My dear Friends,

It is with great regret that I have to record this month the death of Mrs. Hall. Until some years ago when she became confined to a wheelchair she was prominent both in Church affairs and the ordinary day to day life of the parish. She played a very big part in the Women's Institute, being a member right from the earliest days, was Secretary for some time, and is remembered by many for the children's Smocking Classes which she held.

She was also one of the oldest members of the Mothers' Union and retained her interest in it right up to the end. She had many anecdotes to tell of the early days when she was closely associated with Mrs. Bedford. She will be greatly missed and we send our sympathy to her family and friends.

What a wonderful day we had for the Church Garden Party. A perfect Summer day from start to finish. Thanks and congratulations to all helpers and friends on the wonderful record total that was achieved. The accounts appear in a later page of this issue and make very good reading. In order that they may appear this month we have estimated some of the expenses but the net total should be roughly correct. I should like to add my thanks to Mrs. Tranter who behind the scenes planned and carried through the highly complicated business of the Dress Shows which added so much to the enjoyment of the afternoon, and thanks too to Messrs. Goulds Ltd., of Dorchester without whose co-operation they, of course, would not have been possible.

Please patronise them when you go shopping in Dorchester.

Will you please note the arrangements for Services during August in the two weeks when we shall be on holiday. The arrangements affect Winterbourne Kingston more than Bere Regis, but I trust in both villages you will support my 'stand ins' by making a point of being present if you are not on holiday.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.
BERE REGIS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

RECEIPTS

Donations:  
Mr. Strong  3. 0. 0.  
Mrs. Miles  1. 0. 0.  
Mr. Toop  1. 0. 0.  
Mr. Rawbone  -10. 0.  
Mrs. Mintern  -10. 0.  
Mr. S. Tranter  -10. 0.  
Messrs. Goulds Ltd.  1. 0. 0.  
Golf  
Water Tank  -15. 9.  
Teas  6. 15. 3.  
Ices  3. 13. 0.  
Gate  7. 3. 9.  
Posies  1. 9. 3.  
Draw  26. 6. 6.  
Roll-a-penny  -11. 8.  
Ping Pong  3. 5. 0.  
Ball in pipe  1. 3. 8.  
Cakes  13. 3. 10.  
Groceries  27. 10. 7.  
Toys  12. 11. 6.  
Produce (including £3 from Mrs. Strong)  14. 1. 0.  
Nails  -19. 9.  
Orangery  8. 9. 6.  
Mothers' Union  13. 7. 6.  
Tombola  15. 4. 6.  
White Elephant  11. 0. 1.  

£197. 18. 7.

EXPENSES

Printing  3. 16. 0.  
Hire  2. 10. 0.  
Sundries (estimated)  2. 0. 0.  
Balance being profit  189. 12. 7.  

£197. 18. 7.

SUNDAY HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUGUST

BERE REGIS

August 16th.  8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. Rev. J.L. Baillie.  
11.00 a.m. Mattins  
6.00 p.m. Evensong  
Rev. E.W. Davies.  
Mr. R. Stacey.

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THE DRAX HALL

It has been decided that the Village Hall needs re-decorating in the near future. This must, of course, be done in the most economical way and the Committee have decided to ask for volunteers to carry out this work. All materials and brushes will be provided. Everyone willing and able to assist in this work are invited to attend a meeting at the Drax Hall on Tuesday, 1st September, at 8 p.m.

G. Griffin, Chairman.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR AUGUST

August 2nd.  11.00 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman. Lt. C. Mauder.  
6.00 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore. J. House.

9th.  11.00 a.m. Messrs. R. Smith. F. Lys.  
6.00 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes. H. Pitfield.

16th.  11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne.  
Mr. F. Marsh.  
6.00 p.m. Messrs. L. Bartlett. P. Mintern.

23rd.  11.00 a.m. Mr. D. Poore.  
Brig. D. Tadman.  
6.00 p.m. Messrs. P. Wyatt. R. Barnes.

30th.  11.00 a.m. Lt. C. Mauder.  
Mr. F. Lys.  
6.00 p.m. Messrs. J. House H. Pitfield.

