My dear Friends,

We welcome the Rev. J.E. Cattell this month as the new Vicar of Piddlementhide, Alton Pancras and Plush. One thing we can be certain of is that he will find his Dorset people warm and friendly and I know you will want to join with me in wishing him every happiness and success as he starts his work in the Bere Regis Rural Deanery.

I am delighted to receive for this magazine another article on a matter of intimate village interest. I shall be very pleased to receive others of the same kind which deal with people, places and events which concern us who live in this charming part of the country. Many of you must have little pictures in your mind which you carry with you wherever you go. I do hope some of you will take the trouble to write them down and share them with us. Anyhow, read and enjoy the charming little cameo printed this month.

We have had a good deal of trouble lately with the churchyard paths being used as a cycle track by a certain number of young people. This must be stopped and I am afraid it means that we shall have to lock the Churchyard gates for some time, until we can feel that the nuisance has abated. I am sorry about this as it means Mothers with prams and young children will have to take the long way round. However, I hope, with your co-operation, we shall soon be able to open the gates again.

I was disappointed that my appeal for new bellringers had such a poor response. If we are to keep our lovely bells in full use it is essential that we obtain more members of the ringers' Guild. The present members have done a wonderful job in keeping the ringing going, but they cannot work miracles and do badly need new help. I do hope that some of you who read this will be moved to come forward to learn. A word to any bellringers or myself and times for instruction will immediately be forthcoming.

We seem to have suffered more than usual this year from the attentions of the petty sneak thief. The trouble is that very often the loss is far greater from the damage they cause than the loss of actual cash. The last person who broke into the 6d in the slot meter got away with very little money but did £25 worth of damage. The meanness of this kind of petty theft is frightening. So far the police have been unsuccessful in tracing any of the culprits (or the culprit) but enquiries are proceeding.
Since our remarkable Flower Festival we have had many, many requests for another one both verbally, by letter and by comment in the Visitors' Book. I am most glad that these requests are to be granted and the Floral Society are to decorate the Church in 1966 - July 9, 10, 11, and this we shall all look forward to with the greatest anticipation.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Nov. 7. Mrs. Barne
14. Mrs. Barne
21. Mrs. Barne
28. ADVENT.

Remembrance Sunday
Mrs. Platt

There will be a meeting of the Sanctuary Flower Guild in the Vicarage on Thursday, December 16th at 3 o'clock. It is hoped all members will attend, and any new members will be welcomed.

C. T. T.

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FLOWER PEDESTAL

We are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Cobb for the gift of a most beautiful wrought iron flower pedestal to the Church. The pedestal has been beautifully made by Mr. Cobb himself and is a delightful design and we do thank him most warmly for his generosity and the trouble he has been to in the making of it.

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 7. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & D. Poore
6.00 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & L. Bartlett
14. 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Mr. K. Woolfries
6.00 p.m. Lt. C. Mauder & Mr. R. Barnes
21. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & A. Harding
6.00 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore & P. Wyatt
28. 11.00 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Brig. D. Tadman
6.00 p.m. Messrs. J. House & P. Mintern

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VILLAGE CALENDAR

1965
Nov. 4. Thursday 7.30 p.m. W.I. Hut. Whist Drive.
Proceeds to Earl Haig's Fund.

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1966
Nov. 8. Monday 7.30 p.m. Vicarage. Parochial Church Council. Floral Group Coffee Morning
14. Sunday 3.00 p.m. British Legion Service Winterbourne Kingston Church.
Dec. 3. Friday St. Nicholas Market. Opener Miss M. Llewellyn
8. Wednesday 8.00 p.m. Vicarage, Sidesmen's Meeting.
14. Tuesday Floral Group Annual General Meeting
16. Thursday 3.00 p.m. Sanctuary Guild, Vicarage.
17. Friday Winterbourne Kingston 7.30 Whist Drive.

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COFFEE EVENING - EARL HAIG'S FUND

A Coffee Evening - Bring and Buy Sale, will be held on Wednesday November 10th 7.30 p.m. at 'The Crofters', Winterbourne Kingston in aid of Earl Haig's Fund. We hope all will support this monthly effort.

