THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

I do apologise for the late arrival of the January issue. It was nothing to do either with us or our Printers in Liverpool, but was due entirely to the Post Office 'work to rule'.

The Magazines were over a fortnight in the post - I suppose they were held up in Mount Pleasant Sorting Office, as mail from Liverpool comes to us through London.

When you get this issue again will depend on the Post Office!

I have now fixed up the times for Confirmation Classes. Adults I am taking by car to Winterbourne Kingston to join the class there. They will meet me at 6.45 p.m. at the Vicarage on Tuesdays. The main class at Bere Regis will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Vicarage, and in addition there is a further class at the Vicarage 6 p.m. on Saturdays. At the moment I have a considerable number, 30 or more, whom I am hoping to present to the Bishop on March 27th, when he comes at 7 p.m. to confirm our Candidates. I trust you will keep this evening quite clear so that you can be present on this most important occasion.

I hope to give you plans for Lent and Easter in the next issue of the Magazine, and will ask you to note carefully any extra Services arranged for this Season. Please also take particular note of two dates - February 14th when we shall be holding a Church Social, to which I hope many of you will come, and also the date of the Summer Garden Party - this year to be held on the last Saturday in June. We have arranged the date early in the hope that other organisations will be able to avoid clashing with us.

I am very anxious for this Sale to be a great success as we are proposing to re-wire the Church during the Summer, which will mean raising something in the region of £450! Through the kindness of Brigadiet and Mrs. Tadman, the Garden Party will be held at Summerods (the Old Vicarage) which will give us considerably more room.

I should like on your behalf to express our sympathy to Mrs. Joyce on the very sudden death of her husband. Mr. Joyce was known and liked immensely by everybody and we shall all miss him very much.

I should also like to mention the death of
Mrs. Bessie Miller, who also died at Christmas-tide at Winterbourne Kingston. She was a devoted Churchwoman, always bright and cheerful and will be affectionately remembered by all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter.

BERE REGIS CHURCH LIGHTING FUND.

I have agreed to run a Mile of Pennies for this really urgent Fund and shall be having shortly, strips of 1 ft. long to contain eight pennies or eight 2/6d. if you prefer. I certainly should! Please help as much as you can and when one strip is filled, return it to me when I shall be delighted to give you another one to fill! If you could collect your odd pennies etc. in an old jam jar or something similar it would cut the expenses of running this effort very much indeed.

Phyllis Tranter.

ST. VALENTINE’S DAY SOCIAL.

IN THE DRAK HALL

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14th.

7.30 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

TICKETS 2/6d including Refreshments, from any member of the Church Council or from the Vicarage.

Get away from that Television! and come and join us in a hilarious evening.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION.

It was most encouraging to have such a good number at our first Corporate Communion at which the following were admitted:

Mesdames J. Standfield, B. Cleall, D. Woolfries, M. Barnes, G. Endacott, R. Ricketts, Percy, Pittfield, D. Poole, M. Miller, Mullins, R. Barnes. I was glad to have the opportunity of a chatty with you all at the Vicarage afterwards when tea and biscuits were handed round by the Committee, and very kindly given by Mrs. R. Barnes and Mrs. E. Hewitt. There is plenty of room for more members so come along to our next meeting on Thursday, February 8th at 7.30 in the W.I. Hut, when our speaker will be Mrs. Blakeman of Dorchester, and then you will be ready to be admitted at our next Corporate Communion Service. We were all so grateful to Miss Smith for making our Service the more enjoyable by playing the Hymns for us.

Phyllis Tranter.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

There will be a meeting of the above Council at 7.30 p.m. in the Vicarage on Wednesday, February 7th.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION

WOMEN’S SECTION.

The Branch Meeting held for the first time in the afternoon appeared to be popular judging from the number of members present, and it is hoped even more will find it possible to come to the monthly meetings in future.

An amusing talk was given by Commander Duff on Sea and Travel which was enjoyed by everyone.

The Competition was won by Mrs. C. Symes.

Audrey Lys.
Assistant Hon. Secretary.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

February 11th. Miss McFall.
February 18th. Miss McFall.
February 25th. Miss Storr and Miss Anne Storr.
THE TURBERVILLE FAMILY (continued)

In the early part of the 14th century John Turberville and Isabel his wife were jointly holding land in Bere, and were paying an annual fine of 4s. due to the King each Michaelmas. This fine had been incurred by one of his ancestors for illegally enclosing in his own land a portion of the forest of Bere belonging to the Earl of Hereford. He was sheriff for Dorset and Somerset in 1303 and 1304, and was knight of the shire for Dorset in the parliament of 1305.

In 1434 William Turberville was named among the gentry of this county who could "dispense £10 per annum".

In 1465 John Turberville was "Constable of our castell of Corff, partnershipp of the same, raungershipp of the forest of Purbeck and of the office of making two forsters there, and stewardship of Corff, within our countie of Dorset; and also marshall of the Marshallie". In 1486 he was sheriff of Dorset and Somerset. In 1504 he became lord of the manor of Bere on the death of his father Sir Richard, and died in 1536.

