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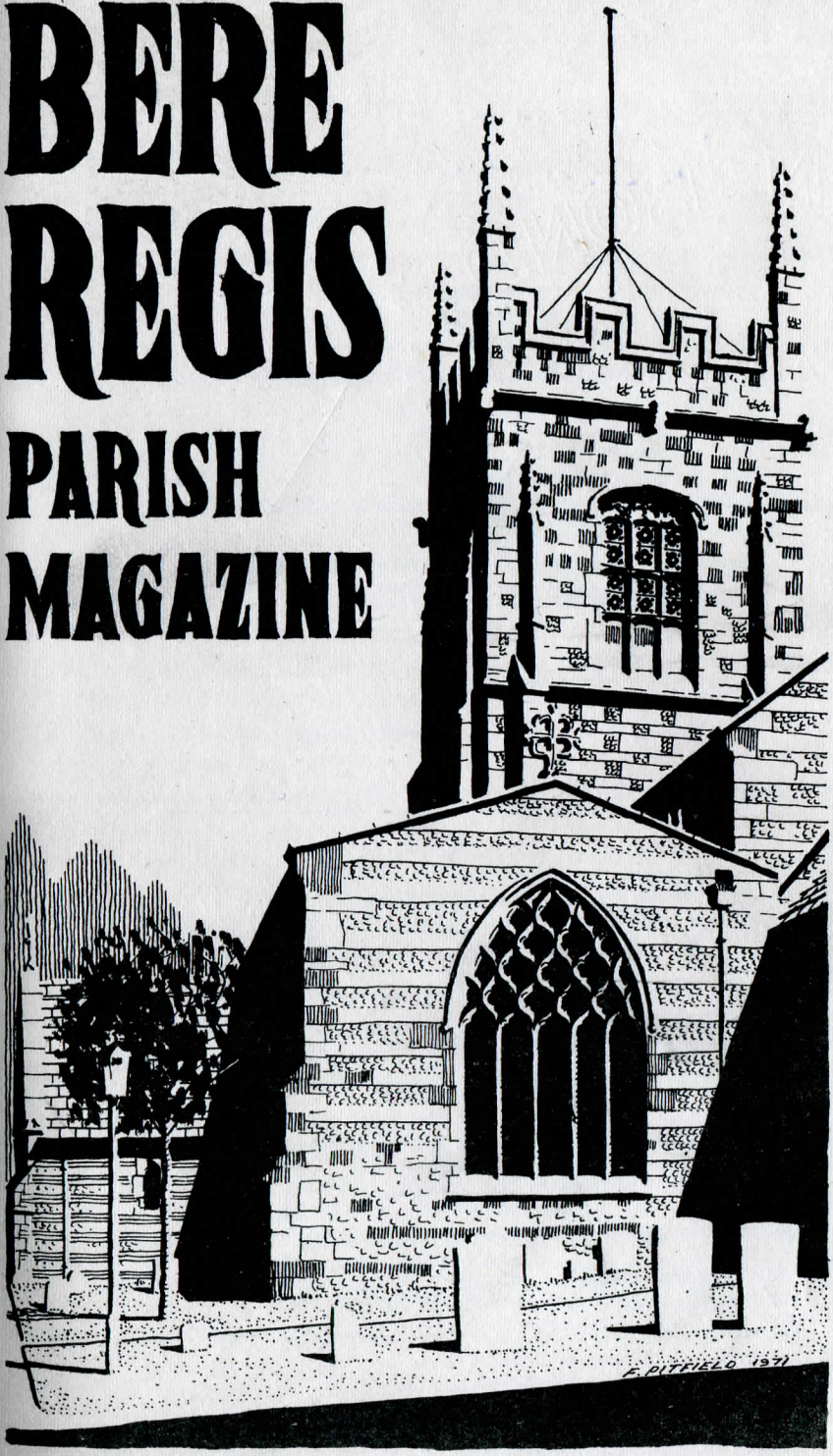

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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

We send our warm sympathy to Mrs. Cheeseman and her family on the death of her husband Giles. Mr. Cheeseman was a well known figure in the village, much respected and loved. He had been ill for some time and realised that he would never recover; carrying this knowledge with him he was always patient and cheerful and met his end with great courage and faith.

