THE PARISH
CHURCH OF
BERE REGIS

WITH S. NICHOLAS
WINTERBOURNE
KINGSTON
THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

I am sure that all of you will be visiting the Flower Festival in the Church on Saturday and Sunday, July 14th - 15th. You will find a formal notice of the Exhibition on a later page of the magazine - please give this important event as much publicity as you possibly can, as the proceeds are being given to the Lighting fund. We owe a very great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Barne and her Committee of the Bere Regis Floral Group for the tremendous trouble to which they have been to stage this exhibition and it is up to us to give it all our support.

I am also most grateful to Brigadier Tadman who has been so busy in the Churchyard, with the aid of Mr. Gordon Johnson, cutting down the unsightly dead trees on the west side and clearing so much away. Unfortunately we have a disease in that part of the churchyard; 'Boot lace fungus' it is called, which means that no tree will live there at the moment. It is essential that the roots are removed completely which will mean quite a bit of digging first and then the help of a tractor.

With this in view I am asking for volunteers to meet in the churchyard at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 21st, equipped with spades and forks etc., to make a start on getting the stumps out.

I have had so many comments recently on the excellence of our magazine that I do feel I should say a word of thanks to our regular contributors whose articles make the Parish magazine so popular and readable.

Have we any poets in our midst? If so and the poems are of a reasonable standard we should like to print some, grave or humorous, gay or sad.

Congratulations to Kingston on the result of their Garden Party - By the time you read this the Parish Church Garden Party will also be over and if enthusiasm means anything it should be, weather permitting, a great success.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.
MOTHERS' UNION
CORPORATE COMMUNIONS

FOR WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON: 2.45 p.m. Wednesday, July 11th.
FOR BERE REGIS: 7.30 p.m. Thursday, July 12th.

BERE REGIS W.I.

The July meeting will be held in the W.I. Hut at 7 p.m.
Talk: A Storecupboard from the Garden, by Mrs. Marr Williams.
The Summer Show is in the W.I. Hut on July 28th, at 3 p.m. when
the general public will be welcome.

IN AND AROUND BERE REGIS - by Parishioner.

July seems to be a languid month. There is a feeling of resignation
and also time for reflection.
Perhaps this stems from our schooldays when the principle exams
were held in July. If we had not worked throughout the year it was
too late to do much about it.
In the countryside Spring is a memory, the trees have lost their
freshness and the birds no longer sing. On the farm and in the garden
most of the important operations are completed and we wait for the
harvest. It is the work we did last autumn and spring that counts now
and if we failed at any point we can do no more than decide to make
a bigger effort next year.
Sooner or later we must surely break away from the traditional
week-end. More people want a five day week and those who do have
to work at week-ends feel less like doing so. The conventional week-
end also means a concentration of holiday traffic on two or three
days in the week.
If everyone worked for five days and had two days off, different,
but consecutive days each week, some of these problems would be
overcome. It would mean reorganisation of our businesses but factories
could run every day and shops could remain open. It might well mean
more employment and greater productivity.
A change would of course arouse many problems and it is not
something which would come about in a hurry.

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The warm days we had during June have been usually welcome
after the cold days of May and earlier months. Many crops have
suffered from the drought and rain now will be too late for some of
them. The apple trees produced their best display of blossoms for
many years but it remains to be seen if the late frosts did any damage.
The woods around Bere which were so colourful in the spring and
early summer with primroses, wood anemones and bluebells are
now so dense with foliage that very few flowers can withstand the
shade. One that does is the wood cowslip which is flowering at the
moment. In the more open parts and at wood edges a number of
orchids can be found. This is one of our most interesting groups of
wild flowers. Although Dorset does not have the number of different
species that are found in some parts of the country several species grow
in the parish and these attractive flowers more than repay any time
spent searching for them.

J.G.

AN IMPORTANT

EXHIBITION OF FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

(Sponsored by the Bere Regis and District Group of the Dorset Floral
Society)

in

BERE REGIS CHURCH

SATURDAY and SUNDAY

14th and 15th July, 1962.

The Exhibition will be open from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. on both days
except between 11-12 and 6-7 on Sunday.

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH LIGHTING FUND
MEN'S WORKING PARTY

SATURDAY, JULY 21st. at 2 p.m. meet in the Churchyard to commence digging out roots of the dead trees recently felled.
Volunteers of tough men required. Come and give a hand.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 13

WOODBURY HILL.

Woodbury Hill lies half a mile east of the village and is about 350 feet above sea level at its highest point. It has a flat top of almost 13 acres and slopes away steeply on the west, south and east sides. At some time in the Iron Age (B.C. 500 - B.C. 50) it was fortified by the inhabitants of this area by constructing a double ring of banks and ditches around the perimeter of the flat top. This hill fort may have been used later by the Romans, but this is not certain, especially as it does not lie near enough to the great Roman road, the Via Iceniana. Recently, however, a Roman coin of the reign of Emperor Septimus Severus (A.D. 192 - 211) was found at a depth of about three feet on the hill, and although one find cannot be held to prove anything, it does strongly suggest some sort of occupation by the Romans.

