My dear Friends,

We are, I know, all very sorry that owing to ill health Major Knowler has had to give up the Post Office. We have all enjoyed the courtesy and kindness both of him and Mrs. Knowler while they have been in charge and shall miss their friendly and helpful service.

The new Postmaster is to be a Mr. Boatswain who will be living at Sitterton and we offer him and his wife a warm welcome to Bere Regis.

We seem to be full of changes at the moment as Mr. Toop is retiring and has sold Bermistes Stores. The Stores have been an integral part of village life for a great many years and I think that most people looked on the sale of the shop with some trepidation - wondering what would happen to it and who might buy it. Happily all has turned out very well as it has been bought by Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Griffin who have the intention of carrying it on much in the same way as previously and it will still remain very much the Village Store as we know it. I do not think we ought to let the event pass without thanking Mr. Toop for his services to the village over many years and to wish him a very happy retirement.

I want to say how grateful I am, and indeed I trust the whole village, to the "Young Wives" for the gift of a really magnificent seat to the Churchyard. It has been sited in semi-shade near the Wool Road entrance to the Churchyard, with the beautiful view of Woodbury Hill in the distance. It will be a place of rest for the old and indeed the not so old in our lovely Churchyard as they pass to and fro on their daily business. I hope much use will be made of the seat and that all will find it of real use. The gift of the seat was a kindly and lovely thought and we are all most grateful.

As I write this we are in the middle of final preparations for the Festival. Anything I say will be too late to make any difference and too early to make any comment on how it proceeded. So I shall not say anything till next month when we shall be able to give some sort of preliminary report on the progress of the Festival. But we are certainly hoping that it will be an event which will go down in the history of the Church as one of the greatest importance.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

October 5th.  HARVEST FESTIVAL - Mrs. Tranter.
• 12th.  Miss A. Lys. - Mrs. Ward.
• 19th.  Mrs. R. Barnes - Mrs. M. House.
• 26th.  Mrs. Cobb. - Mrs. Sherman.

GUILD OF SERVERS.

• 19th.  David Miller.  • 26th.  John Pitfield.

November 2nd.  Christopher Booth.

SIDESMEN’S ROTA.

• 6 p.m.  All Sidesmen.
• 12th.  11 a.m.  Col. A. Barne & Mr. G. Ward.
• 6 p.m.  Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. Barnes.
• 19th.  11 a.m.  Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries.
• 6 p.m.  Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & F. Parsons.
• 26th.  11 a.m.  Major J. Hudson & Mr. A. Bates.
• 6 p.m.  Messrs. J. House & M. Barnes.

Nov. 2nd.  11 a.m.  Major M. Knowler & Mr. K. Woolfries.
• 6 p.m.  Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. A. Bloomfield.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Oct. 1st.  Wed.  7.30 p.m. Concert in the Church.
• 2nd.  Thur.  7.30 p.m. Historical Pageant in the Church.
• 3rd.  Fri.  7.30 p.m. Recital in the Church.
• 4th.  Sat.  Church Decorating for Harvest.
• 7 p.m.  Harvest Supper - Drax Hall.
• 8.30 p.m.  Bonfire - Singing ... Fireworks on Court Green.
• 5th.  SUN.  Harvest Festival.
• 8th.  Wed.  7.30 p.m. Mothers’ Union.
• 2 p.m.  Autumn Leaves Tour.
• 9th.  Thur.  Scripture Union Reunion 6.30 Drax Hall
• 15th.  Wed.  R.B.L. Women’s Section Annual General Meeting H.Q.
• 2.30 p.m.
• 18th.  Sat.  W.I. Autumn Sale - Drax Hall.
• 25th.  Sat.  Put Clocks back one hour.
• Autumn Leaves - 3rd. Autumn Ball - Bovington Memorial Hall, 7.30. £1.50.

Nov. 9th.  SUN.  Remembrance Sunday.
• 12th.  Wed.  7.30 p.m. Mothers’ Union.
• Autumn Leaves 2.30. Talk by Mrs. Percy.
• 23rd.  SUN.  6.30 Deanery Service, Wareham. No Evensong at Bere Regis.
• 25th.  Tues.  Floral Group Christmas Fair.
• 28th.  Fri.  Autumn Leaves Christmas Bazaar & Concert - Drax Hall - 6 p.m.

