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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

As you will have observed it is not my usual practice to report past events in my letter as I always have felt that if a monthly magazine such as this is to fulfil its function it should in the main look forward rather than back.

However, we have had two such outstanding events since the publication of last month's Magazine, that I feel I must write about them. In the first place as you will see from the accounts, the Bere Regis Garden Party broke all records with a profit of £150, a most welcome addition to the Church Maintenance Fund. I give my warm thanks to all those who by their efforts produced this wonderful result and in particular to Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman who lent us their charming garden.

And now what am I to say about the Flower Festival. It was a wonderful experience from start to finish and I am sure that every person in the parish must feel it was a privilege to have it staged in our lovely Church.

It was the most tremendous success on every count, in the enthusiasm and friendliness it engendered, the enjoyment it gave to so many people and in the staggering financial result of taking £400 - which means that all expenses paid, the Lighting Fund will benefit to the tune of well over £300.

It seems almost inadequate just to say "thank you" to those who organised and carried this Festival through, but I believe that we all do realise what a real debt of gratitude we owe to them all and when we say "thank you" we mean it with all our hearts.

It is with real regret that we say goodbye to Mr. Endacott and his family for a year, as he has been seconded to teach at the Weymouth Teachers Training College from this autumn to the end of the summer term 1963. Mr. Endacott will be missed not only in the Church, where he has been a most efficient Treasurer and Secretary of the P.C.C. for a number of years but also by every parent in the parish. We wish him a very happy year in Weymouth and shall be looking forward to having him back towards the end of next year.

I am most grateful to Mrs. Pauline Jesty who is very kindly taking on the post of Secretary and Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council during his absence.

My letter this month seems to consist mainly of thanks! And for good measure two more - Thanks to those in
Winterbourne Kingston who are helping to level the Churchyard and thanks to those in Bere Regis who have dug out the roots of the dead trees in the Churchyard.

I look forward later on to saying thank you to many others as well as I have a long list of jobs to be done in both Churches in due course, so watch out!

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter,

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

August 5th. Mrs. Tadman.
August 12th. Mrs. Talbot.
August 19th. Miss Llewellyn.
August 26th. Miss Storrs and Miss A. Storrs.

J. D. T.

OLD PARISH MAGAZINES

Mr. F. Pitfield of 'Hillbutts', Butt Lane, is trying to collect a complete set of Parish Magazines since the Magazine was first commenced.

He needs the following issues -
March, April and May 1957.
August 1954.
June 1952.
January, February, March, April, 1950.
All of 1949, 1948, 1947.
Any pre-war copies.
He will be most grateful if any of our readers can help.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Jumble Sale and Fete, organised by Miss E. Rowland, realised a record profit of £72. Part of the proceeds has already been spent on a new tape recorder.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew took a coachload of children on a most enjoyable trip to Southampton and the Isle of Wight.
The top class has also made an educational visit to Dorchester Museum and Maumbury Rings.

A number of children have taken part in country dancing displays at Bovington Folk Dance Festival, and at the Church Fete.

A group of Morris Dancers, touring parts of Dorset, gave a performance in the village and were joined by some of the older pupils.

The Annual Open Day was again well attended by parents and friends. We teachers are very gratified at such interest shown. On view were the various aspects of School work.

This year our elderly friends from the village were invited to our prize-giving. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Hall and Mrs. I. Miller. Our guests were entertained by the children. The younger children took part in sketches and plays, the Choir sang and the older children danced. At the close of the afternoon, tea was served by the children, Miss A. Lys and Mr. J. Strang, School Managers, provided transport.

About 50 children have enrolled for a series of talks and demonstrations which are being given by the Police on Road Safety. Cycling Proficiency Tests are being taken by keenly interested children.

S. J. Endacott.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION

WOMEN'S SECTION

The Annual Garden Fete was held, in rather uncertain weather, at White Lovington, by kind permission of the President, Miss Llewellyn. It was opened by Mrs. H. O. Curtis, County Vice-President who was presented with a spray of flowers by Richard Mullins. There were many various stalls and competitions which made a profit of £47, which was an increase on last year. In addition to this the stall for Disabled Men's Goods realised £114.0d. The Fete was brought to an abrupt close by the arrival of the rain, but fortunately, not early enough to affect the result.

Audrey Lys, Assist. Hon. Sec.

