THE PARISH CHURCH OF BERE REGIS

WITH S. NICHOLAS WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
My dear Friends,

Herewith a bumper magazine with which to commence the New Year!

Owing to extreme pressure on space I am omitting my usual New Year message and will content myself with wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

If in spite of extra pages our printers still find it necessary to omit any features, we apologise in advance and they will appear in the next issue.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

1968

Jan. 7th, Mrs. Terry Mrs. Harding
Jan. 14th, Mrs. Barne
Jan. 21st, Mrs. Cahill Miss Murray
Jan. 28th, Miss E. Lys Miss A. Lys

The half yearly meeting of the Sanctuary Guild was held in the Vicarage on December 13th. Nine members were present, and the Vicar welcomed one new member. The rota for the next six months was made out, and this can be seen in the Church Porch.

The annual subscription of 1/6 is now due.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JANUARY

Jan. 7th, 10. Messrs. I. Mullins & W. F. Lys
6. Messrs. J. House & M. Barnes
14th, 11. Brig. D. Tadman & Mr. M. Lys
7. Service at Milborne St. Andrew
21st, 11. Mr. K. Woolfries & Col. A. Barne
6. Messrs. R. Barnes & D. Poore
Feb. 4th, 10. Messrs. F. Marsh & K. Woolfries
No evensong at Bere Regis or Winterbourne Kingston on January 14th. Service instead 7 p.m. at Milborne St. Andrew. The coach will leave the Reading Room at Kingston at 6.30 p.m., picking up at Bere Regis, lower entrance to Church at 6.30 p.m.

**VILLAGE CALENDAR**

| Jan. 14th | Sun. 7.00 p.m. | Evensong at Milborne St. Andrews |
| Jan. 17th | Wed. 7.30 p.m. | Winterbourne Kingston Mothers' Union Corporate Communion |
| Jan. 18th | Thurs. 7.30 p.m. | Bere Regis Mothers' Union Corporate Communion |
| Jan. 23rd | Tues. 2.30 p.m. | Jumble Sale, Drax Hall |
| Feb. 12th | Mon. 7.30 p.m. | Parochial Church Council, Vicarage |
| Feb. 15th | Thurs. 3.00 p.m. | British Legion Women's Section Sale, Drax Hall, White Elephant - Cakes etc. |
| Mar. 11th | Mon. 3.15 p.m. | School Managers' Meeting |
| April 4th | Thurs. 3.00 p.m. | Mothers' Union Deanery Service at St. Nicholas, Winterbourne Kingston, Easter Day |
| April 14th | Sun. | |
| May 15th | Wed. | British Legion Garden Fete, White Lovington |
| May 18th | Sat. | Salisbury Cathedral Thanksgiving |
| May 20th | Mon. 7.30 p.m. | R.D. Conference |
| May 27th | to 1st June | Skittle Tournament in Court Green |
| May 31st | Fri. 7.00 p.m. | Confirmation, Bere Regis |
| June 8th | Sat. | Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party |
| June 13th | Thurs. | Missionary Festival (Deanery) Puddletown |
| June 29th | Sat. | Bere Regis Garden Party |

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**THE FIRST OF OUR RECIPES**

**MY WATERCRESS SOUP**:

- 2 bunches Watercress
- 2 oz. Butter
- 1 oz. Cornflour
- 1 medium sized onion, chopped
- 2 pints ham or chicken stock
- (the ham is preferable if you have it)

**WATERCRESS SOUP, continued**:

Salt and Pepper
2 tablespoons cream if you can manage it although it is quite good without.

**Method**:

Chop Watercress. Fry onion gently in butter until soft but not brown, add Watercress and cook gently for three minutes, stirring, add cornflour and cook for a further two minutes stirring all the time. Add the stock slowly while still stirring. Season and simmer for ten minutes. Just before serving stir in the cream, if wished.

P.J.

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**BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION**

Owing to the holiday Season we have postponed the quarterly Corporate Communion for one week. It will now take place on Thursday January 18th at 7.30 p.m. instead of on January 11th as is usual.

A number of new members will be admitted at this Service so I hope for a good attendance.

P.J.T.

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**BERE REGIS SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL FUND**

The Committee for the above Fund are now able to present a detailed account of the money raised and expenses at the Christmas Bazaar. We would also like to thank again anyone who helped in any way to raise this magnificent sum and especially the Village Tradespeople who gave so generously.

