BERE REGIS PARISH MAGAZINE
My dear Friends,

The Scripture Union Mission to the children of the parish under the capable care of Mr. Robertson came to a successful conclusion on Sunday, March 16th, with a splendid final service in the Church. I very much hope that it may have been a real source of blessing to the younger end of the village and that they will find a lasting uplift and sense of dedication from it. The prime mover in the Mission was Dr. Boyd and I should like to express our thanks to him and Mrs. Boyd who bore the brunt of organising it and carrying it through to its successful conclusion.

I am glad to say the Bible Class has got off to a very good start — but we have found that starting at 10.15 a.m. did not give us a sufficient period before Mattins, so we have decided in the future to commence at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We shall be very glad to welcome new members to this valuable study group. There is no upward age limit but those who wish to come must be at least over 12 years of age. I should like to have with us more of those who have been confirmed fairly recently. While our discussions are firmly based on the Bible they range over a very wide field of life and conduct.

As this magazine, all being well, should be out for Good Friday, perhaps I might mention once again that the Annual General Church meeting will be held on Tuesday April 8th. at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall. I very much hope that we shall have a really good number at this meeting.

I am hoping that we shall have a Confirmation Service at Bere Regis in 1976, and it might be a good idea for any ready for Confirmation to keep this in mind, but if there are any who wish to be confirmed this year and not to wait till 1976 will they please let me have their names immediately and I will arrange classes for them and will present them at another parish who are having a Confirmation at a convenient time to us.

In a later page you will find a note about the Weekly Envelope Scheme. I shall be glad if you will read this carefully as this scheme is a splendid way of regularly helping the Church, especially for those who are not able to become a Covenanted subscriber.

We record with regret the death of the Rev. R. Hodge; at the age of 90 yrs. Mr. Hodge was vicar of this parish in 1921 and was here for about 3 years. He was the only previous Incumbent still surviving, and was remembered by quite a number of parishioners. He visited Bere Regis not so long ago, and I have been in correspondence with him from time to time. It always astounded me that his writing was as firm and clear as that of a much younger man. He was still
taking services up to a short time before his death. What a wonderful record of service to his God. We send our sympathies to Mrs. Hodge, and his Son on their bereavement.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

April 6th. Mrs. Wyatt
13th. Mrs. Lys.
20th. Mrs. G.H. Griffin
27th. Mrs. Tadman.

Mrs. Griffin.
Mrs. Benjafield.
Miss Combes.
Mrs. Howard.

STIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR APRIL.

13th. 11. Col. A. Barne & Mr. J. House.
27th. 11. Mr. W. F. Lys & Major M. Knowler.
May 4th. 11. Mr. K. Woolfries & Col. A. Barne.

BELLRINGER.

6.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Ricketts, Steele, Miss Pitfield.
13th. 11.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Porter, Collis.
6.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Miss Pitfield.
20th. 11.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Ricketts, Porter.
6.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Ricketts, Steele, Miss Pitfield.
27th. 11.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Porter, Collis.
6.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Miss Pitfield.

GUILD OF SERVERS.

April 6th. 11.00 a.m. Christopher Booth.
13th. 8.00 a.m. Richard Mullins.
20th. 8.00 a.m. John Pittfield.
27th. 8.00 a.m. Mark Pittfield.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

April 8. Tues. 7 p.m. Church Annual General Meeting.
11. Fri. 2.30 Mothers' Union.
17. Thurs. Drax Hall - Jumble Sale 2.30 p.m.
19. Sat. Young Wives Barn Dance ... 8 p.m.
24. Thurs. School Managers Meeting ... 3 p.m.
25. Fri. 2.30 Bible Study Group.
May 7. Wed. Culeaze Garden open 2.30 - 6 p.m.
8. Thurs. Ascension Day. 7 p.m. Friends Service.
11. Sun. Culeaze Garden Open ... 2.30 - 6 p.m.
June 1. Sun. Service at Old Sarum 3 p.m.
9. Wed. Autumn Leaves, Rose Bowl - Mr. & Mrs.
Sept. 27. - Oct. 5th. Centenary Celebrations, of Restoration of the Church.
Oct. 5. Harvest - Preacher at 6 p.m. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Dorset. Torchlight procession round village afterwards.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on April 9th., when there will be a speaker from the "Samaritans."

This should be an evening of great interest to us all. "The Samari-
tans" is a title well known to almost everyone, but what they do and how
they do it is by no means so well known and I think we shall all find it most profitable to hear more of this Society which does so much to help people who are desperate.

