THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

As we go to press we sadly record the sudden death of Mr. Mooney and send our sympathy to his wife and children. Mr. Mooney played a very big part in clearing the Village Hall of debt and the Village owes a great deal to him for his untiring efforts to this end. We trust there will be some other public spirited person who will be willing to carry on his work.

Congratulations to Nicky Jesty on his marriage to Miss Judith Guarella. We wish every happiness to him and his wife and look forward to them taking their place in Village life in due course.

In spite of the 'weather committee' making the wrong decision for the second year running! the Garden Party was a great success, though it was held in the rather restricting limits of the Drax Hall - well over £200 being raised. So warm congratulations and thanks to everybody on a remarkable achievement. It was a joy to have the Mayor of Poole with us for the occasion, together with his wife, and I am given to understand, fourteen members of his family, one member coming all the way from Newcastle for the event. A great many people took the opportunity of renewing their old friendship with Bob Hann of Sitterton. His infectious cheer enlivened the whole proceedings.

I am delighted to tell you that he has promised to come and speak to us at the Harvest Supper, so book your ticket as soon as they are available otherwise you may well be disappointed.

We hope to be away for three Sundays in August, August 11th, 18th and 25th. There will be slight alterations in Services at both Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston, these you will find fully laid out in a later page - please make a sure note of them. As most of you know, Mrs. Tranter has not been at all well this past year and I am anxious for her to have a real rest. Therefore, though we shall not be away from the Vicarage during the whole of this period, I shall be most grateful if everybody will treat us as though we were 100 miles from the parish!!

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

August 4th.	Miss E. Lys	Mrs. Wyatt
August 11th.	Mrs. Carter Jonas	Mrs. Applin
August 18th.	Miss McFall	Mrs. Cahill
August 25th.	Mrs. Roffey	Mrs. R. Barnes

A meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on Friday, June 14th at which the rota for the next six months was made out. A copy can be seen in the Church Porch, if any dates do not suit members please let me know.

C.T.T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR AUGUST

Aug.	4th.	10.	Mr. K. Woolfries	&	Brig. D. Tadman
		6.	Messrs. S. MacKenzie	&	F. Marsh
Aug.	11th.	11.	Mr. W.F. Lys	&	Col. A. Barne
		6.	Messrs. R. Barnes	&	J. House.
Aug.	18th.	11.	Messrs. M. Lys	&	I. Mullins
		6.	Messrs. M. Barnes	&	P. Wyatt
Aug.	25th.	11.	Brig. D. Tadman	&	Mr. K. Woolfries
		6.	Messrs. R. Smith	&	D. Poore
Sept.	1st.	10.	Messrs. J. House	&	W.F. Lys
		6.	Messrs. F. Marsh	&	S. MacKenzie

VILLAGE CALENDAR

Aug.	8th.	Thurs.	7 p.m. W.I. Garden Jubilee Supper, Drax Hall.
Sept.	8th.	Sun.	Common Life Service at Milton Abbey. 7 p.m.
Sept.	9th.	Mon.	7.30 Parochial Church Council, Vicarage.
Sept.	16th.	Mon.	3 p.m. School Managers
Oct.	5th.	Sat.	Harvest Supper. Drax Hall.
Oct.	6th.	Sun.	Harvest Festival
Oct.	7th.	Mon.	Ruri-decanal Conference
Dec.	6th.	Fri.	St. Nicholas Market.
Dec.	22nd.	Sun.	Carol Service
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May	31st.	Sat.	St. Nicholas Garden Party
June	28th.	Sat.	Bere Regis Garden Party

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

BERE REGIS

Aug. 4th. 11th. and 18th. as usual.
Aug. 25th. Mattins will commence at 11.15 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

LADIES CHOIR ROBES

We acknowledge with grateful thanks a generous gift of £5 from Mrs. Carter Jones for the above fund.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Owing to holidays, matter for the September Magazine must be handed in by Monday August 5th. The Editor apologies for this early date, but it is unfortunately unavoidable.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 86

OTHER PARISH CHARITIES

The Bernard Mitchell Charity is dated 22 March 1646. Bernard Mitchell left by Will a rent charge of £1 annually from the King's Head Inn at Weymouth, for the benefit of the poor of this parish, and this was used to buy half-peck loaves which were distributed at the church to those considered most in need. For many years prior to 1900 the annual £1 of this charity had been added to the funds of the coal club as being a convenient and fair way of dealing with it.

