BERE REGIS
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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

We send our sympathies to Mrs. Booth and her family on the death of her husband Dr. Booth of South Mead.

Dr. Booth had been in ill health ever since he came to Bere Regis, but he endeared himself to all his friends with his gentleness and patience.

The major event of July will be a visit to Bere Regis of the Bishop of Salisbury the Rt. Rev. George Reindorp. We are inviting those who would like to meet him to the Drax Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday July 10th, when coffee and biscuits will be served and everyone will have the opportunity of meeting the Bishop and then he will be willing to answer any questions you may care to put to him, on religion or the Church or moral issues - in fact on almost any subject. I trust that many of you will avail yourselves of this unique opportunity to question your Bishop. I can promise you that you will get straight answers with no holds barred! Questions from the young as well as the old will be greatly appreciated.

I do not propose to write any more this month as while on the subject of the Bishop I wish to publish a foreword which was written by him to the Year Book of the Diocesan Council of Education. It is so true and telling that I feel it ought to have as wide a circulation as possible. Here it is............

FOREWORD

Christians believe that human beings were created by God for a purpose. I believe that the primary function of education is to nourish in a child the acknowledgement of that fact of his creation; to help him to find out that purpose; and to do all that is possible to help him faithfully and effectively to fulfil that purpose.

Just as I believe that good housing, playgrounds, family allowances, sick benefits, good health schemes are excellent and wholly commendable; so I also believe that they should not be confused with the Kingdom of God, though they may greatly contribute to a fitting vestibule for it. Again I believe that free meals, free activity, wonderfully equipped school buildings and highly trained teachers are wholly desirable and make a magnificent frontage to a school or ministry of education. Nevertheless they should not be confused with the solid foundation upon which true education must be built. I believe that rock is God as seen in Christ.

Thus I claim that all true education must be religious. For, clearly, if you accept the submission that God has a purpose for man, its recognition,
assimilation and execution is the primary function of education. Everything in that realm of education must pertain to the performance of our duty towards God.

We speak of academic or mental education, or of physical education, and we think we know what we mean. Then when we mention "Religious Education" we tend to confuse the issue. For the title suggests that reading the Bible is religious education, while geography is not. Yet we know it is perfectly possible for the bad teacher of the Bible to give, under the heading of Religious Instruction, a thoroughly competent geography lesson, as she traces with plodding feet the whirlwind missionary journeys of St. Paul; and by her astonishing dullness, or lack of sympathy gives no religious instruction (except perhaps fostering in the pupil the much-needed virtue of suffering fools gladly). So, on the other hand the teacher of geography may both in manner and subject, in method and imagination lead the thought of every one of her pupils from things seen and temporal to things unseen and eternal; and in fact give a perfect example of religious instruction.

Thus I contend that at the root of religion and of education is the faith or belief on which the whole structure is based. I contend that all TRUE education cannot help being religious. Unless it is religious it cannot justly claim that title.

May I say how strongly I agree with what the Bishop says.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

PAUL TRANNER.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

July 7th. Mrs. Applin Miss A. Lys.
July 14th. Mrs. Tranter Mrs. E. Woolfries.
" 21st. Mrs. Hudson Mrs. Bates.
" 28th. Mrs. C. R. Griffin Mrs. R. Barnes.

A meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on Wednesday, 12th June when the rota was made up for the next six months.

Mrs. Jeeves' resignation due to a recent motor accident when her Mother was seriously injured, was received with much regret.

C.P.T.
VILLAGE CALENDAR. (Cont'd..)

Sept. 16th.  Mon.  3 p.m. School Managers Meeting.
Oct. 2nd.  Wed.  7.30 p.m. Drax Hall - Harvest Evening.
  5th.  Sat.  Harvest Supper.
  Dorset & Somerset Assembly Congregational Churches
  Youth Club Hunt.
  10th.  Thurs.  Children's Reunion - Mr. Robertson.
  17th.  Thurs.  Mothers' Union Corporate Communion.
  27th.  Sun.  Youth Club Service - 6 p.m.

MOTHERS' UNION.

There will be no formal meeting this month but members are invited
to meet the Bishop at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall on Wednesday July 10th,
the usual day of meeting.

If our members have any questions concerning family life, the
Church or kindred subjects which they would like to put to the Bishop,
will they please have them ready and prepared beforehand for the
occasion.

