

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES.

Dear Friends,

The Annual Gift Day will be held on Thursday, June 24th. The Vicar will be in Church from 10.30 a.m. (following Holy Communion at 10 a.m.) to noon, from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

Our commitments this year are heavier than usual, and, in addition, a large sum of money will shortly be needed for repairs to the fabric of our Church. In view of these facts, we appeal for a generous response on Gift Day.

If you cannot bring your Gift Envelope to Church on Gift Day, please send it to any of the undersigned, or bring it to any of the Services on Sunday, June 27th.

The Envelopes will be offered at the Altar at Evensong on this Sunday. We hope you will be with us then, so that, together with our gifts, we may offer our thanksgivings for all that Badsey Church has meant and still means to us.

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Chapman, Vicar.
G. A. King } Churchwardens.
G. A. Jones }
C. A. Binyon, Treasurer P.C.C.
M. E. Sladden, Secretary P.C.C.

The Services on Ascension Day were all well attended, and it was encouraging to find so ready a response to the appeal that this great Festival should be restored to its rightful position. We are grateful to the Bellringers for reviving the old custom of ringing the bells at 6 a.m., and to Mr. Harvey and his staff for their willing help with the Scholars' Service at 10.30 a.m.

The number of communicants on Whit-Sunday was more than double than that of last year, but one could not help feeling that there were more absentees than there ought to have been. The Church was beautifully decorated, and we owe a debt of gratitude to those who were responsible.

The old organ has been taken to its new home at Rous Lench. We are very grateful to Mr. King for fixing up a curtain to cover the gap made by its removal. This curtain must suffice until such time as we are able to provide something better. We ought not to rest content until we have done away with the whole lot of shabby worn out curtains in the Chancel and Sanctuary and have something much more worthy of God's House.

I have nominated Mr. Philip Case to fill a vacancy in the number of Vicar's Sidesmen. W.B.C.

MOTHERS' UNION.

At a Committee Meeting held at the Vicarage on May 26th, it was decided that the Mothers' Union should join with the Sanctuary Guild in the Outing to Cheddar and Wells on Thursday, July 8th. For further information, please see the Sanctuary Guild Notes.

The Diocesan Festival will be held at Worcester Cathedral on Wednesday, June 9th, when we hope to make up a bus load with the Wickhamford members.

It was decided that once again the Mothers' Union should have a stall at the Church Fête, and we hope that all members will give their loyal and ready support.

A.M.C.

SANCTUARY GUILD.

At the May Meeting, preliminary arrangements were made for the Church Fête on September 4th. Each group arranged to be responsible for a stall

and the Second Sunday Group will provide the tea. Further details will be discussed at the meeting on Thursday, June 10th, when all members are urged to attend at the Vicarage at 7 p.m.

The Fare for the outing to Cheddar and Wells on Thursday, July 8th, will be 13s. All Fares must be paid at the June meeting. It is hoped to order Tea for the party at Wells.

Plans for the Spring Cleaning of the Church will also be discussed at the June Meeting.

A.M.C.

PARISH REGISTERS.

Baptisms.

May 16th. Jane Elizabeth Ellison.
May 23rd. David John Sadler, Peter Leslie Sadler.

Marriage.

May 22nd. Edwin Wallace Nicholls, Cleeve Prior, and Elsie Keen, Badsey.

Church Collections.

Church Expenses: May 2nd, £3 6s. 1d.; May 16th, £2 16s.; May 23rd, £2 16s.; May 30th, £2 18s. 3d.
Total: £11 16s. 4d.

Sunday School Fund (May 16th), £6 14s 9d.

S.P.C.K. (May 6th), £2 2s. 2d.

