

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

- 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Matins.
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.45 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Norman Cocker (Organist of Manchester Cathedral) for playing at Evensong on Sunday, August 15th. He was on a week-end visit to Mr. J. Gilbert Mills at the time, and it was a great privilege to have such an accomplished musician accompanying the Service. We are also most grateful to Messrs. M. and R. Savory for their invaluable help on Sunday, August 29th.

The news of the death of Mr. George M. Sladden was received with deep regret. The burial took place, after Cremation, in our Churchyard on August 20th. In the absence of Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Henry King kindly presided at the Organ, and the Service was deeply impressive. We extend our deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

Men's Fellowship. It is hoped to start a Men's Fellowship this autumn. A Meeting to discuss details will be held in The Parish Room on Tuesday, October 12th, at 7.30 p.m. Will all interested in the project make a note of the date, and make a special effort to attend?

P.C.C. Next Meeting: Monday, October 4th, in The Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

Sanctuary Guild. There will be no Meeting in September. Will all members please note that the next Meeting will be on Thursday, October 14th? It will be preceded by a Service in Church at 3 p.m.

M.U. The date of the first Meeting of the new session will be announced later.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

August 8th. Elizabeth Crisp.

Burial

August 20th. George Mourilyan Sladden, aged 62 years (after Cremation).

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Church Expenses: August 1st, £2 8s. 5d.; August 8th, £2 17s. 5d.; August 15th, £1 15s. 2d.; August 22nd, £3 12s. 6d.; August 29th, £2 8s. 3d. Total, £13 1s. 9d.

Other Receipts: Church Box, £1 0s. 5d.; Envelopes for Church Expenses, £3 3s. 7d.; Envelopes for Church Overseas 10-7 (No. 4, 9s.; No. 6, 17s.; No. 7, 6s.; No. 8, 2s. 8d.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 7s.; No. 18, 8s.; No. 19, 1s. 6d.; No. 21, 4s.; No. 24, 7s. 6d.).

WICKHAMFORD NOTES.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

- 9 a.m. Holy Communion.
2.30 p.m. Sunday School Service (Parents and all interested in the work of the Sunday School especially invited).
5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.
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Sunday School. The Teachers (Miss Cox, Miss Lawley and Miss Colley) are to be congratulated on the happy and successful Party on August 24th. Thanks are due to Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Hodges and Mr. Hodges for helping with the Tea, and to Mr. Pearce and Mr. Sturt for organising the Sports. The Prize Winners were:

1. Under 6 years (40 yards): 1, Leslie Mitchell; 2, Joan Roberts; 3, Robert Johnson.
2. 6 to 8 years (50 yards): 1, Michael Sutton; 2, Dorothy Willis; 3, David Willis.
3. 8 to 10 years (80 yards): 1, Brenda Willis; 2, Derek Mitchell and Sheila Cox.
4. 10 to 12 years (100 yards): 1, Betty Johnson; 2, Tony Heritage and Margaret Willis.
5. Over 13 years (120 yards)—Girls: 1, Betty Hancock; 2, Angela Smith.
6. Over 13 years (120 yards)—Boys: 1, Gordon Willis; 2, John Folkes.
7. Potato Race: 1, Angela Smith; 2, Tony Heritage and Betty Johnson.
8. High Jump: 1, Betty Hancock; 2, Betty Johnson; 3, John Folkes.

Mr. Daffurn kindly lent us the use of a field for the Sports.

P.C.C. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 22nd, at Leystones Cafe at 7 p.m.

M.U. Meetings re-start Wednesday, October 6th. Will all members please note?

Collections for Church Expenses: (August 1st to 29th) £11 15s. 11d.; Church Box: (July and August) £2 3s. 6d.

WORSHIP

We cannot be consciously and positively thinking about God all day long, because He Himself has given us our task to perform, and our duty is to do it to the best of our ability. But, we cannot perform our ordinary work as duty to God, unless we are giving times to the contemplation of Him. What is it that is significant in the present tendency towards the secularisation of Sunday? It is that these points of time on which we rely for the maintenance and renewal of our dependence upon God may be gradually whittled away until, while there is no open denial of this truth, there is, in the practice of life, no effective memory of it.

There is the critic who says: "Do you really mean to tell me that what God wants people to do is to come together into buildings, and sing little songs about Him?" There is nothing so easy in giving a description of our activities in worship as to make them seem ridiculous, because they are inadequate to what they represent. Of course it is true that God does not want us literally to come together to sing hymns about Him. What he does desire (and desires for our sake) is that we should come and open our hearts to Him, acknowledge our dependence upon Him, and fix our thoughts upon Him that He may fully take possession of us, and use us. The means by which we do that will always seem meaningless to those who do not understand and know what lies behind it.

Worship is the submission of the whole being to the object of worship. It is the opening of the heart to receive the love of God; it is the subjection of conscience to be directed by Him; it is the declaration of need to be fulfilled by Him; it is the subjection of desire to be controlled by Him; and, as the result of all these together, it is the surrender of will to be used by Him. It is the total giving of self.

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM TEMPLE.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION)

The Members were favoured with beautiful weather for their Outing to Windsor on Saturday, August 14th.

Starting out at 8 a.m., a stop was first made at Oxford, where coffee was taken. Then on to Henley, which was gaily decorated, the river looking particularly attractive in the sun. Windsor was reached about 12 noon, and at 12.30 the members sat down to a very good lunch at the Castle Hotel.

