THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

'Only be strong and very courageous'  
Joshua 1:7

When Joshua the son of Nun succeeded Moses as leader of the Israelites they were still some way from the Promised Land. They were, in fact, still on their long pilgrimage through the wilderness and all were growing weary. It fell to Joshua to rally their flagging energies and to revive their failing spirits and for this great task he would need both strength and courage. However he was urged on by God to carry on and complete the work begun by Moses and to lead the Children of Israel into their long awaited inheritance. Like Moses before him Joshua felt himself to be quite inadequate for this tremendous job until he received God's assurance, 'Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' With this promise of help Joshua went forward with new confidence and after many battles and great difficulties led the people into the land of Canaan.

For us, as latter day pilgrims in the year 1979 the way often seems to be both long and difficult and the Promised Land as far away as ever. In these circumstances it is all too easy to lose heart and to give up the struggle. But the alternative is to drift along hopelessly and endlessly in the wilderness without the goal in view. As followers of Christ this is no way for us. However hard the going may be the goal of our pilgrimage is infinitely worthwhile striving for and the ancient promise of God still holds good, 'Be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' So let us all take heart; let us go forward in the strength of the Lord and proceed boldly towards our Promised Land with Christ as our leader and companion on the way.

In this 'Pilgrim '79' year we should do well to heed the command of God given to his servant Joshua so long ago, 'Only be strong and very courageous and we shall attain our goal.'

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW
NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

BERE REGIS SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY will be held in the British Legion Hall on Saturday 17th March at 3.00 p.m. Once again we are very grateful to the Royal British Legion for allowing us to use their fine premises and we are looking forward to an enjoyable afternoon. A number of ladies from the P.C.C. have promised to provide refreshments and if any adults are able to spare the time to come along to help with the games they will be warmly welcomed.

A SCRIPTURE UNION PRIZE-GIVING SERVICE is to be held in the Bere Regis church on Tuesday 20th March 7 p.m. when we shall look forward to welcoming our friends from the Congregational Church. Please come to this service to support our children on their special occasion.

A CONFIRMATION SERVICE is to be held in the church at Bere Regis on Sunday, 25th March at 3.00 p.m. when the Bishop of Sherborne will be giving the laying-on-of-hands to some eight candidates from Bere Regis and Affpuddle and also some four or five others from the Red Post Parishes. There will be refreshments served in the Drax Hall after the service when there will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop. You are urged to come to this service to pray for all these candidates on this important day in their lives.

THE DATES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS have now been fixed and are as follows:

AFFPUDDLE Monday, 26th March at the Affpuddle School.

BERE REGIS – Thursday 19th April in the Drax Hall
Please make a note of these dates and resolve to BE THERE.

THE LENTEN MEETINGS of the Bible Fellowship announced in last month's magazine will be held as follows:

Thursday 1st March at Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle
Thursday 15th March ditto
Wednesday, 28th March, at the home of Miss Waterhouse,Briantspuddle
Thursday, 12th April, Broom House Affpuddle.

Other meetings on Thursday, 8th March, 15th March, 22nd March and 5th April will all be held at the Vicarage, Bere Regis. All meetings commence at 7.30 p.m. We shall be basing our devotional studies on John Bunyan's 'The Pilgrim's Progress' so please bring your copy, if you possess one but more importantly – bring yourselves!

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY – joined together in marriage on Saturday 10th February Patrick Vincent Merritt and Karen Patricia Steele.

CHURCH SERVICE – MARCH 1979

BERE REGIS AFFPUDDLE

SUNDAY, 4th MARCH 9.45 a.m. Family Comm. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Lent 1 6.00 p.m. Evensong 11.15 a.m. Matins

SUNDAY 11th MARCH 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 9.30 a.m. Eucharist
Lent 2 11.00 a.m. Matins 6.00 p.m. Evensong

SUNDAY, 18th MARCH 9.45 a.m. Family Comm. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Lent 3 6.00 p.m. Evensong 11.15 a.m. Family Service

SUNDAY, 25th MARCH 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 9.30 a.m. Eucharist
Mothering Sunday 11.00 a.m. Mothering 6.30 p.m. Evensong
Sunday Service 3.00 p.m. CONFIRMATION
Bp. of Sherborne

SUNDAY, 1st APRIL 9.45 a.m. Family Comm. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Passion Sunday 6.00 p.m. Evensong 11.15 a.m. Matins

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

WED, 7th MARCH 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
WED, 14th MARCH 7.30 p.m. Holy Comm.
TUESDAY, 20th MARCH 7.00 p.m. Scripture Union Service
WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH 7.30 p.m. Holy Comm.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 1st and 3rd Sundays 10.45 a.m.
2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays 10.15 a.m.

