THE VICAR’S LETTER

My dear Friends,

“He comes to bless mankind
With universal grace;
He comes to heal the sinners’ mind
To save a ruined race”

Old Dorset Carol.

Inevitably, during this last month of the year, our thoughts turn more and more to Christmas. It seems to matter little whether people call themselves Christians or not for all join in the excited anticipation of this great Feast.

So what do we celebrate at Christmastide?

The children, of course, live in eager anticipation of presents and treats in store although most will readily acknowledge that there is a Baby Jesus born in a Stable presided over by a Star and visited by Shepherds and Wise Men.

The worldly minded look forward to a holiday, to plenty to eat and drink, even to some over indulgence and to the getting together with families and friends.

But what of the Christian? He would be odd indeed if he found no cause for celebration on this happiest of Feasts. There must be extra treats for the children, something unusual and enjoyable to eat and to drink and that lovely hospitality to families and friends which adds so much to our pleasure and to theirs. Yet, if it is left there, what is there to distinguish the Christian from the non-christian, the sacred from the secular?

Surely, if Christmas is to mean to us what it was intended to mean, we must come to it in all humility, recapturing the wonder and recognising the great gift. For because Jesus was born of a human mother he became a man 'like as we are' and so conferred upon all mankind 'a universal grace', the free and unlimited gift of his own divine nature. And to take away from us that distress of mind that is the result of sin, he brought with him healing and new hope. He embodied in his own person that complete forgiveness for all mankind that has the power to prevent the slide to ruin which threatens our world.

He is our Saviour and our Redeemer.

How can we then who are called by his Name fail to acknowledge him?

Let us rather use this Festival, as it comes round once again to reflect more deeply upon the infinite grace of God and marvel afresh at his great compassion. Let us join our praises with those of the Angels and the whole Company of Heaven and let us look with new eyes on the Great and Mighty Wonder.

“Then shout with grateful song
And loud ye Angels sing;
Give Christ the glory King of Kings
Who doth Salvation bring.”

May you have a blessed and a happy Christmas.

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.
NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

CHRISTMAS WEEK 1981. The arrangements for Church Services during Christmas week are shown under the Church Services heading, but you may like to have them set out more clearly.

BERE REGIS AFFPUDDLE

Sunday 20th December 6 p.m. Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve 3 p.m. Blessing of Crib and Christmas Readings by Mothers' Union
24th December 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 8 a.m. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Eucharist
25th December 11 a.m. Matins
12 noon Holy Communion
Sunday 27th December 8 a.m. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Eucharist
11 a.m. Matins 6.30 p.m. Carol Service

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

If you know of any sick or house bound people who would like to make their Christmas Communion, I should be glad to have their names as soon as possible.

A CHRISTINGLE SERVICE is an interesting and colourful occasion, and is also an opportunity for us to support the work of the Church of England Children's Society. Such a service will be held at Blandford Parish Church on Sunday 6th December at 6.30 p.m. when the address will be given by Canon John Wallace. A purse will be presented by representatives from our own Sunday School, and it is hoped that some adults from the parish may also attend.

A SIDESMEN'S MEETING will be held at the Vicarage on Tuesday 8th December at 6.45 p.m.

SANDFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL have asked if they may have their Carol Service at Bere Regis Church this year. I have been glad to agree to this, and it will be held on Thursday 10th December at 7 p.m. It is hoped that the occasion will be well supported by parents and friends.

HEALING INTERCESSIONS. The Prayer Group will meet at the Vicarage on the following days in December:
- Thursday 3rd December at 7.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 9th December at 7.30 p.m.
- Thursday 17th December at 7.30 p.m.
- Thursday 31st December at 7.30 p.m.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Following long standing custom and ancient tradition, a Carol Service for Christmastide will be held at Bere Regis Church on Sunday 20th December at 6 p.m. The service will follow the familiar pattern of prayers, readings, and carols by the Choir and for the Congregation. Readings this year will be by representatives from the various organisations in the village.