He had three daughters and five sons, the eldest, George succeeding him as Lord of the Manor in 1536. The second eldest James, born at Bere, was educated at Winchester School and became a monk. He was admitted a fellow of New College, Oxford in 1514 and made a D.D. in 1522. From 1521 to 1524 he was Registrar of Oxford University. Whilst prebendary of Winchester in 1555 he was elected Bishop of Exeter and consecrated as such on September 6th the same year. As Bishop he endeavoured to recover the financial position of his church which had deteriorated under his predecessor Coverdale. He also procured the manor of Credon in Devon. After opposing in Parliament the Bill to restore first fruits and tenths to the Crown, and then refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy of the Sovereign, he was deprived of office in 1569. He further, with other bishops who had been similarly deprived, signed a letter of remonstrance to the Queen, and as a result spent a short time in the Tower of London. He died an ordinary citizen in 1570.

(to be continued) F.P. Pitfield.

1962 GARDEN PARTY

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 30th, 1962.

or to put it simply

THE LAST SATURDAY IN JUNE.

IN AND AROUND BERE REGIS, by Parishioner.

The cold spell, however unwelcome, did add to the tradition of Christmas. It was an experience not easily forgotten on Christmas Eve when one stepped from the crisp night air into the warm Church, delightfully decorated, and lit only by candles and the lights on the Tree. The service of nine lessons and carols was beautifully performed and obviously much thought and preparation had gone into it. The result must have been a great encouragement to repeat it another year.

As one looks around the countryside it is nice to see the hedges neatly trimmed but it does take much interest from a walk at this time of year. The indiscriminating hedge cutter leaves nothing in its wake. One misses the attractive Spindle, the translucent red berries of the white Bryony and the tangled mass of Old Man's Beard tumbling over the straggling hedgerows from which the harsh chatter of the Fieldfares break the silence of a winter's afternoon.

One fine December day I set out to discover something of the Roman Road which ran through Kingston over Bere Down and Roke Down to Ashley Barn and Tolpaddle. This was part of the main road from London to Exeter and beyond to the tin mines of Dartmoor and Cornwall. It ran by way of Old Sarum to Badbury Rings, Dorchester and Bridport and was carefully planned to take the shortest route while avoiding natural obstacles. In places the road is marked by hedgerows, in others stones betray its course over fields, in other
places it is completely lost. However on Berte Down a terrace marks the
line of the road where it descended the Coombe and at Ashley Barn the
road can be clearly seen. It seems strange that such well planned roads
should have been completely forgotten for they were like the motorways
we hear so much about to-day.

Centuries after the Romans left villages began to grow and
tracks were worn from one village to another, as men began to trade.
Our present day roads developed over these haphazard paths which
sometimes made long detours to avoid natural obstacles, private land
or to follow a parish boundary. To-day, nearly 2,000 years since the
Romans came, we are spending thousands of pounds to straighten the
roads once more.

J.G.

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

In spite of extreme cold and some children being ill, the
usual Family Carol Service was well attended on the Sunday after
Christmas. The Vicar, the Revd. P.T.W. Tranter, conducted the
Service of Lessons and Carols and the children are to be commended
on their good singing and reading. Readers were - Maurice Cliff,
Jeffery Legg, Janis Richards, Margaret Vincent, Caroline Richards,
Miss E. Sheppard and the Vicar.

E.M.S.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

St. Nicholas Sunday School children together with parents,
Members of the Mothers’ Union and Church Helpers were entertained
to tea in the W.I. Hall. Two illuminated trees were prettily
decorated and the Vicar distributed books for attendance to the Sunday
School children. The old fashioned “scramble” for sweets was
revived, as well as children receiving sweets and chocolate.

Tea was supervised by Mrs. S. Miller, Mrs. E. Legg,
Mrs. Symes, Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. House. The Vicar thanked Mrs.
and Miss Sheppard for their continued work in the Sunday School and
Miss Sheppard thanked all who contributed towards the Party and
commented on the excellent attendance of the children on Sundays.

Highest attendances were made by Margaret Vincent, Sylvia House,
Wendy Pickering, Sandra Pickering, Martin Vincent.

E.M.S.

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

MOTHERS’ UNION.

How much the party was enjoyed could, I think be
judged by the amount of laughter that accompanied many of the
games and competitions! I feel we really must make it an annual
affair. I am most grateful to all the Committee for helping to make
it such a success.

There is a possibility of our day being changed to enable
more to become members - so watch out for future dates.

The speaker at our next meeting on February 7th will be Mr. Taylor of Cerne Abbas.

Phyllis Tranter.

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

CHURCH REGISTER. BURIAL.

January 1st. Bessie Miller. 78 years.

Through the death of Mrs. Miller the Parish has lost one of its most
respected and oldest inhabitants. A kindly personality, Mrs. Miller
was interested in her Church and Village and had been a Sunday
School Teacher for many years in her younger days. Sympathy is
extended to her daughter and other members of her family.

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THE LATE MRS. INWOOD.

The Primary School at Winterbourne Kingston has suffered a great loss
through the death of Mrs. Inwood at a comparatively early age. The
School is noted for its outstanding work in Art, pupils having had
their work hung for many years now at the National Exhibition of Children’s Art. This was due to the teaching of Mrs. Inwood, who was herself a talented Artist of outstanding ability.

Mrs. Inwood was a very lovable person, who endeared herself to the children. We remember her young daughter Elizabeth at this time.

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BERE REGIS.

BURIAL.

December 23rd. Mr. Lewis Joyce. aged 60 years.

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"SMALL ADS."

(2/6d for every three lines)

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RING BEFORE 9.30 a.m. FOR APPOINTMENT.