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BERE REGIS,
DORSET.

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SUNDAY SERVICES
Holy Communion ... 8 a.m. except 1st Sunday
Saints Days, 9.30 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Matins
Family Communion ... 11 a.m. 1st Sunday
Matins ... 11 a.m. except 1st Sunday
Evensong ... 6 p.m.
Family Service ... 3 p.m. 2nd Sunday
Sunday School ... 10.30 a.m. except 2nd Sunday
Holy Baptism ... 3.45 p.m. 2nd Sunday

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES
MOTHERS UNION: 7.30 p.m. Vicarage, 2nd Wednesday.
FLORAL GROUP: 2.30 Drax Hall, 2nd Tuesday.
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: 7.00 p.m. Drax Hall, 3rd Tuesday
YOUNG WIVES: 7.30 p.m. Congregational Schoolroom 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
BELLRINGERS: Practice 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6.30 p.m. Friday
BRITISH LEGION CLUB: 7.00 p.m. Thursday, Fri, Sat, Sun.
R. B. L. HOGRS
GUIDES: 6.30 p.m. School Thurs
BROWNIES: 6.15 p.m. School, Weds.
WOODWORK CLASS: 7.00 p.m. Thurs. White Lovington
YOUTH CLUB: 7.30 Mon. & Fri. Club Hut.
AUTUMN LEAVES: (Over 60's) 2.30 2nd Wednesday.

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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

I wonder if I ever wrote about 'Cinder Pathe'. I don't think so, but if I did no harm will be done to repeat the tale. I came across the extract from what was evidently a book of talks to children the other day and pass it on to you herewith:

"A good old friend of mine was very fond of praying a very curious prayer. "Lord," he would say, "help me to re-cinder our paths." What did he mean? Well, in the little town where we lived the footpaths were usually made of cinders, brought from the furnaces of salt factories, for it was a salt-making town. Very good hard paths they made too, once they were well trodden down; but they soon got worn and had to be renewed from time to time with fresh cinders.

When the paths of our little town were re-cindered the workmen simply spread the new cinders all over the surface of the old pathway, but they did not use any roller to roll them in. They just left them to be trodden in by the feet of the passers by; and it was not at all pleasant walking on those loose cinders, just after repair.

I remember walking once with my old friend along a newly cindered path and saying to him, "Let's walk in the road." "Nay lad," he replied in his rich Cheshire brogue, "Let's keep on t'path, somebody else'll have to tread 'em in if we don't."

Here is, I think a good thought with which to start 1975 - whether we cannot do a little more towards helping to make the rough places smooth for others on the road of life. We tread so many paths that are smooth today because of others who have patiently trod the rough places before us. Shall we not say to ourselves; "Nay, lad, let's keep on t'path; somebody else'll have to tread 'em if we don't?"

It is a pity that some of our miners do not remember this before they ask for an increase in wages which is more than many others are getting as a whole. They might well remember too that every increase they have has to be paid for by the whole community including Old Age Pensioners, being employed as they are by a nationalised industry.

If there was ever the need for a modicum of unselfishness in our national life it is surely now.

Perhaps Christian folk can give a lead in the coming year.

As we go to press I have to record the death of Montague Cheeseman. He was a very well known figure in Bere Regis and one of the old order. His familiar figure will be greatly missed from the
village street. We send our warm sympathies to his relatives and friends, as we do also to Mrs. Rowley on the death of her husband in Poole Hospital.

A happy new year to all our readers.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

January 5th. Miss A. Lys. Miss E. Lys.

A meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on December 12th. The Vicar was in the chair, and nine members were present. The rota for the next six months was made out, a copy can be seen in the Church Porch.

G.T.T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JANUARY.

Jan. 5th. 11. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
12th. 11. Mr. W. P. Lys & Col. A. Barne.
26th. 11. Mr. A. Bates & Major J. Hudson.
Feb. 2nd. 11. Major M. Knowler & Mr. K. Woolfries.

BELLRINGERS ROTA FOR JANUARY.

Jan. 5th. 11 a.m. Woolfries, England, Collis, Porter, Holman.
       6 p.m. Woolfries, England, Miss Pitfield, Holman.
12th. 11 a.m. Woolfries, England, Porter, Ricketts, Tranter, Holman.
       6 p.m. Woolfries, England, Ricketts, Holman, Miss Pitfield.
19th. 11 a.m. Woolfries, England, Porter, Collis, Holman.
       6 p.m. Woolfries, England, Holman, Miss Pitfield.
26th. 11 a.m. Woolfries, England, Porter, Ricketts, Holman.
       6 p.m. Woolfries, England, Ricketts, Holman, Miss Pitfield.

GUILD OF SERVICE.

