THE VICAR’S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I think most of us spent the day of the Bere Regis Garden Party with our hearts in our mouths, as we anxiously watched the weather! But in spite of a gentle drizzle the real rain held off till about 5 p.m. and a remarkable result was achieved, as you will see from the accounts published in a later page. Thanks to all those who made this result possible.

I also want to say how grateful we are to the Bere Regis and District Floral Group for the really magnificent Floral Festival they staged in the Church at the beginning of July. Not only did the arrangements give so much pleasure to many hundreds of people but the Festival provided nearly £200 for the Organ Fund. A wonderful effort.

We send our sympathies to Mr. Whiteside and his family on the loss of his wife. Mr. Whiteside was, of course, the Schoolmaster at Bere Regis for many years till his retirement, and many of you remember him with affection and will wish to send your good wishes.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

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REMEMBER
August 7th. Sunday. No 8.00 a.m. Celebration
No 11.00 a.m. Mattins

BUT
10.00 a.m. Family Communion

August 14th. Sunday 3.00 p.m. Family Service.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION
The M.U. will not meet during the month of August.

VILLAGE CALENDAR
7th. Sunday. 10.00 a.m. Family Communion
14th. Sunday. 3.00 p.m. Family Service

Nov. 10th. Thursday. Poppy Whist Drive. Drax Hall. 7.30 p.m.
Admission 2/6. Proceeds to Earl Haig's Fund

2.30. Drax Hall.

1967
June 3rd. Saturday Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party
June 24th. Saturday Bere Regis Church Garden Party.

BERE REGIS W.I.
A very successful Summer Sale was held in the garden of The
Cedars by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Griffin on Saturday
July 16th and many thanks are extended to all who helped in any way.
The next event is to be the Annual Produce Show which will take place
on Saturday August 6th at the W.I. Hut. Schedules are now available
and we hope for many entries from our Members and any relatives living
in the village. The latest dates for entries are August 2nd and 3rd, at
the W.I. Hut between 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

The monthly meeting for August will be in the shape of an after-
noon tea party at Doddings by invitation of Mrs. J. Jesty. This will take
place on Thursday 18th at 3.00 p.m. Transport can be arranged to and
from.

CONGRATULATIONS To Mrs. Miller on the birth of a son
and to Mr. Fred Pitfield on obtaining his A.R.I.B.A.

THANKS to Mrs. Rawbone for Organ Fund £2. 5. 0.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Members will be delighted to know that the Flower Festival
raised nearly £200 for the Organ Fund. Planning for the Festival
started last year, and Miss A. Lys has been busy for many months
arranging publicity. Our President, Mrs. Barne, with Mrs. Herridge,
spent long hours in the Church deciding on the colour scheme - one
which made the Church look even lovelier than last time, and
delighted all our visitors. Miss. Tadman is due a very special thanks
for keeping 'open house' for everyone arranging the flowers. Her
hospitality added greatly to the enjoyment of the task.

Will members note that we do not meet in August, and the next
meeting will be on 13th September.

M.A.

BERE REGIS FLOWER FESTIVAL 9th - 12th JULY 1966

TAKINGS EXPENSES
Cash 9th. & 10th July 141. 14. 3. Bouremouth Echo 4. 4. 0.
Cash 11th. July 58. 11. 8. Dorset Echo 2. 0. 0.
Cash 12th July 6. 5. 0. Dorchester Bureau 3. 5. 0.
Residue from Coffee Anglebury Press 10. 0. 0.
Mornings 10.12. 0. Brochures (estimated) 29. 0. 0.
Total cash receipts 217. 2. 11.
Collections 16. 17. 0.
Net Profit to Box 4. 2. 1.
Organ Fund Miss Lys 1. 0. 0. 21. 19. 1.

GROSS TAKINGS £239. 2. 0.

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G. F. Howard. 16th July 1966.

HISTORY OF BER REGIS - 62

PARISH MAGAZINE (continued)

1888. During the winter months the village streets were lit by oil
lamps, provided, maintained and fuelled by voluntary subscription (as
were most things in those days). From the accounts we see that five
colliery lamps cost £6. 10s. 0d.

January saw the first concert by the newly formed "Bere Regis
Musical Society" - a choir formed principally for the singing of "glees". Membership was by invitation only.

Members of the parish lending library were required to pay a subscription of 1d. every six months.

Parents paid school fees of 2d. per week per child, half of which was refunded at the end of the year if the child maintained more than 75% attendance, and there was some reduction for families having more than two children at school. The school leaving age was 13, and the national average cost of educating a child in a typical church school was 36s. 4d. per child per annum. Bere Regis did it rather more economically at 33s. per child. The whole cost of education in the village was raised locally by the fees, parish rates and voluntary subscriptions.

In October a sunflower competition for boys was held, and was won by Percy Gregory with a bloom of 15½ inches in diameter (excluding the petals) and a height of 11 ft. 9 ins.

The Bere Regis branch of the Women's Union (now the Mothers' Union) was formed at its first meeting in the girls' school at Sitterton on Monday 10 December, 1888, when 50 members joined. 1889. The choir at this period consisted of 13 men, 12 boys and 15 ladies, making 40 in all.

On Saturday 16 March a two hours long Confirmation Service was held, when there were no less than 249 candidates, of whom 31 were from Bere and the remainder from surrounding villages.

