

LODERS FETE will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at Loders Court, at the kind invitation of the Honourable and Mrs. Alexander Hood. The proceeds are towards a new roof for the Ladye Chapel of Loders Church, which will cost, on present estimates, around £1,500. When a new slate roof was put on the nave in 1952, the price of lead and copper had been raised to astronomical heights by the Korean war, and the flat roof of the Ladye Chapel requires one or other of these metals. The then architect recommended a temporary roof of felt and bitumen, which he expected to last for twenty-five years, and which was all we could afford. But it has died on us already. Water has come through the newly decorated ceiling. Baileys have since done some patching, but a new metal roof will need every penny the Fete can raise for years ahead.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT. The Fete will follow the old pattern which has proved so successful in the past - the Beaminster Silver Band, teas, stalls and sideshows - but this year the Honourable Mrs. Alexander Hood, as chairman of the committee, is in charge. Instead of the Vicar collecting for the stalls beforehand, there will be four collectors this time. Mr. Harrison will be doing the centre of Uploders and Mr. McDowall the outskirts thereof. They wish it to be known that they will be round on the Tuesday and Wednesday immediately before the Fete. Mrs. F.A. Gill, assisted by her husband, will be collecting in Loders and Yondover. Her plan of campaign is different. She will visit the houses in her district twice, first to see what the householder will give, then to collect it. Mrs. Cecil Marsh will collect, as usual, for the Dottery stall. The articles needed for the stalls are grocery, greengrocery, bottles of all kinds, cakes, eggs, haberdashery for the "new" stall, flowers and plants, children's toys, confectionary and indeed anything saleable. Prizes for the sideshows and competitions, or cash donations, will also be welcome. Mrs. Randall is arranging the manning of the stalls and Miss Juliet Willmott the sideshows. Miss Muriel Randall is secretary. For the first time in many years Mrs. Olive Legg will not be supervising the teas, which are an important item. She is recovering from her illness, we are glad to say, but the doctor insists on her "going easy". Mrs. Wilkins has nobly consented to deputise. She proved her mettle at the recent Mothers' Union Social in aid of the Hut. But with a farm to help run she is unable to do the collecting beforehand that Mrs. Legg did. So Mrs. Legg and Mrs. Osborne ask the kind people who gave for the teas to do the same this year, but to hand it instead to whichever of the four collectors calls, being careful to earmark that particular gift "Teas".

DOTTERY CHURCH has been presented by Miss Gibbs with a fair linen cloth for the Altar, to match the new reredos and frontal. Mrs. Tuck (sister of Mrs. Rennish) has kindly edged the cloth with a handsome lace border, which she gave. New carpeting is to be bought to complete the long overdue refurbishing. This will cost something over £40. It is hoped that Dottery people will give specially generously to their Fete stall to meet this expense.

THE REDECORATION OF ASKERSWELL CHURCH proceeds apace. Roof and walls have been relieved of years of dust and decayed plaster has been made good. The roof is being treated with preservative stain. The walls are to be whitened, which should make the church lighter. The workmen have earned top marks from the caretaker, Mrs. Spiller, for the way in which they clean up the church for Sundays; and her occasional deputy, Mrs. Swaffield, endorses this. Mr. and Mrs. Swaffield, by the way, are installed in a smart new bungalow which is the glory of The Square. Their old cottage is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Symons and their two children, who came from Whitchurch. Mr. Symons succeeds Mr. Swaffield as cowman at Askerswell House. The village has noted with satisfaction the increased use lately made of the old school. Neighbouring Women's Institutes have descended on it, and R.A.F. cadets have held a barbecue there. In the autumn it should be the scene of efforts to pay for the redecoration of the church. The Department of Education and Science has not yet replied to the Rector's challenge to show that it is acting justly in trying to expropriate the building.

CHRISTENING. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard James, who keep a soft spot for Loders Church, brought their infant son from their present home in Powerstock to be christened on July 3rd. He was named Derek Bernard.

THE RETIREMENT of Mr. Frank Osborne after thirty years as licensee of the Loders Arms was marked by the presentation to him of a gold watch by the grateful recipients of his ministrations. He now lives with his daughter at Church Farm, where the frequent sight of him plying a hoe suggests that he will not rust away. The Loders Arms is now under the

genial supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, who come from Exeter, but lived originally in Bridport, where Mrs. Smith was a sister at Port Bredy Hospital. Mr. Smith is transport supervisor of Soil Fertility. He and his wife have eight children, four boys and four girls. Only three of these are now at home. One daughter is an S.R.N. married to a doctor in the United States, and three of the sons are in the Royal Navy.

TWO OLD STALWARTS of Loders, obliged by the exigencies of the housing situation to live in exile in Bradpole, have lately died and returned to Loders for burial. First, Mr. Albert Read, who had worked for the County Council and helped keep our highways in order. He had a healthy Loders' contempt for Bradpole and returned to his niches in the Loders Arms and Loders Church whenever he could, cheering us all up. He was buried in the family grave in the churchyard. Second, Mr. Jack Greening, a native of Burton, but one who had divided most of his working life between our Boarsbarrow and Church Farms. In his active days he did a stint as sexton of our churchyard and last year he emerged from retirement in Bradpole to assuage a plague of moles in the same churchyard. He was buried in his wife's grave in Loders cemetery. We appreciate the kind thought of his family in recommending a donation to Loders Church in lieu of flowers, and we thank those who gave.

A SUMMER EVENSONG. There will be another of these at Loders Church on July 24th, in the octave of our patron saint, Mary Magdalene, at 7 p.m. Evensong at Askerswell is also being well supported. It is pleasing to have former parishioners with us at these services.

