

Loders, Dottery & Askerswell

Our Christmas was overshadowed by three deaths, all connected with Loders Court. Mr. Derek Barnes, the only son of Mr & Mrs H.K. Barnes, of Loders Mill, died at the untimely age of thirty, from lukaemia, curiously a disease in which he had taken a morbid interest months before he contracted it. He had been a man of great physical strength, with a huge capacity for sustained hard work. His sunny disposition, combined with a kind and obliging nature, made him popular over a wide neighbourhood. Loders Church could not accommodate all the people who attended his funeral. The sympathy felt for his widow and their three small children is tinged with admiration for the magnificent spirit in which she met this adversity. The flowers on Derek's grave were still fresh when the ashes of Sir Edward Le Breton were borne by his oldest retainer, Mr. David Crabb, to their resting place under the great yew tree near the south porch. Despite our sense of loss at the passing of the old order at Loders Court, the service was inspiring, thanks, perhaps, to the good singing by a congregation on whom the beauties of the old prayer book service were not lost. Under Sir Edward the temporal power of the manor of Loders was only a shadow of its formal self, but the feudal spirit of centuries survived among the villagers, who continued to look to the squire as their natural leader, and their helper in times of need. They never looked in vain. Many stories could be told of secret acts of kindness that he did for one and another, especially before the coming of the welfare state. But it is the young people who will miss him most. Under his regime they needed neither youth organisations nor public playing field; for the Court was theirs for winter games, and its grounds for summer tennis. As the children grew up and went away, Sir Edward corresponded regularly with many of them, and a call on him was a "must" when they came home on holiday. He was at his happiest at the Christmas Party he gave the village children every year in the dining room at the Court. In this he was aided by his lady wife, who always provided a feast which defeated the biggest appetite (Here, may we say offstage, it is a heavy blow to us that she is too make her home elsewhere; her departure will leave a void quite as big as his, and nowhere will it be more keenly felt than at the 8 o'clock service, where she was the doyen of the communicants). Sir Edward did not claim to be religious, but he had no doubt that the church was a good institution, and he set a fine example of regular attendance. It will take a long time for the picture of him, striding down from the chancel to the lectern to read the lesson, to fade from our memories. The third death was that of another prominent parishioner, Mr Sidney Brown. He was a native of Loders, and spent all his long life here. He began work at Yondover Farm, and later became coachman to Major Beadnell at Loders Court. On the latter's death, he went into business as the village carrier, with a smallholding as well. He used to deliver string to the cottages for braiding. It was fitting that he should be buried in a family grave next to that of Major Beadnell. Postscript: One of the mourners at Sir Edward's funeral was Miss Wilkes, a former headmistress of Loders School, greatly beloved. She had had to be up at 6 a.m. to do the difficult train journey from Parkestone.

Our Churches were tastefully decorated for Christmas. Some of our people had gone away, but others had had friends come, with the result that the services were well attended. Loders was full for the midnight service and matins. Dottery produced a fine gathering of the clan, including many old friends home for the feast. The events preceeding Christmas went with their usual aplomb. Mrs Scott and the children of Loders School put on a carefully prepared and most effective nativity play for the mission sale, which took £31. Askerswell children, under Miss Grigg, also did a nativity play with great reverence. A collection made over £3 for famine relief, and another collection at the carol service added £2 to the Organ Fund.



The carol singing through the village by Loders choir made ten guineas for the children's society. The Choir were fortified with refreshments by General and Mrs Rome and Mrs Lenthall on the first night, and at the Vicarage on the second.

The people of Loders, and especially the Parish Council, will be grateful to Mrs Denis Laskey, Sir Edward's daughter, for presenting to the parish in his memory, the ground on which the village hall stands. At a stroke she has cut through a forest of difficulties, and made the hall eligible for a substantial government grant towards improvements.

The people of Askerswell have cause to be grateful to Miss Shimeld, Mrs Bingham and Mrs Millington for running a coffee morning which raised the splendid sum of £28.10. for the Organ Fund. Mr & Mrs Millington kindly lent their home. The hero of the piece was Mr Millington, who cheerfully stood outside in the cold for the hour or so of female invasion, where he was comforted by Mr Sidney Fry, who was also afraid to go in. A day or two later Mrs Newall held a bridge drive at South Eggarden, which added a useful £14 to the same fund.

Loders ringers held their annual meeting at the Farmers' Arms. Mr Harry Crabb was re-elected captain; Mr George Hyde vice-captain and secretary; and Mr Bill Maddison treasurer. The Vicar appointed Mr Reg Dennett tower warden. The meeting gratefully accepted Mrs Harry Legg's kind offer to collect the annual testimonial from Loders and Mr Crabb's offer to collect in Uploders. Askerswell ringers are keeping their fingers crossed in the hope that Messrs Peter Cowburn's and Bill Hansford's change of residence from Loderland to Powerstock may not mean the loss of this excellent and absolutely dependable captain and vice-captain. The team is now reinforced by Mrs Savage and Miss Jennifer Knight, who have made promising ringers in an unusually short time.