Poor Stock. During the 17th Century nineteen people gave various sums at sundry times - George Daw £10, James Penny £5, William Penny £10, John Frome (gent) £10, Thomas Clench £5, Matthew Turbeville (gent) £5, John Turberville Esq. £10, George Turberville (gent) £2, Clothier Bragg £5, Elizabeth Galton (widow) £10, Robert Williams Esq., £10, John Phelps £5, John Loope £5, Henry Creech £5, Nicholas Merefield £5, Richard Mitchell (gent) £10, William Gould (merchant) £2, Capt. Thomas Squibb £5, Lawrence Squibb £1. These amounts total £120 and the interest from it was to be distributed to the poor annually, either at times decided by the churchwardens and overseers or dates specified by the individual donors, including St. James' Day, the first Sunday in Lent, St. Thomas's Day, Christmas Eve and Good Friday. The interest from two of the sums (Richard Mitchell's and William Gould's) was intended to be used for apprenticing poor boys. In 1786, £16 of the poor stock could not be accounted for, but £110 had been entrusted to Thomas Erle Drax, who had undertaken on behalf of himself and his heirs to pay an annual interest of £4.8.0d. which was used each year to buy bread for distribution among the poor at various times. In 1837 the parish officers were said to have agreed to an arrangement whereby the money was offset against cottage rents which were held for the use of the poor, and as the cottages became dilapidated and disused, so the charity lapsed, and nothing has ever been paid since.

Mrs. Barbara Skinner in 1769 left £200 by Will for the benefit of the "dissenting poor" of Bere Regis. The money was not invested but was said to have been distributed at the discretion of her executor Mr. George Brough, in accordance with the provision of the Will.

The Jane Williams Charity. Jane Williams was the widow of the Rev. Thomas Williams (Vicar 1773 - 1817). She died in 1830 and left by Will £350 invested in 3% Consols., the interest of which was to be shared annually among two poor men and two poor women of this parish, who were to be members of the Church of England. The dividend amounted to 50 shillings each and was distributed between Christmas and New Year's Day each year. The charity was to be administered by three trustees one of whom was always to be the current Vicar of Bere Regis, and the other two were to be "substantial freeholders or inhabitants of Bere Regis".

F.P.P.

BERE REGIS SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL FUND

The School Fete was held on July 6th. and was a great success. We were blessed with a fine day and the sum of £71. 1. 2d. was raised for the Fund. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way. The School-children ran their own stalls and competitions and the winner of the Personality Princess Competition was Miss Sandra Dean of Hyde.

During September we are hoping to run another Dog Show at the School, and in conjunction with this, there will be an Art Competition and Exhibition. We hope for many entries in this, both Adult and Junior, Watercolour or Oil Painting, framed or unframed. The theme of the competition is to be "Dorset". The pictures on display will be offered for sale if the exhibitor so wishes. There will be sideshows and a Home Made produce Stall. Gifts of Jam, Marmalade, Pickles etc. will be very welcome. Further details and date for this in next month's magazine. Also in September, there will be a Fashion Show at the School. The probable date is Thursday September 26th. but full details next month.

September. Dog Show and Art Exhibition at Bere Regis School.
September. Children's Fashion Show by Michelle Boutique, Dorchester, [illegible] at Bere Regis School.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

There will not be a meeting in August, and members might like to use the pause to consider what they would like to see on the Group's calendar next year. Come to the September meeting with your ideas written out, and hand them to Miss Lys for consideration by the Committee - this helps in making an interesting programme for 1969.

Mr. F.J. Burdock will be our speaker on Tuesday, 10th September, and he has entitled his Demonstration "Design for Autumn". Mr. Burdock has not visited us before, and it is hoped that all members will come, as he deserves a good audience.

M.A.

BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN FOR RESEARCH

5th July, 1968.

Dear Mrs. Benjafield,

Thank you very much indeed for sending us the splendid sum of £22. 0. 0., this being the proceeds of the House to House Collection you so kindly organised on behalf of the Campaign in Bere Regis recently. Our official receipt No. C. 35317 is attached hereto.

This is a most valuable contribution towards our work of Cancer Research, and I would like you to convey our warm thanks and appreciation to all your helpers for helping the Campaign in this practical way. The money is badly needed as the fight against this disease is urgent and costly and it is only by such contributions that the work can be intensified and lives saved.

Yours sincerely,
C.J. Balfour
Chief Appeals Officer.

GARDEN PARTY - 1968. GROSS TAKINGS

Draw	£25. 0. 0.
Raffle	5. 4. 0.
Teas	6. 4. 6.
Soft Drinks and Ice Creams	1.16. 0.
Gate	5.13. 0.
Donations	2. 3. 0.
Side Shows	3.10. 3.
Stalls:	
Cakes and Sweets	11.13. 1.
Garden Produce	17. 5. 0.
Household Goods	20. 9. 6.
Grocery	36.15. 0.
Books	2. 3. 2.
Orangery	20. 5. 2.
Mothers' Union	12. 2. 1.
Treasures	20. 0. 1.
Tombola	14. 1. 0.
GROSS TAKINGS	£204. 4.10.

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Expenses		
Fancy Dress Prizes	-.16. 0.	
Programme Lucky Number	-.10. 0.	
Corporal Crabbe	-.10. 0.	
Hire of Hall	3. 7. 6.	
Printing posters and programmes	4.16. 0.	
Draw Tickets	2. 5. 9.	
Polythene bags	-. 2. 0.	
EXPENSES		12. 7. 3.
PROFIT TO FUNDS		£191.17. 7.