It is also with deep regret that we have to record the death of Bernard Dawson, who was Pastor of the Congregational Church for a considerable number of years. He was a true man of God, who carried out his faith and love into his daily life and endeared himself to all who came into contact with him. He suffered greatly at the end, but remained steadfast in his knowledge of the everlasting arms around him. Like Enoch he 'walked with God and God took him.'

We send our warm sympathy to Mrs. Dawson and her family.

I am glad to be able to tell you that the Lessons at the Carol Service on December 22nd. are to be read by members of the over 60 Club, 'Autumn Leaves'. We shall greatly look forward to having them with us at this most popular Service.

The first meeting of the Sub-Committee who are dealing with the Centenary of the restoration of our Church took place recently. Many suggestions and ideas were put forward and the possibilities of carrying some of these out are now being investigated. We will let you know more of the programme as it is formulated. It is sufficient at the moment to say that the Festival will definitely take place from September 27th. to October 5th, 1975, ending with the Harvest Festival on Oct. 5th, and we hope to conclude the Celebrations with a torchlight procession through the village.

We are also hoping that various other events will take place during 1975 all linking up with the final week of Celebration in the Autumn.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

Nov. 3. Mrs. Barne. Nov.10. Remembrance Sunday - Mrs.Barne.
" 17. Mrs. Barne. " 24. Mrs. Barne.

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR NOVEMBER.

Nov.	3.	11 a.m.	Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. J. House & M. A. Bloomfield.
"	10.	11 a.m.	Mr. W. F. Lys & Col. A. Barne.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. D. Poore & M. Barnes.
"	17.	11 a.m.	Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & H. Dashwood.
"	24.	11 a.m.	Major J. Hudson & Mr. R. Smith.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. G. Ward & R. Barnes.
Dec.	1.	11 a.m.	Messrs. K. Woolfries & W. F. Lys.
		6 p.m.	Messrs. M. Barnes & F. Marsh.

BELLRINGERS ROTA.

Nov. 3.	11.0 a.m.	Woolfries, England, Holman, Gibbs.
	6.0 p.m.	Woolfries, Tranter, Miss Pitfield, Steele.
Nov. 10.	10.45a.m.	Woolfries, England, Porter, Collis, Holman, Gibbs.
	6.0 p.m.	Woolfries, England, Miss Pitfield, Ricketts.
Nov. 17.	11.00a.m.	Woolfries, England, Porter, Collis, Holman, Gibbs.
	6.0 p.m.	Woolfries, England, Miss Pitfield, Steele.
Nov. 24.	11.0 a.m.	Woolfries, England, Porter, Collis, Holman, Ricketts.
	6.0 p.m.	Woolfries, England, Miss Pitfield, Ricketts.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Nov.	1.	Fri.	All Saints Day. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
"	10.	SUN.	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Service 10.45 at War Memorial.
"	13.	Wed.	2.30 Autumn Leaves - Youth Club.
			7.30 Mothers' Union - Vicarage.
"	18.	Mon.	7.30 Parochial Church Council - Vicarage.
Dec.	4.	Wed.	Conservative Evening Party 7.30 - Drax Hall.
"	7.	Sat.	Autumn Leaves...Christmas Bazaar...2.30 - Youth Club.
"	11.	Wed.	Autumn Leaves - Christmas Concert, 2.30 Drax Hall.
"	12.	Thurs.	Sanctuary Guild...2.30 - Vicarage.
"	22.	SUN.	6 p.m. Carols by Candlelight.
"	24.	Tues.	Christmas Eve - 11.45 Midnight Communion.
"	25.	Wed.	Christmas Day.
JAN. 1975	12.	SUN.	3 p.m. Plough Sunday Service.
Jan.	20.	Mon.	3 p.m. Managers Meeting.
Mar.	9-16.		Children's Mission.
"	16.	SUN.	Summertime begins - Put clocks on.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR. (Cont'd....)

