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During the long weeks of Lent we look forward to the glories of Easter. However many times we celebrate the Feast, the Resurrection bursts upon us with a force which could only have been exercised by God himself. Yet, there is more to come. Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross, has risen again but not to resume His earthly life. He is risen in power and glory and after a short time, a period which has come to be known as 'The Great Forty Days', he carries back our manhood, redeemed and purified to His Heavenly Father. So, God's mighty plan for man is almost complete. It wants but one thing more - the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. What a marvellous redemption we have!

Surely we must see how relevant all this is to our daily lives in the year 1978 or any other year. With this wonderful loving power so readily and immediately available to us how trivial and unimportant our nagging worries become.

But we must be very careful of one great danger. We must never try to live our daily lives isolated from our faith. Indeed, our faith must spread through every area of our lives, enabling us to live as Christ's men and women carrying on His great work in the world.

'We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth
The gospel of a Saviour's name
We sing His glory, tell His worth

Tell of His reign at God's right hand
by all creation glorified
He sends His Spirit on His Church
to live for Him, the Lamb who died.'

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

The Annual Church Mtg. will be held on Wed. 12th Apr. at 7 p.m. at the Drax Hall. First there will be a Vestry Mtg. for the election of the Churchwardens. This will be for all those whose names are on the Voters' List. Then the meeting will become the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which only those whose names appear on the new Electoral Roll will be entitled to vote. It is vital for the life of our parish that the meeting should be as well attended as possible so please make certain that YOU are there.
The New Electoral Roll will have been finalised by the time you receive this copy of the magazine. The preparation has involved an enormous amount of work and we are greatly indebted to both Mr. & Mrs. Penfold for undertaking this arduous task. We offer them our warmest thanks.

The Scripture Union Team under the direction of Mr. Harold Robertson is holding a week of mission in Bere Regis during the period ending 23rd April. On that day there will be a special service in church conducted by Mr. Robertson at 3 p.m.

Mission is an aspect of our Christian experience which affects us all. It is therefore good to report that there is to be a Deanery Service of Mission and Unity on 30th April at 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Church, Blandford. The preacher is to be the Rev. Jimmy Hamilton-Brown who is a member of the Archbishop's Council for Evangelism. There will be no Evensong in Bere Regis so why not try to be there?

Ascension Day is always a special day (see letter) but in Bere Regis it is an important occasion for yet another reason. It is the day when a special Service is held in Church for all those, both living in the parish and elsewhere, who love our beautiful church and who have supported its maintenance. This Friends' Service is at 7 p.m. on Ascension Day, 4th May, and this year we shall be honoured by the presence of our Archdeacon, the Venerable Richard Sharp who will speak to us.

My wife and I will be away on holiday from 19th April to 2nd May. Services during this fortnight will be taken by Canon Eaton and Mr. Rocksborough-Smith.

CHURCH SERVICES (cont'd...)

* ADJUNCT SERVICES:

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

Tuesday, 4th April - Annunciation 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday, 14th April - Pram & Toddler Service 2.45 p.m.

Thursday, 4th May - Ascension. 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

7.00 p.m. Friends' Service

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

Appl. 2nd. 9.45 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Mr. W. F. Lys.

6.00 p.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Mr. H. Dashwood.

" 9th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Mr. G. Ward.

6.00p.m. Mr. M. Barnes & Mr. F. Marsh.

" 16th. 9.45 a.m. Mr. A. Bates & Major M. Knowler.

6.00 p.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Mr. J. House.

" 23rd. 11.00 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfies & Colonel A. Barnes.

30th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. R. Smith & Commander C. Mauder.

May 4th. (Thurs.) "Friends" Service. Mr. F. Marsh & Mr. J. House.

7th. 9.45 a.m. Mr. A. Bates & Mr. K. Woolfies.

6.00 p.m. Mr. M. Barnes & Mr. H. Dashwood.

SERVERS' ROTA

Appl. 2nd. - John

" 9th. - Richard

" 16th. - Martin

Appl. 3rd. - John

" 30th. - Richard

" 7th. - Martin

BELLRINGERS' ROTA

To be arranged.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

April 2nd. Mrs. Griffin Mrs. Steele.