Everybody says what a pity it is that Sir Robert and Lady Armitage are not putting down roots in Loders. They are about to move into a permanent residence at Marnhull, near Sturminster Newton, and our affectionate good wishes will accompany them. Although they knew they were only birds of passage here, they behaved as permanent and dutiful parishioners, supporting parish institutions and forging lasting friendships. Nobody would guess from Sir Robert's quiet and unassuming manner that until lately he was governing a country several times the size of England, or from the pains Lady Armitage took, as a hostess, to make us locals feel at home, that the entertaining of potentates had been a routine to her for years.

Mrs Gilbs' friends have given her a warm welcome home to Loders after a sojourn away which was prolonged by an unfortunate illness. We hope the Loders air will restore her to health.

The Bishop of Sherborne's appeal to girls to take up nursing and relieve the acute shortage of nurses fell on ground which was not stony in Loders Vicarage. Miss Mary and Miss Rosamund Willmott have just left home to begin their training at Exeter Orthopaedic Hospital and are thus following the example of their eldest sister Morwenna who is in her third year at Salisbury. Their help in the choir, the Sunday School, and with flag days, will be much missed. He doesn't count for much, but they will be missed as well by their poor old father. Only one of the seven chicks remains at home.

#### SERVICES IN JANUARY

LODERS: 7th. HC 8 & 12, Matins 11, Children 2.  
14th. HC 8, Matins 11, Children 2.  
21st. HC 8 & 12, Matins 11, Children 2.  
28th. HC 8, Matins 11, Children 2.

ASKERSWELL: 7th. Evensong 3. 14th. Matins 11.  
21st. Evensong 6.30. 28th. HC 10.

DOTTERY: 7th. HC 9.30. 14th. Matins 11.  
21st. Evensong 3. 28th. Evensong 6.30.



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"Court" Party. When Sir Edward Le Breton went to London in December for an operation, his ambition was to be back in Loders fit and well for the children's party which he and Lady Le Breton always gave at Christmas. Although his ambition was not fulfilled and Lady Le Breton was away at Goring, she saw to it that the children were not disappointed. She arranged a party in the Hut, which Mrs Lenthall and Committee of the Mothers' Union kindly ran for her. There were upwards of seventy children, from babes in arms to youths about to leave school, with a generous sprinkling of parents. It is the way of youth to gather rosebuds while it may, so the ghost of Sir Edward and the old Christmases at the Court was not allowed to lower the temperature of the party (which his ghost would not have wanted to anyway). The afternoon of games, organised by Misses Ruth Willmott and Pat Maddison, kept everybody on the move and boisterously happy until tea time, when appetites were ready for the feast of good things the hostess had provided. The company was bigger than anybody had foreseen, but titbits enough remained to give some of the old parishioners a treat as well. As the children left the hall each received the traditional half-crown and orange. Prudent parents hustled their charges out quickly after the cheers for Lady Le Breton. These were intended to reach her at Goring and they could imperil the structure of the Hut, without getting as far.

Loders School Managers. are being reconstituted to accord with the recent change of status of the school from Aided to Controlled. As Lord of the Manor for the time being, Lady Le Breton has appointed Mrs David Rome, of Uploders House, a foundation manager in her place. The Vicar is the other foundation manager. Of the remaining four managers, two are appointed by the Parish Council, and two by the Dorset County Education Committee.

It is rumoured that Askerswell is to have another coffee morning, before Easter, and that Captain and Mrs Aylmer have kindly offered the use of Askerswell House. It will be in aid of the organ fund. No doubt the Church Treasurer, nursing a bill or two that the happy New Year laid in his lap, is hoping the rumour may be true. The coffee morning run by Miss Shimeld and Mrs Bingham at Mrs. Millington's shewed how profitable and pleasant this new method of extracting money may be.

An anonymous donor has presented a handsome white burse and chalice veil to Loders Church for use at the Communion service on festivals. It is in memory of the late Miss Ivy Francis Crabb.

Many of his old friends in Loders and Dottery were sorry to hear of the death of Worthing, on Jan. 8th., of the Rev. Leslie Beardmore, Vicar of Loders 1935-38. He was 83. Most of Mr. Beardmore's ministry was spent as a chaplain, either in the Army, or in hospitals, or in Continental stations. He was a regular chaplain to the Forces from 1908-29, Chaplain at Knocke-sur-Mer 1929-31, chaplain at Rapallo 1931-32, assistant Chaplain at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, 1932-35, and chaplain at Worthing General Hospital 1948-54. His heart and thoughts were often in Loders after he left here. He used to send his good wishes on the feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Albert Gale, of Uploders, on the birth of a daughter; and to Mr. & Mrs. Hine of Loders, on that of a son. The sex of each child was what the parents had hoped for, and both were born in Bridport Hospital.