Mar.	30.		Easter Day.
June	1.	SUN.	Service at Old Sarum.
"	28.	Sat.	Bere Regis Garden Party.

W A N T E D

A good reliable PIANO for the use of the Sunday School & Choir.

Do any of our readers know of anyone who has a piano for which they would like to find a good home in the Church? We badly need a reliable instrument that will stay in tune; for use in the Sunday School and at Choir practice.

If anyone knows of such a piano please get in touch with either the Vicar or Miss Smith or Mrs. Collis.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

The next meeting on November 12th, will be a very special one as we shall be having a demonstration on Christmas Decorations by MISS MARY DODSON, a well-known National Demonstrator who lives in Gloucestershire. It is hoped that all members will make a great effort to come, and we shall be pleased to welcome any prospective members or friends at a small charge of 5p.

On November 26th. we shall be having our annual Christmas Fair at 2.30 p.m. There will be stalls of Christmas Decorations, Produce, Bath & Beauty, a Christmas Tree, Raffle & Coffee & Biscuits.

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MOTHERS' UNION.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Wednesday, November 13th, 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage.

The Speaker will be Mrs. Gooch of Dorchester. She is an old friend of ours and is very popular with our members. We always enjoy her talks greatly.

Phyllis Tranter.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 10th.

The service of keeping the two Minutes Silence will commence at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m. (weather permitting) and afterwards in the Church.

I very much hope we shall be able to welcome our non-conformist brethren at this service, when we can remember together men and women from the village who gave their lives during two world wars.

The names of those on the Roll of Honour will be read at this Service and they will also be read at Evensong at 6 p.m.

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In place of the Family Service this month, Sunday School children will meet at the church 15 minutes earlier than usual at 10.15 a.m. for their lesson and they will then join the congregation at the War Memorial to take part in the Silence, returning home when the congregation proceed into the church for the remainder of the service.

RUDE JOKE! There was this couple, as they say, who came to a parson to ask him to marry them immediately. But he couldn't, So they asked: "Could you say a few words over us to get us over the week-end.?"

100 YEARS AGO - THE CHURCH TIMES - July 3, 1874.

We perceive that Bishop Alford,* a returned Colonial of the most objectional stamp, has been rewarded with the comfortable living of Christ Church, Claughton, just vacated by Dr. Blakeney. Under ordinary circumstances we should have felt bound to express sympathy for the people of Claughton, but after what they must have suffered in the way of ignorance and fanaticism they must by this have got used to anything-even a "Heathen Chinee."

"Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, 1867-74.

ANGLICAN WINS NOBEL PRIZE:

One of this week's Nobel Prize winners is a keen Anglican. He is Professor Antony Hewish, who has won the Nobel Prize in Physics with the Astronomer Royal, Sir Martin Ryle.

Professor Hewis is a member of St.Edward's, Cambridge, and was church warden there from 1966 to 1972. His children sing in the choir.

The Chaplain of St. Edward's (the Rev. David Isitt) commented: "We are delighted to hear the news. Professor Hewis and his family are among our most regular and devoted Church people."

Professor Hewis has held the chair of radio astronomy at Cambridge since 1971 and is a Fellow of Churchill College. He and Sir Martin Ryle have worked together for twenty-five years.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES'.

Our meetings are held at 7.30 in the Congregational Church Hall. The Speaker on the 12th November will be Mrs. Willes who will be talking about jewellery, and on the 26th - "Any Questions."

M.E.

West End Bungalow,
Bere Regis.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS & FOIL CASES.

I would like to thank all who collect these items for the "Guide Dogs for the Blind Association."

Mr. Worssam, Secretary of the Association-Swanage Branch, collected 5 sacks in Sept. from me, and mentioned how nice & clean they were from Bere Regis. If anyone would like me to call - collect tops - please let me know.

A. L. Coles (Mrs.) Tel: 206 B.R.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - POPPY APPEAL FUND.

There will be a Coffee Evening - at the Legion Club, North Street - on Wednesday, November 6th. at 6.45 p.m.

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"AUTUMN LEAVES".

