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The Vicar's Letter

November 1978

My dear Friends,

'REMEMBRANCE'.

November is the month of Remembrance. Once again as Remembrance Sunday approaches many of us find ourselves in the old dilemma as to whether we should or should not continue this commemoration. I believe that there are powerful reasons why we should do so. The very act of remembrance brings into focus, brings to life, in fact, those who come within the area of our memory. In the case of Remembrance Sunday we think with special intensity of those who we have known and loved and in some cases lost in two world Wars. These are personal and private remembrances but there is also the general remembrance of the horror and the sacrifice, of the nobility and of the brutality of war. On all these counts it is surely worth remembering. Even for the young, whose memory does not extend as far back as the war years the solemnity of the anniversary must be significant. All of us, whether young or old, can look ahead to the future and resolve that we shall continue to work for Peace and the outlawing of war between the nations.

I said at the beginning of this letter that November is the month of Remembrance. As we come to the end of yet another year in the history of our Church we look back and remember. We think of those things which we have done quite well and those many more things which we have done badly or failed to do at all. It is a time for taking stock and for making resolutions. Let us use the Advent Season, which commences on 3rd December, to overhaul our spiritual life. The exercise will be an ideal preparation for that great Feast of Remembrance which we know as Christmas - the birthday of Him who said to his disciples, 'Do this in remembrance of me.'

Yours very sincerely,

Denis Shaw.

Notes From the Vicarage

The Bible Study, which was referred to in last month's magazine, was planned for days inconvenient to many people who would have liked to attend. In order to fix a time which suits the majority, I suggest that those interested might meet at the Vicarage on Friday, 3rd November at 2.30 p.m. We can then discuss future plans.

The Confirmation Classes mentioned last month will commence on Saturday, 4th November at 9.30 a.m. and thereafter on each Saturday morning at that time.

We still need servers for our church - can you help?
FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism – Admitted into the Family of Christ –
15th October – Camilla Louise Fenton Jackson daughter of
Alastair and Tessa Jackson.

Holy Matrimony – Joined together in Holy Wedlock on 30th September,
Richard Gulliford and Sarah Sharman.

In Memoriam – Josephine Boatswain on 17th September 'At Rest'.

Josephine Boatswain was born in Epsom, Surrey where she attended school.
She met her husband when quite young and they married when she was twenty
years old. There were three children of the marriage, two sons and a
daughter. Their daughter died some five years ago.

Jo Boatswain worked with her husband in a number of different locali-
ties and was his unfailing aid and support. Wherever they went she made a
home because she was essentially a home-maker, loving her house and her gar-
den. Jo Boatswain had a host of friends who all sought her company for she
had a well stocked mind and a lively sense of humour. Her outstanding
characteristic, however, was her indomitable courage.

During the past five or six years or more or less serious illness Jo
Boatswain had displayed this quality to an amazing degree. Always cheerful
and optimistic and full of fun she faced all that life could bring and death
itself at last calmly and unafraid. Such courage as her's displayed the
nobility of the human spirit at its best. All who knew her counted it a
privilege and cherish their memories of her.

Our love and sympathy go out to her husband and her sons in their great
loss.

KEITH BOATSWAIN and family wish to thank all those relatives, friends and
neighbours who have been so kind as to send messages of sympathy, floral
tributes and who attended the beautiful service in the church. A special
thanks to Canon and Mrs. Shaw, Dr. Benjafield and the District Nurse, Lucy
Deken, Dainty Knowler and Margaret Bartlett who did so much to help us.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

No flowers will be arranged in the Church for the first three Sundays
in December, (Advent), but the Church will be decorated for Christmas on
Saturday, December 23rd, and the decorations taken down on Wednesday, 3rd
January.

C.T.T.

CHURCH SERVICES – NOVEMBER.

Sunday, 5th November
Trinity 24
9.45 am. Family Communion. 8.00 am. Holy Communion
6.00 pm. Evensong. 11.15 am. Matins.

Sunday 12th November
Trinity 25
10.50 am Memorial Service
11.00 am. Holy Communion
6.00 pm. Evensong and Matins.

Sunday 19th November
Trinity 26
9.45 am. Family Communion. 8.00 am. Holy Communion
6.00 pm. Evensong. 11.15 am. Family Service.

Sunday, 26th November
Sunday next before Advent.
11.00 am. Matins. 6.30 pm. Evensong.

Sunday, 3rd December
9.45 am. Family Communion. 8.00 am. Holy Communion
6.00 pm. Evensong.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:
Thursday, 1st November
All Saints’ Day. 7.30 pm. Corporate Communion M.U.

Thursday, 10th November
St. Andrew. 7.00 pm. Holy Communion.

STEWARDS’ ROTA.

Nov. 5th. 9.45 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Maj. M. Knowler.
6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. K. A. Bloomfield.

