
THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

I am very sorry that so many of you have been disappointed in not being able to obtain a copy of the June Magazine. But the demand has exceeded all expectations and we did not have nearly enough printed. It is always difficult in launching a new venture such as this to gauge correctly the number of copies to have printed and I am afraid I grossly underestimated the demand. Please accept my apologies. However, for this issue we have greatly increased the number printed and there should be more than sufficient. I am most grateful to our magazine distributors who have done a grand job in obtaining orders without having a magazine to sell!

I should like to say how grateful I am to those many people who worked so hard, both at Winterbourne Kingston and Bere Regis on behalf of their respective Garden Parties. You will find a full account of the Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party in this issue, but the accounts of the Bere Regis Garden Party must wait till next month as we have not yet received all the bills. All we can say at the moment is that the total should be well over the £100 mark.

Some of you may be interested to know what I am doing concerning Parochial visiting. In due course I shall visit every home in the parish both in Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston, but, of course, it takes time. During this last month I have been visiting Bere Heath, Culeaze, and Hyde and hope to complete Hyde by the end of June. I then propose to go on to the other outlying farms and districts, first to Doddings - Brick Hill - Hollow Oak - and then to Roke, in the hope of completing all these areas before the autumn, and then in the autumn and winter I shall start on the village proper. I am also hoping to have been to every house in Winterbourne Kingston before the Winter. I am visiting in this order for several reasons, mainly because it is easier for me to find my way about the outlying districts in the good weather and also because I can be so much more easily got at in the village proper, where I am up and down the streets almost every day.
Will those of our readers who attend St. Nicholas please note that there have been considerable changes in the number and times of services. As we have the covers of the magazine printed in bulk, it is not possible to show the alterations on the covers until the next time of printing - so please take no notice of the times of Service for St. Nicholas as shown. The amended times are printed in an inside page of the magazine.

I am grateful to Mr. F. Pitfield who is contributing a series of articles on the history of Bere Regis, the first of which we publish in this issue. I am also hoping that we shall shortly commence a similar series of articles on Winterbourne Kingston to be contributed by Brigadier Lipscomb.

In order to make our magazine as useful as possible, I am quite willing to accept advertisements for articles for sale or wanted. 2/6d for three lines - in fact, we have given this column a start with an advertisement from the Vicarage!

I am also glad that we have had this month a letter to the Editor for publication. I think a Correspondence Column always adds interest to a publication such as this. So if any of our readers feel an urge to write to the Editor, please do so. The only proviso being that name and address must be enclosed, though, of course, if desired, the letter can be published under a pseudonym.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter.

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.

The Annual Carnival was held on Saturday, June 10th, and it is with regret that I have to report the weather did not correspond with previous years. The day's entertainment commenced at 3 p.m. with the British Legion Parade, which was well attended by visiting Branches of the British Legion with their Standards. The Parade was led by the Band of Poole Sea Cadets, who afterwards gave a display of Brickwoods Drill and Marching; after which came Children's Sports which were enjoyed by all, despite the rain. This was followed by a display by The Cytrix Motor Cycle Display Team which I felt would have been appreciated more had they not had to take precautions owing to the wet state of the grass. A display by the Dorchester Judo Club followed and was very much appreciated by the large crowd. At this stage I am pleased to say the weather certainly improved as did the attendance when the Carnival Procession arrived at the Recreation Ground. This was led by the Carnival Queen, Miss Judith Jerrard and her Attendants, Miss Sarah Wyatt and Miss Susan White, headed by Portland Silver Band and followed by the Bands of the Poole and Weymouth Sea Cadets, together with the entrants of the various classes, the prize winners of which were as follows:

Class 1. Children under 5. Stephen Cox, Susan Steele, Gladwin Kent.
Class 2. Children under 10. Francis Bugler, Kevan Steele, Margaret Bugler.
Class 3. Children under 15. Peter Wyatt, Joy Steele, Elizabeth Watkin Champion of Classes 1, 2 & 3. Pamela Applin. (Pams Wedding)
Class 4. Adults. Mrs. F. Applin & Mrs. E. Hewitt, Mrs. A. Janes.
Champion Class 4. Mrs. F. Applin & Mrs. E. Hewitt. (Lady Chatterly and Lover)
Class 9. Best Tradesmens' Exhibit. Sandford British Legion, Thanet School of Motoring, Senior Service.
Champion of classes 6, 7, 8 & 9. Sandford British Legion (Chinese tea Garden).