On October 9th. we were very lucky to have had Miss Dorothy Cattel from the S.E.B. to give us a "Cookery Demonstration" for she informed us that it was her very last. She was very friendly and amusing and our members discovered that cookery today is not the hard work it was in their hey day.

We had a very special raffle. Mrs. Iris Bush from Sitterton crocheted a very beautiful blanket and gave it to the club in the hopes of boosting our funds.

Mrs. Mooney from West Street, and a member of our committee was the lucky winner.

Our competition was for the longest parsnip. Mrs. McDonald won 1st, Mr. Croft 2nd. Mrs. Solles 3rd. The runners up for the raffle were Mrs. Davis - Green Close. Mr. Harry Pitfield. Mrs. Austin and Mrs.Percy. Our next competition - "Funniest Potato".

WOMENS' INSTITUTE.

We enjoyed the slides of the Flowers of Austria very much, and could only marvel at Miss Wainwright's endurance skill at photography. At our October meeting we shall be seeing a film of this year's W.I. holiday, which was greatly enjoyed by members who went on the tour.

The November meeting is our A.G.M. and we shall also be having the report from our Delegate to the Autumn Council Meeting.

J.W.D.

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Council was held in the Drax Hall on 18th September.

Although there was little in the way of new business for discussion, matters previously before the Council, and now carried a stage further, occupied so much time that the meeting lasted even longer than usual - nearly three hours, in fact.

These matters included the following:-

SOUTHBROOK BUNGALOWS. Members again expressed their extreme dissatisfaction at the way in which this whole matter had been handled by the District Council, resulting in even more delay in starting the work, and

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they felt that a strong protest should be made at the fact that no explanation or apology had been forthcoming from that Council, which could at least have been passed on to tenants affected and to potential occupiers of the bungalows to be built.

It is hoped that the fact that there is certain surveying work being done in this location, indicates that the "stirring up" by this Council has had some effect.

BERE DOWN MILLS. It will be an encouragement to those residents of South Mead suffering from the various forms of pollution that the Order, reported last month as having been confirmed by the Secretary of State on July 5th, requires complete discontinuance within twelve months.

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE. The estimate received from the S.E.B. for bringing lighting, other than that on Trunk Routes, up to a standard, whereby the County Council would be willing to take over future maintenance and energy costs, proved so excessive that the Council decided not even to discuss the details. Instead, the Committee was asked to obtain an estimate for bringing the lighting on all the public streets in the village up to Pathway - lighting standards - that is, to make it safe for pedestrians - where this does not already exist. This relates both to the number of lights and their intensity.

MOTOR RALLY - SPECIAL STAGE IN WAREHAM FOREST. The Council expressed its complete opposition to the running of this over the route proposed, first, because a number of local residents would be adversely affected, since the Rally would be held in the middle of the night, and, second, because the route involves the use of two Bridleways. Furthermore, the Clerk was instructed to find out whether the Council had the power to veto such use of Rights-of-Way, and, if so, to carry out the steps to do so, and, if not, to pass on to the County Council our extreme opposition and to press them to use their powers to prevent such misuse of Rights-of-Way. It was pointed out that this was all the more important, since it appeared that, if this application were successful, many more clubs would be making similar applications to use this route frequently.

SITE '88' (MANOR FARM LAND, ETC.) A letter was received from Purbeck District Council, in reply to the Council's protest at the proposal to develop up to 100 ft. from Bere Stream, stating that the latter point would be put to the Development Services Committee when Phase 2 of this development is considered. (Phase 1 is the Local Authority housing already agreed to.) It is to be hoped that matters will not have then gone too far for this decision to be influenced by our opinion and recommendation.