P.J.T.

"MEET THE BISHOP".

The Bishop of Salisbury will visit Bere Regis on Wednesday July
10th and there will be a reception at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall to give
him the opportunity of meeting the people of Bere Regis. He will be
prepared to answer questions, and this will be a wonderful opportunity
for you all to put to him any problems of faith or life that may be
troubling you. Young people will be especially welcome on this
occasion.

BERE REGIS GARDEN PARTY

3 p.m. SATURDAY, JUNE 29th.
  at SUMMERRODS
(by kind permission of Brigadier & Mrs. Tadmen)

Opener: MRS. JOHN COOPER, J.P.

Stalls - Side Shows - Refreshments - Competitions - Entertainments -
  Sports.

COMPETITIONS: Knitting. (Entry 5p.)
  Class 1 - Wool Garment for Adult in "Quickknit".
  Class 2 - Child's Wool Garment - any ply.

SCHOOL CHILDREN: Painting (State age) ... Subject: 'Circus'.

DECORATED UMBRELLA: Class 1 - Under 12 years.
  Class 2 - Over 12 years.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS: Entries on the field ... For all ages.

Entries for the competitions should be at Summerrods before 12 noon on the
day of the Garden Party.

ADMISSION FREE *** COME AND ENJOY A HAPPY AFTERNOON. ***

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BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP.

The above Group will meet at 19 South Mead on Fridays, July 5th &
July 19th.

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BERE REGIS VILLAGE HALL.

At a meeting under the Chairmanship of Miss A. Lys, and attended by
two representatives of the Parish Council, the Management Committee of the
Bere Regis Village Hall considered the matter of the revision of its let-
ting fees. These fees had not been adjusted since 1966 and it had been
obvious for some time, that the hiring out of the Hall had not made a
proper contribution to the revenue.

This had merely aggravated the already serious financial position
and there is no doubt that if the Parish Council had not given very gen-
erous aid, the Hall would have had to permanently close.

After very serious consideration, it was agreed to impose realistic
increases on the letting fees scale, and it is hoped that the entire
Parish, both organisations and individuals will understand the need for
this, and will continue to patronise the Drax Hall.

The Management Committee wish to draw attention to the fact that,
even now, the fees have not been raised to a sufficiently high level to
make the Hall self-supporting, so all persons who wish Bere Regis still
to have a Village Hall, are asked to actively support the Committee, both
by use of the Hall's facilities, and financially whenever a money-raising
effort is made on its behalf. The Committee regret the necessity of hav-
ing to increase the charges and will do all in their power to maintain
and improve the amenities of the Hall as and when possible.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION.

We would like to thank Mr. N. Reed for his kind gift of flower
plants which were sold at our May meeting. Due to his generosity we
were able to present headquarters with part of the cost for new croc-
kery. Our next meeting will be held on July 17th at 7 p.m., when Miss
E. Smith will be showing slides of "The Four Seasons".

There will be no meeting in August.

War Memorial Flowers - August - Miss Lys.  cont'd.....
The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on 22nd May in the Drax Hall, recently re-opened after extensive work necessitated by fire precautions. The meeting was attended also by Mrs. King, representing the Parish on the Dorset Association of Local Council, who was welcomed by the retiring Chairman, Mr. Gilbert Griffin.

The first item was the Election of the Chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. Griffin having stated that he did not wish to be considered for re-election and members having thanked him for his excellent work in that capacity, Mr. Goldie, who has been vice-Chairman for some years, was unanimously elected to the Chair, on the proposal of the retiring Chairman. Mr. M. House was elected Vice-Chairman.

The Council then proceeded to elect its representatives on outside bodies and for special interests thus:
- Dorset Association of Local Councils: Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Kircher-Smith.
- Footpaths and Bridleways: Mr. Over and Mr. House.
- Planning Site Meetings: Mrs. Kircher-Smith and Mr. Over.
- School Managers: Mrs. Mauder and Mr. Axford.
- Road Safety: Mrs. Kircher-Smith and Mrs. Mauder.
- Youth Club Management Committee: Dr. Boyd.

New Committees elected were Planning, consisting of the Whole Council with powers to act without reference back, and Lighting, to which was referred the whole matter of bringing the lighting of the village to the required standard, but it was decided to leave the election of any others until the need for reference to them should arise.