BERE REGIS CHURCH RESTORATION FUND. By mid-November the Fund had risen to nearly £3,700. Over £60 of the month's increase was realised at the 3rd annual Youth Concert, given in the Church on 7th November by local young people under the direction of Mr. John England. Our warm thanks are due to all those who took part and, of course, to the many supporters who filled the Church on that occasion.

We are also most grateful to the P.C.C. of Winterbourne Kingston Church for a fraternal gift of £25. Additionally, almost £50 was collected at the Coffee Evening kindly arranged on 12th November by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony House to whom we extend our thanks.

The Restoration Fund Committee are already considering the next stage of restoration work to be undertaken in the Spring and Summer of 1982. Estimates will shortly be invited.

E.A.S.

The Church Restoration Fund report in November referred to the Horse Show and Gymkhana at Longthorns Farm raising over £900 towards the Fund. We are now able to report that the gross takings were £1531.72 with the Fund benefitting from the net profit of £1006.19.

The Forestry Commission kindly donated the fencing posts, for which many thanks.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

Holy Baptism: Received into the Christian Family
1st November Deanna Susan daughter of Ronald and Pamela Critchett.

Burial: Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
10th November Florence Kate Stickley at Weymouth Crematorium.

FLORENCE KATE STICKLEY was born at Wallisdown, and was one of a family of seven children. She went to school at Talbot Village, and soon after leaving there she was employed on War Work during the period of the First World War. Later, she went into domestic service as a cook, but in 1922 she married a Bere Regis man then living on Woodbury Hill. The couple moved to a cottage on Snow Hill, where they continued to live for many years. They had one son, and one daughter. Mrs. Stickley continued her domestic work at the Vicarage, first with Mr. Herring and later with Mr. Tranter.

The family moved back to Woodbury Hill for a time, but in 1953 Mr. Stickley died, and Mrs. Stickley walked daily to and fro from the hill to the village. Mrs. Stickley and her son Kenneth moved to Butt Lane in 1960, but Mrs. Stickley did not give up work until about ten years ago, and ever since then she has helped out in many ways.

Mrs. Stickley was always very interested in the Bere Regis Church, and until a few years ago attended services regularly. She was a great reader, but her chief interest was her family to whom she was devoted.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Ken, Joan & Eric would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, messages of sympathy and donations to the Church Restoration Fund given in memory of their mother. Special thanks to the doctors, Canon Shaw and Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman.
CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER

BERE REGIS  

AFFPUDDLE

Sunday, 6th December  
9.30 a.m. Family Comm.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Advent 2  
6.00 p.m. Evensong  
11.15 a.m. Matins
Sunday 13th December  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.  
9.30 a.m. Eucharist
Advent 3  
11.00 a.m. Matins  
6.00 p.m. Evensong
Sunday 20th December  
9.30 a.m. Family Comm.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Advent 4  
6.00 p.m. Carols by  
11.15 a.m. Family Gift
Christmas Eve  
3.00 p.m. Blessing of  
11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass
Crib  
12noon Holy Comm.
25th December  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.  
9.30 a.m. Eucharist
CHRISTMAS DAY  
11.00 a.m. Matins  
12noon Holy Comm.
27th December  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.  
9.30 a.m. Eucharist
Christmas 1  
11.00 a.m. Matins  
6.30 p.m. Carol Service
3rd January  
9.30 a.m. Family Comm.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Christmas 2  
6.00 p.m. Evensong  
11.15 a.m. Matins

ADDITIONAL SERVICES
Friday 1st January  
10.30 a.m. Holy Comm.