TREES COMMITTEE. It was reported that the meeting called for 27th August could not be held as there was not a quorum attending. However, the Chairman and the one other member present did carry out a survey of possible trees to be proposed for Preservation Orders, and, as soon as the appropriate forms were forthcoming (giving, amongst other details, the scale of maps to be used), a further meeting would be called, at which would be available the proposals marked on the map. In view of the prevalence of Dutch Elm disease, the Committee feel that the greatest possible publicity should be given to the need for early recognition of this. Anyone suspecting it, therefore, is requested to get in touch, as soon as possible, with Mr. Mervyn Over of Forest Gate, Bere Heath, who will advise them.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED AT SITTERTON. A site meeting in connection with this application (reported last month) was held by the Development Services Committee of the District Council on the same morning, and our appointed spokesman attended as well as some six members of this Council, also the Vice-Chairman in his capacity as a member of the Committee. Our spokesman reported that he had re-iterated the opinion and recommendation of this Council (reported last month) and, during the discussion, had amplified certain aspects thereof. It was disclosed that the Department of the Environment had offered no comment whatever - let alone no opposition on this account - about the extra traffic that would be generated by the proposed development, at the junction of Sitterton Road with A35, which was the reason of this Council's opposition.

It was decided to press this point as strongly as possible with the District Council, pointing out that local knowledge and experience should prevail; furthermore, it was agreed that if, in spite of this action, the Development Services Committee should agree to Outline Planning Permission, this Council should immediately bring the matter to the attention of the Secretary of State and express our extreme alarm at the dangers involved while the main street of the village remained a Trunk Route, and pointing out that the Department had vetoed a proposed new road recently that would have opened onto the same road further east, and for the same reason - the heavy traffic thereon.

NEW PLANNING MATTERS. An application for permission to convert a garage at Snow Hill to residential use and to build another storey thereon, was recommended for refusal, on the grounds that it would be an intrusion into the visual amenity of the area, and be poor planning as a means of extension to the bungalow involved. Members were asked to acquaint residents nearby with the proposal and suggest that they should take up the matter, either individually or collectively, with the District Council.

D.H.S.B.

SIMPLER STYLES OF LIFE?

How greedy we are! The other day, in the place where I live, a woman came out of a shop holding a one-pound bag of sugar. She said proudly, "There! That makes seventy pounds that I've collected from various shops." SEVENTY POUNDS! What about those who have tried not to hoard, and now can get nothing? In the last war greedy hoarders collected so many tins of

canned food that they had to eat it for years after the war ended.

We shall have to change our life-styles if we are not to jeopardise the future - though advertisers still urge us to buy ridiculous, useless things that only help to ruin the country. Maybe we shall change our life-styles willingly. I have come across an intensely interesting personal testimony of a young man given at a conference on "Growth and world equilibrium" organised by Oxfam. In order to have enough resources for voluntary service and not damage her neighbours, this young speaker described the things she did to save money.

Among them, in an astonishing list are these. She has only knockdown and stack furniture, simple and modest; table-tops are slate and fibreglass for use in house and garden, and no table-cloths are needed; cushions are covered with canvas, chair bottoms made with sea-grass. She always switches off the light on leaving a room. She has no car (as she would only use it an hour a day), using public transport and "meditating" while she waits. She uses honey instead of sugar and she has no TV. She grows vegetables on the balcony, makes her own Christmas decorations to keep from year to year.

She collects paper, cans and bottles for an agency which recycles them. She collects stamps for the Red Cross. She shares her newspaper with the people next door, writes on both sides of the paper, and has the same crockery as her brother's family, so that they can borrow. She eats little meat. She does not use chemicals for cleaning, only soda and brown soap. She takes a shower instead of a bath.

She has "non-fashion" clothes in natural materials, buying good quality because it lasts longer. She prefers free entertainments, walks in the country, talks with friends and goes to free concerts such as Church ones (!) She borrows books and records from libraries. She says that, in the beginning, she denied herself something, but later did not find it difficult.

Such a list makes you take a deep breath, doesn't it? We should not all choose the same things as this young speaker; but, even if some seem a bit eccentric, they do give us pause to wonder how extravagant most of us are. I am increasingly aware that young people are getting sick of the purely self-interested motive.

ROSAMUND ESSEX (from the Church Times).

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY BAPTISM: Oct. 13th. Lee Michael Vine.

HOLY MATRIMONY: Paul Harold Nixon Smith and Sandra Kay Dean. Sep.21.

Sept. 21. David George Miller and Julie Vanessa Bright.

BURIAL: Oct. 9th. Giles Cheeseman.

SMALL ADS. (15p. every 3 lines).

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