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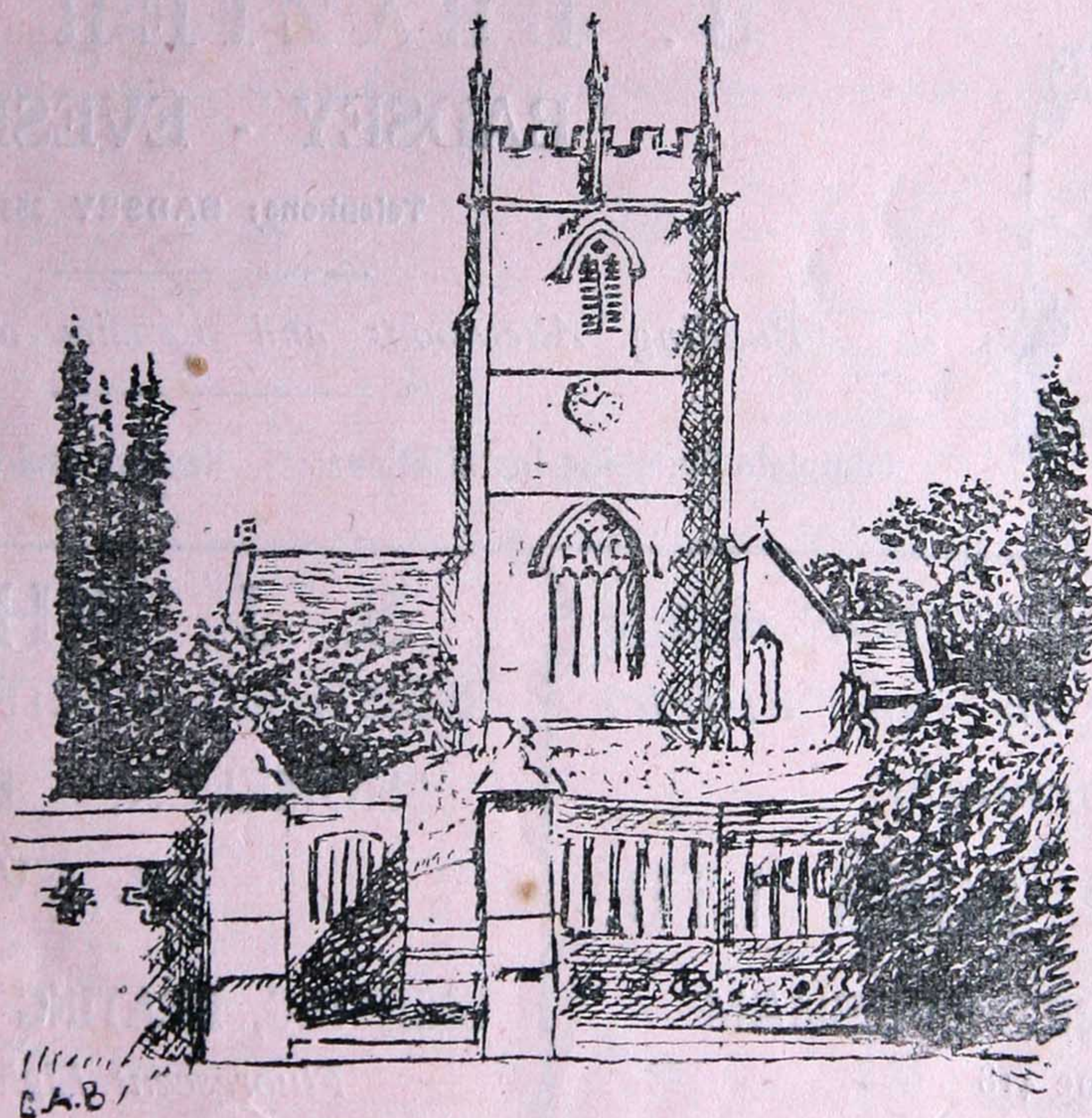
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A. Shooter.

Parochial Church Council: Treasurer, Mr. G. C. Lees Milne; Secretary, Mrs. E. Cooke.

Mothers' Union: Secretary, Mrs. S. Pearce.

Youth Club: Mr. E. W. Sturt.

Girl Guides: Lieutenant Mrs. G. Hancock.

Brownies: Brown Owl,

Sanctuary Guild:

CHURCH SERVICES BADSEY

1st Sunday in Month

2nd " " "

3rd " " "

4th " " "

5th " " "

Times of Services to be arranged at a future date
and announced in our next issue

WICKHAMFORD

1st Sunday in Month.

