My dear Friends,

As I had hoped, the Parochial Church Council have agreed that we shall use the new Communion Service for a period of time, that we all, including myself, may try and find out what it is really like. Consequently from the beginning of March and till after Easter we shall be using this new Service for all Celebrations of the Holy Communion. I shall be most grateful if you will give me your frank opinion as to the value or otherwise of the new Service.

Later on the authorities will be asking for our considered judgement on this Service, so it is important for everyone to be present at as many Services as possible so that a clear picture may be formed of it.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of several Bere Regis people, and we send our sympathies to the relatives of them all. Especially we should remember the double bereavement of the Toop family. Mrs. Toop died suddenly at the beginning of February and was followed only a fortnight later by the death of her husband.

Mr. Toop was a most regular member of the choir until he went blind, and when comparatively recently he was every so often brought to church, he could be heard singing the familiar hymns in his splendid voice. He will be remembered for his cheerfulness and patience in his blindness.

You will find the Lenten and Easter arrangements in this issue of the Magazine. Please try and support the Lenten Services even if it means a special effort.

Your sincere friend and Vicar
Paul Tranter

EASTER LILIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

Will those of you who would like to give a Lily at Easter in memory of some departed relative or friend please fill in the list which you will find at the back of the Church.

The names must be down by March 31st. The list will be removed on the evening of that day, and once it is removed no name can be accepted for inclusion. Make no attempt to pay until you are actually asked for the money.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

March 3rd - March 31st. Lent, No Flowers. The Sanctuary Guild are most grateful to Mr. Marsh for providing a stand for the
Sidesmen's Rota for March

March
3. 10. Messrs. K. Woolfries & J. House
6. Messrs. M. Barnes & L. Bartlett
10. 11. Brig D. Tadman & Mr. M. Lys
6. Messrs. F. Marsh & D. Poore
17. 11. Messrs. W. F. Lys & K. Woolfries
6. Messrs. J. House & P. Wyatt
24. 11. Mr. I. Mullins & Col. A. Bane
31. 11. Messrs. K. Woolfries & F. Marsh
6. Messrs. M. Barnes & L. Bartlett
April
7. 10. Messrs. W. F. Lys & J. House
6. Messrs. F. Marsh & R. Barnes

Quarterly Meeting of Sidesmen 8 p.m. Vicarage, Monday March 11th.

Village Calendar

March
11. Mon. 3, 15. School Managers Meeting 8.00 p.m., Sidesman's meeting, Vicarage.
13. Wed. Winterbourne Kingston Mothers' Union 2, 30 p.m.
14. Thurs. Bere Regis Mothers' Union 7.30 p.m.
18. Mon. 8.00 p.m., Electoral Roll Revision, Vicarage.

April
3. Wed. 7.00 p.m., Annual Church Meeting, Drax Hall.
4. Thurs. 3.00 p.m., Mothen's Union Deanery Service Winterbourne Kingston
10. Wed. 2.30 Social Committee Meeting, Summerods.

May
15. Wed. British Legion Garden Fete, White Lovington
18. Sat. Salisbury Cathedral Thanksgiving
20. Mon. 7.30 p.m., R.D. Conference
27. to Skittle Tournament

June, 1. Court Green.

May
31. Fri. 7.00 Confirmation Bere Regis.

June
2. Sun. Whitsunday
8. Sat. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party
13. Thurs. Deanery Missionary Festival Puddletown

July
6. Sat. School Fete

Bere Regis Mothers' Union

The March meeting will be held on Thursday March 14th at 7.30 p.m. in the Vicarage. The speaker will be the Rev. G. Bradbury the Vicar of Winfrith, who will be speaking about brass rubbings.

March Recipe

MALT BREAD:
2 cups Kellogg's All Bran, 2 cups brown sugar
2 cups sultanas and currants mixed
1 cup Milk, 1 cup very hot water.