SIDEMEN'S ROTA - BERE REGIS

Dec. 6th  
9.30 a.m.  
Mr. R. Ives & Mr. R. Stallard
6.00 p.m.  
Mr. M.A. Bloomfield & Mrs. M. England
13th  
11.00 a.m.  
Mr. K. Woolfries & Col. A. Barne
6.00 p.m.  
Miss S. Frampton & Mr. M. Barnes
20th  
9.30 a.m.  
Mr. A. Bates & Cdr. C. Maudner
6.00 p.m.  
Churchwardens & other sidesmen
25th (Christmas Day)  
11.00 a.m.  
Cdr. C. Maudner & Mr. J. House
1982  
27th  
11.00 a.m.  
Mr. W.F. Lys & Mr. G. Ward
Jan. 3rd  
9.30 a.m.  
Mr. K. Woolfries & Mr. R. Stallard
6.00 p.m.  
Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. F. Marsh

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

There are no flowers in the Church during Advent. The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Wednesday, 23rd December. Gifts of holly and greenery will be appreciated, and should be brought to the Church on the morning of 23rd December.

A meeting of the Guild was held at the Vicarage on Friday, 6th November when the rota for the first six months of 1982 was made out, and subscriptions, 10p per year, were taken.

C.I.T.

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - AFFPUDDLE

Cleaning  
6th December  
Mrs. Scott
13th December  
Mrs. Scott
20th December  
Mrs. Thornley
27th December  
Mrs. Thornley

Readers and Sidesmen  

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MAGAZINE 1982: Regrettfully, due to increased costs, it will be necessary to increase the price of the magazine to 12p per month with effect from the January issue. We feel sure you will agree that it still represents good value and we hope we shall have your continued support. Can we ask contributors to include with their copy a name and telephone number or address in case of query.

We wish all our readers and contributors a very happy Christmas. The Editors.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

Please let me have items for inclusion in the magazine by 14th of the month.

P.R. Thornley.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. The Church will be decorated on Christmas Eve from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Do come along and help. Gifts of flowers and foliage would be greatly welcomed and should be taken to church on the morning of Christmas Eve. As in past years I am organising a collection to purchase flowers to decorate the church. Please let me have your gifts as soon as possible (suggested donation 50p though greater and lesser amounts will be most gratefully received).

P.R. Thornley.

COLLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND THE CAROL SERVICE. It is the custom of the Affpuddle P.C.C. to donate the collections taken at these services to a Charity. This year it was agreed that they should be sent to the Salisbury Diocesan Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The Rev. David Tizzard who is the Diocesan Chaplain to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing works in close liaison with the Social Services, caring for the spiritual needs of the deafened as their special friend. He spends much time visiting the deaf in their homes, in hospital and in their clubs; he travels round the Diocese doing much the same as any priest or minister except that his "parish" covers the best part of two counties, and his "parishioners" cannot hear. The Association needs all the money it can get to carry on this necessary and worthwhile work. Please be especially generous.

AFFPUDDLE FAMILY SERVICE (THE GIFT SERVICE) 20th DECEMBER, 11.15 a.m. This is the fourth and last in our series "Introducing Jesus" and this month's theme of course comes from St. Luke 2, verse 11. "Our Saviour". This is also our annual Christmas Gift Service, and the item below explains what is needed and for whom. Please bring toys that really are in a good enough state to be received as a welcome gift, and come in good voice ready for plenty of singing. The collection taken at this service will be given to the Cheshire Home for Mentally Handicapped Children in Dorchester.

J.H.
“Anything which can be pulled or pushed, toys which rattle or squeak, drums to beat or whistles to blow”. This is the request from Mr. Henderson, Administrator of the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester who will again send two members of Care Staff to receive gifts. Some of the children now attend Sunday School in Dorchester and hopefully they will come along too. Please make this our best ever gift year. As we all know, costs are rising for children’s homes and money is rapidly swallowed up in day to day care. Gifts like ours are really appreciated and enable Cheshire Homes to fulfil their aim of six toys for each child at Christmas. Not a lot to ask is it? So come on, turn out the toy cupboard again!

THURSDAY GROUP. The talk by Mrs. Lawrence on “How Children Learn” gave us all food for thought. She has taught children from “three to sixty-five” in her teaching career and was able to share with us some of her experiences. Using the example of an unfamiliar alphabet, she made us realise how difficult it is for children to begin to learn to read. She also stressed the importance of children learning through play. The next meeting is at Sue Taylor’s on 10th December and will be a demonstration by Mrs. Herridge on Christmas Decorations. A.M.S.