Much sympathy was felt with Mrs. Ellis, of Uploders, in the loss of her mother, Mrs Clara Stewart, who died after a lingering illness which she bore with courage and even cheerfulness. In her widowhood Mrs Stewart live opposite her daughter in Uploders, and was the object of her devoted care. The funeral service was at Weymouth crematorium, and was conducted by the Vicar.

Ringers Relaxing. Loders ringers revived their former customs of supping together on New Year's Eve. They, and their wives (or mothers) attended the carol service, and then made for the Farmers' Arms, where Bill Maddison, their treasurer, and his wife, served an excellent hot meal, one which everybody, even the captain, could enjoy.



because there were no speeches. Towards midnight they returned to the tower to ring out the old year and ring in the new. This they did in an amiable mood. Food, taken with liquor, prevents the latter from making its imbibers quarrelsome. Askerswell ringers, being of too tender an age to visit inns, went together to a film, and called at the Vicarage to supper on the way home.

A belated welcome to Mr & Mrs Albert Helsdon, who have settled in the cottage next to the Old Forge in Uploders. They come from Carmarthen, but are at pains to emphasise that they are not Welsh. He is a native of London, and she of Manchester. But they are no strangers to West Dorset. Mr Helsdon was manager of the Sams establishment in Weymouth. His wife managed the Sams at Dorchester, and sometimes did relief duty in Bridport.

A pleasant experience befell the Vicar as the congregation was filing out of church one Sunday morning in January. The irrepressible Mr. William Graves (who, with his lady wife is still a regular worshipper at Lodgers) waylaid the Vicar and craved leave of absence until Easter. Not that their room would be more welcome than their company. On the contrary. But it was so nice - and rare - to be made feel like a headmaster vis-a-vis a pupil who knew his place. Had leave not been granted, certain worthy youngsters in Taunton who are being tended by Mr. & Mrs Garves would have been denied that unforgettable experience and the parents gravely incommoded, so really the Vicar had no choice. But everybody will be glad to have Williams cheerful presence back at Easter; to be without it during Lent will be an appropriate mortification.

Uploders is also to have a Lenten mortification imposed upon it., but in this case the Lent will last a year. Dr. & Mrs Morgan of Brook House, have sailed for Australia to explore it from a caravan. Nobody will begrudge them a holiday like this after the exactions of a general practice in Chesterfield, but their company will be sorely missed. They are a type you do not get to know in a hurry, but once you do, you cannot know them enough. The doctor has a store of experience in India and Tibet to ruminate upon, which he loves to do over a pot of ale with anybody who shews interest. The stories are all the better for his mordant humour, and for his free-lance temperament which is not too reverent for the conventions. Mrs Morgan's place in church will be painfully empty, and many people will miss the good works of which she was full. The fete will miss her shrewd salesmanship on the "new" Stall. Postscript: If this issue of the Notes gets to Dr. & Mrs Morgan in Australia; they will read the foregoing paragraph with a consternation we would like to behold. We can hear them thanking providence that they haven't to return to Uploders until their haloes have toned down a bit.

#### Service in February

Lodgers: 4th. HC 8 & 12; Matins 11; Children 2.  
11th. HC 8; Matins 11; Children 2.  
18th. HC 8 & 12; Matins 11; Children 2.  
25th. HC 8; Matins 11; Children 2.

Askerswell: 4th. Evensong 3. 11th. Matins 10.  
18th. Evensong 6.30. 25th. HC. 10.

Dottery: 4th. HC 9.30. 11th. Evensong 3.  
18th. Evensong 3. 25th. Evensong 6.30.



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Lent begins on March 7th, Ash Wednesday. The services that day will be: Loders 9 and 10 a.m., Askerswell 11 a.m., and Dottery 7.30 p.m. Like New Year's Day, Ash Wednesday is a time for good resolutions. You could not make a better one than to keep the Fourth Commandment, and join in the worship of God, in His house, every Sunday.

Christenings in the small population of Askerswell are a rare event. There was one on February 3rd, when the infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Martin Evans, of Medway Farm, was baptised Frances Mary. The weather at that time was bad, but not bad enough to prevent a goodly company of godparents and friends from making the long journey from London or thereabouts. On February 18th, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Gale brought their daughter to Loders to be baptised Valerie Ann. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Gale made the journey from Bristol to stand as godparents.

Dottery will be grateful to Mr. Turner, of Middle Pymore, for agreeing to take over the care of the churchyard. Sextons are hard to get these days, perhaps because churches cannot pay the fancy wages that obtain outside God's acre. This gesture of Mr. Turner's is in keeping with the interest his family has always taken in Dottery Church.

A Coffee Morning is to be held at Askerswell House on Thursday, March 29th, at 10.30 a.m. at the kind invitation of Captain and Mrs. Aylmer. It will be in aid of the renovation of the organ.

