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The Vicarage, Bere Regis

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO, ET IN TERRA PAX"
"He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And his shelter was a stable
And his cradle was a stall."

Christmas hymn.

With the month of December comes, inevitably, the prospect of Christmas. We all look forward to Christmas more or less; the children with almost unbearable anticipation - "I just can't wait", the grown-ups with an eagerness not unmixed with apprehension - "It's all so expensive this year," and many of the older ones with a wistful realisation that Christmas for them can never be quite the same as it used to be. The commercial interests, of course, regard Christmas as a time for booming business and at no other season of the year do the shops glitter and tempt us with such an astonishing array of good things. Even where the origin of Christmas is remembered, the models of crib and stable are often gilded and tinselled almost beyond recognition while incredible angel figures hover uncertainly on cotton threads.

So, it may be asked, what have we done with Christmas?

It is, of course, easy to be carping about this, most of the tinsel and glitter is harmless enough and even some modest feasting is justified if, (and it is a very big 'if'), the reason for it all is never forgotten or overlaid.

In the quietness and chill of that winter's night God came to earth as man in the person of a tiny child. Nor was he born with any material advantage for his mother had to seek the shelter of a cowshed, and was glad to lay her child in a manger. Surely nothing could have been simpler yet, at the same time, more awe-inspiring than this, so that the reaction of both shepherds and kings was to bring them to their knees in worship.

It is these elements of simplicity and wonder and worship which we must retain if our Christmas is to mean anything at all to us. Let us rejoice by all means but let it be at God's marvellous goodness and concern for his world and for his creative Man. Let us be generous in our giving, but only because by giving to each other can we share in a tiny way in the infinite giving of God. But above all let us include in that giving something of ourselves for this is surely the gift he most deserves.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him - Give my heart.

May you have a holy and a blessed Christmas.

Your friend and Vicar,

DENIS SHAW.
NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME
This programme of services during the Christmas period appears elsewhere in the magazine, but further details are given below.

Sunday 21st December
11.15 a.m. Family and Gift Service Affpuddle
6.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight Bere Regis
2.30 p.m. Blessing of crib and children’s play Bere Regis
11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass (combined service for both parishes) Bere Regis

December 25th
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.30 a.m. Eucharist Affpuddle
11.00 a.m. Matins followed by Holy Communion at 12 noon. Bere Regis

Sunday 28th December
6.30 p.m. Carol Service Affpuddle

The Vicar would be glad to have the names of any sick or infirm persons who wish to make their Christmas Communion at home.

THE PARISH PARTY which was planned for Saturday 15th November had to be cancelled because of lack of support. It seems sad that one of the few joint social occasions of the year had to be abandoned. It is recognised that there are many conflicting activities in these days, but there is surely a question of priorities as far as parish events are concerned.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES being held at the Vicarage on Saturday mornings at 9.30 a.m. will continue until the 20th December. After this there will be a break until Saturday 10th January 1981.

CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER

BERE REGIS

SUNDAY, 7th DECEMBER
Advent 2
9.30 a.m. Family Comm. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.00 p.m. Evensong 11.15 a.m. Matins

SUNDAY, 14th DECEMBER
Advent 3
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 9.30 a.m. Eucharist
11.00 a.m. Matins 6.00 p.m. Evensong

SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER
Advent 4
9.30 a.m. Family Comm. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight 11.15 a.m. Family Gift Service

WEDNESDAY 24th DECEMBER
Christmas Eve
2.30 p.m. Blessing of crib 9.30 a.m. Eucharist
11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass 11.15 a.m. Matins
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 12 noon Holy Comm.

SUNDAY, 28th DECEMBER
Sunday after Christmas
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm. 9.30 a.m. Eucharist
11.00 a.m. Matins 6.30 p.m. Carol Service
6.00 p.m. Evensong 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.

SUNDAY 4th JANUARY
Christmas 2
9.30 a.m. Family Comm. 11.15 a.m. Matins
6.00 p.m. Evensong

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

THURSDAY 1st JANUARY
Feast of the Circumcision
10.30 a.m. Holy Comm. 7.00 p.m. Holy Comm.