" 9th. Miss A. Lys Miss E. Lys.

" 16th. Mrs. C. N. Griffin Mrs. Parsons.

" 23rd. Members of the Youth Club.

" 30th. Mrs. J. House The Misses House.

I would very much like to thank the Vicar and all the P.C.C. for the very generous gift you gave me for winding the Church Clock for about 25 years. I always took a great interest in the old clock and was very sorry to give it up. So many people told me I should stop climbing those 50 steps every day. Now thanks to Major Booth and all his helpers we now have our clock striking again a much easier way.

Again thanking you all for your gift to me with much appreciation.

Tom Woolfries.
THE MOTHERS' UNION.

At the March meeting of the Mothers' Union, members joined forces with the Lenten Study Group, the subject being Mission.

Our regular monthly meeting will take place at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. on the 5th April, when the Vicar is to give a talk on life in a Theological College.

There are two extra dates to note for April - the 4th, which is the Feast of the Annunciation, when it is hoped that members from every branch in the deanery will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Winterbourne Whitchurch for a corporate Communion Service; on the 15th April there is to be a Coffee morning at the Vicarage between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon in aid of Branch and Overseas Funds.

The Prayer Group will meet in the Morton Chapel on the 14th and 28th April at 11 a.m.

Doreen Shaw.

IN MEMORIAM: Andrew Sidney David Allen who died suddenly on 12th March had lived in Bere Regis for more than fifty years. He was, however, a native of Colehill, Wimborne and moved to Sitterton at the time of his marriage. Originally on the staff of Sir Ernest Debenham at Affpuddle he was later responsible for maintenance work with Bedford and Jesty. Mr. Allen was a family man interested in gardening and in following football. He was a kindly friendly person with a cheerful word for everyone. He will be greatly missed at the Autumn Leaves Club of which he was a keen member. He leaves three daughters to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their loss.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Apr. 1st. Sat. April Fool's Dance, Drax Hall, 8-12 mdnt. Tickets £1 from Jeeves. Easter Raffle to be drawn.

12th. Wed. Annual Church Meeting, Drax Hall, 7 p.m.

Autumn Leaves - Tour to "Compton Acres" leaving 2 p.m. 85p.

16th/23rd. Scripture Union Mission - See Vicarage Notes, etc.

19th. Wed. Bere Regis & District Youth Club A.G.M. 7.30 p.m.

20th. Thur. Drax Hall A.G.M. 8 p.m.

24th. Mon. Bere Regis & Dist. Swimming Club A.G.M. School, 7.30 p.m.

May 3rd. Wed. Coffee Morning in aid of Drax Hall at Mrs. S. Barton's, Barrow Hill House, 10.30 a.m.

4th. Thur. ASCENSION DAY. "Friends of Bere Regis Church" Service 7 p.m.

10th. Wed. Coliseum Gardens open in aid of Nursing Assocn. 2-6 p.m.

" Autumn Leaves - Drax Hall - 2-30 p.m.


14th. Sun. Coliseum Gardens open in aid of Nursing Assocn. 2-6 p.m.

16th. Tues. Conservative Coffee Morning, Coliseum, 10.30-12 noon.

20th. Sat. Coffee Evening in aid of Bere Heath Methodist Church, Coliseum, 6 p.m.

May 25th. Thur. Coffee Morning at "Summerrods" towards cost of flowers for Church Flower Festival, 10.30-12 noon.

June 10th. Sat. Garden Party at "White Lovington".

14th. Wed. Autumn Leaves - Summer Outing.

21st. Wed. R.B.I. Women's Section Mystery Tour.


25th. Sun. PATRONAL FESTIVAL.


1st/2nd. Sat/Sun. Flower Festival in Parish Church.

12th. Wed. Autumn Leaves - OPEN DAY - Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Sept. 30th Sat. Harvest Supper.

Oct. 1st. Sun. HARVEST FESTIVAL.

5th. Fri. Music in Bere Regis Church.

21st. Sat. Autumn Ball, Bovington, in aid of Autumn Leaves, 8-12 mdnt.

