

BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

JANUARY, 1915.



BERE.	Sunday Services.		KINGSTON.
Holy Communion	8.0	Holy Communion	(2nd Sunday) 8.0 (last Sunday) 10.15
First Sunday	12.0	Mattins—(except 3rd Sunday) ...	10.15
Mattins	11.30	Children's Service	3.0
Children's Service or Sunday School	2.30	Evensong	6.0
Evensong	6.0	Saints' Days.	
		Holy Communion	7.30
		Week Days.	
Mattins	8.50		

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THE WAR.

The following names are to be added to the list of men from this parish, who are serving their country in the King's forces, making nearly 90 in all:—

Lieut. G. Watson	Oxfordshire Yeomanry
Pte. F. Haggett	4th Batt. Dorset Regt.
„ W. Maiden	Strathcona's Horse
„ H. Rawles	4th Batt. Dorset Regt.
„ A Rowland	„
„ H. Trent	„
„ A. Applin	„
Corpl. W. Lush	5th „
Pte. P. Mintern	„
Pte. J. Davis	R.A.M.C.

With such a drain from the parish of able-bodied men, one wonders how the land is to remain in cultivation. An army, they say, fights on its stomach, but if rural England sends all its able-bodied men to the front, where are the rations to come from? Food is even more necessary than gunpowder. All the same we cannot help honouring those who go more than those who stay behind.

The week-end tea room for soldiers at the Drax Hall has become a Sunday tea room only. The reason for this is that the 52nd Brigade of Infantry has gone from Bovington, and the 51st has taken its place. The 51st is kept at work on Saturday afternoons, consequently no men come over here then. The variety in the number of men who come in for refreshments makes catering a difficulty and awakens sympathy for those who depend for a livelihood upon keeping an eating house. As a rule our committee of management makes a fairly good guess at the numbers to be expected, but it went astray on December 13th and 14th, when food was provided for 200, and about 20 turned up.

Some clients of Messrs. Bedford and Dwight at Sheffield have heard good things of the treatment of Soldiers at Bere Regis as is shown by the following extract from a letter received recently:—

“We hear praise of the highest description showered on the inhabitants of your district by the recruits from here, who have been in training down your way; it so happens that some of them are sons of some of our traders and the glowing accounts we have heard of treatment received is a tribute to your neighbourhood.”

That is pleasant reading, and sufficient compensation for a deal of hard work.

Christmas time was unfortunately marked by a good deal of rowdyism and insobriety among the recruits, who visited the village, and if here probably also in many other places as well. It is not a difficult matter to put a stop to such interference with military training and discipline, and if the civil authority is too weak to deal with such things, we hope that the heads of the army will not shrink from taking the needful drastic action.

We have to congratulate Major J. A. C. Forsyth and Lieut. M. R. Radelyffe on their safe return for Christmas leave. Both of them looked exceedingly well, and none the worse for their hardships on French and Belgian Soils. May they both come unscathed through their next spell of warfare.

THE CHILDREN'S CONCERT.

We offer our best congratulations to Mrs. Hallam and her staff on the success of the Girls' and Infants' Patriotic Entertainment. There was not a dull moment all through. We cannot do so invidious a thing as single out any items for particular praise, except the weaving of the Union Jack, which was done by the girls. Many older people envied the composure with which the infants faced a roomful of listeners.

MR. F. D. LYS.

Mr. F. D. Lys, who practised for so many years in this village, was laid to rest in the churchyard, on December 28th. The funeral was conducted by his son, the senior tutor of Worcester College, Oxford, and was by special request of the deceased of as simple a character as possible. Mr Lys was followed to his grave by his family, and by other friends, who have many grateful recollections of his professional skill. We offer our sympathy to the mourners, and particularly to his widow, whose advanced age did not permit her to be present at the service.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

October 1913 to June 1914.

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	...	2	11	8½
Subscriptions	...	24	18	0
Smaller ditto	...	11	6	
Fees	...	17	19	10
Mr. Pouncy's Lecture	...	6	7	0
		52	8	0½

EXPENSES.

		£	s.	d.
Salary	...	40	0	0
Expenses of Lecture	...	4	4	1
Cycle repairs	...	3	2	8
Rooms	...	2	12	0
Insurance	...	19	11	
Carriage Hire	...	11	0	

Travelling Expenses & Temporary Nurse	£	s.	d.
Advertisements ...	11	0	
Stamps and Telegrams ...	4	6	
Extras ...	1	4½	
	1	6	
	52	8	0½

July, 1914 to December, 1914.

Insurance ...	7	1	6
Subscriptions ...	20	3	0
Smaller Subscriptions ...	5	7	

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Salary ...	23	10	0
Insurance ...	10	0	
Rooms ...	2	12	0
Balance-in-hand ...	18	1	

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No one can question the good work done in the neighbourhood by the village nurse, or doubt the necessity of keeping the Association going. We trust therefore that 1915 will show no falling off in receipts. Besides the items shown above there is the matter of the Nurses' Bicycle, donations are wanted to help to pay for this, and our readers' support is asked for any entertainment that may be arranged.

BAPTISM.

November 22nd.—Frederick Roberts Kitchener, son of Albert Edward and Ida Mary Hall.

BURIALS

December 28th.—Francis Daniel Lys, of Highclere, Weymouth, aged 79.

Samuel Sheppard Toms, Shitterton, aged 55.

COLLECTIONS.

Nov. 29.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 13.	Dec. 20.	Dec. 25.
7-0				12/2
8-0	6/11	5/2	10/1	2/5
11-30		10/6		14/1
6-0		3/7		15/-

On January 3rd Collections for British Red Cross Society. On January 17th, for Church Expenses. Particulars of the parochial contribution to 'Diocesan Funds' will be given next month.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.

Since I wrote in last month's Magazine, I have a sad task in chronicling the death of Mrs. Charles Miller. To all of us she is a great loss, as she was one of the most highly respected of our parishioners, and I personally feel her death very much indeed, I do not think that she ever failed to be present at the early celebrations of the Holy Communion—certainly not since I have been here—and she often used to tell me how very much she valued that service. She was truly one of those whose loss cannot be replaced, and the deepest sympathy of all must go out to her sorrowing husband and bereaved family.

This year our Christmas joy will necessarily be rather chastened, as we think of the horrors that are going on in this terrible warfare, and of the number of our brave British Soldiers who have willingly given their lives in defence of the weak. Some of our Kingston Volunteers have been back on short Christmas leave, and we were all delighted to see how well they looked, and to notice what a smart, soldier-like appearance they had. Their brief stay has probably done more to help on recruiting, than any number of meetings that have been held for that purpose.

The Coal Club for 1914 was brought to an end in the second week in December. I am glad that it has been so very successful, and all the members seem to have been very pleased with their premiums. The club will re-open on the first Wednesday in January, and the Mothers' Meeting will be resumed on that day.

A highly successful Concert was held in the Reading Room on Tuesday evening, December 15th, the proceeds of which went towards providing a welcome for the Kingston Volunteers. The room was quite full, and loud and frequent applause followed every item in the programme. The entertainment concluded with "England expects," &c, an excellent little play, and very much to the point at the present time. Our warmest thanks are due to all those who took so much trouble to provide such an excellent evening's entertainment.

BURIAL.

Nov. 27—Elizabeth Miller, aged 71 years.

OFFERTORIES.

		s.	d.
Nov. 29th	M ...	5	10
	E ...	3	1
Dec. 6th	M ...	5	1
	E ...	1	8
„ 13th	M ...	3	10
	E ...	2	2
„ 20th	M ...	5	0
	E ...	1	9

DENIS MOORE CANN.