FROM THE PARISH Registers

HOLY BAPTISM
Received into the Christian Family through Holy Baptism:
26th October Rebecca Anne daughter of Wendy Jackson,
2nd November Tanya Louise and Christopher George children of Paul and Jane Bennett.

HOLY MATRIMONY
Joined together in the bond of matrimony:
4th October 1980 Paul Bennett and Alison Collins and on
8th November 1980 Phillip Spracklen and Pauline Slade.

BURIAL:
Called to rest on
28th October, 1980 Violet Rose Standfield and on
30th October, 1980 Wilfred Miles
May they rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM:
VIOLET ROSE STANDFIELD was born at Milborne St. Andrew, the fourth of a family of eleven children. She attended school at Milborne and when the time came for her to leave she went into service at W. Kingston. Later she was in service at Canford. She met her husband, a Bere Regis man at Bere Regis and they were married at W. Kingston. The couple lived first in a house in Burtle Lane and later in North Street during which period their only child, their daughter Christine was born. Later the family moved to Egdon Close.

During most of her life Mrs. Standfield suffered with ill health. But in spite of this handicap she was extremely active in the village and, although a naturally shy person, loved to visit elderly people. These and many others will miss her sadly.

When they reached retirement age, Mr. and Mrs. Standfield joined the Senior Citizens Club at Bournemouth which they attended regularly and with whom they went on holiday on a number of occasions.

In her younger days Mrs. Standfield was very interested in sewing and dressmaking and later, as her grandchildren came along, she was devoted to them.

A kind and a gentle woman, Mrs. Standfield will be greatly missed by all who knew her but it is, of course, her family who miss her most, and to them at this time of bereavement we extend our love and our sympathy.

Mr. Frank Standfield, Christine and George, would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, messages of sympathy and floral tributes at their recent sad loss. Special thanks to family doctors and Canon Shaw.

WILFRED MILES (known to all as Wilf) was born at Eveleigh Farm, Shroton. When he was seven years old he moved with his parents to a farm at Pimperne and attended school at Blundford Grammar School.

On leaving school, Wilf joined his father on the farm and a few years later met his wife at Blundford. They were married in 1939 and had one son - John.

They moved to Lower Woodbury in 1941 where both Wilf and his wife worked hard on the farm which was largely derelict when they took it over. They had a pedigree herd of cows and reared pigs as well as having some arable land.

Later when the farming interest dwindled Mr. and Mrs. Miles bred Labrador dogs, some for gun dogs, but others to be trained as Guide Dogs for the Blind.

But Wilf’s great lifelong interest was in shooting and he established a Shoot at Lower Woodbury which made him a host of friends, He had a great sense of humour, and one could never be dull in his company.

Besides his interest in shooting, Wilf was very much concerned with conservation, and was a founder member of the Deer’s Society as well as being a member of the Wildfowlers Association.
He was interested in all forms of sport and played tennis in his younger days, but he was devoted to his home and garden, and to his family in whom he took great pride. He will be sadly missed by his many friends.

SIDEMEN'S ROTAS - BERE REGIS

Dec. 7th 9.30 a.m. Mr. J. House and Mr. K. Woolfries 14th 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne and Mr. R. Ives 21st 9.30 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries and Cdr. C. Maunder 24th 11.30 a.m. Carol Service. All sidesmen. 28th 11.00 a.m. Mr. F. Lys and Mr. G. Ward 1981

Jan. 4th 9.30 a.m. Cdr. C. Maunder and Mr. R. Ives 6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood and Mr. M. Barnes

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD. During Advent no flowers are arranged in the church, but the church will be decorated for Christmas on Tuesday, December 23rd. Any gifts of holy and greenery should be left at the church that morning. Gifts of money for flowers should be given to Mrs. Shaw as early as possible.

A meeting of the guild was held at the vicarage on Thursday, November 6th, when the rota for the first six months of 1981 was made out, and subscriptions for the year were collected. Will any members not present at the meeting please me 10p when convenient. C. Tadman

MOTHER'S UNION. Following the Corporate Communion in church, with which we started our last meeting, Jenny Sherwood and Diana Phillips reported on the Overseas and Social Concern Diocesan Committee Meetings respectively. We have been invited to join Winterbourne Whitchurch Branch for an advent service in their parish church at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd December. If anyone who was unable to put her name on the list would like to go, please let me know and I will do my best to provide transport.