Dec. 3rd.  Wed.  2.30 Sanctuary Guild - Vicarage
• 2.30 Autumn Leaves Christmas Concert - Bovington.
• 4th.  Thur.  7.30 Conservative Evening Party - Drax Hall.
• 6th.  Sat.  2.30 Xmas Stocking - Drax Hall.
• 21st.  SUN.  6 p.m. Carol Service.
• 24th.  Wed.  11.45 Midnight Communion.

JAN. 1976.
• 11th.  SUN.  Plough Sunday Service 3 p.m.
• June 26th.  Sat.  3 p.m. Bere Regis Garden Party.

MOTHERS’ UNION.

We had a splendid gathering for the first meeting of the Autumn held in September. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and I should like to say 'thank you' to all those who contributed such wonderful refreshments. Our next meeting will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday Oct. 6th.

Unfortunately Mrs. Shaw, who was to have been our speaker on 'Spiritual Healing' has written to say that she will be unable to come on that date after all. I am therefore at the moment, not quite certain as to the speaker, but will see that the Vicar announces it in Church as soon as I have heard.

Phyllis Tranter.

SCRIPTURE UNION - BERE REGIS BRANCH.

Mr. Harold Robertson is coming for
A Re-Union
on
Thursday October 9th.
6.30 p.m. Drax Hall

Come and meet him again. Bring your parents. Singing, Quiz, Slides, Refreshments. Transport provided if needed. Let Dr. Boyd or Mr. Legg (Tel: Dorchester 4331) know.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

We have had several more generous gifts towards the Centenary Funds. These and any further gifts will be acknowledged in the final accounts.
Meanwhile thank you very much.

**HARVEST SERVICES - SUNDAY OCT. 5TH.**

8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins. Preacher - the Vicar. 6 p.m. Festal Evensong (combined with Final Festival Thanksgiving Service) - Preacher - The Ven. the Archdeacon of Dorset.

Special Music - Torchlight Procession after.

Gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables will be welcomed. Please bring to the Church as early as possible on Saturday morning, Oct. 4th. Groceries are also welcomed as we hope again this year to distribute the goods round the parish.

There will be no Children's Gift Service this year as the Church will be needed for rehearsals during the afternoon; but the Family Service will be held as usual at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12th.

**HARVEST SUPPER.**

Saturday October 4th ... Drax Hall .... 7 p.m. ... Tickets 35p from Mr. Parsons followed at 8.30 p.m. by Fireworks on Court Green.

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**HERE REGIS CHURCH ...**

**RESTORATION CENTENARY FESTIVAL 1975.**

**SATURDAY, September 27th at 7.30 p.m.**


VIVALDI, HANDEL, SCHUBERT, ARNOLD. Admission by programme 75p.

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**SUNDAY, September 28th, at 6 p.m.**

Evensong with the Dorset Blind Choir.

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**MONDAY, September 29th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

A Full Peal on the Church Bells by the Dorset Guild of Ringers.

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**WEDNESDAY, October 1st, at 7.30 p.m.**

Concert, Dmitri Wind Ensemble. The Kingsbere Singers. Barry Ferguson, Organ.

Admission by programme 75p.

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**THURSDAY, October 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.**

Historical Pageant with Music by pupils of Bere Regis School. Collection.

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**FRIDAY, October 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.**


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**SATURDAY, October 4th.**

1.30 p.m. The Isle of Wight Ringers will Ring a Quarter Peal on the Church Bells.

7 p.m. Parish Harvest Supper (by ticket only) in the Drax Hall.

8.30 p.m. Bonfire, Singing and Fireworks on Court Green.

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**SUNDAY, October 5th.**

Harvest Festival. 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: The Vicar.

Anthem "Harvest Blessings" (Mazlen)


Supper at the Drax Arms (telephone bookings (386) advisable) or Coffee and Biscuits at the Woodbury Cottage Tea Rooms.

All Concerts will be held in the Church.

Full Car Park facilities available.

