My dear People,

Since writing last month we have had a slight re-arrangement of magazine distribution. Miss Lys who said she would take on the Snow Hill District has generously agreed to take on the Sitterton District instead, and Mrs. Bloomfield of Boswell’s Close has very kindly offered to do the Snow Hill district. I am most grateful to these two ladies for their willingness to take on these two vacant rounds between them.

I do not always hear of sickness or distress in good time and it would be a great help to me if our Magazine distributors would take on something of the mantle of the old-fashioned District visitors and would let me know of any persons who they come across in their rounds, who might like a visit or who are ill in any way, I do try and keep an ear cocked for any who need help but sometimes there is a breakdown in communications which I find distressing when it occurs.

We send our warm sympathies to Mrs. Wyatt and her family on the death of her husband. Roland Wyatt was much respected in the village and he will be greatly missed by a large number of people, not least by those for whom he worked so efficiently and well. We also send our deep condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Seymour of Lane End who had the sad experience of losing their child Jason at only 4 days old. Their courage has been remarkable.

I am sorry to have to tell you that sometime during the week beginning January 8th, the Crib figures arranged on the flat top tomb in the South aisle were taken from the Church. They consist of the three Kings, Mary & Joseph and the Babe and a figurine of a servant boy. I am hoping that they were taken by a child and that in due course we may have them returned. In the meantime, if any of you hear of any small figures that have appeared anywhere in the parish I should be very glad to know. We have also been plagued by a gang of young people who have been making a nuisance of themselves in the Church. This is, of course something we shall have to stop. Several of them are known to us, but we are anxious not to bring the heavy hand of the Law in – but if we have any more trouble this will be the inevitable conclusion of the matter. I appeal to parents to give us co-operation in putting an end to this nuisance.

I trust that the ladies of the parish who have found the churchyard paths very knobbily for their thin shoes will enjoy the comfort of the new gravel!

I am delighted that at long last we have been able to have all the
paths re-gravelled. I am afraid that it may pick up for a little until it has become properly consolidated, but it has been most beautifully laid and should last us for many years - and how greatly it enhances our so well-kept churchyard.

Lent is very late this year so I shall not make any announcements of what we shall be doing for this Season until next month's magazine, when I shall hope to have some plans worked out. Our Confirmation too is very late, not until June 8th - so I shall not be commencing classes until the first week in April, but it is not too soon for young people to begin to think about it.

Your sincere friend and vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

February 18th. Miss McFadd. Mrs. Tadman.
February 25th. Mrs. G. Griffin. Mrs. Wyatt.

SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR FEBRUARY.

February 4th. 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & F. Marsh.
       6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & R. Barnes.
 " 11th. 11 a.m. Major M. Knowler & Mr. M. Lys.
       6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & C. Ward.
 " 18th. 11 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries.
       6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. Barnes.
 " 20th. 11 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Mr. R. Smith.
       6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & M. A. Bloomfield.
       6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & C. Ward.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

February 3rd. Sat. 4 p.m. Sunday School Party.
 " 5th. Mon. 3 p.m. School Managers Meeting.
       7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council.
 " 7th. Wed. Y.P.C. Committee Meeting 8 p.m. Club Hut.
 " 14th. Wed. 7.30 Mothers’ Union - Vicarage.
March 7th. Wed. ASH WEDNESDAY.
 " 14th. Wed. Autumn Leaves Meeting.
April 4th. Wed. Conservative Annual Meeting 7.30 p.m. -
           Drax Hall.

Village Calendar. (Cont’d...) 

April 8th. SUN. Commencement of Children’s Mission at Family Service
           3 p.m.
 " 22nd. SUN. EASTER DAY.
 " 24th. Thurs. Mothers’ Union Corporate Communion 2.30 p.m.
 " 31st. Thurs. ASCENSION DAY - 7 p.m. Friends Service.
June 8th. Fri. 7 p.m. Confirmation Service.
July 5th. Thurs. 2.30 Mothers’ Union Corporate Communion.
 " 7th. Sat. Carnival Day.
Oct. 25th. Thurs. 2.30 Mothers’ Union Corporate Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We are holding a Sunday School Party on Saturday, February 3rd in the Drax Hall, and shall be very glad of help in providing food and running the party.

If any of our readers would like to help with offers of food or in any other way, please get in touch with Mrs. Collis or Mrs. England or Mrs. Mulford.

MOTHERS’ UNION.