COFFEE AT DODDINGS 1
PLease REMEmber .......... DO NOT FORGET 1
that you are invited to Coffee at Doddings at 10, 45 on TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4th. (P. T. O)
Please bring something for the BRING and BUY STALL.
All proceeds for the Church Lighting Fund.

P. Jesty and M. Benjafield.

IN AND AROUND BERES REGIS - by Parishioner.

It was never the idea to discuss in these notes anything which is dealt with elsewhere in this Magazine, so if important events go unmentioned no disrespect is intended.

Some estimates put the Spring three weeks late in starting yet old farmers say there is never more than a week's difference between the earliest and the latest commencement of harvest. It will be interesting to see if this is correct, at the time of writing the corn has only just started to change colour and it will have a lot of catching up to do in the next fortnight if it is so.

In the fields and gardens the flowers are well behind but it is a change not to have everything early. One tires of daffodils at Christmas and Chrysanthemums at Whitsun in the shops. How nice it would be to have no early frosts so that we have dahlias in November and Chrysanthemums at Christmas, it could happen.

The Foxglove is still in flower round woods and in clearings chiefly on clay soils. It is odd how this plant got its present name. It appears to be a misspelling of Folkesglove as found in Chaucer. Folkes means the little folk, pixies and fairies, who were supposed to live in the woods where these flowers are found.

Such names as Stanbarrow, Muddox Barrow and Bolton’s Barrow are found in the parish. The word Barrow refers to the ‘Round Barrows’, Bronze Age burial mounds dating from between 2000 and 500 B.C. In the early part of this period ‘Beaker Folk’ from Western Europe spread through Brittany and crossed the sea to settle in Dorset and surrounding counties and this area became one of the most thickly populated parts of Britain.

They were known as ‘Beaker Folk’ because, as well as bronze tools and weapons, flat bottomed pottery drinking vessels called beakers are found among their remains.

Many barrows in this district have been explored but most appear to have been rifled many hundreds of years ago.

Other landmarks which these people left in Dorset, though not in this parish, are the ‘Lynchets’ or cultivation terraces seen on many of the steeper downs not far from here.

J.G.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SERVICES

Please watch the Church Notice Boards for possible alterations in times of Services towards the end of August and the beginning of September.

This applies to both the Parish Church and St. Nicholas.

HISTORY OF BERES REGIS - 14

WOODBURY HILL (continued)

The flat top of Woodbury Hill was the site of an annual fair held from at least 1231 until 1939, a period of over 700 years. Charters for the fair were granted by King Henry III in 1231, 1235 and 1266, and were confirmed in 1325 by King Edward II. In its heyday the fair was the largest in the South of England, and traders came from Birmingham, Norwich, Exeter, Bristol and London, as well as from most of Dorset and neighbouring counties. Dorchester was practically deserted during the period of the fair, which was referred to as “Woodburytyde” in the old churchwarden’s account book of 1682-1740. Almost anything could be bought or sold at the fair, including cheese, hops, cloth, cattle, sheep and horses.

The fair used to last for five days from September 18th to 22nd, and each day was set aside for a particular purpose, in this order:- Wholesale day, Gentlefolks’ day. Allfolks’ day, Sheepfair day, and Pack and Penny day when all the unsold goods remaining were offered at reduced prices.

This fair may have originated through the annual pilgrimages to the Anchoret’s well on September 21st, although there is a tradition that it was originated by a traveller who had been drenched in a heavy storm while passing through the locality carrying a load of new cloth. On reaching Woodbury Hill, he spread his soaked cloth to dry in the sun and wind. Local passers by admired his cloth thus set out, and made handsome offers for it which he accepted. The following year he came again, but this time with the sole object of selling his goods, and repeated this annually until gradually other traders followed suit and the trade grew to sufficient proportions to warrant a Charter. The true origin is probably a combination of the two.

On the first day of the fair, Wholesale day, goods were sold wholesale, and by retail on the remaining days. On Gentlefolks’ day oysters were traditionally eaten, and even today oyster shells may be found under the turf on the hill. The first roast pork of the season was obtainable at the fair, and several of the cottagers on the hill took out special
licences to sell liquor from their homes. Various entertainments were always associated with the fair, although by 1939 it had become a two-day fair consisting of entertainments only.

The tolls from the fair were divided equally between the Abbess of Tarrant and the Lord of the Manor up till 1539, and after this date were paid solely to the Lord of the Manor. The tolls formerly amounted to over £100 each year, but by 1730 had decreased to £30 or £40.

