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FLORAL GROUP: 2.30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, Drax Hall.
WOMENS INSTITUTE: 7.00 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall.
YOUNG WIVES: 7.30 p.m. 2nd. & 4th Tuesdays, Congregational Schoolroom.
BELLRINGERS: 7.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesdays.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6.30 p.m. Children, 7.30 Adults, Fridays in the Church.
BRITISH LEGION: 7.00 p.m. Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.
CLUB: R.B.L. Headquarters.
-do- WOMENS SECT: 2.30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday at H.Q.
BINGO: 7.45 p.m. Mondays, Drax Hall.
GUIDES: 6.30 p.m. Thursdays, School.
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YOUTH CLUB: 7.30 p.m. Senior Members Monday & Wed.
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My dear Friends,

Grant us so to die daily unto sin,
that we may evermore live with Him in
the joy of His resurrection.

EASTER COLLECT

If there is one event above all others which should convince us, as Christians, that ours is a Gospel of Hope, it is the Resurrection.

To travel, with our Lord, through seeming calamities culminating in His death on Good Friday is to plumb the very depths of agony and despair. His distress in the Garden of Gethsemane and His cry of dereliction from the Cross leaves us in no doubt about the extent of His suffering. Yet, all the time God was there. He had not abandoned His loyal Servant to His fate but was actively engaged in His great plan for the redemption of mankind.

With such a story and with such an ending before us I often wonder why we are so prone to doubt and despair. Let us remember that these unworthy fears have no place in the Gospel message, 'Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.' We are certainly called upon to die with Christ; to die, that is, to all that is false and unworthy in ourselves by leaving these burdens at the foot of His Cross. But, because of Easter, we are called upon to live; to live in His joy and to share in His victory or as the collect expresses it, 'to live evermore with Him in the joy of His resurrection'.

May all Easter joys be yours.

Very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

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BERE REGIS
6.00 am. Holy Communion
11.00 am. Matins.
12 noon Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. Evensong.

APFPUDLE
9.30 am. Eucharist

I should be glad to receive the names of any who are sick or housebound and who would like to make their Easter Communion.

Bell Ringing at Bere Regis is a strong and well maintained tradition. We have an excellent team of ringers at present to whom we are all grateful, but new recruits are urgently required. If you would like to learn this 'gentle art' please get in touch with Mr. John England, 10 South Mead (B.R. 469) who is Captain of the Tower. Both young learners and those who are not so young will be equally welcome. Practice: Wed. evenings 6.30.

A Pram and Toddlers' Service is an innovation at Bere Regis. It is an idea produced by our Mothers' Union Branch to provide a short cheerful service for mothers and small children each month. It is planned to last for a half-hour and there will be well known hymns and readings. The first of these services is on Wed. 15th March at 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union members will be there in support.

Womens' World Day of Prayer is a day when women of all Christian denomination meet together for prayer and teaching. The meeting this year will be on Friday 3rd March at 3.00 p.m. at Piddletrenthide Church. The speaker is Mrs. Joan Sharp, wife of our Archdeacon, and the theme: 'Community Spirit in Modern Living'. A coach will leave the Drax Arms at 2.15 p.m. The fare is 45p. and names should be given either to Mrs. Gooch or Mrs. Shaw.

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CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH

BERE REGIS

Sunday 5th March
9.45 am. Family Communion
Lent 4.
3.00 pm. Mothering Sunday Service.
6.00 pm. Evensong.

Sunday, 12th March
8.00 am. Holy Communion.
Lent 5.
11.00 am. Matins.
Passion Sunday.
6.00 pm. Evensong.

Sunday, 19th March
* 9.45 am. Family Communion.
Palm Sunday.
* 6.00 pm. Evensong.

*Palm Crosses will be distributed.

APFPUDLE

8.00 am. Holy Communion.
Lent 4.
11.15 am. Matins and Service.
6.00 pm. Evensong.

Sunday, 12th March
11.00 am. Holy Communion.
9.30 am. Eucharist.
6.00 pm. Evensong.

Sunday, 19th March
6.00 pm. Evensong.

HOLY WEEK - See separate List

BERE REGIS

Sunday 26th March
8.00 am. Holy Communion.
Lent 4.
11.00 am. Matins.
12 noon Holy Communion.
6.00 pm. Evensong.

Sunday 2nd April
9.45 am. Family Communion.
11.15 am. Matins.
6.00 pm. Evensong.

Monday, 23 March
7.30 pm. Holy Communion, and Stripping of Altar.

