

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW



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Dear Friends,

This seems to be the time of year for Annual General Meetings. Whichever way one turns one is reminded by poster or advertisement that the A.G.M. of such-and-such a society is impending and that one's presence is urgently required. Judging from the perennially poor attendance at such meetings few, if any, of us look forward to AGM's in a spirit of excited wonder, and those of us who do attend do so more from a sense of duty than in the expectation of an entertaining evening out!

But having written that, may I now remind all of you (especially those who are on the Church Electoral Roll) that our Annual Parochial Church Meetings are approaching. At Badsey the A.P.C.M. will be held in Church immediately following the Eucharist (6-30 p.m.) on Sunday, March 27th. In Wickhamford it will be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, March 30th at 7-30 p.m.

One purpose of the meeting is to elect the Churchwardens; all adult parishioners are entitled to vote for the candidate of their choice, providing that the candidate has been properly proposed and seconded and has given his or her consent.

The meeting will then receive the audited accounts for 1976, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions arising from the Treasurer's report. The meeting will also receive brief reports about the activities of the Church during the past year.

Finally, the meeting will elect the new Parochial Church Council. Candidates and voters in this election must be members of the Church Electoral Roll.

Now, all that sounds rather dry and dusty... but don't be deceived by appearances! Many parishioners are perhaps unaware of much which is being done on their behalf by their Churchwardens, Church Treasurers and P.C.C. members. Do please come along to your Annual Parochial Church Meeting and show by your presence and your votes that you are interested in what has been done for the Church by your elected officers. I am sure that neither they nor the Church Councillors look for praise... but I do feel they deserve our support. Don't you?

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

#### Lent Course of Addresses on Thursdays at 7-45 p.m.

- February 24th. Wickhamford Church. The Revd. W. Barton. 'The Gospel and Drama'.  
March 3rd. S. Littleton Church. Capt. Barry Irons, C.A. 'Drug addiction and Drop-outs'.  
March 10th. Offenham Church. The Revd. P. Cope, 'The Gospel and Industry'.  
March 17th. Pershore, St. Andrew's Centre. Film 'Mission Unlimited' (coach).  
March 24th. Bretforton Church. The Revd. A. Croft. 'The Gospel and Agriculture'.  
March 31st. Cleeve Prior Church. Film Strip on the Monastic Life.

If you wish to attend any or all of these meetings and need transport please ask the Vicar or the Churchwardens, who will be able to put you in touch with a car owner. If you can offer a lift, please make this known.

#### The Vicar of Bray (Revised)

A pirated copy of the following verses was sent to the Editor by a parishioner. With a rash disregard for the Copyright Laws the Editor includes it below.

When Books of Common Prayer were rife  
And Tudor speech no harm meant,  
A loyal Cranmer's man was I,  
And so I got preferment;  
And when they gave us Series I

Communion Rite amended,  
I loyally gave it a run,  
And said 'Why this is splendid'.  
For this is the law that I'll maintain  
Until my dying day, Sir;  
Whatever Series come to reign,  
I'll be the Vicar of Bray, Sir.

The next bombshell was Series II  
With all its innovations,  
And loyally I made it do  
With all its limitations.  
I gladly said 'Thy will be done  
ON earth instead of IN it,  
And promptly turned down Series I  
All eager to begin it.  
For this is the law....

Now Series III has on us burst  
With all its verbal changes,  
And loyal Presidents will thirst  
To sample all its ranges.  
Gone are such words as Thee and Thou,  
We greet our God as You, Sir  
And if you would be with it now  
You'll drop old Series II, Sir.  
For this is the law....

In '77 comes Series IV;  
\_Oh please do not be vexed, Sir!  
And verbal juggling galore  
Is what we can expect, Sir.  
Perhaps by then we'll all be taught  
To call the Lord 'Old Chappie'  
And, having thus reduced to naught  
All reverence, we'll be happy.  
For this is the law....

(Copied (without permission) from the Journal of the Royal Army Chaplain's Department).

### BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

#### Church Services in March

- 2 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 6 Lent 2. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 9 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 13 Lent 3. 8-0 H.C.; 6-30 Evensong.
- 16 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 20 Lent 4. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 23 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.
- 25 The Annunciation. 7-30 H.C.
- 27 Lent 5. 8-0 H.C.; 6-30 Sung Eucharist, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.
- 30 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.

#### April

- 3 Palm Sunday. 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 5 Tuesday. 7-30 Evensong.
- 6 Wednesday. 10-0 H.C.; 7-30 Evensong.
- 7 Maundy Thursday. 7-30 p.m. Sung Eucharist.
- 8 Good Friday. 10-0 Mattins; 2-0 Devotions and Address; 7-30 Evensong (said).
- 9 Holy Saturday. 7-30 Evensong (said).
- 10 EASTER DAY. 8-0 H.C.; 10-45 Family Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

#### Servers' Rota

#### March

- 6 10-45 T. Knight (S), Paul Brazier (C); 6-30 A. Watkin.
- 13 8-0 A. Betteridge; 6-30 M. Clements.
- 20 10-45 A. Betteridge (S), Paul Brazier (C).

27 8-0 A. Watkin; 6-30 D. Barrand (S).

#### April

- 3 10-45 Paul Brazier (S), A. Watkin (C);  
6-30 T. Knight.  
7 Maundy Thursday. 7-30 p.m. A. Owen.  
10 Easter Day. 8-0 A. Betteridge; 10-45 A. Watkin (S).  
Paul Brazier (C); 6-30 M. Clements.

**Confession.** The Vicar will hear Confession in Church on Wednesday, April 6th at 7-45 p.m. or by appointment.

#### Holy Baptism

On February 20th: Jamie Thomas.

#### Holy Matrimony

- On February 12th:  
Christopher Donald Taylor and Ann Margaret Holley.  
On February 22nd:  
Peter Gerald Spencer and Elizabeth Mary Wheatley.

#### Funeral

On February 4th:  
William Hatch, (service in Church followed by cremation at Cheltenham).

#### Bill Hatch

He was born in Badsey and lived all his years in the village. He had been a keen supporter and participant in many village activities, especially the Flower Show (he was a committee member for many years) and the Badsey Rangers F.C. He had also been chairman of the Remembrance Hall committee, and on the committee of the original Badsey Boy Scouts, when they used the 'Old School' as their H.Q. During recent years he been handicapped by failing eyesight, which compelled him to give up his motor bike and constricted his activities. Two years ago he suffered a disabling stroke, and he had to give up his home in Green Leys, and move into Durcott Lodge. Many will remember him with gratitude as a cheerful and active member of the parish. May he rest in peace.

#### Sick and Convalescent (as on February 20th)

Ada Podesta, Harold Wheatley, Una Royle, Polly Hutchings, Hilda Aldrich, Clifford Horton, Ausin Jones, Maurice Gorham, Reg Hardiman, Alfred Ankers, Mary Tutton.

**The P.C.C.:** Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15th, 7-30 p.m. in Church.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** this will be held in Church immediately after the Eucharist on the evening (6-30) of Sunday, March 27th.

#### Donations

£6 in memory of the late Mrs. Ivy Godwin.  
£5 in memory of the late Mrs. Florence Knight.  
£5, anonymously donated.

#### Mothers' Union

Wednesday, March 2nd: Corporate Communion 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, March 8th: Mr. Barry Newman to speak in Church Transcept.  
Thursday, March 17th: Centenary Film at 7-30 p.m. in Pershore.  
Friday, March 25th: LADY DAY Deanery Festival Service in All Saints Church, Evesham at 7-30 p.m.  
This will be in place of Tuesday, March 22nd meeting which is cancelled..

We shall have a coach for both the away items - particulars from committee.

#### Badsey Women's Institute

The evening meeting opened with Mrs. W. Smith, President welcoming all members both old and new.

Future Outings arranged are a trip to "Hello Dolly" at Stratford in February and a day trip to Canterbury in May.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Tandy, Sharp, Seal and Richards.

