

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford
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FROM THE EDITOR'S SCRAP BOOK

Musing over the timeworn excuses people give for not going to church, two clergymen compiled this list of reasons "Why I Do Not Attend the Cinema":—

1. The manager of a cinema never called on me.
2. I did go a few times, but no one spoke to me. Those who go there aren't very friendly.
3. Every time I go they ask me for money.
4. Not all people live up to the high moral standards of the films.
5. I went so much as a child, I've decided I've had all the entertainment I need.
6. The performance lasts too long; I can't sit still for two hours and a half.
7. I don't always agree with what I hear and see.
8. I don't think they have very good music.
9. The shows are held in the evenings, and that's the only time I am able to be at home with the family.

S. George's (Coventry) Review

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"I never did any harm to anyone"

I never cut my neighbour's throat;
My neighbour's gold I never stole;
I never spoiled his house and land
Yet—God have mercy on my soul!
For I am haunted day and night
By all the deeds I have not done;
O unattempted loveliness
O costly valour never won!

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Think not so much of what thou hast not, as of what thou hast; but of the things which thou hast, select the best, and then reflect how eagerly they would have been sought if thou hadst them not.

(Marcus Aurelius)

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WHAT NOW?

After seeing the Coronation film, someone remarked to me: "It makes you want to be good." And the Archbishop, speaking to representatives of the Youth of the Commonwealth on the Sunday after the Coronation, said that "The Queen had taken us out of ourselves into a world of chivalry and glory, where men and women, old and young, have a single desire to do something, to give themselves away, in order to show their humble and loyal devotion."

The Archbishop went on to say that during the Coronation Service something happened to people all over Great Britain and far afield that they had not expected. "An emotion was stirred at a far richer and deeper level than is ordinarily reached." They had come to watch, they remained to pray and share with the young Queen in her act of dedication.

Such were our sentiments at the time—but what now—are they lasting or are they already passing into the shadows of a fleeting memory? We should be horrified at the suggestion that for the Queen they should not be permanent and unbreakable. Her high calling is for life. The burden is heavy and must at times chafe her young shoulders, but she cannot relinquish it. She herself has declared, however, that she has not the strength to bear it without our full support. Dare we ask her to carry on if we stand aside and return to our old ways of self indulgence?

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday, Oct. 5th, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

M.U. Meetings re-start on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, when Mrs. Marshall will speak on "Coronation Day in London." On Tuesday, Oct. 27th, the speaker will be Mrs. Potter (Hinton-on-the-Green). I am hoping to arrange a rota of visiting speakers for future Meetings and am glad to announce that Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Vial (Fladbury) and Mrs. Waddy (Littleton) have also kindly promised to visit our Branch.

The Annual Service for the presentation of "The People's Offering" (for Moral Welfare Work) will be held in the Cathedral on Wed., Nov. 4th, at 3 p.m. The Preacher will be Canon A. P. Shepherd.

I think Members will be glad to have a copy of:—

A HOUSEWIFE'S PRAYER

Lord, in the daily round, the common task,
The little niggling needs that each day brings,
Give me a spirit that will rise, I ask,
Above the tyranny of little things.
Of LITTLE things, the petty jars and frets,
The trivial cares that make a woman's day,
The disappointments and the small upsets
That prick the nerves, and tongue and temper fray.

Give me, O Lord, the vision that can see
Beauty in homely tasks, in work well done,
Give me the courage that will cheerfully
Accept my lot, nor wish an easier one.
Give me perspective, that the little things
May keep their little places, nor overbear
The faith and hope that are the spirit's wings
To rise in Thee, Dear Lord; grant this my prayer.

(Florence Reddaway)

A.M.C.

Sanctuary Guild. A cordial invitation is extended to Members to join with the Members of the Mothers' Union at the Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, at 2.30 p.m. (see M.U. notes). Arrangements for future Meetings can then be discussed. I did not call a Meeting during September as there was not enough business to warrant one.

A.M.C.

Men's Fellowship. It was with deep regret that members heard of the death of Mr. Maberley, who attended our Meetings whenever possible. He was always most willing to help in our activities and his cheerful personality and kindly co-operation will be greatly missed. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Maberley and her son.

Please don't forget the next Meeting, on Monday, October 12th, at 7 p.m. Speaker: Mr. C. T. Green. M.G.S.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bell, who celebrated their Silver Wedding on Sat., Sept. 19th.

Sunday, Nov. 1st (All Saints) and Monday, Nov. 2nd (All Souls). The names of the faithful departed to be commemorated should be given to the Vicar not later than Friday, Oct. 30th.

Sunday, Nov. 8th (Remembrance Sunday). The Services will be as in previous years.

R.I.P.

Mr. Charles Ballard, one of our oldest inhabitants, whose passing leaves a gap in our village. He was esteemed by many as "a good friend and neighbour" and his sense of humour and quaint sayings will long be remembered. Wherever 'Charlie' is spoken of in years to come, it will be with kindness and affection.

Mr. F. H. Maberley. He had lived in Badsey a comparatively short time, but had entered fully into the life of the village and his sudden death came as a profound shock to us all. He always found time to render help where it was needed and was an invaluable member of the Coronation Celebrations Committee. May his example of service to the Community be widely followed.

We extend our deep sympathy to the relatives of the above.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

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October 4th

8 a.m.	H. Wheatley	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	A. Sears
6.45 p.m.	R. Hall	P. Hatcher

October 11th

8 a.m.	A. Sears	—
11 a.m.	P. Hatcher	R. Hall
6.45 p.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey

October 18th

8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	A. Sears

October 25th

8 a.m.	L. Stewart	—
11 a.m.	A. Sears	P. Hatcher
6.45 p.m.	D. Rouse	R. Hall

November 1st

8 a.m.	N. Langstone	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	P. Hatcher	D. Rouse

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Oct. 4th.—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, Oct. 11th.—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. Jelfs.