BRIANSPUDDLE PLAYGROUP. The Brianspuddle Playgroup will be opening in the Village Hall, Brianspuddle in the New Year. The Playgroup Committee would be very grateful for any donation of toys, in good condition, which could be used by the Playgroup. A list of equipment needed is displayed in the Village Shop and anyone who thinks they may have some useful item is asked to contact Penny Haigh (Bere Regis 768). We would also like to hear from anyone who has a cupboard/wardrobe, with shelves, which they might like to sell or donate to the Playgroup. (Maximum measurements 31 inches wide 25 inches deep 76 inches high). We are holding a Coffee Morning at East Farm, Affpuddle on Friday, 4th December from 10.30 to 12 noon with a cake stall and bring and buy. Please come along and bring all your friends. The cake stall at the Youth Club Sale in October raised £17.22 for the Playgroup Funds. We would like to thank everyone who donated and bought cakes.

Jean McGearty.

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE. Would Parish Councillors and other interested parties please note that the December Parish Council meeting will be held on MONDAY, 21st DECEMBER and not Wednesday 23rd December. Agenda is displayed on the Village Notice Boards.

SCHOOL NEWS - Puddletown C.E. Primary School. On Friday, 16th October the two junior classes were taken to the Weymouth Pavilion to see films by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. On Tuesday, 3rd November the Police came and gave Road Safety talks and showed films to the children. Our Christmas entertainment will be on Thursday, 10th December. There will be an afternoon and an evening performance in the Village Hall, Puddletown and admission will be by ticket only. There will be various stalls, raffles, refreshments etc. in the School Hall in the evening.

ASSEMBLY ROTA FOR DECEMBER. Wednesday, 2nd December Canon D. Shaw.
9th December Mrs. Savage’s Class.
16th December No Open Assembly.
18th December Carol Service and Nativity - St. Mary’s Church, Puddletown 2 p.m.
K.A.M. Palmer.

FRIENDS OF PUDDLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL. Our annual general meeting was held on Tuesday, 13th October, 1981, and was attended by 18 parents, staff and friends. The following area representatives were elected.

Puddletown - Mrs. C. Lovell, Mrs. B. Bartlett, Mrs. S. Belsten
Tolpuddle - Mrs. D. Trebilcock, Mrs. S. Jenkins
Affpuddle/Briantspuddle - Mr. R. Holman
Dewlish - Mrs. W. Ross
Tinecleiton - Mrs. J. Williams

It was also decided that Mrs. S. Price should be temporary Chairman, Mr. R. Holman, the Treasurer and Mrs. J. Williams the Secretary. May we also take this opportunity to ask if anyone has any percussion or small wind instruments they would like to donate or sell to the school. These could be taken direct to the school or given to one of the area representatives listed above.

J. Williams (Secretary)

BLADEN YOUTH CLUB. The Bladen Youth Club are having a Christmas Bazaar at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 5th December in the Youth Club. There will be hand made toys, gifts, cakes, etc., a raffle and prizes. Entrance is free. On Sunday, 6th December a ten mile sponsored walk will be held and any support would be appreciated.

AFFPUDDLE ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS. A copy of the Audited Accounts has been displayed in the Village Shop. Total receipts were £147.29. Total payments in connection with the celebrations were £330.21. As agreed when the Jubilee Committee was re-convened and became the Royal Wedding Celebration Committee the balance of £278.08 has been given to local charities as chosen by the Committee. It was agreed that the balance should be divided equally between Dorset Association for the Disabled towards the purchase of their Mini Bus Fund and St. John’s Ambulance at Parkstone to be used for the purchase of a new ambulance.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS - DORSET JUNIOR BRANCH. The above organisation is holding an informal family evening of Renaissance Dance Music played on authentic period instruments by The Winterborne Waytes on Tuesday, 23rd December, 1981 at 6.45 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Briantspuddle. Details from Sue Taylor, Bere Regis 328 or Philippa Thornley Bere Regis 497.

