THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

First of all congratulations to the Mothers' Union on their team winning the Quiz Competition organised by the School P.T.A. on behalf of the School Swimming Pool Fund. It was a gallant effort and the team deserves the highest credit. I think we should also congratulate the organisers on running an event which brought such a cross section of the village together Wednesday after Wednesday, in these T.V. conscious days.

Will our readers please note that the Annual General Church Meeting is being held earlier this year, on Wednesday April 3rd. 7 p.m. in the lower Drax Hall. I do trust that many will come to this meeting and show a real interest in the business side of their Church. It is always a most interesting meeting and we do need a representative gathering if the business is to be conducted satisfactorily.

As I said in Church a little time ago, we are now thinking about ways and means of furnishing the Morton Chantry Chapel. This is a task that will have to be done with the greatest care. We should like to furnish it to a large extent with the aid of gifts, which might well be given as thankofferings, or as memorials. But whatever is given the design and form will have to pass through the hands of experts in these matters.

The 1967 Communion Service is now in full use, and will continue anyway until after Easter. I am making a list of all comment and suggestions that are given and warmly invite your reactions to this Service.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

April 7th.	Palm Sunday	
April 14th.	Easter Day	(Mrs. Tranter)
April 21st.	Mrs. Janes	Mrs. Poore
April 28th.	Mrs. Carter Jones.	Mrs. Applin.

Members of the Sanctuary Guild are being asked if they will kindly make themselves responsible for collecting the Easter Lily money, as they did last year.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR APRIL

April 7th.	10.	Messrs. W. F. Lys	&	J. House
	6.	Messrs. F. Marsh	&	R. Barnes

April 14th.	11.	Messrs. J. House	&	K. Woolfries
	6.	Messrs. R. Barnes	&	M. Barnes
April 19th.	Recital 7 p.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & J. House			
April 21st.	11.	Mr. I. Mullins	&	Col. A. Barne
	6.	Messrs. D. Poore	&	F. Marsh
April 28th.	11.	Brig. D. Tadman	&	Mr. K. Woolfries
	6.	Messrs. P. Wyatt	&	R. Smith
May 5th.	10.	Messrs. W. F. Lys	&	I. Mullins
	6.	Messrs. J. House	&	M. Barnes

VILLAGE CALENDAR

April 3rd.	Wed. 7 p.m. Annual Church Meeting, Drax Hall.
April 4th.	Thurs. 3 p.m. Mothers' Union Deanery Service. St. Nicholas Winterbourne Kingston.
April 10th.	Wed. 2.30. Social Committee meeting, Summerrods.
April 14th.	Sun. Easter Day
April 19th.	Fri. 7 p.m. Bere Regis Church Musical Recital by the Bevan Family Choir.
April 25th.	Thurs. 7.30 p.m. Youth Club A.G.M. Youth Club Hall
April 28th.	Sun. 6 p.m. Bere Regis Church, Briantspuddle Singers
May 4th.	Sat. Provisional Notice for 'Magic Show'. Drax Hall
May 6th.	Mon. 3. School Managers
May 15th.	Wed. British Legion Garden Fete, White Lovington.
May 18th.	Sat. Salisbury Cathedral Thanksgiving.
May 20th.	Mon. 7.30 p.m. R.D. Conference
May 23rd.	Ascension Day "Friends of Bere Regis Church" Service
May 27th.	to June 1. Skittle Tournament, Court Green
May 31st.	Fri. 7. Confirmation, Bere Regis.
June 2nd.	Sun. Whitsunday
June 8th.	Sat. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party
June 13th.	Thurs. Deanery Missionary Festival Puddletown
June 15th.	Sat. Congregational Church Garden Fete. 3 p.m. The Cedars.
June 18th.	Tues. Mothers' Union Outing to Fry's
June 29th.	Sat. Bere Regis Garden Party
July 6th.	Sat. School Fete
July 28th.	Sun. Bulbarrow Open Air Service.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The Quarterly Corporate Communion will be held on Thursday April 11th at 7 p.m. (N.B. Time) in conjunction with the Holy Week Maundy Thursday Communion.

