THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

What a splendid Flower Festival we had, held in glorious weather with the Church looking so wonderful with the beautiful and unusual arrangements.

One of the great joys of this Festival was that it was so different from any other, and struck a completely new note. Each arrangement was beautiful in its own right, but Mrs. Barne, the designer of the Festival, had achieved a unity so that each arrangement contributed to the whole.

I am most grateful to the Bere Regis Floral Group for putting on this Festival and giving us all such pleasure in the lovely arrangements. And on top of all this nearly £200 was raised towards the restoration of the West Window.

I am most grateful also to Mrs. Tadman and her helpers who laid on such splendid refreshments in the Vicarage garden and also contributed greatly to the final result. This, I know, would not have been possible if it had not been for the generosity of a whole army of cake makers, who made a multitude of scones and cakes, at the cost only of the ingredients, some of them even giving the ingredients as well.

It was a most happy weekend, and quite apart from any money raised, a joy and delight to all who visited the Church on the three days.

As the magazine will not be out till after the Garden Party is over all mention of this event must await the August issue.

We are glad that Kingston achieved such a splendid total in spite of such chancy weather, and congratulate them on their fortitude. Warm thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jones of the Old Parsonage for having us in their garden.

By the time you read this the scaffolding should be up on the tower, and work should soon be starting. This is a major work which is going to cost over £2000, completely out of the question if it was not for the "Friends". But this work will completely drain our resources. We still need more and more "Friends" and I feel sure there are still many who have the welfare of their Church at heart who would
gladly help if only they could bring themselves to take the step by filling in the form, and making the effort. Mr. Barton will willingly give you any information if you will but say a word to him - or for that matter, myself or any Church official.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter

HOLY BAPTISM

Owing to the re-organisation of the Sunday School it is necessary to alter the time of Baptisms. Holy Baptism will now be administered at 2.30 p.m. on the SECOND Sunday in the month and not the fourth Sunday as heretofore.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

July 4th. Mrs. Kircher-Smith
July 11th. Mrs. Tranter
July 16th. Miss Llewelin
July 25th. Mrs. R. Barnes

Mrs. Wheeler
Mrs. K. Woolfries
Miss Combes
Mrs. Tadman

The half yearly meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on Thursday June 3rd. The rota for the next six months was made out and can be seen in the Church Porch. As several members of the Guild were unable to attend the meeting will they please read this rota and let me know if any alterations are to be made. C. T. T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JULY

July 4th. 11. Col. A. Barne & Mr. R. Smith
            6. Messrs. J. House & R. Barnes

July 11th. 11. Messrs. K. Woolfries & F. Marsh

July 18th. 11. Mr. I. Mullins & Major Hudson
            6. Messrs. R. Barnes & J. House

            4. Bulbarrow Open Air Service

            6. Messrs. M. Barnes & F. Marsh

VILLAGE CALENDAR

July 4th. Sun. 6. Evensong with Music
       6. 30.
17th. Sat. Congregational Church Fete.
21st. Wed. Bere Regis Women's Section Garden Fete,
       White Lovington.
24th. Sat. Drama Festival. Puddletown Vicarage
25th. Sun. 4 p.m. Bulbarrow Open Air Service
26th. Mon. 7. 30. Parochial Church Council, Vicarage
27th. Tues. Young Wives Coffee evening, Congregational Church Hall

Oct. 3rd. Sun. Bere Regis Harvest Festival

Nov. 10th. 10. 30. Poppy Fund Coffee Morning. Fircroft.

Dec. 3rd. Fri. St. Nicholas Market
9th. Th. 3. Sanctuary Guild
19th. Sun. 6. Carol Service

FAMILY SERVICE

In July this Service will be held at 3 p.m. on July 11th and with the exception of August, is held once a month on the second Sunday. We would like to stress that this is a Service for the whole family, when parents can come with their children, including prams and the very young.

In the autumn we hope to have some changes in this Service so that a number of the older children can take an active part in it.

Parents! please come with your children to this Service and make it a real family occasion.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 20th July the meeting will be held at Mrs. Howard's house in Sitterton. This will be a social evening. M. E.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall. On July 13th there will be a Quiz and on the 27th a Coffee Evening. M. E.
RED CROSS FLAG DAY

The result of the House-to-House Collection was £16.99½. I was very grateful to the Collectors and to those who gave so generously.

E. Lys

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The re-organisation of the Sunday School has been a tremendous success, and it is a real joy and inspiration to see the great band of children present at the first part of Morning Service every Sunday. I am most grateful to the teachers whose enthusiasm has made the success of the venture possible.

