The Parish Church of Bere Regis

with St Nicholas Winterbourne Kingston
My dear Friends,

First of all this month I should like on your behalf to express our sympathy to Miss Marsh on the death of her Mother, Mrs. Hewitt. Miss Marsh had nursed her devotedly for a long time in her lengthy and painful illness and she is bound to miss her greatly. Mrs. Hewitt was a sincere and devoted Christian and was always bright and cheerful in spite of much pain. I am glad to think she is now out of all pain in the care and comfort of her Father in Heaven.

Congratulations to Winterbourne Kingston on the result of their Garden Party, achieved in the face of a torrential downpour of rain just at opening time. It says much for their courage and cheerfulness that such an excellent result was achieved in spite of such conditions. You will find the full Statement of Accounts in a later page of this issue. It was also unfortunate that in spite of the date being clearly marked in the 'Village Calendar' the date clashed with the Open Day of the Kennels.

This month we say 'good-bye' to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of The Old Parsonage, who have always lent us their garden for the St. Nicholas Garden Party, and also Miss Robertson who goes back to South Africa.

Miss Robertson has done much for the Church while she has been with us. We shall miss her greatly and are so sorry she is leaving. We wish her every joy and happiness on her return to her native land.

There will be a full report of the Bere Regis Garden Party in next month's Magazine. I wonder what the weather will have had in store for us? I write this under lowering skies and a chill wind:

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter.

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BRITISH LEGION, WOMEN'S SECTION

At the Bere Regis Carnival members of the Women's Section sold £9.10.6d. worth of Disabled Men's Industries goods, in spite of continuous rain. Members are reminded of the Garden Fete in Miss Llewelin's garden on July 15th, any gifts for stalls will be welcome.

The next Branch meeting will be September 16th at 7.30 p.m. At the June Meeting members heard a talk by Mrs. Fry of the Dorchester St. John's Ambulance Brigade and watched and took part in a demonstration of artificial respiration on "resuscitation Annie"

A.L. Coles. Hon. Sec.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

A meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on Thursday, May 21st, with the Vicar in the Chair. One new member joined, and a rota was made out for the next six months, this can be seen in the Church Porch. Mrs. Talbot has had to resign as she is leaving the Parish. The Vicar expressed the gratitude of all Members for her help and generosity to the Guild since its inception, and all agreed how greatly she will be missed in the Parish.

C.T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JULY

July 5th. 11.00 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman and Mr. S. Endacott. 6.00 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore and J. House.
July 12th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. F. Lys and Lt. C. Mauder. 6.00 p.m. Messrs. P. Wyatt and M. Barnes.
July 19th. 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne and Mr. R. Smith. 6.00 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes and P. Mintern.
July 26th. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. F. Marsh and F. Lys. 6.00 p.m. Lt. C. Mauder and Mr. L. Bartlett.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

10th. School Fete and Sale
15th. British Legion Fete at White Lovington.
18th. Women's Institute Summer Show.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Outing will take place on Wednesday, July 15th. Starting at 6 p.m. and finishing at a convenient place for supper Cost about 6/-d. Names of those wishing to go should be given to Mrs. Tranter as soon as possible. Husbands and friends welcome.

FORESTERS SKITTLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Through an unfortunate misprint the date of the above event was in the June magazine given incorrectly as July 7th. The correct date on which this Championship will take place on the Recreation Ground is SATURDAY JULY 4th.

BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGNING FOR RESEARCH

The total of the House to House Collection in connection with the above appeal came to £16. 8. 6. A remarkable achievement. The result of the Coffee Morning held at Broadwater was £13. 4. 0.

Mrs. Benjafield would like to thank all those who by their generosity and help made such a result possible, and enables the large sum of £29. 12. 6. to be sent to the fund.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

This month's meeting will be in the form of a short demonstration by Mrs. Carnegie-Brown, followed by a practice meeting on Tuesday July 14th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. in Drax Hall.

Mrs. Carnegie-Brown visited us last year, and members will remember her practical help and kindly criticism of our individual arrangements, and will look forward to seeing her again at this meeting.

For the benefit of new members, just bring along a container and any flowers and foliage you like, and do your arrangement, knowing that you will get a lot of useful help and tips from Mrs. Carnegie-Brown.

We shall enjoy watching her do one or two arrangements herself, before starting the practice meeting, so please come along as usual.

Once again, any plants for the Bring and Buy Stall will be very welcome.