SIDESMEN’S ROTA

MARCH 4th 9.45 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries and Mr. W. F. Lys
6.00 p.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield and Mr. H. Dashwood
MARCH 11th 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne and Mr. R. Smith
6.00 p.m. Mr. R. Stallard and Mr. J. House
MARCH 18th 9.45 a.m. Cdr. C. Mauder and Maj. M. Knowler
6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood and Mr. M. Barnes
MARCH 25th 11.00 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries and Mr. A. Bates
April 1st 9.45 a.m. Mr. R. Stallard and Mr. G. Ward
6.00 p.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield and Mr. F. Marsh
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Thank you Flower Guild. According to custom there will be no flowers in Church during Lent.

THE MOTHERS’ UNION

At our meeting on the 7th February, we discussed questions under the heading of “The Child in the Church”.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, the 7th March at 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage where we are to have a talk by a representative of the Missions to Seamen. The Prayer Group will meet at 11 a.m. on Fridays, 9th and 23rd.

There is a Dorset Archdeaconery Overseas Festival on Wednesday, the 14th March at St. George’s Church, Poole, at which there are two sessions – one from 10.30 a.m. to about 4 p.m. and the other starts at 8 p.m. This will be a day of great interest and we shall have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Varah at each session. We are asked to bring:

1. Spectacles for use overseas.
2. Stamps, high value, commemorative or foreign.

DOREEN SHAW

BERE REGIS VILLAGE CALENDAR

MARCH
6th Tues. Sidesmen’s Quarterly Mtg, Vicarage, 7.30 p.m.
7th Wed. Coffee Morning in aid of Imperial Cancer Research Fund Summerrods 10.30 a.m.
14th Wed. Autumn Leaves – Slides and etc. Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
17th Sat. Sunday School Party, British Legion Hall, 3 p.m.
18th Sun. British Summer Time begins.
20th Tues. Scripture Union Prizegiving at Parish Church, 7 p.m.
21st Wed. R.B.L.W.S. Coffee Evening at H.G. 6.30 p.m.
21st Wed. A.G.M. of Scout Group, School 7 p.m.
25th Sun. Confirmation Service, Parish Church, 3 p.m.
31st Sat. Scouts’ Barn Dance, Drax Hall. Tickets £1 8 p.m. – 12 midnight.

APRIL
7th Sat. April Fools Concert in aid of Autumn Leaves, Drax Hall, 7.30 p.m.
8th PALM SUNDAY
10th Tues. S.U. Evangelistic Film at Congregational Church, 7 p.m. This is an Open Meeting.
11th Wed. Autumn Leaves – First Tour to Tally Ho! 2 p.m.
13th GOOD FRIDAY
15th EASTER DAY
16/21st Scouts Job Week
19th Thurs. Annual Church Meeting, Drax Hall, 7.30 p.m.
22nd Sun. St. George’s Day Parade, Parish Church 3 p.m.
24th Tues. Reunion with Harold Robertson, Congregational Ch. 7 p.m.
25th Wed. Dress Show in aid of Drax Hall funds – details next month
28th Sat. Jumble Sale in aid of Cubs and Scouts, Youth Club Hut,2.30 p.m.

JUNE
17th Thurs. Combined P.C.C. Briantspuddle Village Hall 7 p.m.
20th Sun. Dedication of New Standard for R.B.L.W.S.
24th Thurs. ASCENSION DAY. “Friends of Bere Regis Church” Service 7 p.m.

JUNE
9th Sat. “Disco” dance to choose Carnival Queen, etc. Drax Hall.

JUNE
9th Sat. R.B.L.W.S. Garden Party “White Lovington” 3 p.m.
10th Sun. “Pilgrim 1979” Service in Salisbury Cathedral 3 p.m.
16th Sat. BERE REGIS CARNIVAL – Details in Magazine
24th Sun. PATRONAL FESTIVAL
30th Sat. Bere Regis Church Garden Party 3 p.m.