Memories in the countryside are long, and retentive, but is any in Loders long enough to assist a lady who is writing an article on a former Vicar of Loders, John Jones? It appears that he was also tutor to Legh Rickmand, who became an eminent divine and an intimate of Wilberforce. The lady writing the article says: "It may be that he is still remembered by stories in the parish". If anybody remembers anything about John Jones would they please tell the Vicar? We see that Jones was in Loders from 1783 - 1813, which is not so very long ago for the countryside, where a thousand years are but as yesterday.

We hear from Miss Joan Scott (who, with her sister, Mrs Robin Chater, was recently in England - and at Loders - for their brother Donald's wedding) that these notes now include among their readers His Excellency the Governor of Gibraltar, who has voiced his opinion that Loders would be a delightful place to retire to, and it's Vicar an agreeable person to live with. We humbly advise His Excellency to consult Askerswell before committing himself.

Services at Askerswell. In the ecclesiastical view, Askerswell are a remarkable people. A parson could not have a nicer flock to work among. They are always friendly and helpful, and when their church is in need, they set to work like Trojans. With practically no outside help they have raised £1500 for restoring their tower and bells; nave and chancel have been lately furnished with new kneelers beautifully made by ladies of the parish who saw the need and supplied it unasked; and now everybody is setting to work with a will to raise £300 for renovating the organ. Most excellent in a population of less than 150. And yet the Rector is left scratching his head and tearing what is left of his hair. Ten years experience of the good people of Askerswell have shown him that mixed up with this devotion to the church building is a distaste for the church services. Askerswell will pay £1500 for bells to summon them to church but will not obey summons; they will provide kneelers but not kneel on them; and when they will have raised the £300 for the organ they will do anything rather than sing with it. A glance back through the register shows that this curious love-hate relationship with the church has existed for a long time - well before the competition of television and mobility, and even when there were resident rectors. Any amount of chewing the problem over at church council meetings has not the slightest effect. Somebody suggests



that things might look up if we had the Te Deum instead of the Jubilate. A bit later the suggestion is made - and by the same person - that there would be an improvement if we had the Jubilate instead of the Te Deum. Somebody voices a complaint that there are not services enough for children to be brought to. So an afternoon service is laid on. The number of children brought the first time is two. At the next afternoon service the children increase to half a dozen, but most of the adults fade away. The established evening service fares even worse. The latest of these was on a nice, dry, warm and moonlit night, and the sum total of response to the call of the bells was a congregation of three. The ringers have manned those bells every Sunday without fail since the re-hanging. Most of them do so at considerable inconvenience to themselves, but there is no point in their continuing the call to church if nobody responds. Neither is it prudent to keep a church warmed till the evening when the service might be better attended in the morning. Coke is fast approaching thirteen shillings a hundredweight, and a hundredweight is scarcely a mouthful to the good old Askerswell Gurney stove. Until the parish take the Fourth Commandment seriously - and those that worship every Sunday can be counted on one hand - the obvious course is to keep the services to the mornings, when the attendance is not as bad. So, until further notice, all the Askerswell services will be at 10 a.m., except on the first Sunday in the month, when it must be at 10.15 a.m.

Looking back. This month space allows us to quote from the Loders Magazine of December, 1881, kindly loaned by Miss Madge Marsh. The Vicar, Dr. Edersheim, writes: "We have been able to provide a church for a part of our parishioners whose distance from the parish church had in great measure deprived them of its ordinances. Ever since my institution I had endeavoured to provide a service for our friends at Pymore and Dottery. They have shewn their full appreciation of this by their regular attendance. At last this attendance had outgrown the capacities of any cottage, and it became necessary to think of erecting an iron church. I laid it down as a principle that, if possible, this should be done exclusively by the landowners, farmers, and inhabitants of Dottery and Pymore, and that I should try to enlist in it every landowner, farmer and family in the district, so that this church might be truly their own. I am deeply thankful we have succeeded, by the blessing of God. I must here express my warmest thanks, to the landowners, farmers and all the families in the district, whose liberality, according to their means, has been very great, and has enabled me to provide the handsome iron church, called St. Saviour's Mission Church, where I hope for generations to come the Gospel will be preached and the ordinances of our Church administered to the people of the district." The building of the Church was begun in November 1881, and finished at the end of January, 1882. It was consecrated on Saturday, Feb. 4th, 1882..

#### SERVICES IN MARCH

LODERS 4th. H.C. 8 & 12, Matins 11, Children 2  
 Ash Wednesday. Children 9, Ante Communion and Communion 10.  
 11th H.C. 8, Matins 11, Children 2  
 18th H.C. 8 & 12, Matins 11, Children 2  
 25th H.C. 8, Matins 11, Children 2.

