My dear Friends,

Once again owing to the exigencies of space I shall have to be exceedingly brief. I am very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Goldsack for a cheque of £10.10.0d. towards the Lighting Fund - the proceeds from the sale of plants from their garden - an excellent result.

Our two parish Garden Parties take place this month and I hope both Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston people are keeping their respective dates well in mind.

Please start thinking now what help you can give in cadging, giving or making. Mrs. Tranter in Bere Regis and Miss Sheppard in Kingston will be very pleased to receive any gifts for the Stalls.

I also want you to keep well in mind the Reunion Service and Dedication of the new lighting which takes place on June 23rd - when we shall have the privilege and pleasure of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Herring back to their old parish. I know what a thrill this will be to you all. There will be no Service at St. Nicholas on that Sunday evening but the congregation there will be joining in with the Service at the Parish Church. We shall be arranging transport from Kingston to Bere for the occasion.

Some of our readers who live in Kingston will see in a later page an appeal for help in levelling the churchyard there. We do need the help of some more men in this tough but worthwhile job. Please come along on Monday nights even if you can only spare an hour.

Last but by no means least, may I on behalf of Mrs. Tranter and myself, thank you for the very generous Easter Offering which has been handed over to me by the Church Treasurer.

As I expect all of you have by now discovered it has been a pretty expensive winter! So we are particularly grateful.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13th in the W.I. Hut at 7.30 p.m. The Speaker will be Mrs. Maddock, wife of the Archdeacon of Sherborne.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month, when we met on June 18th, we will be hearing a talk given by Mr. F.J. Ollett on 'Country Houses of Dorset' which will be illustrated with slides.

The competition is 'My prettiest cups and saucers', and the hostesses
in June are Mrs. Griffen, Snr., Mrs. Stickland, Mrs. Prince, Mrs. Osmand and Mrs. Farnham.
All new members and visitors are welcome. V.G.

SANCTUARY GUILD

June
2. Whitsunday. Mrs. Tranter.
23. Mrs. Tranter.
30. Mrs. Jansen.

DUSTERS FOR JUNE
The Misses Lys.

BRASSES FOR JUNE
Mrs. Farnham

THE CENOTAPH FOR JUNE
Mrs. C. Minter and Miss Rowland.

IN AND AROUND BERE REGIS
by Parishioner.

Surely more has been written in song and verse about the month of May than any other month of the year. Whatever else may be true, it is certainly a fickle month. From one year to the next we never know what sort of weather it is going to produce, it may be anything from a heat wave to a hailstorm. Farmers and gardeners like a warm, wet month to give the crops a good start. As May gives way to June a period of more settled weather can usually be expected and it is surprising to find that the hottest days of the year often occur in early June.

At the end of May and during June there is a gradual change in the colour of the cornfields as the ears emerge. Winter barley and winter oats are first followed by winter wheat and, according to the time of sowing, spring barley and oats and last of all spring wheat and, about two months later, that is the order in which they will be ready to harvest.

June sees the end of silage making and the bulk of hay making on many farms. There are those who advocate one method or the other for preserving grass and the majority who make some of both. So much depends on the individual farm and how it fits in with other work and with the labour and machinery available.

During June many birds stop singing. The nightingale is one of the first, I have seldom heard their full song after the first ten days. Blackbirds sing till the end of the month but by the end of the first week of July most birds are silent. One sound that can be heard around the parish on June nights is the eerie 'song' of the Nightjar. This bird is rarely seen by day when it escapes notice through its excellent camouflage. The nightjar was much maligned in folk lore its 'jarring note' being attributed to ghosts and its Latin name means 'Goatsucker' as it was reputed to suck the milk from goats and cows.

We are approaching the season of holidays and once again thousands of people will be visiting Dorset. With so much waste land alongside our new roads it does seem a pity that proper facilities are not provided for those who wish to rest and eat on their journey. Even if the County Council had to buy land near the road to provide decent 'stopping' places this would be an improvement on the present situation where tourists have to use farm drives, gateways or fields, which gives rise to friction and is unsatisfactory for all concerned.