JULY
22th Wed. Autumn Leaves OPEN DAY, 2.30 p.m. Drax Hall

AUGUST
11th Sat. R.B.L. Horticultural Show

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Will you please continue to let me have all matter for the magazine not later than the 15th of the month.

Sorry about the blank page last month – printers tell me in their haste to get it printed and delivered to Bere Regis between two lots of snow, it was overlooked! They have promised me it will not happen again. Ed.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

The Bere Regis Friends of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund held its first Annual General Meeting at Summerrods on Wednesday 31st January. The group has had an extremely successful first year in operation, in which the gross funds raised amounted to £552. A net figure of £491 was sent to the Central Fund.

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for period 9.1.78 to 30.11.78

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I have inspected the accounts and to the best of my knowledge show the true position for the period 9.1.78 to 30.11.78. T.C. Green, Bank Official.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning will be held at Summerrods on Wednesday 7th March at 10.30 a.m. in aid of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Stalls will include: “Cooks’ Table”, “Bring and Buy” and Raffle. Please come and give your support. D.M.H.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60s

In spite of such a terribly cold day over 35 members attended our Feb. meeting which was a Whist Drive and Dominos. The highest score in the Whist was Mrs. Hawkins, lowest score Mrs. Ciss Joyce. Other winners were Mrs. Solis, Mrs. Percy, Mr. Carter, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Tuck, Mr. Hansford. Dominos winners were Mr. Osbalstone and Mr. Croft. A raffle was held and the 2lbs. sugar first prize was won.
by Mrs. Bennett. A delicious tea was enjoyed. Mrs. Jeeves thanked everyone who had braved the icy cold weather for coming to our Valenties Meeting. All the hostesses wore aprons with hearts as a design.

The next meeting is on Wed. 14th March, 2.30 Drax Hall. We wish all our members (and Lucy Beken) who are ill, a very speedy recovery.

The BARBERSHOP CONCERT is on 7th APRIL and for members the ticket is 25p Public 50p. obtained at Jeeves, Butchers or at the next meeting. PLEASE MEMBERS TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND LET US MAKE A FULL HOUSE FOR THIS EXCELLENT CHORUS. The Chorus finished 6th Overall in the National Championships at Great Yarmouth and the 4 Barbershoppers obtained 2nd overall.

K.J.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB

The club’s winter activities are now well advanced. The netball team are having a much improved season and are 9th in the League. The five-a-side football has now restarted, following strikes etc., and their position in the League is about mid way. The senior darts team are also doing very well. They are coming on at the top of the League with Wareham and have a good chance of becoming champions. Well done boys and girls.

A team was entered in a Knock-Out Quiz but, unfortunately, they were knocked out by 5 points by a team from West Stafford.

A very enjoyable Barn Dance was held in January for members and friends.

The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May. More parental support would be much appreciated so what about id dads and/or mums, keep this date in mind and come along.  O.C.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN’S SECTION)

The R.B.L.W.S. held their monthly meeting at H.G. on 17th January, 15 members being present. The Chairman, Mrs. Maidment, opened the meeting with the Exhortation. Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

The speaker for the afternoon was Mr. Turnbull, who showed slides and gave an interesting talk on caves and potholing. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Symes. Teas were served by Mrs. Snook and Miss Green. A bring and buy stall was organised by Mrs. Presslee.  J.C.

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

The Annual General Meeting of the Cubs and Scout Group is to be held at the Bere Regis School on Wed. 21st March at 7 p.m.

A Barn Dance is to be held in the Drax Hall on Sat. 31st March from 8 p.m. – 12 midnight as the first fund-raising event for the newly formed Scout Group. Tickets £1 each can be obtained from Mrs. Jeeves or any Scouts committee member, supper being included. (Age limit 13+). Dancing is to be ‘Digory Venn’ group.

The annual St. George’s Day parade is being held at the Parish Church on Sunday 22nd April at 3 p.m. Parade meets at Sitterton at 2.45 p.m.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Two new members were welcomed to the January Meeting by Mrs. Mills, the President.

