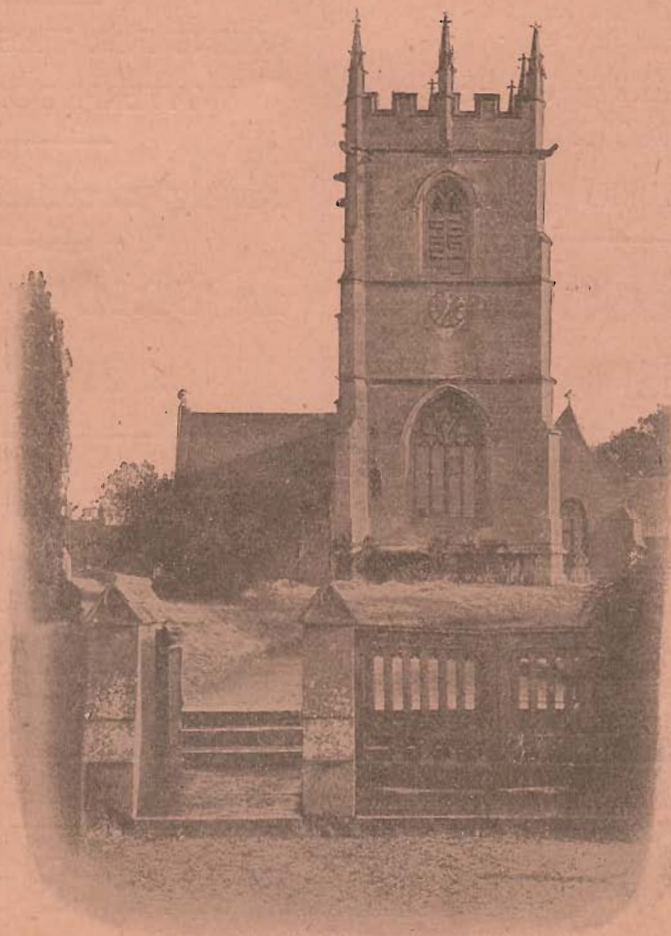


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THE WAR.

It is with very deep regret that we chronicle the death of Lt.-Commander James Sholto Douglas, late of Badsey Manor House, at the comparatively early age of 27. As our readers will remember, he volunteered for service with the Navy immediately on the outbreak of war, and was gazetted Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R. after an interview with the First Lord of the Admiralty. He went to Antwerp in command of a machine-gun section, and only escaped internment by his courage and resourcefulness. When we last referred to him in these columns he was stationed with the Naval Brigade at the Crystal Palace. He was subsequently attached to the R.N.A.S. as armament officer and was for some time at Dunquerque, taking up an appointment as Lieutenant-Commander near Aberdeen in October last. In November he began to suffer very much from very severe headaches and was sent home to Chester. He rapidly became much worse, and was unconscious almost continuously to the time of his death. A few days before his death he had very slight conscious intervals; he recognised his mother and asked for one of his brothers, and on one occasion felt for his crucifix under his pillow and looked at it. He passed away on Monday morning, Dec. 18th, and on Tuesday his body was taken into the Lady Chapel of Chester Cathedral where it remained until the funeral on Wednesday. There was a Requiem on Wednesday morning, a watch having been kept all Tuesday night by relations and friends.

The following tribute from his brother seems to describe the man just as we knew him.

"I thank Thee, God, for his life here,
For all his graces, all his ways so dear.
Ready of repartee,
Soul of all company,
Bright with the love of men because of God;
Strong in the love of God for other men.
The Sacramental way on earth he trod,
And now his earthly body's dead—well, then,
I praise and thank Thee, still, O God."

R.I.P.

Private George Evans was slightly wounded on Dec. 15th.

A muffled peal for the late Corporal L. Sparrow was rung at Badsey on Dec. 3rd by members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association of Change Ringers, the following notice of which appears in the Association's Report;—

"On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 1916, in 3 hours and 3 minutes, at the Church of S. James, Badsey,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,

5040 changes.

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT JORDAN	<i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK JORDAN	5
HARRY MIDDLETON	2	HENRY J. PHIPPS	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	*JAMES HEMMING	7
FRED. J. JOHNSON	4	†GEORGE MOISEY	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

First peal on eight bells as conductor.

First peal and first attempt.

Rung with bells half muffled, as a token of respect to Corporal L. H. Sparrow, of the Worcestershire Regt., a highly respected member of the local band of ringers and a member of the Church choir, who was killed on Sunday, October 22nd."