2nd " " "

3rd " " "

4th " " "

5th " " "

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BADSEY COLLECTIONS

Duplex—December

No.	s.	d.
4.	5	0
6.	12	0
7.	2	8
8.	3	6
11.	3	0
13.	4	0
14.	8	0
16.	2	0
17.	6	6
18.	6	0
19.	1	0
£2		13 8

Collections for Church Expenses

	£	s.	d.
Dec. 7.	1	10	10
21.	1	2	4
29.	1	15	3
£4		8	5
Church box	5	10	
£4		14	3

Other Collections

	£	s.	d.
Dec. 14. S.P.G.	2	10	7
Christmas Day:			
Ch. of Eng.			
Children's Soc.	7	4	2

WICKHAMFORD COLLECTIONS

	£	s.	d.
Church Expenses ...	7	6	9
Sick and Needy ...		10	0
Christmas Day (Church of Eng. Children's Soc.)	4	3	7

VICAR'S LETTER

The Vicarage,
Featherstone,
Yorkshire.

29th December, 1947.

My dear Friends,

I accept very gladly the invitation to write a short letter for this issue of the Magazine. Mrs. Chapman and I paid our first visit to the parish on November 14th, and were received with great kindness by the Churchwardens of Badsey and Wickhamford and several members of the Parochial Church Councils. On December 2nd, I had the opportunity of addressing the members

of the Badsey P.C.C. and again received a most kindly welcome. We have received every assistance from the Sequestrators (The Rural Dean, Mr. King and Mr. Jones) and we are assured already of your readiness to assist us in the "settling in" process.

It is the earnest desire of Mrs. Chapman and myself to prove ourselves your friends and fellow-workers and to preserve the happy fellowship which, we know, exists already among you.

Most earnestly do we ask for the support of your prayers. Pray for us, as we pray for you. Pray that in all things His Name may be glorified, and that our work together may be blessed by Him.

May God bless you all, and give you joy and peace in His service.

Yours sincerely,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

BADSEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Diocesan Messenger

It has been arranged that from February onwards, the *Messenger*, a monthly leaflet which contains a letter from the Bishop and any diocesan news of general interest, shall be distributed with the Parish Magazine to those who wish to have it regularly. The cost is only 3d. yearly. The January issue will be distributed to those who have taken it in the past. Will any other parishioners who would like to have it let Miss Sladden or any of the Church Council know and she will order more copies.

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly meeting, held on 17 December, 1947, considered plans for the New Year Social.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The Christmas Whist Drive and competitions were very successful, the sum of approximately £39 being raised. Our thanks go to all who patronised us, also to the Scouts for the use of their room. We look forward to further happy social gatherings during 1948, and wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Below is given a statement of the Magazine Account for 1947, which shows a profit of £5 6s. 6d. Although there were only 100 copies unsold out of 3,600, these 100 copies if sold, could have increased our profit for the Church by 25s.

If you have not ordered your 1948 copy, please do so at once to avoid disappointment. (Cost per year 3s., plus 6d. delivery fee).

Important.—Will Secretaries of various organisations please note that this is the last issue I shall edit and that all Magazine news, etc., should be sent to the Vicar on the first day of each month? I thank you for your help and co-operation during the past year.

M. H. HARVEY.

MAGAZINE ACCOUNT

Expenditure and Income for year ending 31st Dec., 1947.

Expenditure

	£	s.	d.
To Printing:			
300 copies per month	64	5	0
"Home Words" Inset	8	13	6
Balance—being profit for the year	5	6	6
	£78	5	0

Income

	£	s.	d.
By Advertisements	34	0	0
„ Personal Advertisements		10	0
„ Magazine Sales (3,500 copies)	43	15	0
„ 100 Unsold Copies			
	£78	5	0

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) C. A. BINYON.

January 3, 1948.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON AND WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

December was the annual meeting. The Secretary announced it was the branch's 20th birthday. The Treasurer announced a very favourable balance in the bank. Twelve members of the old Committee were

re-elected with two new ones. The President announced a New Year Party to be held on January 13th.

A whist drive is to be held in aid of Nursing Association funds.

1st BADSEY GIRL GUIDES

During November and December two very successful whist drives were held in aid of the Girl Guide funds, in Aldington Club Room, by kind permission of Mr. Butler. With some of the proceeds a cover has been bought and presented to the Church for covering the wheeled bier.

The company also had a very nice Christmas Party in the Vicarage Room, which was much enjoyed by all.

Early in January we are taking part in a Rally, to be held in Evesham, when Miss Lowe, our retiring Commissioner, receives a presentation.

1st BADSEY BROWNIE PACK

A Happy New Year to all my Brownies! We hope to have our Christmas Party towards the end of January. The Brownies have been invited to attend the presentation of a farewell gift to Miss Lowe (former District Commissioner) in Evesham on January 15th, 1948.

All new members are made very welcome, so come along, children, and see what a good time we have.

JEAN ROUSE (Brown Owl).

