

Bere Regis  
AND  
Winterborne Kingston



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## CHURCH SERVICES.

BERE REGIS.—Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holy Communion—  
Feb. 2nd, at Morning Service; Feb. 16th, at 8.30 a.m.

On Feb. 19th, Ash Wednesday, there will be Service at 11.45 a.m.  
and at 7.30 p.m.; and at 7.30 p.m. on Thursdays, during Lent.

KINGSTON.—Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holy Communion—Feb.  
2nd and 16th, at Morning Service; 9th and 23rd, at 8 a.m.

Evensong on Wednesdays and Fridays, at 7 p.m.

There will be Service on Ash Wednesday at 11.15 a.m. and at 7 p.m.

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## THE SCHOOLS.

The Heath School was unable to open at the time intended, as a great number of the children had bad colds and coughs—some, we are sorry to say, suffering from whooping cough. School began on the 13th, but with a very poor attendance. Mrs. Radclyffe kindly gave the children attending the Heath School a tea at Filiols on Thursday, the 23rd, and we hope we are justified in arguing from the fact that as many as 40 children were present at it, that the coughs and colds are taking their departure, and that the school work will not be further interrupted. At Bere, we regret to say, we are not yet free from diphtheria: no sooner is one family clear of it than it appears in another. But we “live in hopes.”

Our readers will be glad to hear that Mr. Hiscock has been appointed to the mastership of the School of North Cadbury, in Somersetshire.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The prizes and presents were distributed on Sunday afternoon, December 22nd. The books were carefully graduated in value according to the marks gained during the year. The four first in each division were the following:—

Girls: 1st Class—Alice Janes, Julia Phillips, Charity Davis, Annie Edmunds.

„ 2nd Class—Ethel Kellaway, Nellie Welch, Bessie Kalloway, Hetty Hewitt.

Boys: 1st Class—James Janes, Sidney Miller, Robert Lane, Percy Gregory.

„ 2nd Class—Sidney Smith, Ivor Toomer, Frank Miller, George Hewitt.

Infants: Annie Kalloway, Edith Davis, Sidney Charles, John Kalloway.

At Kingston the Sunday School had their Annual Tea and Treat in the Schoolroom on Friday, January 17th. Prizes were given on the same scale as at Bere Regis. Appended is a list of the first 16 children in order of merit:—

Class I.—Maud Miller, Harry Miller, Reginald Miller and Clement Berry, Flora Legg.

Class II.—Emily Wellstead, Bertie Berry, Flora Wellstead and Alice Sheppard, Charles Miller, Annie Miller, Flora Miller, George Symes, Fred Legg, Gertrude Hann, Walter Burt.

## THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A Committee Meeting was held on the 24th January, but as only four members were present it was only possible to make suggestions. We venture to say, however (subject, of course, to correction should the Committee so decide), that it is intended to hold a Show, similar to that of last year, about the end of August.

The prizes will be for the same, or very much the same, classes of vegetables and flowers as in 1889. *Probably*, the potatoes will be divided this time into at least three classes; the collection of fruit will consist of three instead of four kinds; and some prizes will be given for gloves, and perhaps for fancy work.

Messrs. Carter have offered to give prizes of 10s., 7s., and 3s. for the best six dishes of vegetables grown from seed supplied by them this season. There were only three entries for this prize last year. Unless there is a greater number this year, we do not think it will be right to accept the prize.

We are *proposing* to offer prizes for Kingston and Bloxworth, for collections of vegetables, as it is thought it would add to the interest of the Show to be able to compare the products of neighbouring villages. It is not intended that the two villages should compete against one another, but separate prizes will be offered for each. Perhaps some of the inhabitants of either village would supplement the prizes offered by our society, or, by subscribing to it, enable us to give more than we otherwise could do. Any subscriptions given specially for Kingston or Bloxworth prizes will be gladly accepted.

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### THE WEATHER AND RAINFALL.

