BERE REGIS PARISH MAGAZINE
My dear Friends,

I am most grateful to Mr. Stranger for taking the services for me while I have been on holiday and also to all those who have helped in keeping the mechanics of the services running while I have been away.

Perhaps before we get into the full swing of the winter work, this might be a good time to tell you of some plans we have for next year.

In 1975 we shall be celebrating the Centenary of the restoration of the Church by the Victorian Architect Street. Some Victorian restorations were disastrous, but Bere Regis was most fortunate in that Street did a really good job of work, and altered the Church very little, it had fallen into a very bad state of repair and parts of it were in a ruinous condition. These he repaired and rebuilt where necessary but never altered the character of the building. When the restoration was completed, the Parish had a whole week of rejoicing culminating with the Harvest Festival.

We propose to celebrate the Centenary of the Restoration in something of the same way. With a week of music, drama and the arts in the Autumn, culminating with special services, of rejoicing at the Harvest Festival on Sunday October 5th, 1975.

A small Sub-Committee of the Parochial Church Council has been formed to go into ways and means, and they will be meeting for the first time after the holidays.

I know that if any of you have any ideas on the subject of our celebrations, the Committee will be very pleased to consider them. This is, of course, only a preliminary announcement, but as plans are formed we shall see that they are given full publicity.

At a recent meeting of the P.C.C. it was decided to continue with Series 3 Holy Communion, for the time being. Members felt that, as the final form is likely to be based on this Service we ought to persevere in getting to know it really well. In the Autumn a study group, open to any interested, is to be formed, to study the new service in detail and in depth so that we can understand it properly.

Don't forget, if you wish to come to the Harvest Supper to get your ticket in good time, from Churchwarden Smith.

Your Sincere friend & Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

Sept. 1. Mrs. Benjafield.
8. Miss E. Lys.
15. Mrs. R. Barnes.
22. Mrs. J. House.
29. Mrs. Howard.

Miss A. Lys.
Mrs. M. House.
Mrs. Tadman.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1. 11 a.m. Messrs. E. Woolfries & A. Bates.
6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & M. Barns.

8. 11 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Major M. Knowler.
6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & G. Ward.

15. 11 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & W. P. Lys.
6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & M. A. Bloomfield.

22. 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & R. Smith.
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & D. Poore.

29. 11 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Col. A. Barne.
6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & F. Marsh.

6 p.m. " R. Barnes & H. Dashwood.

The Quarterly meeting of the Sidesmen will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday September 2, will Sidesmen please note that this date is earlier than usual and do their best to be present.

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GUILD OF SERVERS ROTA.

Sept. 1. 11 a.m. John Pitfield.
8. 8 a.m. Richard Mullins.
15. 8 a.m. Christopher Booth.
22. 8 a.m. David Miller.
29. 8 a.m. Mark Pitfield.

Oct. 6. 11 a.m. John Pitfield.
13. 8 a.m. Richard Mullins.

M.P.

BEILLRINGERS ROTA.

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J. E. Capt.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Sept. 2. Mon. 8 p.m. Sidesmen's Meeting - Vicarage.
9. Tues. 7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council - Vicarage.
16. Mon. 3 p.m. School Managers Meeting.

230 Playgroup Meeting, Broadwater, Pike Rd.

Oct. 2. Wed. 7.30 - Drax Hall evening.
4. Fri. Church decoration for Harvest.
5. Sat. 7 p.m. Harvest Supper.
Dorset & Somerset Assembly Congregational Churches,
Congregational Church.
17. Thur. 2.30 p.m. Mothers Union Corporate Communion.
27. Sun. 6 p.m. Youth Club Service.


Dec. 4. Wed. Conservative Evening Party, 7.30 p.m. Drax Hall.
Dec. 12. Thur. 2.30 Sanctuary Guild, Vicarage.
Dec. 22. Sun. 6 p.m. Carol Service.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Our September meeting will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday Sept. 11th at 7.30 p.m. and as I indicated last month, will be a special meeting to mark the beginning of our Autumn Session. We are proposing to have a 'get together' with special refreshments and a 'Bring and Buy' sale.

We shall be most grateful for offers of refreshments, which should be made to Mrs. England, our Secretary, 10 South Head.

