

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

February was a tragic month for us all bringing with it as it did, the tragic death of Basil Talbot at such an early age. Unfortunately at the time of his death the Magazine had already been sent to the Printers and so I was unable to say anything in the March issue, and now after the lapse of a month I do not think it would be appropriate for me to write at length.

But I do want to say that as the days go by I do not think we shall miss him any the less. He did so much in the parish in his quiet efficient way, that at the time one scarcely noticed just how much he was doing and how much his influence counted. We cannot replace him but we can thank God for his influence and example, and perhaps the best memorial we can make to his memory is our attempt to follow his example of Christian Service.

I know you will continue to remember his wife and will give her your sympathy and encouragement in the wonderfully brave way she has met her trouble, carried on and faced the future.

I should like to say how grateful I am to Mrs. Murray of Winterbourne Kingston for allowing us the use of a room, warm and comfortable, in her house for Confirmation Classes. It has been of the greatest help both to me and to the candidates.

The Easter Lily list is now in the Church. Please fill in your requirements as soon as possible as I must know some little time before Easter how many Lilies I should order.

There are also 'Mile of Penny' envelopes on the table in the Church, do please take them and return as soon as possible. I am afraid the re-wiring of the Church is going to prove a very expensive business. Again to help this fund the Bere Regis and District Group of the Dorset Floral Society are sponsoring an Exhibition of Flower arrangements in the Church on Saturday and Sunday, July 14th and 15th. There are already some leaflets about this Exhibition on the Church table, so please take what you can use to send away. We need every bit of advertisement possible.

For your convenience we reprint this month the remainder of our Lenten and Easter programme.

As Easter will have passed before my next letter, may I remind you all that the Prayer Book states: 'that every Parishioner shall communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one'. A happy Easter to you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER

<u>Every Thursday during Lent</u>	3.00 p.m. Lenten Service.
<u>PALM SUNDAY, April 15th.</u>	Distribution of Palm Crosses at all Services. 6.00 p.m. Bellringers Service.
<u>HOLY WEEK</u>	
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	7.00 p.m. Compline.
<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u>	7.00 p.m. Holy Communion.
<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u>	11.00 a.m. Devotional Service. 7.00 p.m. Evensong.
<u>EASTER DAY</u>	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.00 a.m. Mattins. 12. noon Holy Communion. 2.30 p.m. Children's Service. 6.00 p.m. Festal Evensong.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The February meeting was enjoyed by all when Mrs. Benjafield gave a very interesting demonstration on making sweets. She kindly gave jars of sweets for the competition, many thanks to her.

The April meeting will take place at the W.I. Hut on the 17th April, at 7.p.m. any new members wishing to join may do so on that date. Please come along.

TWO W.I. EVENTS:

SPRING SALE, JUMBLE, CAKES, etc.,
on April 26th, in the W.I. Hut, 3.00. p.m.

SUMMER SHOW, in W.I. Hut, Saturday 28th July.
Details later, for the Show.

Asst. Sec. D. Barnes.

The Vicar gratefully acknowledged the following gifts to the Church Lighting Fund.

Major V. Talbot. £2. 2. 0.

In lieu of flowers for Mr. Talbot.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey. £1. 1. 0.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Barnes. £- 10. 0.

BERE REGIS SCHOOL NEWS

The children held a Books and Toys Sale in aid of the homeless children of Sheffield. £6. 12. 0d. was raised and an acknowledgment of the money and of the letters sent by the children, has been received from the Lord Mayor of Sheffield.

S.J.E.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Easter Sunday, April 22nd.

Mrs. Tranter.

Sunday, April 29th.

Miss McFall.

J.D.T.

COFFEE MORNING - BRING AND BUYPROPHECY

Do YOU know where WE hope YOU will be on TUESDAY, MAY 15th, between 10.30 and 12 noon ?

THE PLACE

Summerrods, Bere Regis.

THE OBJECTS

- (i) Personal, for you, Coffe.
- (ii) For the Church, money for the re-wiring FUND.

(AND it is hoped that you will bring a gift of produce and buy some)

C. Tadman.

J.D. Talbot.

IN AND AROUND BERE REGISby Parishioner

Once again we have reached the season of Lent. Lent is an old English word meaning Spring and in some ways we still think of the two words as synonymous.

Lent is a solemn time of fasting and preparation for Easter but coming as it does at the end of winter, the lengthening days and the Spring flowers also make it a joyful time.

This year it seems that Winter is not going to leave us without a struggle and although February was dry, and Spring sowing began earlier than for many years, cold winds and frosts are making it a late Spring.

Many creatures, however, are stimulated more by the length of daylight than by the temperature.

The ceaseless noise from the rookery tells us that rooks are nesting. This is a grand sound in early Spring as high in the tree tops the rooks circle round their nests or sit on their eggs.

In the stream the trout are awakening from their winter state of inactivity as food becomes available among the silt on the bed of the stream the eggs laid last autumn have hatched and the minute young trout are starting to feed. Few of the thousands hatched will ever grow to maturity.

The Church Social was a great success. To-day when so much of our entertainment is brought to us all efforts to amuse ourselves are welcome. Bere Regis with its carnival, dances, sports, and even this Magazine sets a high standard of local entertainment. It is a pity that some functions are not better supported.

