THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

This month we mourn the loss of a prominent member of Winterbourne Kingston - Francis Burgess of Muston - and to his widow and family we send our sincere sympathy. The packed Church at his funeral is a measure of the respect and affection in which he was held. Mr. Burgess was elected People's Warden for St. Nicholas in 1927 and he served in this capacity for many years, only relinquishing the post to become Church Treasurer, a position which he held until 1960. His Mother and Brother also previously held the post of People's Warden. He will be greatly missed both in Church and Village.

In June we have our two Garden Parties - Winterbourne Kingston on June 8th at the Old Parsonage and I am delighted to tell you that this will be opened by the Hon. Mrs. H.W. Drax, a most charming and delightful lady. The Bere Regis Garden Party on June 29th to be held again at Summerrods is to be opened by an old resident of the parish, Councillor R. Hann., who used to live at Sitterton, and has now reached the exalted position of being the Mayor of Poole. I know that all his old friends will be delighted to welcome him back.

May I remind you of the Deanery Missionary Festival to be held this year at Puddletown on Thursday June 13th at 7.30 pm. This is always a delightful get together of the various parishes in the Deanery and I hope a good number of our people will be able to come.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

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A meeting of the Guild will be held in the Vicarage at 3 pm on Friday, June 14th. It is hoped as many members as possible will be present, and any new members will be very welcome. C.T.T.

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**Village Calendar**


**June 5th.** Visit to Clenston Church 10.30 - 12 at the Bower, North Street.

**June 8th.** Sat. 3. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party at The Old Parsonage.

**June 10th.** Mon. 8 pm. Sidesmen's Quarterly Meeting. Vicarage.

**June 11th.** Tues. Floral Group Summer Show, Drax, Hall.

**June 13th.** Thurs. 7.30 Deanery Missionary Festival, Puddletown.

**June 14th.** Fri. 3. Sanctuary Guild. Vicarage.

**June 15th.** Sat. Congregational Church Garden Fete. 3 pm.

**June 16th.** Sun. 7 pm Visit to Clenston Church for Evensong.

**June 18th.** Tues. Mothers' Union Outing to Fry's.

**June 29th.** Sat. Bere Regis Garden Party 3 pm. Summerrods.

**July 6th.** Sat. School Fete for Swimming Pool Funds.

**July 24th.** Wed. 6.45. Young Wives Summer Market, Broadwater.

**July 28th.** Sun. Bulbarrow Open Air Service.

**Polio Research Fund**

A Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday June 5th in aid of the above at "The Bower", North Street. In the garden if fine. Everyone welcome. 10.30 - 12 noon. Bring and Buy etc.

**Common Life**

On Sunday June 16th there will be no Evensong either at Bere Regis or at Winterbourne Kingston. Instead we shall be going to Evensong at Clenston Church, 7 pm. The Coach will leave Bere Regis lower entrance to Church at 6.30 pm picking up at the Reading Room Winterbourne Kingston at 6.40 approx.

**Bere Regis Church Annual Garden Party**

3 pm. Saturday June 29th in the Garden of Summerrods (by kind permission of Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman). Opener: THE MAYOR OF POOLE (Councillor R. Hann - formerly of Sitterton, Bere Regis).

**Attractions: Fancy Dress Competition**

Class 1 Under 7 years
Class 2 7 - 15 years
Class 3 over 15 years and Adults.

**Sideshows - Competitions - Stalls of Every Description**

Teas - Ice Cream - Tombola - Orangery - Sweets, Cakes, Groceries, Produce, New Stall, Mothers' Union, Treasure Chest etc. etc.

**Bere Regis Mothers' Union**

Owing to the Outing to Fry's on Tuesday June 18th and to the difficulty of arranging another meeting on a clear date, the usual monthly meeting will be cancelled in June. Members are asked to come, instead to the Missionary Festival to be held at Puddletown Church 7.30 pm Thursday June 13th. There will be refreshments after. For the outing on the 18th the Coach will leave the Wool Road at 9 am.

**Bere Regis Swimming Pool Fund**

I am sure that all those who attended the Maytime Magic Show in the Drax Hall on May 4th had a wonderful evening's entertainment. This was something you should not have missed and we are most grateful to the whole cast for the pleasure they gave. There was a profit of £55 made during the Easter weekend at the refreshment caravan and many thanks once again to all the helpers. June 1st, is to be a Gala Day on Court Green with many competitions and amusements for every age and on July 6th, there is to be a Summer Fete at the School, with a big surprise in store, we hope! Watch for posters.

M.C.

