My dear Friends,

I see from looking at last year’s magazine for June that I was at the time saying how much we would miss Mrs. Talbot on her moving to Newbury. I am now delighted to be able to tell you that this year she is coming to open our Garden Party on Saturday June 26th. I know that you will all be most anxious to greet her on this occasion, and the Garden Party will be just the opportunity. So we shall be hoping to see many of you there at the opening.

This very happy event will again take place, weather permitting, in the delightful garden of Summerrods through the kindness of Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman and I am most grateful to them for allowing this.

We had thought that this year we might have a change from the Dress Show, but popular demand for it has been so great that we shall continue it for yet another year, and again we shall repeat the innovation of last year in having a dress show of children’s clothes, modelled by some of the children in the village.

The Deanery Missionary Festival this year is to be held in Milborne St. Andrew Church. The name of the speaker will be announced later. This is always a very happy gathering and a useful ‘get together’ of Church people from all the surrounding villages. So I do hope you will support this Service enthusiastically.

We took a very large party of people to Belchampwell Church on Low Sunday in the second Session of the Common Life Plan. In the next Session the host is the Benefice of Affpuddle and Tolpuddle and we are due to visit Affpuddle Church on June 20th for Service at 7 p.m. I trust we shall have as large and happy party as we did on the previous occasion.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

COMMON LIFE PLAN

SUNDAY JUNE 20th

No Evensong at Bere Regis. A coach will leave the Church at approximately 6.15 p.m. to pick up at Winterbourne Kingston - to reach Affpuddle in time for EVENSONG at 7 p.m.
SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JUNE

June 6th.  11.00 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys.  Col. A. Barne
         6.00 p.m. Mr. D. Poore  Lt. C. Maunder
13th.  11.00 a.m. Messrs. F. Marsh  R. Smith
      6.00 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes  J. House
20th.  11.00 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman  Lt. C. Maunder
      7.00 p.m. Evensong at Affpuddle.
27th.  11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne  Mr. W. F. Lys
      6.00 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes  R. Barnes.

SIDESMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING

8.00 p.m. Wednesday June 16th at the Vicarage.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

June 12th. Congregational Church Garden Fete at the Cedars.
June 26th. Bere Regis Church Garden Party at Summerrods.
July 3rd.  Skittles A.O.F. Championship S. W. D.
July 10th. Bere Regis Carnival
July 21st. British Legion Garden Fete 3 p.m. White Lovington.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

June 6th.  Whitsunday  Mrs. Lys.
13th.  Mrs. Lys.  Mrs. Benjafied
20th.  Mrs. Janes  Mrs. Poore
27th.  Mrs. Keeping  Miss McFall.

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THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS 1607 - 1740

The churchwardens were responsible for giving food and lodging to any travellers, soldiers or sailors, who might be passing through the parish, and this took the form of either paying them cash direct, or of arranging for "bed and breakfast" at one of the local inns, and then paying an account submitted by the innkeeper. Only those travellers possessing a "pass" were entitled to this hospitality, a pass being in effect an official permit to move from place to place, but the churchwardens made exceptions when they felt that the case warranted it. In the earlier accounts the items in this category generally occur collectively for the whole year, as for example in 1628:

"laid out unto poore Irish people, Souldiers, and Travellers at severall tymes, ixsvd" (ixs. vd = 9s. 5d.) £1. 0s. 8d. was given in this way in 1630 and £1. 13s. 10d. in 1632.

Generally, the churchwardens of every parish were anxious to be rid of these travellers, and to pass on the expense to the next parish, and this is borne out by an entry for 1685:

"payd Beniaman Phiphard for to Cary away ye woman with a pass - 2s. 0d". It would appear from the account of 1611 that travelling on a forged pass was an indictable offence:

"paid to the man that was taken with a false passe. ... 2s. 6d."

During the two year period of 1688 and 1689 there was a record number of travellers to be catered for, and included 146 seamen and 79 soldiers. Most of these had been either wounded or shipwrecked, and as at this time England and Holland were at war with France, the seamen were obviously survivors from the Naval battles which had taken place in the English channel.