Mix well, leave to stand half an hour to one hour. Add 2 cups
self raising flour. Mix well. Put into greased and lined 2 lb. loaf
in (or 2 x 1 lb. loaf tins) Bake in slow-moderate oven (approx.
325° F) for half to three-quarters of an hour until "springy" to touch
in middle. Slice and butter.

Mrs. S.

Puzzle Corner

The following description is not meant to be factual, or even
to make sense, but the names of 17 Dorset towns and villages may
be found, formed by parts of two or more words - as, for example,
the word "answer" can be found in the phrase "the pans were dirty".

The area of the site is about four acres, and the portion
scheduled as of historic value will be re-registered and incorporated
in the new scheme, leaving the scrub land for development behind
the two old cottages. Near the entrance, a great urn, worthy of
note will be retained for the interest of visitors and for display. It
is hoped that a workshop will be incorporated, where visitors will
be able to watch an old country craftsman at work, making stone
articles in the Roman style, or an old tinsmith working on his
vessels, which now are hammered into shape, and who might use
his tins for display. The visitor will be able to leave his car near
the entrance, and a part of the workshop will be reserved for
bystanders only, where purchases of real merchandise may be made.
The site will be served by the existing road with new stub roads to
neatly divide the area, but due to financial restrictions, and the
tragic harm in sterling devaluations, a second stub road may never
be built. The development, it is hoped, will not be so random or
dense that it does not come up to new standards.

F.P.P.

Bere Regis School Swimming Pool Fund

Committee Members: Mr. L. Bartlett, Mr. R. Beeden, Mrs. M. Carlyle, Mrs. M. Mauder, Mrs. S. Mullins. The Knock-out...
Quiz is now taking place and the semi-final and final matches will be held in the School Hall on Wednesday March 6th. The Committee of this Fund would like to thank all those who have supported us in this venture, either by competing or attending as spectators. The response has been far greater than we could have hoped for.

The Thrift Shop is now operating each Wednesday afternoon between 3 - 4 p.m. We have a selection of good quality clothing for sale at very reasonable prices.

Many thanks to everyone who has given Green Shield stamps and we would be most grateful to anyone who can spare us some from time to time.

Draw tickets are now available for the Grand Draw to be held during the Skittle Tournament on June 2nd. The first prize is a holiday for two at Butlins and tickets are now on sale by committee members of this Fund.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER

On Thursdays during Lent there will be a course of addresses -

3.00 p.m., Thursday March 7th  John Howard's Text
3.00 p.m., Thursday March 14th  Elizabeth Fry's Text
3.00 p.m., Thursday March 21st  Bede's Text
3.00 p.m., Thursday March 28th  Edith Cavell's Text

There will be no afternoon Service at Bere Regis on Thursday April 4th owing to the Deanery Mothers' Union Service at Winterbourne Kingston at 3.00 p.m. on that day.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE March 24th at 2.30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday  April 8th,  7.00  Compline
Tuesday  April 9th,  7.00  Compline
Wednesday  April 10th,  7.00  Compline
Maundy Thursday  7.00  Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY  11.00 am  Devotional Service

7.00 pm  Stainer’s Crucifixion will be sung at Puddletown by the combined choirs of Bere Regis and Puddletown.

EASTER DAY

8.00 a.m.  Holy Communion
11.00 a.m.  Mattins
12.00 noon  Holy Communion
3.00 p.m.   Family Service
6.00 p.m.   Evensong.

CHURCH CANTATA

On Good Friday at 7 p.m. in Puddletown Church, the combined choirs of Bere Regis and Puddletown will render the Sacred Cantata - "The Crucifixion" by Stainer.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS? (No. 2.)

The passing of Mr. Joe Cobb, a life long resident of our village, has brought to my mind an experience of over 50 years ago. At that time his family occupied what is now Bradfords yard and were coal merchants and haulage contractors. For their work in those days they owned a steam engine called 'Little Giant' and a coal truck, I was at that time a Sunday School boy at the Butt Lane Chapel. We had an outing to Weymouth and travelled there in this engine and truck which, of course, had all iron tyres.