I am looking forward to seeing all our members at this meeting.
and will very much welcome non-members and new members at this Social occasion.

F. J. T.

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Harvest Arrangements.

Harvest Supper... Saturday, October 5th.

*** Drax Hall *** 7 p.m. *** Tickets from Churchwarden Smith or from Church Councillors.

Numbers limited, so book now to avoid disappointment.

Bring your own knife, fork and spoon.

Speaker: Mr. Simon Tranter on Fertilizers.

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Harvest Services

Sunday October 6th.

8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Mattins.

3 p.m. Children's Gift Service 6 p.m. Evensong.

Gifts of fruit - flowers - vegetables will be welcomed preferably on Friday morning October 4th when the church is to be decorated.

Groceries are also welcomed as we hope this year to distribute the goods round the parish.

The Family Service usually held on the 2nd Sunday, will for this month be moved to the 1st Sunday, so as to coincide with the Harvest.

We hope all children will bring a gift to the harvest.

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Bible Study Group.

There will be two sessions in September, the first on the 13th & the second on the 27th. We shall be studying the epistles to Timothy.

The Group meets at 19 South Mead, at 2.30 p.m.

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Hymn Singing.

As September 29th, Michaelmas Day is the fifth Sunday in the month, we shall have shortened Evensong and in place of the sermon will be singing some of your favourite hymns. A list will be put on the Visitors table for any of you to indicate your choice.

Come and join in and help with the singing.

Bere Regis Woodwork Club

Autumn Session begins on Thursday, 5th September 1974. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Whitelovington.

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Scripture Union - Bere Regis Branch

Mr. Harold Robertson is coming for

A Re-Union

on Thursday, 10th October

at 6.30 p.m. in the Drax Hall

Do come and meet him again and bring your parents if you can!

Singing, Quiz, Slides, followed by Refreshments.

Transport provided if needed - Let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you there! Dr. and Mrs. Boyd, 19 South Mead. Phone BR 304.

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Bere Regis Floral Group

The Summer Show staged recently by the Floral Group was very successful. The exhibits were judged by Mrs. D. Keith and the Winners of the trophies were as follows:-

Most number of points in Section A: Mrs. R. Cross.

Best Exhibit in the Show: Mrs. R. Cross.

Best Exhibit in Section B: Miss A. Lyons.

Best Exhibit in Class 1: Mrs. J. Herridge.

The next meeting will be on September 10th when Mrs. Gordon Taylor will give a demonstration entitled:

"Autumn Fruits & Flowers".

A. L.

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Church of England’s Children’s Society.

The Coffee Evening held at the Vicarage on July 18th raised £14.12. I would like to thank the Vicar and Mrs. Tranter, and all who gave so generously and supported the society, also to all those who so kindly helped. A special thank you to box holders. The total from Boxes - £32.58.

Edna Coates.

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A PIAT GROUP FOR BERE REGIS

Mrs. Banfield has very kindly offered to hold an open meeting at her home for all those interested in having a play group for pre-school children in Bere Regis.

I hope to arrange for someone from the Dorset Association for Under Fives to say a few words about starting and running a group. Providing there is adequate support it should be possible to form a committee to organise the group.

Would everyone show their interest by coming to BROADWATER, ROKE ROAD, BERE REGIS on Monday 16th September at 2.30 p.m.

Susan Hall,
Health Visitor.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Our gathering at Mrs. Jesty's in July was a great success - unfortunately we had to be indoors, but the Members had taken so much trouble to give us all an entertaining evening that it just did not seem to matter. We finalised the plans for the August tour of the Purbecks, and about fifteen Members are hoping to do the trip, with supper afterwards at Church Knowle.

We meet again as usual in September, when it has been arranged for Miss Wainwright to tell us something about the Flowers in Austria.

We shall be holding our Autumn Sale on 12th October.

J. W. D.

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL
(continued from August issue...)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Two were considered for recommendations to be conveyed to the District Council. The first was for an extension to an electricity supply on Bere Heath to serve Lane End Farm and this was recommended for granting.

The second application was on behalf of Bedford & Jesty (Farm Foods) Ltd., for development on land at Sitterton on either side of the Bere Stream to the north of the bridge over the latter. After a lengthy and informed discussion, it was decided that the Planning Authority should be informed that the Council, while in favour of development of a residential character on this site and by no means against the Outline Plan submitted, were totally opposed to any development involving such a large increase in traffic into and out of Sitterton at its junction with A35, so long as the latter continues in use as at present.