Mr. Vivian of Dewhursts gave a talk on "making the most of meat", he brought many joints with him and very kindly donated a duckling for a draw which was won by Mrs. Stockwin.

March 9th, 1977, at 7-30 p.m.:

Music - use your ears - Mr. Evans.  
Social Time: Charades.  
Competition: Decorated hen's egg.

Wednesday, March 23rd at the Remembrance Hall at 7-30 p.m. Golden Jubilee Anniversary Party.

R. E. Merrett (Secretary).

#### Sixty Plus Club

As usual, Wednesday, March 16th.  
Many thanks to all who helped the appeal for old Christmas Cards. We can also use old Birthday Cards.

#### Inside the Chancel

The work on the Choir Vestry is now almost complete. I say 'almost' because I am hoping completion will mean a small plaque has been placed in the vestry to perpetuate the memory of the late Mrs. Catherine Marshall. I feel, and I hope you will agree with me that we should remember her with pride for the work she did for our Church during her lifetime. I only knew the musical side but most of you will have memories of the other functions in which she was involved. My thanks to Mrs. Betteridge who with the aid of her magic needle made the curtains and to Mr. Willcox who, with his equally magic brush did the decorating.

The Choir is maintaining strength but we could do with more support on the men's and ladies' section. Now the days are lengthening and the weather prospects brighter I hope to resume full practice before Easter. Far befit from me to grumble - when I look around some churches, I realize how lucky we are for our youthful support.

R.W.K.

#### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

##### Church Services in March

- 6 Lent 2. 9-30 H.C. (said).  
13 Lent 3. 3-0 Evensong and Baptism.  
20 Lent 4. 9-30 Family Eucharist; 3-0 Mothering Sunday Service.  
27 Lent 5. 11-0 Mattins.

#### April

- 3 Palm Sunday. 9-30 Holy Communion (said).  
6 Maundy Thursday. 8-0 H.C.  
7 Good Friday. 11-0 Mattins.  
10 EASTER DAY. 9-30 Family Eucharist; 3-0 Evensong.

**Server:** On March 20th and April 10th, Timothy Mobley.

#### Sick and Convalescent (as on February 20th)

Fred Abbott, Vera Lawley, Clifford Summers, Harry Marshall, Raymond Price, Violet Ward, Norman Atkins.

### Save the Church £100

The slab pathway to the Church needs relaying, and an estimated cost by a professional firm is approx. £100. If enough strong men/persons can be found to do this work voluntarily, then this money can be saved.

It is proposed that we have a work day on Saturday, March 26th (starting 9-30) to do this job. Name of volunteers to Mr. J. Sharp, 10 Manor Road (830157) or to Mr. Beacon, 11 Sally Close (830673) by March 13th, please.

### P.C.C.

The next meeting will be in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, March 9th, at 7-30 p.m.

A.P.C.M. in the Memorial Hall, Wednesday, March 30th at 7-30 p.m.

### Wickhamford Gardening Club

Mr. G. Burrows of Hidcote Manor Gardens will be speaking, and showing colour slides on "Flowers for the small garden".

The Competition is: 'Bulbs in a pot'.

Mr. Wardle will be supplying Fuschia cuttings in readiness for the July competition.

Members 15p. Visitors 25p. which includes refreshments.

Everyone is welcome.

### Wickhamford Jubilee Celebrations

The following fund raising efforts are being held in the Memorial Hall and it is hoped that as many people as possible will patronize these events.

#### Thursday, 17th March, 1977:

Bingo and Grand Draw. **Doors open 7-15 p.m. Eyes down 7-45 p.m.** During the evening the Grand Draw will take place and the Committee would like to thank all who have donated prizes for both the Draw and the Bingo.

#### Saturday, 23rd April, 1977:

Spring Fair - 10 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. Further details will be issued in the April edition of the Parish Review.

#### Saturday, 23rd April, 1977:

Concert - Doors open 7-0 p.m.  
Admission: Adults 40p. Children 20p.

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