There is an item concerning Woodbury in the accounts of Corfe Castle for the year 1282. In this year, during the week of the Festival of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (the week in which the fair was held), the King was expected to visit Corfe at short notice, so that various repair and alteration works then in progress were hurriedly finished any materials needed being purchased locally as far as possible. Ironmongery was bought at Woodbury, including great spike nails, locks, and keys. Four great locks with keys cost 4s. 6d.

F. P. Pittfield.

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BERE REGIS GARDEN PARTY ACCOUNT

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

It was a privilege to welcome Sunday School Teachers of the Dorchester and Bere Regis Deaneries, to this Parish, for their summer meeting, which was held at Nottings.

The Vicar, the Revd, P. T. W. Tranter, was in the Chair and the joint Secretaries - Miss Steele and Miss Stone were present.

The Speaker, Miss E. M. Vincent, M.B.E., gave helpful advice on teaching senior children in the Sunday School, and took as her subject the Apostle Saint Paul.

FURTHER SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.

The Bishop of Salisbury held a Reception for Sunday School Teachers on a Saturday in July.

From 10.0 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., there was an Exhibition, the theme of which was, 'Aids to Teaching in Sunday Schools'. Exhibits from all parts of the Diocese were on display in courts around the Assembly Hall of Salisbury Training College, these exhibits having been contributed by various Sunday Schools.

A Puppet Show depicting an Old Testament scene, a demonstration on the Art of Mime and a Missionary Play, 'How the Gospel came to Britain' were all performed by quite young children.

The principal speaker was Miss E. Yanovsky, a well-known lecturer and writer of Sunday School Lesson Books, whose subject was "Where there is a will". From her wide experience she was able to give us much practical help.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese welcomed each teacher personally.
in the Cathedral Cloisters and joined us for tea in the grounds of the Cathedral School.

The Reception ended with sung Evensong in the Cathedral, at which the Bishop of Sherborne was also present.

E. M. Sheppard,
St. Nicholas Sunday School.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

MARRIAGES
June 30th. David (Redmond) Gibbs - Jean Jerrard.

HOLY BAPTISM
June 24th. Patrick Owen Brady.
June 24th. Adrian William Chase Smith.
July 1st. Rachel Margaret Bartlett.
July 8th. Katherine Elizabeth Mary Goldsack.

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

LADIES HAIRDRESSING by QUALIFIED STYLIST.
MRS. SOLDAN, "MERRYDOWN", SITTERTON, BERE REGIS 308.
RING BEFORE 9.30 a.m. for APPOINTMENT.
REPRESENTATIVE FOR AVON BEAUTY PRODUCTS.

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SUPERB PEDIGREE MINIATURE POODLE PUPPIES FOR SALE.
TWO BLACK, TWO CHOCOLATE.
APPLY: MRS. TRANTER, THE VICARAGE, BERE REGIS 262.
Parish Church of St. John Baptist
BERE REGIS,
DORSET.

_Vicar:_ THE REV. PAUL TRANTER, B.A.

_Chipswarden:_
MR. R. SMITH, Heath View.
MR. F. MARSH, Southbrook.
MR. P. MINTERNE, Egdon Close, Deputy Warden.

_Sidesmen:_
MESSRS. P. PITFIELD, E. RAWBONE, LT.-COL. A. BARNE, H. PITFIELD, W. F. LYS,
M. BARNES, R. BARNES & BRIG. D. TADMAN.

_Secretary and Treasurer P.C.C._: MR. S. J. ENDACOTT, Glebe Cottage, Bere Regis.

_Parish Clerk and Verger:_ MR. E. RAWBONE.

_Organist:_ MISS G. B. SMITH, A.T.C.L.

**SUNDAY SERVICES.**

Holy Communion . . . 8 a.m. and 2nd Sunday after Matins.
Matins . . . . . . . . . . . 11 a.m.
Children’s Service . . . 2.30 p.m.
Evensong . . . . . . . . . . 6 p.m.

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_St. Nicholas_
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

_Chipswarden:_
MR. C. SHEPPARD, The Nottings.
MR. A. V. SIMPSON, The Stores.

_Treasurer:_
MISS SHEPPARD, The Nottings.

_Organist:_ MRS. SHEPPARD.

**SUNDAY SERVICES.**

Holy Communion 2nd Sunday, 9.30 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Evensong 3.15 p.m. 1st and 3rd Sunday; 7.15 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday
Matins 10 a.m. 4th Sunday. Family Service 3.15 p.m. 5th Sunday