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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Church Services in September

- 1 Trinity 12. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 4 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 8 Trinity 13. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.
- 11 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 15 Trinity 14. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 18 Wednesday (Ember Day). 10-0 H.C.
- 21 St. Matthew. 8-0 H.C.
- 22 Trinity 15. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 25 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 29 Michaelmas Day. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Service; 6-30 Evensong.

October

- 2 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 6 Harvest Festival. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

Servers' Rota—September

- 1 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 P. Brazier (S), S. Dore (C); 6-30 M. Exon.
- 8 8-0 D. Norden; 10-45 A. Owen; 6-30 M. Clements.
- 15 8-0 G. Toney; 10-45 S. Dore (S), P. Brazier (C).
- 22 8-0 T. Bell; 6-30 N. Bell (S), D. Barrand (C).
- 29 8-0 D. Norden; 6-30 M. Clements.

October

- 6 8-0 P. Gresty; 10-45 P. Brazier (S), S. Dore (C); 6-30 M. Exon.

On the Sick List: Dorothy Dore who was ill in July is making a good recovery. Martin Bent was involved in a serious car crash at the beginning of August, and is in Cheltenham hospital. Jim Dale had a big operation in W.R.I. at the end of July, and is recuperating well. Eddy Kinchin has been off work, and has been recuperating at home. Marie Smith, recently moved into Badsey Fields Lane, has returned home from hospital.

Churchyard. Under the direction of Selwyn Gresty a small fatigue party cleared the stones from the ground beneath the lime trees, in preparation for spraying and sowing later. We hope that eventually the area will be smoothly grassed over.

Churchyard Dustbins. These are sometimes overflowing with old flowers from the graves. To avoid overfilling the bins please could flowers be put on the heap at the south end of the row of limes? That is unless the flowers have been wired into wreaths.

Congratulations to Mrs. Linda Ogg of Willersey Road on her 21st birthday, which she celebrated in August.

Donation to the Parish Church of £75 from Mrs. I. W. Cobb of Stevington, Bedford. Mrs. Cobb used to live in the old 'Farm House' in Post Office Lane for many years. We are very grateful to her for such a generous gift.

Evesham Deanery Chapter meets at Badsey on Tuesday, September 10th, which the Bishop has promised to attend. The Chapter is the monthly meeting of local clergy, with each incumbent taking his turn to be host. We begin in Church with Mattins and the Eucharist (8-30 to 9-15 a.m. approx.) at which any parishioner is of course welcome.

P.C.C. Outing to Blockley for Skittles, Chicken and Chips, will be on Tuesday, September 3rd. The coach leaves the Church gate (High Street) at 7-0 p.m.

Harvest Festival will be on October 6th. The Church will be prepared on Saturday morning, and so those who wish to contribute produce are asked to do so on Friday or early Saturday. At Evensong as part of our thanksgiving those of us who are members of the Stewardship scheme will be renewing our commitment. During the month of September a letter will be sent to each member, and the P.C.C. has asked that a copy of the letter be printed here:

... At a recent meeting of the P.C.C. it was decided to write to all members of the Christian Stewardship scheme, to thank you for your contributions, by the pledged giving of money, by ready co-operation in numerous practical ways, and by taking regular part in the Church's fellowship of worship. We confidently believe that you will continue to carry out this help to the Church.

'On Sunday, October 6th, which is our Harvest Festival, we will be having a special service at 6-30 of Thanksgiving and Commitment. At this service we will have the opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ and our pledge to serve Him and His world through the Church'.

Harvest Supper: Thursday, October 3rd, at 7-30 p.m. Tickets available from P.C.C.

Bell Ringing. As part of their recruiting campaign through the autumn, the St. James' Guild of Bell Ringers will be arranging, during the last week in September, an exhibition in the Church covering the interesting art and science of campanology. Included in the exhibition will be details of the art of bell founding, tuning and hanging, the science of change ringing, local Ringing Associations, Guilds, and ringing peals of Church bells, together with handbell tune and change ringing.

Wednesday 25th will be an open evening to which all are invited to see how ringers become involved in their art. Accompanied visits can be arranged up to the belfry to look at the bells as they swing in the tower.

