THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I am most grateful to Mrs. Andrews, who has very kindly offered to take on the Church Brass Cleaning from Mrs. Farnham who has done it for so many years. I am very glad that Mrs. Farnham has been relieved of this task so speedily, so our warm thanks to Mrs. Andrews especially as she lives some distance from the Church.

I know that you all will be very glad to know that the Church clock is now undergoing a complete overhaul and I dare say that by the time you read these words it will be in full working order again.

The Church also is to be limewashed this autumn and the work is to be completed in time for the Carol Service. This is a job which cannot be undertaken without a considerable disruption to our usual routine, and I must ask you all to put up with the attendant confusion and dirt with as good grace as possible. But it will be a wonderful thing when the work is completed.

It is staggering to think that when this is done we shall have spent some £1500 in the past comparatively few months. Where should we be without the 'Friends'. But there is so much still to be done, including the tremendously expensive task of rebuilding the pinnacles on the tower and re-pointing the tower as well.

We badly need new 'Friends' and I feel that shortly we must run a big campaign with this end in view.

We publish this month, as promised, the complete list of the 'Top Ten' hymns. I am very grateful to Mark Pitfield for carrying out this survey which has been of great interest to us all. I am also grateful to those who took the trouble to send in their lists - over 40 were sent in all told.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the Congregationalists as well as the Methodists are going to join us for the Remembrance Sunday Service on November 9th, so that this will be a real ecumenical occasion. 10.50 at the War Memorial and afterwards in Church.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Please remember the Guild Meeting on Wednesday December 3rd to be held in the Vicarage at 3 p.m.
| Nov. 2 | Mrs, Barne |
| Nov. 9 | Remembrance Sunday, Mrs. Barne |
| Nov. 16 | Mrs. Cobb |
| Nov. 23 | Mrs. Barne |
| Nov. 30 | Advent Sunday |

**SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR NOVEMBER 1969**

| Nov. 2 | 11. Messrs, R. Gooch & R. Smith |
| Nov. 6 | 6. Messrs, R. Barnes & P. Wyatt |
| Nov. 9 | 11. Mr. M. Lys & Col. A. Barne |
| Nov. 16 | 6. Maj. A. Kircher-Smith & Mr. F. Marsh |
| Nov. 23 | 11. Mr. I. Mullins & Brig. D. Tadman |
| Nov. 26 | 6. Messrs, J. House & D. Poore |
| Nov. 30 | 11. Mr. K. Woolfries & Lt. C. Mauder |
| Nov. 30 | 6. Messrs, M. Barnes & P. Wyatt |
| Dec. 7 | 6. Messrs, R. Barnes & J. House |
| Dec. 6 | 11. Major A. Kircher-Smith & Mr. D. Poore |

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER**

The Service of keeping the two minutes' Silence will commence at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m. (weather permitting). Afterwards conclusion in the Church.

This year we are delighted to welcome both the Methodists and the Congregationalists to this Service, when we can remember together men and women from the Village who gave their lives during the two World Wars.

The Last Post and the Reveille will again be sounded from the Church Tower.

10.45 a.m. Service at War Memorial, Two Minutes' Silence

6.00 p.m. Evensong, Reading of names of those on Roll of Honour.

**TOP OF THE POPS**

**MOST POPULAR HYMNS**

The results are as follows:

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Mark Pitfield

**MOTHERS' UNION**

There will be a joint meeting of the Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston Branches on Thursday, November 13th at Winterbourne Kingston School, 7.30 p.m., when the Rev. D. Letcher will show slides of the Son et Lumiere at Salisbury Cathedral. Transport from the Vicarage at 7.10. Will those who are not already booked with a car seat, please meet at the Vicarage soon after 7 p.m.
SECOND HAND SALE

The takings from this Sale amount to £13.15.0d. to date. This money will be used to provide new surplices for the Choir. Many thanks to all those who helped to raise this money.

GIRL GUIDES CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Father Christmas will be passing through the streets of Bere Regis on Saturday 6th December on his way to the Drax Hall. He will be led by the Dorchester Boys’ Brigade Band and will be riding in a horse-drawn carriage. Please come along and meet him. There will be various stalls, including Christmas gifts, competitions and refreshments etc.

S.M.M.

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION

November 19th, Dorset County Conference 11 a.m. Dorchester, Because of this, the monthly Branch meeting will be on November 26th Drax Hall 2, 30 p.m. This will be a Members’ Meeting.

A.L. Coles

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES

The meetings are held at 7.30 in the Congregational Church Hall. On November 11th will be the Annual General Meeting, and on the 25th a Policewoman will talk about her work.

M.E.

BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE

The meeting is held in the Youth Club Hut at 7 p.m. on 19th November. This will be the Annual Meeting, and the speaker will be a V.C.O.

M.E.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Mrs. Rowe will be with us on 11th November to show us how to make “Christmas Decorations”. This is one of the most interesting demonstrations of our year when members and friends can learn to make something new for Christmas.

The Christmas Fair will be held on 25th November, when everyone is welcome - (entrance fee only sixpence). You might find a treasure on “Going for a Song” - win a bottle on Tombola or a Christmas cake in the Raffle. Come and bring your friends - this is our main fund raising event, and your help is needed.

Mrs. Harris judged the arrangements at the October meeting and awarded the President’s Copper Tray to Mrs. Cross. In the Novice Section Mrs. House and Mrs. Guarella share the First Prize so each will use the Figurine Container for six months.

Mrs. Herridge would like to thank all those who brought plants for the Stall which was very well supported.

M.A.