Many of us were very interested and excited seeing the truck washed out and a wooden frame made over which was fixed a rick sheet. Wooden planks made the seating accommodation. We set off at 8 a.m. on the day, at, I should say, some 6 miles an hour. Smoke and snuffs from the engine did not improve the appearance of our faces or Sunday best clothing for certain, but I expect a very good time was enjoyed by all. I thought this reminiscence would be interesting to compare with today's travel. Mr. Cobb and one of his brothers were in charge of the engine.

(More such reminiscences welcomed. Editor)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting will be held at the Drax Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday March 19th. At this meeting the delegate to the half yearly Council will be appointed, to be followed by entertainment by the members themselves.

M.E.

GARDENING NOTES FOR MARCH

March, and Spring is very near. It is a time when all who till the soil to produce food and beauty have to make every effort to sow and plant as soon as is practicable to make the most of the short growing period of the English summer. Some like gardening and some do not but to all one can say that gardening and farming are the oldest trades in the world and the most necessary. All other occupations would be of no value if food for the body were not available, and life would be very dull if one never saw the beauty of flower and tree. Though country people are looked upon by many in the city as 'clod-hoppers', 'swede-knavers' and 'country bumpkins' they are
really the most necessary people alive. All tree planting and pruning should be finished as soon as possible. Seed is best sown when the soil dries off as you dig it. If you buy some Aldrin and put a pinch in each packet of seed and give it a good shake before you sow you get better germination and I find birds do not treat cabbage and like seed so badly. Some Aldrin sprinkled around the stems of brassica plants soon after planting will ward off cabbage root maggot. Many troubles with vegetables and flower plants would never begin if weekly you give them all a good watering with a fine-rose can using one teaspoonful of Jeyes Fluid per gallon of water. When plants get bigger the fluid may be increased to one dessert spoonful per gallon. Roses may be pruned at the end of the month or very early in April. If pruned too soon they may break out, get frosted or dried out by an east wind, leaving very few buds left to grow. As much old flowered wood should be cut out of climbing roses as possible, and tie in the young wood. With rambler roses cut out all flowered wood and tie in all last year’s young wood. If these are grown up a post I find it easiest to wind the shortest growth anti-clock wise round the post, the next longest clock-wise finishing up with the longest. One tie at the top is then enough.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

At our Meeting on 13th February, Mr. Potts judged the Bulb Competition and awarded Mrs. Benjafield First Prize and the Challenge Bowl for the best exhibit - perfectly grown Daffodils. First Prize was awarded to Mrs. King for her Hyacinths, and both Mrs. Herridge and Mrs. Tranter shared equal Seconds for their Hyacinths. It is hoped there will be many more exhibits next year.

On 12th March Mrs. Joan Dunne is coming to give a demonstration which she has called "First Thoughts of Spring". This should be a delightful demonstration, so please remember to come.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES’ GROUP

The meetings will be held at 7.30 at the Congregational Church Hall. On the 12th March there will be a talk on gardening, and on the 26th the Red Cross will give a demonstration of the "Kiss of Life". M.E.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS-81

OF INNS AND OF INNKEEPERS

Although there are now only two public houses in Bere Regis, "The Drax Arms" and the "Royal Oak", in 1753 there were six - "The Greyhound", "The Crown", "The Duke William", "The King’s Head", "The King’s Arms" and "The Royal Oak". One of the first five is now "The Drax Arms" but the problem is, which one? Henry Drax bought the Bere Regis estate in 1731 so it could not have been so called before this date, and the Dorset Alehouse Recognizance Registers which cover the period from 1714 to 1770 make no mention of it. As Isaac Taylor’s map, completed in 1777 shows "The Drax Arms" with the tenant James Kittiw, it would seem therefore to have changed its name between 1770 and 1777.

