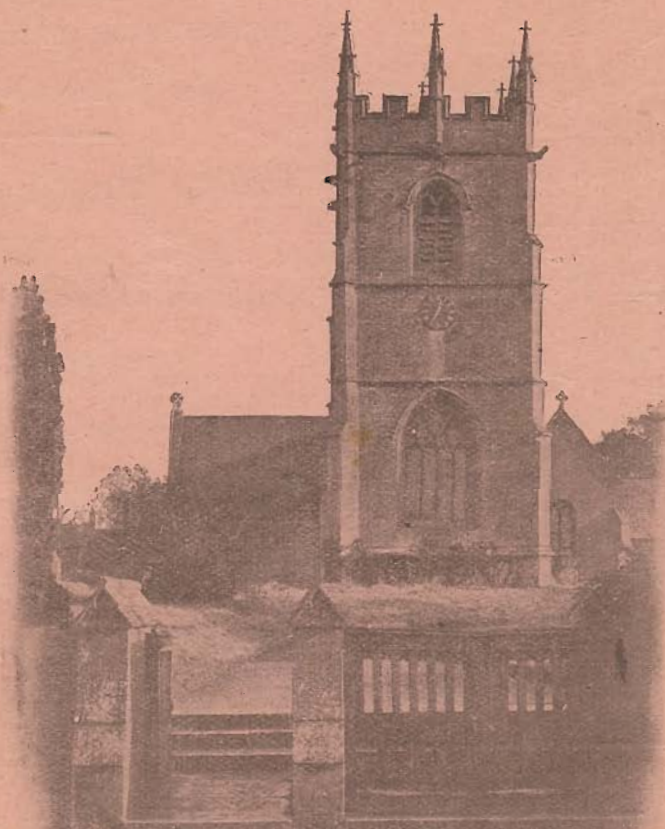


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THE WAR.

The funeral of the late Cpl. W. E. Cleveley took place at Badsey on Jan. 4th. By the courtesy of Major Pollexfen a firing party from the prisoners' guard at Evesham was in attendance. The firing party, under Sergt. Major Perry, marched to the deceased's home, and, augmented by local members of the V.T.C., acted as an escort, the coffin being, of course, covered with the Union Jack. The body was met at the churchyard gate by the vicar and choir and the service was fully choral. Before the congregation left the church the organist played the "Dead March" and, as the body was borne from the church to the grave, members of the V.T.C. lined the path. At the conclusion of the Burial Office three volleys were fired over the grave and a bugler from Norton Barracks sounded the "Last Post," after which a hymn was sung and the vicar pronounced the benediction.

The whole ceremony—the slow march through the village with arms reversed, the service in church and at the grave side, the touching strains of the "Last Post" so suggestive of both a farewell and a welcome—was very impressive and was attended by a large number of friends and sympathizers.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland, of Wickhamford, have been officially informed that their son, Pte. Albert William Holland, was killed in action in France on Jan. 1st. Pte. Holland, who was only just 19 years of age, had not been in France many weeks. Mrs. Holland has received a letter from her son's platoon officer in which he writes as follows:—"During the short time he was with me he proved to be one of my best and most willing men. Although still very young he had the nerve of many men much older and I shall greatly miss him." A memorial service was held at Wickhamford on Jan. 23rd. R.I.P.

Cpl. A. C. Perkins and Pte. E. Yeates are progressing favourably. The former is now in hospital at Leicester.

Sergt. A. Keen, Cpl. C. Hartwell and Pte. H. Sgdlar are all convalescent.

Cpl. H. Walters and Cpl. T. Taylor (whose rank, owing to a printer's error, was omitted last month) are both well again.

Pte. A. O. Knight, whose serious wounds have left him in a terribly enfeebled condition, is discharged from the army as from Feb. 21st.

Pte. William Malin has again been in hospital but is now better.

THE WILL OF SIR PHILIP HOBY.

II.

In concluding the first instalment of this paper I noted, and the information came from Nash's History of Worcestershire and other competent sources, that Richard Hoby inherited the Manor of Badsey from Sir Philip Hoby. Further research proves that this was not the case. At the Dissolution the Manor passed from Evesham Abbey into the hands of the Crown, with whom it remained until 24th April, 1562, when Queen Elizabeth granted it, with that of Aldington, to Sir Robert Throckmorton of Coughton and his heirs. From him it descended to his son Thomas, who alienated it to Richard Griffin, from whom it passed to Richard Hoby in 1598. Sir Philip, then, never held the Manor, but he died possessed of what probably was a lease of the advowson and tithes of Badsey, which he bequeathed, with other similar possessions to his brother Richard.