Other Receipts. Sale of old Organ, £30; Use of Organ at Wedding, 6s.; Churchyard Fund (additional donations), £2 4s. 6d.; Church Box, 12s. 8d.; Inland Revenue (Covenants), £15 10s. 6d.; Envelopes, £3 17s. 3d. (No. 4, 10s.; 6, 17s. 6d.; 7, 4s.; 8, 2s. 8d.; 11, 10s.; 13, 4s.; 16, 2s. 6d.; 17, 7s.; 18, 6s.; 19, 1s. 6d.; 21, 5s.; 22, 2s. 1d.; 24, 5s.).

WICKHAMFORD NOTES.

My Dear Friends,

The Services on Ascension Day and Whit-Sunday were very well attended, and we are most grateful to those who decorated the Church so beautifully. There are several important engagements during the coming month as the following list shows:—

Wed., June 9th. M.U. Diocesan Festival (Worcester Cathedral).

Tues., June 15th. Choir Outing.

Tues., June 22nd. Mothers' Union Outing.

Wed., June 23rd (Eve of Nativity of S. John Baptist).
7.30 p.m., Choral Evensong; 8 p.m., P.C.C. Meeting.

Thur., June 24th (Nativity of S. John Baptist—Patronal Festival), 9 a.m., Holy Communion.

Sun., June 27th (Octave of Patronal Festival), 9 a.m., Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m., Evensong.

Tues., June 29th, 7.30 p.m., Sanctuary Guild Meeting at the Vicarage.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see how the Feast of our Patron Saint was observed fifty years ago. We must not fall below this standard, and I hope all who love and value our dear Church will make a special effort to attend these Services.

There will be no Celebration at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 4th, but Evensong will be at 5.30 p.m. as usual.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar.

W. B. CHAPMAN.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS. Church Expenses (May 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th), £8 2s. 8d. **Sunday School Fund** (May 16th), £4 13s. 2d. **Church Box**, £1 3s. 5d.

LAMBETH CONFERENCE.

In connection with the visit of the five overseas Bishops to this Diocese please note the arrangements for this Deanery:—

Sat., June 12th. 6.30 p.m., Pageant ("Concourse of the Saints of the Vale") on the lawn of Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham. All the Bishops

and the Bishop of the Diocese will be present. A Missionary Bishop will address the gathering. 7 p.m., Procession to the Churches of All Saints' and St. Lawrence. 7.30 p.m., A Missionary Bishop will address each congregation.

It is earnestly hoped that Churchpeople in Badsey and Wickhamford will make a very special effort to attend.

During the visit of the Bishops there will be a Sung Eucharist (10 a.m.) and Diocesan Festival Service (3 p.m.) in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday, June 12th, Special Services in various centres in the Diocese on Sunday, June 13th (together with Processions of Witness at Kidderminster and Worcester), Visits to Schools and Works on Monday, June 14th, and United Services in various centres on Tuesday, June 15th. A Missionary Exhibition is to be held in the Winter Gardens, Malvern, from Tuesday, June 8th, to Friday, June 11th, and a Missionary Pageant is to be performed by the Kidderminster parishes.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

The Parish Magazine for June, 1898, reported:—

The importance of Ascension Day was marked by the ringing of the bells at 4.30 a.m., Holy Communion was celebrated at 5 a.m. when there were 17 communicants, and again at 8 a.m. (8 communicants). Matins was said at 10 a.m., and there was a Children's Service at 4.30 p.m. At 7.30 Evensong was sung, fully choral.

On Whit-Sunday there was a Choral Celebration of Holy Communion with 49 communicants. The Aldington Brass Band played the hymns sung in procession by the children on their way to Church at 11.15 a.m. The anthem, "The Glory of the Lord," was sung at Evensong. The services at Wickhamford were Holy Communion at 9.45 a.m. (7 communicants) and Evensong at 3 p.m.

On Sunday, May 22nd, the Vicar made reference to the death of Mr. Gladstone, and said that the country had lost "a great and illustrious son." After the Service the Dead March was played, and on the day of the funeral the ringers rang a muffled peal.

The Flower Show had been fixed for Wednesday, July 17th.