Good Friday -
7.00 pm. Stainer's Crucifixion.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

March 5th. 9.45 a.m. Mr. A. Bates & Mr. W. F. Lysa.
6.00 p.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Mr. M. Barnes.
11th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Colonel A. Barne.
6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. F. Parsons.
19th. 9.45 a.m. Mr. R. Smith & Mr. G. Ward.
6.00 p.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Mr. F. Marsh.
26th. EASTER DAY. 11.15 a.m. Mr. J. House & Colonel Barne.
6.00 p.m. Mr. F. Marsh & Mr. M. Barnes.

April 2nd. 9.45 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Mr. W. F. Lysa.
6.00 p.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Mr. H. Dashwood.

SERVERS' ROTA

March 5th. - Martin
March 19th. - Richard.
March 12th. - John
March 26th. - Martin.
April 2nd. - John.

BELLRINGERS' ROTA

To be arranged.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

March 26th. - Easter Sunday. - Mrs. Shaw.
THE MOTHERS’ UNION.

Mrs. Brenda Pitfield took the Chair at the February meeting, in the absence of Mrs. Shaw due to sickness.

Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Pitfield each gave short talks on an interesting experience in their lives.

At the next meeting in March we will be joining with the Lenten Study Group.

The Women’s World Day of Prayer Service - see Notes from the Vicarage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY.

The Sunday School teachers and children wish to thank all those members of the Parish Council, members of the Congregation and parents who helped to provide such a lovely tea at the party. The children had a nice afternoon playing games, after which they were presented with their attendance prizes by the Vicar. Each child also received a present before leaving.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 1978.

Urgent! Will Parishioners wishing to be included on the Roll who have not returned their enrolment form please do so as soon as possible.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Magazine Distributors for their kind assistance.

N. Penfold (Mrs.)

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Mar. 3rd. Fri. Women’s World Day of Prayer at Piddlethrethe Church.

5th. Sun. Mothering Sunday Service in Parish Church, 3 p.m.

7th. Tues. P.C.C. Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30 p.m. (Please note change of date).

8th. Wed. Autumn Leaves - Whist Drive - Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.

9th. Thur. Concert in Parish Church 7.45 p.m. - See under Linda and David Norton’s farewell.

10th. Fri. Bible Study, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.

14th. Tues. Young Wives at Vicarage - Talk & Films by Water Board

15th. Wed. Pram & Toddlers Service in Church, 2.45 p.m.

15th. Wed. R.B.L. Women’s Section Coffee Evening, H.Q. 6.30 p.m.


19th. PALM SUNDAY. Distribution of palms.

20th-26th. Holy Week - for Services see Vicarage Notes.

Mar. 24th. GOOD FRIDAY.

26th. EASTER DAY.

28th. Young Wives at Vicarage - Games Evening, 7.30 p.m.


Apl. 1st. Sat. April Fool’s Dance, Drax Hall, 8 - 12 a.m. Tickets £1 from Jeeves.

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

12th. Wed. Autumn Leaves - Tour to "Compton Acres".

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

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

11th. Thurs. Combined P.C.C. meeting, Brianspudle Village Hall, 7 p.m.

16th. Tues. Conservative Coffee Morning, Culeaze, 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

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

21st. Wed. R.B.L. Women’s Section Mystery tour.


25th. Sun. PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

30th. Fri. Music in Bere Regis Church in aid of Organ Restoration Fund, 8 p.m.

July 1st. Sat. Flower Festival in Parish Church.

2nd. Sun. -do- -do-


Oct. 1st. HARVEST FESTIVAL.

6th. Fri. Music in Bere Regis Church.

21st. Sat. Autumn Ball, Lovington, in aid of Autumn Leaves.

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Will you please let me have all matter for the Magazine not later than the 15th of each month.

If you have not already done so will you please return your completed "Electoral Roll Forms" immediately to either the Vicar or Mrs. N. Penfold.

THANK YOU.

LINDA & DAVID NORTON’S FAREWELL

A Concert will be held in St. John’s Church on Thursday, March 9th at 7.45 p.m.

Linda and David (and their accompanist) are very generously giving us an evening of Folk & Classical Music for Voice, Cello & Guitar.

This is their farewell before moving to Bramford. Please make a big effort to support them, and show you appreciation of their cheerful and talented participation in the life of the Village. (cont’d....)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMENS SECTION)

The R.B.L.W.S. held their monthly meeting at the R.B.L. H.Q., 25 members being present.

The Chairman, Mrs. Maidment, opened the meeting with the Exhortation and wished all members a Happy New Year. Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. There being only a small amount of business to discuss, the Chairman then welcomed the speaker for the afternoon, Mr. Nightingale, who gave a very interesting talk on Antiques, and for the members who had brought articles for him to see he gave advice as to origin, age, and worth. Mrs. House proposed a vote of thanks to him on behalf of all members. Teas were served by Mrs. Snook and Mrs. Sharman. Bring and Buy stall by Mrs. J. Cleall.

