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### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

#### **BRADING**

8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.15 a.m. Mattins.  
6.45 p.m. Evensong.

#### **YAVERLAND**

10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist. 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

#### **ALVERSTONE**

Evensong at 3.15 p.m. First and Third Sundays.  
Holy Communion at 10.15 a.m. First Thursday.

Holy Baptism at Brading will normally be administered  
on the second Sunday in the month.

*The Revd. M. C. DAUBUZ, Vicar and Rector.*

#### **Whitsun**

Most of us like to have our birthdays remembered even if we don't always care to recall just how many we have had. The birthday of the Church, too, is a date we ought to remember. Is the reason why Whitsun is not so well observed as the two other great Festivals that Christians have lost the sense of fellowship? We forget that we are members of a world-wide Family; indeed, a Family that extends beyond this world.

On the night in which our Lord promised the disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit Who was to be the life-blood of the new Family of God, He spoke thus in prayer to the Father, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one." Can we, this Whitsuntide, be more aware of our brotherhood in Christ; more thankful for our family privileges; and more anxious to extend the family circle?

Whitsunday Services will be: Brading: Holy Communion at 7, 8 and 12.15, Mattins at 11.15, Children's Service at 3 and Evensong at 6.45. Yaverland: Sung Eucharist at 10.15 and Evensong at 5.30. Alverstone: Evensong at 3.15.

#### **In Brief**

Easter was well observed and the churches looked lovely. Thank you all very much for your Easter Offering.—Many volunteers came to help with the cleaning of Brading church and a splendid piece of work was done. We are most grateful.

#### **New Contributors**

Grateful acknowledgment is made to Mr. C. Rickard, of Truro, for his article on the Piscina, and to Miss D. J. Anderson for her contribution entitled "The Contents of a Parish Magazine."  
M.C.D.

## Words of Wisdom—4

"The (Holy) Spirit which creates, penetrates and keeps us, feeds and illuminates us, enters our lives and presses through them to other lives, has far more in reserve for us than we have yet received. But the Spirit is one of those guests for whom space must be made; whose presence makes a difference to the whole house, and not merely to the spare room. We give the invitation at our own risk, not knowing which of our old easy-going ways will be incompatible with this presence, which enters as Lord, as well as giver of life, making demands and setting going activities which must take precedence of everything else. For we are really asking that the life and energy of the Absolute God shall enter and use our premises, and recondition them to suit the purposes of Charity: and this means more than fresh curtains and a little white-wash."

EVELYN UNDERHILL.

*Galatians 5, 22.*—"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

## Yaverland

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, April 23rd, 1954. The only changes in the lay representation were the election to the P.C.C. of Mrs. Russell and Mrs. King in place of Mrs. Humber, who has resigned, and of Mr. L. R. Smith who has left Yaverland for Carisbrooke.

It was very pleasing to see the increased congregations on Easter Day, both at the early Celebration and at the Sung Eucharist, and goes to prove how much holiday visitors appreciate the Services.

The beautiful oak gates in the porch made by Mr. E. Barton have now been completed and have been the subject of much admiration.  
P.J.B.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School continues to make steady progress. Two events of a special nature have taken place since our last issue. It was very encouraging to welcome a good congregation of parents and friends to the "Mothering Sunday" service, when the children demonstrated some of the old "Mothering" customs as their act of worship.

On Easter Day parents and children gathered round the Easter Garden, recalling the events of the first Easter as each child placed two flowers, as tokens of their Love and Service.

As we go to press we have held our first meeting of the newly formed branch of "King's Messengers," the junior fellowship of S.P.G. We hope this will fill a need in the parochial life of a regular weekday activity with a high ideal and a long and glorious tradition.  
B.T.

## MOTHERS' UNION

May 27th, Ascension Day. 10.15 a.m. Corporate Communion. 3 p.m. Service in Brading Church. Tea in Church Hall.

These arrangements will close the season.

G.G.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms at Brading

- April 12 Lesley Ann Booker  
Terence Nigel Booker  
May 9 Andrew Legg

### Holy Matrimony at Brading

- March 13 Alan James Reid and Gretta Joan Baker  
20 Eric Gomer Coombes and Margery Ethel Mabel Cooper

### Confirmation

- March 24 Gerald Timothy Swales, Bernard James Cooper, Derek Norman Penn, James Michael Jackson, John Wetherick, June Way, Barbara Butler, Sybil Walker, Jacqueline Barton, Margaret Brett, Jeanette Dower, Sylvia Woodmore, Glenda Cox, Dorothea Munns, Betty Rock, Violet Rowe.  
April 2 Mary Cox, Grace Nellie Morris.