January 5. 11 a.m. Christopher Booth.
" 12. 8 a.m. John Pitfield.
" 19. 8 a.m. Mark Pitfield.
" 26. 8 a.m. David Miller.
February 2. 11 a.m. Christopher Booth.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Jan. 8th. Wed. Autumn Leaves New Year Party 2.30 Drax Hall.
       7.30 Mothers' Union - Vicarage.
" 12th. SUN. 3 p.m. Plough Sunday Service.
" 15th. Wed. 8 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting - Vicarage.
" 20th. Mon. 3 p.m. School Managers Meeting.
" 27th. Mon. 7.30 Parochial Church Council - Vicarage.
" 6th. Thur. Coffee Evening - Drax Hall - 7 - 9 p.m.
Mar. 7th. Fri. Women's World Day of Prayer Service - 3 p.m. Bere Regis Church.
" 16th. SUN. Summertime begins - Put Clocks on.
" 30th. EASTER DAY.
April 17th. Thur. Jumble Sale - Drax Hall - 2.30 p.m.
May 8th. ASCENSION DAY - 7 p.m. - Friends Service.
" 9th. Fri. Conservative Coffee morning - Culeaze, 10.30 - 12.
" 10th. Sat. Confirmation at Wareham.
June 1st. SUN. Service at Old Sarum.
Sept. 27th – Oct. 8th. – Centenary Celebrations of Restoration of Church.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Wednesday January 8th. 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage.

A film strip will be shown on "Teaching children to Pray".

P.J.T.

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP.

January meetings will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Fridays, January 10th and 24th.

Meetings are held at 19 South Mead.
PLough Sunday.

The Annual Procession & Service will be held on Sunday January 12th - the traditional date, being the first Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany.

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

This year we are asking all village organisations if they will join in the procession as a body. If banners or flags can be brought, so much the better.

Weather permitting we are hoping for a really big turn out. In these material days it is so important that our dependence on the land should be kept well before us. What about a tractor or so in the procession? 

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane at 7.30 on Tuesday 14th January. Mrs. P. Collis will be giving a demonstration on making paper flowers, and on the 28th there will be a coffee evening in aid of the Dorset Toy Library.

M.E.

AUTUMN LEAVES - OVER 60s CLUB.

We spent a lovely lively festive afternoon for our Carol Meeting on Wed. Dec. 11th. We were fortunate enough to have the Junior Leaders Band from Bournemouth and they played a selection of Carols for us to sing to. 110 in all attended including 13 from Riverhouse. Tea and mince pies were served by the committee, and then it was time for the big Christmas Draw. Most of the lovely prizes stayed in or close to the Village one at Blandford and one at Weymouth.

Mrs. Jeeves gave the vote of Thanks and then presented the Autumn Leaves committee each with a gift.

Don’t forget to enter your names if you have not already done so for the Panto - Cinderella, Pavilion, Bournemouth - 5th February, 2.30. New Year Party - Drax Hall - 2.30.

WINNERS GRAND XMAS DRAW:

Mrs. Brown
Mrs. Jeeves "Aunty"
Mrs. McDonald
Mrs. Plowman
Mr. Ross
Mrs. A. Joyce
Mrs. Hawker
Mr. Gale
North Street
Larkspur, B.Regis.
West Street
Sandford Road
54 Cleveland Ave.
9 Egdon Close
The Laurels
Coffee Table.
Reading Lamp.
Turkey.
Groceries.
Sherry.
Glasses.
Quality Street.
Shortbread

Mrs. Stickley
P. S. Hackard
Jason Knight
C. Hewitt
Mrs. S. Gale
Mrs. L. Day
D. Reed
B. Percy
3 Church Cott.
1A Kings Rd. Dorchester.
Whitechurch, Blandford.
Green Close, B.Regis.
The Laurels, B.Regis.
5 Sitterton
50 Bryantspuddle
61 West Street

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

At the Annual Meeting of the Floral Group the following were elected:-

President - Mrs. A. Barne.
Chairman - Mrs. J. House.
Vice-Chairman - Mrs. H. Anderson. Hon.Secretary - Mrs. C. Crichton
Assist.Hon.Treasurer - Miss E. Lys.

Committee: Mrs. Bland, Mrs. Chilcott, Mrs. Fryer, Mrs. Herridge, Mrs. King-Wood. Miss A. Lys, Mrs. Morlarty, Mrs. Parke.

Representative on Drax Hall Committee - Miss E. Lys.
Press - Miss A. Lys.

Will members please note that the next meeting on January 14th. will be at the house of Mrs. Herridge at Throop, Bryantspuddle.

WOMEN’S INSTITUTE.

We arrived early for our A.G.M. in November as we had to vote for our new committee - our thanks to Mr. Minterne for his help at this election. While the counting was being carried out we continued with the minutes of the last meeting and any current business, and heard Mrs. Woolfries' excellent and detailed account of the Autumn Council Meeting at Weymouth. Voting for President and Vice-Presidents followed, and we were pleased when Mrs. Howard agreed to remain as our President for a further year. After tea had been served Miss Miller, our secretary, gave us a full report of the year's work, which had been really varied and interesting. This month we had a raffle, which was won by Mrs. Miller.