In April a meeting was held by the newly formed Horticultural Society with a view to holding an annual Show, arising out of the wide interest taken in the 1888 sunflower competition. It was to have been called "The Bere Regis Cottage Garden and Home Arts Show", but this somewhat cumbersome title was subsequently changed to simply "The Flower Show", in which form it survived until recent years. The first show was duly held on Friday 30 August in Court Green by permission of Mr. Daniel Cobb, when there were 273 entries, and £13 8s. 3d. was taken at the gate (a sizeable sum in 1889). The church bells were rung, and there was music by the band of the 1st. V.B., Dorsetshire Regiment.

Mr. Hiscock, Master of the boys' School, had announced his resignation and "... Mr. Job Bugby who is already favourably known to many of our readers, has been appointed to the post ... Mr. Bugby remained Master of the boys' school until its closure in 1929, and he is, I am sure, remembered by many of his former pupils.

(To be continued)  F.P.P.

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**BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN FOR RESEARCH**

The result of the house to house collection for the above charity was as follows:

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**TOTAL:** £50.0.0d.

Many thanks to all who helped to collect and everyone who gave so generously.

N. L. Benjafield.

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**BERE REGIS PARISH CHURCH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY 25th JUNE 1966**

**Gross takings from stalls were as under:**

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**Gross takings from Stalls** £196.3.10.

**Donations** £7.2.8.

**Total cash paid in** £203.6.6.


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**THE DORSET ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED**

The amount collected in Bere Regis for the above was £8.16.0½d, the total for the Wareham Area being £140. Mrs. Lys is grateful to those who undertook the collection.
BROWNIES AND GUIDES

The 1st Bere Regis Brownie Pack has been reformed with Mrs. Wheeler as Brown Owl and Mrs. Keen and Mrs. Corbin as Tawny Owls. There are fourteen Brownies. Meetings are held on Fridays at 6.30 p.m. in the School Hall.

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An Enrolment Ceremony for both Guides and Brownies was held in early July.

As new uniforms are rather expensive, we would be pleased to buy any second-hand uniforms, in good condition, which anyone has to offer.

S.M.M.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON SCHOOL

We would like to thank everyone who assisted and attended the School Sale. The sum of £41. 15. 2d. was obtained which is wonderful.

H. Bracewell.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS’ UNION

The Branch will not meet during August.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

WASTE PAPER. The amount received for the sale of waste paper since the campaign started in the summer of last year now totals £19. 7. 0.

A grateful word of thanks is due to the collectors, who have worked so hard and so consistently to make this splendid total possible.

Our grateful thanks go also to those who have so kindly saved their paper for us. Please continue the good work!

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

THE COLLECTS

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We then come to the time of the Reformation, when changes were made to the Prayer Book of the day, under Archbishop Cranmer in the reign of Edward VI, and the Public Prayers were read in English for the first time on Whit Sunday, 9th June, 1549. Some of the old Collects were altered in form, some were omitted and replaced by new ones, but all which were considered worthy of retention were retained.

In 1552 this Prayer Book was revised, a few more of the old Collects were omitted and replaced by others. During the reign of Mary the Prayer Book was suppressed but on the accession of Elizabeth I its use was revived, yet again it was suppressed by the Puritans - A.D. 1645.

However, with the restoration of the monarchy, in the person of Charles the Second, came also once more the restoration of the Prayer Book, although it was revised again, at this time several new Collects were added. This however, is the Prayer Book of 1662, which is our Prayer Book of today.

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Now let us turn and think of the Collects more closely. There has been three explanations of the word ‘Collect’.

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the consideration of our practical duties as members of Christ. The Collects, Epistles and Gospels, are all appropriate to the seasons for which they are appointed. Hence we have a complete year of Christian teaching.

There is also the observance of Saints' Days, but after various changes at the time of the Reformation we find that these days are largely reduced in number. The Festivals retained as Church holydays are those on which we celebrate the various events in the life of our Lord, and the days commemorative of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John Baptist, St. Stephen, the Holy Innocents and the Apostles and Evangelists. Other days are found specially marked in the Calendar, these are called 'Black-letter days' from the fact of their having been originally printed in black ink, the others previously mentioned being in red.

We have, therefore, a precious legacy in these our Collects, and how better to end this writing than by using the beautiful and ancient Collect for the ninth Sunday after Trinity, which this year falls on the 7th of August. The Collect is found in the Sacramentary of Leo, who was Bishop of Rome - A.D. 440.

"Grant to us Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

E. M. S.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS
BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM
June 26th. Paul Antony Jenkins
June 26th. Garry Cuff.

BURIAL
July 6th. Edith Irene Whiteside, aged 72.

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

MRS. SIMPSON AT THE STORES, WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON, IS OPENING A NURSERY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL WELCOME ENQUIRIES FROM INTERESTED PARENTS OF CHILDREN FROM THREE TO FIVE YEARS

JOIN THE ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY, SOUND SOLVENT, SECURE, PROGRESSIVE, POPULAR AND PRACTICAL BENEFITS YOU CAN OBTAIN FOR MODERATE SUBSCRIPTIONS, SICKNESS, DEATH AND ENDOWMENT, FAMILY PROVIDENT INSURANCE, CONVALESCENT HOME TREATMENT (FREE) MORTGAGE ADVANCES FOR HOUSE PURCHASE ON EASY REPAYMENT AND INTEREST TERMS, THE LOCAL MEMBERSHIP IS 403, FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS APPLY TO MR. A. E. BARNES, SECRETARY, COURT PROSPECT, BROOKSIDE, BERE REGIS.