Richard Hoby figures prominently in his brother's will and, therefore, a few further particulars concerning him may be of interest. He married Margaret Newman of Chaddesley Corbett, widow of — Newman, by whom she had had three children, Richard, Gerard and Margaret. He was Churchwarden 1596/7 and a monument to him and his wife is still to be seen against the North wall of the Chancel, the figure of Margaret Hoby being much damaged. She was buried on 4th July, 1625. This monument was erected by Richard Hoby's stepdaughter Margaret, and formerly stood where the organ now is, but it was moved further East to its present position, when the Church was restored in 1885. An account of it is given by Habington, the famous Worcestershire antiquary, for which there is not space here. For a similar reason it is not possible here to discuss the strong evidence there is that two Richard Hobys, probably father and son, lived in Badsey at the same period, to the confusion of several genealogists.

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Sir Philip Hoby died, (1) as already noted, on May 29th, 1558, at his house in Blackfriars, London, and was buried in the Church of Bisham, on the banks of the Thames, near Marlow. Here in 1566, Sir Thomas Hoby, who also figures prominently in his brother's will, was buried, and alabaster recumbent figures of the two brothers lie side by side over their tomb.

We have seen, from the diary of Sir Thomas, that Sir Philip went to London on 18th April, 1558, to consult physicians. Their opinion was evidently serious for he made his will on the 1st May following. It may still be seen in the archives (2) at Somerset House, and commences as follows:—

"In the Name of God. Amen. The first daye of May in the yeare of our Lorde God a thousand fyve hundred fiftie and eight I Sir Phillipp Hobbye Knight of hole mynde and parfite remembrance thanckes be to God and mynding to seet all my goodes cattalles dettis landes tenementis and hereditamentis in suche order and stay that after my death the same may be had used and enjoyed in quietness without sute or trouble Doo therefore make and declare this my last wille and testament in fourme following that is to say First and before all things I commend my soule unto the mercifull handes of allmightie God my creatour only redemer and Saviour and my bodie to be buried after a decent sorte as the tyme and place wherein I shall fortune to dye shall in suche cace requir."

To be continued.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

Jan. 20—Thomas Henry Bennett,
 " " —Winifred Joan Cockerton.
 " " —Kathleen Hall.

BADSEY—BURIALS.

Jan. 3—Edith Phoebe May Hill, aged 10 months.
 " 4—William Edward Cleveley, aged 18 years.

THEN AND NOW.

BADSEY.

A.D.	Baptisms.	Marriages.	Burials.
1617	8 (7m. 1f.)	3	6*
1717	11 (5m. 6f.)	4	7
1817	9 (4m. 5f.)	2	3
1917	12 (9m. 6f.)	1	11

* Including that of Richard Hoby who, we believe, built and occupied the house now owned and

occupied by Mr. A. E. Jones. The entry, which which also records the date of death, is as follows:—"Richardus Hobbeus Armiger eius nominis in universa Britannia antiquissimus naturae cessit cursu undecimo die februarij noctis hora decima, sepultus die Jovis eiusdem mensis decimo tertio Ano Domi—1616" (or, according to our present reckoning, 1617).

WICKHAMFORD.

A.D.	Baptisms.	Marriages.	Burials.
1617	1f.	0	1
1717	5 (1m. 4f.)	1	2
1817	2 (1m. 1f.)	2	3
1917	3f.	1	7

NOTES AND NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Clevely wish to thank all those friends who by their kindness and sympathy have helped them to bear their great sorrow.

Two remarkably successful entertainments organised by Mrs. C. H. Ward and Mr. T. H. Knight, reports of which have appeared in the local press, and two whist drives, got up by Mrs. H. Johns and Mrs. A. Sears, have taken place in the Old School during the month. These had for their object the raising of money for King George's Fund for Sailors and for parcels for local soldiers. The total receipts amounted to £33, particulars of which will be published when the accounts have been made up and the profits allocated.

The Old School has been taken over by the military authorities for the use of the German Prisoners' Guard.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		Badsey.		Wickhamford.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Jan. 1	Sick and Needy ...	3	9		
" 6	Red Cross and Order of S. John	6	18 5	8	1 9½
" 13	Sick and Needy ...	3	8		
" "	Church Expenses ...	1	3 1	12	3
" 20	Sick and Needy ...	5	2	2	0
" "	Church Expenses ...	15	3½	7	10
" 24	Church Expenses ...	1	3		
" 27	Sick and Needy ...	3	3		
" "	Church Expenses ...	1	2 0½	7	8½
" 31	Church Expenses ...	0	9		
		£10	17 5	£9	11 7¼

(1) For detailed account v Notes and Queries, Evesham Journal, January 31st—February 14th, 1914.