

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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## BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

### Church Services in June

- 6 WHITSUN (or Pentecost). 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.  
9 Wednesday (Ember Day). 10-0 H.C.  
13 TRINITY SUNDAY. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 H.C. (said); 6-30 Evensong.  
15 St. Barnabas. 7-30 H.C.  
16 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.  
20 Trinity 1. 8-0 H.C.; 9-30 at Wickhamford (Patronal Feast); 4-0 Evensong.  
23 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.  
27 Trinity 2. 8-0 H.C.; 10-15 Mattins (said); 6-30 Sung Eucharist.  
29 St. Peter. 7-30 H.C.  
30 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.

### July

- 4 Trinity 3. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

Please Note that in place of the Family Eucharist on Sunday, June 20th we shall be joining Wickhamford for their Patronal Festival Eucharist at 9-30.

### Servers - June

- 6 8-0 S. Gresty; 10-45 T. Knight (S), S. Dore (C); 6-30 A. Watkin.  
13 8-0 A. Betteridge; 10-45 A. Owen; 6-30 M. Clements.  
20 8-0 G. Toney.  
27 8-0 N. Bell; 6-30 D. Barrant (S), Paul Brazier (C).  
July  
4 8-0 P. Gresty; 10-45 S. Dore (S), P. Brazier (C); 6-30 T. Knight.

### Holy Baptism

On May 16th:

Timothy Michael Dudfield; Jonathan James Gordon Winter.

### Funeral

On May 4th:

Emily Ada Ballard, aged 82 years.

### Emily Ballard

She was the daughter of James and Elizabeth Hardiman, and was born in Badsey in 1894. Her father had come originally from Winchcombe and had settled in Badsey to become a Market Gardener. Her uncle John Hardiman was the village blacksmith and lived in 'Hollywood Villa' (the remains of the old forge are still visible), and her other uncle, William Hardiman, was a baker and worked with Mr. Cull. Emily Hardiman spent some of her early years in the centre cottage of the group of three which face up the High Street from Mill Lane. In 1916 she married William Ballard, himself a market gardener and the son of a Badsey grower. These facts indicate how closely she was involved in the traditional Badsey life. She remained through her life a steadfast member of her church, being a founder member of the local branch of the Mothers' Union and a regular communicant. In later years she was confined by infirmity to her home in Badsey Fields Lane, and it distressed her to feel that she was losing touch with the village she had known so well. We remember her with gratitude and commend her soul into the hands of God. May she rest in peace.

### Donations

In memory of Alice and Edward Brailsford: £1 (from Mrs. F. Cleaver).

As a birthday thankoffering: £1 (donated anonymously).

In memory of Philip Sparrow £136 (donated by the family and friends; see below).

### The Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting

This took place on Sunday, April 25th after Evensong. The following elections were made:

Churchwardens: Messrs. R. Taylor and G. Willcox.

Deanery Synod representatives: Messrs. G. Willcox, P. Tucker, S. Edwards, J. Ives.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. K. Cole.

Deputy Warden: Mr. P. Tucker.

Electoral Roll Officer: Miss L. Core.

Parochial Church Council Secretary: Mr. D. Granger.

Parochial Church Council: Messrs. P. Embleton, R. Seaman, J. Houlton, A. Owen, D. Granger, K. Cole., J. Mytton; Mesdames A. Owen, F. Betteridge, D. Watkin, Miss J. Sladden and Miss M. Vaudin. Ex-Officio: the Churchwardens and the Deanery Synod representatives.

P.C.C. Meeting: June 8th, 7-30 p.m. in the Church.