Most of the afternoon was spent in looking over the Castle. The State Apartments, Round Tower, St. George's Chapel, the Queen's Doll's House and the Curfew Tower were all visited and much admired. As the weather was so fine and sunny some of the members were tempted to go on the river—others strolled about in Windsor Great Park. The shops in the town were also visited for mementoes of the visit. The return journey was commenced at 8 p.m. and Badsey was reached at midnight.

R. M. BARNARD.

BRITISH LEGION (MEN'S SECTION)

The Annual Outing to Oxford on July 10th was most enjoyable. The small party travelled by motor coach to Oxford, arriving at 10.15 a.m., and then took a river trip, calling at Abingdon for lunch, after which the trip was continued. Tea was arranged on the return to Abingdon and the coach picked the party up from there. The majority of the party rounded off the evening at the New Theatre, where they saw a good comedy entitled "June Rose."

At recent meetings the chief topic under discussion has been the proposed memorial to the men who lost their lives in the 1939-45 war. Designs and quotations have been received, and a public meeting has been arranged at which the designs will be exhibited. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance so that a definite decision can be made regarding the design, and also the method of raising the money towards the cost. It is the wish of many that the memorial should be erected before another Remembrance Day has passed.

P. H. SPARROW.

INFANT WELFARE CENTRE

A Tea Party was held at the Infant Welfare Centre on Wednesday, August 11th. A party of 70, including mothers, babies and toddlers, and several guests, sat down to an excellent tea.

Miss Audrey Daniels very kindly brought over from Evesham some of her pupils, and with a few Badsey children, and Miss Rowlatt Cook, gave a most delightful dancing display. This was very much appreciated and at the conclusion, Mrs. Idiens thanked Miss Daniels and her party for such an enjoyable entertainment.

E. H. IDIENS.

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5th EVESHAM (1st BADSEY) BOY SCOUTS

During the past two months the Scouts' activities have been very varied. We won the Athletics Cup (with about 30 points to spare) and were runners-up for the Swimming Shield. Then we entertained the French Troop from Verdun for ten days. During their stay they made visits to all the local places of interest, including Stratford-on-Avon. Arrangements were made for them to spend two days in London on their return journey. The French Scoutmaster (Jean Ducasse) opened the Scouts Fete at The Vicarage on August 7th. After an uncertain morning the weather cleared and a most enjoyable time was spent by all. Scouts' Funds benefited to the extent of about £40. The Dance at the Public Hall realised £30. It must be realised, however, that all the expenses of the French Scouts' visit have been borne by us. Next year we hope to take 30 Badsey Scouts to Verdun.

At the time of writing we are on the point of departure to our camp at Porthcawl.

The Wolf Cubs will recommence on Tuesday, September 14th, at 6.30 p.m.

B. F. P. BLAKE.

WICKHAMFORD HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Yes, Old Man Weather favoured Wickhamford for yet another Annual Horticultural Show. In glorious sunshine a large attendance saw, for a small village, a real tip-top Show, with record-breaking entries in both Vegetable and Flower classes. The judges had a very arduous task in many classes.

We were also favoured with the opening of the Show by Mr. Freddie Grisewood (B.B.C.), who spoke of the importance of growing more and more food for the old country.

I would like to take this opportunity in our Parish Magazine to thank all who so generously gave their help, and many gifts, to make the Show an entire success. With this help and co-operation I feel sure in a year or so we shall feel still more proud of this annual event, and show that Horticultural Shows are very much to the front in the gardening world.

I would like to give special thanks to our refreshment helpers, both teas and lemonade, as these were in great demand. Also, for a very fine Show staged in the evening, to the Pebworth Players, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, who gave this show voluntarily for our most worthy cause.

As Secretary, I would like to conclude by saying "Thank you" to all.

A. C. WELLAND.

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HISTORY OF BADSEY

(Continued)

THE CLOCK

When the Bells were recast the old Clock seems to have been discarded as there is no mention of it after 1706. This clock had been in use for a considerable time. The earliest mention that I have found in the accounts is the following: "for the repayres of the Clocke 2s. 4d." This is dated 1634. It is a pity we have no record of its purchase. It was probably a clock made by a blacksmith, possibly a local man. Anyway it gave a great deal of trouble as every few years it had to have more or less expensive repairs. Thus in 1666 eight shillings was spent on it, in 1673 £1 1s. 6d. and a year later two pounds had to be found. These sums sound very small to-day, but we must remember that money went very much further in those days, when to take the great bell to Evesham and bring it back only cost four shillings. The culmination was reached in 1686, when we find the

Church Wardens had become very cautious, for they made an entry in their accounts for that year: "For mending the Clock if made goe." Apparently the clock did "goe," for the next entry is for cords for the weights, and we hear of no more trouble for some time. In 1696 a man was appointed to wind and look after the clock. He was paid 13s. 4d. a year. This item of expense occurs regularly until the clock was done away with in 1706. After that no mention is made of any clock until 1736. In that year the clock chamber was repaired and Tho. Acres was appointed to wind up the clock and "ye chimes." This clock was the one given by William Seward which is mentioned on the board in the Church, which also tells us that Mr. Edward Wilson, Sr., gave the chimes. This clock remained until the Bells were rehung in 1897. The dial was kept, as it was in good order. It was put up in 1788. The present clock was placed in the Tower in 1903, but the old dial still remains in use.

C.A.B.

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