AN 1899 MEMORY OF WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

"D'you know who that is, sonny," asked the soldier, "That's General Buller." The soldier and my friend, Mr. Fred Wellstead, then a lad of 15, were gazing at the resplendent general and his staff picnicking by the side of Bere Road near the quarry, one hot summer's day in 1899.

All day long it seemed the army, under the command of Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., had been arriving in Winterbourne Kingston along the dirt road from Blandford. First the Calvalry, of whom my friend thought the Lancers the most impressive, then the Horse Artillery, with striped trousers, and lastly the Infantry, colourful and splendid in spite of the terrible heat and dust. It was a wonderful and stirring sight, so much so that the children were given the day off from school.

By the time the hot and thirsty soldiers arrived on the scene, the atmosphere was so thick with dust kicked up by the horses' hooves, that the women of North Street filled bowls and pails with water and placed them by the roadside for the soldiers to slake their thirst. Their head-gear was the forage cap which offered little protection from the sun and one soldier, obviously suffering from heat stroke, drank too much water and died by the roadside. As a result an order was given that no more water should be put out by civilians. One woman, however, refused to listen and placed her pail in the roadway, whereupon an Officer rode his horse at it, smashing it beyond repair.

General Buller's men were here on manoeuvres against a force led by Lord Wolseley, advancing from Salisbury. That night, however, they bivouacked in and around Kingston before moving on.

A few months later most of them would embark for South Africa to fight against the Boers. On December 15th in a disastrous frontal attack on Colenso in Natal a number of them would lose their lives, and their commander, General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., his military reputation.

A.V.S.

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

Aug.	4th.	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.	3.15 Evensong
	11th.	3.15 p.m. Evensong	
	18th.	3.15 p.m. Evensong	
	25th.	3.15 p.m. Evensong	

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON — ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

TREES

A number of trees have been planted in the Churchyard to replace those removed about eighteen months ago. It is hoped that the trees in the years to come will add beauty to the Church and its surroundings and be a joy to the inhabitants of the village. At the present time nine trees have been planted to a definite plan.

We are wondering if any of our friends of St. Nicholas would like to contribute the cost of a tree or towards the cost of a tree. The prices of the trees vary from 10/6 to £2.5.0d. each. There is, however, a list of the trees together with prices, in the Church, and if you would like to help us in this way, please enter your name on this list. Others farther afield, please let the Vicar or Treasurer know that you desire to assist the Church in this way. Your gifts will be appreciated by many in the years to come.

CHURCH NOTES

A grateful word of thanks to the Brownies and their Leaders for cleaning the Church the greater part of July. A truly worth while task and much appreciated.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

MERCY

It may be that we do not often use the word 'Mercy' nowadays, and it is therefore well to think about it and to recall its meaning.

The dictionary defines the word as "disposition to pity and forgive or spare; an act of mercy or kindness; goodwill, compassion". The word has a lovely meaning and a lovely sound. It is sometimes

used as a girl's name. William Shakespeare in his play "The Merchant of Venice" has given us a most wonderful speech about mercy and I expect many of you know it - it is well worth reading.

One day Saint Peter asked our Lord how many times he should forgive those who had hurt him, he said should it be seven times? The answer that Jesus gave was not seven times but seventy times seven, and you know as well as I do, that that works out to four hundred and ninety times. In other words it really means of course that the number is so large that you would lose count, and that you should go on, and on, and on, forgiving. That is mercy - that is forgiveness - that is kindness - that is goodwill.

Our Lord when He was on earth showed mercy and compassion at all times to those around Him, almost His last words on the Cross were, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do".

More than fifteen hundred years ago there was a Bishop of Constantinople whose name was Chrysostom, who by his preaching and his way of life tried to make the people more Christian. But his work was spoilt by a man named Eutropius a slave, who was a great favourite with the Emperor. At last, however, the Emperor discovered his wickedness and condemned him to death. He had to flee for his life and he took refuge in St. Chrysostom's Cathedral.

The far end of the Church where the Altar stands is, as you know, called the sanctuary, and it was the rule in days gone by, that if a criminal took refuge in the sanctuary no one might touch him unless the Church gave him up. This is where Eutropius ran and, flinging himself down by the altar, clung to it for safety.

The great enemy of the Church was in the power of Bishop Chrysostom. No one would have blamed him for giving him up to the armed men who had followed Eutropius to the Cathedral, but to St. Chrysostom mercy counted far more than justice and he went and asked the Emperor's mercy for the very man who had done his best to hurt him and the Church. Mercy means being kind even to those who have hurt us, and to whom it is in our power to be unkind if we choose.

In the life of the saintly Bishop of Constantinople, Saint Chrysostom, (whose prayer we use at the end of Mattins and Evensong, 'A Prayer of St. Chrysostom') we see what mercy really means in the very finest way, and the meaning of the words in the Lord's Prayer : "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us".

E.M.S.