### The Church Clock

During recent months the chiming mechanism has taken to jumping two hours, so that periodically we have had to silence the hour chimes until the mechanism can be corrected. In May the clock was looked at by a representative of the well known Tower Clock firm, Smiths of Derby, and after a long examination no evident cause for this erratic behaviour was discovered. Should it 'jump' again, we have been asked to note the hour at which it does so. There is no way of doing this short of counting the chimes at every consecutive hour, day and night, until such time as the sequence is broken! None of us is going to do that, but if anyone does by chance happen to hear the clock chime the wrong hour and if he can be certain that he heard it chime correctly the hour before, he is asked to make a note of the hour and inform the Vicar. This is a good moment to thank those who wind the clock twice a week: Mr. T. Sparrow and Mr. M. Clements. Clambering up the narrow stairway to the clock chamber at the top of the tower and winding the heavy weights which drive the mechanism is no light task.

### The Church Flag

By tradition the flag of England (not the Union Jack) is flown from Church Towers on important festivals. In Badsey we fly our flag at Easter, Christmas, Whitsun, on Ascension Day and St. James' Day (July 25th). We are grateful to our 'Flag Officer', Nicholas Bell, for attending to this unenviable job.

### The Paschal Candle

An anonymous gift has been made to the Church of a Paschal Candle stand. The wrought iron stand is the work of Mr. David Caswell, and it has been fashioned to match the design of the flower stands. We shall keep the Paschal Candle alight during services in Easter-tide according to the custom of the Church, and it will be placed next to the font at Christenings as a reminder that each child is baptised into the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### The North Transept

The alterations have now been done and all that remains is for the curtain to be hung. The re-arrangement of the pews and the new carpet certainly make a handsome improvement to a part of the Church, which in the past had become dark and dowdy, and we have now begun to use it for meetings. Special thanks must go to Mr. Peter Tucker for his strenuous efforts in this work, and to Mr. Albert Owen and Mr. George Willcox who helped him to redecorate the walls of the Transept.

### Donations in memory of the late Mr. Philip Sparrow

The friends and family of Phil Sparrow gave a total of £272 as a memorial donation. Mrs. Sparrow wishes to thank all those who gave so generously. She has asked that the money be divided between the local branch of the Royal British Legion and the Parish Church. The recipients of this gift also wish to record their gratitude.

### CHURCH FETE

In the Vicarage Garden (Village Hall if wet)

On Saturday, June 26th, at 2-30 p.m.

ALL THE USUAL STALLS. BAND. TUG O' WAR.  
GREASY POLE. SKITTLES. TEAS. TOMBOLA  
CHILDREN'S GAMES.

### Bottle Stall

Mr. Peter Tucker is collecting bottles for the fete, and asks for contributions. Anything from Tomato Sauce to Chanel Number 5 will be gratefully received. Please tell him if you can give a bottle, or leave it at his house (Field Cottage, Mill Lane) or in the vestry of the Church.

### Women's Institute

June 9th. Talk: 'Misuse of Drugs'.  
Social Time: Where am I going?  
Competition: The most unusual piece of Jewellery.  
July 14th. Talk: Canals, by Mr. Partington.  
Social Time: Quiz on local flora.  
Competition: Arrangement of wild flowers.  
August: No Meeting.

### Badsey Wives

June 7th: Potties.  
June 21st: Skittles at the Hobnails.  
The Badsey Wives meet twice monthly at the Village Hall at 8-0 p.m., and will always welcome new members.

### War Memorial Rota - June

7th, Mrs. L. Reeves; 21st, Mrs. G. Groye; 28th, Mrs. S. Knight.

### Mothers' Union

Wednesday, June 2nd, 10-0 a.m. Corporate Communion.  
Tuesday, 22nd June, 7-30 p.m. Branch Meeting at Mrs. Harvey's, 6, Chapel Street. Speaker: Mr. Brinsford, Worcester - "Training and Work of a Lay Reader".  
Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Bartlett, J. Sparrow and D. Sparrow.

J.B.

The Vicar chaired the Annual General Meeting of Badsey M.U. which took place on April 27th, at 7-30 p.m.