Prizewinners Grand Carnival Draw:
£25. Mr. E. W. J. Burbidge, Lytchett Matravers.
£10. Mrs. Evgoody, Dewlish.
£5. Mr. H. Lake, Woodbury Hill.
£1. Miss M. Riggs, Corfe Mullen.
£1. Mrs. G. Chinchen, Athelhampton.
£1. Mrs. Matthias, Wool.
£1. Mr. J. Everitt, Morden.
£1. Mr. H. Saunders, Morden.
£1. Mr. R. Crocker, Winterbourne Kingston.
£1. Mr. R. Snook, Bere Regis.
£1. Mrs. E. Coakes, Sandford.
£1. Mr. D. Whitty, Bovington Camp.
£1. Mr. E. M. Saunders, Hamworthy.
£1. Mrs. E. Hewitt, Bere Regis.
£1. Miss W. Cox, Bere Regis.

Lucky Programme Number (89) - Not yet claimed.
Best Decorated Stall - Bere Regis Village Hall.

The net proceeds are not yet known, but it is hoped that we shall be able to publish a Balance Sheet in the next edition of the Magazine.

Before concluding, may I extend the thanks of the Carnival Committee to all those who contributed and helped to make the 1961 Carnival such a great success, despite the weather.

P. R. Mintern, Hon. Secretary.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 1.

KING JOHN'S REIGN, 1199 - 1216.

Most of the information about King John's reign can be obtained from the Pipe Rolls and the Patent and Close Rolls of this period. The Pipe Rolls, otherwise called the Great Roll of the Exchequer, are rolls of parchment on which account was kept of all monies paid into and out of the Treasury, and the Patent and Close Rolls were generally letters containing instructions to the King's officials.

King John was continually on the move, staying one, two or three days at each place he visited. He took the whole of his Court with him, including all his documents, money, and other goods, and these were transported about the country by means of a train of horse-drawn waggons. At this time, certain lands or manors belonged exclusively to the sovereign, and King John seems to have stayed principally at such places. The Manor of Bere Regis was crown property, and he visited here on no less than 16 separate occasions, some visits lasting two or three days. He is known to have visited 21 places in Dorset, and his favourite residences in this county, in order of the number of his visits, were Gillingham with 25 visits, Corfe Castle 23, Cranborne 20, Bere Regis 16, Dorchester 15, and Canford 12. The other 15 places mentioned were favoured with six or less visits each, most of these having one visit only.

King John stayed at Bere on the following dates:
1204 - June 27 - 29.
1205 - January 7 - 8, June 25 - 27, August 18 - 21.
1206 - January 5 - 7, December 13 - 14.
1207 - March 28, September 4 - 5.
1209 - July 1, September 18.
1210 - January 13, October 3.
1213 - June 26 - 27, July 4 - 5.
1215 - February 4.
1216 - June 19 - 20.

(to be continued) F. P. Pitfield.

BERE REGIS SCHOOL NEWS.

The Jumble Sale and Fete held at the School on Thursday, May 18th, realised a record profit of £60.

Mr. Endacott would like to thank all those who helped at the Sale and the parents for their splendid support.