ASKERSWELL 4th Matins 10.15  
 Ash Wednesday 11  
 11th Matins 10  
 18th H.C. 10  
 25th Matins 10

DOTTERY 4th H.C. 9.30  
 Ash Wednesday Communion 7.30  
 11th Evensong 3  
 18th Evensong 3  
 25th Evensong 6.30



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This is the first time in our recollection that Mothering Sunday has fallen in April. Because of the extreme lateness of Easter, it comes this year on April 1st, and mothers will turn out in strength, as they always do, to join their children in the mothering service in Lodors Church at 2 p.m. Thanks to the vagaries of the English climate, wild flowers are scarcer this year than they have been when Easter was early, but the children are hoping that by Mothering Sunday the tireless east wind will have spent itself, and that there will be primroses and wild daffodils enough for the customary distribution round the parish.

May we remind all parishioners who are confirmed that Easter is the one day in the year on which the Prayer Book, with characteristic English reticence, asks them to make their communion. There is quite a choice of times: Lodors at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12 noon; Dottery at 9 a.m.; and Askerswell at 10 a.m. There will also be the usual 11 a.m. matins at Lodors and the 3 p.m. evensong at Dottery. Easter was originally the chief time for christenings. Lodors children will be thrilled to know that there is to be a triple christening at their service at 2 p.m.

While we are on the subject of christenings, there were two in Lodors in March, attended each by a large concourse of relatives and friends. On the 11th the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Francis of Yondover, received the names of Jillian Bridgette; and on March 25th the first born of Mr. & Mrs. Hine, of Lodors, was named Robert Paul.

Visitors from Canada. It was good to have our old friends Mr. & Mrs. Fred Vacher, of Toronto, in the Lodors congregation last month, if only for the air of distinction he imparted (some say he is the late Aga Khan's double, and others that he is the image of the late John Foster Dulles, neither of which gratifies Mr. Vacher; for he is allergic to race horses and the U.S.A.) Preaching to Mr. Vacher gives the preacher the feeling of being the victim in a viva voce examination. He was brought up on the Bible, and knows all the difficulties, and, fortunately, all the answers. On this occasion the Vicar's heart sank when, in the midst of the sermon, Mr. Vacher rose and reached for his coat. Before the Vicar could begin to think what he had said wrong, Mr. Vacher sat down again, and all was well. He had only wanted to get a little warmer. It is not only humble country parsons who have to watch their step with Mr. Vacher, but Billy Graham and Winston Churchill, and all the public humbugs of Toronto, where Mr. Vacher's name is a household word as a deflator of over-extended balloons. He has lately published a book, full of good sense, and those who would disagree with its contentions could not but admire the English in which it was written. The book speaks volumes for the education he received (and not beyond his thirteenth year) in

Whitechurch Canoncorum school, and for the influence of the King James Bible on his language. It is not by word alone that Mr. Vacher propagates his ideas. He sometimes does good by stealth, as, for instance, when he made the blind children of Toronto happy, and his bank balance exceedingly miserable. It is seven years since he was last in Lodors. That is too long a time to leave us without the stimulus of his lively mind.

Weddings. There were two at Lodors in March. The brides were very beautiful, but apprehensive when they heard of snow all over the rest of the country that their weddings might be too white. They were spared the snow, the east wind eased, and the sun beamed on them as they processed to and from the church to the peeling of the bells. The congregation of each occasion was large, and it was a pleasure to have them taking their part in the service reverently (alas, so often at big weddings the atmosphere is more akin to Saturday night music hall than church). The first bridal pair were Police Officer Michael Wright, of Broadstone, and Miss Genevieve Scadden, of Dottery. They are making their new home at Sherborne, where the bridegroom is stationed. It is pleasing to note that Dottery Church still has a hold on them; they have been back in their old place at service since the wedding, and must have



sensed the benign feelings towards them of the congregation. The second pair were Mr. Anthony Dunham, of Bridport, and Miss Brenda Foot, of The Travellers' Rest. Mr. Ronald Foot, the genial host, is gathering experience in marrying off daughters. He bestowed on his guests the best that The Bull could provide, and then, with a flash of professional pride, invited them up to "Travellers" to see what hospitality really is. The third wedding was of Captain Donald Scott, formerly of the Old Mill, Loders, and Miss Sarah Theed, of Wargrave, Berks. It was in the chapel of the famous Chelsea Hospital, London, and was a marriage which ought not to come unstuck; for it was taken by the Bishop of Bath and Wells; and the Bishop of Southampton would also have been present but for illness. Bath and Wells is a cousin and a godfather of the bride, and she served Southampton as secretary on a trip to Palestine. Colonel Scott made the occasion a gathering of the clan; he entertained twenty five Scotts at Luncheon before the service. The Bridport News picture which showed the bride leaving the chapel on the 'grooms swordarm, and caused all the retired military moustachios in Netherbury to bristle, was a lie. The printers had somehow got their photographic block to produce a mirror effect. We can assure our readers that the groom's swordarm did not blot the Scots Grey's escutcheon.

