

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

JULY, 1953

CORONATION DAY (June 2nd, 1953)

(1) In London.

The Mothers' Union seats near Buckingham Palace were in the best position of the whole route so we had a wonderful view of the processions as they went and returned. I arrived at the stand at 5.50 a.m. and left at 6.30 p.m. During that time there were several storms but there was so much to see that we didn't notice the rain. The colours were so beautiful that it was like a fairy story come to life. The perfect timing of everything and the rhythm of it all were really wonderful. After the procession had gone an announcer described the arrival of the Queen at the Abbey and the Service was relayed to us. It was most impressive to hear all the people on the stands singing, "All people that on Earth do dwell" and joining in the Service. I was talking to a Yorkshire lady just before I left and mentioned Mrs. Chapman's name. I was most surprised to hear someone say, "Do you come from Badsey?" I had been sitting near friends of the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman all day and did not know until then!

C. MARSHALL

(2) On board H.M.S. Empire Orwell (en route for Korea).

On Trinity Sunday we had a really grand Service, which was very well attended. We used the same Form of Service as you did in Badsey and Wickhamford.

To-day is Coronation Day and it has poured with rain all day long. Our Celebrations have consisted of a parade, a five-minute address by the Commandant, and an issue of 10 Woodbines to each man!

J. M. CHAPMAN

(3) In Aldington.

Aldington people spent a very happy day, in spite of the unfavourable weather.

During the morning villagers were able to view the Coronation on a Television Set which had been installed in the Mission Hall.

The afternoon celebrations began with an open air Service, conducted by the Vicar, after which the "well turned out" Fancy Dress contestants were judged. Sports for all ages were then held in the Mill Meadow, by kind permission of Mr. Wheatley.

While the children were at Tea, they were presented with their toffee-filled Coronation Mugs and Souvenir Coronation Programmes by our oldest inhabitant (Mrs. Reeves). Meanwhile the adult Sports, many of which caused much amusement, were continued. After this strenuous effort, the adults sat down to a well-earned tea. The Catering Committee had spared no effort in providing an excellent meal. This was followed by a Mixed Football Match, and Tug-of-War Tournaments, ladies and gentlemen respectively.

The weather finally put an end to outdoor activities and the villagers congregated in the Mission Hall, where we were entertained by the amusing conjuring tricks of Mr. Maberley.

The day concluded with a most enjoyable Social Evening, during which the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman distributed the prizes to the winners of the day's events.

BERYL E. OSBORNE

(4) In Badsey.

Coronation Day was the culmination of a long period of hard work and organisation by the Committee, their friends and helpers.

Appropriate to the solemnity of such an outstanding occasion, the two Church Services in the morning were very well attended.

In planning the programme for the day's festivities every endeavour was made to ensure that all those in the village, or connected with it and unavoidably absent, were provided for.

The children had their sports, a sit-down Tea in a large Marquee on the Recreation Ground, and various entertainments. More permanent commemorations are the sets of Swings on the Recreation Ground and at Horsebridge Avenue.

People over 60 attended a sit-down meal in the Schools and refreshments were taken to those unable to be present through illness. Gifts were sent to those in Hospitals and Homes.

A running buffet was open to all those not otherwise catered for, and a Dance in the Schools in the evening was well attended.

Several letters of thanks have been received from people, in appreciation of being remembered.

The only regret was that the weather was not too kind.

M. G. SAVORY

(5) In Wickhamford.

Coronation Day at Wickhamford was celebrated in traditional style. In the morning a Service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, and there was a good congregation. After the Service two Television Sets, generously lent and installed by Mr. H. C. Dillworth, of Evesham, provided the parishioners with a view of the whole of the Coronation Ceremony in Westminster Abbey. In the afternoon a Fancy Dress Parade of children and adults assembled at Sandys Avenue and processed, headed by Lyddiatts Orchestration, to Manor Close, where Mrs. J. Mason, the oldest inhabitant, planted a commemorative tree. The children then processed through the Village and assembled in a field, kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. Daffurn, where the fancy dresses were judged by Mrs. C. Green and the Misses E. and A. Burrows. During this period, orchestras were given over amplifiers by Mr. C. Green. Children and Adults then joined in Sports Events, followed by Tea, served to the children by a willing company of ladies. They also received a stick of barley sugar and an ice cream. Most of the adults watched the procession of the Queen through the London streets and Tea was served. The competitions during the afternoon included bowling for a pig, kindly given by Mr. W. Batty, and a Tea Service for bowling by the ladies, kindly given by Mrs. M. Dean. The day concluded with a Buffet and Dance in the Memorial Hall until midnight, everyone having enjoyed a full day.

The Hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and a replica of the Coronation Crown hung in the centre.