On March 26th about 30 children of the Primary School made an educational visit to Wookey Hole and Bristol Zoo.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the football section of the above club was held in the Pavilion on Thursday, 15th June, 20 members being present. Presiding over the meeting, Mr. T. W. Jesty stated that it was deplorable to see the lack of interest in the club's activities by the playing members, and hoped this would improve in future. The Treasurer reported a loss financially on the season. Mr. T. Mooney proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. M. Pitfield, retiring secretary and
Mr. I. McDonald, retiring Treasurer, for their work in the past season.

The following were elected to Committee:

President       - Mr. T. W. Jesty.
Chairman        - Mr. J. Beasley.
Vice-Chairman   - Mr. T. Mooney.
Secretary       - Mr. W. Mitton.
Treasurer       - Mr. E. Hewitt.  
                 - Mr. F. Mileham.  
                 - Mr. H. May.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

July 2nd.       - Mrs. R. Poore.
July 9th.       - Mrs. Tranter.
July 16th.      - Mrs. Tadman.
July 23rd.      - Mrs. Tadman.
July 30th.      - Miss Smith.

Some of those who have kindly volunteered to do the floral arrangements in our Church may possibly find it difficult to produce suitable flowers when it comes to their turn. It would be very greatly appreciated if anyone who has flowers to spare, and would like them used in the Church, would be good enough to get in touch with the helper responsible for that particular Sunday. A list of helpers, with their dates, may be found in the Church Porch.

The following dates have still to be filled:

October 29th.
December 3rd, 10th, 17th.

Anyone wishing to become a Member of the Guild will be warmly welcomed at any time. Please give your names either to Mrs. Talbot or to the Vicarage. The annual subscription of 1/0d. is put into a fund towards the cost of flowers should members find it necessary to buy some.

J.D.T.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir,

THE CHURCH CLOCK.

How many people ever stop to think how our clock goes and how it is maintained? Practically the whole village rely in some form or another on its friendly chimes, whether they are Church Members, Dissenters, Papists or Atheists.

Our clock is unique in that it has no clock face, (a clock face would spoil the magnificent tower). It has to be wound up every day, in summer time this is no mean task, but can one imagine climbing the steps inside the belfry on a dark, cold winter night, before the advent of electric light Mr. Arthur James did this for many years and now the good work is ably carried on by Mr. T. Woolfries.

Would it not be a good thing if all the inhabitants gave a little towards the upkeep of the clock at least. A prominent local citizen once remarked to the Writer that, although a Congregationalist himself, he always felt that the Parish Church was part and parcel of the village, his village, in which he was born and where he still lives.

We know that there are many calls on the public purse for many deserving causes but this is a case for charity at home, who knows, perhaps some day we may even have an automatic electric motor to drive the clock.

Yours faithfully,

"HORUS".
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
RED CROSS FLAG DAY.

Mrs. House.  -  7.  2.
Mrs. Symes.   1.  2.  0.
Mrs. Thrush.  -  4. 11.
Mrs. Smith.  -  7.  8.
TOTAL:         £3. 1. 9.

Our grateful thanks for the above help. D. Riggs, Organiser.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON CRICKET CLUB.

The season opened with sunshine and flowers at Wimborne St. Giles. On this lovely afternoon the sun brought inspiration, and some spirited performances by our "teenage problems", which enabled us to win this delightful game.

We have since played three Saturday, and two Wednesday evening games. The record of "won or lost" stands at three each.

It is most pleasing to record the enthusiasm and sporting spirit shown by our teenage members. The older ones, of course, still retain their charm and agility.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS - GARDEN PARTY.

A Garden Party was held at the Old Parsonage, by invitation of Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscomb, in aid of the Restoration Fund of the Church of St. Nicholas. The setting of this charming and typically English Garden was ideal for such an occasion. Brigadier Lipscomb, in introducing the Vicar, the Revd. P. T. W. Tranter, said that about £1,200 had already been spent on restoration work. The Vicar said he was grateful to the Committee for asking him to open the Garden Party as it was one more proof of friendliness.