Extract from Loders Parish Magazine, March 1882: "On Saturday, Feb. 4th, St. Saviour's Iron Mission Church was opened. The day was very fine, and long before 3.30 p.m. the church was filled to overflowing. The clergy present were nine in number, headed by the Venerable Archdeacon Sanctuary, and including the Rev. Dr. Edersheim, Vicar of Loders, and the Rev. W.P. Ingledow, Curate of Loders. The clergy having robed at the house of Mr. E. Laver, a procession was formed, and entered the church while a voluntary was being played by Mr. George Gerrard on a harmonium he had kindly lent for the purpose. The service began with the chanting of Psalm 24 by the Choir, after which the prayers of dedication were impressively read by the Archdeacon..... A most appropriate sermon on the text "My house shall be called the house of prayer" was preached by the Venerable the Archdeacon, and afterwards a collection was made for the church fund, which amounted to £2 1s. 4d. Before the sermon the Archdeacon announced that shooting for the roof, a bell, a harmonium, matting, almsbags and books were still required, and would, it was hoped, be supplied by the liberality of the people. The service ended, the clergy and vicarage party (the vicar had eight daughters) adjourned to the house of Mr. John Marsh, Higher Pymore Farm where a most substantial tea had been provided for them, and where a very pleasant hour was spent. On Sunday there were morning and evening service, at the latter the Chaplain of Her Majesty's Convict Prison at Portland preached to a crowded audience, large numbers being unable to obtain admission. It is earnestly hoped that the church so auspiciously opened may prove a blessing in the district which, from its distance from the parish church, had been left too long without the ordinances of the Church".

#### SERVICES IN APRIL

LODERS 1st HC 8 & 12, Matins 11, Mothering 2  
 8th HC 8, Matins 11, Children 2  
 15th HC 8 & 12, Matins 11, Children 2  
 Maundy Thursday HC 8  
 Good Friday. Ante-communion & Litany 9, Matins 11  
 Easter Day. HC 7, 8 & 12, Matins 11, Children 2  
 29th HC 8, Matins 11, Children 2

ASKERSWELL 1st Matins 10.20; 8th & 15th Matins 10  
 Good Friday Matins 10, Easter Day HC 10; 29th matins 10.

DOTTERY 1st HC 9.30, 8th Evensong 3, 15th Evensong 3,  
 Good Friday Evensong 7.30, Easter Day HC 9, Evensong 3  
 29th Evensong 6.30.



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The surprise of Easter was the weather. As the decorators busied themselves, and with great effect, to make our churches beautiful for the Queen of Seasons, it was cold and wet, and the forecasters were gloomy, but the great day itself was all that could be desired. Among the large congregations were many faces of old friends home for the holiday, and how welcome they were. The total of those who made their communion neared the two hundred mark(Loders 114, Askerswell 43 and Dottery 30), and those who went to church on Easter Day must have numbered about four hundred. We recall with satisfaction the harvest festival proportions of the Askerswell congregation; Dottery church comfortably filled twice on one day; and how nice it was, after weeks of absence, to have Lady Le Breton and her family back in Loders chancel. Our only regret was that the choir's superlative anthem would be heard at only one service. On Easter afternoon the piccadilly circus of cars outside Loders Church created a mild sensation. It was not a wedding as some surmised. Three families connected with the church had brought their offspring from afar to be christened, and these, added to the children's service, made another congregation of heroic proportions. The three neophytes were Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Roy and Rosemary Head(nee Hyde); Robert Paul, son of Ian and Mary Manning (nee Deacon); and Geoffrey John, son of Frank and Muriel King(nee Henning). Fortunately, with so much potential about, there was no crying. The boys, being boys, were naturally quiet, and the girl was interested in the Easter bonnets.

The Easter Offering, for which the Vicar would like to thank all the kind donors, was \$55-17-4 ( Loders 38-14-9 Askerswell 10-16-9 and Dottery 6-5-10). Those who in the past have resented this being to income tax will be pleased to know that the Finance Act of 1961 has opened a way of escape which, in effect, now extends to the Church of England a privilege which has always been enjoyed by the Nonconformists.

Congratulations to Askerswell on the splendid result of the coffee morning at Askerswell House. It added £ 33-11-9 to the organ fund. A fete for the same object will be held on Whit Saturday, June 9th, at South Eggardon, at the kind invitation of Group-Captain and Mrs. Newall.

Easter Vestries. The annual parish assemblies for the business of church and state are, as a rule, not well attended. The public attitude was nicely put by a parishioner of Askerswell, who, when urged to come to the annual parish assembly, said "I've nothing to complain about, so I shan't be there". But this year the Easter Vestries of both Askerswell and Loders were tolerably well attended, the former, perhaps, because of a healthy desire among the parishioners to make their errant rector hear what they had to say about bells and church attendance; and the latter because several Dottery people had come over to hear the statements of church accounts and elect officers. We only have room for the more interesting items. At Askerswell the meeting tried hard- and for the first time unsuccessfully - to prevent Mr. Adams from resigning as secretary and treasurer, but when it could be seen that his mind was made up, warm tributes were paid to his nineteen years of faithful service, and the meeting consoled itself with the thought that he would be a sidesman still. The meeting also accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Adams from the Church Council, and hoped for an improvement in her health. Mrs. George Bryan was elected secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Savage to the Church Council. There is no other change in the body of officers. At Loders the meeting had a letter from Mr. Forbes, resigning from the Church Council on his removal to Eype, but offering to remain a sidesman. He was duly made an honorary sidesman, with thanks for past services. Another letter was read, from Mrs. R.M. Pitcher, resigning from the council on her removal to Bradpole. Warm tribute was paid to her twenty years of quiet but faithful service to the church, and her decision was received