APRIL RECIPE

Quaker Shortcake: Melt 2 ounces Margarine with ½ teacupful Syrup Add large apple grated on a suet grater. Stir into mixture teacupful Quaker Oats. Press into a sandwich tin lined with greased paper. Bake for 15 minutes in moderate oven. When cold cut into triangles and remove from tin.

J.S.

DEANERY MOTHERS' UNION

The Annual Deanery Service will be held at 3 p.m. in Winterbourne Kingston Church on Thursday April 4th. The Preacher will be the Rev. Archdeacon of Sherborne. We look forward to welcoming him to our parish.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB

A.G.M. 25th April 7.30 p.m. at Youth Club Hall. All parents very welcome.

B. Cobb. Sec.

BERE REGIS SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL FUND

The Knock-out Quiz has been a grand success and we would like to congratulate the Mothers' Union "A" Team on winning the contest with the P.T.A. team as runners-up. The Mothers' Union will hold the cup for a year and we hope to make this a yearly event as it has been so popular. The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who supported us, especially Mr. Stacey who organised it, and helped raise the sum of £35. 6. 6d.

We have been granted permission to site a caravan on the Dorchester Road on Easter Sunday and Monday to sell refreshments and this will be manned day and night. Gifts of cakes or sandwiches will be most welcome and if anyone willing to help would get in touch with one of the Committee Members, we could then give further details.

The Thrift Shop is still open each Wednesday from 3 - 4 p.m. and anyone is welcome to come to the School Hall and see the number of bargains we have for sale. During the Easter holidays it will be closed from March 27th to April 17th inclusive. The profit paid into the Fund from this for January and February was £7. 19. 3d.

We are planning to hold a "Magic Show" in the Drax Hall on Saturday May 4th, but this is only a provisional notice and further details will be given later.

We would still be grateful for gifts of Green Shield Stamps and thank everyone for their help to date.

Football Tickets. The grand sum of £108. 6. 0d. has been raised from the sale of these and thanks to everyone who has helped.

The Swimming Pool Fund now stands at £424. 7. 0d. M.C.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMAINDER OF LENT & EASTER

HOLY WEEK

Monday	April 8th.	7.00	Compline
Tuesday	April 9th.	7.00	Compline
Wednesday	April 10th.	7.00	Compline
Maundy Thursday		7.00	Holy Communion (serving also for M.U. Corporate Communion)
GOOD FRIDAY		11.00 a.m.	Devotional Service
		7.00 p.m.	Stainer's 'Crucifixion' will

be sung at Puddletown Church 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

REMINISCENCE No. 3.

The very frequent scream of our fire siren followed minutes after by the De-da-De-da of the siren on the fire engine as it races away to the scene of a fire or accident often reminds me of the first fire engine I ever saw and of the most horrible fire I ever saw in Bere Regis. Many years before I had become a teenager Mr. Thomas Marsh (our present one's grandfather) occupied the farm lately occupied by Mr. Jarvis. The yard now strewn with wrecked cars was the rickyard, the long low shed that runs along the lower end of it was the cowstall. It must have been in the winter for the cows were tied up and bedded down, and the forebay would be full of hay. I daresay some hay and straw was stored at one end. The stalls and shed would have been of wood and galvanised iron. In the small hours of the night a fire began. By the time it was discovered the whole place was an inferno and no one could get in to release the poor chained up beasts and they were burnt alive. It was all over and a terrible sight when I saw it in the morning. I don't expect there were any telephones except in the post office. The nearest fire brigade was at Dorchester which was a horsedrawn affair, and by the time they arrived there was not much they could do. What a blessing our present system would have been. What a nightmare it must have been then for the Marsh family and for Henry Cobb who was the dairyman.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The April meeting will be held in the Drax Hall on 16th April. The Speaker will be Mr. Poundy on Gardening. On Thursday April 4th there will be a Spring Sale in the Drax Hall. M.E.