Ringers Evensong on Sunday 29th will be preceded with general ringing by members of a number of towers in the district.

A.B.

Eleven to Fourteen Year Olds. Mr. Edwards has kindly offered to help run a weekly club for boys and girls of this age group who are regular Churchgoers or who are interested in becoming such. We will meet on Thursday evenings at the Meeting House in Badsey from 7-0 p.m. to 8-45 p.m., and the programme will give members the opportunity to learn more about Christianity, as well as to enjoy recreational and social activities. This club is intended for those who are hoping to offer themselves for Confirmation, as well as for those who are already confirmed. Our opening meeting will be on Thursday, September 12th, at 7-0 p.m. N.B. The club will be for young parishioners of Wickhamford, as well as those of Aldington and Badsey.

Overseas Project. We are glad to announce that the African girl, Saria Joel, whom our parish is helping, has passed her examination this summer.

Sister Andrew of St. Monica's Hospital, Maciene, Mozambique, where Saria has been doing some practical work, wrote to give us the good news of her excellent performance in her final school examination, which qualifies her to enter upon full training in the Nursing School. There is, however, a hold-up here because the Sister Tutor is on leave and no replacement can be found for her; this means that new students cannot be accepted this autumn and Saria will have to wait for a year before entering on the Nursing Course. She plans in the meantime to get into a Technical School and continue her general education there.

As far as we are concerned in Badsey, this will give us more time to increase the fund which we are building up to pay for the girl's three year nursing course, which will be more expensive.

Our next money-raising event for the Project will be a Coffee Evening at Mrs. Sears' home, with a Christmas Gift stall, etc. Details will be published later.

J.E.S.

War Memorial Rota—September

1st, Mrs. C. Stewart; 8th, Mrs. Syril; 15th, Mrs. Cook; 22nd, Mrs. P. Sparrow.

Women's Institute

September 10th: Members' Night.

October 9th: 'The Use of Man-made Fibres in Fashion and the Home' by a representative of the British Man-made Fibres Federation.

Competition: The best made article in man-made fibre (including knitting).

Social Time: Twenty Questions.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday, 4th: 10-0 Corporate Communion.

Monday, 9th: Wave of Prayer. Our branch will observe 3-0 until 3-15 in Church and will be led by the Enrolling Member.

Tuesday, 10th: 2-30 Branch Meeting.

Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Hartwell, Jewell and Harvey

Tuesday, 24th, 7-30 – 9-0: Coffee Evening with other branches in the Meeting House to raise money for Central Fund. I do hope all members will be able to come. 'Bring and Buy'.

Thursday, 26th: Outing with Bengeworth Branch to Bulmers, Hereford. Details from E.M.

J.B.

Young Wives Group

Monday, 2nd, at 8-0 p.m.—Social Evening.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Mary Knight, Mrs. Annette Bufton, Mrs. Jacky Thomas.

Monday, 16th, at 8-0 p.m.—Mrs. Irene Senior shows how to make your own Christmas Crackers.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Jacky Jones, Mrs. Maureen Davies, Mrs. Valerie Padfield.

Sixty Plus Club

September 18th—Meeting as usual.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Services in September

- 1 Trinity 12. 9-30 H.C. (said).
- 8 Trinity 13. 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 15 Trinity 14. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 22 Trinity 15. 3-0 Evensong.
- 29 Harvest Festival. 9-30 Holy Communion (with hymns); 3-0 Family Service.

October

6 Trinity 17. 9-30 H.C. (said).

Harvest Festival (September 29th). The Church will be decorated on the Saturday morning. Those who wish to contribute produce are asked to do so either on the Friday, or early on the Saturday. As usual, we will be making up gift parcels for the elderly and infirm on the Monday (30th). If any of you reading this is free on the Monday morning, please do not be shy of volunteering your help!

It is hoped that the children will come to the afternoon service, and will bring up their gifts to the altar then.

The Harvest Supper will be on Saturday, September 28th; tickets available from the P.C.C.

Servers in September

1, S. Noyes; 15, D. Carter; 29, S. Noyes; October 6th, D. Carter.

Holy Baptism

On August 11th: Richard Graham Clinton; Paul Anthony Stephens.