with regret. Notice was received from Mr. William Graves that he and his wife could not settle to church in their new parish, and would be still coming to Loders, and wished to remain on the electoral roll. The meeting promptly re-elected Mr. Graves to his former office of sidesman, and further embellished the corps of sidesman by adding General Rome to their number. The other officers were all re-elected. When it came to the Dottery officers the Vicar spoke of the loss they had suffered by the death of the people's warden, Mr. Lock. Mr. John Marsh was elected people's warden, and thanks were accorded Mr. George Gale for the help he had given in the caretaking of the church. He was elected sidesman. Dottery is now in the unusual position of having a father and son for churchwardens, which happily reflects the staunchness of Higher Pymore Farm through the centuries.

Obituary. Tribute has been paid in pulpit, platform and press to the worth of the late Mr. Jim Lock, people's warden of Dottery, who, at his wish, was buried in a spot where he also would come under the preacher's eye as the latter looked down on the congregation. Our sense of loss is tempered with admiration for the courage and even jocular spirit in which he bore a long, agonising illness; and for the care bestowed on him by his wife without thought for herself. In Loders the well-springs of our sympathy were opened by the unexpected death of Mrs. Lily Harris, of Court Cottages. She was only forty. Her health had been precarious since an attack of rheumatic fever in her youth, but the end came when she seemed very well. Her husband and daughter have gone to live in Bridport, but we hope to see them often in Loders.

Changes at Loders Court. There has been a lord of the manor of Loders since before the days of King Harold, who is the first recorded lord. When Sir Edward Le Breton died last December, we feared that the days of the manor might be over, and that it might be the fate of the Court to become a block of flats or offices. But with a nice care for our well being, Lady Le Breton and Mrs. Laskey have contrived that the old order should continue. We are to have another squire, and one not unknown to us. He is the Honourable Alexander Hood, heir presumptive to the sixth Viscount Hood (his elder brother). He is a product of Dartmouth Naval College and of Trinity College Cambridge. During the war he served in the Royal Navy, and left with the rank of Lieut. Commander. He has since made his mark in the world of industry and finance, being a director of Schroders, Associated Electrical Industries, Wimpey, Blaws Knox, and other concerns. He used to stay with Commander Streatfeild when the latter lived at Matravers, and he developed a liking for Loders Church and its Sunday matins. He is forty-eight years old, and is married with three small children boys, the youngest of whom is only weeks old. He intends to reduce the Court to its original Georgian proportions by demolishing the Victorian extension. But he says he will try not to disturb the staff and tenantry.

#### SERVICES IN MAY.

Loders. 6th. H.C. & 12, Matins 11, Children 2.  
13th. H.C. 8, Matins 11, Children 2.  
20th. H.C. 8 & 12, Matins 11, Children 2.  
27th. H.C. 8, Matins 11, Children 2, Rogation 6.30.  
Ascension Day, H.C. 8, Children 9.

Askerswell. 6th, Evensong 6.30. 13th, Matins 10.  
20th, H.C. 10; 27th Matins 10. Ascension Day 11.

Dottery. 6th. H.C. 9.30. 13th, Evensong 3.  
20th, Evensong 6.30. 27th, Evensong 3.



## PARISH NOTES (JUNE, 1962)

### Loders, Dotterv & Askerswell.

Askerswell Fete. This is on Whit Saturday, June 9th, beginning at 2 30p.m. Last time it was held at the school, which has the advantage of being central; this time it will be at the home of Group - Captain and Mrs. Newall, at South Eggardon, the remoteness of which will be amply compensated for by its beauty, and warm family atmosphere; and also by the offer of free transport from the village. There will be skittles at Spyway from Thursday, June 7th, till Whit Monday night, with prizes each day, and final prizes of £5 for the first gentleman and £2 for the first lady. A competition has been devised which will arouse the detective Patent in us all. It is based on the fact that the composition of the physical part of us - and hence our appearance - is always changing, and that as adults we are scarcely recognisable from what we were as children. The game will be to pair up photographs of local celebrities in their childhood and maturity. It shows a fine spirit on the part of a small community as Askerswell to be holding a fete at all. We trust that all our readers who can will rally to their support. The fete is for the church organ fund.