Our next branch meeting is at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 3rd December, when we are looking forward to hearing one of Mr. Fred Pittfield's ghost stories; to eating mince pies; and to singing Christmas carols. As the fourth Friday in December falls on Boxing Day, the Prayer Group will meet only once - on the 12th at 11 a.m. in the Moreton Chapel. Doreen Shaw

BELLRINGING: Practices at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings are to start. Anyone who would like to come along and learn the art, or anyone who has already learned, will be very welcome. There is always a need for help to keep our Sunday ringing going. Please meet at the church porch at 7 p.m. or contact Mr. England, 10 South Mead (B.R. 469) or Mr. Gibbs, Sitterton Close (500).

AFFPUDDLE

Church Duty Rotas - St. Laurence, Affpuddle

7th December 14th December 21st December

Cleaning Mrs. Scott Miss Waterhouse Mrs. Thorniley

(There are no flowers in the church during Advent as this is a penitential season.)

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Christmas Day

The collection taken at the 9.30 service at Affpuddle on Christmas Day will be given to the Dorset Association for the Disabled.

Christmas Flowers - Affpuddle

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Wednesday, 24th December starting at 10.30 a.m. Helpers are most welcome. As usual we are making a collection buy flowers to decorate the church, the suggested donation is 30p but smaller or larger donations are most welcome. Please let me have them any time during December. Gift of foliage would also be most acceptable - these should be brought to the church on the morning of Christmas Eve by 10.30 a.m. Philippa Thorniley.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION. Mrs. Burden and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for messages of sympathy, letters and cards in the sad loss of a dear husband, Joe. Also Drs. Greenfield and Benjafied for their care and attention during the past year. Special thanks to my sister in law, Mrs. Shorto for her kindness and also Canon Shaw for conducting such a lovely service and for his help and words of comfort to me. Many thanks for the donations sent to the Cheshire Homes in memory of Joe. (Mrs. Thorniley was able to send £288 to help buy a bus for the Dorchester Cheshire Home).

CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE. Vicky and Paul, two lively members of the Cheshire Homes 'family' will come to our church on Sunday 21st December at 11.15 to receive toys from the children of Affpuddle. Please, children, turn out your toy cupboards and bring something along. The children particularly want old Christmas cards to make up scrapbooks. Affpuddle has a long and strong connection with the Cheshire Homes. For many years Christmas toys and some Harvest produce have gone from the church. Sadly, the Primary school harvest link has been broken. So can we strengthen the Christmas link. In these difficult times the Homes rely more than ever on these voluntary extras and at Hawthorne lodge they plan to give each child six presents in their stockings. We can help them achieve this if EVERY FAMILY turns up with a toy. Mary Bentley.

(Note: the collection taken at the gift service will also be sent. P.R.T.)

AFFPUDDLE SCHOOL P.T.F.S.A. An extraordinary general meeting was held during July 1980 at the request of the head teacher, Miss Palmer, and the organisation was wound up. The children leaving to attend Puddleteown Middle School were presented with bibles, and the remaining children given book tokens. The accounts were audited by Mr. E. Rolla. The balance was divided between Affpuddle primary school (£5.19) and Puddleteown (£35.22) in proportion to numbers attending each school. Anyone wishing to inspect the accounts may do so at 15 Briantspuddle. I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their extremely generous support over the years and I hope that you will be able to support the children in their new schools. S. McGrory.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Women's section) held their AGM on October 15th, 22 members being present. The Chairman Mrs. Maidment thanked her fellow officers, committee and members for their loyal support and hard work during the past year. All officers and committee were re-elected as follows: President, Miss Llewellyn; Vice President, Mrs. Brown; Chairman, Mrs. Maidment; Vice Chairman, Mrs. Presslee; Secretary, Mrs. Steel; Treasurer, Mrs. House; Standard Bearer, Mrs. Maidment; Deputy Standard Bearer, Mrs. Austin; Committee, Mesdames Austin, Bennett, Chalk, Cleall, Collison, Hollinshead, Mitton, Stuckley, Symes and Miss Green. Service Committee, Mrs. Maidment and Mrs. Steele; Sick visitors, Mrs. Austin and Miss Green; (for Winterbourne Kingston) Mrs. Symes and Mrs. Legg. DMI agents Mrs. Presslee and Mrs. Hollinshead.