After usual business Mrs. Betteridge, enrolling member, gave her report. Although sad to be resigning, she proudly recollected having only missed three meetings, due to illness, in nine years in office. Mrs. Betteridge also resigns after six years as Deanery Presiding Member. She thanked her committee and branch for their support and presented Mrs. Richards, treasurer and Mrs. Bartlett, secretary with pot plants from the branch.

Mrs. Watkin, on behalf of the Branch thanked Mrs. Betteridge for her devoted service to the M.U. and presented her with a brooch from members.

The following committee were elected to stand for the coming three years: Mesdames Bell (enrolling member), Belham, Davis, Harvey, Ives, Mytton and Reed.

A. Bartlett.

### Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday, June 23rd, 2-30 p.m. at The Royal British Legion Club. Please note the change to the fourth Wednesday for this month.

### 1st Badsey Girl Guides

April 7th saw the formation of the Badsey Girl Guide Company which now has 26 guides meeting each Wednesday from 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. in the Scout H.Q. on the recreation ground.

The company is run by the Guider in charge, Mrs. E. Bolland, with the Assistant Guider, Mrs. Cheri Webb, and Unit Helpers, Mrs. Beryl Burton and Mrs. Lily Stafford, along with Rangers, Sandra and Jane Lashford.

At the present moment, the guides are working hard for their enrolment badges.

The Guide leaders were most grateful for the generous monetary donations by the Brownies to start their funds, and the Guides own Supporters Group with their leader being Mrs. Pat Poulter was formed on May 5th.

E.B.

### 1st Badsey Brownie Pack

A very successful Coffee Evening was held recently by the Brownies at the home of Mrs. Pat Chilver ("Brown Owl"), Broadway Road, Evesham.

Over £30 was raised which was donated to the newly formed Badsey Girl Guide Company.

P.C.

### Under Eight Sunday School

The present session of Sunday School will finish on Sunday, June 27th; restarting on September 5th in Mrs. Goldstraw's Nursery School, when we hope many new 4 to 7 year olds will join us.

We also hope parents will continue to bring, and send their young children to the 10-45 a.m. Family Eucharist on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

D. Bell.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### Church Services in June

- 6 WHITSUN. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 13 TRINITY SUNDAY. 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 20 PATRONAL FESTIVAL. 9-30 Family Eucharist.
- 27 Trinity 2. 11-0 Family Service (Mattins).

#### July

- 4 Trinity 3. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).

**Please Note** the three important festivals on the 6th, 13th and 20th. Whitsun with Easter and Christmas are occasions when all communicants are expected to receive the Sacrament. Please do not be misled by those who persist in referring to the Spring Bank Holiday (May 31st) as the Whitsun holiday. The two occasions are distinct.

#### Servers

June 6th, T. Mobley; June 20th, J. Simmonds; July 4th, D. Carter.

#### Holy Baptism

On May 9th: Debbie Louise Willies.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Ted Roberts has been unwell for some weeks at her home in Manor Road. and that Mrs. Sturt (senior) had a fall, though happily without any broken bones. We wish them both a speedy recovery. We are glad to report that Mrs. Parker whose leg was broken nearly eighteen months ago has recently had the pin removed. We wish her a more rapid improvement than has been the case so far. Mrs. Florence Pitman has been in hospital for some months in Worcester; we send her our greetings and best wishes.

#### Coffee Morning

In the Village Hall on Saturday, July 10th. 10-30 to noon, for Church funds. Please make a note in your diaries of this date.

Welcome to Miss Holland who has recently moved into 32, Drysdale Close. We hope that she will be very happy in her new home.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Poulter on the birth of their daughter Jessica.

#### Wickhamford Gardening Club

Members and friends will be visiting Hidcote Manor Gardens on Wednesday, 23rd June. Travelling by cars we will be leaving the Sandys Arms at 6-30 p.m.

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Competition - Pelargoniums.

All are welcome.

#### Wickhamford Village Hall

Whist Drive on Wednesday, 2nd June, at 7-30 p.m. Admission 20p. All welcome.

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