P.J.T.

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BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP.

The above group will meet at 2.30 p.m. at 19 South Mead on Friday, April 11th and Friday April 25th. Will members please make a note of these dates.

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WEEKLY ENVELOPE SCHEME.

The offering envelopes have now gone out for 1975 and should now be in the hands of all subscribers.

Over the past year we have lost a number of subscribers some from removal and some who have taken out a Covenant.

We should very much like to make these up. We have some sets of envelopes available and if any would care to join this particular scheme of contributing to Church Funds, and incidentally by so doing become a 'Friend', please speak to the vicar or Brig. Tadman at Summer- rods or for that matter to any Church official.

The Envelope Scheme is a means whereby one puts aside a certain sum of money, no matter how small, each week into the envelope provided, and the envelopes as they are filled are put into the collection or sent to any Church Official.

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ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.

This important meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall on Tuesday, April 8th.

At this meeting we shall be going through the Church accounts, appointing Churchwardens, electing a new Church Council for the coming year, and will be discussing any other relevant business to do with Church life and the day-to-day running of the Church.

All those interested in the welfare of their Church should make a point of being present. If you are on the Electoral Roll, come along and use your vote.

This is a most interesting meeting and a real chance for you to air your views.

We do need the help of you all. Book the date now:--

Tuesday, April 8th - Drax Hall - 7 p.m.

Tea and biscuits.

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HERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

On 8th April there will be a visit to Miss McFall's bungalow, and on the 22nd, a talk about home freezing.

On Saturday 19th April, there will be a Barn Dance in the Drax Hall 8 - 11.30. Tickets 50p. including refreshments from Young Wives' committee.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION.

Our next meeting will be held at Branch Headquarters on Wednesday, April 16th, at 2.30 p.m. when the speaker will be - Mrs. Jesty - Hospital Liaison Officer. Bring and Bay Stall.


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HERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

At our next meeting on April 8th, there will be a demonstration entitled "The Joys of Spring" given by Mrs. Audrey Speight of Parkstone. There will also be a Plant Stall when members are asked to bring anything they may have for this stall.

Instead of a May meeting we are having a Spring Show which we are lucky to be able to have at Culeaze by invitation of our President, Mrs. A. Barne. More details next month.

A.L.

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"AUTUMN LEAVES".

Inspite of it being a very cold afternoon, we had a record attendance at our March meeting, and it also being the first day of our Open Week.

The competitions were popular and varied (who's coming to Dinner)

"Guess Mr. Sollis's weight". "How many smartries in jar". "How many buttons on waistcoat" (worn by H. Pitfield). Bagatelle & Darts.

The Raffle was won by Mrs. Gills of Bloxworth; Mrs. Penny & Mrs. Poore. Competitions were won by Mrs. Baker - Bagatelle. Darts - Mrs. Knowler. Who's coming to Dinner - Mrs. Brook. Buttons on jacket - Mrs. Carter. Mr. Sollis's weight - Mrs. Collinson. Smartries in jar - Michael Eastman.

Members were asked to bring along a brass ornament. We had a wonderful selection and it was good to see that there is still some good brass about, a lovely array. Thank you.

J.L.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Following the minutes, any business and news of forthcoming events, we were pleased when we could give our attention to Mrs. Elsitt and the mouth-watering dishes she had already prepared and for which she had kindly provided copies of the recipes. We also admired her courage in boning a chicken before our very eyes!

It was good to hear from Mrs. Andrews that Mrs. Cummins had contacted our Link in New Zealand.

Our March speaker should prove most interesting, particularly to home dressmakers, when we listen to Mrs. Erbetta on 'Know your Fibres'. In April we shall be treated to some local knowledge, when Mr. Broughton talks to us on 'Lawrence of Arabia'.

Will everyone please make a note of 10th MAY; when we plan to hold a Coffee Morning at Sitterton House, this year in aid of Multiple Sclerosis.
P.T.A.

Wednesday, April 16th. * SKITTLE EVENING * 7.30 p.m. at the Drax Arms.

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CULEAZE GARDEN.

Open 2.30 - 6 p.m. on Wednesday 7th May and Sunday 11th May.
National Garden Scheme in aid of Nursing Association.

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COMMENTARY ON PARISH COUNCIL AFFAIRS.