**Deanery Missionary Festival**

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION

Owing to unsettled weather, what was to have been a Garden Fete was held in the Drax Hall. The opener was Mrs. Parke, County Chairman. She was presented with a spray of lilies of the valley by Roy Austen aged 2 years. Visitors included Mrs. Weber, County President and Mrs. F. E. of Purbeck representative, also members from Lytchett Minster and West Lulworth. Goods sold for Disabled Men’s Industries amounted to £14, 17s. 0d. and after expenses profit was £46, 0s. 0d. Winners of the Draw were S. Snoo, Mrs. Tranter, E. Coles, P. Wyatt, Table Skittles highest score Mrs. Pauline Jesty. The Officers and Committee thank all those who supported the effort.

June Meeting 19th. There will be a talk by Mr. Shaf on “Women in the Soviet Union”. Visitors welcome, 8 pm Drax Hall.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall at 7. 30. On 11th June there will be a Beauty Demonstration by Boots, and on the 25th a talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind training by Mrs. Cahill.

BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE

The June meeting will be on Tuesday 18th June at 7 pm in the Drax Hall. There will be a demonstration of a Bamix Food Mixer and also a report from the delegate to the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting.

HISTORY OF BERÉ REGIS – 84

THE CIVIL WARS 1642 - 1660

It is difficult to imagine an issue so strong as to cause Englishmen, mostly men of standing with large estates, who had hitherto lived peaceably together, to take up arms against each other and to resort to such devices as setting fire to each other's property. But such was the case just over 300 years ago when the issue was The King versus Parliament. England was experiencing one of the most troubled and unsettled periods of her history, when historic buildings were either seriously damaged or destroyed.

The Turbervilles, lords of the manor both at Bere and Wool, were decidedly on the king’s side, and the manor house at Wool was in 1644 said to have been used as a garrison for the king's forces. On the 18th January 1644 the parliamentary forces burned down a house belonging to Mr. Turberville, and the king's forces retaliated by setting fire to the house of Sir Walter Erle, a staunch parliamentarian. The house of Mr. Turberville referred to was probably the Bere Regis manor house, which was situated in Court Green, as according to Hutchins the rear portion of the house bore the date 1643 denoting that that portion had been rebuilt in that year. In such troubled times building work would not have been carried out unless it was in the nature of urgent repair work.

By 1648 the parliamentary forces had virtually gained control, and those men who had formerly supported the king were brought to trial, and in most cases were heavily fined or had their property sequestered (confiscated). In November 1648 John Turberville of Bere Regis was accused of having supported the king's cause by taking up arms himself, and providing four men and horses besides; to have caused Lulworth Castle to be made a royal garrison, to have led a foot company and to have quartered these; to have been in arms in Sherborne and incited others to join the king's side; and to have raised a horse troop in 1645 and to have served in Wareham garrison. He was said at this time to be worth £600 a year, and had £300 a year unsequestered. In June 1651, presumably on being pressed for further payment, he claimed that he had already paid £300 in 1649, and £400 since in cattle, corn and other goods. He was questioned by the County Commissioners on matters relating to the first war, was discharged and said to have lived quietly afterwards. His official discharge was granted on the 20th May 1651.

When Charles II was returned to the throne in 1660, an order of Knights of the Royal Oak was prepared as a reward for those who had remained loyal to the king, but the scheme did not materialize. 617 men were recommended for the honour in the country as a whole, of whom 15 were from Dorset. The 13 Dorset men, the annual value of whose estates ranged from £600 - £5000, included Sir John Turberville, knight, of Bere Regis, whose estate was said to be worth £1500 per year.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Will all members let Miss A. Lys have their entries for the Summer Show not later than 4 June. On Tuesday, 11th June, the day of our Summer Show, the Drax Hall will be open from 10 am - 11 am for arranging entries. Everyone must leave by 11 am so that judging may commence. Will all members bring back Raffle Tickets when coming in the afternoon, if they have forgotten to hand them in beforehand. It is important that all books are returned. The Summer Show is open to the public, and it is hoped that every member will try to put in at least one arrangement, and help to put on an interesting Summer Show.

M.A.
At the Annual Church Meeting the Vicar said how grateful he was to those many people who had helped the Church during the year. He especially thanked the officers of the Church, those who teach in the Sunday School, those who hold office in the Mothers' Union, the ladies of the congregation who arrange the flowers and those who clean the Church, the gentlemen of the congregation who keep the Churchyard in such a pleasing state, and those who ring the bells, and fly the flag.

The audited Accounts of the Church were presented and adopted. They showed that the Restoration Fund had met an expenditure during the year of £858.11.8. which signified that a great deal of work had been carried out, but it was pointed out at the same time that a great deal more work requires to be done in the not too distant future.