Special Services were to be held at Wickhamford in honour of the Patron Saint (S. John Baptist). Evensong and Sermon on Friday, June 24th, at 7.30 p.m., and on the following Sunday, Holy Communion at 9.45 a.m. and Evensong (with special music) at 3 p.m.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS (MAY, 1898).

		Badsey	Wickhamford
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REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS. BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION).

At the Branch Meeting, held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, May 25th, the final arrangements were made for attending the County Fair (to be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, June 26th). For those wishing to attend and who gave in their names at the Meeting, a bus will start from the School and the Pike at 1.45 p.m. (approx.). The Fair opens at 3 p.m. Will all members who promised to supply produce, eggs, etc., please bring these to the Assembly Room, Bell Inn, on the evening of Friday, June 25th.

For the Summer Outing a visit to Windsor on August 14th has been arranged. A bus will start at 8 a.m. from the School and the Pike.

No Branch Meetings will be held during the summer. The Secretary will notify all members of the date and time of the Meeting in September.

R. M. BARNARD.

BRITISH LEGION (MEN'S SECTION).

Tickets are now available for the Outing to Oxford on Saturday, July 10th. The charge is 30s.; this includes Coach Fare, River Trip (the boat leaves Oxford at 11 a.m.), Lunch at a Riverside Cafe, and Tea at Abingdon (at approx. 5.15 p.m.). After Tea the Coaches will bring the party back to Oxford, and members will spend the evening as they wish. The coaches will leave Badsey at 8 a.m. and return from Oxford at 11 p.m.

We hope to be able to enter a British Legion team in the Darts League this coming winter, and Mr. D. A. Jelfs is making enquiries as to how many members are interested.

It has been suggested that a Bronze Tablet be erected in the Church in memory of those who fell in the 1939-1945 war. If possible, this will be placed beneath the 1914-1918 War Memorial. A public meeting will be called at a later date to discuss means of defraying the cost.

Next Committee Meeting, Friday, 18th June, at the Bell Inn at 8 p.m.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The May Meeting was "Members' Night." After the usual monthly business, Mrs. Carter called upon Mrs. Chapman to give a report on the Choir's visit to Worcester Cathedral for the Music Festival on May 8th. Mrs. Hodges reported on the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall. Mrs. Carter then handed over the chairmanship to Mrs. Floyd for the concert which followed. Items were rendered by Miss June Bennett (piano solo), Miss Hartwell and Mr. Andrews (duets and solos), Miss Greta Floyd (monologues), Mr. Tutton (monologues), and the following Bretforton members: Mrs. Caldecott (songs), Master David Rimell (songs), Mrs. Rimell (monologue), Mr. Collett (monologue and songs). Mrs. Reed proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes and to those who had arranged the programme.

About 40 names were given in for the Canning Club, and a "Bring and Buy" Sale was held in aid of the funds for the same.

Competitions were won by Mrs. T. H. Knight, Mrs. Nesbitt, and Mrs. Whitford.

A very enjoyable evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

N. E. KEEN.

The choir considered it a great privilege to be able to join in the singing of Pergolesi's Stabat Mater in Worcester Cathedral on May 8th. On May 29th, they took part in the non-competitive festival, entering for Class II. and received, on the whole, quite a good report. The adjudicator praised their blend and balance, and the contrast of their choice of songs, and they hope to profit by the criticism offered.

A.M.C.

BADSEY CRICKET CLUB.

At a well attended Meeting held at the Royal Oak on May 28th, it was decided to take immediate steps

to revive the Badsey Cricket Club. The following officials were appointed: Chairman, the Vicar; Secretary, Mr. R. Rouse; Treasurer, Mr. C. Stewart; Committee, Messrs. T. Keen, F. Dore (senr.), A. Reed, L. Bott, M. Harvey, C. Hall, T. Brazier, K. Longmore, G. Jones, F. Dore (jun.). The minimum subscription for members is 2s. 6d. Donations towards the cost of equipment, etc., will be most gratefully received by the Treasurer.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL COMMITTEE.

We are going forward with arrangements for the Fête on July 3rd, and shall soon be round with Programmes (price 6d.), which include admission. The Programmes are numbered, and a prize will be given to the holder of the lucky number.

We have secured a pig for Bowling (Gents.) and a tea service for the Ladies' Bowling.

The Children's Fancy Dress Parade and Competition will start from the Pike to the strains of the Bretforton Silver Prize Band at 2 o'clock. The Opening Ceremony will be at 2.30 followed immediately by the Children's Sports. The Punch and Judy Shows will be at 4 o'clock and 6 o'clock. The Dancing Display by the Avon Academy of Dancing at 5.30 p.m.

We shall be grateful to anyone who can offer us gifts for the "Auction Sale." This always causes a lot of good natured fun, and in the hands of our very capable auctioneer has considerably swelled the funds in the past.

Entries for the Children's Fancy Dress Competition should be handed in to Mrs. Percy Hall or Mrs. Archie Reed not later than Saturday, June 26th.

The Adults' Sports should cause good entertainment. Entries can be made on the ground. For the ladies we have an Egg and Spoon Race, and for the gentlemen a "Potato Race." We also hope that it

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will be possible to arrange a "mixed" three-legged race (especially if nylons are off coupons!). It will give the men a chance to "trip" the wife! Come along and enjoy the fun. H. L. HATCHER.

1st BADSEY BROWNIE PACK.

The Brownies met on Wednesday, May 12th, and welcomed Miss Cynthia Blake as their new Brown Owl.

It is with regret that I say "Good-bye" to my Brownies, and I sincerely hope that they will give the same loyalty and affection to their new Brown Owl as they have given to me. JEAN M. ROUSE.

[Editor's Note.—We are very sorry to lose Mrs. Rouse through removal from Badsey. We thank her very much for all she has done for the Brownies and wish her every happiness in her new home. We welcome Miss Blake and hope she will enjoy her work as Brown Owl.]

5th EVESHAM (1st BADSEY) BOY SCOUTS.

The Scouts' Fête, postponed from May 22nd, will be held in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday, August 7th. B. F. P. BLAKE.

NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 11th, in the Badsey Council School. A review of the year's work was given by the Secretary. Tributes were paid to Nurse Holbrook, whose visits totalled 3,103, for her unfailing kindness and sympathy to her patients. Reports received from the Q.I.D.N. and from the County Nursing Association also testified to her efficiency and skill. As a token of appreciation of her 25 years' service amongst us, it was unanimously agreed that the furniture in the Nurse's House and the car should be presented to

her. Nurse Holbrook expressed her grateful thanks. The members of the Committee were re-elected en bloc, and the Rev. W. B. Chapman was elected a Vice-President. I. M. BRADY.

HISTORY OF BADSEY.

(Continued)

The last entries concerning the Miland children are as follows:—

1693	To Antho Smythe for 3 Boyes 12 weekes 4s. 6d. p weeke	02-14-00
	for three dayes Dyet for one boy	00-00-06
	pd. to sett ye boy Aprentice	04-15-00
	for going to Shipston to confirm ye bargain	00-02-00
	for charges out of pockett then	00-01-02
	for goeing to Campden to bind ye boy pd. towards making his indentures	00-01-00
	and charges then	00-01-09
	a hatt for the prentice boy	00-02-00

One cannot imagine a boy getting fat on a diet of 2d. a day. It is interesting to compare this with the cost of other items in the same papers: Our dinners and the ministers, 4s. 6d. (1694) Churchwardens' a/cs.; House rent (for man in need who was given 6d. a week), 01-00-00. This works out at rather more than 4½d. a week, so his relief amounted to 10½d.

For a nurse and provision for a widow in her sickness, 00-08-08.

Here are some prices from the same period:—

1692	one hundred of coales	8d.
	26 faggotts of wood	1/9
	a pound of candles	4d.
1697	corn 5 bushells at 3/-	15/-
	half a peck of pease	5d.
	(To be continued)	C.A.B.

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