

Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston

February, 1925

The hours of the Sunday Services at both churches remain unaltered : but it may be well to note that—

On Ash Wednesday the services at Bere Regis are held at 8 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. : and at Kingston at 7 p.m.

On Good Friday at Bere Regis at 11 a.m. and at Kingston at 7 p.m.

On Easter Day at Bere Regis 7 a.m., 7-45 a.m., 11-15 a.m. and 5-45 p.m.; and at Kingston 9 a.m., 10 a.m. 7-15p.m.

There will be no Children's Services during the Easter Octave.

THE LIGHTING OF BERE REGIS CHURCH.

For a long time now it has been recognised that something must be done. Our lamps have served us well for fifty years but they are of an old pattern, and cannot be replaced, or matched to-day. In the course of years many of them have been broken, and, in the case of practically all, the burners are worn beyond repair. Up to the present we have been able to preserve some sort of uniformity by replacing the vacancies in the centre aisle with lamps drawn from the side aisles. This is no longer possible, and, to crown all, one Sunday night after the church was closed a whole set of four fell mysteriously and were shattered.

At a subsequent meeting of the Church Council the matter was discussed, and the situation seems to amount to this—either we shall have to perpetuate the present form of lighting by purchasing an entirely new set of lamps—in itself an expensive proceeding, and inartistic at its best—or we shall have to try to raise the funds necessary for the introduction of electric light. This would be a simple matter if there were a power station near at hand, but unfortunately we should have to instal, and house, our own plant.

BURIALS.

- September 27th, at Bere Regis—Janette Joiner (53).
 October 14th, at Winterbourne Kingston—Edmund Ballam (92).
 October 17th, at Winterbourne Kingston—Charles Miller (79).
 October 23rd, at Bere Regis—Nellie Emily Meller Barttall (42).
 November 24th, at Bere Regis—Emily Toms (66).
 January 8th, at Bere Regis—Sarah Neame (79).

BAPTISMS.

- October 12th, at Bere Regis—
 Frederick George William son of Frederick John and
 Elizabeth Julia Kate Lovell
- November 16th, at Winterbourne Kingston—
 Mary Margaret, daughter of Reginald Walter and Ena
 Graham Honeybun.
- November 16th, at Bere Regis—
 Percival Thomas Charles, son of Thomas and Sarah
 Lily Pittam.
- January 4th, at Bere Regis—
 Muriel Winifred Susan daughter of John Arthur and
 Florence Kate Barnes.
- January 18th, at Bere Regis—
 Ronald Neville Percy, son of Ada Jessie Burden.

WEDDING.

- December 23rd, at Winterbourne Kingston—
 William Seth Brown and Ethel Rosa Symes.

CONFIRMATION.

On the morning of Sunday, November 23rd, the following were confirmed by the Bishop of Salisbury at Puddletown, Ronald Montagu Barnes, Charles Henry Minterne, Edith Mary Petty, Roy Maurice Poore, Charles Thomas Standfield.

The next Confirmation available will be held at Wareham on March 24th. Names of intending candidates should be sent in to the vicar without further delay.

CENTRAL AND DIOCESAN CHURCH FUNDS 1924.

	Bere Regis			Winterbourne Kingston		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Offertory—Central Church Fund ...	3	3	0	2	6	5
Collection (by envelopes) ...	10	11	6	5	1	0
Diocesan Inspection ...	0	15	0	—	—	—
Offertory—Diocesan Church Fund	4	14	11	2	8	4
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	£19	4	5	£9	15	9

The Joint Quota assigned to the parish was £27 14s. 3d. The combined total raised amounted to £29 0s. 2d.

We must again thank those who collected for us in both villages, and congratulate them upon the excellent result.

HOSPITAL INSURANCE SCHEME.

Below will be found details of three years' work under this scheme, by which employees pay 1d. a week towards the funds of the Hospital :—

	1922			1923			1924		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bere Regis ...	31	6	0	43	13	4	54	11	8
Winterbourne Kingston	10	11	5	11	11	9	7	10	9
Bloxworth ...	2	18	6	13	0	2	6	13	1
Blanden Estate ...	8	16	7	16	19	11	34	14	5
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	£53	12	6	£85	5	2	£103	9	11

Total £242 7s. 7d.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON WAR MEMORIAL.

Early in last year a movement was set on foot to procure an open air war memorial for Kingston. The necessary funds were rapidly collected and the popular wish had its fulfilment on the afternoon of Armistice Sunday, November 9th, when the memorial was unveiled by Colonel Pleydell Railston.

It has been placed at the east end of the Reading room adjoining the cross, and thus occupies the most central point in the village.

The stones which form the base were collected and fitted together locally—the shaft itself is of Portland stone, and carries a bronze tablet inscribed with the names of the fallen.

CHURCHWORKERS' SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT.

This was held at the reading room at Kingston on Thursday December 4th, and at the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Friday, December 5th.

All the church workers were invited by the Vicar and Miss Taylor, to a dinner followed by an entertainment at which Mr. Charles Coborn delighted his audiences with a programme of songs and recitations; he was ably assisted by Miss Ray Wallace.

