My dear Friends,

I wish to pay tribute this month to Mrs. Farnham who quietly and silently for many years, week by week, has cleaned the Church brass so beautifully. I know how grateful you all are to her in doing this rather tedious job which is one which never hits the headlines, and is too easily taken for granted. Now the time has come when most reluctantly she feels she must give up this work and I want here and now publicly to say a very big 'thank you' to her on behalf of us all, and to express our warm gratitude for all she has done over the years.

Brass cleaning is a job which has to be done and now I ask, is there anyone among our readers who would be willing to take over from Mrs. Farnham, and keep our brass bright and shining as it has been in the past?

How nice it was to welcome to the Church one Sunday the son of a former Incumbent of this parish, Mr. Hodge who was Vicar here in 1919. Mr. Hodge is now 85 but is still in good health and often takes Services near Bridgwater where he now lives in retirement.

I should like to draw your attention to the 'Top of the Pops' article in a later page. As you will see the five hymns tying for 10th place will be sung at Evensong on October 19th and then on October 26th we shall have a special Service with very shortened Evensong when the remainder of the hymns will be sung.

We do not propose to publish the list until after the hymns have been sung, in the hope that curiosity will encourage you to make a special effort on October 19th and especially the 26th so that we may have a good muster to sing our favourite hymns!

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR OCTOBER (continued)

Oct. 12th. 11. Mr. K. Woolfries & Col. A. Barne
19th. 11. Messrs. I. Mullins & W. F. Lys
6. Maj. A. Kircher-Smith & Mr. J. House
26th. 11. Lt. C. Maunder & Mr. K. Woolfries

Nov. 2nd. 11. Messrs. R. Gooch & R. Smith
6. Messrs. R. Barnes & P. Wyatt

VILLAGE CALENDAR

16th. Thur. 7.30. Winterbourne Kingston Church Council
School House
16th. Thur. 7.30. Bere Regis Parent Teacher Association
Annual General Meeting
30th. Thur. Poppy Whist Drive, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
31st. Fri. 8.00 p.m. Hallowe'en Party, Drax Arms
Music Room

Nov. 7th. Fri. Poppy Whist Drive. Kingston School 7.30 p.m.
9th. Sun. Remembrance Sunday
10th. Mon. 7.30. Parochial Church Council, Vicarage.
Chez Mrs. House Anderson.

Dec. 3rd. Wed. 3.00 p.m. Vicarage, Sanctuary Guild.
5th. Fri. St. Nicholas Market
21st. Sun. 6.00 p.m. Carol Service

1970 June 29th. Sat. Bere Regis Garden Party

REMEmBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9th

The Service for keeping the two minutes Silence will commence
at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m. (weather permitting) afterwards
in the Church.

We are delighted to welcome the Methodists again this year to
this Service and are hoping that their Minister will be taking part in
this Service. Obviously after all that has gone before the Church has
a particular affinity with and affection for the Methodists, but all
denominations are very welcome to join with us on this occasion.

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

TOP OF THE POPS

MOST POPULAR HYMNS

I would like to thank everyone who took part in this successful
survey. In all I received nearly forty lists. As there were five hymns
tying for tenth place this makes a "top fourteen" rather than a top ten.
It is, therefore, proposed to sing the five hymns in tenth position at
normal Evensong on Sunday, October 19th and then to sing the
remaining top nine at a special Evensong on the following Sunday, 26th
October.

Please remember these dates and come along and see how many
of your favourite hymns are in the top ten.

For the benefit of those unable to attend, the list will be printed
in next month's magazine.

Mark Pitfield

BERE REGIS SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of this Association will take place
on Thursday 16th October at 7.30 p.m. at the School. We hope that
as many parents as possible will attend. Refreshments will be served
and there will be shown a film of the Opening of the Swimming Pool.

On October 31st, there will be a Halloween Party at the Drax
Arms Music Room. Tickets will be on sale during October from P.T.A.
Committee Members or Mr. Stacey. Get yours early to avoid
disappointment.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP

The meetings are held at 7.30 in the Congregational Church
Hall. On October 14th Mrs. Cummins will show slides of South Africa.
The Annual Party will be on 28th in the Drax Hall.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The October meeting will be on the 21st in the Youth Club Hut.
The programme for next year will be planned at this meeting. Any
suggestions will be welcomed.