GARDENING NOTES FOR APRIL

April is a time when a stitch in time saves nine, a time when the Hoe should be used whenever the soil is fairly dry. If you hoe your ground when you have no weeds or they are very small, you will never have any.

Now, early in the month is a good time to plant new or transplant evergreens, also to divide perennial plants that have got too big. Don't chop round the outside of the plants and leave the old core in the middle but take portions from the outside and replant and dump the middle. If you dug up and stored your dahlias they may be planted at the latter end of the month, if you have a good one and wish to spread it, the old stock may be split up but remember you must have a portion of the old crown attached to each division you plant, a tuber with just a string attached never grows. The perennial border will pay for regular forking through and a mulching of well rotted compost. All growing perennials should be staked early, so that the plants can grow up through and mingle with the staking. Twiggy pea sticks are not at all bad for such things as delphiniums as these allow a certain amount of sway, if you tie the spikes to a stake they will sure to break where tied if you should get a strong wind. It's also a good thing to thin out the growths on perennial plants you get fewer but better stems of flowers. Gladiolas should be planted now. Begonias also late in the month, remember to plant hollow side up. At the end of the month you may be planting your summer bedding plants. If weather be dry the best way to plant is to make a hole fill with water, put in the plant and fill in with surrounding soil. Look out for greenfly and spray before they get numerous. Many of you will have your own choice of spray. In a very old book of mine I saw a recipe for greenfly spray which I should think could be made up, stored and used as needed with nothing in it to spoil by keeping. A quarter pound of soft soap, half a pint of paraffin, a gallon of hot water, rinse off with cold water the day after spraying. A great spreader of greenfly are ants so get rid of any ants you find with 'Nippon'. I read a story about ants and greenfly years ago which I did not believe until I found proof of it myself. Ants keep greenfly much as we keep cows. In the autumn they take some down to the safety of the ants nest and feed them all winter on greenstuff they gather when able, then when young

shoots break out on plants in the spring they carry the greenfly to these young shoots so that they can then feed themselves, Ants do not eat the greenfly, but live on the sticky stuff that forms on their backs.

The prettiest thing I have seen this year - five Blue Tits perched on a magenta Daphne Megereum.

E.V.M.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP

The meetings will be held at 7.30 in the Congregational Church Hall. On April 9th there will be a talk by a Probation Officer, and on the 23rd a Cheese making Demonstration by Unigate Creameries. Any new members will be welcome.

M.E.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Will all members note carefully that our next meeting on Tuesday 9th April, takes place at 7 p.m. in the evening. This is our only evening meeting of the year, and it is hoped that members will bring those friends who cannot attend an afternoon meeting. Our special Demonstrator for this meeting is Mrs. Tuffin who is coming from Bath to be with us.

M.A.

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THE AGRICULTURAL RIOTS OF 1830

The Industrial Revolution was beginning to have its effect in impoverishing the countryside, and farm labourers' wages were very low indeed. The situation was aggravated by the breaking down of the manorial system which had lasted for centuries, the amalgamation of farms to form larger units when small-holders were often turned out, and the gradual but inevitable enclosure of the open fields and common ground. In November and December 1830 matters came to a head when bands of farm labourers attacked the houses of those they considered to be against them, set fire to ricks, and destroyed threshing machines -- a new innovation which they considered to be one particular cause of their plight. It was only some four years later that the men of Tolpuddle reacted in a much more peacable way and yet achieved so much more in the long run, in spite of their severe punishment. The rioters were particularly active in this area, and as a result 71 prisoners were tried at a special assize at Dorchester in January 1831. Following is part of a letter from Mr. C.B. Wollaston, chairman of the appeal court, to Mr. Okeden who presided at the criminal court :-

"Dorchester, Friday.