THE HAY HARVEST is not being easy. In spite of the dryness of the ground, the hay seems to get wet and has needed much work in the saving, although conditions have improved in the last few days. If anybody needs advice as to how to cope with a late harvest of any kind, he could do worse than consult our Mr. Charlie Wilkins, of Cloverleaf Farm. The Gloucestershire Echo has been telling how he harvested a good crop of barley one February! It says "We have been reminded that fifteen years ago Mr. Wilkins still had some barley standing at Coberly Farm in February. In the wet autumn of 1950 he tried to bring in the harvest but was hindered by unfavourable conditions and an undergrowth of clover among the barley. The crop was, therefore, garnered by instalments. Mr. Wilkins found December to be a good month. In two days he collected 128 cwt. of grain. By the New Year only one of his 35 acres remained uncut and he abandoned it. Then a cold spell in late February withered the clover, hardened the ground, and enabled Mr. Wilkins to make a last attempt with a combine harvester. He finished on February 23rd, and the grain was none the worse for wintering out". The paper goes on to visualise a harvest festival in Lent in a Church decorated with snowdrops and Brussels sprouts.

TAIL PIECE. The Vicar writes: "A friend, spending a weekend in Loders, was perturbed to be told in all seriousness by a parishioner that I had to leave the parish because I had been juggling with the church accounts. In case anybody else is losing sleep on my, or the accounts', behalf, may I say this is news to me? It would also be news to the Church Council and to our auditor, who is a professional accountant. I agree that the deposit account has been fleeced. It is reduced to a little over £100 because £1,000 has just been paid for the redecoration and rewiring of the church. It would have been nice to lay hands on the Lady Le Breton Chancel Trust, but that is out of reach at Salisbury and the sagging chancel roof is eying it longingly. It would have been nice to cash the bit of War Stock, but if this were done, current account would miss the £28 per annum dividend. And anyway, current account will look sick enough by the time it has paid an extra £60 for churchyard maintenance. I confess, though, that I would not be above juggling with the accounts if that were to improve them; for another friend tells me that life in Dorchester Gaol isn't to be sneezed at nowadays.

SERVICES IN JULY

LODERS	10th	Holy Communion 8	Matins 11	Children 2	
	17th	Holy Communion 8 and 12	" 11	" 2	
	22nd	St. Mary Magdalene	Holy Communion 8		
	24th	Holy Communion 8	Matins 11	" 2	Evensong 7.
	31st	Holy Communion 8	Matins 11	" 2	

ASKERSWELL All Services 10 a.m. Holy Communion on the 17th.

P A R I S H N O T E S
LODERS, DOTTERY AND ASKERSWELL

AUGUST, 1966

LODERS FETE had its usual good fortune with the weather, a dry and sunny afternoon following a showery morning. But it suffered a reduction in attendance through the World Cup final. The match was seen on the Court television by some of those viewing the house and some small boys went about their Fete duties with transistors applied to their ears. Quite a number of people arrived early and departed before the match (these, surprisingly, included venerable ladies one would not suspect of being football fans), and there was an influx after the match. The Fete will have grown old before it competes with the World Cup again. From the financial angle some fetes have done better, but this one made a good start on the £1,500 appeal for the Ladye Chapel roof by contributing £200. The Dottery stall, in aid of the new carpeting, made a record £34 6s. 3d. The gross takings were £259 17s. 3d, expenses £26 11s. 8d. and profit £233 5s. 7d. But the social function of the Fete as a gathering of Loders people, past and present, is almost as important as the financial. It was good to see so many old friends. The Court grounds were looking their best. We are grateful to the Honourable and Mrs. Alexander Hood for inviting us there and to Mrs. Hood for taking charge of the Fete this year. And to those who stayed away for the World Cup we would say, "Did you know you missed a chance of winning a cine-camera and the latest electric hair curlers?"

THE FETE ACCOUNTS are as follows:- Cakes £11 8s. 2d; Gifts £22 3s. 2d; Grocery £6 8s. 6d; China £11 15s. -; Flowers £7 6s. 10d; Toys £7 12s. 6d; Jumble £8 4s. 9d; Loes £6 14s. 3d; Tombola £19 19s. 3d; Dottery £34 6s. 3d; Viewing House £7 14s. 6d; Lucky Dips £13 10s. 9d; Skittles £3 17s. 9d; Small Sideshows £3 - 10d; Roulette £11 14s. - Fishing £4 1s. - Ponies £2 4s. -; Rabbit £1 4s. 6d; Pennies in Bath £8 8s. 1d; Cushion £4 13s. 6d; Cake £6 - -; Teas £21 11s. 8d; Cine-Camera £8 3s. 6d; Electric Hair-Curlers £7 10s. -; Cash £6 4s. 6d; Gate £14. - - Expenses:- Band £10 - -; Printing and Advertising £3 7s. 6d; Teas £5 14s. 2d; Prizes £7 10s. -.

THE REDECORATION of Askerswell Church is now completed. Baileys were the contractors, but this work lacks the finish of the similar job they did in Loders Church. In an effort to get the work done before the payroll tax comes into operation, Baileys passed it to sub-contractors, who were less efficient. However, the church is much lightened by the whitening of the walls and the general effect is pleasing. Cleaning up has meant a lot of hard work for Mrs. Spiller, who quietly took it on without asking for help. But some of the ladies of the congregation gave her a hand.

THE IMPROVEMENTS in Dottery Church are now complete. The altar has a blue frontal with a central monogram worked in gold. The reredos curtains are grey and gold; the sanctuary and the baptistry have a yellow floor covering and blue carpeting reaches from the west door to the altar. We are sure that this smart environment will give the congregation the psychological uplift that a new ensemble gives a woman (A new suit makes a good man self-conscious and miserable).

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Kenway (nee Peggy Pitcher) on the birth of a son.

CONDOLENCES to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deacon on the heart attack that has put Mrs. Deacon out of action for a few weeks. It occurred when, characteristically, she was doing a friend a good turn by milking his cow! Loders choir will wish her a speedy recovery, and so will the inmates of Port Bredy, whom she and Mrs. Bill Tiltman entertain every week.

THE MANY FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lloyd will be pleased to know that he has been given one of the key appointments in the realm of English Church music. After nine years as assistant organist of Salisbury Cathedral he has become organist and master of the choristers of Hereford Cathedral and has already had to submit a programme for the Three Choirs Festival which will be in Hereford next year. The programme will feature Sir John Barbirolli and the Hallé Orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd hope to move into their spacious quarters in the fifteenth-century cloisters in September.