On October 23rd Mrs. Mitton and Mrs. Steele held a coffee morning in aid of the Poppy Appeal. This realised £28.50. Their thanks to all who contributed and made their effort a success. The women's section also held a coffee evening at HQ in aid of the Poppy Appeal on November 5th which realised £55.55. The club treasurer then presented the Chairman, Mrs. Maidment with a cheque for £100, for the Poppy Appeal. Winners of the draw were, Mr. Cleall, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Fasham, Mr. Maidment, Mrs. McLeod, Mr. Philips, Mr. J. Cleall and Mrs. Austin. Mrs. Presslee held a gifts and goodies party on October 26th-27th - proceeds to Poppy Appeal.

DRAX HALL. Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday December 6th with all usual stalls and raffles. Father Christmas will be there with presents for the children at 2 p.m. after being driven through the village. Xmas Prize Bingo will be held on Monday 22nd December at 7.30 p.m. not 4.30 p.m., entrance free - hampers and turkey as prizes.

PARISH CALENDAR & NEWS

DECEMBER
2nd Tues. W.I. Xmas Party, Little Meadow, Roke Rd., 7.00 p.m.
3rd Wed. Autumn Leaves Xmas Afternoon, Carols etc. Drax Hall 2.30 p.m. Please bring friends.
6th Sat. Xmas Fair in aid of Drax Hall, Drax Hall.
10th Wed. Mother & Toddler Xmas Party, Youth Club Hall, 2.30 p.m.
11th Thurs. Christmas Party for 'Over 70s', Bere Regis First School.
12th Fri. Christmas Party for schoolchildren, Bere Regis First School.
13th Sat. Playgroup Christmas Bazaar, School Hall, 2.30 p.m.
17th Wed. Dorset Structure Plan Caravan, Royal Oak Car Park 10.30 a.m.
    to 7.30 p.m. Followed by meeting in Drax Hall.
18th/22nd Carol Singing, Cups & Scouts
19th Fri. Christmas School holiday starts.
22nd Mon. Drax Hall Christmas Prize Bingo, 7.30 p.m., Drax Hall.
1981 JANUARY
14th Wed. Autumn Leaves New Year Party, 2.30 p.m. Drax Hall.
26th Mon. B.R. friends of Imperial Cancer Research Fund AGM, 7.30 p.m. Summerods.
All welcome.

FEBRUARY
7th Sat. Mrs. Penny's Cavalcade of Costumes in aid of Youth Club, Bere Regis Church.
13th Fri. 'Scouts Entertain', Briantspuddle Village Hall.
14th Sat. 'Scouts Entertain', Drax Hall, Bere Regis.

MARCH
14th Sat. 50-50 Auction at Youth Club Hut, 2.30 p.m.
21st Sat. Scouts' jumble sale, Youth Club Hut.

PUZZLE CORNER - Last month's anagrams were:-
12. Shaftesbury.
Here are 12 more Dorset place names:-

FLOWER FORA FOR THE CENOTAPH (RBL Women's Section)
January, Miss Smith; February, Mrs. Hollinshead; March, Mrs. Presslee; April, Mrs. Collison;
May, Mrs. J. Cleall, Miss S. Green; June, Mrs. Maidment; July, Mrs. Austin; August, Mrs.
Steele and Mrs. Mitton; September, Miss S. Green; October, Mrs. Bennett; November Mrs.
Chalk and Mrs. Gibbs, December Mrs. R. Barnes.

On Remembrance Sunday both the Women's section and Branch Standards, with many members,
attended a parade and service which this year was held in our own Church and village.

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE, Bonfire Night. We wish to thank all who helped make
this an enjoyable evening (even if the weather didn't help!) Special thanks to Mr. Scott for
donating the trophy for the best Guy. The expenses were £234.24. Total income was £186.20,
a loss of £48.04. Provisional date for your 1981 Carnival is July 18th.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the
'Black Dog' in the butcher's shop - a total of over £20 was taken. Also to the people who
bring tin foil to the shop. We have taken over 56 sacks to HQ. Tin foil of any type is welcome.
Please wash the milk bottle tops! A sack is always provided in the butcher's shop.