The day's success could not have been achieved but for the hard work put in by the Committee, the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. T. Shannon-Garvey, and all the ladies and others who gave their services so willingly.

A sum of about £39 is in hand and the Committee has decided to call a Parish Meeting as to its disposal.

E. W. STURT

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

LOOKING FORWARD

Sundays, July 5th, 12th, 19th.—Services as usual.

Sat., July 4th. Choir Outing to Rhyl.

Mon., July 6th. P.C.C. Meeting—Parish Room 8 p.m.

Thurs., July 9th. Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild Outing to Matlock and Chatsworth. Bus leaves Wheatsheaf Inn at 8 a.m., Badsey 'Pike' 8.5 a.m. prompt.

Sat., July 11th. Men's Fellowship Outing to Oxford and Abingdon. Bus, to take Members to Evesham Station, leaves Wheatsheaf Inn 8.30 a.m., Badsey 'Pike' 8.35 a.m. prompt.

Saturday, July 25th (St. James A. & M.). Badsey Flower Show.

Sunday, July 26th (Octave of The Patronal Festival). 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: Rev. Wilson Baker. No 11.40 a.m. Celebration; 6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Mr. C. R. P. Raymer. All helpers and exhibitors at the Flower Show are invited.

The Vicar will be away on holiday from Monday, July 20th, to Wednesday, July 29th (incl.).

LOOKING BACK

THE LATE MISS KATHLEEN SLADDEN

The news of the death of Miss Kathleen Sladden was received with deep regret by her friends in Badsey. A Service in Beaconsfield Church on Saturday, May 30th, attended by many friends, was followed by Cremation at Oxford. The committal was in Badsey Churchyard after a Service in Church. Miss Sladden was born at Badsey and was educated at St. Stephen's High School, Clewer, and at Royal Holloway College, Egham, where she had won a scholarship. She took a second-class in the honours school of Mathematics of Oxford University. Her teaching career was in London, first as lecturer under the L.C.C. at Moorfields Training College, until this closed down, then as mathematics specialist at Carlyle Girls' Secondary School, Chelsea, until her retirement in 1941. The school was evacuated twice, during both world wars, its buildings being taken over for a hospital in 1914, and pupils and staff dispersed to other schools. In 1939 the school was evacuated to Windsor. After retiring, Miss Sladden lived with a friend in Beaconsfield, where she took an active part in local affairs and made a wide circle of friends.

We extend our deep sympathy to the members of her family.

A green Chalice Veil and Burse—the gift of the Sunday School—was dedicated at the Sung Eucharist on Sunday, June 7th.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, July 5th	8 a.m. L. Stewart	—
	11 a.m. E. Salter	A. Sears
	6.45 p.m. A. Sears	R. Harvey
Sunday, July 12th	8 a.m. N. Langstone	—
	11 a.m. A. Sears	D. Rouse
	6.45 p.m. R. Harvey	A. Sears
Sunday, July 19th	8 a.m. L. Mitchell	—
	6.45 p.m. A. Sears	D. Rouse
Sunday, July 26th	8 a.m. R. Harvey	—
	11 a.m. D. Rouse	A. Sears
	6.45 p.m. A. Sears	R. Harvey
Sunday, Aug. 2nd	8 a.m. R. Hall	—
	11 a.m. A. Sears	D. Rouse
	6.45 p.m. R. Harvey	A. Sears

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, July 5th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. G. Savory; 11 a.m., Messrs. G. Jones and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. T. Batchelor, R. R. Savory and F. Cleaver.

Sunday, July 12th.—8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Messrs. J. E. F. Voss and M. G. Savory; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. M. Barnard, P. Case and D. A. Jeifs.

Sunday, July 19th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. H. Floyd, R. Hartwell and R. Knight.

Sunday, July 26th.—8 a.m., Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m., Messrs. P. H. Sparrow and M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. M. G. Savory, A. W. Sparrow and A. Worthington.

Sunday, Aug. 2nd.—As Sunday, July 5th.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—

July 5th.	Mrs. Brazier.
12th.	Mrs. J. J. Pethard.
19th.	Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Ingram.
26th.	Mrs. Holley.
Aug. 2nd.	Mrs. C. Crane.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

May 31st/June 2nd (part) £10 3s. 9d.; June 7th, £5 14s. 0d.; June 14th, £6 14s. 0d.; June 21st (Evening), £5 14s. 3d.—**Total £28 6s. 0d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Diocesan Ordination Candidates' Fund (May 31st/June 2nd—part) **£5**; **Church Box** (Jan. 1st to May 31st) **£3 9s. 10d.**; **Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £2 10s. 1d., Church Overseas 11s. 4d.—**Total £3 1s. 5d.** (No. 4, 5s.; No. 6, £1 5s. 0d.; No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 2s. 6d.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 5s. 5d.; No. 20, 3s.; No. 25, 5s.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

June 7th. Clifford Davies.
21st. Thomas Graeme Hartwell.

