My dear Friends,

It is with great regret that we have to record this month the death of Dr. Storrs who died quietly in his sleep. As the village doctor for many years he endeared himself to all his patients and after his retirement he always, during his periodic visits to the parish, kept in touch with his old friends. His death will leave a real sense of loss in the hearts of many people, but with a sense of gratitude for the years of service that he gave to this district.

We send our warm sympathy to Miss Storrs and to the rest of his family on their loss.

We also have to record the death of Mrs. Chamberlain of Turnerspuddle. Though she was not of this parish she was well known to all of us here, being a prominent member of the Ruridecanal Conference, and a person of importance in Church affairs in the Diocese. She died under tragic circumstances, and again we send our warm sympathy to her husband and children.

We also send our sympathy to the relatives of Mr. Leigh who was a Verger for many years before he came to Bere Regis.

As the Magazine has had to go to press so early this month owing to my going away on holiday, it may well be that we shall be without a number of our usual reports and for this I apologise, but I am afraid it has been unavoidable. I ask for the indulgence of Secretaries of groups who find they came too late to get their articles into this issue.

We all enjoyed the Bulbarrow Open Air Service immensely. The weather again was really perfect and the arrangements proceeded without a hitch. The Archdeacon of Dorset gave us a remarkably fine address on the Dorset Motto 'Who's afeared?' - the best we have had so far, crisp and clear with a plain strong message for us all to take away from a most inspiring Service.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

September 7th. Miss E. Lys Miss A. Lys
September 14th. Mrs. R. Barnes Miss Combes
September 21st. Mrs. Lys Mrs. Benjafield
September 28th. Mrs. Chilcott Miss Murray

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

September 7th. 11. Lt. C. Maunder & Mr. M. Lys
September 14th. 11. Mr. W.F. Lys & Brig. D. Tadman
6. Major A. Kircher-Smith & Mr. R. Smith
September 21st. 11. Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries
6. Messrs. F. Marsh & M. Barnes
6. Messrs. R. Barnes & J. House
October 5th. 11. Brig. D. Tadman & Mr. M. Lys
6. Mr. R. Smith & Major A. Kircher-Smith

CALLING ALL SIDESMEN

Sidesmen's Quarterly Meeting Monday September 15th 8.00 p.m. at the Vicarage.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

Sept. 4th. Thurs. 7.00 p.m. Woodwork Club Annual Meeting
8th. Mon. 7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council
11th. Thurs. 7.30 p.m. Drax Hall, Mothers' Union
15th. Mon. 8.00 p.m. Sidesmen's Meeting, Vicarage
21st. Sun. Congregational Church Harvest Festival
25th. Thurs. 7.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Committee Meeting, Vicarage

Oct. 4th. Sat. 7.00 p.m. Harvest Supper, Drax Hall
5th. Sun. Harvest Festival
12th. Sun. Winterbourne Kingston Harvest Festival
Nov. 7th. Fri. " " " Kingston School 7.30

Nov. 9th. Sun. Remembrance Sunday
Dec. 3rd. Wed. 3.00 p.m. Sanctuary Guild, Vicarage
5th. Fri. St. Nicholas Market
21st. Sun. 6.00 p.m. Carol Service

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June 29th. Sat. Bere Regis Garden Party

HARVEST ARRANGEMENTS

HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4th. 7.00 p.m. DRAX HALL

Tickets now obtainable from Churchwarden Smith or Church Councillors. Tickets are limited in number so book yours immediately to avoid disappointment.

Bring your own knife, fork and spoon. Special Speaker. Entertainment afterwards.

SUNDAY SERVICES OCTOBER 5th

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Mattins
2.30 p.m. Children
6.00 p.m. Evensong

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall at 7.30.

On 9th September, Mrs. Mooney will give a wig demonstration and on the 23rd Mrs. Collis, a Cookery Advisory Service. Will members please give in their questions by the 9th September.