In May we are proposing to hold a Skittle Tournament and this will run from Monday 27th May to Saturday June 1st. During this time a Grand Summer Draw will take place and many other activities and we hope for your support to make this a big success.

We have a new scheme to raise money for this Fund and it involves the collecting of Green Shield Stamps. If anyone could spare us a few of these each week we should be so grateful and they may be handed to any Committee Member or to the schoolchildren for safe delivery to the school.

The Thrift Shop will be opening on January 17th at 3 p.m. at the School Hall so bring along all your unwanted clothing or gifts and we will sell them for you.
CHRISTMAS FAIR

STALLS AND SIDESHOWS

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Expenses:

29. 6. 11.

**Total Profit:** £54. 19. 2.

M.A. Maundre, Hon. Treasurer

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION

WOMEN'S SECTION

Branch Meeting, Drax Hall, January 17th 2,30 p.m. The Speaker will be Mrs. V. Stone of Bloxworth, talking on the making of the film 'Far from the Madding Crowd', with slides.

A.L. Coles.

OXFAM

I would again like to thank all those who have given wool and woollen garments for re-knitting for the benefit of Oxfam. Thanks too are due to Mrs. Drew, Mrs. J. Hewitt and Mrs. Maclean who have helped in the knitting of 18 garments and three cot blankets. And thanks are due also to Mrs. F. Pitfield for seeing to it that these woollen comforts were despatched to the appropriate centre. Again, if anyone has odd woollens or woollen garments that could be re-knitted would they kindly hand them in to Mrs. Tranter or myself so that this work may continue.

Mrs. R. Poore, Culeaze.

"THE BACK ROOM BOYS"

Where would we be without these people who keep things going in a quiet and unobtrusive way, so unobtrusive in fact that jobs are done and taken for granted and no one queries as to how or by whom!

May I, as a grateful Parishioner, start off a list of "Back Room Boys" (who in this instance happens to be a female!) in the hope that others will follow by mentioning "Back Room Boys" they have in mind. There must be several of these people around the Village to whom many would like to express their thanks.

My "Back Room Boy" for this month is Miss Smith, our Organist who besides playing the organ, is quietly busying herself with numerous labours of love for our Church and all it stands for.

For this we extend our gratitude.

A Parishioner

GARDENING NOTES

Having promised to write an article each month for the magazine I must do my best although I lay no claim to the title of 'Expert'. The soil and keeping it in good condition is the prior need of good gardening. Many of us take our garden soil too much for granted I expect. It has taken millions of years for it to be made by nature. Constant storms and tempest, frost, friction, root growth and constant vegetative growth and decay has given us our soil. Many minerals are supplied by the rain. In its wild state, plant life looks after itself because the dead vegetation falls and decays around the base of what is still growing and supplies to the minerals of the soil that very important thing called Humus. This does not often happen in our gardens because we like them clean and tidy. If no Humus is returned to our garden it gets poor, sandy and shallow, and plants get poorer as time goes on. The soil dries out rapidly in dry weather. So save all waste vegetable matter, and any other green rubbish that will rot and have a compost heap in some odd corner where it can rot down and eventually be returned to your garden soil. A compost maker, Garotta, is a great help. All directions will be found on the packet. Plants drink they don't eat. Bacteria in the soil and worms devour
and break down our compost until it becomes soluble. Bacteria needs oxygen to live so never let the soil become case-hardened so that air is excluded. Compost and a little lime often make the soil much nicer to work. Beans and peas can never do their best without a sprinkling of lime. The spade, fork and hoe are still the best tools for the garden. If you have to use a rotovator, dig out all the docks, dandelions, buttercups and couch-grass first as there is no better tool for taking cuttings of these and spreading them far and wide. If you should be planting new trees or shrubs see that the roots are cut cleanly with a sharp knife and not left with a rough spade cut. Dig a suitable sized hole, break up the bottom and fork in some compost, drive in a stake, place your tree or shrub so that the main stem rests nicely against the stake and the best roots pointing towards the prevailing strong winds and the stake placed so that the wind blows your tree against the stake. See that your tree is planted at the same depth as it was originally. The ground level mark should easily be seen. If the head of the tree has not been trimmed it is best to reduce it by at least one third or else it will be too big for the roots to support and will become stunted. Use clean sharp tools. A sharp knife is best. If you must use secateurs see that they are sharp. You will find that much less pressure is necessary if gentle pressure is made on the branch you are cutting away from the cutting edge of the secateurs. Always make a slanting cut about one eighth of an inch sloping towards the bud or branch you are going to leave. Never cut half way between branches or buds and leave a snag that looks horrible.