5th EVESHAM (1st BADSEY) BOY SCOUTS AND WOLF CUBS

During the past month the Scouts ran a Whist Drive as a good turn to the S.S.A.F.A., after which they prepared for the festive season, decorating the Scout Hut ready for the Scout and Cub Party. The Sunday before Christmas saw the prizegiving for the Scout section of the Sunday School. First Boys' prizes were gained by Ken Mitchell and John Haines, and First Juniors' prizes were won by Graham Corbett, Ronald Salter and Anthony Rose. At the same time, the G.S.M.'s prizes for the year were presented, P.L. John Haines, G.S.M. Prize for best All-Round Scout, P.S. Kenneth Mitchell, G.S.M. Prize for General Work and Interest, P.L. David Rouse, G.S.M. Prize for Best All-Round Cub. The party went from start to finish with a swing. After an excellent tea, games were enjoyed by all until the Cubs went home, when dancing followed for the seniors. The G.S.M. Party for Patrol Leaders and Seconds on New Year's Eve rounded off a year of success. The Troop during the year won the only trophy competed for in the district

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and also held the highest record for camping and many other activities. We look forward to 1948 with great hopes and the wish that we may do better and be of more service than in 1947.

B. F. P. BLAKE (Group Scoutmaster).

BADSEY COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Owing to the co-operation of parents and the generosity of local tradesmen, the children at Badsey School were able to sit down to a Christmas tea party which brought back pre-war memories of party fare.

Messrs. Lawrance, Cull and Butler kindly gave cakes, rolls and ices, and Evesham Dairies Ltd. supplied milk without charge.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON AND WICKHAMFORD BRITISH LEGION (MEN'S SECTION)

We look back on a year which has been full of obstacles and while doing so, start the New Year with the hope of better times and more peace and content throughout the world.

We are now waiting to welcome the new Vicar, so that he can perform the official "handing over" ceremony of the Banner which has been purchased for the Women's Section.

To all our members and ex-Service men and women of these parishes we extend the wish of a very happy 1948 and urge you to become a member of this great organisation—if you have not done so already.

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION)

At the branch meeting held at Headquarters (the Bell Inn), Mrs. Harvey took the chair—good attendance of members. After the adoption of the minutes, members were told of the arrangements for visit to the pantomime at Oxford on January 9th, 1948.

The Chairman then welcomed Mr. C. A. Binyon, who had kindly consented to give a talk to the members on "Austerity in Olden Days." Basing his facts on genuine documents—village accounts, etc.—Mr. Binyon showed that in those days (about 250 years ago), the diet of the average working man was very monotonous indeed—mainly bread, fresh meat only in the summer, very few vegetables, no tea, coffee or cocoa, sugar too expensive and very little fruit. By the time Mr. Binyon had finished his talk, the women members were glad to think that they lived in these austerity days and not in the "good old days." A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Binyon for his most interesting talk.

The Christmas draw (which made £24 towards Legion funds) took place. The winners were: 1 Miss Rugman, 2 Mrs. Arnold, 3 J. Harrison, 4 J. Hartwell, 5 C. Collett, 6 R. J. Barnard, 7 A. Westbury, 8 Mrs. R. Rouse, 9 Mrs. A. Barnard, 10 R. Whitford, 11 Mrs. Coward, 12 D. M. Haynes, 13 Mrs. Rose.

Christmas Party—January 27th, Bell Inn.

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Peter James Webb.

MARRIAGES

Arthur Edward Pipein,
Dorothy Joyce Jelfs.

HISTORY OF BADSEY

(continued)

BRIEFS

Here is a list of some of the churches and places which the people of Badsey helped:—1661. Great Drayton in Salop, Dalby Chamcombe in Leicestershire, East Hagborne (Berks.), Condon (Salop), Pontefract (Yorks.), Welland (Worcs.). 1666—Melcombe Regis (Dorset), Bishop's Clyst (Devon), Beccles (Suffolk), Ripley (Surrey). In all these cases the amount varied from 1s. 3d. to 3s. 1d. But occasionally a Brief appealed to the Badsey people and they made a very great effort. Such were:—

1661. For the distressed Protestants in the Dukedom of Lithuania	8	0
1670. For redemption of Turkish Captives	1	8 5
1680. For redemption of the Captives in Africa	1	10 2
1686. For the ffrench Protestants	1	8 0

It seems strange that an appeal for help to London at the time of the great plague in 1665 met with poor response. The entry is "for the sickness in London, 4s. 9d." A year later occurs this entry: "ffor the burning of London, 11s. 9d." Even allowing for the much greater value of money, it seems evident that help for captives and distressed Protestants was considered much more important than home needs. Another entry tells us that 3s. 6d. was collected for the advancement of the fishing trade (1662). These briefs become very frequent at the beginning of the next century and it seems abuse began to creep in, so that it was ordered they should only be granted on the formal application of Quarter Sessions. Dr. I. C. Cox, the well-known authority on these matters, says "The repair or rebuilding of churches in post-Reformation days until nearly the beginning of the Catholic Revival was almost invariably effected by this method." They were finally abolished in 1828.

C.A.B.

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