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A Letter from the Reverend Ron Churchill

Mr. Churchill needs no introduction to Badsey readers, but for those who have moved into the parish recently and for those in Wickhamford who did not know him, a word of introduction will not come amiss. Ron Churchill was until last year very much part of the Badsey scene. He was a market gardener and local councillor, and for some years was Chairman of the Parish Council and Chairman of the School Managers. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Church in Evesham. Last year he was ordained into the ministry of the Methodist Church, and left Badsey to take up his new work in Yorkshire. Because of his close and continuing links with our parish I asked Ron if he would write a letter for this magazine, and also if he would preach in Badsey Church on the Sunday evening after the Flower Show (July 27th). I am delighted to say that he has agreed to do both. This is what he writes:

It is now nearly eight months since my wife and I left Badsey, and even now there are times when we find it hard to realise just what the changes really mean.

We have come to a very beautiful but very different part of the country. Our new home is in the village of Dacre Banks in the middle of Niddersdale about 10 miles from Harrogate and Ripon. It is hilly countryside, the River Nidd is a fast flowing river rising on Great Whernside and finally emptying into the Ouse in the Plain of Kork below Knaresborough. Market Gardening is non-existent and grass is all important, the main part of farming being sheep and dairying. In spite of dire predictions of some of our friends the winter has been mild!!!

My work is both interesting and demanding, I have ten churches under my care, the largest is at Summerbridge, a village adjoining Dacre Banks, this is a live church with very good youth work and some fine lay leaders.

Gertie is a great help to me and we feel we really have been accepted into the life of the community.

We have excellent relationships with both Anglicans and Roman Catholics and I join each month in discussions at a Ministers Fraternal, last month we met here at our Manse.

We have many happy memories of Badsey, and hope to be back for the Flower Show. We look forward confident that God has called us into this new life and work, and ask for your prayers that we may be given grace and strength to serve Our Lord among a people to whom it is a privilege to minister.

R. G. Churchill.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Church Services in June

- 1 Trinity 1. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 4 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 8 Trinity 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.
- 11 St. Barnabas. 10-0 H.C.
- 15 Trinity 3. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 18 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 22 Trinity 4. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.
- 24 St. John the Baptist. 7-30 a.m. H.C.
- 25 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 29 St. Peter. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Service; 6-30 Evensong.

July

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

Servers' Rota - June

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

July

- 6 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 S. Dore; 6-30 T. Knight (C).

Holy Baptism

On May 18th: Paul Henry Charles Felton.

Funerals

On April 24th: Herbert Spencer.

On April 25th: Charlotte Matilda Caswell, aged 88 years.

On May 12th: Evelyn Silvester, aged 52 years.

On May 21st: Albert Webb, aged 79 years.

Bert Spencer

Mr. Spencer had been, until the last year of his life, a keen bell-ringer, and a loyal member of the Badsey team of ringers. His experience as a bell-ringer went back over many years, and during that time he must have visited and rung in countless numbers of towers throughout the length and breadth of the country. For some time in his younger years he was a bell-ringer at St. Martin's in the Bullring, Birmingham. His experience and keenness will be much missed by his friends and fellow ringers at St. James'. We send our deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

Charlotte Matilda Caswell

Mrs. Caswell, senior, widow of Frank Caswell of the Forge, Chapel Street, died in hospital on April 22nd. Born Charlotte Robbins, she spent some of her childhood at Old Post Office Lane, and was one of that now diminishing band of pupils who attended the 'Old' school (now the Legion Club). From her years spent at the Forge Cottage she was known to a large number of people in the village, though she outlived most of her contemporaries and friends of those days. In recent times she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Barnett, in Bengeworth, and the last two years she spent in Avon-side hospital and Durcott House. We send our condolences to the family in their loss.

Evelyn Silvester

Born Evelyn Keen fifty two years ago, Mrs. Silvester died in Queen Elizabeth hospital, Birmingham on May 7th. For many years she had been the victim of ill-health; indeed, for practically her entire adult life. This she had learned to endure with patience. In 1941 she married Horace Henry Silvester from Honeybourne, and they made their home in Badsey. We send our deepest sympathy in their bereavement to the family.

Albert Webb

Mr. Webb had spent many years at Whitfurrows in Wickhamford, before coming to Badsey in his retirement a few years ago. Born and bred in Worcestershire, he met his wife during the First World War when he was serving in the forces and she was working at Evesham hospital. In peacetime he took up Market Gardening and settled in Wickhamford. The last two years of his life were overshadowed by the loss of his wife and daughter. We send our condolences to his family in their bereavement.

Donations

In memory of Charlotte Caswell, £20, from the Caswell family.

In memory of Alice and Philip Edward Brailsford, £1, from Mrs. F. Cleaver.

A gift of £5 from Mr. and Mrs. M. Brady.

