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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

Before the Bere Regis Deanery broke up at the end of last year, the Clergy decided that it would be a good and pleasant thing if in 1973 we all met together again for a Reunion Service; when perhaps we could reminisce and re-capture some of the old feelings of friendship and fellowship we all had together in the Bere Regis Deanery.

I am glad to say that this idea has come to fruition and on July 29th there will be a Reunion Service for the old Bere Regis Deanery to be held at 6.30 p.m. in Affpuddle Church, when I shall be the preacher.

We shall close Bere Regis Church for Evensong on that Sunday and I am arranging for a coach to be at the lower entrance to the Church at 6 p.m. to take us all to Affpuddle.

I do hope that this service will be really well supported and that we shall take a large number with us to join in an act of worship with the other churches who were formerly in the Bere Regis Deanery.

As I write this letter news comes of the sudden death of Bert Farnham. He was a very well known figure in Bere Regis, his memory going back a long way to past events and people. He knew the Vicarage well when it was still 'The Retreat' and was used to put up members of the shooting party's in the old days. For many years he kept the churchyard tidy, and for all that he did we are grateful. We send our warm sympathy to Mrs. Farnham on the loss of her husband.

What a splendid Service we had on Whitsunday evening when the Bishop of Sherborne dedicated the gifts in the Morton Chapel and gave us such a wonderful sermon which will be remembered for a long time by those who were privileged to hear him.

I am most grateful to all those who by their efforts made this Service such a success. The Morton Chapel is now virtually complete. There are only two things which remain to be done. The Credence table has still to be made and the special lighting for the cross remains to be installed. I propose to use the Chapel from now on for small celebrations of the Holy Communion.

We have now commenced to use the new Series 3 form of the Holy Communion at all 9 a.m. Celebrations. This is the form of Service we have been asked to 'try out' which is in modern speech. I hope that those who attend, will come with an open mind. It is important that we should try and obtain a true estimate of its failings and virtues, unclouded with prejudice or preconceived judgments, either one way or
the other. For the time being we shall continue to use Series 2 at the Family Communion on the first Sunday in the month.

If the weather we have had lately holds over the garden party we shall indeed be fortunate, but by the time you read this all will have been revealed.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

JULY 1st. Mrs. Jestly. Mrs. K. Woolfries.
8th. Mrs. Tranter. Mrs. Bates.
22nd. Miss E. Lys. Miss A. Lys.
29th. Mrs. J. House. Mrs. Coates.

The half yearly Guild Meeting was held in the Vicarage on Wednesday, 6th June when the rota for the next six months, July - December, was made out. It can be seen in the Church Porch. If any Members who were unable to be at the meeting wish to alter the date selected for them will they please let me know as soon as possible. C.T.T.

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JULY.

July 1. 11. Mr. G. Ward & Major M. Knowler.
15. 11. Major J. Hudson & Mr. I. Mullins.
22. 11. Major M. Knowler & Mr. R. Smith.
Aug. 5. 11. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR.

July 15th. Sun. 6 p.m. Children Singing.
19th. Thurs. 7 p.m. Children's Society Coffee evening and Box opening - Vicarage.
21st. Sat. Women's Section R.B.L. Garden Party - 3 p.m. White Lovington.
23rd. Mon. 7.30 Parochial Church Council - Vicarage.
24th. Tues. Sunday School Outing.
25th. Wed. 7 p.m. Coffee evening, Summerrods for R.B.L.
29th. Sun. 6.30 Reunion Service at Affpuddle.

AUG. 11th. Sat. R.B.L. Horticultural Show, Sports field.

SEPT. 17th. Mon. 3 p.m. School Managers.
23rd. Sun. 6 p.m. Visit of Dorset Blind Choir.

25th. Thurs. 2.30 Mothers' Union Corporate Communion.

NOV. 4th. Sun. 6.30 p.m. Purbeck Deanery Service at Swanage.
27th. Tues. Floral Group Christmas Fair.

DEC. 12th. Wed. 2.30 Sanctuary Guild.
23rd. Sun. 6 p.m. Carol Service.

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REUNION SERVICE.

for the old Bere Regis Deanery

to be held at Affpuddle Church

6.30 p.m. Sunday, July 29th.

There will be no Evensong at Bere Regis on that Sunday but a coach will leave the lower entrance to the Church at 6 p.m. to take the congregation to Affpuddle.

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MOTHERS' UNION.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held Wednesday, July 11th at 7.30 p.m. in the Vicarage.

The Speaker will be the Rev. John Spruyt the vicar of Milborne St. Andrew. He was greatly enjoyed on his last visit and I hope we shall have a good number to hear him on this the last meeting before the August recess.

May I remind members that the Quarterly Corporate Communion for the M.U. will be held on Thursday, July 5th at 2.30 p.m. The service will end not later than 3 p.m. for the convenience of those who have to meet young children from school.

P. J. T.

The following were Confirmed by the Assistant Bishop of Salisbury at Bere Regis on Thursday, June 10th -

SHARON BEEDON
CHRISTOPHER FOOT
SALLY FOOT
MARION FOOT

LAWRENCE LEGG
ELIZABETH MILLER
TIMOTHY PERRY
LESLIE POORE

We pray for God's blessing on them as they commence their lives as full members of Christ's Church.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING.