TO THE EDITOR

I would like to take the opportunity, through your magazine, of
thanking Mr. Stacey for the many hours he spent at the Swimming
Pool during the summer holidays in order that the children of the
village could reap the full benefit of the newly opened Pool.

It seems that we were doubly blessed - by having such
marvellous weather and by having a Headmaster willing to spend his
holiday time in the company of children with whom he works. True
dedication I would say.

Yours,
Tom's Mum

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

There will be a coffee evening on Friday, October 31st at 7.30
in the Briantspuddle Village Hall. Children's Hallowe'en Fancy Dress,
judging at 7.45 p.m., followed by musical entertainment. Bring and
Buy Stall. Admission 2/-, Children 6d.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

"Fruitful Season" is the name given by Mrs. Harris to the
demonstration she will give on Tuesday, 14th October.

The Group Competition - "Autumn Arrangement" will be judged
by Mrs. Harris, and it is hoped that every member will try to bring an
arrangement.

This is the month when we have a Plant Stall so please bring
something.

M. A.

SECOND HAND SALE

2.30 p.m. DRAX HALL, THURSDAY OCTOBER 9th.
SECOND HAND CLOTHES etc., CAKE STALL
ADMISSION FREE

BALTIC SUMMER

PART I

The little steamer from Copenhagen sailed into Malmo harbour
that warm, cloudless July morning. "Valkommen i Sverige" said my
hosts, and after a delicious meal in the cellars of one of the old
Patrician houses of the old town, we sped through the villages nearby
and out into the freshness of the summer countryside, through part of a
country that was to give me untold happiness and adventure. Yes, I
was in Sweden, in the southernmost province of Skåne, famous for its
good food, pretty girls and much more!

The silky, whispering corn that lay for miles around, the white-
washed farm-buildings with their red roofs and the dusty tracks were all
so splendid. And I was impressed by the seemingly shy but good
natured farmers, whose blood seemed as rich as the soil that they
worked on and whose limbs were so browned by the sun. The corn was
so ripe, so fresh and healthy, the air was always clear, clean and sharp.
I was, after a time, considerably brown - or crimson, rather like the
lobster that made frequent visits to our candle-lit supper-table in our
cottage near the sea. Here was I, then, in a country double the size of
Britain with a population of not more than eight million who had never
seen a war and whose standard of living is one of the highest in Europe.

When I painted, I often chose the picturesque farms and once or
twice the farmers would invite me for lunch and perhaps ask me how
much I would sell my paintings for, so that I came home with a
considerable increase of notes in my purse. We bathed in the Baltic
every day, or lay on the white endless beaches - some of which were
reserved exclusively for nudists - and one watched these slim, brown,
often blonde figures scampering along the waters edge, as if the ideals
of Ancient Greece had found a foot-hold in this far-off northern land.
And if one wished to be really fit and clean, then a visit to the Sauna
was recommended - a log-cabin, very hot indeed, where one lay or sat
for a quarter of an hour until the sweat started to stream from one's
forehead and body.

One day, I decided to go back in time and visit the famous ship-
g rave at Kasebeiga, a fishing village of red timbered and whitewashed
houses or chalets with blue roofs, inhabited by some six hundred souls
in summer, half of whom were artists from the north. On the cliffs
above the village, lay the ship-grave, made out of regularly placed
stones narrowing towards the prow which pointed eastwards. The
morning sun was heralding yet another dawn and the glowing sky and
the sparkling sea below seemed idyllic. For this was the starting place
of the Ostrogoths, these tribes who centuries ago sailed to Russia and
settled in the Ukraine. On my way back, by the quayside, I met a
group of fishermen, some in blue overalls, smoking stubby pipes and
I presume, talking of the sea and with them was a boy of some thirteen
years or so whose pure blue eyes portrayed the keenness and fearlessness
of his brave ancestors and whose sun-tanned face and blondest hair
reflected the effects of the wind, sun and sea which the old warriors
had encountered on their long drive to the east. He was, no doubt, a
descendant of these Viking folk whose spirit still haunted this quiet
village.