Sunday, Oct. 18th.—8 a.m., Mr. M. Brady; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. H. Floyd, R. Hartwell and R. Knight.

Sunday, Oct. 25th.—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, Nov. 1st.—As Sunday, Oct. 4th.

WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:—

Oct. 4th.	Mrs. Chapman.
Oct. 11th.	Mrs. P. H. Sparrow.
Oct. 18th.	Mrs. Bonehill.
Oct. 25th.	Mrs. Cook.
Nov. 1st.	Mrs. A. Read.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Aug. 23rd, £4 13s. od.; Aug. 30th, £6 18s. od.; Sept. 6th, £5 11s. 10d.; Sept. 13th, £7 10s. od. **Total £24 12s. 10d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Freewill Offering Envelopes—Church Expenses £2 9s. 9d., Church Overseas 13s.—**Total £3 2s. 9d.** (No. 4, 2s.; No. 6, £1 5s. od.; No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 9s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 5s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 5s. 3d.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Aug. 23rd. Anne Double; Leslie John Jinks.
Sept. 6th. Lynda Joy Hunt.
Sept. 20th. Anne Morcombe.
Sept. 20th. John Lawrence.
Sept. 20th. Michael James Roberts.

Burials

Sept. 2nd. Charles Ballard, aged 78 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Sunday, Oct. 4th.—Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day—Holy Communion (with Hymns) 9.30 a.m.; Children's Gift Service 2.30 p.m.; Evensong 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. G. Follis, Rector of Grafton Flyford.

Sanctuary Guild. The following are kindly responsible for the cleaning of the Church:

- 1st Sunday. Mesdames G. Halford and E. Roberts.
- 2nd Sunday. Mesdames Collett and C. Cox.
- 3rd Sunday. Mesdames Hancock and Figgitt.
- 4th Sunday. Mesdames Batty and Sandys-Lumsdaine.

The "Autumn Cleaning" will be on Monday, Oct. 5th, at 2 p.m., and will be followed by a discussion on the future cleaning of the Church. It is hoped that all members will be present.

M.U. Meetings restart on Wed., Oct. 7th, at 2.30 p.m., in the Parish Room and Memorial Hall. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance of Members in order that we may discuss future plans.

Men's Fellowship. Meetings re-start on Wed., Oct. 14th (instead of Oct. 7th) at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room and Memorial Hall. The Vicar will speak on "My Job" and after the usual refreshments there will be a discussion on the future of the Fellowship. A hearty invitation is extended to all men.

E.W.S.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Southern (née Diana Molly Daffurn), who were married in our Church on Sat., Aug. 29th. They have been most faithful members of our congregation.

Collections for Church Expenses (Aug. 23rd to Sept. 13th incl.) **£7 16s. 5d.**

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Sunday, Nov. 8th (Remembrance Sunday). Evensong, as last year, will be at **6.30 p.m.** (instead of 5.30 p.m.).

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BADSEY

Badsey Memorial Hall Committee. Next Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 13th, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

British Legion. Annual Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 29th, at the Royal Oak at 7.30 p.m.

Women's Institute. The September Meeting was held in Badsey School. Mrs. S. B. Carter (president) was in the chair for the business portion and then Mrs. Taylor took over, Mrs. Savory being in charge of the programme for the remainder of the evening. Mrs. Shannon-Garvey gave a demonstration on crystallised flowers and was thanked by Mrs. Taylor. Two sketches were performed by the Drama Section of the Evesham Townswomen's Guild. Mrs. A. Reed expressed our thanks to them.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Savory, Floyd, Jennings and Littlewood.

Mrs. Edwards was appointed Sick Visitor for the month.

Mrs. Savory was thanked by Mrs. S. B. Carter for providing such an entertaining evening.

I. M. EVANS

WICKHAMFORD

Women's Institute. Mrs. Cooke presided at the September Meeting, when Mrs. G. Hancock presented a favourable financial report. Mrs. Poulter gave her report as Sick Visitor and Mrs. G. Halford was appointed Sick Visitor for the ensuing month.

The Bottled Fruit Competition, judged by Miss G. Poulter, was won by Mrs. G. Hancock, and Mrs. Sturt was the winner of the Monthly Competition.

The Plant Stall, with Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Hampton in charge, realised £2 4s. 6d. for the Produce Show funds.

The Tea Hostesses were Mesdames Pilkington, A. Carter, Sturt, Watts, and Miss J. Sutton.

In the absence of a Speaker, a session of "Twenty Questions," organised by the Social Sub-Committee, was held and was much enjoyed.

The October Meeting begins at **7 p.m.** Competition—Dried Floral Arrangement 18 in. x 18 in.

May I express grateful thanks to (1) the Committee and Produce Guild Members who helped with the Produce Show on Sat., Sept. 12th (I was only sorry more Members did not exhibit) and (2) Mrs. Dean for auctioning the goods given for sale.

T. B. SHANNON-GARVEY

POSTSCRIPT

The congregations at Badsey and Wickhamford on Sunday, Sept. 20th, heard thrilling accounts by Mr. Ronald Heald of his work in Leper Hospitals in Central Africa. In response to enquiries, he asks that gifts of linen, old clothes, etc., should be sent to him c/o U.M.C.A., 35, Great Peter Street, London, S.W.1. Personal Letters and Magazines should be addressed: R. Heald, U.M.C.A., Lulindi Leper Hospital, Masasi, Lindi, Tanganyika Territory.

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