Events during the past weeks we must record that our Patronal Festival at the Parish Church was well observed and the church looked very beautiful with a wealth of flowers. A patronal festival is an occasion for thanking for all that our Parish Church has meant to countless generations of parishioners for so many centuries.

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Last month the Dorchester branch of the Diocesan Ringers visited our Parish Church and rang our beautiful bells during the afternoon and evening. A service was held for members of the various ringers’ branches.

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This year we hope to be joined by the Sunday School children from S. Nicholas for our annual outing. The children who are on the Parish Church register will be given details of arrangements on Sunday, 24th, and we hope that as on previous occasions some parents will come too.

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The S. Nicholas Garden Party which was held on June 11th in the beautiful garden of the Old Parsonage, was in every way a success and we are greatly indebted to Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscomb for allowing the garden to be used once more.

The setting of this charming and typically English garden was ideal for such an event.

The party commenced with a Children’s Fancy Dress Parade, and the winners were:—Class 1. Shirley Amey (Living Doll); Pamela Legg (Frost Fairy); Daphne Legg (Christmas Tree); Martin Bentley (Noddy). Class 2. Jeffrey Legg (Pieman); Gordon Legg (Simple Simon).

The Vicar, at the opening ceremony, said that the Garden Party had a twofold purpose: to raise funds for the Church and to enable the village to gather together socially. He then introduced Mrs. Ernest Lane, of Poxwell Manor, who opened the Garden Party. Mrs. Lane said in the Church of S. Nicholas, we have a Church of great antiquity, being over 700 years old, and certainly one of which to be proud. She said the Church is a very ancient heritage and one that should be part of our history and our family history. A flower gift, and a flower spray, were presented to Mrs. Lane by Shirley Amey.

During the afternoon an excellent display of Folk Dancing was presented by the Winterbourne Kingston Primary School, under the direction of the Headmistress, Miss E. Knight. Thanks were expressed to the Headmistress and the dancers by Brigadier Lipscomb.
Stallholders and helpers were:—

Mothers’ Union—Produce—Mrs. R. C. Herring, Mrs. D. Legg, Mrs. Knight.
New—Mrs. Lipscomb, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Stickley, Mrs. Thrush.
Cakes—Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. C. Legg.
Sweets and handkerchiefs—Mrs. Rolls, Mrs. E. Vincent.
Second-hand—Mrs. Sheppard, Miss Sheppard, Miss Frances Symes.

Tombola—Mrs. F. Burgess, Mrs. H. Miller.
Bran Tub—Mrs. S. Langdown, Mrs. L. Langdown.
Treasure Hunt—Mrs. Edwards.
Sand Treasure—Miss E. Bailey, Miss G. Crook.
Toppling Tins—Miss Margaret Vincent, Miss Elizabeth Atwell.
Draw—Mr. A. Parker, Mr. E. R. Wellstead.
Name of Doll—Miss Janet Legg.
Flower Seller—Miss Yvonne Stickley.

Teas—Mrs. Symes, Miss D. Besant, Mrs. Cliff, Mrs. E. Legg, Miss S. Rolls.
Ices and Soft Drinks—Mrs. Hansford, Miss Janis Richards.
Music was supplied by Mrs. P. House and Miss Sylvia House.

Gate—Mr. C. Sheppard.

Skittling—Brigadier Lipscomb, Mr. John Carter, Miss E. Atwell, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Boait, Mr. G. Hooper, Mr. P. House, Mr. A. Legg, Mr. C. Legg, Mr. Richards, Mr. J. G. Vincent.

As a result of the Garden Party, which was arranged by the S. Nicholas Church Restoration Committee, the Fund will be increased by approximately £100.

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Register

Holy Baptism.

June 19th. Pamela Florence Lily, daughter of Peter Robert Berkley and Pamela Florence Emily Taylor.