On the Sick List. Cyril Roberts (of Sandys Avenue) at home. Eva Cooke, slowly regaining her strength after her fall in July. Samantha, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis (of Drysdale Close) has returned home after some weeks in hospital.

The Church Fabric Fund. Sometimes people ask what this fund is and why it is needed. Here are a few facts: the Parish Church is the responsibility of the parishioners, which means that the cost of maintenance and repairs is borne by us, not by the Church Commissioners (whose funds, contrary to what people may think, are not adequate for the purpose for which they are designed, i.e. clergy pay, pensions, and building new parsonages and churches where they are needed). Nor does a Parish Church receive any grant from public funds.

The Parish Church has always been a local responsibility. For example, in the 1630's Wickhamford parishioners had to build the main part of their Church and meet the cost from their own resources. Therefore it is right that we should build up a fund for maintaining this beautiful building, and that we should not wait until major repair is needed and then be forced to launch an emergency appeal. Seen in this context the £650 profit from the Floral Festival is a splendid achievement, but I think you will agree that we are not being over cautious when we say that we will need every penny of it. After all (assuming that the Festival happens every three years) the fund allows us only £217 a year . . . not really very much at present day costs to maintain an ancient and very beautiful building, is it?

Congratulations to Beverly Daffurn and her pony on their achievement at the Royal International Horse Show at Wembley in July. They were placed in the first ten of the class for 13.2 hands ponies. (I dare not mention the Gymkhana rosettes won by local pony club members of Aldington, Badsey and Wickhamford, as we should need an extra page. I must restrict my reporting to Wembley, Hickstead and Badminton).

The Senior Residents' outing to Symonds Yat on July 17th was enjoyed by 53 members. There was a short trip on the River Wye, tea and a drive to the Forest of Dean. Unfortunately, there was a spot of rain . . . but it did not spoil the day.

Sunday School (minimum age three years) will open again on the first Sunday after the beginning of the school term, at 11 a.m. in the Memorial Hall.

Playgroup begins again on Wednesday, September 4th. There will now be five sessions a week (Monday to Friday), 9-15 to 12-15. The fee will be 30p. per session. Any enquiries to Mrs. D. Newman, 21, Drysdale Close (Tel. 830131).

Wickhamford Memorial Hall

The Committee are pleased to announce that the renovation of Wickhamford Memorial Hall has been completed, and there will be a Cheese and Wine evening on the 5th September to celebrate this occasion.

Tickets are available from committee members.

Following the completion of the Hall a new memorial plaque to those villagers who died in the two world wars will be unveiled at a re-dedication service to be held on the afternoon of 10th November, 1974, (further details in next month's magazine).

Future events in the hall include a Barn Dance with 'fish and chip supper' to be held on Saturday, 5th October, 1974, (tickets 60p. including food), and a Christmas Dance on Saturday, 7th December.

J.S.

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Tuesday Open House

Tuesday Open House is where the ladies of the village and their friends meet. They have over the past years enjoyed Wine Tasting, Cooking and Flower Demonstrations, and discussions on Crime Prevention, Drugs, Home Safety and Child Fostering, as well as many others. Men are permitted to join their ladies for the Annual Dinner/Dance and Skittles, which have always proved successful and enjoyable events!!!

The present committee has now completed its term of office and the following are needed in order for Tuesday Open House to continue: Leader, Secretary, Treasurer and four Committee Members. The above places will be filled by election at the A.G.M. to be held on Tuesday, 22nd October at 7-45 p.m., at the Memorial Hall.

Following this short meeting examples of handicrafts ideal for Christmas presents will be on display and will include Woodturnings, Gem-stone Jewellery, Handmade Ties, Vanda Cosmetics, Christmas Cards, etc. Exhibitors will be willing to take orders for Christmas delivery.

ALL VILLAGERS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME.

Any nominations for committee may be handed to Mrs. A. Sharp, 10, Manor Road (830157) who will be pleased to supply further details on Tuesday Open House activities.

N.B. Tuesday, 22nd October, 1974 - 'Open House'
A.G.M. at the Memorial Hall, Wickhamford at 7-45 p.m.

A.S.