Matters arising from previous meetings on which there was progress to report or on which further action was needed were the following:--

The obstruction of the pavement in West Street caused by the lattice-type post unfortunately could not be overcome without considerable expense, since the proposal to place this post at right angles to its present location is impracticable, as the S.B. no longer use, or work with posts of this type. The wooden type of post would give very little extra space for walking, while the only other alternatives, such as underground cables, would be very costly. It was therefore decided to take no further action in this matter.

The necessary legal steps, such as the posting of Statutory notices, are proceeding in applying Vehicle Weight Restrictions on two roads on Bere Heath, both of which were applied for by the Council to the Highway Authority; one of these, that by Snartford Bridge is completely new and was originally refused by the latter, with detailed reasons, but was shortly afterwards included by the Authority in its own list of proposals.

It is good to report that the Council's Notice Board is now in place on the wall of the Post-Office. It should be noted by everyone that Planning Applications affecting the Parish will be shown there as soon as practicable after receipt by the Clerk. It behoves everyone, therefore, to keep an eye out for these notices, especially from the middle of each month when they are expected to be received. They will then be considered at the Council Meeting on the third Wednesday, the latter's recommendations being transmitted to the Development Services Committee of Purbeck District Council in time for its meeting on the fourth Wednesday. It is possible that a meeting of the Planning Committee may have to be called if an application is received for consideration out of time with this sequence.

As soon as decisions are made by the Development Services Committee, Councillor Maurice House, who represents the Parish thereon as District Council member, has kindly agreed to transmit immediately to the Chairman any affecting the Parish which are not in line with the recommendations of this Council, so that immediate action can be taken if thought desirable.

For the benefit of all in the Parish, it was decided to show permanently on the Notice Board the names and addresses of all Parish Councillors and those of the District Councillor and the County Councillor representing the Parish on their respective bodies.

It is understood that it is unlikely that the Village Plan can be ready for public display and discussion much, if at all, before the end of the year, largely because the Department of the Environment is still considering possible alternatives to the northern by-pass route, and until this is finalised the Village Plan itself cannot be prepared for the public participation that has been promised. For the same reason, it is to be presumed that the by-pass has not been included (at any rate, in any agreed form) in the new policy document of the County Council on Transportation (including road improvements), now being transmitted to the
Districts for their observation, prior to submission to the Department in July. This is greatly to be regretted as it is said to cover policy up to the end of the century - one can hardly contemplate waiting that length of time for the by-pass, especially as many living here have already waited nearly as long already!

It should be emphasized that the monthly meeting of the Council is now being held a minimum of five weeks before the date when the report is due to appear in print, so that events may well have overtaken its publication on occasion. However, so far as is feasible, the attempt will be made to bring up to date, by enquiry in suitable quarters, such changes as may have occurred up to the time of 'going to press', which is normally a fortnight before distribution.

In view of the number of documents needing copying for circulation now, and even more so in the future, it was decided to purchase a copier for the use of the Clerk.

Considerable satisfaction was expressed by all the members at the way the recently-appointed street cleaner (Mark Pitfield) was carrying out his duties; the Chairman stated that he was keeping in close touch, so as to see whether the three hours per week allotted was found to be sufficient.

At the conclusion of public business, the Council went into private session for the purpose of reviewing the salary and expenses allowance of the Clerk. It would not be revealing anything confidential, however, to say - and it ought to be put on record - that the members unanimously agreed their deep appreciation of the splendid and most willing work performed by the Clerk, Mr. Peter Davis, in the past year, as expressed on their behalf by the retiring Chairman.

D.H.S.B.

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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

Instead of their usual meeting the Floral Group are having a Summer Show on Tuesday July 9th. The theme will be "Glory of the Garden" & the classes will include - Alfresco, Vegetable Garden - The Rose Arbour - Water Garden & The Green of Summer.

The Show will be open to the public at 2.30 p.m. and admission is free. There will be a Raffle and a Bring & Buy Stall & Coffee & Biscuits will be obtainable.

There will be no meeting in August.

A.L.

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RED CROSS FLAG DAY.

The result of the House-to-House collections, was £23.42½. I am very grateful, to all, who gave so generously and to the Collectors.

E. Iys.