P. Lloyd. Hon. Asst. Sec.

BORSTAL BOYS WILL JOIN STUDENTS IN 'DIG'

Following the success of an experimental "joint exercise" last year, 24 Oxford undergraduates and 24 boys from Borstal institutions will this summer join forces in a major archaeological "dig" near Bere Regis, Dorset.

The Borstal boys will camp, eat and mix with the university students on terms of absolute equality. There will be no camp guards or special supervision - except that provided for the whole party by experts directing the "dig".

The venture is planned as a "living memorial" to the late Mr. William Llewellyn, who died in 1961 after a lifetime devoted to prison reform. He advocated the introduction of open prisons in Britain and in 1930 was appointed Governor of the first to be opened.

THE KEY, TRUST, EXAMPLE

In later years, the Prison Commission entrusted him with the carrying out of many ideas for the "humanising" of Borstals. He took the boys on marches, set them to work on farms and on building their own quarters.

Everything was based on trust. An example - "Bill" Llewellyn
Llewellyn joining in the marches and building work with them. When he died his admirers felt the best possible memorial to him would be the continuation and development of his methods. And so the "dig" idea was decided on.

**A HUT. POTTERY**

This summer they will be digging for the remains of a hut in which a family of farmers lived during the late prehistoric period. Pottery, brooches and bone tools were unearthed in last year's exercise.

Said an official "We hope the hut will be discovered, but even if it is not our object will be achieved if the two sets of lads go away with a better understanding of each other."

*(From the Daily Express 16.4.64)*

**HISTORY OF BERIE REGIS - 37**

THE CHURCH (continued - 20th century work)

And now we come to the present century, and although most of the work done is still within living memory, and the century is not yet finished, the story would not be complete without recording it.

The first item should really have been included under the nineteenth century, for it was in 1894 that the board and joist flooring under the pews and to the whole of the north aisle was found to be badly affected by dry rot. This was beginning to affect the pews, and the organ was continually having to be propped up in order to keep it reasonably upright. A solid concrete floor finished with oak blocks was laid at a cost of £150, which was raised by voluntary subscription.

In September, 1901 a fund was started for improving, rebuilding or renewing the organ. In fact, a new organ was built, using parts of the old one, at a cost of £380, and was completed two days before Christmas 1903.

In 1905 the oak screen to the south side of the vestry was erected to "replace the present unsightly arrangement of curtains", and took the form of a memorial to George Hibbs who had died in January 1903. He had been an ardent Church worker, being in the choir for 45 years, and a churchwarden from 1884 until his death. He had also been the "carrel-organist" when that instrument was in use. The screen, which cost about £100, was designed and carved by Harry Hems and Son of Exeter, the firm who had carried out the woodwork in 1875.

In 1906 the roofs of the south aisle and nave were found to be leaking in no less than ten different places, and the repair work was completed by June, 1907. The building contractor was Mr. F. Stickland of Blandford, and the total cost, including expenses in connection with making the appeal, was £133.

In 1907 a fund was started to provide an oak panelled reredos behind the altar, and it was later decided that it could take the form of a memorial to Mr. Drax, who had died in April of the same year. The work was carried out by Messrs. Parsons of Dewlish to the design of Mr. A. Troye Griffith, an architect of Great Malvern, Worcestershire, and the completed reredos was dedicated on the 18th April, 1909.

By the end of the 1914-1918 war, repair work had accumulated, and one of the most urgent tasks was the repair, tuning and rehanging of the bells, and renewal of the bell frame. Extensive repairs to the tower itself were also found to be necessary when the old frame was removed. This work was described in a previous article on the bells, and was completed by February, 1920, at a cost of £210. 16s. 6d.

The enclosure of the vestry, started in 1905 by erecting the south screen, was completed by a screen on the east side. Harry Hems and Son of Exeter again carried out the work, which was finished just before Christmas, 1923.

*(to be continued) F.P.P.*

**BERIE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Congratulations to those members whose initiative produced the Carnival Float to achieve First Prize, particularly as this was a last minute decision which says much for the team spirit and concentration of effort.

At the Meeting held on May 19th, Dr. Jay gave a most interesting and amusing talk on France To-day illustrated by delightful colour slides; what a pity more members were not able to be present.

On July 21st the subject will be Wild Flowers, their Herbal value, and Folk Lore, which should prove fascinating to all country lovers. Talk by Miss Wickham.

**DORSET ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED**

The amount collected in aid of the Dorset Association for the Disabled was £8. 15s. 8d. the total for the Wareham area being £120. 3s. 10d. Mrs. Lys is grateful to those who undertook the collection.

**FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS**

**LIVES OF THE LESSER SAINTS**

**SAINT MARGARET - VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

Antioch, one of the earliest strongholds of Christianity, for it was here also that the name 'Christians' was first used, is said to have been the birthplace of Margaret.

Her father, who was a pagan priest, despised his daughter for being
a Christian and she lived with a foster mother in the country, where her
time was spent in looking after sheep. An offer of marriage was made to
her, with the condition that she should give up her Christian faith, but
this she refused to do and in consequence was cruelly tortured. Although
she had many miraculous experiences she was eventually put to death.

There are a great many Churches in this land dedicated to the
honour of Saint Margaret, who followed so faithfully in the footsteps of
the first Christians.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER - MARTYR 25th JULY

Christopher appears to have been born a pagan in Syria. He was
baptized by Babyas, Bishop of Antioch and it was during the persecution
at the time of emperor Decius, that he was martyred, in the year A.D.
250.

According to legend, he was a giant whose name was Offerus. He
made a vow that he would serve only the greatest sovereign on earth -
so he searched for a master stronger than himself. One day as he
journeyed he came upon a rough cross and was told of Him who hung on
that cross - he sought to find out more.

Offerus came to a holy man who told him of the Christ-child, how
He lived and died for men and was stronger than all the kings of the earth.
He asked how he might serve Him. He was told that nearby there was a
deep river, without a bridge and that he must go and live there so that
he might help the people who wanted to cross to the other side. In this
way he would be serving Him in serving these wayfarers. So he built a
hut nearby in which to live. One rough and stormy night he heard the
voice of a little child asking to be taken across the river. He took the
child on his shoulder and set out. The current grew stronger and he
staggered under what seemed to be a very heavy weight. "Why are you
so heavy, child?" he said. A light shone in the darkness, and the Child
replied; "I am the Christ whom thou servest. I will henceforth give thee
the name of 'Christopher', because thou hast borne the Christ on thy
shoulders." Saint Christopher - the patron saint of ferrymen and
travellers. What a wonderful Saint to imitate - one who was always
ready in service for others - a Christ Bearer.

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**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS’ UNION**

The Annual Outing will take place on Wednesday July 15th, and
on this occasion will be an evening outing on the suggestion of one of
the members at Kingston. Starting about 6 p.m. finishing at a
convenient place for supper. Cost about 5/-d. Names to Mrs. Tranter
as soon as possible please. Husbands and friends welcome.

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**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON**

**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY.** 30th MAY, 1964.

A deluge of rain did not mar the enthusiasm of the Stall-holders or
those who braved the elements to be present at the opening of the
Garden Party, which was a little delayed. However, we were blessed
with fine weather afterwards. The Display of Scottish Dancing gave
a cheerful atmosphere to the occasion and brought enchantment to the
delightful garden, placed at the disposal of the Committee by Mr.
and Mrs. C. Taylor.

The Vicar has already thanked everyone for their help and support.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

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Balance in hand being Profit - £83. 5. 2. Paid to Bank.

E.M.S.
DOllars FOR HISTORIC CHURCHES
Sir, The Western Gazette travels wide. You will be interested in the attached letter enclosing ten dollars from Schenectady, New York, which must have been a direct result of the articles in your issue of 27th March on 'Saving our Churches' and 'Aid for Dorset Churches' - M.H. Knott (Capt. R.N.) Joint Honorary Secretary, Dorset, Historic Churches Trust, Chapel Cottage, Charmminster, Dorset.

The letter to Capt. Knott reads: "It was a great pleasure to read in the Western Gazette of your restoration work. My wife and I are very happy to send you a cheque to help this wonderful work. We spent many happy hours in the Dorsetshire churches when we visited England and our favourite one is at Bere Regis. Wishing you the best of luck and God's blessing in this work - Yours sincerely, L.R. Bantten, 407 Cedar Street, Schenectady 6, New York.'

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS
BERe REGIS

BURIAL
June 9th. Jane Hewitt 90 years.

HOLY BAPtISM
May 31st. Brenda House
           Lyndon White.

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

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Churchwardens:
MR. R. SMITH, Heath View.
MR. F. MARSH, Southbrook.
MR. P. MINTERN, Egdon Close, Deputy Warden.

Sidesmen:
LT.-COL. A. BARNE, M. BARNES, R. BARNES, L. BARTLETT S. ENDACOTT
J. HOUSE, W. F. LYS, LT. C. MAUNDER, R.N., H. PITFIELD, D. POORE,
E. RAWBONE, BRIG. D. TADMAN. P. WYATT

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.
Family Service ... ... 3 p.m. 2nd Sunday

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