The inner bank and ditch can still be quite clearly seen at the present time, although it has been considerably damaged in places, and trees obscure much of it. There are in existence copies of an old print engraved in 1724 giving a view of Woodbury Hill from the south, and it appears that at that time the outer ditch and bank were also still intact. In addition, there were only a few small trees growing on and around the hill, so that the earthwork then presented very nearly its original appearance.

Since 1724 cottages have been built on the top of the hill, giving Woodbury the doubtful distinction of being about the only earthwork of its kind to have houses built on it. One of the causes of the damage to the banks has been the use of the hill for the annual fair, held since 1231. More serious damage was being caused about 1870 by ploughing and carting away the gravel from which the outer banks were formed, although this was eventually stopped through the efforts of the Rev. F. Warre who was Vicar at the time.

On the western side of the top of the hill a chapel known as the Anchorets' chapel once stood, together with a deep well called the Anchorets' well. On September 21st. each year many people flocked to drink of its waters to which were attributed great healing properties. There is also a tradition that a golden table or tablet is secreted somewhere in the well. The foundations of the chapel were still visible in 1770. In 1408 John Sperhawk was the chaplain of Woodbury and in 1411 John Hyde, as appears from the register of Dean Chandler's visitations.

(to be continued) F.P. Pitfield.

SACRANTY FLOWER GUILD

| July 1st. | Mrs. Poore. |
| July 8th. | Mrs. Tranter. |
| July 15th. | Floral Exhibition. |
| July 22nd. | Miss McFall. |
| July 29th. | Miss Smith. |

J.D.T.

BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION

Bere Regis and District Branch had an Outing to the British Legion Ex-Service Industries at Warminster, instead of the May Meeting. Members and friends were shown over the Factory and saw how the chairs, tables and stools were made from the rough wood with all its bark on, to the finished product. Several of the members made purchases before leaving. A stop was made for tea at Shaftesbury on the return journey.

The Annual Garden Fete will be held at Whitelovington by kind permission of Miss Lewellin on July 18th. Admission Free.

Audrey Lys. Assist. Hon. Sec.

APPRECIATION

One cannot let the passing of Mr. Charles Kellaway go by without a few words of appreciation.

The Village Blacksmith, Charlie to everyone, the Handyman of the Village. If one had a leaking tap, a choked drain, or one was afraid the hot water boiler was going to burst, or one's car would not start, Charlie left everything at once and was on the spot. If one
wanted a wheelbarrow mended he might take three months to do it.

He was a keen gardener and an enthusiastic supporter of the local Flower Show.

As an Air Raid Warden he answered more calls to the A.R.P. Post than any other on the Staff.

Of a kindly disposition and with a smile for everyone, the Village must be the better for his having spent his life in it.

J.S.

SCHOOL NEWS

A number of Commonwealth students recently came to Dorset to study rural life and education. One student, Miss Manecksha of Malaya came to Bere Regis and taught in the School. The children much enjoyed all she had to tell them of her own country. She also took part in and observed a number of local organizations and was entertained by local residents. Miss Manecksha took away with her many pleasant and enduring memories of an extremely happy stay and I am indeed grateful to all those who made her feel so very much at home amongst us.

Of the number of pupils taking the eleven plus examination, 50% were successful, seven being selected for Blandford Grammar School and one for Wimborne Grammar School.

Mr. Drew’s class has made an educational visit to Portland and other interesting places in its neighbourhood.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

To the Editor of the Parish Magazine.

Dear Sir,

As parents of a very young family my husband and I find it very difficult to attend any Church services or functions together.

Do you think there would be sufficient support for a regular ‘Family Service,’ perhaps on every 4th Sunday morning, when the whole family would be welcome – and catered for with suitable hymns etc.,?

Yours sincerely,

Vera Goldsack.

(The Vicar would be glad to hear from any others interested in this suggestion. Ed.)

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

GARDEN PARTY.

The Annual Summer Garden Party was held in delightful weather on the lawn of North Farm, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. O. Hooper and proved to be very successful both from a financial point of view as well as a most friendly Parish gathering.

The Vicar welcomed Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscomb and Mrs. Lipscomb in opening the Garden Party said they were pleased to be amongst old friends.

The attractive Stalls and Sideshows were well supported and many worked hard to make the Party a success, as well as those who gave gifts and spent their money freely. Arrangements were made by the Church Council and this is the first major effort for the Heating Fund, which is most encouraging, the profit being £87. 3. 1d.

The Vicar thanked Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscomb for their continued interest in this Parish as well as Mr. and Mrs. Hooper for the use of their Lawn and all who had contributed to the event.

E.M. Sheppard, Secretary.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY, 16th JUNE, 1962.

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**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON**

The Collection for Red Cross Flag Day amounted to £4.13.5d.
Thanks to the Collectors:-

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E.M.S.

**FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS**

**HOLY BAPTISM**
May 27th. Christopher Hewitt.

**BURIALS**
May 22nd. Fanny A. Hodges.
May 26th. Charles Kellaway.

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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.
Parish Church of St. John Baptist
BERE REGIS, DORSET.

Vicar: The Rev. PAUL TRANTER, B.A.

Churchwardens:
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.

St. Nicholas
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

Churchwardens:
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