

Aug 1949

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

GIFT DAY AND HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Third of our "Special Efforts" in 1949 will be the Gift Day on Thursday, September 22nd. A circular letter, giving details, will be sent out early in September. The following Sunday (September 25th) will be the Harvest Thanksgiving. Please make a note of these dates. W.B.C.

N.B.—In addition to the Donations acknowledged in the July issue, we acknowledge with thanks donations from Mr. M. G. Savory and Mr. B. F. P. Blake.

The total paid in by the 4th and 5th Sunday Groups and Mothers' Union Stall includes the sum of £5 (per Mrs. Chapman—Sale of Combs, Toothbrushes and Dish-cloths). C.A.B.

SANCTUARY GUILD AND MOTHERS' UNION OUTING

It was almost a relief that the day of the Outing to Windsor was much cooler, and a most enjoyable day was spent in viewing the State Apartments, the Queen's Doll's House, and St. George's Chapel. The meals provided met with everyone's approval, and on the return journey, a game of "Twenty Questions" caused much amusement, especially when someone announced that a camel had only two legs! "Mister Vicar" was in constant demand, and we are very grateful to him for all his work in arranging the Outing.

Mrs. Harrison, a visitor from Featherstone, was so appreciative of the Outing that she has very kindly sent a donation to the Sanctuary Guild Fund. A.M.C.

Scouts' Fete in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday, August 13th. Opened at 2.30 p.m. by Mrs. S. B. Carter, J.P. Bowling for Pig, Bowling for half Tea Service, Fancy Stalls, Hoop-La, Lucky Dip and other amusements. Teas, Ices, and Minerals.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, August 7th. 8 a.m., Mr. M. Savory; 11 a.m., Messrs. G. Jones and D. Brazier; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. F. Cleaver and W. Hardiman.
Sunday, August 14th. 8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Agg and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. Major and P. Case.
Sunday, August 21st. 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell and R. Knight.
Sunday, August 28th. 8 a.m., Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m., Messrs. P. H. Sparrow and A. L. Byrd; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. M. Savory and A. Worthington.

CHURCH FETE — 18th JUNE, 1949

Receipts:—	£	s.	d.
1st Sunday Group Stall - - -	25	19	0
3rd Sunday Group Stall - - -	23	12	0
4th and 5th Sunday Groups and M.U. Stall	31	12	11
Tea Room (2nd Sunday Group) - - -	8	9	0
Per Mrs. Crane - - - - -	12	0	0
Bowling for Pig - - - - -	14	0	0
Bowling for Goose - - - - -	6	9	0
Auction Sale - - - - -	17	0	0
Ice Cream - - - - -	4	3	0
Lemonade - - - - -	1	0	0
Per Mr. C. J. Bird - - - - -	3	15	6
Treasure Hunt - - - - -	2	0	0
Bran Tub - - - - -	1	11	6
Per Mr. Hector Smith - - - - -	1	8	6
Dropping The Penny - - - - -	18		6
Shot in Bottle - - - - -	8		1
Donations - - - - -	4	19	6
Sale of Programmes and Gate Money - - -	9	4	6
	£168	11	0

SERVERS ON DUTY

August 7th. 8 a.m., D. Knight.
August 14th. 8 a.m., L. Mitchell.
August 21st. 8 a.m., B. Jennings.
August 28th. 8 a.m., D. Edwards.
September 4th. 8 a.m., J. Hatcher.
September 11th. 8 a.m., D. Barrand.

PARISH REGISTERS BAPTISM

July 17th. Pamela Pipcin.

BURIALS

July 6th. Kate Eleanor Howley, aged 43 years.
July 8th. Winifred May Cole, aged 29 years.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

June 26th, £2 16s. 3d.; July 3rd, £2 15s. 0d.; July 10th, £3 7s. 4d.; July 17th (Evening), £1 12s. 7d. Total—£10 11s. 2d.

Other Receipts.—Interest on Bonds, £2 0s. 6d.; Church Box, 18s. 6d.; Envelopes (June), £2 16s. 11d.—Church Expenses £2 9s. 5d., Church Overseas 7s. 6d.—(No. 3, 5s.; No. 4, 8s.; No. 5, 6s.; No. 6, 12s.; No. 7, 3s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 2s. 9d.; No. 13, 3s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 5s. 6d.; No. 22, 1s. 8d.).

Expenses:—	£	s.	d.
Printing £1 2s. 6d., Prizes 15s., Hire of			
Crockery 12s. 6d., Ice Cream £2 - - -	4	10	0
	£164	1	0

Net Profit £164 1 0

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH

Sunday, August 7th. 11 a.m., 161, 220.
6.45 p.m., 207, 281, 224, 270.
Sunday, August 14th. 11 a.m., 4, 520.
6.45 p.m., 37, 218, 657, 477.
Sunday, August 21st. 6.45 p.m., 217, 292, 676, 21.
Sunday, August 28th. 11 a.m., 282, 324.
6.45 p.m., 280, 299, 268, 274.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Harrison (née Avis Colley), who were married at Wickhamford Church on Saturday, July 9th. The bride has given devoted service to our Church as a Sunday School Teacher.

The Sunday School Outing to Dudley Zoo will take place on Tuesday, August 16th. The 'bus leaves the Sandys Arms at 12.30 p.m.

Church Collections. — Church Expenses (June 26th, July 3rd, 10th), £5 15s. 3d. Diocesan Quota (July 17th), £7.