BERE REGIS CHURCH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

3 p.m. SATURDAY, JUNE 29th.
IN THE GARDEN OF SUMMERRODS.
(by kind permission of Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman)

ATTRACTIONS

We hope to repeat our last year's most successful
MANNEQUIN PARADE
SIDESHOWS AND COMPETITIONS
TEAS. ICE CREAM.

STALLS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING:--
NEW STALL - TOMBOLA - CHILDREN'S TOYS - ORANGERY - SWEETS
CAKE - GROCERIES - GARDEN PRODUCE - WHITE ELEPHANT
MOTHERS' UNION DRAW TABLE - POSIES, etc.,

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION

WOMEN'S SECTION

At the monthly Branch Meeting the Chair was taken by the
President - Miss Llewelling, in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-
Chairman.

Miss Llewelling gave a most interesting talk on her recent visit to
Rhodesia, illustrated with coloured slides.
The Raffle was won by Mrs. A.G. Davis.
The Garden Fete will be held at Whitelovington on August 21st.

DEANERY MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY JUNE 19th at 7.30 p.m.
in AFFPUDDLE CHURCH.

Refreshments after. Any requiring transport please speak to the Vicar.
the ringing he is to have XVIs (16/-) & a h of candells ther .......

On the 5th of May 1616 an agreement was drawn up whereby a carpenter, John Hony, was to maintain the bell frame and other mechanism (except metal parts), and "to Rynge the Curfe bell at eyght in the evffeninge and the fower a clock bell in the morininge ... frome synte luckes Daye (18 October) tyll fortnyghte before our Lady Daye (11 March)". For the whole of this work he was to be paid 36 shillings for the year.

Next month, a series of articles will commence on the history and development of Bere Regis Church, and in order to more fully explain how the building has been added to and extended in past ages, six plans and sketches have been prepared in the form of a booklet. These booklets will cost 1/- each, and will those wishing to have a copy please let me know before the end of June, so that the booklets can be issued to accompany the first of the articles.

F. Pitfield.

REUNION SERVICE
and
DEDICATION OF THE NEW LIGHTING
BERE REGIS CHURCH
SUNDAY JUNE 23rd, at 6 p.m.
PREACHER: REV. R.C. HERRING.

Tea afterwards in the W. I. Hut. Special souvenir Forms of Service. A great opportunity for all in the village to meet their old friends Mr. and Mrs. Herring.
The Service is particularly for all past and present members of Church and parish. Those Married, Confirmed and Baptised in the Church and who have any other connection with Bere Regis. All are welcome.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The Group’s latest activity, that of decorating Affpuddle Church for the Flower Festival at the end of April, is now over, and only the memory remains of masses of lovely flowers bringing fresh light and colour to the interior of the old Church. The many and varied arrangements were the work of members of this Group, and a few outside friends and our grateful thanks go to all who helped make this Festival possible, either by gifts of flowers and shrubs, or by practical help in the Church.

The Group is particularly grateful to the Vicar of Bere Regis who so kindly lent most of the containers from the Church for the flowers
to go in.

Those of us who live in Affpuddle do say a most sincere "thank you
to all who came from Bere Regis and district, and supported our Church
in so many ways.

Now to next month's programme. On Tuesday, June 11th, we shall
be having another visit from Mrs. Daphne Cooper of Bridport, who last
year delighted us with her beautiful Spring arrangements. Her artistry
and sense of colour are outstanding and she has won many cups and top
prizes for her work.

Her demonstration this time is sure to be very worthwhile so do
please come, and perhaps also bring a friend who is interested in floral
work, and may like to join the Group.

P. Lloyd, Hon. Asst. Sec.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY FLAG DAY

The total of £10.13.9d. was collected. Miss Lys would like to
thank the collectors for their help and all those who gave so generously.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

MILE OF PENNIES

As a result of another emptying of the jar by Mr. Simpson, £3.19.6d
has been added to the Restoration Fund. Please still keep your pennies
for the jar, which is on the counter at The Stores. The cause is so
worthy. This brings the total sum to £12.14.0d.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

THE ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

WILL BE HELD IN THE GARDEN OF THE OLD PARSONAGE BY KIND
INVITATION OF MR. AND MRS. C. TAYLOR,

ON SATURDAY - 15th JUNE.