" 12th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Col. A. Barne.
6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. K. Barnes.

" 19th. 9.45 a.m. Mr. R. Smith & Mr. J. House.
6.00 p.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Cdr. C. Mauder.

" 26th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. G. Ward & Mr. A. Bates.

Dec. 3rd. 9.45 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Mr. K. Woolfries.
6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. P. Marsh.

SERVERS’ ROTA.

Nov. 5th. – John.
" 12th. – Martin.
" 19th. – John.

Dec. 3rd. – Martin.
Nov. 26th. – Martin.

BELL RINGERS.

Ringing, half an hour before Services, morning and evening. Practice
night Wednesdays.

Tower Keeper – Tom Woolfries, 29 West Street.
Tower Captain – John England, 10 South Mead. Tel: B.R. 469.
THE MOTHERS' UNION.

We were given much food for thought by the most interesting talk by Mrs. Pringle on 4th Oct. about 'Marriage Guidance Counselling'. Seventeen of us (including five Husbands) attended the inspiring Family Festival Service in Salisbury Cathedral on the 21st Sept., the theme being "Together in Love", at which we heard four extracts from the new Marriage Service, Series 3, read by the Bishop of Salisbury, followed by readings and prayers by four members and their husbands, and a splendid sermon given by the Dean of Salisbury.

Next month we meet in Church on Wed. 1st Nov., All Saints Day, at 7.30 p.m. for a corporate communion. After this we shall have a cup of tea at the Vicarage and learn from Mrs. Rose Athill how to make paper carnations to use in our Christmas decorations. On the following evening 2nd Nov. at 7 for 7.30 p.m. the Mothers' Union Film 'Mission Unlimited', commentator Richard Baker, will be shown in Spetsbury Hall, to which all members, and any non-members who are interested, will be very welcome. Please let me know if you would like to come and require transport.

The Prayer Group will meet on the 10th and 24th Nov. at 11 a.m. in the Morton Chapel and the Pram and Toddlers' Service will be at the 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd Nov.

Doreen Shaw.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Nov. 2nd. Thur. Jumble Sale & Coffee Morning in aid of Drax Hall, Drax Hall, 10.30 a.m.
7th. Tues. Bere Regis Floral Group 'Christmas Decorations', Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
8th. Wed. Autumn Leaves Whist Drive, Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
11th. Sat. Concert in Parish Church in aid of Organ Restoration Fund. No charge for admission - retiring collection, 8 p.m.
14th. Tues. Bere Regis Floral Group Annual Christmas Fair, Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
14th. Tues. Young Wives' Sale, Vicarage, 7.30 p.m.
23rd. Thur. Combined P.C.C. Meeting, Drax Hall, 7.30 p.m.
25th. Sat. W.I. Sale, Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
29th. Wed. P.C.C. Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30 p.m.
Dec. 2nd. Sat. Xmas Fair in aid of Drax Hall. Father Xmas at 2.30 p.m.
6th. Wed. Autumn Leaves - Hosts to Other Clubs, Bovington, 7 p.m.
9th. Sat. P.T.A. Christmas Fayre, School Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Village Calendar (continued/....)

Dec. 14th. Thur. Autumn Leaves Coffee Evening, Bazaar and Entertainment, Drax Hall, 7.30 p.m.
19th. Mon. Drax Hall Barber Shop.
20th. Wed. Autumn Leaves - April Fool Concert - Drax Hall Barber Shop.

P.T.A. - BERE REGIS CARNIVAL.

As the Bere Regis School is now so much smaller the P.T.A. feel that they no longer have enough members to organise the Carnival.

An open meeting will be held in the School Hall on November 8th at 8 p.m. to discuss the future of this event and anyone at all interested would be most welcome at this meeting.

DRAX HALL XMAS FAIR.

The Drax Hall Xmas Fair will be held this year on Saturday 2nd December at 2.30 p.m. Stalls will include Tombola, Xmas presents, Raffle, Cakes and Produce, and various competitions.

Father Xmas will be there with presents for the children and will be driven through Bere Regis by Mr. Hogg in time to open this event at 2.30 p.m. Draw tickets are now on sale from any member of the Committee. The prizes will include a Hamper, Chicken, Turkey, Wine, etc.

Do come and join us at this happy event, see the children’s delight at seeing Father Xmas, and do Xmas shopping at the same time. Tea will be available in the lower Hall.

DRAX HALL.

At a Jumble Sale held in the Drax Hall on 7th October, a profit of £47 was made from the Jumble, Raffle, and Produce sold. The Committee wish to thank all those who gave Jumble, Produce etc., and everyone who came to support this event.

IMPORTANT.