Most unfortunately Mrs. Cooper was unable, through illness, to come to our last meeting to help us with the questions we had to answer concerning the new constitution of the M.U. However, we had a long discussion, led by the vicar and a number of important points were raised. At the end of the discussion a Ballot on the questions was taken and the result of the voting was as follows:-

Question 1. Do you accept the new five draft objects of the Mothers Union?

1. To uphold our Lord’s teaching on the nature of marriage and the lifelong nature of the marriage vows as taught by the Church and to promote their wider understanding and acceptance.

2. To encourage parents to accept and maintain the ideals of Christian family life, and help them to equip themselves to bring up their children in the faith and life of the church.

3. To establish and maintain throughout the Anglican Communion a society of Christian women who will unite in prayer.

4. To seek to preserve and strengthen those elements in the law which favour lasting marriage and stable family life and the protection of children.

5. To help and support all those whose marriages have met with adversity.

VOTING: For 17. Against Nil.
Mothers' Union. (Cont'd...)

Question 2.

Should the offer of full autonomy be made to the Mothers' Union in each Province of the Anglican Communion where both the Bishops and the society request it?

**VOTING:** For 17. Against Nil.

Question 3.

(a) Should the existing rules in respect of membership remain unchanged, saving that women whose marriages have been legally terminated by divorce, and who have not subsequently remarried, should be eligible for membership.

or

(b) Should membership of the Mothers' Union be open to any baptized woman able sincerely and with a good conscience to subscribe to the ideals and intentions enshrined in the objects.

**VOTING:**

For Alternative (b) 15.
For Alternative (a) 1.

One member did not vote.

The result of this voting will be sent to the Presiding Member of the Purbeck Deanery for her to send to headquarters with the decisions of the other Branches.

If there are any other members of the M.U. who feel strongly about these questions and who were unable to be present at this meeting, will they please let me have their votes at the Vicarage without any delay.

The next meeting will be held at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th February, when there will be a film strip and recorded tape commentary entitled - Mr. Global Christian.

**Phyllis Trantor.**

*** Bere Regis Young Wives.***

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane at 7.30. On the 13th February there will be a slide show using members' slides, and on the 27th a trip to Poole for Ten Pin Bowling. A total of £10.78p was raised Carol singing in the village which was given to the M.S.P.C.C.  

**M. E.**

*** Bere Regis Women's Institute.***

The February meeting will be held in the Drax Hall and the speaker will be Mr. Pitfield, talking about "Old Bere Regis."

**M. E.**

*** Bere Regis Youth Club Activities.***

On Sunday, November 19th the Dorset Chess championships were held at the Club Hut in which 30 competitors took part. The winner being from Portland. After three years running as champion or runner-up, Malcolm Munro reached the semi-finals and played some brilliant games.

Friday evenings at the end of November and during December were used to play Five-a-side football and netball at Wimborne School. The under 16 team played well and finished second in a league of eight teams. The netball was friendly - but out team have also been playing in a North Dorset league where they are second with two games in hand.

On Wednesday, 10th January, a small party went with a few members of Iladen Youth Club to Bovington Camp to have a go at .22 rifle shooting, it was a very successful evening and we hope to go again in the near future.

*** Bere Regis Floral Group.***

The next meeting of the Floral Group will be on Tuesday, February 13th at 2.30 p.m. in the Drax Hall, when there will be a talk, with slides, on the work of the National Trust. The speaker will be Mr. L. B. Childs of Wareham. Visitors will be welcome.

**A. L.**

*** Admittance to Holy Communion.***

Readers of the magazine may remember that some time ago I stated that people who were not members of the Church of England but who were of Communicant standing in their own Church, would under a new law be welcome to come to the Holy Communion in the Parish Church.

The new Canon which covers this has now been put into print and
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I now append a full copy of the Canon in question.

P.T.W.T.

Canon B 154 On the Admission to Holy Communion

Promulgated by the General Synod of the Church of England on 9 January 1972.

1 There shall be admitted to the Holy Communion:
   a members of the Church of England who have been confirmed in accordance with the rites of that Church or are ready and desirous to be so confirmed or who have been otherwise episcopally confirmed with unction or with the laying on of hands, except as provided by the next following Canon;
   b baptized persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own Church;
   c any other baptized persons authorized to be admitted under regulations of the General Synod; and
   d any baptized person in immediate danger of death.

2 If any person by virtue of sub-paragraph b above regularly receives the Holy Communion over a long period which appears likely to continue indefinitely, the minister shall set before him the normal requirements of the Church of England for communicant status in that Church.

3 Where any minister is in doubt as to the application of this Canon, he shall refer the matter to the bishop of the diocese or other Ordinary and follow his guidance thereon.