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HERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

On Tuesday April 11th we shall have a warm welcome for Mrs. Aldridge, who demonstrated to us in the first year that our Group was formed, 1958, and have visited us at various times ever since. This time her subject will be "Arrangements for the House".

The competition for members is Spring Flowers, and there will be a Plant Stall, when it is hoped members will bring anything they may have.

A.L.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60s.

For our Easter Meeting we had a Whist Drive and Domingoes. Top score was for a chicken and was won by Mrs. Burgess - other prizes were Easter eggs, an extra large raffle was drawn and we had an excellent Easter tea. Mrs. Jeeves thanked the Hostesses for providing this delicious tea.

Our next meeting is a tour to "Compton Acres", price 85p., leaving Bere Regis at 2 p.m. List is at the Butcher's Shop.

Our Easter raffle is to be drawn at the April Fool's dance at Drax Hall 8-12. Tickets for dance from Butcher's Price £1. Members 75p. including refreshments. It is hoped that the support for this Dance will be from Bere Regis. A SPRING HAT Parade will be the highlight of the evening. K. J.

HERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB.

We are now coming to the end of the Winter Sports season.

Darts: The team have won their section and are waiting to hear the winner of the other section to play off to find out who the champions are.

Table Tennis. Playing with mixed results they are in about seventh position.
Netball. They have been playing some good netball in the past few weeks we
all thought a win must be close and they did win by beating Pokesdown 7 to 4
which must be encouraging for this young team.

The Spring and Summer season programme is now taking shape, the events
including:

- Table Tennis Singles - Wareham.
- Chess ..................... Dorchester.
- 5-a-side Football....... Bovington.
- Tag-of-War ............... Bere Regis.
- Cross Country Running and Rounders.

Now a date to remember - Wed. 19th April, 7.30 p.m. our A.G.M. All are
welcome.

I was pleased to see a few of the boy members clearing the snow for
people unable to do so themselves.

A few of the members have become keen Whist Drive players and play in
the local Whist Drives.

L.B.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME
in aid of Nursing Association.

Culzean Gardens will be open on WEDNESDAY 10th MAY, and SUNDAY 14th
MAY from 2 – 6 p.m.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

A Coffee Morning is to be held at "Summerrods" on Thursday 25th May to
raise money towards the cost of the "FLOWERS" for the Flower Festival in the
Church on the 1st/2nd July. Bring and Buy 10.30 – 12 noon.

The Bere Regis Playgroup wish to thank David and Linda for their delightful
Concert on Thursday 9th March, and also the Vicar for allowing us to use
the Church.

£43 was raised towards the Building Fund.

SCRIPTURE UNION, BERE REGIS BRANCH.

EACH TUESDAY. All children aged 7 – 10 years are welcome from 7-8 p.m. We
meet in the Congregational Church Hall, – just follow the high spirits other-
wise known as noise! The usual mixture is singing, sword-drill, some
thoughts on Christian living from the Scriptures, with games and refresh-
ments.

APRIL 16th – 23rd. Mr. Harold Robertson will be back among us each week-
end, and probably Sunday. A time greatly enjoyed by us all, because of
his exciting and interesting ways of bringing Bible stories to life. Thank
you Harold for being a friend to us all, and helping to enrich our lives
through Jesus. Full details of all times on Village posters soon, and
invitations to the Children.

Chris Legg.

BERE REGIS W.I.

The next meeting will be on 15th April in the Drax Hall, when there will
be a talk on Home Freezing by Miss Dansford.

Hostesses: Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Penfold & Mrs. Davies.

Spring Council Meeting will be at Yeomahs Pavilion on Wednesday 12th April.

S.H.M.

DRAX HALL

Please support the Coffee Morning to be held on Wed. 1st May at Mrs. S.
Borton's, Barrow Hill House, at 10.30 a.m., in aid of the Drax Hall.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION).

The R.B.L.W.S. held their monthly meeting at the R.B.L. H.Q., 27 mem-
bers being present.