N.B. Sidesmen's Quarterly Meeting 8 p.m. Monday, August 10th.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

August 2nd.  Mrs. Wyatt.  Miss E. Lys.
August 9th.  Mrs. Cobb.
August 16th.  Miss McFall.
August 30th.  Miss A. Lys.  Mrs. G. Griffin.
A KITCHEN THOUGHT

Stirring a pot on the stove I thought
Of all at which Christ had daily wrought,
Indoors and outdoors He must have been
The handiest Man that ever was seen.
He knew about patching and mending clothes;
And buying and selling; and children's woes;
And sowing and reaping, it's all in the Book -
But cooking? Could He have known how to cook?
There flashed to my mind the 'fire of coals' (He cared for bodies as well as for souls),
And the breakfast of fish that on it lay
For His hungry friends, at the dawn of day.
I am quite sure it was perfectly cooked
And how appetising it must have looked
To Peter and John, and the others too:
So the Lord can cook, and it's also true
He had to be up in the dark, to make
That fire of charcoal on which to bake
The fish He had caught by night in the lake -
Getting up early for others' sake,
So He thinks no scorn of such lovely things,
Who is Lord of Heaven, and King of Kings.
And I, His servant, may serve my Lord
In serving His servants, as saith His Word.

F.E.M. Irwin.

BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN'S SECTION

The Women's Section held a successful Garden Fete at White
Lovington by kind permission of their President, Miss Llewellyn.
The weather was all that could be desired and takings exceeded those
of last year by several pounds., total profit being £45. 15. 0.
The Disabled Men's Industries Stall sold £10. 19. 5d. worth of goods.
Dancing by the children from Bere Regis Primary School was an added
attraction. The Committee wish to thank all who helped to make
the Fete a success.

A.L. Coles. Hon. Sec.

VILLAGE CALENDAR


BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The Autumn Session will commence with a Garden Meeting in
the Vicarage Garden on Saturday, September 12th. There will be a
Bring and Buy Sale and Tea will be provided. Speaker to be
announced later.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At a Meeting held on June 16th Policewoman Beckett gave a
most interesting and instructive talk on the training and work of
Policewomen in general and on her own particular work in Poole and
the surrounding district.

Instead of an August Meeting in the W.I. Hall, there will be a
Garden Party at Doddings at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday
August 27th, which we know will be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone
present.

R.L.M.

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THE CHURCH (20th century work - continued)

Before 1925 the church was lit by chandelier type paraffin lamps
and as these became worn out, it was becoming increasingly difficult
to replace them with similar fittings. It was therefore decided to
completely renew the lighting, and an ambitious project of electric
lighting was embarked upon, even though there was no mains supply
to the village. The system was completed, and used for the first time
at the evening Service on Armistice Day, 1925. The work was carried
out by Messrs. Allen-Liversidge of London at the cost of between £500
and £550, and included the erection of an engine house (now used as
a storage shed), 3½ h.p. petrol driven "Lister" engine driving a 50 volt
D.C. dynamo, lead sheathed cable wiring, and "holophane" light
fittings. When a mains electricity supply later became available, this
wiring, intended for a 50 volt D.C. supply, then had to cope with
240 volt A.C. current, and continued to do so until 1962:

The old underfloor ducted air heating system (of which the ducts
and gratings still remain) finally failed to function in November 1925
after 60 years' service. A new central heating system was installed,
and first used on the 11th of November, 1926. Mr. W.H.R. Blacking,
an architect of Guildford, designed the system, and the work was
carried out by Messrs. Wippell Bros. and Row, of Exeter.

In 1931 the whole of the lead on the north aisle roof was relaid,
and extensive repairs were carried out to the top of the tower. This
work entailed taking down and rebuilding the south parapet and
repairing and repointing the remaining parapets and pinnacles. It was also during this year that the presence of death watch beetle was first suspected in the nave roof.

Water had been penetrating the tower walls at various points, and in 1932 this was rectified by repairs and repointing at a cost of about £180. At the same time the external walling of the south aisle was repaired and repointed.

In 1934 the choir stalls in the chancel were extended eastwards, again by Messrs. Harry Hems of Exeter, who had carried out most of the other church woodwork.

In 1936 the supplementary choir stalls in the nave were added, in memory of the Rev. P.W. Taylor who had died on the 23rd October, 1935. Just before the second world war, death watch beetle was found to have become firmly established in the nave roof. The whole of the roof was repaired and treated with a preservative, the odour of which continued to pervade the church for many years afterwards.