Already there seems to be a revolt against the often monotonous and low standard of television programmes and desire to find recreation beyond the fireside. This might well lead to a renewal of interest in village affairs.

It is good to see the County Council are resurfacing the main road. This will eradicate the puddles which often caused pedestrians to be soaked by passing vehicles. It now needs another authority to dig a trench, which appears to be the practice, with new surfaces, opposite the Royal Oak and leave such a depression that vehicles are forced to slow down as they approach the Cross from West Street.

J.G.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT BRITISH LEGIONWOMEN'S SECTION

A Demonstration on "Party Dishes" by the Southern Electricity Board was given at the February Meeting.

The Chairman - Mrs. Lea, gave a report on the Southern Area Conference which she had attended as delegate.

Audrey Lys,

Assistant Hon. Sec.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 10THE TURBERVILLE FAMILY (conclusion)

The spelling of their name as Turberville was adopted by the later members of this family, but in earlier times when the spelling of names, and in fact all spelling, depended on individual fancy or degree of literacy, it appears as Turbevill and Turbelvill (1186), de Turbervile (1202), Thorberisle (1297), Townberfyld (1552) Turbervyle (1559) and other variants.

A word should perhaps be said about the fictitious D'Urber- villes of Thomas Hardy's well known novel. It is sometimes thought, especially by visitors, that the central character of the novel, Tess, was a real person and was buried in Bere Regis Church! In the novel, John Durbeyfield, (Tess's father) a humble north Dorset carrier, is told that his name derives from D'Urberville (the fictitious form of Turberville) and that he is probably a descendant and remnant of that once powerful family. He and his family, including Tess, became convinced of this and consider that they have some real affinity with the "D'Urbervilles" in the "gr't family vault at Kingsbere". This idea in the novel is based on actual instances of the names of now extinct families of former greatness persisting in corrupted form in more humble families. In fact in about 1850 there was a humble family of Torevilles living in the village, one of whom, believing he was a rightful heir of the Turbevilles, was said to have insisted on calling himself "Sir John".

There is a tradition concerning the bricked up doorway in the South wall of the South aisle of the Church. It is said that a

Turberville when lord of the manor had a difference of opinion on some matter with the Vicar at the time, and as a result vowed that he would never enter the Church doors again. Later they became reconciled, and the Lord of the Manor, repenting of his hasty decision, had a new door opening made to avoid breaking his vow.

F.P. Pitfield.

MOTHERS' UNION - BERE REGIS BRANCH.

Quarterly Corporate Communion:

THURSDAY, April 12th. 7.30. p.m.

REMEMBRANCE LILIES FOR EASTER

The list is now in the Church. Will donors please write their names and the name of the person in whose memory the Lily is to be given, very clearly on the list as soon as possible.

The price of the Lilies should roughly be about the same as last year, when they were 3/6d.

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

20th April. GOOD FRIDAY

11.00. a.m. Sunday School
6.00 p.m. Devotional Service.

22nd April. EASTER DAY

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Sunday School.
7.15. p.m. Evensong.

30th April. ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING,
7.00 p.m. at the Church.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

SOCIAL EVENTS.

27th April. Coffee Evening with Bring and Buy Stall by kind invitation of Mrs. Murray, from 7.00. p.m.
Proceeds to Heating Fund.

DATE OF ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

SATURDAY - 16th JUNE, 1962.

at NORTH FARM

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Hooper.

Mr. Simpson has kindly undertaken to organise a 'Mile of Pennies' for the Heating Fund. Details from him at The Stores, Winterbourne Kingston.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON. PARISH COUNCIL

At the monthly Meeting of the Council it was stated that information was not to hand regarding the suggestions for Old People's Welfare which was being detailed by the Rural District Council.

It was reported that the sunken trench at the Broadclose Housing Estate, brought to the notice of the Council at their February meeting had been attended to.

The untidy state of the Refuse Dump was still causing some discussion. It is hoped that the R.D.C. will consider planting trees to screen off this eyesore from the village, and this suggestion has been forwarded to them by the Council.

E.M. Sheppard,
Clerk of the Council.

ST. NICHOLAS.

REMEMBRANCE LILIES FOR EASTER.

A list is now in the Church. Please see under Bere Regis for

instructions.

MOTHERS' UNION
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON BRANCH.

Quarterly Corporate Communion:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th. 2.45. p.m.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

MARRIAGE

March 3rd. Neville Harold Tuck and Valerie Edna Hewitt.

CREMATION

Basil Lynch Talbot, aged 58.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

MARRIAGE

March 17th. Keith Reginald Joyce and Sheila Mary Joyce Curtis.

"SMALL ADS."

(2/6 for every three lines)

LADIES HAIRDRESSING by QUALIFIED STYLIST.

MRS. SOLDAN, "MERRYDOWN", SITTERTON. BERE REGIS 308.

RING BEFORE 9.30 a.m. for APPOINTMENT.

SWANAGE.

FOR HIRE -

4 BERTH CARAVAN. SELECT SITE. NEAR SEA.

MURRAY, WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON. BERE REGIS 349.