K. Jeeves

* * * AROUND TOWN WITH KINGSBERE * * *

* An item concerning the youth club in last month's magazine seems to have caused some heated debate. On reflection the item was unwise and I apologise to the people who have worked so very hard for so long to keep the club operating. Bere Regis needs this club and most of the kids who go there enjoy boisterous but harmless fun. As always, a very small group are intent on threatening the others and that is sad. For the record, I very much hope that, when the time comes, my own children will enjoy this much-needed facility to village life.

* Good news from the Drax Arms. Spurred on by my idea of a Happy Hour, landlord Pat has slashed his prices on Sunday lunchtime until further notice. All beers 45p, doubles 80p (small brandies 50p). Well done, sir.

* While wearing my journalistic hat recently I called Dorset County Council to ask why they refused permission for the school to turn the gas on for a few hours so the children could have a proper Christmas dinner. I wasn't sure whether I was talking to Marie Antoinette or Scrooge, when the official said: "Let them eat jelly".

* Pleased to announce Jean Henkle has got herself a cuddly little mongrel after the demise
of her pet spaniel. Latest news is that she has run out of Western Gazettes to cover the
floor. Puppies, like children are naughty but nice.

* Mr. Seymour of Central Stores has asked me to point out that, although he has operated
for years under the trade name Kingsbere, he is quite definitely not me.

* This story is entirely true. A Dorset farmer friend up in London for the very first time
ordered steak at a West End Restaurant. When asked how he would like it he said:
"Just wipe it's behind and take the horns off."
PERSONAL MESSAGES:

*Maximilian. Mummy still won't forgive, but please put socks in plastic bag. Don't forget to water geraniums and feed python, Love Petronella.

*MINI-BUS, seats 15, available for hire (Bere Regis 386).

*ROYAL OAK: Christmas lunch or dinner: Home-made Minestrone or pate. Turkey or beef, with extensive trimmings and vegetables; home-made Christmas pud with brandy butter or alternatives, and coffee. £3.75, including complimentary glass of wine. Cordial atmosphere available for villagers or party bookings from 8th Dec.

*CHRISTMAS TREES: Pick and choose your own, but limited supply. B.R. 209.

*Freelance brick and stone fireplaces, to any design. Renovations, modernisations, roof and chimney repairs, extensions etc. In fact anything that can be done by experienced builder at highly competitive prices. (Phone B.R. 863).

*Have you visited Bere Regis Discount Centre yet? C.G. and S.M. Roberts, welcome you to 91 West Street, Bere Regis.

*CIDER PRESS, needed for hire, any offers? Mrs. Hamridge, 26 Briantspuddle (B.R. 341).

YOUTH CLUB LEADER. Rumours circulating in the village concerning alleged incidents involving the youth club leader have been investigated by the management committee. From enquiries made the committee found nothing to substantiate these rumours and in this area with no cause for complaint, the committee dissociates itself completely from the rumours. Accordingly, Mr. Cutland continues in office as youth club leader. D. Shelton, Vice-Chairman, Management Committee.

MOTOR CYCLISTS. The Parish Council remind Parishioners that it is illegal for anyone to ride a motor cycle on a bridleway or footpath. It is also illegal for anyone under sixteen to ride a motor cycle on a public road. Some of the footpaths and bridleways in the parish are becoming dangerous for pedestrians (many of whom are either elderly or very young) due to the muddy surfaces caused by the practise.

It has been pointed out to the council that it is possible for parents of children under sixteen to be made liable for any offence committed by such a child and this can involve fines or even in certain circumstances the risk of the parent having his licence endorsed, or if there was a serious accident possibly even losing his licence.

The Parish Council therefore urges parents of young people in the parish under the age of sixteen to ensure that these children do not ride their motor cycles either on the public highway or on any bridlepath or footpath, bearing in mind there will be no insurance cover if they do.

SCOUTS AND CUBS. A bin is provided in the butcher's shop for newspapers and mags or please put them in the stable at the back of the shop. There is now a scout sign on the door. Grateful thanks to all who help these two good causes.

J. Keeves, President.

DUST BIN COLLECTIONS OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle - as usual on 24th and 31st December. In Bere Regis there will be no collection on Christmas or New Year's day but there will be a special collection on Friday 2nd January 1981.