### Burials

- April 10 Fanny Maria Young, aged 83 years.  
15 Eliza Ormond Stark, aged 83 years.  
May 4 Harry Ephraim Woodford, aged 75 years.

## PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Since the Annual General Meeting we have spent some pleasant evenings; in particular, the Dramatic Evening was a great success. We would like to thank all those who took part in it. There will be a Coach Outing on May 25th. The season will end with a short business meeting on June 1st at 7.30 p.m. and our Mid-Summer Party on the Vicarage lawn (weather permitting) on June 10th, when all will be welcome. I.P.S.

## BRADING PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Physical Education Afternoon

In spite of the cold afternoon, a good number of parents and friends came to watch Physical Education lessons by the three junior classes. The children made a farewell gift to Miss Privett (P.E. Organiser) of a map of Dorset, and an album of photographs of their own P.E. work.

### End of Term

All the children attended a short service in the Parish Church on the last morning of term, conducted by the Vicar.

During the afternoon the children entertained each other and their teachers and parents, with an informal concert. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their efforts.

### Parents' Meeting

At our March meeting, the Vicar came to the West Street school and spoke to and discussed with the parents and teachers the Religious Education of children of Primary School age.

### Football

The last match of the season resulted in a goal-less draw with Sandown C.E. School.

### Please Make a Note of These Dates

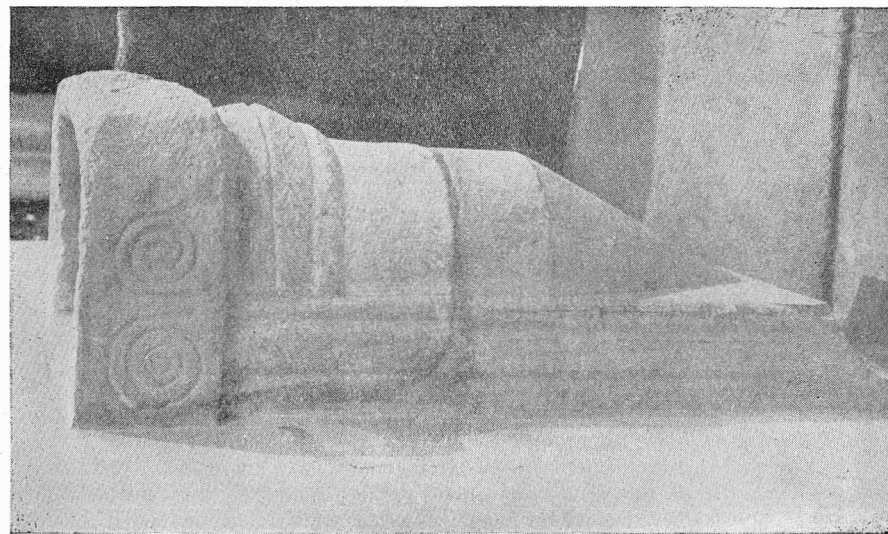
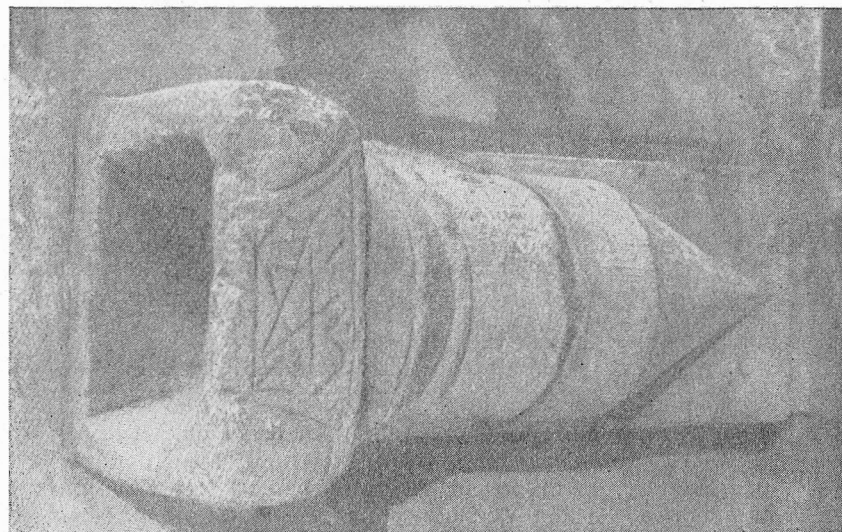
Friday, July 9th: School Sale; Tuesday, July 13th: Open Day for Parents, West Street in the afternoon, High Street in the evening.  
R.M.H.