Presumably the churchwardens were obliged to justify all the payments made in this way to travellers, for most of the entries contain a great deal of detail, and the following extracts are some of the more interesting and unusual items.

1611 "paid the Constable for a maymed souldier and for the man that was found naked uppon Beere Down ................. 2s. 6d.

1653 to a man that was take by the turkes ................. 6d.
to a Irishe woman going to York ................. 6d.
to iii weamen they held theyr husbans weare taken by the turks ................. 1s. 0d.
to a man that hade lost by fire ................. 6d.

1683 Gave on yt was Cast aware Coming forth of Arland ................. 1s. 0d.
Gave 2 men yt weare Redeemed forth of Slavrey ................. 1s. 0d.

1684 gave 6 seamen yt lost their ship ................. 1s. 0d.
gave 3 semen that was taken by the Turks ................. 6d.

1693 Give a poore man that his Tuing was cut out of his head ................. 1s. 0d.
1698 pd. Rd. Norris for entertaining 4 travellers one night ................. 1s. 4d.
1715 gave a Widdow Woman Came out of Finland ................. 1s. 0d.
1723 Gave to man Cast a way and 41 oxen.lost ................. 1s. 0d.
1725 pd. 4 men that had been taken by Pirates ................. 1s. 0d.
pd. a Swede that had ship-wrakcd ................. 3d.
1726 pd. Came Slade of Winfrith widow with a Certificate and petition abt. her prison fees ................. 1s. 0d.
pd. 20 Shipwrack'd men with a pass ................. 1s. 0d.
pd. a man with a Brief or Certificate and petition for an inundation of ye sea ................. 2s. 6d.
pd. a man with Brief, yt. had lost by Thunder ................. 6d.
1725 pd. to one with a Brief, having sustain'd loss by a hailstorm 3d.
1728 Pd. for Victuals & drink for a sick woman with a child (travellers) 1s. 6d.
1732 Mr. Browning who lost by Fire 500£ (well attested) 6d.
A soldierv with a Pass from the Secretary of War to travel with Wife and Children to Scilly Islands in 6 weeks 2s. 0d.
A man that had been taken into Algiers, & used very cruelly 6d.

(to be continued) F.P.P.

WOMEN'S WORK IN THE CHURCH

Each year in the Cathedral there is a service for the Licensing and Authorization of Women Workers following Evensong.

People sometimes ask what a Licensed Lay Worker is. How many do we have in the diocese? What is Authorization? What does a woman have to do to be Authorized?

The Licensed Lay Worker has to attend a Selection Centre and to do at least two years' training at a recognised Training College, taking the Inter-Diocesan Certificate which is similar to the General Ordination Examination taken by men before they enter the Ministry. She is employed by the Church in parochial work, in Moral Welfare work, in Divinity, in teaching and in other forms of pastoral work.

Authorization. Certain women are given the Bishop's Authorization. There is a course of training in Moral Welfare work for older women with relevant experience in social work, which covers about ten months and includes two resident terms. These receive the Bishop's Authorization.

In Salisbury Diocese a training course for Authorization has also been drawn up which is adaptable to the needs of each person. Candidates do not necessarily leave their homes for training, but they have to undertake study in Divinity and to have experience in pastoral work. When the course has been satisfactorily completed, the Council of Women's Work recommend to the Bishop that Authorization may be given, either to assist another woman worker, or to assist a parish priest.

There are present twenty-six Licensed Workers and eleven Authorized Workers in this diocese.

These questions are very important as there is a shortage of trained Women Workers and a great need for younger women to train for service in the Church today. Everyone should know the facts about this way of service for women.

Particulars of training either for Licence or Authorization can be obtained from the Secretary to the Council for Women's Work - Miss E. Holmes, 97 Crane Street, Salisbury.

BERE REGIS CHURCH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

3 p.m. SATURDAY JUNE 26th. in the Garden of Summerrods.
(by kind permission of Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman)

OPENER : MRS. TALBOT.

ATTRACTIONS

4.00 p.m. Dress Show of Children's Fashions
6.00 p.m. 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
TICKETS, POSIES, etc.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS UNION

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, June 10th in the W.I. Hut, when Mrs. Marjorie Steven will be speaking about her miraculous healing.