ASKERSWELL FORMER SCHOOL. Residents in the neighbourhood of the school have seen prospective purchasers inspecting the place and have gone in alarm to the Rector to ask what the present position is. It is this: The Diocesan Council of Education got the idea that the Rector was as good as gone and ordered Rawlence and Squarey to sell the school by auction in September, the Diocesan Council to get the entire proceeds.

The Rector refused the auctioneers access to the school until the Department of Education and Science disclosed certain information required by Mr. David Hirst, Q.C., who was advising the Rector. This the Department duly did. Mr. Hirst did some investigation and provided the material for a letter which caused the Department to suspend the sale. The Diocesan Council have since written in humbler vein and proposed a compromise, that the P.C.C. buy the school for £1,000 with power to re-sell. If this comes to pass the parish might, with luck, get the wherewithal for a hut out of the school, and honour on both sides would be satisfied. This ought to be the outcome, because the Bowers gave the school on condition that it reverted to them if it ceased to be used as a school, and the present head of the family wants the parish to have it. Mr. Lancelot Bower has fought for the parish from his home in Kenya; and in the midst of defending the B.B.C. in the Littler libel action, Mr. David Hirst has also fought for Askerswell, replying to the Rector's letters always by return of post and in his own hand (not easy to read).

LODERS CHURCHYARD. One conscientious parishioner who has graves there has given the Vicar £5 towards the upkeep, hoping that others would follow. Well, some have, and with the £6 10s. sent in lieu of flowers to Mr. Jack Greening's funeral, the total is now £22 10s. But by the end of the trimming season the expenditure will have been quite £60. And next year it is not likely to be less. Surely the fair and easy solution is that being adopted by responsible parishes all over the country - a donation from the rates, which spreads the burden thinly and evenly and costs nobody more than a few shillings?

HER MANY FRIENDS were delighted to see Mrs. Olive Legg helping with the teas at Loders Fete after her long illness and back in her place in church the following morning.

THE VICAR WRITES:- "My Loders' warden says I should make a statement and clear up the prevailing uncertainty about my future. My own preference would be to let the subject fade away, but perhaps he is right. At Easter there was a combination of events that made me think I ought to end my long spell in Loders and accept one of various invitations into East Anglia. I had actually looked at two parishes there before I discovered that the Church Commissioners had decided not to offer Loders Vicarage to another vicar, but to sell it. This made me think again. The Vicarage has been the Vicar's home for five centuries. At present it is the meeting place of the junior Sunday School and the Church Council and the occasional meeting place of Mothers' Union, choir and ringers. The small new brick boxes that go for modern vicarages are no substitute. There are still parsons able and glad to live in a Vicarage like Loders and it seems wrong to deny them the opportunity and deprive the parish. If I resigned Loders there is also the likelihood that our three parishes might be joined to other parishes and no successor to me appointed. One diocesan official has given an assurance that a new vicar would be appointed - and this is good news - but another diocesan official has said otherwise. While I was thus musing, new developments pointed me back to Loders. My son, Nicholas, who was going east to Dover, went west to Chopstow; and my daughter, Morwenna, who thought to be going east to Lincoln or Norwich, went west to Hereford, and my daughter, Ruth, who was going east to Sussex, is now going west to Bristol. At Loders we are within easy reach of the westward dispositions. Then over Askerswell School, it went against the grain to have waged war against the Department of Education and Science for two years and then to let the last battle go by default. Finally, I discovered that nineteen years of us were not too many for our parishioners. They were eager to give me a petition to stay, which they said would be signed by the vast majority of parishioners. One had already been signed by virtually everybody in Dottery and Askerswell was about to follow suit. So here we stay till further notice.

SUMMER EVENSONGS One at Askerswell, August 7th 6.30 p.m. Another at Loders, August 21st at 7 p.m.

SERVICES IN AUGUST

LODERS	7th	Holy Communion 8 & 12,	Matins 11,	Children 2.	
	14th	Holy Communion 8	Matins 11,	Children 2	
	21st	Holy Communion 8 & 12,	Matins 11,	Children 2	Evensong 7
	28th	Holy Communion 8	Matins 11,	Children 2.	
ASKERSWELL	7th	Evensong 6.30	14th	Matins 10.	
	21st	Holy Communion 10.	28th	Matins 10	
DOTTERY	7th	Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.			

OUTINGS, like other old institutions, are finding it hard to survive in the modern way of life, but that of Loders' Sunday School is an exception. It always attracts a good following. This year the coach set off with forty-five souls aboard. Previous to that, Mrs. Christine Newberry, Mrs. Gladys Newberry and Mrs. Willmott had gone collecting, not minding that they were in the wake of the Fete. They had been kindly received and had been given £16.12s. (some of which will go to Christmas prizes). The weather was perfect but the boat which was to have taken them down the river from Wareham to Poole was anything but perfect and the obliging coach took them to Swanage instead, where the sea enticed the most unlikely matrons of the party into swim-suits. At Dorchester, on the way home, they found a fish and chip shop that didn't keep them waiting and so got to bed tired, but completely satisfied. The children wish to thank all the kind subscribers and the three brave collectors.

MISS JENNIFER PAUL, a former member of the Sunday School and a regular reader of these Notes, has qualified as a State Registered Nurse. We do not know where she is now, but doubtless she will like to know that the S.S. are proud of her achievement.

A NIP in the evening and morning air, and the bales of straw in the cornfields, remind us that harvest festival is approaching once again. Uploders' Chapel will begin with a service on Sunday, September 18th at 6.30 p.m. followed by a sale the next evening at 7 p.m. Dottery harvest will begin on Thursday, September 29th at 7.30 p.m. and continue with Evensong at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 2nd. Askerswell harvest will be on October 2nd at 10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. and Loders harvest on October 9th at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER is a time for farms and farm cottages to change hands. Three Loders farms are to change this year. Mr. John Masters is leaving Matravers, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morey, Uploders and Mr. and Mrs. Chifford Pitcher, Boarsbarrow. It seems that all three are moving out of the centre of farming to the periphery, Mr. Pitcher to selling animal feeding stuffs, Mr. Morey to the Farm Institute and Mr. Masters to something more remote. It will seem odd not to have a Pitcher at Boarsbarrow. Clifford has done good work in the Young Farmers and the Discussion Club. He will shortly be moving to Bridport.