The meeting of the Council was held on February 19th. It was reported that Mr. Jim Ruddock had accepted the post of Clerk to the Council and that, though he was still under treatment in Hospital as the result of a road accident, he expected to be able to take up his duties as agreed on April 1st.

The following matters were determined as shown:-

VILLAGE HALL SITE: The District Council member for Bere Regis, Mr. Maurice House, agreed to ask, at the next meeting of the Development Services Committee, for the allocation of a possible site within the proposed development on Site 88 (Manor Farm Fields).

TRANSIT CARAVAN SITE ON SUGAR HILL: The Chairman of Bloxworth Parish Meeting is to be asked to let this Council know if an application at this site is received from the District Council, since it abuts very closely on the Bere Regis Parish boundary and would therefore affect this parish if developed.

REPORTS ON RESULTS OF PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Messrs. Bedford & Jessy (Farm Foods) Ltd. have appealed against the decision not to allow development of 13 houses and garages near Sitterton Bridge.

Old Post Office, North Street: Agreed, subject to materials and windows being matched up with existing ones.

Messrs. A. K. Griffin & Son: (1) Bungalow to rear of No. 5 Sitterton, refused; (2) Bungalow below West Mill, agreed, subject to retention of as many trees on site as possible.

REPORT OF PRESENT POSITION REGARDING SITE 88 (Manor Farm Fields).

In reply to our enquiries from the District Council (1) it was confirmed that the whole site is to be developed by the District Council (as reported last month) and (2) the Outline Planning Permission was granted on January 29th, 1975, through the District Council’s own Development Services Committee (and not, as mistakenly reported last month, relying on that granted to Morden Estates Ltd., previously. It was furthermore, stated that, under the Regulations, this was all that was needed when a Local Authority determines its own application. It seems quite clear, therefore, that neither Outline nor Detailed Planning applications need be referred to a Parish Council when the District Council, as Planning Authority, is undertaking development, as in this case. Thus, the people of Bere Regis, and their representatives on the Parish Council, will be denied the opportunity of expressing their views and wishes not only on this most important development in their village, but also of any other undertaken by the District Council.

The following resolution, therefore, passed at this meeting, assumes all the greater importance, while its contents ought to be made as widely known as possible.

"The Council should take all necessary steps to obtain adequate details of the proposed development and to make these available for inspection and discussion by the people of Bere Regis, obtaining their views thereon and making these known to the District Council, and meanwhile the latter should be informed that we utterly disagree with the proposal to include a three-storey block of flats, as being completely unsuited to rural development. Furthermore, in order that there may be sufficient time and information for the foregoing, the Secretary of State for the Environment should immediately be asked to ‘call in’ the application for decision by himself and to pass it to this Council for recommendations, while the Member of Parliament for the Division should be asked for his help to enable this to be brought about."

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Drax Hall, for use for Play Group: acceptance recommended.

Caravan at the Oaks, Buddens Farm: recommended for renewal.

Bere Down Mills Ltd. Details of new mill at Roke Barn: recommended for acceptance. It was also decided to write to the County Council to impress on them the urgency of agreement on compensation for enforcement of the Discontinuance Order at the present site.

Roke Farm, new (tiled) roof and repairs to barn (scheduled building) recommended.

Transit Caravan Site at Chalkpit Farm - reconsideration of application. Recommended for refusal on exactly the same grounds as before, and denial of the claim that the site chosen will be invisible from the area, since the site indicated to us previously is on the Highest part of the farm.

Southbrook Bungalows for the Elderly: The District Council is to be asked, as a matter of urgency, as to the present position and when these are to be started, since the present occupants of the houses, which are to lose a large part of their gardens, have still not received the necessary information for which they have waited at least eight months.

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100 YEARS AGO

THE CHURCH TIMES

March 12, 1875.

HOME FOR MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASS GIRLS:

SIR,—Allow me to call the attention of your readers, many of whom have subscribed to our funds, to the advertisement in your columns of the House of Mercy which we have opened for suitable cases of the above class. By
"suitable" I especially mean those cases, either of a first lapse which but for timely aid end in utter friendlessness and its inevitable consequences, or of motherhood and desertion, for which no provision is ordinarily made, except in the disreputable baby farm or the suspicious lodging-houses, where, of course, there is no moral restraint or spiritual influence whatever. Unsuitable cases are ladies of mature age who have gone through the Divorce Court, or who have sunk into the depths of a life of public sin. For these most wretched creatures homes at Clewer and Stockwell have been provided.

CHARLES GUTCH.
Lent, 1875.

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

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