J.C.

DRAX HALL.

As users of the Drax Hall will know, the two Main halls have now been re-decorated and look very nice, so we ask if hirers will please refrain from sticking Sellotape or Drawing pins into the walls or woodwork when putting up decorations. Some hooks have been supplied on the walls for this purpose and more will be put up as soon as possible.

Also the Committee would like to bring to the notice of anyone hiring the Hall for Dances, Parties or Film Shows etc. that the Hall has 15 amp. (Round pin) power points so it would be wise if they would please check that any equipment being used has either these plugs or bring an adaptor as we find that plugs are being taken off fires in the hall and not returned. The cost of replacing these is very high.

Coffee Morning

A quite successful Coffee Morning was held at Mrs. Jean Barnes, No. 1 Rye Hill Close, on Tuesday 14th Feb. and a profit of £35.15p. was made for Drax Hall funds. A raffle was held and prizes were won by Mrs. M. Lewis, Chicken Dinner, Mrs. Cleall, Box of Fruit, and Miss E. Lye, Flowers.

The Committee would like to thank Mrs. Barnes for holding this Coffee Morning and all those who came to support it.

M. P. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

In spite of a very cold day the attendance was excellent for our February meeting – we enjoyed a talk with slides by Mr. Cox who is the warden of the Nature Conservancy Council. Tea was served and a raffle drawn. Mr. Cox judged the competition for a salt cellor or pepper pot.

A mistake in printing was made in last month’s magazine – the beautiful bedspread which was made by Mrs. Iris Bush was won by Mrs. Mansfield, Tolpuddle.

Our next Meeting is on Wednesday, March 8th at 2.30 p.m. at Drax Hall, and is a Whist Drive, Dominoes, etc. Entrance is now 10p. for members and 15p. for Friends. Sales table will be available for goods; if anyone has anything suitable for our sales table will you kindly bring it to Mr. Jeeves, Butchers Shop. This is a great help to our funds.

The Dance which was advertised for March is now to be held on Sat. 1st. APRIL, 8 – 12. £1 including refreshments, 75p. for Members, music by Dennis Holloway. Tickets from Butchers. Please support this Dance, it is for funds for Autumn Leaves and is a very enjoyable evening.

Our Old Tyme Music Hall is still being performed – 9 members entertain – and one of our Concerts was for the Disabled at Wareham – others W.I’s and over 60 Clubs – grateful thanks to the performers for their support and their enthusiasm.

K. J.

HERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

Will all members please note that the meetings will now be held in the Vicarage, Bere Regis, at 7.30 p.m. On the 14th March there is to be a film by the Water Board, and on the 28th we are having a sponsored knit.

In January a number of members spent a very pleasant and interesting afternoon looking behind the scenes at the Poole Branch of Marks & Spencer.

HERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

A demonstration on making CORN DOLLIES will be given by Mrs. E. Herridge at the meeting on March 14th and members will have the opportunity of learning to make them.

A. L.

HERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB.

We have received a very nice letter from Mrs. P. M. Gouldsmith, the Matron of The Victoria Home & School for Physically Handicapped Children:-

(see page 8 . . .)
Dear Mrs. Collis,

What a wonderful surprise I had when I opened your letter to find a cheque for the fantastic amount of £75.72p., which I note was collected by our friends of Bere Regis & District Youth Club Carol Singers. What fine voices they must have had! Congratulations to you all. Our receipt is enclosed.

We are particularly delighted that this money can go to our Swimming Pool Fund which we have great hopes of eventually building our own pool here, but of course it is a very big project and apart from the actual cost of the building, one has to consider the annual maintenance of same. However, this is all being very seriously discussed at our next committee meeting.

I feel sure that you will share these our thanks – which seem very inadequate for such a tremendous effort, but nevertheless are sincere – with all the young people who took part in this marvellous effort.

With good wishes to you all for this 1978.

Yours sincerely,
P. M. GUILDSMITH.
Matron.

Darts. With only a few more matches the team are holding a very good position at the top of the league.

Table Tennis. The team are enjoying their table tennis without the same success as the Dart team.

Netball. Because of three weeks without a game there is not much to report. Two of the teams we should have played were unable to get a team, they are a far bigger club than we are, with paid Leaders.

Football. The five-a-side team played in a competition at the New Purbeck Sports Centre, but found the opposition too strong.

L. B.

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