NEWCOMERS. There is quite a batch of these, and we are pleased to report that they are finding their new environment pleasant and their neighbours neighbourly. At Askerswell, Mr. and Mrs. Frost, a retired couple from Ilford, Essex, are making do with a caravan while a bungalow is being built for them next to Mrs. Mabbs. They have a son and a daughter, both married. In Uploders, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wood, formerly of Ashley Chase, are finding a temporary home in what was Mrs. Galer's cottage until Matravers farmhouse is ready for occupation. Mr. Murray, formerly the farm foreman at Ashley Chase, is already installed, with his wife, in a new bungalow near Matravers farmhouse. In Loders, a newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Stone, have set up home in what was Mrs. Read's cottage, near the school. He is from Bradpole, and his bride from Symondsburry. Mr. Stone is a builder and assures us that that part of his cottage which is caving in will be rebuilt in due season. At Dottery Mr. and Mrs. Stirling Kemp, a retired couple from Buckinghamshire, are settling into the cottage next to Mrs. Scadden and trying to be cheerful amidst trenches and excavations for a garage. Mrs. Kemp's brother, Colonel Hodder, has taken Blue Bell Cottage, but is unlikely to be living there for some time.

BAD WEATHER forced indoors the barbeque and sale which Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw were to have had in their garden at Yondover for Women's Institute funds. It cleared £6, so another effort will be necessary later.

STILL A MYSTERY. Mr. and Mrs. Vicary, of Meons Farm, are still pondering the cause of the fire that robbed them of twenty tons of excellent hay. They disagree with the Bridport News' theory of spontaneous combustion. They think that trippers may have been responsible, as remnants of food were found nearby, and yet Mr. and Mrs. Vicary were about the farm when the fire broke out, but did not see anybody. They now incline to the theory that as the sun was very hot, it might have struck through a bit of glass. Mrs. Vicary has not long recovered from a bad attack of the measles brought home from school by her son. Mrs. George Bryan, of Askerswell, also suffered from the same source. The headmaster of Loders School tells us with relief that everybody in the school has

now had measles.

A RECENT VISITOR to Askerswell morning service who introduced herself in the vestry afterwards, turned out to be the former Miss Robinson, who used to teach in Askerswell School. She is now married, and living in Canada and looks as if life there agrees with her. The building that has been done in the village since her departure amazed her and made it seem another place.

UPKEEP OF LODERS CHURCHYARD. Contributions towards the £60 it will cost this year now amount to £29 12 9d.

CHRISTENINGS. There were two in August - at Askerswell Wendy Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Foot; and at Loders, Bruce Reginald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Kenway.

THE LATE MRS. ADA MAY NORMAN, who died in Bournemouth at the age of 78, was buried in the grave of her parents in Loders churchyard, after a sung service in the Church.

MISS BRIDGET NEWALL has put Askerswell in the place of honour on the front page of the Bridport News, where the parish doesn't find itself often. She has capped an impressive list of ski-ing awards by winning the Golden Lion, the second highest award in the Olympic Games. Still more impressive from the mere male point of view is that she combines this athletic prowess with a Cordon Bleu in cookery, and a stoicism that regards as a mere nothing a leg broken in five places and a resulting six weeks of traction in hospital.

THE SUN SHONE BRIGHTLY and the bells rang for the wedding in Loders Church of Miss Carol Ann Harding, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Harding of The Stores, Uploders. Her bridegroom was Mr. Alan James Weedon, who is a radar fitter at the Bawdsey R.A.F. Station, Woodbridge, Suffolk. To look at him, none would guess him to be the strong man he actually is. We have heard of a bridegroom lifting his bride over the threshold of the new home, but have never before seen one run up the path from Loders Church with her in his arms. This was to escape, not the parents, but the bombardment of confetti.

AS OTHERS SEE US. Mr. William Harrison, of Uploders, (who is to be congratulated on coming well through a major operation), has presented Loders Church with a handsome new Visitors' Book, to replace the one given in memory of the late Martha Crabb, which is now full. Browsing through the old book, one notes how visitors from the four corners of the earth - and beyond - find themselves in Loders Church, including such celebrities as Adam Faith, and Count Dracula. A nun says, "there is peace as well as beauty in this lovely old church," and a monk of Buckfast remarks, "it is typically monastic and lovely." There is no pleasing everybody. One visitor writes, "Here is dignity and yet simplicity - how fitting for worship," but another says, rather petulantly, "Light, airy and well restored, but too many images to distract the eye." A fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, who evidently knew of the Vicarage cow, quotes, "Gloved the hand that holds the hymn book which this morning milked the cow." (Did he know that the hand was at the time suffering cow-pox?). Much satisfaction with the morning service is noted in such remarks as "I will not forget the Sunday morning service and the singing for a long time to come," and with the flowers, as "I admire the flower arrangements as much as the church." The "Well Done - Gloucester Cathedral Needlework Guild" was obviously bestowed on the kneelers, worked by members of the congregation; and the tribute of a schoolboy to the church in general was authentic because of the spelling, "Butiful, Sintylating." The new strip lighting of the nave evokes several favourable comments, but what is to be made of, "I dig the bell, diggish good", signed B.B.C. Theatre, London? The last entry in the book is rather touching, "In loving memory of Colonel Sir Edward Le Breton, hereby remembered by the boys of Loders."