Again referring to Isaac Taylor’s map, only "The Royal Oak" and "The Drax Arms" are referred to by name, but "The Greyhound" and "Crown" can be identified by the names of the tenants, who were Richard Satchell and James Ship respectively. "The Greyhound" would therefore appear to have been situated in the gap between numbers 85 and 86 on the north side of West Street, and the "Crown" in another gap between numbers 88 and 90, again on the north side of West Street, where part of the old doorstep can still be seen. It was in "The Crown" that the disastrous fire of 1788 started, destroying more than 40 houses, together with the Vicarage and parish registers.

I am inclined to think that the present "Drax Arms" was formerly the "Kings Arms" and although this is not certain, it leaves two to be accounted for - "The Duke William" and the "King’s Head". Now there were public houses both at Woodbury Hill and at Sitterton and they could have been these two. The existence of the Sitterton one is proved from the old registers but the name is not given:- "Christopher Kerley (or Cearly) de Shitterton" 1715-1723.


In the old churchwardens accounts which go back to 1607 the village innns and innkeepers are constantly referred to in connection with the accommodation of passing travellers, who were the responsibility of the churchwardens, and the supply of beer for the ringers, etc. In most cases the tenant is mentioned, but not the name of the inn, although "The Crown" is mentioned by name on several occasions, for the first time in 1686. "The New Inn" is referred to in 1624 and on several subsequent occasions particularly in connection with the rates, and it would appear that the name survived in the form of a piece of land so called, purely for rating purposes. The Alehouse Recognizance Registers from 1714 to 1753 refer only to the names of the licensees, but those from 1753 to 1770 refer to both the tenant and the name of the house on several occasions and this enables the tenants to be traced back for a short way: - "The Crown" - James Ship 1735-1770. "The Duke William" - George Sambways 1752-1756. "The Greyhound" - Richard Satchell 1723-1766. "The Kings Arms" - Henry Bartlett 1754-1770. "The Kings Head" - Stephen Masters (probably) 1736-1749. William
Jones 1750-1762, Peter Phippard 1763-1769, William Scott 1770, "The Royal Oak" - David Chapple 1737-1754. Margaret Hardy 1755-1757, John Sargent 1758-1770. A painted sign in the entrance hall of the "Royal Oak" states that it was established in 1720, but it is referred to in the old churchwardens' accounts in 1712.

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON SCHOOL

March 15th Coffee Evening at Letty House, Winterbourne Kingston, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. I. Provis, in aid of Swimming Pool Fund.


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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

The March meeting will be held on Wednesday March 13th at 2.30, when the speaker will be Mrs. Aldis of Hamworthy. This month the meeting will be held at 'Crofters' at the kind invitation of Mrs. Murray.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER AT ST. NICHOLAS

MOTHERING SUNDAY. 24th March. 3.15 p.m. Special Family Service (No Evensong at 7.15 p.m., on this Sunday, and No Sunday School at 11.)

GOOD FRIDAY. 12th April. 11.00 a.m. Sunday School 6.00 p.m. Devotional Service.

EASTER DAY. 14th April 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. Sunday School 7.15 p.m. Evensong

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

I do not think the magazine can go to press without a word about our Sunday School and Church Party, which was indeed a very happy occasion. We are most grateful to the members of the Mothers' Union who organised such an excellent tea in both content and variety, and our grateful thanks also to all our friends who contributed so generously towards it. The Vicar distributed attendance prizes in the form of books and other book gifts to every child. Prizes for the best kept Stamp Album for 1967 were gained by: Gillian Lowman, Dawn Welstead, Adrian Wheeler and Susan Ames. This was also an occasion when thanks were expressed by the Vicar to those who assist with the work of the Sunday School. Miss Sylvia House and Miss Brenda Puckett are to be warmly thanked for their assistance Sunday by Sunday - we are glad to have such helpers.

E.M.S.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS