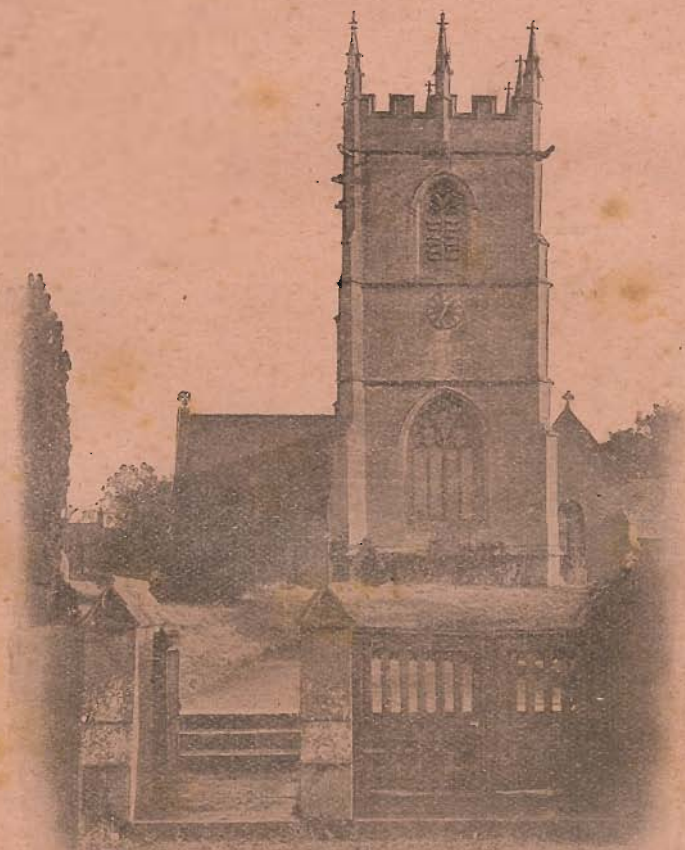


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THE WAR.

There was a memorial service at Wickhamford on April 1st for Corpl. Horace Halford who has been missing since May 20th, 1917, and who is now assumed to have been killed in action on that date.

Pte. Charles Harwood, whose illness was reported in our last issue, passed away at Rouen on April 22nd and was buried in the English Cemetery there. He had not been in France very long, and had only been up the line a few days when he was sent into hospital where the seriousness of his illness was at once recognised. He was one who had endeared himself to many in these parishes, and the news of his death called forth expressions of sorrow and sympathy on all hands. The memorial service at Badsey on April 30th was largely attended.

We regret to learn that Pte. J. Deighton, son-in-law of Mrs. Walker, of Badsey, was killed in action early in April.

R. I. P.

Lieut. H. Allsebrook is in hospital in France recovering from an attack of fever.

Sergt. Joseph Knight is in hospital at Lyme Regis slowly recovering from the effects of a kick from a horse.

Pte. T. Warmington, who was taken ill on the Cambrai front, is now well again and expects soon to return to the front.

Sergt. George Mustoe, who was invalided to England some months ago is, we regret to learn, still quite helpless and making very little progress. His brother-in-law, Pte. A. J. Morris, who received 5 wounds and also sustained a broken finger before being taken prisoner, is still in hospital in Germany.

Pte. C. Jefferies, who was wounded at the beginning of the Big Push, is in the Canadian Hospital at Taplow (where Pte. J. F. Agg is employed) and going on well.

Pte. C. Heritage is now at Llanelly and is likely to be in hospital for some time as the shrapnel has not yet all been removed from his foot.

Pte. J. Barnard has been wounded in the shoulder by a shell. The degree is not stated but he writes: "Don't worry." Gunner F. Barnard has also been slightly gassed.

Ptes. J. Kerr, T. Knight and W. Yeates have been wounded, Pte. G. Harwood has sustained burns to the face and head, and Pte. W. Enstone has been in hospital. All these are now convalescent.

Cpl. C. Byrd has been slightly gassed and has also had trench fever. He is in hospital at Chat-ham.

Pte. F. W. Nightingale has been wounded for the third time, but no particulars are to hand.

Pte. Cecil Agg, who only recently returned to France, was seriously wounded in the hand after one night in the trenches. He is in hospital in Surrey.

Ptes. W. Keen, E. Cull, Arthur Chamberlain, and T. Wilson are all reported prisoners of war. Communications have been received from all except Pte. Cull, and everyone sympathises very deeply with Mr. and Mrs. Cull in their anxiety. One of Pte. Keen's comrades writes:—"He was one of the best men that we had, always cool when we were in a hot corner. He put confidence in me a good many times when I felt a bit shaky."

