My dear Friends,

I am very glad to think that so many people think it proper to remember anniversaries by putting flowers in the Morton Chantry Chapel, for in its essence it is very much a memorial chapel practically all its ornaments and fittings being gifts given in remembrance. But in order to regularise the placing of flowers therein. I shall be most grateful if our readers will kindly notice and keep to the following rules —

1. Previous notice of the intention of placing flowers in the chapel should be given either to Mrs. Tadman, the Secretary of the Flower Guild at Summerrods or to Mrs. Tranter at the Vicarage. This will obviate the obvious difficulties which would arise if two people wanted the same date.

2. Once the flowers have been placed in the chapel, the responsibility of seeing they are kept topped up with water must be that of the donor.

3. All flowers must be removed immediately they show signs of dying. If those of you who wish to keep up an anniversary in this way will be kind enough to observe these 3 simple rules very strictly, it will be a tremendous help to us all.

I am very grateful for the gift of a floodlight in the Chantry Chapel to illuminate the altar. It adds very greatly to the beauty of the Chapel. When it is used for small celebrations of the Holy Communion.

You will find the usual notice of all the Christmas Services in a later page, of which I shall be glad if you will make a note. Don't forget to come early for the Carol Service if you wish for a seat — this ever popular service always brings out the crowds. We shall again have it recorded for the benefit of any who are ill or incapacitated so that they can hear it in their own homes. If you know anyone who would like to hear the recording please let me know in good time and I will make the necessary arrangements.

Every blessing and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Mrs. Tranter and myself.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Dec. 1st. ADVENT SUNDAY. Dec. 22nd. CAROL SERVICE.

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The Church will be decorated for Christmas on December 23rd. Decorations will be taken down on 1st January.
A meeting of the Sanctuary Guild will be held in the Vicarage on Thursday 12th December at 2.30 p.m.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR DECEMBER.
 "  6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & F. Marsh.
 "  8. 11 a.m. Col. A. Barnes & Major M. Knowler.
 "  6 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore & M. A. Bloomfield.
 "  15. 11 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries.
 "  6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & H. Dashwood.
 "  22. 11 a.m. Messrs. G. Ward & W. F. Lys.
 "  6 p.m. All Sidesmen.
 "  24. 11.45 p.m. Messrs. R. Smith & F. Marsh. CHRISTMAS EVE.
 "  25. 11 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Cdr. C. Maundere. CHRISTMAS DAY.
 "  29. 11 a.m. Messrs. A. Baker & W. F. Lys.
 "  6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & M. Barnes.

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11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. A. Bloomfield.

SIDESMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING.
The next quarterly meeting of the Sidesmen will be held on Monday, December 9th, at the Vicarage at 8 p.m. The Vicar very much hopes that as many as possible will come to this meeting, so that the rota can be made up with rather less of the 'hit & miss' system which sometimes occurs.

BELLRINGERS ROTA FOR DECEMBER.
Dec. 1. 11 a.m. Woolfries, England, Holman, Collis, Porter.
 "  6 p.m. Woolfries, Holman, Miss Pitfield.
 "  8. 11 a.m. Woolfries, England, Holman, Collis, Porter, Ricketts, Gibbs.
 "  6 p.m. Woolfries, England, Holman, Miss Pitfield, Ricketts.
 "  15. 11 a.m. Woolfries, England, Collis, Porter, Gibbs.
 "  6 p.m. Woolfries, England, Miss Pitfield.
 "  22. 11 a.m. Woolfries, England, Ricketts.
 "  6 p.m. Woolfries, England, Miss Pitfield, Ricketts.
 "  25. 11 a.m. England, Collis, Porter, Gibbs.
 "  6 p.m. Woolfries, England, Miss Pitfield.

J.E. - Capt.