BALTIC SUMMER

PART II

My friends and I arrived in Poland one fine July morning in the port of Swinoujście, having crossed by ferry from Sweden. Almost as soon as we had landed, did I obtain the impression that this was going to be a totally different experience of a holiday. On the quay, we met a busload of young Pioneers, boys and girls in white shirts, blue Scout scarves, blue shorts or skirts and white stockings, who looked at us as if we had just landed from the moon. We did not stay here for long, however, for a very long day of travelling eastwards lay ahead across a countryside full of recent history and many battles, fought on soil that had once been German.

It was a very exciting journey to Danzig that day - the roads were very good but traffic discipline appalling. Cows and hens often wandered over the road and again the peasants we passed turned and stared. In one town where we stopped for some drinks, we came back to find our car surrounded by inquisitive schoolchildren and elderly men all of whom were thoroughly interested in our conveyance. I noticed that few people smiled, only the children as their wide, dreamy Slavonic eyes vetted us from head to foot. I felt a sudden sympathy for them and I wished I could have given them a small souvenir that would remind them of the visitors from the West.

When evening approached we came in sight of the dear, cool Baltic again and thus drove into Danzig and its suburbs. The streets were filled with hurrying workers and there were soldiers too. The first task was to find some food for our near-starving children. The Poles are excellent cooks and I will never forget the first delicious meal that we had there. Then we stayed for one night bed and breakfast style in a huge, war-scared house next to a factory. The next morning we discovered that our car had been broken open, and all our belongings gone. But, thanks to some lucky foresight, all the suitcases had been brought into our rooms the night before! The next day we started to visit various old friends of my Swedish hosts.

Here it may be best to mention the purpose of our visit to Poland,
As well as going on holiday with a difference, I wanted also to visit my mother's and the friends' parents former homes and estates in and around Danzig, which since the last war, has been occupied by the Poles. So enjoyable as everything was, we spent one week literally in the car, visiting former employees and what was left of the past. But it was also an adventure so entirely different in atmosphere than anything I had known. Everywhere we went, we were met with overwhelming hospitality. In the countryside which was fairly wooded and hilly and where the ground was sandy, the farmers still used horses to plough the fields, milking was and is done by hand and women scythed in the cornfields over which white storks passed. Few of the farmers were well off but what they offered us was so generous and their children were the warmest, friendliest companions. The people seemed to be very hard-working and friendly both in the country and town.

Trams were still to be seen and when we were there, everything was decorated with little red flags to commemorate the 20th anniversary or so of the Polish People's Republic. What was pleasing to see was the marching discipline of the Young Pioneers, boys who simply enjoyed their drill and who performed it "crisply" and with great determination. Petrol in Poland is scarce, and pretty bad at that but in spite of this our 1969 Ford Taunus managed everything extremely well.

(to be continued)

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON, ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

COFFEE EVENING
WINTERBOURNE COTTAGE - WINTERBOURNE ANDERSON
(by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. P. House)

and

BRING AND BUY SALE

FRIDAY, 14th NOVEMBER at 7.30 p.m.
Transport will be available from the Reading Room at 7.15 p.m.
Proceeds to aid the forthcoming ST. NICHOLAS MARKET

ST. NICHOLAS MARKET

THE EVE OF ST. NICHOLAS, Friday 5th December at 7 p.m.
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, to be opened by Mrs. A.T. Scott

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF STALLS. Gifts will be most gratefully received at the Village Hall on MARKET DAY between 2.30 and 3.30 p.m. Your support will be much appreciated and we hope to meet you at the 'Market'. Proceeds - Church Restoration Fund.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

If I were to ask you what the Church is you could very well tell me about the building which you know to be the Church, and where the worship of God is offered week by week. And in one way you would be quite right. The answer is right as far as it goes, but in fact, it does not go far enough.

If I were to ask you another question, "What is your home?" you may answer it is, "No. 10 East Street", the number of the house where you live. Suppose, however, that you went there today and found that mother and father and all the rest had gone, just leaving the house behind them, would you still call it home? I think not. For you see, it is not bricks and mortar that make a home, but it is the people inside it. It is just the same with God's Church. It is not the building that makes the Church, but the people who belong to Christ. So, when we think about the Church, we must also think of the people.

Here is a story which will help you to understand better what I really mean. In the olden days an ambassador came to the great King of Sparta, in the province of Laconia - Greece - and was surprised to see that Sparta was different from the towns of those days, it had no walls to keep their enemies out. So the ambassador asked the king why Sparta had no walls. But the king replied that it had walls and very strong ones too and invited the ambassador to get up early the next morning and to ride out with him to see them for himself.

Early the next morning they rode out together, all the time the ambassador looking for the walls, but what he saw was a great army of Spartan soldiers doing their early morning drill. He turned to the king and asked, "Where are these walls that you told me of?" The king pointed to his soldiers, "These are the walls of Sparta, and every man is a brick!". You will know what he meant. These men were like a great wall to keep out Sparta's enemies, and every man was a brick because he was doing his part in keeping out the enemy.

If we change the idea a little, it will help us to understand Christ's Body, the Church - that we, each one of us, is a little part of that Body.

"Members of Christ" that is what we were made in our Baptism. The Church is made up of millions of members and the Body needs every one of them.

The Church then is just not only the building, it is also the people who make up the Body. We are one of the people, each one of us. God needs what we can give. What are we giving? Are we giving our worship, our work, ourselves? And I know the answer
to these questions.

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ST. NICHOLAS CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES

On and after the second Sunday in December, Evensong will now be held at 6 p.m. instead of 7.15 p.m. I shall be glad if members of our congregation will make a particular note of this and hope that the change of time will be a real convenience to our worshippers.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH

3.00 p.m. British Legion Remembrance Sunday Service in St. Nicholas Church.

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

21st September Richard Andrew Poore

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HOLY BAPTISM

5th October Sarah Louise Gale

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