Mrs. Moore, of Aldington, has heard that her son, Sergt. W. Moore, D.C.M., is wounded and a prisoner. The information was conveyed in a letter from the Chaplain, who adds: "As far as I can make out his wound was not too serious . . . We shall greatly miss him as he was a great soldier and did excellent work with the batt." Nothing further has been heard of Sergt. Moore, probably owing to the fact that he is wounded, and it is possible that the absence of news of Pte. Cull may be similarly accounted for.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with very deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. Williams, late of Wickhamford, which took place at Penbydwl, Abergavenny, on April 2nd. As will be remembered, Mrs. Williams had a seizure some 16 months ago, when her life was despaired of, but made a wonderful recovery. A similar attack on the date in question proved too much for her naturally delicate constitution, and she passed away in a couple of hours without regaining consciousness. She was laid to rest in the little churchyard of Llanvihangel, near Abergavenny. Mrs. Williams, who was a very sweet character, was both respected and beloved by the little community at Wickhamford where the greatest sympathy is felt for Mr. Williams and his children in their tragically sudden bereavement.—R.I.P.

EASTER VESTRIES.

The Badsey Easter Vestry was held in the Parish Church on Easter Tuesday, April 2nd, at 8 p.m.

The Churchwardens' Accounts showed receipts (including £43 18s. 10d. from collections) amounting to £45 10s. 4d., an expenditure (inclusive of a deficit from Easter 1917 of £2 2s. 6d) of £46 18s. 6d., and a deficit of £1 8s. 2d. The accounts were approved.

The Vicar announced that the Organist's resignation was likely to take effect, and added that he did not think a salary of less than £16 per annum would be likely to attract suitable candidates. The Churchwardens pleaded insufficiency

of funds but eventually agreed to the salary being raised to £12.

The Vicar stated that the year's collections for special purposes had been as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy	11	11	10
S.P.C.K.	0	12	11½
Sunday School	3	14	3
Western Canada Fund	0	10	6
B. C. & Yukon Church Aid Society	0	5	0
Worcestershire Prisoners of War	4	8	6
S. Luke's Hostel	0	5	0
Cottage Hospital	6	1	6
Naval and Military Relief Funds	1	0	0
Foreign Missions	1	14	8½
Red Cross and Order of S. John	6	18	5
Missions to Jews	0	10	0¾
Poor Clergy Relief Corpn.	1	0	0
Easter Offerings	4	5	7
	£42	18	4¾

The Vicar presented the following balance sheet of the Sick and Needy Fund.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.				
Collections	11	11	10	Balance	0	8	2¼
Balance	2	3	9¾	Relief in money and kind	13	7	5½
	£13	15	7¾		£13	15	7¾

Messrs. J. Sladden and G. E. Jones were re-elected churchwardens. In announcing his re-election of Mr. Sladden the Vicar congratulated him on the distinctions won by his son Major C. E. Sladden M.C.

Messrs. A. Sparrow, C. A. Binyon, E. Knight, W. Mustoe, E. Crisp, G. W. Emms and W. Stanford were re-elected sidesmen.

The Wickamford Eater Vestry was held in the Parish Room on Apr. 3 at 8 p.m.

The Churchwardens' Accounts showed receipts amounting to £18 4s. 1d., an expenditure of £18 0s. 4½d. and balance-in-hand of 3s. 8½d. The accounts were approved.

The Vicar presented the following statement of the year's collections for special purposes.

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy	3	12	8½
S.P.C.K.	0	15	9
Sunday School... ..	0	14	10
Western Canada Fund	0	10	0
B.C. & Yukon Church Aid Society	0	12	6
Worcestershire Prisoners of War	3	7	3½
Cottage Hospital	4	16	11
Foreign Missions	2	3	1½
Waifs and Strays	0	14	4
Red Cross and Order of S. John ...	8	1	9¼
Missions to Jews	1	0	0

Poor Clergy Relief Corporation ...	1	1	2½
Easter Offerings	2	9	2
	£29	19	7¼

The Vicar also presented the following balance sheet of the Sick and Needy Fund.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance	1	13	6
Collections	3	12	8½
	£5	6	2½
Relief in Money and kind ...	5	3	10
Balance in hand	0	2	5½
	£5	6	2½

Messrs. R. Taylor and G. Agg were re-elected churchwardens and Mr. E. H. Hall was re-elected sidesman.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES. BADSEY.

5 and 8 Holy Communion.
11 Mattins and Catechizing.
8 Evensong.

WICKHAMFORD.

9-30 Mattins and Catechizing.
10-15 Holy Communion.

It is earnestly hoped that parents will send their children to one of the morning services on Ascension Day.

At the express wish of the Bishop the collections at both churches on the Sunday after Ascension will be devoted to the Warwickshire Bishopric Fund.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Canon F. D. Binyon, brother of Mr. C. A. Binyon, who has been warden of S. Matthew's College, Keiskama Hoek, since 1903, has been appointed Chancellor of Grahamstown Cathedral.

We much regret the resignation of Mr. T. H. Knight from the post of Organist at Badsey Church, the duties of which he has discharged at a nominal salary for over 10 years. The search for a successor has so far proved unsuccessful, and we hope we may see Mr. Knight, after a short rest, back at his post.

Messrs. G. E. Jones and W. Stanford have been authorised by the Vicar to superintend the care of the churchyard and to raise and administer funds for that purpose. So long as mounds are permitted over graves there will always be a difficulty in keeping the turf in as good condition as one could wish, but if all who have, or ought to have, an interest in the churchyard would make a small annual payment there would seem to be no reason why the condition of the churchyard should not be materially improved.