show symptoms of the revival, it is an outrage to commit them to contributors of the Times or to dusty professors. Deans and canons ought to be the most thoroughly efficient priests in the whole diocese; and if the theology of Wensum. Blakesley and Rawlinson had been ever so orthodox, they have not had anything like the proper training for the post. We suppose that Mr. Gladstone thinks that what has been done for St. Paul's is enough for the present.

The Church Times did not believe in mincing its words in those days!

Ed.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BURIAL:

September 4th. Walter Edwin RAWBONE, 70 years.

HOLY BAPTISM:


September 9th. Martha Kate Rowley.

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