Programmes (for reserved seats) may be purchased at Bere Regis Post Office or obtained by post from Mrs. D. Tadman, Summerrods, Bere Regis, Wareham, Dorset.

Unreserved at the Church door.

**HERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.**

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall. The Annual Party will be held on Tuesday 14th. October, on the 28th, the Annual Meeting.

M.E.

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**BELLRINGERS - OCTOBER 1975.**

12th. 11.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Porter.

19th. 11.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Porter, Ricketts.

26th. 11.00 Woolfries, Holman, Porter.

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**AUTUMN LEAVES - OVER 60s CLUB.**

Our 3rd. Anniversary Luncheon was a great success and enjoyed by all who were present, 89 members and guests were there in all. We had cold roast pork, new potatoes, carrots & peas, followed by apple sponge and cream, cheese & biscuits, and a nice cup of tea to follow. We toasted the Queen and Club with sherry and altogether we did very nicely thank you. A lot of hard work went into all that for which we have to thank the President...
particularly, and her committee, Dusty, Joan, Nan, Flo, Lucy, Joyce and Kath. It was all so worth while to see the colourful tables and the appreciation shown at the end. Mrs. Joan Lewis gave the speech this year and detailed some of the last meetings, trips, tours, shows, etc. over the last 12 months. She also gave thanks to all the members for their superb efforts of handicrafts of all kinds for the occasions when needed, also to the very kind people of the village who give generously, donations to our club but wish to remain anonymous.

Mrs. Jeeves made it known that she wished to present both Church and Chapel in Bere Regis with a flower vase in memory of her Mother.

We ended our afternoon with lots of good music played to us by Wynn Polly on her Electric Organ, she is such good fun and had us all singing and dancing in no time.

Please refer to the Village Calendar for forthcoming attractions.

D.J.F.

DRAX HALL.

The Drax Hall Management Committee are most grateful to all those who supported the Coffee Morning held at Summerrods in aid of maintenance funds and also those who gave donations, which resulted in a profit of £30. 78p.

Competition winners were...

Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Bloomfield, Mrs. I. Miller, Mrs. Lys. Mrs. Hudson.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

The next meeting will be on October 14th. when Mrs. Jean Franklin will give a demonstration entitled "Autumn in my Garden."

GIRL GUIDES.

HELP URGENTLY REQUIRED!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Bere Regis Guide Company is urgently in need of one or two adult leaders. Meetings are held at the School on Thursdays 6.30 – 8 p.m. It is a flourishing company with approximately 20 girls between 10 – 14 years.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Phillips, 102 North Street. Tel: Bere Regis 525. You need not have had experience, but previous membership in some branch of the movement would be an advantage.
ENGLISH AS SHE IS SPOKE.

Here is America laughing at itself. The following is a paraphrase of the story of the Garden of Eden (slightly abbreviated) from the Rhode Island Churchman quoted in Anglican Digest.

When the question came to Adam, "Where were you?", he answered: "I thought it best to maintain a low profile because of our lack of proper attire. Both Eve and I thought, in the circumstances, that a covering up was indicated." "Who told you, you needed a cover-up?" "We undertook a plan to gather further intelligence relative to our security in administration of the Garden." "Did you eat the fruit?" "This is substantially correct." "What of the commandment not to touch the fruit?" "Reviewing all the facts having any bearing on our decision-making process at the particular point of time, we treated that commandment as inoperative... The source of the strategy was the woman you gave me. The plan emanated from her."

When the woman was questioned, she testified: "It was a foul-up of communication. The serpent came to me and strongly suggested that the gathering of intelligence was vital in maintaining the security of our administration of the Garden." When the serpent was asked what he had to say, he answered: "I want to see my attorney. I want to go before a Grand Jury of my peers. I am not going to be the scapegoat of this whole affair."

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY MATRIMONY:
August 23. Laurence Fripp & Trudy Margaret White.

HOLY BAPTISM:
        David Anthony Trim.
        Lisa Dawn Watts.

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SMALL ADS.
(15p. every three lines)

TAXI...

CONTACT:-- RON RICKETTS
        "Lamorna", Tolpuddle.
        Tel: Puddletown 508.

EVENINGS and WEEK-ENDS.

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