In 1950 after several of the stone tiles on the chancel roof became displaced, the whole roof was stripped and the tiles re-hung, the work being carried out by Messrs. A.E. Griffin and Son.

By the end of 1962 the whole of the old electrical wiring had been removed and replaced by new copper sheathed cables, and new high level inconspicuous light fittings installed. The old wiring had become unsafe and rewiring afforded the opportunity to dispense with the old light fittings which were suspended on chains in front of the arcades. The new lighting was dedicated by the Rev. R.C. Henning, the previous Vicar, at a special service on the 23rd of June, 1963.

Lastly, we come to 1963, when during the summer our oil fired mechanism was fitted to the boiler, together with an electric circulating pump, thermostatic control and time switch, and this fitting was completed in time for use during the 1963/64 winter.

In this series of articles on the church, its development has been traced from the eleventh century to the present day, - a period of almost 900 years, and during the whole of that time it has been cared for by our predecessors. We in Bere Regis should be grateful to all those people who throughout all these years have enabled us to inherit such a wonderful building, and at the same time we should see to it that we pass it on to future generations in at least as good a condition as we found it.

F.P.P.

APPRECIATION

A few last words to Winterbourne Kingston although I have said 'good-bye' to all whom I have come to know as a stranger. I have

felt so happy and at home in this lovely little village, if ever I should forget Winterbourne Kingston it will not be for a very long time, so as an appreciation for all the love and friendliness shown towards me I would like to say once again a special thanks to the St. Nicholas Church Council for their lovely farewell gift to me.

God bless you all and good-bye.

Kind hearts are the garden,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the blossoms,
Kind deeds are the fruits.

G. Robertson.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL

A Committee has been set up, each organisation in the parish having been invited by the Parish Council to elect two representatives to become members. The aim of the Committee is to eventually raise funds for the building of a new Hall, but at the present time its chief object is to maintain the present one so that a Hall is available for the use of the village.

A number of events have already taken place and quite a few pounds raised. It is hoped, however, that everyone will support the programme of activities which will be arranged for the months ahead.

Mr. J. Carter has been appointed Chairman, with Mr. J. Henville as Vice-Chairman, Mrs. G. Thrush, Secretary and Mr. D. Wellman, Treasurer.

G.T.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

For the opening Meeting of the Autumn Session we shall be joining with the Bere Regis Branch in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday September 12th. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale and Tea will be provided. The Speaker will be announced later.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS.

LAMMAS DAY, 1st AUGUST.

Lammas dates back, by this name at any rate, to the time of King Alfred. It is the festival of the wheat harvest, and originally it was celebrated in England on the first day of August.

Lammas Day is the day of thanksgiving for the harvest at its beginning rather than at its end. The word really means loaf or bread feast, for in bygone days it was the custom of each worshipper to present in Church on this day a loaf made of the new wheat, to be used at the service of Holy Communion - it was an offering of the
first fruits.

It is also interesting to remember that there were at one time 'Lammas Lands' - they were a type of the open field system. The lands were enclosed and separately held at the time of the grain and grass growing but during the rest of the year they were thrown open to pasture for those who had common rights. It was on Lammas Day that the opening of the field took place, the fences were removed for those that had grown grain, whilst on Old Midsummer Day, 5th July, the fences were removed for those that had grown grass. The field would then remain open until the following Lady Day, 25th March, when it would be fenced again for the growing of the grass and wheat harvest. You will realise, therefore, that in days gone by, this day - specially set aside in our Church Kalendar was a very important one indeed to our ancestors. It was the offering to God of the first fruits of the harvest, and this recalls the verse of a well-known hymn - which is also a lovely prayer:

"Like Israel, Lord, we give
Our earliest fruits to Thee.
And pray that, long as we shall live,
We may Thy children be."  E.M.S.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS
BERE REGIS

BURIAL  July 6th.  Ida May Hale.  86 years.
MARRIAGE  July 11th.  Anthony Reginald Arthur House and Mary Joan Barnes.

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

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

BABY BELLING ELECTRIC COOKER FOR SALE. COMPLETE WITH STAND. LITTLE USED. SHEPPARD, NOTTINGS, WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.