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Loders	4th Holy Communion 8 and 12,	Matins 11, Children 2.
	11th Holy Communion 8	Matins 11, Children 2.
	18th Holy Communion 8 and 12,	Matins 11, Children 2.
	25th Holy Communion 8	Matins 11, Children 2.
Askerswell	4th Evensong 6.30 p.m.	11th Matins 10 a.m.
	18th Holy Communion 10 a.m.	25th Matins 10 a.m.
Dottery	4th Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.	11th Evensong 3 p.m.
	18th Evensong 3.00 p.m.	25th Evensong 3 p.m.
	29th Harvest 7.30 p.m.	

HARVEST FESTIVAL got off to a good start in the Uploders Chapel. This pleasing little Regency building had its downstairs full of congregation, and this included the usual strong contingent from Loders Church. The service was taken by a retired minister from Northumberland, who was having his first taste of Dorset, and liking it. The collection, plus the sale of the harvest offerings, and the proceeds of Mrs. Clarke's sale of work, amounted to £12 14s 1d, for the trust fund. Mr. Riach (the local super intendent minister), and Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw put in some hard work before the festival, clearing the surrounds of brambles and ivy. Loders Church gave an ecumenical hand through Mark Green. All the workers were thankful the chapel grounds are small.

Dottery harvest began on Michaelmas Day, continues on October 2nd at 3 p.m. and will be meat for our next issue. Loders choir have kindly promised to lead the singing and do an anthem at Askerswell at 6.30 p.m. on October 2nd. Loders will have its harvest on October 9th at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. We hope the few farmers who grow corn have saved a sheaf or two for the decorations.

AN OUTING TO PILSDON. The glorious September weather made our Mothers' Union visit to the Rev. Percy Smith's community at Pilsdon an event to be remembered. Members made their way there in their own cars, those with, giving lifts to those without. Mr. Smith was away, but a service was taken by his wife in the church. After tea in the refectory, the manor house and the farming and the gardening departments were thoroughly explored. Mrs. Thomas tells us that one of the cowsheds has been converted into bed-sitting rooms. The two half-doors have been left as they were, and this seems to have tickled the members' sense of humour.

ONE OF THE WORRIES of the Rector at Askerswell was that some of the children there were growing up with no association whatever with their parish church. Of course, our local school gives good religious instruction, but if the churches of the country disappeared there would eventually be no religious instruction and churches are likely to disappear if young people grow up with no connection with them. At Loders the children have an association with the church building through the Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Willmott run it, and have always wanted to do something for Askerswell, but are too stretched on Sundays to take on more duties. So what a delight it was to them to have Mrs. Garrard, Enrdling Member of the M.U., and herself a daughter of the parsonage, offering to lend a hand; what is more, she has had long experience of Sunday School work. She has already sounded parents and children. The plan is to have a class in church at 10 a.m. on the first Sunday in the month (when there is Evensong at 6.30), and for the children (and, we hope, their parents) to take part in matins on the third Sunday at 10 a.m. This is the kind of work that gives meaning and purpose to the Mothers' Union.

AN "OLD BOY" REMEMBERS. Mr. George Samways, brother of Miss Samways, of Shatecombe, has sent the Vicar twenty guineas towards the £1,500 needed for the roof of the Ladye Chapel. He now lives near Petworth, Sussex. He writes, "I have just heard from my sister that you are raising a fund for your lovely old church. On behalf of my family, who lived so long at the Home Farm, Loders, where I believe all of us were born, I enclose a gift towards that fund. My parents and other members of our family are buried in your churchyard. I sincerely hope you will be able to raise all you need, and quickly."

GOOD NEWS FOR LODERS HUT. We are told by a reliable authority that permission has been given for the Uploders Room to be sold as a building site, which greatly enhances its value. The proceeds of the sale are due to go to the Hut. With the money already collected, and with a government grant of up to £400 in the offing, the Hut should now be amply provided for, and the parish thus relieved of one of its financial burdens. Mr. Harold Brown and the trustees of the Uploders Room are to be congratulated on this happy outcome of long and laborious negotiation.

ASKERSWELL OLD SCHOOL. People who have thought of purchasing this for conversion into a dwelling are said to be apprehensive lest they should be unpopular in the village. There is no reason why they should be now. It looks as if the Diocesan Board have been stopped from grabbing all the proceeds and that the lion's share of a sale would come to the village for a hut if it cared to build one. There was a misunderstanding about drainage facilities, but it is now clear that those go with the school. So there is nothing to bar prospective bidders.

LODERS CHOIR were delighted to have Mrs. Deacon back in church with them after her long spell of illness (borne, we might add, with characteristic Irish cheerfulness). She stayed seated throughout the service, but joined in the singing. Mr. Harp is also back in Loders after a session in Bridport Hospital - another credit mark to our Sister Ping. At Askerswell Mrs. Fooks' will-power and the good offices of her children, have brought her to church again in her wheel chair. It takes a lot to put the senior citizens of Askerswell off church. The age of one lady who recently attended evensong is ninety. She is a member of the Marsh family.

MRS. PALMER, the widow of the late Vicar of Loders, and his daughter Ruth, lately called on the present vicar, and on Mr. David Thomas, the parish clerk. They were pleased with the church (for whose redecoration a bill of £560 has just been paid) and were very taken by the kneelers worked by the ladies of the parish. Miss Palmer is now a health visitor, and Mrs. Palmer is about to take up residence in Worth Matravers.