After the business, members were interested to hear about the European Parliament. This was explained by Mr. Spence of Coryates Melplash and raised many questions. The March meeting will be held on the 20th in the Drax Hall at 7.30 p.m. and the speaker will be Mr. Wallis on “History of Dorset Bridges”. Tea Hostesses will be Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Day and Mrs. Keen. The Group meeting will be held on March 22nd at Morden. All new members welcome.  M.C.

BLUE VAN SERVICE

The Blue Van will be at Bere Regis on the third Thursday of each month from 2 – 2.30 p.m. opposite the Post Office.

The Village contact is Mrs. Barne, Bere Regis 209.

BERE REGIS CUBS

The Bere Regis Cubs raised an excellent £16.52 for the fund with their carol singing in December. This will appear on next year’s account. Very many thanks to all who gave their help and support throughout the year.  D.M.H.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Again the weather prevented our 21st Anniversary Party from taking place, but we are hoping to have it on Tuesday, March 27th. This will be for members and their husbands.

On March 13th Mrs. Rita Greenaway’s demonstration is entitled “Two’s Company” and the Competition will be for a Modern Arrangement. (Space allowed 18 ins.)  A.L.

DRAX HALL

A “Dress Show” will be held in April in aid of the Drax Hall funds - see next month’s issue for full details.

SCRIPTURE UNION NEWS

On Tuesday March 20th at 7 p.m. there will be a Service and Prizegiving at the Parish Church, taken by Canon Shaw, for the children of the Scripture Union Club.

All parents, friends, and anyone interested in the Scripture Union will be very welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL

NEW COUNCIL HOUSES IN BERE REGIS

Allocation of these will take place in due course, and the Parish Council advises any parishioners concerned to confirm their applications and also state the type of dwelling they would prefer if possible - i.e. house, bungalow, flat, or old people’s dwelling.

As already explained, priority will be governed as far as possible to Bere Regis inhabitants and to those who lived here once and now wish to come back. However, all applications, from whatever source, will be considered on their merits by Purbeck District Council and all correspondence should be addressed to the Housing Department, Westport House, Wareham.
VILLAGE RATE

Owing to the expected cost of local Government elections to be held in May, the Parish Council have decided not to precept for any major expenditure in this current year and the Village Rate will in fact be lower than last year's.

MUSIC!!!

Would anyone - young or old - be interested to make music for an hour or so on Sunday Evenings 8 - 9 p.m.

Contact John England, 10 South Mead, Bere Regis 469

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES

On 10th April there will be a demonstration of "Decorating Easter Eggs", and the 24th a talk about the W.R.V.S.

JUST A LITTLE REMINDER - when Spring Cleaning commences will you please think of the White Elephant Stall - "Summerrods", June.

CONCERT BY HARBOURMASTERS

CHORUS BARBERSHOPPERS

To be held at the Drax Hall on Saturday
7th April 1979
at 8 p.m.

50p. Tickets from Butchers
25p. Members of Autumn Leaves

PLEASE OBTAIN YOUR TICKET NOW - LIMITED NUMBER ONLY

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BERE REGIS CARNIVAL

Now that the Carnival is not being run by the School P.T.A., a new Village Carnival Committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Andrew Hammond.

The date for the Carnival has been fixed for Saturday 16th June, and the Committee are pleased to announce that, as last year, the Carnival Procession will be led by the Band of the Junior Leaders Regiment from Bovington. The Disco Dance at which the Queen (over 16) and the 2 Princesses (under 16) will be chosen will take place on Sat. 9th June at the Drax Hall.

Other Carnival activities will be announced nearer the time - meanwhile keep the two dates of the 9th June (dance) and 16th June (Carnival) clear in your diaries!

Local organisations will all be co-operating in the running of the Carnival. Profits will all be going back to the village.

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AFFPUDDLE NEWS

Affpuddle Editor: Mrs. P. Thorniley, Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle. Tel: Bere Regis 497.
(Please may I have all items for inclusion in the magazine by 14TH OF THE MONTH)

AFFPUDDLE FLOWER & CLEANING
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NEW CLEANING ROTA
The new cleaning rota will come into operation on the first Sunday after Easter. Would those who are prepared to give their time to help clean the Church please contact me, Philippa Thorniley, Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle. (Obviously the more names we have the less everyone has to do and incidentally in these days of equal opportunity this job can be done by both men and women!)