BERE REGIS NEWS

WOMEN’S INSTITUTE. At the October meeting Mr. J.C. Bailey gave an interesting talk on ‘The Lost Villages of Dorset.’ Our warm thanks to Canon Shaw for conducting an impressive Service on the occasion of the Dedication of the Banner on Sunday November 1st. The Service was well attended by members. Thanks also to Mr. F. Marsh for providing and fixing the wall bracket. We are most grateful to Mrs. Sally Cheeseman for restoring the banner which was originally designed and made by members well over 20 years ago.

Instead of the monthly meeting the Christmas Party will be held in the Drax Hall on December 1st.

The Season’s Greetings to everyone. N.P.

BERE REGIS PLAYGROUP. Mr. and Mrs. G. Griffin have kindly agreed to the Playgroup coffee evening being held at the Cedars, West St. on the 30th November at 7.45 p.m. Following the successful garden party, at Sitterton Farmhouse in the summer, £30 has been donated to the Church Restoration Fund.

There are a few vacancies available at Playgroup. Any enquiries please ring Morden 474 (Sec.) and NOT the telephone on the back cover of the magazine as the subscriber is no longer a playgroup official.
THE MOTHERS' UNION

Our November meeting started in church with Corporate Communion, after which we had a lively discussion on the Vicar's sermon, this taking place in the Vicarage. The next Branch meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on the 2nd December at the Vicarage when there will be a play reading by members of "Bethlehem Boy" by Edward Murch, followed by the traditional eating of mince pies and the singing of Christmas Carols.

The Prayer Group will meet at 11 a.m. in the Morton Chapel on Friday, 11th December, while at the Service for the Blessing of the Crib on Christmas Eve, several members will be reading suitable items of poetry or literature.

BERE REGIS COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL

The annual Christmas Party for the senior citizens (aged 70 and over) of the Bere Regis area and Bloxworth, will be held in the School Hall on Thursday 10th December at 2.30 p.m. (Please note that for a married couple only one of them needs to be over 70). Invitation forms (to be returned by 3rd December) are available from local organisations, shops and from the School. We are anxious to make this party a great success, so please pass on the information to anyone eligible.

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club Week went well despite the changes which had to be made to the planned programme at the last minute. The successes were due to the support that we received from all those who organised and attended the various events and thus helped our funds to profit by £90. We thank all those involved.

During the month the club was privileged to have two members selected to be National Youth Club representatives at a reception held at St. James's Palace which was attended by the Queen Mother and many well known personalities. A letter from them both is printed elsewhere in the magazine. The members of the club will be out Carol Singing during Christmas Week. They will not be singing for their supper but they will be asking for contributions towards a party which they are giving for the children of the Royal Victoria Home for Disabled Children in Parkstone on 16 January 1982. Again in January we will be holding a Sale at the Youth Club on Saturday the 30th.

We welcome new members for both the Senior Club on Mondays and Wednesday evenings and the Junior Club on Friday evenings. Additionally we would be very grateful for any adults who can offer time to help on Club nights and thus ease the burden on the Leaders.

DRAX HALL. On Wednesday 7th October a very successful coffee morning was held at Mrs. Mooney's, 55 West St. There were the usual stalls and raffle with five prize winners. A profit of nearly £20 was made. The Drax Hall Committee wish to thank Mrs. Mooney for holding this event in aid of Drax Hall funds. Thank you also to all who helped, gave and came to support us.

On Saturday 5th December the Drax Hall Xmas Fayre will be held. Father Christmas will be arriving at 2.30 p.m. with presents for the children. There will be lots of stalls and competitions and also a Grand Xmas Draw with good prizes. Entrance is free so come along with the children and have a good afternoon and perhaps do some Christmas shopping. The Christmas Bingo will be held, this year, on Monday 21st December. There will be all the usual prizes including poultry, meat, cakes, hampers etc. Please come and support the hall at this event and have an enjoyable evening. Everyone will be welcome.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN'S SECTION. The section held its AGM on 21st October, 21 members being present. All officers and committee members were re-elected en bloc. The Chairman, Mrs. Maidment, welcomed one new member and went on to thank the committee and all members for their loyal support and hard work during the year. Although the Section had been busy throughout the year she felt that even more could be done. Miss Lys thanked the Chairman for her work during the year and for her attendance, as standard bearer, at all the many parades in what has been the Section's Diamond Jubilee year.