WHEN PEOPLE are getting around ninety they try to give churchyards a wide berth. Mr. Fred Samways, for many years sexton of Askerswell, is no ordinary person. For years he hooked, scythed and wrested resting places for his departed neighbours from the reluctant bosom of the rocky churchyard. Now he lives in retirement with his son in Litton, but he keeps a patriarchal eye on all the goings-on in Askerswell and when he visited the church to see what sort of a job had been made of redecorating it, he cast a critical eye on the churchyard as well. The front of the churchyard escaped serious criticism but all the vials of his wrath were emptied on the back, where it was past harvest and the grass had not been scythed. Contrary to biblical precept, Mr. Samways contended that outsides should be put right before insides (is this not contrary to medical precept as well?). No doubt it is hard for his generation to grasp that the days are gone when a man would put hours of work into a churchyard for a couple of pounds a year. Casual labour can now command as much as ten shillings an hour and the general state of churchyards proclaims that if a parish won't pay up, the work will not be done. As hooking and scything are now of the past, the use of machines in churchyards is inevitable if they are to be kept tidy at all. Before the machine can operate the ground has to be levelled and thinned of impediments. How costly this preparation for the machine can be when specialists are employed the people of Burton well know. It cost them £300 to put their churchyard in order, and that was in the early fifties. A mercy they did not leave it till today! When Bradpole saw how little a firm did for them for £100 they gave up. Loders churchyard was put in order at no cost to the parish, and the Rector is trying to do the same for Askerswell. Last spring he levelled most of the south side of the churchyard and Group Captain Derek Newall was able to use a rotoscythe on it. The east end and the north side remain to be done and it is work that cannot be hurried. In the lower graveyard there are heaps of stones to be moved. These have been left after the digging and filling in of graves. They will not be easy to shift, for they are now bonded by vegetation. All this makes hard work, and with his own large garden to see to as well, and with his proper pastoral work always on hand, the Rector hopes he won't pass out before the job is finished. After a few hours with the spade among the flints of Askerswell churchyard he feels more like sleeping than studying or concocting sermons. People say, "The day will come when cremation will be compulsory and burial a thing of the past." But that doesn't help. The churchyard will doubtless still be there and will not be a decent place unless all parishioners do their bit towards keeping it so.

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

LODERS	2nd Holy Communion 8 and 12	Matins 11	Children 2	
	9th (Harvest) Holy Communion 8	Matins 11	Children 2	Evensong 7
	16th Holy Communion 8 and 12	Matins 11	Children 2	
	23rd Holy Communion 8	Matins 11	Children 2	
	30th Holy Communion 8	Matins 11	Children 2	
ASKERSWELL	2nd (Harvest) Holy Communion 10		Evensong 6.30	
	All other Sundays	Matins 10.		
DOTTERY	2nd (Harvest) Evensong 3.			
	All other Sundays	Evensong 3.		

STOP PRESS

There will be a Coffee Morning at Askerswell House on Tuesday, November 1st, at 11 a.m.

This is at the kind invitation of Captain and Mrs. [Name] [Address] [Postcode]

THE DEATH OF LADY LE BRETON cast a shadow over Loders harvest festival. She died in the nursing home at Goring on Thames where she had long been confined to bed after falling and breaking her hip, which would not mend. The news came on the Saturday morning when the ladies were decorating the church for harvest. This was a task that she had joyfully performed on the chancel for over forty years. As the big bell tolled, the decorators could not help thinking how fitting it was that she should have died on that day of all days; for like most country people she liked harvest best of all the festivals. After the cremation at Reading, the ashes were brought to Loders by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Denis Laskey, for burial. The service, which drew a large congregation, was preceded by an hour of half-muffled peals of the bells, and the organist and full choir were in attendance. Mr. Laskey read the lesson, and Mr. David Crabb, head gardener of Loders Court, lowered the casket into the grave alongside the remains of the late Sir Edward Le Breton. The grave is under the yew tree opposite the south porch, the spot chosen by Lady Le Breton. There were masses of flowers. On either side of the casket on the chancel step was a pitcher of splendid chrysanthemums from the Mothers' Union (grown by Mr. Horace Read). There was also a large posy of autumn leaves and berries from the children of Loders School. Only a few of the flowers were put on the grave: the rest went to brighten the wards at Port Bredy and Bridport hospitals. Old parishioners who knew Lady Le Breton's whims noted with satisfaction that the family wreath, into which Mrs. David Crabb had put all her considerable art, had a motif of her favourite belladonna lilies. As the funeral was only a few days after harvest festival, the decorations were kept up, and the ladies watered and refurbished the flowers, so that her last service should be in all the glory of harvest. We haven't a shadow of doubt that she, on the other side of the veil, approved. She was not morbid about death and had discussed her funeral with the Vicar not long before. The sense of fun so characteristic of her was not absent even on this occasion. To her, death was but the natural way into livelier life. We in Loders, who found her so good a neighbour, and so loyal and generous a daughter of the church, feel that she is only a little removed from us. Her spirit lingers in the church and the walks she loved so well.

IN OUR LAST ISSUE we could only get as far in reporting harvest festival at the Uploders Chapel. We now complete the story. Dottery was splendidly decorated for both services. On the Thursday night the church had more people in it than the hamlet has inhabitants. This was because several old boys and girls had returned for the occasion, and good it was to see them. Askerswell was also decorated with lavish good taste. The morning service was well attended and evensong was quite full, again the church containing probably more than the entire population of the village. The kindness of Loders organist and choir in coming over to lead the singing was much appreciated, as was also the help given by Loders ringers. From the decoration point of view Loders harvest was lucky in coming last. Dottery and Askerswell sent their sheaves, so did Bradpole and even Powerstock, with the result that the chancel looked something like an old time harvest field, with the prevailing chrysanthemums the colour scheme was all gold. Some of the vegetables could have been prizewinners in a show. There was a big nest of brown eggs at the chancel arch and pots of Guernsey butter at the font. Owing to the absence of a few "regulars," matins was not quite full but evensong was overwhelmingly so. Congregation had to be put in the chancel and some people stood long, before they could be absorbed. One gentleman said his pew had to stand and sit in one synchronised movement if they were to do it at all. Again it was good to see so many old boys and girls. The record for doing a long journey was Miss Newbury's, formerly of Uploders Farm. She had attended her own harvest in Northamptonshire that morning and was in Loders for evensong, fog notwithstanding. It was the first day of her holiday, part of which she spent with Mrs. Battershell. Loders School had a very delightful harvest of its own, in which parents and school managers joined. The decor was unusual and very effective. Facing the congregation was the serried ranks of the children and sloping upwards behind them, as on a large fishmonger's slab, was a simple concentration of all the harvest gifts and flowers. Passages of Scripture and Prayers were cheerly and reverently read by some of the children and the hymns were heartily sung by all. Parcels of produce were later distributed by the children among the senior citizens.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY falls on November 13th. As the memory of those who gave their lives for us in the world wars grows dim by natural process, it behoves us the more to brighten it up by attending their service on their commemoration day. Askerswell will be at 10 a.m., Loders at 11 a.m., and Dottery at 3 p.m. All collections will be for Earl Haig's Fund.