Marriages

May 30th. Peter Albert Ford, Moreton-in-Marsh,
and Edna Phyllis Jelfs, Aldington.

Burials

May 30th. Mary Kathleen Sladden, aged 72 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Church Services. The Services will be as usual during the month of July. The Preacher at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, July 26th, will be the Rev. Wilson Baker.

M.U. Outing to Matlock and Chatsworth, Thursday, July 9th. Bus leaves the Sandys Arms at 7.50 a.m. prompt.

We are very sorry indeed that Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sheppard are leaving the village. They have been most regular worshippers and have rendered devoted service, much of which has been "behind the scenes." To me personally they have shewn great kindness and their generous and thoughtful hospitality has saved me a great deal of journeying to and fro. We shall hope, however, to see them frequently at Church in the future, and are very glad to report that Mr. Sheppard is willing to continue as Treasurer and Sidesman.
W.B.C.

We acknowledge most gratefully an anonymous gift of ten shillings for the Sunday School Fund. With the Annual Outing drawing near, and the Fund shewing only a small balance, similar gifts would be very welcome.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

May 30th. James Christopher Bullen
Michele Rattray Taylor.

Church Collections (May 31st to June 21st incl.).
Church Expenses £9 8s. 7d.; **Diocesan Ordination Candidates' Fund** £2.

On Sunday, June 21st, Mrs. E. Cooke presented to each of the Sunday School Scholars a copy of "The Coronation New Testament." Our grateful thanks are due to her for her most generous gift, which we believe the children will value greatly.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Badsey W.I. Mrs. S. B. Carter presided at the June Meeting, and, in the absence of the V.C.O., explained the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting, to which Mrs. M. G. Savory is a delegate.

Mrs. G. Marshall gave a most interesting account of her visit to London for the Coronation.

Mrs. Hannay's talk on "Knitting" was much appreciated and Mrs. Savory expressed our grateful thanks to her.

A Competition, in aid of the Denman College Endowment Fund, was won by Mrs. Caswell (1) and Mrs. G. Marshall (2).

During the social half-hour the W.I. Choir, under their conductor Mrs. Chapman, entertained members with a varied programme, including the Test Pieces for the recent Music Festival at Worcester. Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. A. Reed rendered solos. Mrs. S. B. Carter thanked the members of the Choir for giving us such a musical treat.

Mrs. J. Wheatley was in charge of refreshments.

I. M. EVANS

Badsey Flower Show. Once again the Vicar has kindly allowed me space to remind you that the Annual Flower Show will be held on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, July 25th. There is very little change in the schedules, which should now be in your possession. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, July 22nd, and the committee again look forward to a large number of entries. Please give the show your full support, both by entering exhibits and attending the show, and thus show your confidence in a hard-working committee. Children's sports and adults' sports, including a tug-of-war competition, will be held, and the usual amusements will be in attendance. The Vicar has also again invited Exhibitors and Helpers to attend Evensong at 6.45 p.m. at Badsey Church on the day following the Flower Show (Sunday, July 26th). Given a fine day we hope the event will again reach the high standard of previous years. This year schoolchildren will be admitted free of charge.

D. A. JELFS,
Chairman of the Committee

Wickhamford W.I. A delightful evening was enjoyed by members of the Wickhamford W.I. and their visitors on Thursday, June 11th. Mrs. E. Cooke (president) had arranged for the meeting to take place in the garden of Robin Cottage, Mrs. Cooke and some of the committee providing and serving refreshments and ice cream. Mrs. G. C. Lees-Milne also opened her garden. Mrs. Moore-Ede, who was thanked by Mrs. R. Thomas, spoke on the work of the W.V.S., and Mrs. G. Mills gave a short explanation of the Drama Group. Mrs. E. Cooke reported as sick visitor and Mrs. T. Garvey is sick visitor for this month. Mrs. H. Pilkington reported on the Malvern Produce Rally and Mrs. L. Poulter on her visit to the Coronation. Mrs. G. Hancock reported on the W.I. outing. A resolution put forward by Mrs. T. Garvey asking for footpaths on all main and secondary roads was carried and will be sent to Worcester. After the business had been transacted there were numerous games and competitions. A plant stall, arranged by Mrs. T. Garvey with the assistance of Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. H. Williams, realised £2 15s. 6d. for the Produce Exhibition Fund.

N.B. A report of the Badsey Church Fête will appear in the August issue. Items for this issue must be sent to the Vicar not later than Thursday, July 16th.