GUILD OF SERVERS.
Dec. 1. 11 a.m. Christopher Booth.
 "  8. 8 a.m. John Pitfield.
 "  15. 8 a.m. Mark Pitfield.
 "  22. 8 a.m. David Miller.
JAN. 1975. 5th. 11 a.m. Christopher Booth.
12th. 8 a.m. John Pitfield.
19th. 8 a.m. Mark Pitfield.
M.P. - Head Server.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.
Nov. 30th. Sat. P.T.A. Xmas Fayre. 3 p.m. at School.
Dec. 4th. Wed. Conservative Evening Party 7.30 p.m. Drax Hall.
 "  5th. Thur. P.T.A. Christmas Bingo. 7.30 p.m. at School.
 "  8. 8 p.m. Vicarage. Centenary Sub-Committee.
 "  9th. Sun. 3 p.m. Family Service with Carols.
 "  10th. Mon. Sidesmen's Meeting. 8 p.m. Vicarage.
 "  10th. Tue. Young Wives, Carol Service . 7 p.m. Congregational Chapel.
 "  11th. Wed. Autumn Leaves Christmas Concert. 2.30 Drax Hall.
 "  12th. Thur. Sanctuary Guild. 2.30 Vicarage.
 "  14th. Sat. Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar. 2.30 Youth Club
 "  15th. Sun. 3 p.m. Guides Carol Service in the Church.
 "  19th. Thur. 7 p.m. School Carol Service in the Church.
 "  22nd. Sun. 6 p.m. Carols by Candlelight.
 "  23rd. Mon. Church Decoration.
 "  25th. Wed. Christmas Day - (See Notice).

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 "  6th. Autumn Leaves New Years Party.
 "  12th. Sun. 3 p.m. Plough Sunday Service.
 "  15th. Wed. 8 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting at the Vicarage.
 "  20th. Mon. 3 p.m. School Managers Meeting.
Feb. 6th. Thur. Coffee evening - Drax Hall. 7 - 9 p.m.
Mar. 9-16 Children's Mission.
30th. Easter Day.
Apr. 17th. Thur. Jumble Sale - Drax Hall. 2.30 p.m.
May 8th. Ascension Day. 7 p.m. Friends Service.
 "  10th. Sat. Confirmation at Wareham.
June 1st. SUN. Service at Old Sarum.
Sept. 27th - Oct. 8th. Centenary of Restoration of Church Celebrations.
MOTHERS' UNION.

Will members please note that there is an alteration in the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday December 12th, instead of the usual Wednesday Dec.11th. This is due to the fact that the 'Autumn Leaves' have their Christmas Concert on the 11th, which may make it difficult for some of our older members to come out twice and also the School have fixed up an event on the evening of the same day which will make it difficult for younger members with children to be present.

So please note - the next meeting will be held on Thursday Dec.12th.

at the usual time at the Vicarage.

We shall not be having a speaker on this occasion, but shall be singing the old Christmas Carols.

Will everyone please bring a mince pie with them to be put on a dish for all to help themselves, but you must not eat your own!

Phyllis Tranter.

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP.

There will be only one meeting in December and that will be held on Friday December 6th, at 2.30 p.m. 19 South Mead.

We did not think it wise to hold the second meeting as the 20th is so near Christmas and people are so very busy at this season of the year.

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KNITTED GOODS FOR OXFAM.

Again it is our pleasure to congratulate Mrs. Poore on the wonderful selection of garments she has knitted from odd lengths of wool and unpicked woolen garments which have been given to her.

Mrs. Poore has recently been in hospital undergoing an operation but we are so pleased to say she is making a wonderful recovery and hope she will soon be her old self again.

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

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MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS.

May I say at this time of the year, how very grateful I am to our Magazine Distributors who month by month take out the magazine in all weathers.

If you do not already take the magazine and would like to do so a word to me at the Vicarage or to the distributor who delivers in your area will speedily bring one to your door.

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North St. Mrs. Miller.
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Caleaze, Donkey Lane, Lane End, Bere Heath. Mrs. Poore.
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Roke Mrs. F. Lys.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS 1974.

Sunday December 22nd. 6 p.m. Carols by Candlelight.

The Service of the Nine Lessons.

This year the Lessons will be read by representatives of the 'Autumn Leaves.'

Printed copies of the Service for all, including full words of the Carols. Carols for congregation and choir. Come early to make sure of a seat.

Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24th. 11.45 Midnight 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 will be held on Sunday, Jan. 12th., the traditional date, being the first Sunday after the Epiphany.

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

Come and join in the procession and help keep alive this ancient country tradition.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

We started our October meeting by standing in silence in memory of Pastor Dawson.

After the business of the evening we were entertained by Mr. Field, who showed excellent slides of the W.I. holiday, which had been much enjoyed by members who went on this holiday. Our President, Mrs. Howard, made a presentation of a Poole Pottery dish to Mrs. Cummins, who is leaving England to live in New Zealand - she takes our good wishes with her.
We are very grateful to all who gave and all who bought at our Sale, when we raised over £44 - many thanks.

In November we hold our Annual Meeting and hear a report from our Autumn Council Delegate. Our Christmas Party will be on 17th December, when we hope many friends will join us. J.W.D.