M.E.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The September meeting will be on the 16th in the Youth Club Hut. Mrs. Howard will be the speaker on an "Eye for Colour".

M.E.
BERE REGIS WOODWORK CLUB

The second Annual Meeting will be held in the Boys' School, Barrow Hill, on Thursday, 4th of September at 7 p.m.

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Garden Fete was held at White Lovington on July 22nd, in glorious sunshine. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Raymond, Chairman of Wimborne Branch. 16 pupils from Bere Regis Primary School gave a P.T. Display which was much appreciated. The numerous stalls did well. The Disabled Men's Industries goods raised £14. 18. 1d. Cambrian Factory £7. 19. 6d, B.L. Industries Maidstone, £2. 15. 0d. In addition we were able to send £80.18.0d. to the Women's Sections' Charities. Next Meeting September 17th, 2.30 p.m. Drax Hall

A.L.Coles

TO THE EDITOR:

I wonder how many parishioners have noted recently while passing through the Churchyard how lovely and tidy it is, with the yew trees wired and trimmed, the grass cut and the hedges trimmed. All this is due to the efforts of Mr. Tom Woolfries, who, I know, does not require any thanks, but I know when I say thank you Tom, and also for your daily untiring effort of climbing the tower to wind the clock, I shall be expressing the gratitude of many who love our beautiful old Church.

I know too, how greatly your efforts have been appreciated by Bert Farnham who has lovingly cared for our Churchyard for so many years with little help.

Yours,
Parishioner

BERE REGIS AND WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

There will be a joint meeting of the above Branches of the M.U. on Thursday September 11th in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis. The Speaker will be a Policewoman who will be talking about her work in connection with young people.

This will be a special meeting to mark the commencement of the Winter Session, with a Bring and Buy Sale and special refreshments. It is greatly to be hoped that there will be a large turn out for this meeting when also plans for the Christmas Dinner outing will be discussed.

OLD TIME CURES

Where are the old time remedies
That in my childhood day
Were made by nature's products
And always seemed to pay.
All you needed was a bottle
In which to keep these marvellous potlins
Kept for use in a cool white pantry
And to be taken at your fancy
Whenever the ailment you had got
Needed some help from the physic pot.

In the spring it was sulphur and treacle
To keep the skin clear, and for spot itching tickle,
Liquorice powder to clean you up
Or senna pods steeped all night in a cup
The liquid drunk as you wakened up
And Oh dear! it seemed a very large cup.
Vinegar and sugar to stop a cough
Melrose tablet if your hands were rough
Tallow made hot and spread on brown paper
To lay on the chest, and then a steam vapour,
For the Croup would come on in the middle night
And for two or three hours it was quite a fight
To relieve the child of the awful croup
As round the wee scrap we all would group
And watch him struggle to get his breath
His limbs so limp, and he looked like death,
But with steam kettle, tallow, and ipecachuan
My Mother would cure, in her efficient manner.

Linseed tea was another cure
Mixed with stick liquorice boiled through and through
Till a thick gluey mess was left in the pot
And taken in sips for an obstinate cough.
And sure enough these remedies worked
Were good and wholesome, no mysteries lurked
In the remedies my Mother made
They really cured with little to pay.
An onion heart, baked hot, for a tiresome ear-ache
Oil of cloves for an obstinate tooth-ache
Throat painted for soreness with a camel-hair brush ...
Dipped in glycerine and tannin and good for thrush,
Dandelion leaves in your picnic sandwich
Treacle and milk on coarse oatmeal porridge
These were the cures in my Mother's day
No doctors came, whom you had to pay
Just medicine supplied by God's good hand
Grown naturally, with artifice, throughout the land.

Constance Wilby
(with permission)

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The demonstration on Tuesday, 9th September, will be new to all members. Mrs. Viola Rae has called it "Beauty in Glass", and it is hoped that many members will come to learn yet another approach to flower arranging.