MR. KENNETH GEORGE BAGGS, of Loderland, was married to Miss Sylvia Ann Pomeroy, of Broadwindsor, in Broadwindsor Church on October 8th.

MRS. ELIZA EMILY HILTON, of Vinney Cross, died in the home of her son at Westhan, Weymouth, where she had been nursed through failing health and was buried in the grave of her late husband at Loders cemetery, after a sung service in Loders Church. She was 84 and a member of one of the old families of Loders. For years she had been stone deaf and communication to her had had to be by slate or writing pad. In a tribute to her in church the Vicar commended the uncomplaining and cheerful way in which she endured her world of silence and sustained her interest in parish affairs.

THE MISSION SALE will be on December 16th. Mrs. Willmott asks for this early notice to be given so that her kind supporters may know the target for the things they are making and others may be encouraged to start work. She can supply material for anybody who will make aprons, which sell well.

GOINGS AND COMINGS Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gale have left their cottage in Uploders for a more commodious residence in Bradpole. Their children, Michael and Valerie, will be missed from Sunday School, of which they were most faithful attendants. There are three new families to welcome. In Shatcombe, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Carew Beavan, who come from Anglesey. But Mr. Beavan is no stranger to Dorset. He was born in Swanage and has ancestral roots in Winterbourne and Sydling. One immediately connects his blue eyes and clean cut features with the Navy and one is not wrong; for he was an officer in the R.N.V.R. in the last war. At Boarsbarrow the new incumbents are Mr. and Mrs. Rob Wrixon and their two small sons. They come from Axen Farm and are busy adjusting themselves to the peculiarities of Boarsbarrow. At Uploders Farm the newcomers are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sheppard, who come from Portesham Farm, where Mr. Sheppard worked with his father until the latter's retirement. They have three children - four years, three years and six months. They had the misfortune to lose their highly prized golden retriever shortly after arrival. He died of poisoning from the bite of a rat he killed.

THE INFANT DAUGHTER of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crabb was christened Miranda Frances at Loders Church on October 1st. The party included her older sister, Yvonne, who has had four months and two operations for a faulty hip in Stannmore Hospital, Middlesex. We are glad to say she is making progress and her parents hope shortly to have her home for good.

ASKERSWELL BELLS are still short of ringers. Out of all in the parish who have learnt to ring, only Mrs. Savage and her daughter, Susan, have remained faithful. When Miss Juliet Willmott goes to Barts. at the end of this month they will sorely miss her help. There are plenty of youngsters keen to learn when they are a bit older. The present is the problem. The Rector is willing to teach any adults who would fill the breach. It is a shame that one of the finest peals in Dorset, which cost the parish £1,500 to rehang, should lack ringers.

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

LODERS	6th	Holy Communion 8 and 12,	Matins 11,	Children 2.
	13th	Holy Communion 8	REMEMBRANCE 11,	Children 2.
	20th	Holy Communion 8 and 12	Matins 11,	Children 2.
	27th	Holy Communion 8	Matins 11,	Children 2.
ASKERSWELL	6th	Evensong 6.30	13th	REMEMBRANCE 10
	20th	Holy Communion 10	27th	Matins 10
DOTTERY	6th	Holy Communion 9.30	13th	REMEMBRANCE 3
	20th	Evensong 3.	20th	Evensong 3.

PARISH NOTES
LODERS, DOTTERY AND ASKERSWELL

December, 1966

"FORGIVE US OUR CHRISTMASSES" A teacher in a Sunday School in London got this instead of "Forgive us our trespasses" when she asked her children to write out the Lord's Prayer. An inspired mistake on the child's part; for the Christmas need forgiving which are all feasting and present-giving and leave out of the picture Him whose birthday it is. To make sure that they keep Christmas properly, the children of Askerswell are coming to church at ten on Christmas morning and singing, "Happy birthday to you" before the Communion service begins. At Loders the children - and we hope, parents - will come at eleven. They will sing carols at the tree on the chancel step, in place of a sermon, and doubtless they will go back to their pews clutching the packet of sweets put on the tree by the Mothers' Union. The first service of Christmas in Loders will be what is now called "The Midnight" at twelve on Christmas Eve. The hold this has on our people was demonstrated last year, when wind and icy rain were doing their worst, and yet the church was full. Dottery need little reminding that their Christmas Day service has to be earlier than usual - at nine

CAROLS, we find, go down better before Christmas than afterwards, so there is to be a feast of them in the week leading up to Christmas. Mr. Price is arranging a carol service for the school children and their parents and friends on Wednesday, December 21st at 2.30 p.m. in Loders Church. The Mothers' Union are also coming to this service. Loders Choir will be doing their usual good turn for the Children's Society by carolling and collecting - in Uploders on Thursday, December 22nd and in Loders the following night. The Children's Society are hard hit by the Selective Employment Tax. They have to pay about £5,000 p.a. True, they can claim it back, but finding that sum to buy the stamps with presents a problem in these times of credit restriction.

A FINE FRUIT CAKE made by a staunch supporter of the Mission Sale has already found a billet in the larder of another staunch supporter, and the price thereof gone into the fund. This has been the way of the Mission Sale for twenty years. There is no working party, and little advertisement, but the faithful "do their stuff." The stalls get filled with good things to buy and all those who come have the added pleasure of a nativity play by the school children. The Mission Sale and nativity play will be at Loders School on Friday, December 16th, at 5.30 p.m. This seems an odd time, but it suits everybody concerned.