On my way to central Sweden where I stayed my last week, we
passed Sweden's most beautiful sight - Lake Vättern, some sixty miles
long and six miles wide. This part of Sweden was wilder, more stoner,
with huge dark, deep forests that one reads about in Norse legends. I spent one day in the capital, Stockholm, where most of the shop assistants could speak at least one foreign language and where the national newspapers contain, for the summer tourists, news items in English. This fine city contained many waterways and impressive buildings. I watched a magnificent display of the blue uniformed Palace guards in the King’s Royal Castle. I saw dozens of hippies and foreign visitors and always the sun shone in a clear sky. I had seen, then, what I could of Sweden and had, I felt, come to understand its pleasant people very quickly. These were some of the happiest weeks in Europe I have ever experienced. An adventure which alas seems incomplete.

W.H.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HARVEST-TIDE AT ST. NICHOLAS

HARVEST FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER.

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Sunday School
7.15 p.m. Evensong

Your gifts of vegetables, fruit, flowers, produce of any kind etc., will be gratefully received at the Church on Saturday, 11th October, from 10.00 a.m. onwards.

THURSDAY - 16th OCTOBER

There will be a meeting of the Church Council at the School House at 7.30 p.m.

ST. NICHOLAS MARKET

THE EVE OF SAINT NICHOLAS

FRIDAY - 5th DECEMBER - 7.00 p.m. Village Hall

(More details next month)

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

THE SPIRIT OF GOD

If we looked inside a prison nowadays we should see people at work learning to do useful things and to lead better lives. It was a very different scene, however, in 1813 when Elizabeth Fry paid her first visit to the women in Newgate Prison. Nobody cared about them, they were dirty, they were herded together, they had nothing to do, and in fact they became worse through being in prison. Although Mrs. Fry was a very busy person, with a home and family of her own, she began to go regularly to Newgate and to mix with the prisoners, to make friends with them, to read to them, to teach them to do things themselves. Gradually in this way they became different and that was really how our prison reform began. Elizabeth Fry had given something of her spirit of love and goodness to those poor women. In ways such as these, great people like Elizabeth Fry show us how one person can pass on his or her spirit to others.

Do not for one moment, imagine that it is only great people who can do this. Rudyard Kipling has a story of two little drummer-boys out in India called Lew and Jake. Their regiment was going into action for the first time against a tribe of wild Indians, and most of the men who had not been in battle before were very much afraid. It was in the days when the soldiers were led into battle by a band in front of them, and in the front marched Lew and Jake with a fife and drum. The time came when the men retreated but Lew and Jake went on playing the fife and drum. The men saw that, turned round and won the battle, just because two small boys had passed on their spirit of courage. So you see it is not only great people who can pass on their spirit to others.

You doubtless have noticed how you can pass on your spirit to one another. In a class at school one boy, who is restless and inattentive, can pass on his spirit of restlessness to the rest. On the other hand, we know how a person with the spirit of joy can pass that spirit on to us, when maybe we ourselves are not feeling very gay. That spirit of joy is infectious.

Our Lord passed on His Spirit to His disciples. Imagine how they gained His Spirit of love, as they saw Him doing His miracles of healing, of feeding the five thousand, how they gained His spirit of courage after a great storm at sea, His spirit of humility when they heard His words to James and John that He came to help others and to give His life. There were so many ways in which the disciples received the Spirit of our Lord through being with Him. And that Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, is with us today and can be as real as in the days of the disciples.

What sort of spirit are we going to pass on to others. Is it going to be the Spirit of God as shown in the life of Elizabeth Fry, of love and goodness; the spirit of courage as shown by Lew and Jake; the spirit of joy; or the spirit of inattentiveness and restlessness? The choice is ours and ours alone.

E.M.S.
FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY MATRIMONY

30th August James Paley Sabben Clare and Geraldine Mary Borton
13th September Anthony John Edwards and Janice Christine Kemp.

HOLY BAPTISM

Catherine Louise Jackson

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HOLY BAPTISM

31st August Keith Gerald Ingram
21st September Andrew Brian Mitchell

'SMALL ADS'

(2/6d for every three lines)

DOMESTIC WATER HEATER FOR SALE, "GLOW-WORM" JUNIOR AUTOMATIC WHITE. £10.0.0d, O.N.O.
DAY, 1, SITTERTON, BERE REGIS.

MRS. TRANTER WILL PAY 10/- TO THE FIRST PERSON TO BRING TO THE VICARAGE A LIVE HEDGEHOG IN GOOD CONDITION.