DO YOUR CHILDREN COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL?

If not, why not send them along at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, to the Church. We have separate classes for all age groups including one for the very young.

We can still cope with many more children and shall be delighted to have them.

It is a wonderful opportunity for them to be taught the basic moral truths about life, and a child grounded in these has a so much better chance of becoming a steady and sound person in later years.

CENSUS DAY has come and gone for another ten years, what was all the fuss about? I must admit when I set out with my sheaf of forms and list of addresses, I did so with great trepidation. Now it is all over and I must say a big thank you to all the kind and helpful people who made my job so pleasant when it could have been the reverse. I really do like people!

M. C., Census Enumerator

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The Chairman would like to thank all members who helped in any way to make the recent flower festival such a success. The achievement of such lovely arrangements in the Church was entirely the result of many days hard work by Mrs. Barne and Mrs. Herridge who were responsible for the decoration carried out by the members.

Miss A. Lys acted as Publicity Secretary and deserved the thanks of the group for the smooth way in which the work was done.

At the Chelsea Flower Show Mrs. Herridge represented the County of Dorset and did a modern arrangement which was greatly admired.

Our next meeting, on July 13th will be very interesting as Mrs. Herridge will be showing us how to make corn dollies. Please bring your scissors.

P. H.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

July 21st. 3 p.m. Garden Fete, White Lovington.

There is no Meeting in August.

September 15th. Cookery Demonstration - "cheese and how to cook it" by Miss Bell. Bring and Buy Stall.

Wednesday November 10th Coffee Morning at Fircroft, 10.30 a.m. in aid of Poppy Fund.

A. L. Coles

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The Quarterly Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday July 14th at 7.30 p.m. It is to be hoped that as many as possible will join with us on this the last meeting before the Summer Break.

BULBARROW OPEN AIR SERVICE

This popular event will be held on Sunday July 25th at 4 p.m. Rawlesbury Camp, Bulbarrow at 4 p.m. The preacher this year will be the Rev. Donald R. Lee, M.B.E., B.D. Chairman of the Southamptom Methodist District. The theme of the Service will be "To Be a Pilgrim." The Site and Car Parks will be open from 2.30 onwards when Stewards will be in attendance.

A coach will leave Bere Regis (lower entrance to the Church) at 3 p.m. Winterbourne Kingston (Reading Room) at 3.15 p.m.

No Evensong at either the Parish Church or St. Nicholas on this Sunday.

Everybody please come and help to swell the thousands at this most inspiring Service.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR DRIVERS

1. Thou shalt hold only the driving wheel.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee a god of thy horse-power
3. Thou shalt not take the centre line in vain.
4. Remember the driver behind, to help him to pass thee.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother and all other passengers.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit inebriated driving.
8. Thou shalt not steal thy neighbour's eyes with thy headlights, nor his ears with thy horn, nor his enjoyment with thy litter
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness with thy signals.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's right of way.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY
12th JUNE 1971

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Restoration Fund Account.

E. M. S.

In spite of a rather wet morning and hard rain during the early part of the afternoon we went ahead in having our Garden Party in the delightful garden of the Old Parsonage. In fact it only ceased to

rain a few minutes before the opening, after that, however, the weather became quite pleasant, even with sunshine later in the afternoon, so that we felt we had been greatly blessed in this way and in the way that friends ventured out, so that we had a happy and successful gathering.

The Vicar introduced Mr. D. G. E. Hurd, Headmaster of Blanford School, who opened the Garden Party, and said it was an appropriate and happy occasion to have him with us. Mr. Hurd in opening the event remarked on the beauty of the County, its Villages and its Churches, and the great heritage which we have.

A children's decorated bicycle parade attracted a variety of entries, and many original ideas were shown in the decoration. A short programme of lawn races were also enjoyed.

All the helpers are to be congratulated on their excellent work and result, and a special word of thanks must go to Mrs. Tranter, for the high figure gained on the Mothers' Union Stall, which had its first roots in the Vicarage greenhouse, tended also by the Vicar and Mr. T. Woolfries.

We are aware and grateful for all the thought and time that is given by so many to make our Garden Party "go", and the Vicar expressed gratitude to all who had contributed in many and various ways, and to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones for the use of their lovely garden.

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

The Quarterly Corporate Communion will be held at 2.45 on Wednesday July 14th.

As this will be the last meeting before the Summer break, it is hoped that as many as possible will be present.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

9th May  Anthony William Michael Corbin

DEATH

28th May  Charles George Brewer, aged 57
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