Monthly Prayer Group

Friday, June 6th, 7-30 p.m. at Seward House.

Friday, July 4th, 7-30 p.m. at 36, Brewer's Lane.

Quarterly Prayer Group

Tuesday, June 17th, 2-30 p.m. at the Vicarage.

Parochial Church Council

Tuesday, June 17th, 7-30 p.m. at the Meeting House.

Wednesday, July 16th, 7-30 p.m. at the Meeting House. Please note the change of time from 7-15 to 7-30 p.m.

Sick and Convalescent (as on May 20th)

William Yeates, Michael Pearson, Mons Marshall, Tom Harris, Tom Major, Bert Lake, William Hardiman, Frank Reeves, Joyce Knight (convalescent at home).

Congratulations to Mr. Maurice Brady on his recent successful exhibition of paintings at the Round of Gras.

Women's Institute

June 11th: 'Music for Fun' by Mr. G. Evans.

Social Time: Memory Test.

Competition: Limerick (There was a young lady of Badsey...)

July 9th: Care and Maintenance of carpets by Mr. R. Mills.

Social Time: Whist Drive.

Competition: Best Carpet Pattern.

Mothers' Union - June

Wednesday, 4th, 10-0 a.m. Corporate Communion.

Tuesday, 17th, 2-30 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting at the Vicarage.

Monday, 23rd. Visit to Eastnor Children's Home and Tea at Malvern. Names to me please as soon as possible,

Friends of Catherine Marshall might like to know that she is progressing well but gets a little confused at times. Therefore she is unable to write letters. But I'm sure she would appreciate a line sometimes just to let her know we have not forgotten her.

J.B.

War Memorial Rota - June

8th, Mrs. L. Reeves; 15th, Mrs. G. Grove; 29th, Mrs. Edwards.

Sixty Plus Club

June 18th: Meeting as usual.

June 26th (Thursday): It is hoped to arrange a Mystery Tour for this evening.

P.C.

Chrysalis Club

We seem to have a rather energetic month with Badsey Rec and Crown Meadow being our rendezvous for rounders and other games.

A group of members visited the Bible Exhibition at Evesham Town Hall and found it most interesting and took part in a "Quiz" organised for younger visitors.

We welcome Paul Brazier as our member of the month. He attends Blackminster School where he undoubtedly livens proceedings in the same way that he does at club meetings. His main interest is football and he is extremely keen on a club in the North - Up the Reds.

We offer our best wishes to Nigel Ford of Wickhamford who becomes a teenager on the 9th June.

Finally, many thanks to the eight young persons who took part in the Rotary Club of Evesham Sponsored Walk for the Royal Commonwealth Society of the Blind on Sunday, 11th May. All completed the 12 miles course and raised a total in excess of £72.00. Yours truly is still recovering.

S. H. Edwards.

Wickhamford Patronal Festival

The Churchwardens and P.C.C. of Wickhamford invite members of the Badsey congregation to join them at St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday, June 22nd at 3-0 p.m. for their Patronal Service, and for refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Services in June

- 1 Trinity 1. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).
- 8 Trinity 2. 3-0 Evensong and Holy Baptism.
- 15 Trinity 3. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 22 Patronal Festival. 3-0 Evensong.
- 29 St. Peter. 3-0 Evensong.

July

- 6 Trinity 6. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).

Servers' Rota

June 1st, D. Carter; June 15th, S. Noyes; July 6th, D. Carter.

Patronal Festival

We shall be keeping this Festival on Sunday, June 22nd with a service of Evensong at 3-0 p.m., followed by refreshments in the Memorial Hall. All parishioners are invited.

Vale Folk Dance Club

The club meets at Wickhamford Memorial Hall at 8-0 p.m. on June 10th and July 8th. Membership fee 30 pence. Children must be at least 14 years old if they wish to become members. Coffee served free. Squash 2 pence a beaker.

Hon. Sec., Miss Jenny Jones (Tel. 830372).

Playcorner

The Public Appeal for this project has raised £98.26. On June 1st a sponsored walk was arranged and the result of that will be reported in the next issue. A Grand Draw will take place at the Cheese and Wine Party in the Memorial Hall on September 12th. Prizes to Mrs. J. Corbett, please, 34, Sally Close.

Wickhamford Women's Institute

At the May meeting, members discussed the Resolutions for the Annual General Meeting in London, and their Delegate (Mrs. Shannon-Garvey) was instructed how to vote.

Owing to the illness of the Speaker, Mrs. Wiley-Croaker of Broadway kindly came along at very short notice and gave members a most interesting account of her days as a model and also how she went on from there to form her own modelling agency. She was thanked by Mrs. Hustler.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames E. Litterick, D. Harman, K. Harman and M. Claydon.

The monthly Flower Competition was won by Mrs. V. Johnson with Mrs. H. Coles second and Mrs. K. Harman third.

P. Hancock.

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