My dear friends,

Last month I sadly recorded the death of Mrs. Hall of Bere Regis and now this month that of Mrs. Langdown of Winterbourne Kingston. The Mother of a very large family, she has been a devoted Churchwoman all her life, and was rarely missing from her accustomed place in St. Nicholas. She devoted her life to her family, nursing her Mother also for many years and retained her gaiety of spirit to the end. She will be sadly missed not only in the Church but in Village life also. We send our sympathy to her family and friends.

Since the new form of the magazine was started soon after my arrival in Bere Regis, Mr. Fred Pitfield has contributed every month an article on the history of the Church. This history has, I know, been read with interest and enjoyment by our many readers. Now he has traced the history of our Church right up to the present day, and with last month's article this Series was concluded. I should like to express my own personal thanks to Mr. Pitfield and yours also, for the work and trouble to which he has gone to make the history both accurate and interesting.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that a new Series commences with this issue on the history of Bere Regis - this time the Village itself, and we look forward to learning more about the place in which we live, which is steeped in history.

I very much hope that at a future date, these two Series may be combined into a book, covering the complete history of Church and parish.

I expect that by now most of you will have heard that the Bishop of Salisbury has made me the new Rural Dean of Bere Regis Deanery, in the place of Mr. Davies who was the Rector of Puddlehinton and has had to retire through ill-health. Mr. Davies, with all his gentleness and sincerity is a very difficult man to follow, but I shall do my best to carry on the same high principles and ideals which have been laid down by him and his predecessors in this very ancient Rural Deanery.

The Bishop of Salisbury will be coming to Bere Regis to collate me as Rural Dean at a Service in the Church at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 18th. He says in a letter to me "I should very much appreciate the outward and visible sign of a large and
representative congregation at this very important Service."

I am sorry the August magazine was out so late, but it was due entirely to the disruption of the postal services consequent to the strike.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

To all members who are not still on holiday, a gentle reminder that our Floral Group will be resuming its activities after the August break on Tuesday, September 8th.

Our guest speaker on this occasion will be Mrs. King-Smith who is a leading member of the Christchurch and Highcliffe F.D.S., and she will be doing some of her lovely demonstrations on the use of Fruit and Flowers.

Perhaps some will remember Mrs. King-Smith's beautiful pedestal arrangement at our Church Festival of Flowers two years ago, and all will enjoy seeing again more examples of her artistry.

So come along and meet your friends again at Drax Hall at 2.30 p.m. on the 8th, and if you can also find something to bring along for the Plant Stall, we shall be very grateful.

P. Lloyd. Hon. Asst. Sec.

DISTRICT BROWNIE SERVICE

3 p.m. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, BERE REGIS CHURCH.

HOW TO MAKE A CHILD INTO A DELINQUENT

Twelve "Rules" for parents who wish to turn their children into juvenile delinquents have been drawn up by the Police Department of Houston, Texas, which is circulating them in leaflet form.

They are:

1. Begin in infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him "decide for himself".
4. Avoid the use of the word "wrong". It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around, books, shoes, clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilised but let his mind feast on garbage.
7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.
8. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them.
9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.
10. Take his part against neighbours, teachers, policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
11. When he gets into real trouble, apologise for yourself by saying "I never could do anything with him."
12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be likely to have it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Re-commences 3 p.m. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th.
SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6th. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. S. Endacott & R. Smith.

6.00 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & L. Bartlett.

13th. 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Lt. C. Mauder

6.00 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore & R. Barnes.

20th. 11.00 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman & Mr. F. Marsh

6.00 p.m. Messrs. P. Minter & P. Wyatt

27th. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. F. Lys. & S. Endacott.

6.00 p.m. Messrs. J. House & D. Poore.

We apologise for the mistake in the date of the next Sidesmen’s meeting given in the August magazine. The correct date for the Quarterly Sidesmen’s meeting is Monday, September 14th. 8 p.m. at the Vicarage.

BERE REGIS EVENING INSTITUTE

Woodwork classes will begin again in the middle of September on the usual evenings.

It is also proposed to hold a course of lectures in First Aid and Home Nursing on Wednesday evenings. Details later from F. Marsh, Southbrook.

Note: There will be no fee for First Aid Course.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

1964

October 29th. 7.00 p.m. at Mrs. Murray, 'Crofters' Winterbourne Kingston. Coffee Evening in aid of Poppy Day Fund.

November 4th. Whist Drive, Bere Regis, in aid of Poppy Day Funds.

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May 29th. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party.


BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION

N.B. CHANGE OF DATE. The Autumn Session will commence with a Garden Meeting in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday Sept. 5th.

There will be a Bring and Buy Sale and Tea will be provided.

FAMILY SERVICE

3 p.m. Sunday September 13th, for ALL the Family.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 39

ORIGINS OF THE NAME BERE REGIS.

The name Bere was at one time thought to have been derived from the Saxon word ‘byri’ or byrig’, now represented by the suffixes bury and burgh in place names, and meaning generally a fortified place or town. This, incidentally, would certainly be the derivation of Woodbury, in view of the fact that the hill is one of the Iron Age hill forts.