## BRADING CHURCH

### Piscina Built into South Wall of Chancel

When I visited your Church last summer, I was particularly attracted by the style and motifs of this Piscina. I felt that a friend who is an expert in these matters—Dr. George Zarnecki, Conway Librarian, Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London—would also be interested, and I accordingly enquired of your Vicar if he could obtain for me some photographs. This he did, through the good offices of Mr. V. Mansfield, and suggested that I might write a short article on the Piscina and the two Fonts in your Church. This then, is the first instalment of that "short" article, and deals with the Piscina.

There is little doubt, I think, that the lower part of the stem of the Piscina is comparatively modern work. Dr. Zarnecki, from photographs and sculptural evidence alone, places the bowl as being work of the first half of the 12th century. It was possibly the date of the Church (late 12th century) which led our restorer to fashion the lower part of the stem as he did,





for this, too, in design, can be ascribed to the latter part of the 12th century. If, however, the stem is a replica of the original, the whole will be dated as late 12th century; but the character of the carving of the bowl is certainly unusual for this late date.

The results of research by art historians indicate that few Norman masons were working in England after the close of the 11th century, and, as I see it, our Piscina shows us the blending of Anglo-Norman ideas and workmanship. Thus the circle decoration on the sides of the bowl (the revival of an antique classical style) is typical of, and immediately derived from, 11th century work in Normandy. Note, in passing, an odd feature to us, perhaps, but a common, even characteristic feature of 11th century and 12th century work—two circles are carved on the west side and the missing third on the east. The motif of the star formed by a continuous line on the front of the bowl, is also of Norman origin but is uncommon. It needs little imagination, however, to see in the triangles surrounding this decoration, the zig zag or chevron ornament (see Wootton south doorway) which was an essentially Anglo-Norman motif and first appeared in England about 1110-1115 prior to its adoption on the Continent. In the shaping of the corners of the bowl—closely resembling “scallop” work—exemplified in the large Font and the capitals (heads of pillars) in the nave—we see an Anglo-Norman variation of the “cushion” capital which was unknown in Normandy, and recent research indicates, in England, too, before the Conquest.

In assessing the decorative effect of our Piscina we must remember that the whole would have been brilliantly coloured in harmony with the general scheme of the Church.

Finally, who made our Piscina and where? We know that some religious houses maintained workshops and that some monks were skilled in the art of metal, ivory and wood (but not stone) carving and we shall probably be near to the truth in supposing that our Piscina was made by an Island mason from an Island workshop who found his model in the work of a monk from St. Helens Priory or Quarr Abbey. C.R.

## THE CONTENTS OF A PARISH MAGAZINE

To begin with a confession. The Brading and Yaverland Parish Magazine is the first parish periodical I have ever read. In one sense this gives me an advantage over regular readers of such since I approach each issue (of *our* Magazine) with a fresh and unbiased mind and a lively sense of curiosity about

its contents. Now that three numbers have appeared I find myself asking what should be the contents of a parish magazine. Is ours typical of this form of publication? Do we want such a magazine or do we want something original?

In an article I read recently reference was made to one parish which invited outside contributions—and paid for them! One of these outside contributors was no less a person than the late Professor Joad. While such practice may make for high standard reading matter to my way of thinking it is all wrong. Surely a Parish Magazine is akin to a house or school “mag.”; a personal production, its contributors drawn from the ranks of those for whom it is specifically published. This, of course, adds to the difficulties of making it both attractive and readable, but success, when achieved, tastes all the sweeter.

What then should this magazine written by the parish for the parish contain in addition to news of the church and its associated activities and the vicar or rector’s special message to his people? Illustrations make a direct appeal but the cost of printing blocks tends to prohibit their inclusion while it is in its infancy. But informative articles interest most people, whether they are about places and customs far beyond our island or recording some aspect of the absorbing history of our own parish, such as the “inning” of Brading Haven. An imaginative article would help to keep those of us whose outlook needs rejuvenating, young in mind. Poetry, too, can meet a real need; I know that the little 17th century poem in the November issue of our Magazine was a delight to me. And humour should find a niche, whether in poetry or prose, because

*“Beautiful tiny things (like daisies) He made, and then  
He made the comical ones in case the minds of men  
Should stiffen and become  
Dull, humourless and glum:  
And so forgetful of their Maker be  
As to take even themselves—quite seriously.”*

In writing the foregoing I have really been thinking aloud; putting down on paper the odd thoughts which have flitted through my mind since reading our Magazine. What are your thoughts? You may well not agree with mine! But by pooling our ideas and using them as a basis on which to build up our magazine we shall surely achieve a publication which not only fills us with pride as our own personal creation, but which, in every issue, holds something — a phrase or a thought or a message—which seems specially designed to find its home in the mind of each one of us. D.J.A.

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