WHEN IT WILL BE OPENED BY

THE RURAL DEAN

THE REV. E.W. DAVIES.

VARIOUS STALLS. TEAS WILL BE AVAILABLE, ICES, ETC.,

SKITTLES Friday - 14th June from 7.0 p.m. continuing SATURDAY
PRIZES: 50/-: 30/-: Ladies 20/-: 10/- for highest score on Friday.
PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DAY, TIME AND PLACE, WE HOPE
TO MEET YOU.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS.

LIVES OF THE LESSER SAINTS.

JUNE.

SAINT COLUMBA

Columba, abbot of Iona. The Island of Iona lies within the Inner
Hebrides, only the ocean lies between Iona and the coast of Labrador,
which is over two thousand miles away. The Island itself, is little more
than three and a half miles long and one and a half miles broad.

How did Columba become associated with Iona, and what do we
know about him? He was born in Ireland at Gartan, in the County of
Donegal on the 7th December, 521. It was in this his own land that he
spent the first part of his life. He belonged to the royal family of Ireland
and it is said that he was eligible to the Kingship of that country, in fact
it would have been offered to him, if he had not given it up for God.
The name 'Colum' which he was given at Baptism, means 'dove' and to
this name was added later the word 'cille' because of his frequent
attendance at a cell, or quiet place, where he read the psalms. As
Columcille or Columba grew up he received education at one of the
monastic schools in Ireland and later became ordained. In your garden
you may have Quileugas, more commonly known as Columines, do
look at them carefully, and you will see the cluster of petals which
form the flower are each one shaped as a dove - it is appropriate that
they bloom at this time of the year.

It was in May, 563, that Columba, in his forty-second year, made
his way with twelve disciples, four of them his kinsmen, across the sea,
and on Saturday the 12th, the Eve of Pentecost, Landed on Iona. It was
here the little band built a monastery, consisting of a church made of
logs and thatched with heather, a number of bee-hive huts and a wall
surrounding the whole. The life was simple and hard, time was spent in
cultivating the land, in fishing, in copying manuscripts and in regular
daily services, because Columba was above everything else a man of
prayer. For thirty-four years Iona was to be the headquarters of this
remarkable man, with his followers he set sail for the Scottish mainland
to preach the Gospel, and they were dangerous journeys. Their missions
were concerned with the whole of life, the spiritual and the material;
the cure of souls and the science of healing. His influence and renown
spread far and wide, and he is said to have founded a hundred Churches in
Scotland. The Island of Iona became a place of pilgrimage for those
seeking his help and prayers, as well as advice. Today it is still a place
of pilgrimage. It was on Sunday the 9th June, 597, that Columba died
on the Island, and in his own lifetime he had the rare distinction of being
called a saint of God.

E. M. S.

The Vicar, the Revd. P. T. W. Tranter was in the Chair at the Annual
Church Meeting. The Treasurer presented both the General Church Account
and the Restoration Fund Account, which were adopted. The Vicar drew attention to work that needed immediate attention, and it is hoped to be able to put this in hand as soon as possible. General Church matters came under discussion, as well as forthcoming events in aid of the Restoration Fund. It was resolved that a letter of thanks should be sent to Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscomb for the lovely curtains they have given to adorn the chancel at St. Nicholas. The new heating system came under discussion, which was thought to be most successful, in spite of the very severe winter weather. The Vicar expressed thanks to the voluntary cleaners, who month by month keep the Church so beautifully clean, as well as to all those who contribute to the life and work of the Church.

E. M. S. Secretary.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON, MOTHERS’ UNION

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday June 12th at 2.45 p.m. in the Reading Room. The Speaker on this occasion will be the Vicar.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

We are trying to level the Churchyard of St. Nicholas so that we can keep the grass mown and tidy. We badly need the help of a number of men equipped with spades and forks. Will any of our readers come along any Monday night from 7 p.m. till dusk (or at any other time) to give a hand? It is tough going for the few and extra help would make a world of difference. Please come and help. C. Sheppard. Churchwardens

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS BERE REGIS.

WEDDINGS.

HOLY BAPTISM

HOLY BAPTISM. WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.
April 21st. Julian Bentley.

BURIAL.
May 6th. Beta Madge Little. 69 years.

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