Private Emms, writing from France, says of Corpl. Sparrow that "he will be very much missed in dear old Badsey Church." He then goes on to say: "I often wish I was there to join in the services, but I think myself that it will be a long time before I shall be able to help to do a little chiming. We have a R.C. church close to our hospital, and one of their bells is just like No. 7 in our church . . . I get to Church every Sunday morning, the service being held in one of the huts. We have a bright little service and have Holy Communion every second Sunday in the month, so you see we are not so badly off in that respect."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE LIST.

BADSEY.

BOYS

- Class i: J. S. Green, P. Crisp, C. Harwood.
 „ ii: W. Harwood, H. Jelfs, H. Agg,
 C. Sears.

GIRLS

- Class i: L. Grove.
 „ ii: D. Jelfs, B. Dore, S. Crisp.
 „ iii: L. Mustoe, C. Crisp, L. Keen.

INFANTS

- Boys: P. Sparrow, G. Warmington, J.
 Harwood, S. Johns, S. Crisp,
 J. Nightingale.

- Girls: A. Agg, E. Agg, E. Moisey, M.
 Warmington, E. Moisey, L.
 Mustoe.

Two of the prizes were very kindly given by
 Mrs. A. Sears and one by Miss N. Crisp.

WICKHAMFORD.

- Class i: E. Agg, N. Pethard.
 „ ii: L. Bennett, R. Cox, A. Agg.

INFANTS

- Boys: E. Turner, G. Sutton.
 Girls: D. Jones, V. Bennett.

BADSEY BELGIAN COMMITTEE.

The Committee wish to thank all who gave prizes, refreshments and donations for the Whist Drive held in the Old School on November 9. They also wish specially to thank Misses E. Stanford, M. Blake, I. Dore and F. Jones for collecting gifts and subscriptions; Mrs. Chives, Mrs. March and Mrs. A. Perkins who managed the refreshment department with their usual success, and Messrs. A. Dore and E. Mustoe who kindly conveyed chairs and tables from and to Evesham.

The receipts amounted to £9 18s. 6d., and the expenses to £2 8s. 6d., leaving the substantial balance of £7 10s.

CONFIRMATION.

There will be a preparation class for girls at Badsey Old School on Tuesdays at 6, and one for boys at 7.

There will be a class for girls at Wickhamford Parish Room on Wednesdays at 6.30.

The classes will commence on January 16 and 17 respectively.

Owing to difficulties in the way of travelling the Bishop has had to cancel the Badsey Confirmation, and gives notice that he will hold a Confirmation at Evesham on March 20, at 2 p.m., for the parishes of Badsey, Cleeve Prior and Bidford.

THEN AND NOW.

BADSEY.

	Baptisms.	Marriages,	Burials,
1616	... 6 (4m 2f)	... 6	... 4
1716	... 8 (5m 3f)	... 1	... 8
1816	... 10 (6m 4f)	... 3	... 6
1916	... 21 (14m 7f)	... 6	... 15

Including that of a "vidua nonagenaria"

WICKHAMFORD.

	Baptisms.	Marriages,	Burials.
1616	... 2 (1m 1f)	... 0	... 3
1716	... 1f	... 2	... 5
1816	... 4 (2m 2f)	... 3	... 1
1916	... 15 (7m 8f)	... 1	... 1

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—MARRIAGE.

Dec. 2.—George William Marshall and Catherine Enstone.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		Badsey.		Wickhamford.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nov. 30	Sick and Needy	...	1 3		
Dec. 3	Foreign Missions	...	1 13 2½	1 9 4	
„ 7	Church Expenses	...	1 7		
„ 10	Sick and Needy	...	4 7		
„ „	Church Expenses	...	15 7½	5 7½	
„ 14	Church Expenses	...	1 3		
„ 17	Sick and Needy	...	2 3	4 0	
„ „	Church Expenses	...	9 4	9 1	
„ 21	Sick and Needy	...	1 10		
„ 24	Sick and Needy	...	3 7		
„ „	Church Expenses	...	17 11	3 5½	
„ 25	Sick and Needy	...	13 9½		
„ „	Waifs and Strays	...	15 0	2 3 10	
„ „	Poor Clergy Relief Cor. poration	...	15 0	2 3 9	
„ 31	Red Cross Society and Order of S. John	...	2 13 6	4 9 8½	
			£9 9 8½	£11 8 9½	