The generally accepted derivation now, however, is that the name is older than Saxon, and is, in fact, the old British word 'bere' meaning an underwood, scrub, or copse. Such a description would have been very apt, for the locality from Roke right down to Hyde and beyond consisted of large expanses of marshy copse on either side of the stream, until the advent of the watercress beds. Also, Doddings was formerly known as Doddingsbere, at least as long ago as 1303, and until as recently as 1860. Incidentally an old deed of 1460 refers to two closes in "Doddynbyre" called "le Fount" and "Haukeshey", and it is interesting that the large watercress bed on the village side of Doddings Farm is still called "Fount".

Place names with the suffix "Regis" seem to create a wide interest, as occasionally letters arrive at the post office from various people researching on the subject. In 1962 there was even an enquiry from Sweden, where the correspondent was writing a magazine article on English place-names ending in 'Regis'.

Regis is, of course, a Latin suffix meaning "of a king" or "Belonging to a king", and has usually been added to a place name when the town or village has had some special association with a king. Often this suffix was added during the king’s lifetime, with his special permission. As far as I can ascertain, there are only five such places in England and four of them are in Dorset. Bognor Regis in Sussex, acquired its suffix comparatively recently, when King George V convalesced there, whilst Melcombe Regis and Wyke Regis (Weymouth) acquired theirs as a result of the visits of King George III (1780 - 1820) and the 'Regis' of Lyme Regis dates from the days of Charles II (1660 - 1685). It can, therefore, be said that our 'Regis' is very much older.
than any of the others, as it undoubtedly seems to have been added as a result of King John’s 16 visits between 1204 and 1216.

Before and during King John’s reign the village was called plain ‘Bere’ or its Latinized form ‘Bera’ or ‘Beram’, and the earliest reference to the name that I can find after this time is in 1303 when it is called ‘Kingsbere’, and in 1460 it appears as ‘Kingsbyre’. This form seems to have been used until about 1500. Between 1500 and 1600 we get ‘Bere Regis’ (1542), ‘Beare Regis’ (1556) and ‘Kynge Bere’ (1587). During the 17th and 18th centuries the spelling ‘Beere Regis’ was generally adopted and occurs in the old church documents. In 1832 and 1833 the name appears as ‘Beer Regis’ but by 1860 this had changed to the present form ‘Bere Regis’.

F.P.P.

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BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION
BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT BRANCH

The September Branch Meeting will be on Wednesday, 16th, 7.30 p.m. W.I. Hut. Speaker will be Miss Glover who will give an illustrated talk on Poole Harbour in place of Mrs. Hughes who is unable to come. On September 30th the Isle of Purbeck Group Meeting will be held in Drax Hall 7.30 p.m. Speaker from Disabled Men’s Industries.

A.L. Coles. Hon. Sec.

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BERE REGIS CARNIVAL

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR FUNDS AS A RESULT OF THE DISASTROUS 6th JUNE.

Despite this the members are willing to carry on, but realise they cannot do so without funds. At their final meeting for 1964, the Committee decided to launch an appeal for funds to enable them to finance Carnival Day 1965, and they hope for many years to come.

The appeal will take the form of a house to house collection during September when the members will visit every house in the village.

Any donations sent to the Secretary, Mr. G. Quinton, 22, Green Close, Bere Regis, will be appreciated.

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ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will re-open on Sunday, 6th September, for those who already attend and any others who would like to come.

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FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS.

HOLY CROSS DAY

About three hundred years after the Crucifixion of our Lord, a Cross was found buried near the place where He had been crucified. It was believed to be His Cross and a large Church was built on the site. When the building of the Church was completed the Cross was hung up and shown to the people, this being done on the 14th September. Ever since that time, this day has been known as Holy Cross Day.

It is a reminder every year, about half-way between one Good Friday and the next, of our Lord’s great sacrifice.

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EMBER DAYS

The word Ember is probably derived from Quatumter, an abbreviation of the Latin "Quatuor Tempora", the name given to the fasts which from early times were observed at the four seasons of the year. The actual Prayer Book wording is "Days of Fasting ... The Ember Days at the Four Seasons, being Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after - The First Sunday in Lent. The Feast of Pentecost, September 14. December 13."

Later Ordinations became connected with the Four Seasons, and so it was that the Ember Days preceding them were chosen as a fitting time for special prayer for the Clergy and those who were to be ordained. The dates of these times of intercession were appointed about 850 years ago. There are two collects in our Prayer Book for use in the Ember Weeks and they specially belong to our present Book of Common Prayer. Do find them for yourselves, they can be found under the heading ‘Prayers and Thanksgivings’ immediately following ‘The Litany’. The first of these Ember Week prayers has been said to be the most beautiful modern collect in the book. It was written by John Cosin, a Priest in the reign of Charles the First, who was afterwards Dean of Peterborough and for twelve years Bishop of Durham.

Saint Paul, in his Epistle to the Thessalonians wrote - 'Brethren, pray for us.' Down through all the ages comes that appeal from the Ministry of the Church, let us do our best to respond to it.

E.M.S.

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS’ UNION

N.B. CHANGE OF DATE. For the opening meeting of the Autumn
Session we shall be joining with the Bere Regis Branch in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday September 5th. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale and Tea will be provided.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

MARRIAGE


HOLY BAPTISM

July 26th.  Timothy Michael Matson
Andrew David Beasley.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

MARRIAGE


BURIAL

Aug. 6th.  Sarah Amelia Langdown.  81 years.

'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.