Our figures prove that the year 1889 was, on the whole, a dry one. As compared with 1888, it was decidedly so, and our fall last year only exceeds that of the Jubilee year by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches. It will be seen by comparing the fall at our local stations with the "average for England," that October and December both exceeded the "average," October even doubling it. Our driest month was September, when the fall was just short of an inch (at Swanage only 0.58), and the wettest was October, when rain fell at Bloxworth on 19 days out of the 31, and about a quarter of the whole year's rainfall is placed to the credit of that month.

Mr. Cambridge reports that rain fell on six days in November and 10 in December, and on 126 days in the year. So far, we have had a very warm winter; the night of the 7th of January is said to have been the warmest night on record for the time of year, the temperature being as high as the normal heat in the middle of May—viz., 52 deg.

The table for the last three months of the year is as follows. The total for the year, and for 1888, is also given:—

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total for Year.	1888.
Bere Regis ... ..	5.28	1.57	2.41	25.48	33.88
Binnegar Hall ... ..	6.51	1.65	2.66	29.01	33.60
Bloxworth Rectory ...	5.03	1.88	2.36	26.02	34.36
Creech Grange... ..	6.92	2.40	3.25	30.64	38.21
Swanage ... ..	6.31	1.38	2.51	23.55	28.54
Average for England ...	2.75	2.14	2.13		

The rain this year is taking time by the forelock, over  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches having fallen up to the 26th—40 tons to the acre on the night of the 21st, and 70 tons, or seven-tenths of an inch, in the next 24 hours. Last year we had only 1 inch in January.

## WINTERBORNE KINGSTON.—READING-ROOM.

The accounts of this Society show a satisfactory balance. The number of members already entered for the current quarter is 20. An experiment has been tried this winter in the form of a "social evening," which takes place on alternate Fridays. The members meet and entertain one another with songs, recitations, games, &c. These evenings are much enjoyed by those who take part in them. The "papers" on the table are the *Daily Telegraph*, *Daily News*, *Evening News*, *Evening Post*, *Spectator*, *Dorset Chronicle*, *Alliance News*, *Methodist Times*, *Western Gazette*, *Tit-Bits*, *Penny Illustrated*, and *Weekly Graphic*. There are not many clubs in the kingdom which have so large and varied a supply of papers in proportion to the number of members. We have little doubt that as the advantages of membership become better known, a greater number will be found desirous to avail themselves of them. The accounts for 1889 are:—

INCOME.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ...	2	18	4½	Papers ...	6	12	2½
Concert ...	2	4	3	Light ...	1	2	6
Members' Payments	3	11	4	Caretaker ...	1	0	0
Mr. Mansel Pleydell	2	0	0	Gravel ...	0	16	7
Rev. W. Farrer ...	1	0	0	Fuel ...	0	15	9
Sale of Papers ...	1	1	9	Insurance ...	0	2	6
Hire of Room ...	0	8	6	Games ...	0	2	0
Box ...	0	0	11½				
				£10	11	6½	
				Balance ...	2	13	7½
	£13	5	2		£13	5	2

### MOTHERS' MEETING.

Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Stacey have started a Mothers' Meeting this winter. It is held once a week, on Mondays, from 2.15 to 3.30. We are glad to hear that the number of mothers attending has so far been steadily increasing, and is now as many as 22, and we wish them every success.

### NIGHT SCHOOL.

Mr. Berry has been holding a night school, which was fairly well attended before Christmas, but the number have fallen off since then. It seems a pity that the attendance should have diminished, as, if all who commenced had attended regularly, the school would have been able to have had an examination, and a Government Grant, which is now, according to the Government regulations, impossible.

### BERE REGIS.

BAPTISMS.—Jan. 2, Hilda Mabel, daughter of Edmund and Sarah Louisa Day (privately); Jan. 19, Mary Ann, daughter of Frank and Jane Louisa Stickley.

BURIAL.—Jan. 3, Ann Rawles, aged 64 years.

### KINGSTON.

BAPTISMS.—Jan. 3 (privately), Trevor Christopher, son of Edwin and Alice Ballam; Jan. 19, Leonard Frank, son of Leonard and Joanna Joyce.