During the afternoon two excellent displays of Country and Morris Dancing were presented by the pupils of Bere Regis Primary School, under the direction of the Headmaster, Mr. S.J. Endacott, and thanks were expressed to the Headmaster and Dancers by the Vicar.

The Garden Party was arranged by the St. Nicholas Church Restoration Committee, under the Chairmanship of Brigadier Lipscomb with Miss Sheppard as Secretary. The Vicar thanked Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscomb for opening their garden for the Party and also expressed his thanks to all who contributed to make it such a success. The sum of £93.12.0d. has gone into the Restoration Fund Account, being the profit.

E.M.S.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY, 1961.

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H.de B. Lipscomb,
Hon. Treasurer. 28.5.61.
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Annual Flower Show and Fete which will be held on Saturday, 12th August, in the W. I. Hall and Clypits Field, is to be opened at 3.15 p.m. by Mrs. Jehi of the Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes. Schedules may be obtained from Mrs. J. Pitcher, and the Post Office. Classes are open to a radius of 5 miles. Your exhibits will be appreciated.

An unusual Activity for a small village was the recent display of Paintings by Students of the Art Class. 114 pictures were hung. This was combined with a coffee evening, making it a very pleasant occasion.

E.M.S.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL.

The Parish Council meets monthly and deals with many parish matters. At the Annual Parish Meeting the Speakers were - Mr. D. Keen, Chairman of the Blandford Rural District Housing Committee and Mr. J. Strang, County Councillor for the Division. These Annual Meetings are always well attended and parishioners are encouraged to present their problems. For the first time in its history a woman has been elected to the Chair for the ensuing year.

(E.M.S. Clerk to P.C.)

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

MINISTER: REV. LESLIE S. CARTER.
SUNDAY SERVICE: 6.00 p.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11.00 a.m.
COMMUNION SERVICE LAST SUNDAY IN MONTH.
WOMEN'S GUILD SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH AT 2.30 p.m.

A successful Sale was held on May 19th. in aid of Church Funds. The sum of £37. 2. 9d. was raised.

ST. NICHOLAS.

REVISED TIMES OF SERVICE.

FIRST SUNDAY IN THE MONTH. 3.15 p.m. EVENSONG.
SECOND SUNDAY IN THE MONTH. 9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION. 7.15 p.m. EVENSONG.
THIRD SUNDAY IN THE MONTH. 3.15 p.m. EVENSONG.
FOURTH SUNDAY IN THE MONTH. 10.00 a.m. MATTINS. 7.15 p.m. EVENSONG.
FIFTH SUNDAY IN THE MONTH. 3.15 p.m. FAMILY SERVICE.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

BERE REGIS.

HOLY BAPTISM.

April 30th. Elizabeth Mary Miller.
May 28th. Carol Mary Taylor.
June 10th. Gillian Petula New.

BURIALS.

May 24th. Nellie A. Barnes. 75 years.
May 31st. William R. F. MacLean. 71 years.
FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.

May 21st. Sandra Janet Pickering.
          Kevin Pickering.
          Kay Rosalyn Pickering.
June 4th. Andrew Robert Stickley.
June 11th. Julie Marie Knapman.

"SMALL ADS."
(2/6d for every three lines)

FOR SALE: Beautiful black pedigree poodle puppy (bitch).
          For full details apply Mrs. Tranter at the Vicarage.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The May meeting was enjoyed by all, when Resolutions were discussed. The next meeting will be on July 18th, 7 p.m.
"Cooking with wine" by Miss Richardson. Visitors and new members welcome.

On Thursday, July 13th, a Mystery Tour. 6.30 p.m. at The Cross. If not enough members to fill the bus, it will be open to the Public on July 3rd.
The Women's Institute Summer Show in the W.I. Hall, August 19th, at 3 p.m. Enquiries to Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. John Jesty, or Miss G. Miller. Entries to be in by August 15th.

Mrs. R. Barnes,
Assistant Secretary.