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BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

Our M.U. Branches have been invited by the Dorchester Deanery to a meeting in the Corn Exchange, Dorchester, on Wednesday, November 10th at 3 p.m. to hear Lady Fisher, the wife of the former Archbishop of Canterbury, now Lord Fisher of Lambeth. Mrs. Tranter would be glad to receive the names of those who would like to go as soon as possible. This is an opportunity which should not be lightly missed.

The usual monthly Branch meeting will be held as usual on Thursday, November 11th at 7.30 p.m. when the speaker will be Miss M. Llewellyn who will speak on the work of a Magistrate in the local Courts. Miss Llewellyn is a most experienced member of the Bench and her talk should prove most informative and interesting.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th.

N.B. Morning Service will commence at 10.50 a.m. If fine at the War Memorial then after the two Minutes Silence will be completed in the Church. If wet, 10.50 a.m. in the Church.
FAMILY SERVICE

Owing to the Parade of the British Legion at Winterbourne Kingston at 3 p.m. on November 14th it will not be possible to hold the usual Family Service on this day.

The Vicar would like to apologise to the usual congregation which is normally present on the afternoon of the second Sunday in the month, but he hopes that they will understand.

THE CROSS, BERE REGIS

One has not to travel far beyond the friendly herdsmen and their well controlled cows (September Magazine) before coming to the village crossroads. There on any tolerably fine day you are almost sure to see, working, walking, or sitting, an old gentleman. If you are driving through and he recognises you, you are sure of a friendly wave and smile, if you are walking you are sure of a pleasant word and if you are in no hurry you can have a very pleasant conversation with nobody's character besmirched thereby. On parting you will be wished well till you meet again. Such a friendly spirit is worth recording, and though he is an octogenarian, hundreds in the area will wish him to live long to grace our village with his friendly spirit.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Griffin Snr. and Mrs. C. Griffin are holding a Coffee Evening at "The Cedars" on Thursday, 28th October at 7.0 p.m. in aid of the heating fund. We hope all members will support this and bring friends. The A.G.M. will be on November 16th at the W.I. Hut 7.0 p.m. and an Autumn Sale on November 18th at 3.0 p.m. All are welcome. Come and buy your Christmas presents.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Instead of an afternoon meeting on November 9th we are holding our Coffee Morning - our one big effort of the year to raise funds for the Group. All members are asked to come, and bring as many friends as possible. The following stalls would appreciate your support: Plants and Bring and Buy. Cakes: Tombola (any gift welcome for this!) Christmas Decorations. Coffee will be served from 10.30 a.m. until noon. Entrance 1/- including Coffee and biscuits.

M.A.

GEOLOGICAL HISTORY (continued)

Having dealt very briefly with an outline geological history of England, we now come to our own particular area, where the most recent sedimentary deposits are layers of gravels, clays and sands, laid down in what is known geologically as the Tertiary Period, and this lies on the second oldest layer, the chalk, which is a deposit formed by marine creatures in a similar way to the formation of the coral islands of the Pacific.

Much of this top layer of Tertiary deposits has been washed away into the Poole and Hampshire basins, leaving the chalk uppermost, and the line marking the edge of the exposed chalk and remaining Tertiary beds divides our parish in two, roughly from east to west. The uppermost geological layer has a great effect on the topographical features of an area and the vegetation it supports, and this can be clearly seen in our own parish where the northern part consists of the rolling chalk downs, and the southern part of the characteristic heathland.

There can be no doubt that Bere Regis itself is built on the chalk, as everyone must have noticed that when even a shallow hole is dug in the village, the earth itself seems to "bleed" chalk, and the resulting wound remains until grass heals the scar.

There are two rivers within the parish, the Bere stream coming down through the chalk hills from Milton Abbas, and the River Piddle running through the Piddle valley. After entering the heath belt they converge and join just within the parish, and continue as one to Poole Harbour. These two rivers carve fertile valleys through the heath belt, and cause Black Hill to be in effect an island of heathland.

Most rivers and streams were formerly much wider and deeper than at present, but the waterways have gradually become silted up until a relatively small channel remains to meander its way down to the sea. In most cases the original width of any river or stream can be easily seen by the extent of the flat area on either side of it, and the soil within this area is usually very rich and fertile.