BERE REGIS EASTER LILIES IN REMEMBRANCE

GIVEN BY
Misses E. and A. Lys
Mrs. R. Poore
Mr. R. Poore
Mrs. Collison
Mrs. Collison
Mrs. F. Marsh
Mr. and Mrs. Davis
Mrs. Osmond
Mrs. J. Applin
Mrs. J. A. Drew
Harding
Platt
M. M. Llewelin
Mrs. Smith and family
Mrs. R. Barnes
Mr. R. F. Barnes
Mrs. C. Toms
Mrs. H. Amey
Brigadier D. Tadman
Mrs. Tadman

IN MEMORY OF
George and Nora Lys
Mum, Dad and Edith
Mother, Dad and Elsie
Mrs. Hoare
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hewitt (Parents)
Son John
Husband George
Mother
Amy and James Pattison Brown
Richard, Philip
Mother and Father
W. W. Llewelin, J. J. Llewelin
Frances C. Smith, Edwin Pillard
John and Kate Pitfield (Mother and Father)
William & ETHEL Barnes (Mother and Father)
William Toms (son)
William Toms (Brother)
Joyce Tadman
Joyce Tadman
Church Garden Party. The sum of £6. 5. 0. was raised and we are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Murray for the use of their home and for all those who were responsible for the arrangements which made the evening such a successful one.

WASTE PAPER! SAVE YOUR WASTE PAPER PLEASE and let us have it in order to raise our Restoration Fund. Newspapers, Cardboard, hard-covered books, etc., tied into bundles will be most acceptable for this special effort. Mrs. D. Legg of Broadclose is organising this collection; so please contact the organiser if you are willing to save your paper, so that arrangements may be made for its collection. We need your help to make this really 'go'.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held in the Reading Room at 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday June 5th. The Rev. A. F. MacKenzie will be speaking on his work among the Deaf and Dumb.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
EASTER LILIES IN REMEMBRANCE

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS.

TURNING THE PAGES

"The Order of Morning and Evening Prayer, daily to be said and
used throughout the year." When we see these words in our Prayer Book, do we really realise what they mean, "daily to be said and used throughout the year." You will find in the Old Testament that the Jews of Our Lord’s day, prayed to God at certain set hours, we read that Daniel kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed, the Psalmist says, "Seven times a day do I praise Thee", and in the Acts of the Apostles we find that the early Christians still observed these hours, Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour; another time we read that Peter went up upon the house-top to pray about the sixth hour, Saint Benedict provided a rule for his monastery to regulate daily worship, the monks could sing with the Psalmist "seven times a day do I praise Thee". The Benedictine rule spread to become the daily worship of the clergy of the Western Church.

Archbishop Cranmer felt, however, that the services needed to be made fewer, and when the first English Prayer Book appeared in 1549 it contained two daily Offices only, called Mattins and Evensong, the Offices (which by the way is the name for services of prayer and Bible-reading) began with the first Lord's Prayer and ended with the third collect. The 1552 Prayer Book added an introduction consisting of sentences, exhortations, confession and absolution, and in the 1662 Prayer Book, our Prayer Book of today, the five prayers, which follow the third collect, were added. These two Services, or Offices, of Morning and Evening Prayer, as they are now called in our present Prayer Book, are said daily throughout the year by the clergy and some of the laity. They are sung Sunday by Sunday in our own Churches and in countless other Anglican Churches throughout the world.

Do you know the story of Venerable Bede, who when he was an old monk struggled to the Monastery chapel at Jarrow, however frail his health and regardless of the weather, to join his brothers in their daily Offices. "The angels look down from heaven", said Venerable Bede, "What if they should see an empty place and ask "Where is Bede'? "

To us is given the opportunity and privilege to join in these Services in our own Church: let us make use of these opportunities as the early Christians did and as the Church has done throughout the ages.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS
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BAPTISM
April 25th. Alan Philip Cleall.

WEDDINGS

BAPTISM
May 16th. Stephen John Hooper