As there was quite a lot of very good Jumble left, a Coffee morning will be held at the Drax Hall on 2nd November at 10.30 a.m. to sell this at greatly reduced prices. Please come and support, and have a coffee and a chat.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

On Tuesday, November 7th (please note change of date) Mrs. Jean Cox will be demonstrating Christmas Decorations. Visitors will be welcome at a charge of 20p. The competition will be "Christmas".
Hbere Regis Floral Group (cont'd...)

On Tuesday November 14th, we shall be holding our annual Christmas Fair when there will be the usual stalls and raffles. There will also be a Bottle Tombola, and the Fair will open at 2.30 p.m.

A.L.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION).

The R.B.L.W.S. held their monthly meeting at the R.B.L. H.Q. on Sept. 26th, 21 members being present. The Chairman Mrs. Naidment opened the meeting with the Exhortation and then welcomed all members. After the business, the Chairman welcomed the Speaker for the afternoon - Mr. Cunningham - on Poole & Dorset Adventure. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. House. Teas were served by Mrs. Chalk and Mrs. Mitten. A Competition run by Mrs. Stickly was won by Mrs. Lambert.

A Coffee Evening was held at Winterborne Kingston and £37 was raised for the Castle of May Flatlets.

J.C.

We are holding a "Gifts & Goodies" party at the R.B.L. Club on November 15th - starting at 2.30 p.m. continuing through the afternoon and evening. Many useful Christmas Gifts and Household Items. This is in aid of our New Standard.

MUSIC IN HBERE REGIS.

Our Concert on Oct. 6th was considered a musical success by our audience, who greatly appreciated the singing of our Soloists, and also made favourable comments about the standard of the Choir. The concert was quite well attended, resulting in a profit of £39 towards the Organ Restoration Fund.

The Concert was repeated at Norton the following week with a smaller audience, but the standard of performance was obviously much higher than had been expected and we have asked to come again.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

On Tues. 14th November there is to be a Sale at the Vicarage, and on the 28th we are to have a 'China' Party.

CONCERT IN AID OF ORGAN RESTORATION FUND.

As mentioned in last month's magazine, a concert is being given in the Church on Saturday, 11th November at 8 p.m. in aid of the organ restoration fund. It will consist of madrigals and part-songs, some humorous, sung by the Robin Longman Singers, a group of about twelve singers from Wareham (cont'd...)

Concert in Aid of Organ Restoration Fund. (cont'd...)

and Swanage area, who give concerts regularly in the district. There will also be two groups of recorder pieces by the Bere Regis Recorders who, as you probably know, are local girls and experienced players. Both groups are giving their services free. There is no charge for admission but there will be a retiring collection. This will not be a long concert, neither will there be any very lengthy musical items. We hope for a good attendance particularly to encourage the girls taking part.

E.P.G.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60.

Our last Tour of the Season was enjoyed by 70 Members when we went to the New Forest and had a delicious tea at "Tally Ho"; the weather was glorious. Mrs. Jeeves thanked Mrs. Witt, the Proprietor and presented her with a Plant. Our next meeting is on November 6th - a Whist Drive, Dominoes, Sales Table, Raffle, Tea etc.

The Bingo which was run by Mrs. Mary Lewis raised £32 towards the Club and our very grateful thanks to her for her hard work in arranging the Bingo.

E.J.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st November. It is hoped that all members will do their best to be present.

There will be a discussion on the future of the W.I. Movement.

Hostesses: Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Woolfries, and Mrs. Percy.

S.M.M.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP - CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL.

A very beautiful and successful Flower Festival was held on 1st/2nd July in our Parish Church. This was organised by the ladies of the Bere Regis Floral Group.

The result was a profit of £148.24p. towards the Organ Restoration Fund.
PLAY GROUP:


This will now operate in the Youth Club Hut on Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 11.45 a.m. from November 8th.

Mothers with younger children or babies will be most welcome to look in on Wednesday Mornings, 9 - 11 a.m. to meet others and have a cup of coffee and a chat.

The Youth Club Committee is warmly thanked for their co-operation in this New Venture in the Village. Further details or names for entry from Mrs. Gooch, (Telephone: 480).

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NOV. 2nd, 7.30 p.m. SPETTSBURY VILLAGE HALL.

"Mission Unlimited" - Richard Baker is the commentator for this excellent film, showing work done in many countries overseas. Contact Jenny Sherwood (Tel: 660) if you would like a lift. Please try and support this evening - anyone welcome.

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CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

MOTHERS UNION: 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Vicarage.
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.

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BINGO: 7.45 p.m. Mondays, Drax Hall.
GUIDES: 6.30 p.m. Thursdays, School.
BROWNIES: 5 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays, School.
CUBS: 6.15 p.m. Wednesdays, School.
YOUTH CLUB: 7.30 p.m. Senior Members Monday & Wed.
Junior Members Fri. Club Hut.

AUTUMN LEAVES: 2.30 p.m. 2nd. Wednesday
PLAYGROUP: 4 Mornings, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

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