The Chairman, Mrs. Maidment, opened the meeting with the Exhortation and
thanked members for turning out on such a cold day. Minutes of the last meet-
ing were read, confirmed and signed. After the business had been dispensed
with, the Chairman then welcomed the Speakers for the afternoon, who introdu-
ced themselves as Paul and Steve, and who gave a very interesting talk on
Health Foods and brought many samples with them and talked of their advan-
tages to our health and uses in our diets. Mrs. Sharman proposed a vote of thanks
to them on behalf of the members. Teas were then served by Mrs. Presslee and
Miss B. Maidment. A raffle was run by Mrs. Collison and won by Mrs. Brown and
Mrs. Sullivan.

J.C.

"A THANK YOU!"

Sincere thanks to our "Younger Friends" for their wonderful help during
the recent snowstorm.

From the Elder Residents of South Mead.

As your Editor I was delighted to have the above from the Elder Residents
of South Mead. I feel sure there are many other Elder Residents in various
parts of Bere Regis who would also like to thank their "Younger Friends" for
the help they gave during the recent snowy weather.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB: The club has been having a busy winter
season with a number of events being organised. On the 17th February we held
a Skittles and Disco evening for our members at the Drax Arms Stable Bar.
During the evening certificates and badges were presented to 15 members who
had passed Stage 1 of the Rescue Skills Scheme run by the Royal Life Saving
Society. We were also very pleased to present more Distance Awards to our
members, a number of whom were non-swimmers until recently.

On the 17th March we are holding a Disco again at the Drax Arms Stable Bar.
This is a fund raising event to help pay for the construction of a special roller for the cover on the school swimming pool.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 24th April this
Year at Bere Regis First School starting 7.30 p.m. We would like to see as
many people as possible at the meeting especially Mums & Dads. Everyone welcome.
HERE REGIS CARNIVAL

As you have seen from the Village Calendar, our Carnival run by the P.T.A. is on 1st July this year. The school has a smaller number of children now, and there are therefore fewer parents to run the Carnival. In view of this, the P.T.A. felt that we should like to throw open some of the running of this village event to anyone who would like to help.

Letters have been sent to most of the village organisations inviting them to run a stall of their choice on a 50/50 basis. We hope there will be a good response, but we do not wish to restrict this offer to those who have received letters. Anyone who would like to run a stall, or exhibit their work, would be most welcome. Please contact school staff or P.T.A. Committee members.

Hope to see you on July 1st. Make it a double event, and visit the Flower Festival in Church too.

A. Ward.

HERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES

On Tuesday 11th April there will be a talk about plants by Mr. McPenny and on the 25th we are paying a visit to Miss M. C. Fall.

Three members went to an Easter Cookery class in Dorchester and spent a very interesting and instructive day, returning home with a beautiful Easter Gateau and some delicious Easter Biscuits.

N.E.

HERE REGIS CUB SCOUTS

The A.G.M. was held on Wed. 15th March 1978. The new committee is:- Chairman - Mrs. J. Pitman, Treasurer - Mr. R. Even, Secretary - Mr. J. England, Mrs. A. House, Mrs. M. Gubbins.

There are now 26 boys in the pack - five of these were invested at the last pack meeting. Items of interest during the year were:-

Jumble Sale held in November raised £30. In the Purbeck District Cubs 11-a-side football tournament at Sandford in November, Bere Regis won the Shield. The Shield will be on view in West St. by kind permission of Mrs. Reeves. Carol singing raised £39 which was given to the Church of England Children's Home at Lulworth, and went towards their pantomime treat.

"Bob-a-Job" week will soon be with us, and we hope for your support for our keen and active pack.

May we take this opportunity to thank Mr. & Mrs. Andy Brown and their helpers for their hard work during the past year.

J.E.

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? SPRING CLEANING ?

When you are turning out, will you please remember the "White Elephant Stall" at our Church Garden Party on Saturday, 24th June. We shall be most grateful for China, Jewellery, Books, Records, etc., or anything else you have, except clothing.

Mrs. Minter of 8 Egdon Close, or Mrs. Bloomfield of 7 Boswell's Close, will be pleased to receive anything you may have.

HERE REGIS GARDEN PARTY

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