One could write endlessly about gardening. I'm sure this must be the limit of space I can be allowed. I will answer any queries you have, to the best of my ability through the medium of the magazine.

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**JUMBLE SALE**

A Jumble Sale in aid of Church Funds will be held in the Drax Hall on Tuesday, January 23rd. Doors open 2.30 p.m.

We shall be most grateful for gifts of good quality clothing which may be brought to the Vicarage before the day or to the Drax Hall at 11 a.m. on the day of the Sale.

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**BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP**

At the Annual General Meeting held in the Drax Hall on 12th December, Mrs. Cobb thanked the Committee and all the members for their enthusiastic response to any demands made upon them during her term of office. Mrs. Herridge has now been elected Chairman, Mrs. Cross, Vice-Chairman, Miss A. Lys, Secretary; Mrs. Tadman, Treasurer, Mrs. Anderson, Assistant Treasurer.

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The following donations were voted out of funds:

- Bere Regis Village Hall (Chair Fund) £10
- Cheshire Home for Children, Dorchester £5
- Victoria Home for Physically handicapped Children £5
- Lady Hoare's Thalidomide Appeal £5
- Royal United Kingdom Benevolent Association £5

At our meeting on Tuesday, 9th January, the Rev. J.L. Baillie will be showing slides of Church Arrangements and Exhibitions which are of particular interest to our members. Mrs. Benjafield and Mrs. Herridge did arrangements in Milborne St. Andrew Church which reproduced as delightful Christmas Cards. Slides like these should make it a very pleasant meeting.

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**GUIDE AND BROWNIES NEWS**

The Piddle Valley Guides and Brownie Association would like to thank all who gave towards the Christmas Fayre, and those who helped to make it such a great success.

A Dedication Service was held at St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday December 10th for the 2nd, Bere Regis Guides Colours and 1st Bere Regis Brownie Pennant, the Vicar kindly officiated. The Colours were carried by Anne Percy escorted by Susan Hall and Carol Dean. The Brownie Pennant was carried by Gloria Maidment with Jane Wheeler as her escort.

The Lesson was read by Karon Steele and the collection was taken by Beverly Maidment and Trudy White.

We now have five guides who have gained their 2nd Class Badges, they are Ann Percy, Karon Steele, Susan Pashen, Sandra Dean and Rosemary Brown.

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**BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES’ GROUP**

The January meetings will be held at the Congregational Church Hall on Tuesday, January 9th and 23rd at 7.30. On the 9th it will be a business meeting. This meeting is very important, so will all members try to be there. On the 23rd we are to have a film by Weymouth Fire Brigade.

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**BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE**

The January meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th January
it now loses itself in a field, it was, before 1840, the main road to Dorchester.

The mediaeval roads were little more than footpaths, as any form of wheeled traffic was virtually non-existent, all transportation of goods being by means of pack-horses. Even the advent of the coaching era in the 18th century had no effect here at Bere Regis, which at that time occupied a singularly isolated position with no direct roads to either Wimborne or Poole. The section of A35 from Bere Regis to Morden Park Corner did not exist before about 1840, neither did a section of A31 from Wimborne Hill to Red Post. The Corn was therefore a "T" junction only, and the whole of West Street and North Street were known as "The Street" - an expression which still survives.

The route to Dorchester was as follows: through Sitterton and Dark Lane to the top of Dorchester Hill (the present section from the Mill to the top of Dorchester Hill was constructed in about 1840). From Dorchester Hill to Rogers Hill the route was similar to today’s, but from here the route was by a short stretch of road which does not now exist, but which joined the Affpuddle road about 100 years south of the present main road, and accounts for the very sharp bend which occurs at this point. From here the route was to Affpuddle, Southover, south of Tolpuddle, and then by a track which still exists to join the present main road at Athelhampton. The section of A35 from Rogers Hill to Athelhampton did not exist before about 1840.