At the conclusion of both evenings a hearty vote of thanks was proposed for the host and hostess.

BERE REGIS SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On the evening of January 7th, members of the Sunday School produced a Christmas Play entitled "The Three Roses" at the Drax Hall. The performance was most successful, and creditable to all concerned:—and our thanks are due to those who trained the children—and to those who gave much time and trouble to the preparation of stage, scenery, dresses and so forth.

A collection resulted in a sum of £5 13s. 8d., which was sent partly to St. Dunstan's and partly to the Alton Hospital for crippled children.

On January 21st, at Bere Regis the children were entertained to tea at the Drax Hall, and an overloaded Christmas tree provided gifts for all. Mrs. Lys and her helpers and subscribers have once more earned the gratitude of all for their zeal in providing an evening's real pleasure to the children.

At Kingston the school had their tea and presents on the evening of January 24th. The event had to be postponed on account of the floods which prevailed earlier in the month, but "Better late than never"

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

There has been a lecture on "Procedure" by Mrs. Plumtree, to which friends from neighbouring institutes were welcomed. Also an open lecture on "Gardening" by Mr. Kettle, of Corfe Mullen.

On December 16th, there was a tea and Christmas tree, to which members' children were invited. And at the regular monthly meetings various demonstrations have been given on subjects connected with the home.

It should be noted that a chair-caning class is held every Thursday evening for any members who wish to join.

BERE REGIS RECREATION GROUND.

A very successful Whist Drive and Dance was held at the Drax Hall on New Year's Eve in aid of the Recreation Ground Fund. The sum of £16 13s. 10d. was realised, which, after payment of all expenses, left a balance of £10 0s. 4d. The thanks of the committee are due to the ladies who worked so hard to make the evening a success, and also to those who kindly gave refreshments.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Women's Institute celebrated its first birthday at Kingston in November when there was a good gathering of members and friends.

An open meeting was held early in December, to which each member invited three friends, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The entertainment included songs, glees, and a short play. Mr. Harry Pouncy of Dorchester gave recitations and humorous stories in Dorset dialect.

On New Year's Eve the members of the Institute gave a Christmas tea party to the school children.

At the first meeting for 1925, which had had to be postponed because of the floods, several new members were elected and a good programme was arranged for the next six months.

The following accounts are sent for publication.

BERE REGIS CHOIR EXCURSION TO WEMBLEY, AUGUST, 1924.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Churchwardens	...10	0 0	Charabanc	... 20	0 0
Mr. Bedford	... 1	1 0	Food	... 1	4 1
Mr. Bugby	... 18	10	Boys' Entrance fees		8 3
Mr. J. Davis	... 1	0 0	Gratuity to boy who		
Cpt. Ernle Erle Drax	1	1 0	did not go	... 7	6
Mr. H. R. Jesty (sen.)	1	1 0			
Mr. H. R. Jesty (jun.)	1	1 0			
Dr. Lys	... 1	1 0			
Mr. Spinney	... 2	6			
Mr. Strang	... 7	6			
Mr. Taylor	... 1	1 0			
Mr. Watson	... 1	0 0			
Other Subscriptions	2	5 0			
	£21	19 10		£21	19 10

**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON CHOIR OUTING,
AUGUST, 1924.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Surplus from 1923 ...	2	13	7½	Train Fares to			
Proceeds of enter- tainment—				Swanage ...	4	0	0
(Mrs Sheppard) ...	4	12	6	Lunch and Tea ...	3	16	3
Subs. to balance ...		10	1½				
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	£7	16	3		£7	16	3
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BERE REGIS VILLAGE SOCIAL CLUB.

During the last quarter things have brightened up and the Hut has been quite well attended.

The new roof and billiard lamp are great improvements, and the lessons in Dancing have proved an attraction.

Wimborne Social Club has paid us a visit and the evening was spent in a series of games. Our guests were victorious, securing 14 points to Bere Regis 13. In a return series at Wimborne we again lost by one point.

At the General Meeting on January 8th, a good muster of members made the following appointments for the year:— Chairman, Captain F. T. Jesty, M.C.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. H. Barnes; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. S. Strang; Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. H. W. Gregory.

A resolution was passed to close the Hut from the middle of May to the middle of September.

The subscription now stands at 6s. a year, and new members will be welcomed.

BERE REGIS FOOTBALL CLUB.

The club has been doing well in the Mid-Dorset League and at present stands second on the list to Hilton.

It has also fulfilled engagements in the Minor Cup and in the Edwards-Jesty Cup.

The second team only play friendly matches, but they have done good work and there are plenty of players coming on to take their places in the first team when occasion arises.

CHURCH ARMY.

Mrs. Johnson has been asked by Prebendary Carlile to undertake the duties of Hon. District Secretary in Bere Regis and the immediate neighbourhood. She has consented to do so, and will be very grateful for any help, however small, either in money or in goods, which she will forward to Headquarters in London, where the Church Army is doing so much to help men, women, and children of all denominations, who are suffering from lack of employment and other causes.

Several people in Bere Regis have taken collecting boxes, and Mrs. Johnson will gladly supply them to any others who would like to help.