"I have now scarcely time to tell you that I arrived on Friday into this disturbed county and almost immediately set off for Moreton Hall, where Frampton was protecting his house against an intended attack from the inhabitants of Beer, of which he had had information -- they having been exasperated against him personally, by his having gone there for the purpose of swearing in special constables and taking other means of protection -- in opposition. I think they were encouraged by the most defiant conduct of Mr. Drax, of which you will hear more."

The matter was also referred to in the diary of Mary Frampton of Moreton, whose brother is mentioned in the above letter:-

"On Nov. 22, 1830, the first risings took place in this county. Mr. Portmand immediately promised to raise the wages of his labourers, and by doing this without concert with other gentlemen, greatly increased their difficulties. My brother Frampton harangued the people at Bere Regis and argued with them on the impropriety of their conduct, refusing to concede to their demands whilst asked with menaces. This spirited conduct caused him to be very unpopular, and threats were issued against him and his house."

On November 28th, there were further risings at Winfrith, Wool and Lulworth, and according to the Dorset County Chronicle for 9 December, 1830, fires had been started at Mr. Alner's farm near Bere Regis, and at a farm at Bradle.

F.P.P.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER DAY :

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.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

7.30 p.m. Monday - 22nd April, 1968, in the School. All interested in our Church are warmly invited to this meeting when the Church Council will be elected and the accounts presented.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

THE SADNESS OF GOOD FRIDAY * THE JOY OF EASTER

There is a story of two lads called Harold and Keith which I should like to share with you. It was the evening before Good Friday and Harold who had been working hard for an examination was feeling tired, so he decided he would go for a walk. He met his friend Keith who asked him what he was doing on the next day,

as a lot of them were going on a picnic because it was a holiday. He asked Harold to come as well. Harold thought it was a good idea and said he would love to come. Then he hesitated, he remembered it was Good Friday and that he was in the choir. "We shall be in Church", he said, but Keith thought the choir would not be wanted for the Good Friday services and left his friend saying that he would call for him at nine o'clock.

When Harold arrived back at his home he got out his school books and found he had to write an essay entitled, "My Holiday". Naturally, he thought it would be quite easy for he could write about the kind of picnic they would be having the next day. He started to put the heading at the top of the page, "My Holyday". He thought somehow it did not look right. Of course you will know where he went wrong, for Harold had changed a letter. He was looking at it in rather a puzzled sort of way, when he seemed to hear a voice saying to him, "There are two ways of spelling the word, you have not written it wrongly, it depends on the way you are going to spend tomorrow, are you going to spend it pleasing yourself, because if so, it will be your HOL-I-DAY." You see, in going off for a holiday on Good Friday, Harold was thinking of his own self, the 'I' in life. He could hear the voice saying, "But there is another way of spelling it, HOL-Y-DAY. You will doubtless have guessed by now that Harold had fallen asleep over his essay writing and had been dreaming. But even so, he did not forget what had happened in his dream. He was very quiet at supper time, and after he had finished he slipped out and went to Keith's house. You can imagine what he had gone to say, for he told him that he would not be going on the picnic. He meant to forget his own self, the 'I', he would strike it out. And when we strike the 'I' out, what have we made? Yes, a cross. Let us remember, that Good Friday is a HOLYDAY.'

In the garden of Joseph of Arimathea on the evening of the first Good Friday, the friends of Jesus would have been talking over the sad events of the day, recalling how Jesus had died upon the cross. They did not know the secret of Easter, that they would see Him so soon. Imagine the stillness of the garden, on the first day of the week, whilst it was still dark, and then the breaking of the dawn, the sky beautiful with colours from the rising sun, the air cool and sweet and there stood Mary Magdalene in great distress, when suddenly she saw Jesus standing in the garden, the Risen Lord. Her joy was great, she ran and told others the wonderful news, and all that day the friends of Our Lord were rushing to tell others, and so it has been all down the ages to the present day. At the end of the new Communion Service we are bidden to 'Go forth', as the disciples of old, to 'Go forth' and witness to the Living Christ. E.M.S.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION. The Quarterly Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday in Holy Week, April 10th at 7.30 p.m.