The question of a slight alteration in some of the services was suggested and it was agreed that instead of Mattins being on the 4th Sunday in each month at 10.0 am it should now be on the 5th Sunday in the month. Also that Evensong on the 4th Sunday in the month should be at 3.15 pm instead of 7.15 pm. It was decided that these new times of service should commence after Whit Sunday. You will find a complete list of services and times below. The Churchwardens and the Church Council for 1968-69 were elected as were representatives to the Bere Regis P.C.C. The meeting expressed their thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Tramer.

E.M.S.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Holy Communion 2nd Sunday 9.30 am
Sunday School 11.00 am.
Evensong 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays - 3.15 pm 2nd Sunday 7.15
Mattins 10.00 am. Family Service 3.15 pm, 5th Sunday.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS’ UNION

In place of the usual June meeting the Branch will be going on their annual outing, Tuesday June 18th to Fry's Chocolate Factory near Bristol. The Coach will pick up at the Reading Room at approximately 9.10 am.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

COURAGE

"When I’m alone I need not fear, God and His angels are so near"

Courage - that is the word I want us to think about together this month. The dictionary tells us that courage is a quality of character which enables us to overcome fear. What a great virtue or quality it is, and how we need to strive for it. I would like to tell you the story of the lives of two very brave people, showing how their lives were indeed lives of courage.

Mary Slessor was quite a poor girl and lived in a poor part of Dundee in Scotland. During the day she worked in a factory, but when her work was done she would go and run a club for boys in the roughest part of the town during the evenings. She was very small and timid, but she had tremendous courage, for often her life was really in danger - the bigger boys who were very rough used to try to prevent her from going to the club, but they realised that although she was small she was brave and in time these lads became her most staunch supporters, helping with the club and later with the teaching that she tried to give the boys. In fact, the same boys carried on her work in Dundee when later she went to Africa to show others the Christian way of life.

Now let me tell you about a boy called Joseph who lived just over 100 years ago. He was born near Louvain in Belgium and when he was only 22 he went as a missionary to the Pacific Islands, taking the place of his brother who was to have gone but was too ill to do so. He arrived at Honolulu in March 1864 and was ordained priest that Whitsun tide. He was then known as Father Demien. When he was only 33 he offered himself for work in the leper colony on the next island. When he arrived he was happy to be there for he found that he could do many things to help the lepers. They had no proper houses, he sent for building materials and helped them to build houses to live in. He saw that they had water, he started a hospital, he helped to build churches for the lepers, and by his great example showed to those around him the Christ-like way of life. Very courageously he worked in the colony for the rest of his life, until he himself died of leprosy in April, 1889.

In these two lives we can see what courage really means. Down through the centuries people have shown courage in facing difficulties, and still do in our present age and day, but let us never forget that it is not only courage in facing great difficulties, but also courage in facing small difficulties, that makes us what we really are. E.M.S.

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

at THE OLD PARSONAGE

(by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. B. Lloyd Jones)

ON SATURDAY - 8th JUNE 1968. To be opened at 3.00 pm by
THE HON. MRS. H.W. DRAX

ENTERTAINMENT BY CHILDREN OF THE WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL at 4.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.
A VARIETY OF STALLS - AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS - TEAS, ETC.
CHILDREN'S FANCY HEAD-DRESS COMPETITION.
SKITTLING - FRIDAY - JUNE 7th, from 7.00 p.m. continuing Saturday
PRIZES - including Ladies Prize and one for the highest score on Friday.

Stallholders will be glad to receive gifts of any kind.

MAKE THIS A JUNE OCCASION IN A DELIGHTFUL ENGLISH GARDEN

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM
28th January         Anna Marie Devlin
25th February        Stephen James Cheesman
21st April           Gary Maidment
28th April           Tracy Weeks
28th April           Andrew Lee Griffiths.

HOLY MATRIMONY
30th March           Philip James Barnes and Valerie Lilian Griffiths.

BURIAL
10th February        Arthur Toop aged 81
9th April            Ray Maurice Poore aged 64
26th April           Alfred Sansom
2nd May              William Davis aged 75

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HOLY BAPTISM
21st January         Clarissa Ferelith Clarke
18th February        Nicola Jane Lock
19th May             Michael John Leonard Audley

HOLY MATRIMONY
30th March           Brian Edward Mitchell and Margaret Ann Vincent

BURIAL
18th April           George Montaigue Davis aged 81 years
6th May              Francis Ingram Hill Burgess aged 66 years

"S M A L L A D S " (2/6 every three lines)

FOR SALE - AN UPRIGHT PIANO, GOOD CONDITION.
PITCHER, SUNWAYS, CLYPETT'S, WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON,