F, as we hope, the Magazine is issued in good time, may we remind readers that the Festival of S. John Baptist is also our Patrnal Festival, the date being Sunday, June 24th. It is not possible to discover the date of the dedication of our Parish Church as it occurred so very many centuries ago but the Patrnal Festival is the time when we remember especially the builders and craftsmen and the countless generations who through the centuries have cared for and handed on to us a church of such great beauty. In latter years we have tried to make the church beautiful on this occasion with delphiniums, so please bring and send them if you can early on the previous day.

It is with real regret that we have to accept the resignation of Mr. Arthur Janes, who has been Keeper of the Tower for more than 45 years. His recent illness makes his resignation inevitable, but he resigned knowing that his care of the clock and bells over such a long period is very greatly appreciated and we hope that for many years to come he may hear the clock and the bells on which he has bestowed patient and willing care. His duties have meant climbing the Tower every night to wind the clock and often a light could be seen from the belfry window at a very late hour. We are glad to say that Mr. Tom Woolfries takes his place and we feel quite sure that he will prove a worthy successor to Mr. Janes. On the very rare occasions when the clock has ceased to chime we realize how much and how many depend upon its daily functioning and accuracy.

Winterbourne Kingston and the church of S. Nicholas have lost an old and valued friend through the death of Mr. Edward Calder. His long last illness revealed his patience and courage. He was never heard to complain and during his active years no one ever turned to him in vain for a helping hand. We miss him greatly.

Everyone at Winterbourne Kingston will wish Miss Sheppard a speedy and complete recovery from her operation. Her many activities in connection with S. Nicholas make us realize our dependence upon her.

We hope for really generous support of the Garden Party which is to be held on June 30th in aid of S. Nicholas Restoration Fund. Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscomb are kindly lending their beautiful garden for the Party and the Brigadier will most gladly acknowledge any donations sent to him by those who are prevented from coming. The Party is to be opened by Mrs. Gooch of Dorchester, who is known far and wide for her work among women and more especially as Presiding Member of the Mothers’ Union.

Our need of funds is really urgent, so please do help.
Register

Holy Baptism, May 13th.
Ann Elizabeth, daughter of James Edward and Jean Hannah Percy.

Holy Matrimony, May 12th.
Raymond Alfred Caine and Audrey Freda Cook.

Burial, at S. Nicholas, May 31st.
Edward Calder, aged 75.