Those who attend Loders Fete on August Saturday will like to know that there is now no question as to where it will be held. The new squire, the Hon. Alexander Hood, is very willing to carry on the kind tradition of the late Sir Edward Le Breton. So the fete will be at Loders Court, though by that time the house itself may be under going a face lift. At Rogation week - end Mr. Hood brought his wife to see the Court for the first time. Greatly daring, or else supremely confident that his wife's taste was his, he bought this country home without her seeing it. On her first visit the weather rose to the occasion, and the Court was at its best. She was as thrilled as her husband she was also delighted with Loders Church when she attended Matins for the first time. Mrs. Hood has several brothers and sisters, all with large families, who hope to pay visits here. She prophesies that the Court will soon be "bubbling with life".

Loders School. wish their friends to note that they hope to hold a rummage sale on the afternoon of Saturday, June 23rd. The late Mr. William Read, did not long survive the giving up of the home in Uploders that he had occupied for the last forty years. He was staying with one of his daughters in Bridport when he died suddenly, to the grief of all his devoted family. He was buried in Loders cemetery, in his wife's grave, after service in Loders Church. Most of his life's work had been done at Upton farm.

Seaman Miller and his wife (nee James) brought their infant son to Askerswell to be baptised Roger John on May 20th.

Newcomers. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sanctuary, formerly of West Milton have now settled into their new home at Uploders Place. West Milton is, of course, foreign parts, but they are no strangers here. He is secretary of Bridport Industries, and one of the clan of the great Archdeacon Sanctuary who built West Milton and Poorton churches. Our other new parishioners are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Preston and their two children, who have come to Court Cottages in the place of Mr. Harris. They are from Bovington. As soon as he arrived here, Mr. Preston was rushed to hospital for an appendix. He has made a good recovery and is now at his work in Loders Mill.

Improvements at Loders School. At their first meeting under the new instrument of management, the managers of Loders School re-elected Brigadier Hammond as their chairman, and elected the



Vicar correspondent. The school has succeeded in netting a fraction of the millions the country is spending on education. The old insanitary lavatories have been demolished, and a new cloakroom is in process of building at a cost of £2000. There are now enough children in the school to warrant a second teacher, but teachers are scarce, and whether Mrs. Scott gets one remains to be seen. Mrs. Scott has been head of the school for three years now, and the managers congratulated her on the tone of it.

Change of Churchwardens. Mr. McDowall has resigned as Vicar's Warden of Loders. He is succeeded by General Rome.

Detergents not needed now? For some weeks Askerswell has been altogether in the hands of those gentlemen who put up the sign "Road Works Ahead", and the legend "Men Working". How to get to the Post Office, or away from the Church, has occasionally been a problem as roads have been opened up to insert the intestines of the new water supply. At five minutes to nine the school playground looks as if it had never seen a child, and Miss Grigg can get on with her preparations for the day's lessons in heavenly peace. When the bell goes, the children cover the distance from the road works to the school in an incredibly short time, and prayers begin when they should. The parishioners say that the men are working well, and against difficulties, but their efforts have produced some unexpected results at this transitional stage. Some of the pipes at the council houses at Leggs Mead appear now to have been suffering from hardening of the arteries. They had been able to cope with the leisurely flow from Mr. George Bryan's spring, but when they had to contain the pressures of the public supply, they bulged and burst - and doesn't Mrs. Burt and her neighbours who were flooded know it? Householders newly connected but undeluged were able to note that the public water had a marvellous effect on clothes in the wash and prunes-at-soak. They were thoroughly bleached by the chlorine that conscientious authority puts in the water to kill the bugs and help the teeth. This may be all right where clothes that lack the Persil touch are concerned, but it is a serious matter when prunes, which turn a decent stomach anyway, are made to look like anaemic gooseberries.

Loders Parish Magazine, 1882. There is room this month for a further extract: - "We are glad to find that the Iron Mission Church at Dottery, the opening of which was described in the March magazine, is fully appreciated by the inhabitants of the district. During the past month the building has been further improved by having shooting & pipes fixed to the roof, so that it is now well protected against the rain and storms to which, on account of its situation, it must be considerably exposed. This work has been done by Messrs. Dunham, Ironmongers, of Bridport, at the cost of about £2. Among the things still required for St. Saviour's is a harmonium, for which it is now proposed to open a subscription list. There is, of course, no necessity to urge how very important it is to have the musical part of the services well sustained, and how impossible it is to do so without a harmonium. The inhabitants of Dottery and Pymore have hitherto shewn themselves so ready and willing in helping on Church work in the district that the Vicar feels confident that in thus appealing to them for what is still needed in St. Saviour's, he will meet with a hearty response. We hope to publish the subscription list, in our next number".

Footnote:- As we reproduce the sonorous periods of 1882 it dawns on us that the style of the parish magazine has degenerated somewhat.

The evensongs at Loders from now onwards will be at 7p.m. This is to suit those who have jobs to get done before coming.

#### Services in June.

Loders 3rd, HC8 & 12, Matins 11, Children 2.

10th, Whitsunday, HC8, Matins 11, Children 2.

17th, HC8 & 12, Matins 11, Children 2.