We have, then, three categories of geological formation in the Parish - chalk downs, heathland and river valleys, and although geological history may seem very remote, it can be seen that the cataclysmic events of millions of years have had a profound effect on the appearance and character of the parish of Bere Regis today.

F.P.P.
A CHRISTMAS PRESENT
FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

We are hoping to introduce new Prayer Books into our Church at Christmas. Would you like to make a gift of such a Prayer Book to the Church, in memory of a dear one, or of a special occasion in your life, or as a friend of Saint Nicholas? It will be possible for you to inscribe your name in the book, as the giver, if you so wish. The price - 7/6d each. Please enter your names on the list in the Church, or others farther afield, please let the Vicar or Treasurer know that you desire to help the Church in this way. We will obtain the books on your behalf.

SAINT NICHOLAS MARKET
FRIDAY - 3rd DECEMBER, IN THE VILLAGE HALL - 7.30 p.m.
To be opened by Miss M. M. LLEWELLIN.

A VARIETY OF STALLS

Gifts will be gratefully received at the VILLAGE HALL on MARKET DAY - between 2.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Your support will be appreciated and we hope to meet YOU at the MARKET.

HARVEST-TIDE AT ST. NICHOLAS

The Harvest Supper was indeed a real Parish get together, the number catered for being 121. The stage of the Hall, had been decorated with the fruits of the harvest and made a very festive scene, as did the well laden tables, especially at supper time, which was by candlelight.

Mr. R. Knight, gave an after supper talk on 'Shepherdng' depicting the life of a Shepherd throughout the year.

The Vicar expressed thanks to the Church Council and the Organising Sub-Committee who had been responsible for arrangements, as well as to those who had contributed very generously by their various gifts.

Games and Dancing were enjoyed after supper.

The Sub-Committee had handed to the Treasurer the sum of £8. 4. 0 for the Restoration Fund.

WASTE PAPER

The waste paper drive, organised by Mrs. D. Legg, still continues. Please save every scrap! The money received to date amounts to £8. 4. 9.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

HOLY BAPTISM

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

St. Matthew - chapter 28 - verse 19.

The importance of Baptism has always been recognised in the Church. It is a rule laid down by our Lord Himself, as the above verse from St. Matthew’s Gospel tells us so very clearly.

If you look at the service entitled, “The Ministration of Publick Baptism of Infants, to be used in the Church”, which of course you will find in your Prayer Book, you will see that there is a rubric following this title of the Office of Baptism. It is perhaps interesting to note here that the word "rubric" really means an order telling us what to do, and it used to be printed in ruby-red. Well, the rubric recommends the administration of Baptism "upon Sundays and other Holy days, when the most number of people come together" and immediately after the last Lesson at Morning Prayer, or Evening Prayer.

Here at our Church of Saint Nicholas, it is the custom for Baptism to take place following the last Lesson at Evening Prayer, for there is no better way than this to receive the child 'into the congregation of Christ's flock', it also reminds those present of the promises made on their behalf, when they were Baptized.

The Catechism tells us that Baptism is a Sacrament. A Sacrament is an outward sign assuring us of an inward gift from God. The outward sign is the pouring of water on the forehead "in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost". The inward gift is that we become members of Christ, children of God, heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.

What do we call the name that the baby is given at Baptism? His Christian name. He has another name, which he shares with the rest of the family, his surname. But his first name is his very own. When the Priest takes the baby in his arms he says to the Godfathers and Godmothers, 'Name this child', then calling the child by his name, he baptizes him saying, 'John, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost'. At his Baptism the baby's name is given to him personally, he is there to receive it, and is called by it immediately afterwards by the Priest. From the moment that a child is made a Christian he is called by his Christian name. His name is written down in the register of the Church where he is baptized. Best of all, he is known by his name to God. Just think about that for a moment - God knows you and me by name.
We have our Christian names for ever. 
Holy Baptism is, then, the starting point of Christian life.

E. M. S.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

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P. J. T.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

MARRIAGES

Sept. 25th. Martin Ernest Powell and Christine June Collison
Oct. 2nd. Anthony James Good and Lesley Ann Knowles
          Alan Leonard Lloyd and Sylvia Janet Toop.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sept. 26th. Dawn Tracey Jackson
            Andrew Colin Parkes
Oct. 9th. Sarah May Litchfield.

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