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FULL account has appeared in the local Press of the Garden Party held on June 30th in the beautiful garden of the Old Parsonage so kindly lent by Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscomb in aid of the S. Nicholas Restoration Fund. But it remains for us to put on record how much everyone enjoyed the afternoon in such beautiful surroundings and the general spirit of goodwill and friendship which prevailed. A great deal of preparatory work had been done and the stalls and various competitions were kept busy. Country dancing by the children, the spacious lawn and the beautifully thatched old house presented a typically English country scene of enjoyment. The financial result was most gratifying, and friends from far and near gave their support with the result that the Restoration Fund benefited by over £100. We purposely avoid mentioning names because helpers were so many, and to them and all who helped the Fund we are most grateful.

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A BAND of volunteers has spent much time and energy in thoroughly cleaning the interior of S. Nicholas Church and their hard work has certainly brought its reward as everything now looks so fresh and clean. The old stove was completely worn out and has been removed, and by a slight alteration of one or two pews the beautifully proportioned font can now be seen. It is dated 1731 and has been in constant use for the last 225 years. It is a matter of regret that when the church was restored in 1870 so many of the old features were removed. The pulpit and font are the only survivors.

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SO far our notes have referred entirely to Winterbourne Kingston but we have to record an unpleasant happening at the Parish Church. On a recent date the alms box was smashed and robbed, but thanks to Miss Percy it is cleared every day, so the amount stolen could not have been excessive. Mr. Marsh most skilfully carried out repairs to the box.

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VISITORS are now coming in greater numbers and without their help we should find it hard to meet all our heavy expenses. But our income from collections by no means meets the heavily increasing costs of general maintenance, such as heating, lighting, etc. Perhaps this may be accepted as a reminder that more generous contributions to our weekly collections might be brought about.

The giving of copper should, of course, be restricted to children, and what is given by adults should be at least twice the amount contributed a few years ago. May we record a considerable improvement next month ?

Register

Holy Baptism, July 1st.

Carin Jayne, daughter of Tom Evelyn and Sylvia Rosemond Lockyer.

Burial, June 7th.

Bertie George Ames, aged 63.