The Sunday School Outing to Weymouth will take place on Tuesday, July 24th.

The coach will leave the lower entrance to the Church at 10 a.m. and shall be leaving Weymouth after tea at 5.30 p.m.

There will be no charge for the children.

We welcome parents and friends to come with us and can arrange for them to have tea with the children.

The vicar will be in the Vicarage Porch from 3 - 4 p.m. on Monday, July 16th to take the names of those who would like to go.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

A coffee evening will be held at the Vicarage on July 19th at 7 p.m.

BRING and BUY
RAFFLE

Will Box holders please bring their boxes with them to be opened and re-labelled.

Come and support this great society.

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BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

On Tuesday, July 10th, there will be an "Any Questions" evening with a panel of four and on the 24th - a Ramble.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Here is the speaker you have been waiting for. Mr. Keith will be at our meeting on July 17th, to talk on "Do it Yourself". No need to bother husbands or call in outside help, just come to the meeting and do it yourself! We would welcome new members and meet in the Drax Hall on the third Tuesday in every month, except August, at 7.0 p.m.

We thank all who supported the coffee morning in aid of the Bene-
dictines and were able to send a cheque for £28 to help them in their wonderful work.

There is to be a Group Harvest Supper on Wed. 26th September and names will be taken for this at the July Meeting. M, C.

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AUTUMN LEAVES.

Members enjoyed their outing in June to see the Black and White Minstrels (at the Pavilion, Bournemouth).

We wish to thank Young Wives for their very kind and generous gift of £25 given by them for 'Autumn Leaves' friends.

Our next meeting at the Youth Hut on July 11th - also competition for the best rose....not forgetting our Summer Fayre on 14th July.

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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

On July 10th Mr. John Rodford from Somerset will be giving a demonstration entitled "My Appreciation of Colour".

Details of the Schedule for the Autumn Show will be given at this meeting.

There will be no meeting in August.

A.L.

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"FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA"

The Royal National Life-boat Institution is dependant upon voluntary contribution.

During the week July 22nd to 28th the reconstituted Wareham Branch of the R.N.L.I., of which Bere Regis is part, will carry out a house-to-house collection. Also, by kind invitation of Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman, there will be a "Coffee Evening" at Summerrods at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25th with Bring-and-Buy Stall, Raffle etc.

Your kind and generous support is earnestly requested.

P. H.

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RED CROSS FLAG DAY.

The recent House-to-House Collection result, was £22.89. This is an increase on last year's. I am very grateful to all those who gave so generously, and also to those kind people who collected.

E. Lys.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION.

The Officers and Committee of the above are most grateful to those Members who attend the Monthly meetings so regularly, and who contribute so generously to our money raising efforts.

Our next big event is the Garden Party at White Lovington on July 21st starting at 3 P.M. Contributions to the Cake, Grocery, Bottle and New Stalls will be most welcome, also helpers are needed.

It is hoped that the change of date to a Saturday will bring even more well wishers to make this event a successful and worthwhile effort. Please help us to help ex-service men and their dependents with their various needs.

E. C.

FRAYER & BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

The July meetings of the above group will be held at 2.30 p.m. at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Boyd, 19 South Mead, on Friday, July 6th and Friday July 20th. The subject being studied at the moment are the attributes of the Holy Spirit.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY BAPTISM:
May 20th. Claire Joanna GOULD.

HOLY MATRIMONY:
June 2nd. Derek CLEALL and Gillian Beryl COBB.

BIRTH:
June 18th. Joseph BEASLEY. 59 years.

DRAX HALL.

The attached Balance Sheet was presented to the public at an Annual General Meeting held in the Drax Hall on Wednesday, 2nd May, 1973.

BERE REGIS VILLAGE HALL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1972.

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19th April, 1973. I have prepared the above accounts from the books and vouchers of the Hall Committee and in my opinion they represent a fair and accurate account of the transactions for the year ended 31st December, 1972. I have verified the Bank Balance.

Hamish Anderson, C. A.
The followed was quoted by Mrs. Torkington, the Speaker at the last meeting of the Mothers' Union.

It is taken from St. James, Bournemouth Parish Magazine.

"GRANDMOTHERS"

seen by an 8 year old boy.

A grandmother is a woman who has no children of her own and therefore she loves the children of other people.

Grandmothers have nothing to do – they've only got to be there. If they take us for a walk, they go slowly past beautiful leaves and caterpillars.

They never say "come along quickly" or "Hurry up for goodness sake". They are usually fat, but not too fat to tie our shoe-laces. They wear spectacles and sometimes they can take out their teeth.

They can answer every question, – for instance "Why do dogs hate cats", and why God isn't married.

When they read to us they don't leave anything out, and don't mind if it's always the same story.

Everyone should have a grandmother, specially if they haven't got a television. Grandmothers are the only grown-ups who always have time.

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SMALL ADS.

(15p. every three lines).