AUTUMN LEAVES - OVER 60's.

In spite of the atrocious weather, our November meeting was remarkably well attended.

We played Whist and Dominoes, for which Mrs. Smith, Bryantspudle won 1st Prize Ladies and Mr. Allen 1st Gent. Lowest Lady - Mrs. Sellis, Lowest Gent - Mr. Carter. Miss Lilley House won the Dominoes Prize.

Our competition was for the funniest Potato and Mr. Allen won that, and the runners up were Mr. Parsons - Mrs. Bennett & Mrs. Collinson. The Raffle was won by Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Jeeves and Mrs. Collinson.

It is important that you notice the change of date for our Christmas Bazaar, held at the Youth Club Hut 2.30. It is now on 14th December and not as previously advertised. The Committee were overwhelmed with the wonderful work being done by the Club members - such beautiful knitting and crochet work. Keep up the good work.

Joan Lewis.

HERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP.

In December there will be just one meeting on Tuesday 10th December, when we will be holding our Carol Service and Sale at 7 p.m. in the Congregational Church.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMENS SECTION).

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Branch Headquarters. Miss Llewellyn said that we were sorry to lose Mrs. Cummings as our Chairman, and hoped she would enjoy living in New Zealand. All our thoughts go with her and her husband.

The following were elected: -
President - Miss Llewellyn, Vice-President - Mrs. Brown.
Chairman - Mrs. Maidment, Vice-Chairman - Mrs. Collinson.
Secretary - Mrs. Steele, Treasurer - Mrs. House.


Sick Visitor - Mrs. Mooney, Press Correspondent - Mrs. Presslee.

COMMITTEE: Mrs. Austin, Deakin, Mooney, Presslee, Rowland, Stickley, Sharman, Bennett, Mileham, Symes, C.W. Kingstone.

War Memorial Flowers: December. Mrs. R. Barnes.
January. Miss Smith.

A Coffee evening was held in the Branch Headquarters in aid of the Poppy Appeal. £27 was raised. Competition winners were - Mrs. Kircher Smith, Mrs. Maidment, Mrs. Ewen, Mrs. Mileham, Mrs. McCleod, Mrs. Kircher Smith, Mrs. E. Bennett, Mr. F. Cleall and Mr. J. Cleall.

DRAX HALL.

At a meeting held in the Drax Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, it was decided to hold the following fund raising events in 1975:
A Coffee evening on 6th Feb at 7 p.m. A Jumble Sale on 17th April at 2.30 p.m. and a Grand National Draw to be drawn at the Drax Hall on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30 p.m.

Bingo is held in the Drax Hall every Monday night starting at 7.45pm.
Good prizes are given but are increased depending on the number of people attending. The more people that come the higher the prizes. All are welcome and membership is free.

The Drax Hall is your Village Hall and to be self supporting it needs your help and support in its fund raising efforts. Please make a note of these activities and come along for a friendly evenings entertainment.

BERE REGIS BRANCH - SCRIPTURE UNION.

On October 10th a very successful re-union was held in the Drax Hall, when Harold Robertson kept enthralled for an hour about 100 children and a number of their parents and friends. A Bible 'quiz' brought a very ready and knowledgeable response from many of the children, and the singing of choruses was really enthusiastic. The film-strip, with commentary, brought home the real meaning of the Christian way of living for a young person, and the slides shown of photographs taken at various missions included some taken at the mission here last year. Needless to say, these received a delighted, and noisy, response, as did some taken at the Great Wood Camp in the Quantock Hills, held in June this year, showing several of the young people from this district, seven of whom really benefitted from a wonderful time there, both physically and spiritually. Refreshments were served before everyone went home after a most helpful, entertaining and encouraging evening.

One specially encouraging feature is that a number of children, who want to learn more of the Lord Jesus Christ through study of the Bible, have enrolled for a special class to be started for this purpose in the village.

All who are interested are reminded that there will be another Mission here next March, 9th to 16th.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS........Owing to the Christmas holidays, the January issue of the magazine will not be published until Friday, Jan.3.

AUTUMN LEAVES - OVER 60s CLUB.

150 people enjoyed a wonderful evening at our 2nd. Annual Ball in aid of "Autumn Leaves" which was held at the Memorial Hall Bovingston. The dancing was to The Skyliners, and we made £40 profit for which we wish to thank everyone for their support. J.T.

SMALL ADS. ... (15p. every 3 lines).

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