Since the June Meeting, the following matters have arisen for reporting:-

BUS STATION: This, of course, stands on land purchased by the District Council and preparations for its vacation are being made, provision for the location of the buses being made in another building nearby.

SITE 88: Plans for this will be considered at the July meeting. The greatest interest will centre on the Warden-controlled Flatlets, which, with four houses, constitute the Local Authority housing on this site. However, as the plans at present proposed include no less than 67 residences of various sorts (from flats to 2-storied houses), it is very likely that it will be strongly argued that this is far too large a development on a single site for a village of this size and type, which could be swamped thereby. Indeed, it becomes increasingly hard to understand why the whole area of nearly 10 acres was purchased, when all that appears to be required now - as it has been for a long time - is enough land for Local Authority development, especially the Housing for the Elderly, at most one eighth of this area. In order to recover this huge outlay, plus the interest payments on the loan, it will obviously be necessary to dispose of this land to a developer with Planning Consent fee for the largest number of dwellings thereon, which may well be against the wishes of the people of Bere Regis.

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

The July meeting was held on 17th at the Drax Hall.

Matters dealt with that arose from previous meetings included the following:--

Street Cleaning: The Chairman reported that he was satisfied that the amount of time allowed enabled the cleaner to deal with the main streets, but was probably not enough for dealing adequately with the side streets. He was given authority to increase the time sufficiently for this to be done, if he decided eventually that it was needed.

Planning matters:

District Council Housing (behind Church): Detailed plans of the Warden-controlled Flatlets and four Council houses were inspected and discussed at length. It was agreed to inform the District Council that this Council was pleased with the proposed development, subject to being assured that the main entrance to the block of flatlets was accessible to passenger vehicles, and to ask them to expedite the start of building. An excellent model of these proposals can be inspected at Bridge House, Wareham.

Chalk Pit Farm: A very disturbing situation has arisen over the application that was made in March, by the Company which had purchased this property, to establish thereon a site for (as a start) 139 Caravans - 33 Residential, 38 Holiday Camping and 68 Transit Touring - with premises for Residential Manager, Staff-quarters and a shopping centre. As previously reported, this Council was informed in April that the District Council had refused the application, which had been strongly resisted by this Council with detailed and well-reasoned arguments, which were almost exactly paralleled by the reasons given by the District Council. The Chairman now reported that, at the request of the original applicant, the Development Services Committee had re-considered the application, following a visit to the site by the Chairman and the Planning Officer. No notification regarding this had been received by this Council, and unfortunately the Parish representative on the District Council was prevented by illness from attending. However, another member of this Council attended as an observer and reported that, when this item on the Agenda was reached, the Planning Officer stated that the County Council was extremely keen on this site, situated between Wimborne and country further west,
and that he himself felt that it was entirely suitable; he therefore proposed that there should be a Site Meeting.

All this seems more than strange when the Planning Officer had signed the letter which included these words: "The proposal lies outside any possible future development area .... and, as proposed would be an unwarranted extension of development on the south side of the village on a prominent site and would be a misuse of agricultural land". One cannot pretend to understand this, and it is even more strange to be informed that this is quite valid under the Local Government Act 1972. Nevertheless, it is very doubtful if the failure to notify this Council of both the re-consideration of the application and the proposed Site meeting could be held to be so. However, steps have been taken to try to elucidate these points and should result in further information being available later.

It appears that, a few days after that meeting of the Committee, another letter was received from the owner of the site offering it for sale to the District Council. As a result, a Site meeting of the whole Council was held a few days later. This Council was informed that, at a subsequent meeting of the District Council, it was decided (a) not to purchase the site and (b) to adhere to the previous decision to refuse planning permission for use of the land as a caravan site.

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BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

On 10th September there will be a talk on Gardening by Miss McFall, and on the 24th a talk about the Dorset Association of Toy Libraries.

M. E.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

Burial: July 17th. Dora Agnes Toms. 78 years.

Holy Baptism: July 28th. Dean Rogerson.

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Smalls Ads.
(15p every three lines)

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Evenings and week-ends.

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