PUBLIC MEETING. Watch notice boards in Affpuddle and Briantspuddle for information on a public meeting to discuss the future use of Affpuddle school.

BERE REGIS W. METHODIST INSTITUTE. Our Christmas Party will be held on Tues. 2nd Dec. at Little Meadow, Roke Rd., by kind permission of Mrs. P. Jesty. We hope all members will attend and bring a gift for exchange value 25p. Party starts at 7 p.m. In October Mrs. Hargreaves showed us slides of Denman College and told us all about the courses run there for W.I. members. We wish all readers a happy Christmas.
THANKS. To all my friends and neighbours for the good wishes, cards, gifts and flowers sent to me while I was in hospital in October.

Flo Collinson.

DORSET (excluding south-east) STRUCTURE PLAN. An interesting plan showing how Dorset could develop over the next 15 years has just been published by Dorset C.C., called the Draft Structure Plan and it affects all Dorset except the S.E., for which a separate plan has already been approved. To learn more about this plan there will be mobile exhibition caravan visiting the Royal Oak car park from 10.30 - 7.30 p.m. on Wed. 17 Dec. followed immediately by a public meeting in the Drax Hall where members of the Structure Planning Team will answer all questions.

THURSDAY GROUP. A very successful meeting was held at Taisy Russell's on 13th Nov. when Mrs. Cox gave a demonstration of cake icing. The December meeting will be held at Lindy Ventham's (16 Bladen Valley) and the creche will be at Andrea Smith's (7 Bladen Valley). The January meeting has yet to be arranged. A trip to the pantomime is also planned.

BERE REGIS and DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB. The club had another good turnout of members and friends at its annual prizegiving on Oct. 30th. This year we held the event at Bramptapple Village Hall which proved an ideal venue. After a game of skittles Dr. and Mrs. Benjafield presented the cups and certificates to our award winners. We ended the evening with a fine supper provided by the club committee and friends. Swimming sessions at Bovington are continuing until Sat. 29th November. We meet at the lay-by opposite Lower Church gate at 5.30 p.m. each Saturday. Everyone welcome.

RH.

BERE REGIS PLAYGROUP. We had a very successful coffee evening at the Cedars, by kind permission of Mrs. Griffin. We are having our Christmas bazaar on 13th December at the school hall, 2.30 p.m. The bingo we were to have has now been cancelled.

A FIRST PARTY. The B.R. mother and toddler group are having a small party on Wed. December 10th at 2.30 p.m. Any mum with an under playgroup child is welcome to come, but it would help to have an idea of numbers any Wednesday before, or call B.R.480.


Chicken dinner group, Mrs. Painter, Smartie competition, Mr. Roper.

Grateful thanks to all those who helped in any way during club week.

WINGS WEEK. The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund wish to thank the ladies who collected £34.27 in Bere Regis. Apologies are given to those who discovered that someone from another village had tried to collect here.

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND. The committee would like to express its appreciation and very warm thanks to Capt. Tomlinson and the Band of the Junior Leaders Regiment for giving so many people such a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable evening at the concert held at Bovington on 12 Nov. Songs from Valerie Kain and two friends, together with very lively audience participation throughout much of the concert, also added colour to the evening. A total sum of £173.33 was made in aid of cancer research. The AGM will be held at Summerrods on Mon. 26th Jan. at 7.30 p.m. All interested members of the public welcome.

DMH

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP. The AGM of the group will be held on Tuesday 2nd Dec.. Will members please note that this is on the first Tuesday of the month, instead of the usual 2nd Tues. The new committee will be elected for the following year and information about the new programme will be given. Tea will be served by the committee and it is hoped all members will make a special effort to attend.

BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP. We meet once in December, on the 9th when we are going to the Drax Arms for a Christmas dinner.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60 CLUB. An enjoyable afternoon with a whist drive and dominos. Winner with most points at whist was Mrs. Dora Barnes. Tea and cakes was served. Our next meeting is our Xmas afternoon which is on the FIRST Wednesday in month - Drax Hall on 3rd Dec. at 2.30 p.m.

Has anyone got a spare shoe-halfpenny board? We'd be very pleased to hear from anyone who could let the club have one. (BR 204).

K.J.

Craft Centre
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