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AUTUMN LEAVES.

Will all members please note your meetings will now be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at the Youth Hut. Your next meeting is February 14th. New members welcomed.

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HELP PLEASE!!

If anyone would be willing to help Autumn Leaves, over 65 group, with transport on the 2nd Wednesday of the month to pick members up at 2 p.m. and take them to their meeting at the Youth Hut, please contact Mrs. Jeeves (B.R.204) or Mrs. Lewis (B.R.578).

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ETHICAL CHOICE FOR YOUNG.

The importance of putting the Christian ethical tradition before young people was stressed by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Ronald Williams) in an address he gave on Tuesday to the Islington Conference.

Young people, he said, would still have the responsibility for making up their own minds. "But do not let us give them the excuse for thinking that they must make up their own minds because nobody has ever thought honestly or frankly about these matters before."

"The world outside may keep up an appearance of supercilious mockery as far as our own teaching is concerned, but deep down they look to the Church to keep alive some of the best standards of our society. They know very well that, if the Church speaks with an uncertain sound, the likelihood of secular society finding its way through life's puzzling maze is not very great."

Dr. Williams said that sex was a realm where more and more people positively rejected traditional Christian teaching and behaviour. More and more responsible quarters in areas like that of educational counselling and marriage guidance started from the fact that pre-marital or even extra-marital intercourse was now so common as no longer to be even questionable as a way of life.

"If our young people are going to keep to the path of chastity before marriage and loyalty within it, they will only do so if they have a very firm foundation able to stand against the flood-tide of current practice.

"For young men and women to maintain traditional standards of moral behaviour is to risk standing in a very small and frequently ridiculed minority. We have to give them good reasons, and not only prudential ones, for maintaining the traditional Christian view.

"The mere replacement of the word 'fornication' with the high-sounding phrase 'pre-marital intercourse' is but one example of the way in which we call sin has become in the minds of many just an interesting change in social behaviour."

The Bishop also made the point that the positive nature of Christian marriage must be hammered away at in a priest's ordinary pastoral and pulpit work. "The great truth, it seems to me, is that in marriage love and loyalty must go together. That is what we have somehow got to get into the minds of our people."

"So many of them have the idea that romantic love is the only decisive element, and that, if love appears to grow cold in the married home but to warm up in some different company, this in itself justifies infidelity, and possibly at last a change of partner. That is what is wrong."

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Some of you may have heard on the radio something of the work which Dr. Paul Nordoff has been doing with music among retarded children.

We are glad to have come across the following account in the Church Times of what he has managed to do with one particular child, and feel it would be of great interest to our readers.

SHE BURST OUT SINGING.

You and I take it for granted that we can hum a tune whenever we want to; and we may be able to make music by playing an instrument, or have it constantly available to us, without ever guessing how strong is its power for healing (though Saul and David knew about this, all those years ago!).

There is an American musician - Dr. Paul Nordoff - who discovered in 1959 something of what music can do for severely retarded children. Because of his work, and the work of others in this same field, there is now a music therapy course at the Guildhall School of Music, and it is
She burst out singing. (Cont'd....)

the job of music therapist in special schools and in some hospitals.

Anyone who does this work has to be extraordinarily patient. The response of severely retarded children is so very slow. The outline of Rosita's story shows this.

She was six, and could hardly speak at all when Dr. Nordoff first played the piano for her and encouraged her to try the drum that stood beside the piano. After a month of fitful co-operation, Dr. Nordoff sang "Rosita can say Hello!" and she smiled with pleasure for the first time in her life. After this she began to enjoy her drum, and gradually responded to the piano, and even began playing her own rhythms.

Then, one day, several months later, Dr. Nordoff played up to a tremendous climax, and Rosita began to shout in time to his music; and then at last she burst out singing. This moment of ecstasy so freed her that, since then, she has begun to talk, to communicate with those round her, and in every way to grow and develop.

The healing of Rosita, and the many hundreds of other children who have been influenced by Dr. Nordoff and others like him, is a miracle for music. Music itself becomes God's agent for wholeness.

We dully exist to background music. We allow ourselves to live against background religion. We are afraid to let it unlock us to the Holy Spirit's dynamism and power, or to allow him within us to burst out singing.

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The W.I. will be holding a COFFEE MORNING on May 19th in aid of the Franciscans.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

BURIALS

January 3rd. Roland Ralph Wyatt. 66 years.

" 12th. Jason Seymour. 4 days.

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SMALL 'ADS'.

(15p for every three lines).

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