F.P.P. (to be continued)

THE SHEPPARD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
AT WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

As far as is possible up to the moment this Chapel has now been completed, though it will not be dedicated or used until the Memorial tablet is completed and in position. This charming and delightful Chapel has only been made possible through a number of gifts which have been freely made. Apart from donations received we would like to thank the following: Mr. Griffin for making and giving the dais and for repairing the altar, Mr. F. Phipfield for designing the Cross and candlesticks, most appropriately taking his theme from a pillar of the Church to match in with the Mrs. Sheppard’s love and devotion to St. Nicholas. Mr. F. Marsh for providing the materials, making and gilding the Cross and candlesticks. Miss Hooke, for making the curtains and frontal and super frontal. Miss Sheppard for contributing most generously in many ways, not least in making an adequate Memorial tablet possible. And last but no means least, to Mrs. Tranter for designing and supervising the whole of the hangings and the Chapel in general.
### WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON 
#### SAINT NICHOLAS MARKET

**8th December 1967**

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#### PAYMENT TO BANK - CHURCH RESTORATION FUND ACCOUNT:

**£88.6.10.**

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In spite of arctic weather conditions and very treacherous roads even more so for pedestrians than motorists, the annual St. Nicholas Market was indeed a successful occasion.

We were delighted to have with us Mrs. P. Benjafield, of Bere Regis, and to welcome her to this part of the Parish. The stalls were extremely well laden, attractive and festive - and the support of buyers and givers most generous. The Vicar expressed thanks to all who had contributed to the Market. The response was a great encouragement under such adverse weather conditions and very much appreciated - the result was indeed excellent.

**E.M.S.**

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#### WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON 
#### MOTHERS’ UNION

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#### SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH

To the lady members of the congregation of St. Nicholas great credit is due for the way in which they keep the Church so beautifully clean and the brasses cared for, week by week and month by month. The work which is voluntarily done is indeed valued.

The rota for the year 1967 has been :-

January - Mrs. D. Legg; February - Mrs. Symes;
March - Mrs. Wingfield; April - Mrs. Bentley (who has now left the village)
May - Mrs. P. House; June - Mrs. Thrush. July - Miss Sheppard
August - Mrs. E. Legg; September - Mrs. Pickering
October - Mrs. Rolls; November - Mrs. E. Vincent
December - Mrs. Locke and Mrs. J. Legg.

If any helper wishes to make a change in the above list for 1968 would they please get in touch with the Church Secretary?

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#### FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

#### WHAT WILL BE MY CHOICE IN 1968?

I do not know the source of the story that I am sharing with you this month, suffice to say that I found it amongst some of my Sunday School lesson notes, and I thought it may help us as we start a new year.

When the world was young, there lived in a small village a wise old man, so old was he in fact, that it was thought he was over one hundred years of age. He had, however, a great love for children, and one day when they came to his tiny cottage he brought out five boxes. "See here", he said, "are five boxes, here is a big one, here is a long one, here a square one, here a fat one, and here a small one". He told the children that in the boxes he had gifts for them and asked each to choose the box they would like.

The eldest child, a boy of seven, whose name was Peter, took the biggest one, and in that he found ambition. He asked what it was and was told to take it and see, for with the box he would never know peace, he would always be struggling and striving, but the important thing he would have to do would be to decide whether his ambition
was going to be for good or for evil - the weight would be heavy. Mary the little girl took the long box, and was told she had chosen greed and avarice and that the box would become a miser's chest, shutting her off from the world and its joys, for greed and avarice which are really the same thing, makes one eager to obtain and possess. John had the fat box. He had chosen the way of wealth, that only brings unhappiness, for the more you have the more you want. It will take you over the world, but it will never buy health and happiness. Jane decided on the square box, she had chosen jealousy, her way would be filled with misery and the broken lives of other people whom she wrecked, and she would be hated.

The last box, the smallest of all, was such a tiny one - but it was peace and love, for without these you cannot really live. Wealth does not buy these things, greed does not buy them, jealousy sends them away, ambition has no use for them. You will always be happy whether you are rich or poor, because you will be at peace and you will be loved by all.

As the years passed all the old man said came true, only the child with the smallest box was happy, for she was loved, and she loved in return and peace was her friend.

With the beginning of the New Year, let us be specially careful how we choose, for the responsibility is great.

"Lord, in all our doings guide us."

E.M.S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

Holy Matrimony Oct. 21st. Christopher John White and Patricia Margaret Barnes.

Holy Baptism Oct. 29th. Wendy Jane Gale

Nov. 26th. Trudi Comben.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

Holy Baptism Oct. 29th. Kim Lorraine Vater

Nov. 19th. Sally-Ann Watson

Burial Oct. 31st. Edna Mary Chandler aged 85 years

Nov. 18th. Alexander Roland Parker aged 72 years.