Will members come with original ideas for the Spring Show. What bulbs would you like to see grown, and in what numbers? Please write out your suggestions for these, with comments, and they will be considered at the next Committee Meeting.

M.A.

SUNFLOWER GUILD

The recent emergency box-opening resulted in £9. 8. 8d, being sent to the Children's Society. My thanks are due to the members for their continued generosity and help. When the official receipt arrives it can be seen in the usual place in the Church Porch.

The Annual box-opening will now be postponed until late November.

J.A. Drew
Hon. Box. Sec.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

Our very best wishes go to Miss Sylvia House on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Michael Ballard. Sylvia has been actively connected with the Church from an early age and during the past few years has been a teacher in our Sunday School. We wish them both every happiness now and in the days ahead.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will re-open after the summer recess on Sunday, the 14th September at 11.00 a.m., when we shall be pleased to welcome those who already attend and any others who would like to join us.

E.M.S.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

I think it will be well if we linger a little longer in the place of swords, as we come to the end of our imaginary journey through the Palace of Armour.

As we were thinking last month, the sword of the spirit is really the word of God. The word of God is the Bible. I wonder how much our Bible means to each one of us? Nowadays it is so easy to buy a Bible, that we are likely to forget what a privilege that is.

Let me tell you about Mary Jones, who was born about 180 years ago in the little village of Llanfihangel-y-Pennant, which nestles on the south west side of Cader Idris, and stretching away in the distance are the glistening waters of Cardigan Bay.

Mary was a poor little girl, and she could not think of buying a Bible for herself, for Bibles were so expensive that they cost a pound, and a pound in those days would be, I should think, about £40 in our money today. She used to go along to a friend's house to hear the Bible read, and then she learned to read herself so that she could read her friend's Bible. One day, however, she made up her mind to save pennies until she had a pound.

Well, Mary saved for a year, then she opened her money box, to take out 11s. 7d. At the end of the second year she had 2s. 7d. Through six long years she hoarded every penny and she was sixteen in fact before the pound was saved. When the great day came, she had another difficulty to overcome, for it was not possible to obtain a
Bible nearer than the town of Bala, some twenty-five miles away.

There were no trains, or buses, and the only way to get to Bala was by walking. She set out at dawn on a fresh breezy day in the Spring of 1800, her one pair of shoes, far too precious a possession to be worn on a twenty-five mile walk, she carried, to wear when she arrived. It was after dark when she arrived in Bala and she knocked on the door of a Methodist Minister. She stayed the night at his home and next morning quite early, he took her to the Revd. Thomas Charles.

Mr. Charles had a few copies of the Bible which he was keeping for friends, whom he could not disappoint, and he was grieved that he could not supply Mary with a Bible. He said that the Society that had been supplying him with Bibles was no longer printing Bibles for Wales. Dropping into the nearest seat she buried her face in her hands and sobbed, Mr. Charles could not bear to see her so distressed, he saw that she must have a Bible, he could not send her away empty handed, even if someone else had to go without, it was impossible to refuse her request.

Her young face was so full of happiness as she set out on the long walk homewards, with her Bible. On and on she went heeding not the length and weariness of the way. The Bible for which Mary had toiled, and waited, and prayed, and wept, became more precious to her each day. Chapter after chapter she learned by heart.

In the winter of 1802 Mr. Charles visited London to plead for more Bibles for Wales, and told the story of Mary Jones. It was suggested if for Wales, why not for the World? On the 7th March, 1804, the British and Foreign Bible Society was formed. This great Society has printed the Bible in hundreds of languages, and aims at a circulation throughout the world of 150 million Scriptures each year. Every two seconds a Bible is sent somewhere. Figures such as these are quite fantastic. The work goes on spreading and growing, but the root from which it has sprung remains in a small village in Wales. Mary Jones and her Bible. What can be said of us and our Bible?

E.M.S.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

July 27th.

Jason Gibbs.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HOLY MATRIMONY

July 26th

Michael George Ballard and Sylvia Ellen House

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