Teas were served and there was a raffle and 'bring and buy' stall. On 28th October the Section held a coffee evening at HQ in aid of the Poppy Appeal and £63.33 was raised. The Club donated £200 to the Women's Section towards the Appeal and Mrs. Maidment thanked the Club Treasurer.

YOUNG ENTERTAINERS CONCERT

Many thanks to all those who supported our Youth Concert by taking part, or by being members of the audience. I was pleased to hear that it was enjoyed by everyone, and this was indicated by the excellent total of £65 raised for the Church Restoration Fund.

J.E.

VISIT TO ST. JAMES'S PALACE

On behalf of Caroline and myself, I would like to thank Bere Regis Youth Club and also the Dorset Association of Youth Clubs for enabling us to attend the 70th anniversary of Youth Clubs reception at St. James's Palace on the 29th of October.

It was nice to be personally introduced to H.R.H. the Queen Mother, and to other well known personalities.

Overall it was a very worthwhile and enjoyable visit attended by about 300 guests and we were pleased to be a part of that number.

M. Mullins and C. Trim

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

The Group's Annual General Meeting will be held at Summerrods on Tuesday, 26th January at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.
BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP

The Annual Meeting was held in October. Those elected were Leader Mrs. B. Cheeseman, Secretary Mrs. L. Walker, Treasurer Mrs. S. Day, Committee Mrs. S. Cheeseman, Mrs. J. Peacock, Mrs. C. Tucker, Mrs. M. England. At this meeting it was decided to hold all future meetings once a month, on the fourth Tuesday in the month.

On the fourth Tuesday in January, the 26th, a Police Officer will be coming to talk on Drugs etc. This will be an open meeting, when all visitors will be welcome. The only meeting in December will be on the 8th, when our Christmas Dinner will be held at the Royal Oak, 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT SCOUT GROUP

Many thanks to all those who supported our Coffee Evening last month. Over £20 was raised from Group Funds.

OPERATION CLEAN-UP

Last month we were able to report the group’s success in the Southern Region of the Clean-up competition sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken. We are even more proud this month to report that the group’s project has won the national competition against all the other regional winners throughout the country. This is a wonderful result, and shows the high standard which the Scouts and Cubs, encouraged by Mike Gubbins, reached with their project and report.

Representatives of the Group have the honour of being presented with their prize at the House of Commons on November 26th. It is hoped that all the boys will be able to go to London, even though they will not all be able to attend the presentation and lunch.

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PAMELA’S HAIR SALON: We would like to say thank you to all our clients who supported the salon and helped to make it such a great success at a very difficult time. We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.
**PARISH CALENDAR**

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<td>Cancer Research Fund A.G.M. at Summerrods 7.30 p.m.</td>
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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: 7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall.
WIVES GROUP: 7.30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Vicarage.
BELLRINGERS: 7.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesdays.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6.30 p.m. Children, 7.30 Adults., Fridays in the Church.
BRITISH LEGION CL 7.00 p.m. Mon. to Fri: 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. & 7.00
- do - WOMENS SEC.: 2.30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday at H.Q.
BINGO: 7.45 p.m. Mondays. Drax Hall.
BROWNIES: 5 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays, School.
SCOUTS: 7 p.m. Thursdays. Youth Club Hut.
CUBS: 6.30 p.m. Thursday, School.
YOUTH CLUB: 7.30 p.m. Senior Members Monday and Wednesday
- do -  Junior Members Friday Club Hut
AUTUMN LEAVES: 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday.
PLAYGROUP: 4 mornings at Youth Club, phone B.R. 777 (Mrs. Carr)

Scripture Union Adventures Club at Congregational Church Hall - every Tuesday - 7 p.m.

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