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
After only two issues of the new magazines I am in trouble, in last month's magazine I described the Carol singing on 14th December as "Conservative Carol Concert". I should have called it "Community Carol Singing Sponsored by the Conservatives". I apologise for this mistake. I would, however, like to make several points clear. ALL profits were donated to Dorchester Hospital for their elderly patients' Christmas, not a halfpenny piece found its way into the Conservative Party coffers and however the event was named it was a very happy and well organised evening.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION
Owing to the restriction of collection, due to the transport strike we have had to curtail our local collections. However, Mr. Reed is to resume calling to collect, and sincerely hopes that people will co-operate as in the past. The result of the restrictions will, of course mean that we shall find it harder to accumulate the required cash for the senior citizens' outing in July.

P.C.C. MEETING
At the January meeting of the Council the major topic remained the arrangements for the repairs to the Church, and the fund raising necessary to finance this work. Final details of the work to be carried out remain to be settled with the architect before a contractor can be appointed and work commence it is however hoped to complete urgent parts of the work this summer. Announcement of the individual fund raising activities will be made separately, please support these events and ensure that the money is available to keep the church in good repair. Amongst other topics discussed was the church policy regarding Church Schools, a report was given of a recent Deanery Synod meeting dealing with this subject, expressing disquiet over closures and requesting a review of policy.

SCHOOL NEWS
As a result of the collection taken at the school nativity play and during the Carol singing £16.47 was sent to the Cheshire Homes, Dorchester.

ADVANCED PUBLICITY – SPRING FAIR
The Spring Fair will be held in the Village Hall, Briantspuddle on Saturday, 7th April at 2.30 p.m. There will be all the usual stalls and all the proceeds will be used to help pay for the repairs to the Church mentioned above in the report of the P.C.C. Meeting.

VILLAGE QUIZ
Last year's winning team from Roger's Hill organised this year's quiz. Mr. Peter Taylor was the question master, Mrs. Pat Hall kept the score, Mr. David Hall manipulated the magic lantern and Mr. Richard Hall played the piano for the musical questions and the P.C.C. team won the challenge cup.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR
This month is dominated by the season of Lent which this year starts on 28th February.

Everyone still tends to think of Lent as a time to give up things but this is not the true purpose of a time of Fasting. Like Advent, Lent is a time of preparation. In Advent we prepare for the birth of Christ and in Lent having seen the child Jesus we prepare to be sent out as His disciples after His Resurrection.

To do this we need to get to know Jesus better. This can be done EITHER by giving up things which make us selfish and self-centered OR by spending more time with God, in our prayers at home, in our Bible study, or in our corporate worship.

In the middle of this time of preparation we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 25th March. This Feast when we remember how Mary answered the call of the Angel to be the Mother of Jesus is surely the ideal to which we in our preparation should aim. The readiness to accept the Will of God and to do His bidding, however socially unacceptable and personally embarrassing this may be, and you can be sure it was both these to Mary.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
The local service for the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Mary's Puddletown on Friday 2nd March at 2.45 p.m. Refreshments will be available afterwards at the Village Hall.
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Mr. J. England, - Deputy Warden. Tel: 469.

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TREAS. " Major G. Booth, Tower Hill. Tel: 586.
ORGANIST: Mr. Stanley Athill, L.T.C.L., M.R.S.T.

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: 7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall.
YOUNG WIVES: 7.30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Vicarage.
BELLRINGERS: 7.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesday.
CHORUS 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.

-wom-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.
BROWNIES: 5 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays, School.
CUBS: 6.15 p.m. Wednesdays, School.

YOUTH CLUB: 7.30 p.m. Senior Members Monday & Wednesday.
Junior Members Friday - Club Hut.

AUTUMN LEAVES: 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday.
PLAYGROUP: 2 Mornings - Please 'phone Bere Regis 480.

AFFPUDDLE

CHURCHWARDENS:
Mr. D. Bentley, 9 Bladen Valley, Briantspuddle.
Tel: Bere Regis 631.
Mr. R. F. Prideaux, Broomhill House, Affpuddle.
Tel: Puddletown 558.

SECRETARY of P.C.C: Mr. A. Smith, Bere Regis 412.
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