NO CHURCH can have had a more devoted member than Askerswell's Mrs. Sarah Fooks, village postmistress for thirty-three years, who died last month, and was buried in the grave of her husband, who had predeceased her by many years. She learnt to live with a bad heart, and a bent frame, and neither prevented her from getting up the steep hill to church. When she could no longer walk, her devoted daughters wheeled her there in a chair. Its prominent position in the middle of the nave imparted a nice family atmosphere to the service: we felt that grandmother was presiding over us. Instead of funeral flowers, she asked for donations to the church, which the treasurer would like to acknowledge here with warm thanks. But her best legacy to the church is her family of church workers, in whom her spirit lives on.

THE REPORTS of coffee mornings in the local paper give the impression that the usual run of profits is from fifteen to thirty pounds, and that in quite populous parishes. Askerswell always does amazingly for its size. Mrs. Lylmer's recent coffee morning produced £54 towards the cost of the church decoration, for which we are very grateful. But there is still about £160 to find. It is always the way with builders that when they get to work something creeps in which was not covered by the estimate. And the cost of the odds and ends seems disproportionately bigger than the rest.

MISS JULIET WILLMOTT left home on her birthday and is now settling down to the life of a nurse in a fine half-timbered manor house in Hertfordshire, which is the preliminary training school of "Bart's." Askerswell ringers, of whom she was a very active member, gave her a useful memento - a nurse's manual. On the eve of her departure she rang the treble bell in an attempted quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. This she did very well, although she was new to the method, and it was no fault of hers that an exercise lasting longer than the normal forty minutes was not technically a quarter peal. After service at Dottery Church, where she had been organist for many years, Mr. Cecil Marsh suitably voiced the feelings of the congregation and presented her with seven guineas to buy nursing books. The Vicar introduced Juliet's successor, Miss Denise

Miller, a pupil of Mr. Bill Tiltman. Denise has since made her debut at the Dottery organ without the slightest hitch and the congregation are conscious of their good fortune in having her.

ASKERSWELL SINGERS have found a useful reinforcement in Mr. Garrard, who was obviously divinely sent to fill Juliet's place. Although he had not rung since 1939, he soon got his hand in. Now we want two more.

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES. Our correspondent writes: "Nineteen members met on our usual third Thursday last month, in Lodgers Hut. A short silence was kept as we remembered the wonderful example of our Mrs. Fooks and we started a collection in memory of her beloved Askerswell Church. As several members were away, this fund will be kept open till next month. The Rev. V. Shaw, of Chideock, then gave a talk on the Book of Common Prayer. In December we are deserting our third Thursday to join with the school children's carol service in Lodgers Church on December 21st at 2.30 p.m. After that service we shall adjourn to the vicarage to discuss ways and means for our Christmas Party on Thursday, January 5th, to which we cordially invite all the young mothers of the three parishes, with their children, however small. We also hope to offer free baby sittings for wedding anniversaries next year as our 'present' to marriage."

ASKERSWELL SUNDAY SCHOOL. Our correspondent writes: "St. Michael's Sunday School has got off to a good start. Not only have we fourteen names on our register (ages from 3½ to 10½ years and more promised) but Corinne Churchill, Diane Greening and Susan Savage have volunteered to help Mrs. Garrard. We have been given the first Sunday in each month at 10 a.m. for our school and in it we prepare for the family service at 10 a.m. on the third Sunday, when the children take full part, choosing the hymns, reading the lesson and taking the collection. The first of these services was well and enthusiastically attended, and all went home seeing Christmas from a new angle. So don't forget. Next Sunday School is 10 a.m. on December 4th. Come and help us plan our Christmas surprise."

BETWEEN THEM. our three churches sent £28 to Earl Haig's Fund in connection with the Remembrance Sunday services. Attendance generally was affected by the atrocious weather, and perhaps by television and the Bridport parade, but Askerswell was surprisingly good. Lodgers bells were rung half muffled. Mr. Tiltman was congratulated on his simulation of drums in the Dead March.

THE SICK. Mr. Newberry senior and Mr. Sanders are home safe and sound from operations in Weymouth. Mr. Sanders' was a short sojourn, but Mr. Newberry had to endure a month away from home because of the absence on holiday of the surgeon. This hospital habit is catching. The parish clerk of Lodgers, Mr. Thomas, was whisked into Weymouth hospital on Advent Sunday morning when he would have preferred to be saying the 'amens'. He saw to it that his hat, familiar to us all, went with him. When the Vicar called on him the same evening he was in good heart, a calm oasis in the turbulent beds around him.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. A. Goddard, of Court Cottages, Lodgers, on the birth of a daughter in Portway Hospital on October 29th.

THE BUNGALOW which has appeared as if by magic between Mr. Rideout's and Mr. Randall's in New Road is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morris, who have retired to it after thirty years in Southall. The choice, said Mrs. Morris, was between New Zealand and Dorset and they like Dorset. They have a son, who is married, and three grandchildren. Another family of Londoners, Mr. and Mrs. John Aldridge, of Southgate, have taken one of the renovated cottages opposite the Lodgers Arms. This is their first experience of living in the country, and they are sure they will be happy. Their son and daughter, who are both married, are keen ringers, and have already enquired about our bells. They can be certain of a welcome in both Lodgers and Askerswell towers.

THE OLD FORGE in Uploders has become the home of a new industry and an expert one at that. A young couple from Hove, Mr. Douglas Baggott and his wife, Carole, are making old-fashioned leather firebuckets there. At present they are going all out to satisfy orders from America. Mrs. Baggott's father is a clergyman on the staff of St. Paul's Worcester.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

<u>LODGERS</u>	<u>4th</u>	H.C. 8 and 12,	<u>Matins 11,</u>	<u>Children 2</u>	<u>11th</u>	H.C. 8, Matins 11, Children 2.
	<u>18th</u>	" "	" "	" "		
		<u>CHRISTMAS Eve, Midnight Service 12 a.m. CHRISTMAS Day H.C. 8, Family Service 11</u>				
<u>ASKERSWELL</u>	<u>4th</u>	Sunday School 10, Evensong 6.30.	<u>11th</u>	Matins 10;		
	<u>18th</u>	Family Service 10.	<u>CHRISTMAS Day</u>	H.C. 10.		