P.C.C.—Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 14th, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

Harvest Thanksgiving.—Sunday, October 2nd.

WICKHAMFORD HORTICULTURAL SHOW

After all this glorious sunshine, we hope that all the gardening enthusiasts of our district will manage to find at least a few vegetables or flowers for these Classes at the Show on August 20th. Good Prizes are offered. Please bring your friends for the half day, and do not

worry about the meals, we have a good refreshment tent on the field.

Book the date now—August 20th. Schedules from the Secretary.

A. C. WELLAND.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

5th EVESHAM (1st BADSEY) BOY SCOUTS

Our friends will have learned from the newspaper accounts of our Annual Meeting, that although we have had a successful year from the Scouting point of view, our financial position gives rise for anxiety. It has been agreed by the newly-formed Group Committee that we ought to raise £200 this year, if we are to meet estimated expenditure (allowing for such extras as Fencing, Guttering, etc.). About half of this amount needs to be raised by public subscriptions, and I therefore ask you to give your support to the Scouts Fête, which is to be held in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday, August 13th (see notice elsewhere in this issue). Gifts in money or in kind will be gratefully received.

After three years' hard work, the Scouts and Cubs are, I believe, beginning to justify their existence. During the past year the four officers put in 1,560 hours of voluntary service. Will you do your share towards helping the Troop to be an asset to the village?

Badsey was well represented at the recent "Vale of Evesham Scout Rally," and mention should be made of five Seniors who received the official thanks and congratulations of the Guest Speaker and the Camp Chief, and were awarded the Senior Cook's Badges with Gold Bar by the District Commissioner.

Brian Hurman is to be congratulated on winning his "Leaping Wolf" (the hall-mark of Cubbing).

My thanks are due to the Assistant Scoutmasters and Patrol Leaders for carrying on during the past three months on the occasions when I was occupied with Rally organisation.

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We are sorry to report that family responsibilities prevent Mrs. Hurman from carrying on as Cub Mistress. We are most grateful to her for all she has done for us, and are glad to think we shall still have her on the Group Committee. Mr. G. Jones has agreed to help again with the Cubs.

May I make a final appeal — Will anyone come forward and assist with the Girl Guides? This is something that really needs doing.

B. F. P. BLAKE.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The July Meeting was held in the Vicarage Garden. The President (Mrs. S. B. Carter) was in the Chair, and gave a most interesting account of the Annual General Meeting, held in the Albert Hall in June.

A "Posy Competition," judged by Mrs. Llewellyn Jones, was won by Mrs. W. Sparrow, jun.

After refreshments there were games and competitions. Prizewinners were Mrs. Holley, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. A. Reed and Mrs. Chapman. Mrs. Littlewood was the winner of the monthly parcel. Several gifts were auctioned in aid of the Sick Fund, and Mrs. R. Taylor was appointed Sick Visitor for the month.

Thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman for the use of the Vicarage Garden were expressed by Miss Ella Jones.

N. E. KEEN.

EXTRACTS FROM RECENT UTTERANCES

Nobody would wish us to return to the Victorian gloom of Sunday, but now the pendulum has swung to the opposite extreme, and the primary purpose of Sunday is deliberately ignored.

If your religion is frankly materialistic, then you acknowledge no God, and therefore Sunday can mean no more to you than the pursuit of pleasure.

But if you profess to be a Christian, and still employ Sunday entirely for your own amusement, then this must surely indicate either a faith that is as weak as a whole tea-pot of tea made from a single leaf, or else a mind so weak that it has no power to resist the flattering whispers of the devil as he so cunningly says to you: "You need a change next Sunday, and God won't mind."

What is perhaps the most deplorable aspect of this situation is the effect it has upon young children. Their little growing minds are always susceptible to all manner of influences, and quite often it is the unconscious influence that is so potent for good or ill.

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DELIVERED DAILY

When a child is taken away from its normal Sunday worship for a day of pleasure, it is just as if the parents said deliberately to him or her:

"You see, my dear, it is quite all right to cut out your worship to-day, because it is not so important as all that.

"We are going out to-day because it will help you to grow up strong and healthy, and that is more important than worship. Besides, we can always go to Church when we have nothing better to do."

If children are taught such lessons by their parents, thus cutting right across what may be taught them at school or Church, it is not to be wondered at if, in a few years' time, the natural and inevitable harvest of this seed-time is reaped, and who, then, will be to blame?

Rev. Howard Porter (in the "Gloucestershire Echo").

Many of the evils we deplore to-day are due to a lack of home life and the failure of parents to exercise any

moral control over the lives of their children. This indiscipline is due in measure to the lack of any Christian influence in the home. Many of them have no religion in the home at all, and children are brought up virtually pagan.

I constantly hear from teachers that their efforts to teach religion to children are often frustrated in the homes. The influences brought to bear by the clergy are again nullified in the homes and our lapsed Church members increase.

We couple with this the evils of this post-war era. We dare not slacken our efforts or weaken in any way the spiritual output of the Diocese. The Church is being assailed by strong materialistic forces. Our faith is challenged and every inducement is held out to people to adopt a godless way of life. To meet this pressure we need a strong and increasing body of lay people who are willing to witness to the Faith and who are prepared to give an answer to those who question their Christian experience.

The Bishop of Worcester (at the Diocesan Conference).

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