We hope our friends will join us for our Christmas Party in December, and we look forward in January to hearing Mrs. K. Calvey talking about Rhodesia, after her very recent visit there.

A Happy New Year to you all.

J.W.D.
COMMENTARY ON PARISH COUNCIL AFFAIRS.

Notes on the Parish Council had to be omitted last month owing to lack of space. These comments, therefore, cover the period from the October meeting, and of necessity are given in shortened and tabulated form.

SPECIAL STAGE RALLIES: WAREHAM FOREST. Agreed to take no further action, unless complaints received after the next one, due late in 1975.

SITE 86 (MANOR FARM FIELD) PHASE 2. District Council agrees (against our recommendation) to allow development up to line 100 feet from stream. At present a considerable part of this area is flooded.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL: BERE HEATH. District Council replied that this has been done since 1969 and is largely treated sewage. Told that 5 years is too long for temporary arrangement and some sewage dropped on road seems to be untreated. Furthermore, area is extending and is much too near the road.

RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS REPORTED FROM PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SITTERTON, FOR 13 DWELLINGS (Bedford & Jesty (Farm Foods Ltd.).
Refused: (i) Site unsuitable. (ii) Surface water drainage difficulties. (iii) Traffic dangers at junction with A35.

SNOW HILL: ROOM OVER EXISTING GARAGE (Owner). Refused: out of character with immediate area and detrimental to nearby property.

CHANGE OF USE: THE MANSE (Congregational Church). Agreed temporarily for 3 years.

TRANSIT CARAVAN SITE: CHALK PIT FARM. Refused: on similar grounds to previous application i.e. road dangers, outside development areas, misuse of agricultural lands etc.

BUS STOP IN VILLAGE: County Council have agreed to mark road near Woodbury Cottage so that buses do not have to stop in centre of road.

WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON HYDE HEATH AND CULEAZE ROADS: County Council states delay in erecting signs due to coach restriction orders also pending.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO DISTRICT COUNCIL ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Southbrook Bungalows for Elderly - Plans at last received and agreed.

Three dwellings and garages at Butt Lane: Recommended for acceptance as development is considered good planning, but informed that protests received from some residents opposite that developer had assured them, or their predecessors, before purchasing property from him, that he was applying for permission to erect bungalows there, and they would be adversely affected by houses.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE: Reported that estimate for up-rating all lights £800 in February, now £1090, to cover lamps giving 2½ times light at no extra consumption or maintenance, and time-switches with 24-hour spring reserve, to cover against cuts. Because of great cost, agreed to call Parish Meeting to discuss matter in full and reach agreed conclusion.

PARISH MEETING, HELD AT DRAK HALL, 6th DECEMBER, 1974.

Attendance disappointing, but constructive results. Recommended to up-date the switches and some lights to a maximum equivalent to a half-penny rate.

RESIGNATION OF CLERK: Mr. Peter Davis resigns as from December 31st and interviews for successor are in course of being held.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,

As the writer of the Parish Council Commentary in the Parish Magazine, I should like to reply to Mr. Ireland, of Bere Down Mills Ltd., whose letter was published in your December issue.

All that Mr. Ireland states on behalf of the Company regarding employment and services rendered is, of course, very much appreciated by those living here. Neither, however, need be adversely affected by a move of the enterprise to elsewhere in the district. If there is delay on the part of the County Council which is endangering them, then presumably the Company has protested to that Council, and possibly the Department; certainly the Company has not approached the present Parish Council for their assistance in the matter.

The Local Planning Authority in its Statement to the Public Local Enquiry, held on March 28th, 1973, into the application dated 27th September, 1971 for additions and alterations that would increase output from the Mill from 30 tons to 200 tons per week, stated: "Existing development already causes a considerable nuisance to adjoining residential development from noise and an emission of dust." "Noise" and "dust", together with "fumes" referred to in the Memorandum submitted to the Enquiry by some residents are, in environmental terms, forms of pollution, and it was on these, and other, grounds that the Order for Discontinuance was made. This would appear to justify the phrase "various forms of pollution" to describe what some residents have suffered for some time. Apparently not only the Local Planning Authority and the Inspector from the Department of the Environment, but the Secretary of State, also, all agree with this; hence the Order, now confirmed.

Enquiry from the residents affected would elicit the information that their discomforts are by no means eliminated.

Yours,
D.H.S.B.
FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY MATRIMONY:
Nov. 28th. William Ernest Norman and Sally Elizabeth Seymour.
Dec. 7th. Peter Anthony Kircher-Smith and Carol Ruth Tribe.

HOLY BAPTISM:
Nov. 28th. Carol Ruth Tribe.
Dec. 8th. Garry Thomas Lewis.