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A Message from the County Road Safety Officer

Over many centuries, the Church in this Country has played a major part in the service of healing and life-saving.

It is therefore not surprising that when reports of death by hunger, earthquakes, flood and violence come from the Third World, a Christian responds by taking action of some kind.

Yet, on our own doorstep - or at any rate close to it, we have our own tragedies - death by motor car. Nineteen die every day on the roads and 900 are injured. The cost to the nation is enormous - £1,000 million every year. Many victims never recover - they become hospital cases for life.

The circumstances may differ but death by bullet or by motor car is the same in the end. Both are violent, both are tragedies, both are a blot on humanity.

In the County of Hereford and Worcester a large number of collisions happen at crossroads. The accident records show 'failure to comply with road sign or signal' as a prime cause. Behind that failure may lie another more trivial factor, but whatever it was, the sign was disobeyed, ignored, or treated carelessly. The sign most often abused is 'Give way' which is not advisory it is mandatory. It means: Give Way to traffic on the major road.

We could save ourselves a sizeable slice of the accident problem by remembering that the signs are there for our guidance, information and protection. You may say there are too many. Others disagree - they want more. Come what may, we are stuck with them and we should therefore stick to the task of obeying them.

The County's Road Safety Section hopes to bring this message home to the public in the coming months and it seeks the help of all Christian people in doing so. The theme is 'Look and Live' - Look for the signs - do what they command or advise - and stay alive. No one will deny his or her responsibility to save life when the call comes from far afield - equally no one can opt out of our problem nearer home.

BADSEY, BLACKMINSTER, ALDINGTON AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

Services at St. James' Church, Badsey

June

- 4 Trinity 2. 10-45 The Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 7 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 11 Trinity . 8-0 The Eucharist; 6-3;0 Evensong.
- 13 St. Barnabas (transferred from the 11th). 7-0 p.m. The Eucharist.
- 14 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 18 Trinity 4. 10-45 The Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.
- 21 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 25 Trinity 5. 8-0 The Eucharist; 11-0 Patronal Festival at Wickhamford; 6-30 Evensong .
- 28 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.
- 29 Thursday. St. Peter's Day. 7-0 p.m. The Eucharist.

July

- 2 Trinity 6. 10-45 The Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.
- 4 Visitation of the B.V.M. 7-0 p.m. The Eucharist.
- 5 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.

Please Note that Wickhamford will celebrate the Patronal Festival of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist on Sunday, June 25th with a special Eucharist at 11-00. Members of the Badsey congregation are invited to join their sister congregation. The Badsey choir have been invited by the Wickhamford P.C.C. to come too. Because it is hoped that there will be a good attendance

of Badsey people at the Wickhamford Eucharist in the morning, the Badsey evening Eucharist will be replaced by Evensong on that Sunday.

Holy Baptism

On May 21st: Ian Geoffrey Seabright.

Holy Matrimony

On May 27th:

Barry Hart and Jeanette Powell. To both of whom our best wishes and warm congratulations.

Funeral

On May 4th: Gertrude Emily Grove, aged 66 years.

Gertrude Grove

It came as a great shock to her many friends in Badsey to learn of Gertie Grove's death. Only the night before she had been out at Bingo, and it seemed that only a few days before that she had been enjoying herself at the Sixty Plus Club and at the Legion. The grim reminder that 'In the midst of life we are in death' was on this occasion softened by the knowledge that she died without preliminary suffering, and that she was so obviously enjoying life to the end. However, that can be of only little comfort to her family who have lost so suddenly a mother and grandmother. To them goes our deepest sympathy. She will be much missed by a wide number of people, and the village has lost in her one of those parishioners who are prepared to work for their community.

Donations

In loving memory of Alice and Philip Edward Brailsford, £2 (from Mrs. K. Cleaver).

Sick or Convalescent (as on May 20th)

Brian Cleland and Robert Wilson (recovering from motor-bike accidents); Beatrice Hampton, Ivy Pitts, Douglas Huxley, Harry Ingles. Three infant members of the Hall family of Synehurst Avenue were in hospital in May, but are now improving: Stuart Hall and his baby sister Michelle (children of Melvin and Pauline); and Stephen (infant son of Morris and Helen).

War Memorial Rota

June 4th, Mrs. L. Knight; June 18th, Mrs. A. Strides.

Coffee Evening (Overseas Project)

This was well attended and, thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Sears and other members of the Overseas Committee £100 was raised for our fund to help towards the cost of training an Eskimo priest, Bobby Nakoolok.

GARDEN PARTY

AT 7, CHESTNUT CLOSE, ALDINGTON
(by kind invitation of Mr. George Willcox)

ON FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd, at 7-30 p.m.

CHURCH FETE

IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN

(Remembrance Hall if wet)

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, at 2-30 p.m.

The Bretforton Silver Band. Children's Fancy Dress.
Stalls. Displays.

Situations Vacant

Do you like looking after unruly boys and are you free on Tuesday evenings? If so would you like to help the **Badsey Scouts**?

We also have vacancies for a treasurer and a secretary, suit someone who likes working for nothing. If interested telephone 831059 or 830837.

Badsey Women's Institute

Mrs. W. Smith, President, welcomed members and the visiting V.C.O. Mrs. Pugh.

Extra support is needed for the trading stall and this will help both members and W.I. Names may be given in for a friendly skittles match on June 21st at the New Inn, Pershore. Any old piles of newspapers would be gratefully received by the scouts.

A lively and informative discussion followed on the A.G.M. resolutions ably conducted by Mrs. Pugh. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Sharp, Smith, Perkins and Robbins.

The draw was won by Mrs. E. Reed.

The Drama Group then entertained with a play 'Dirty Work' produced by Mrs. D. Bell and they were thanked by Mrs. Reed.

June 14th:

- Home-made wines - Mr. Dodgson.
- Social Time - Where am I going.
- Competition - A home-made cocktail savoury.

Badsey Wives

We are going "a-rambling" on **Monday, June 5th** and hope to leave Badsey at 7-30 p.m. Transport will be arranged between the members. If you need any details please phone Sonya Ealey 831112.

On June 19th we are playing skittles at the "Hobnails", Toddington at 8 o'clock. We have a supper of Steak or Gammon in baps followed by Strawberry Shortcake, so if you wish to come make sure you contact Sonya as above, so that we can order the exact number of suppers.
L.M.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday, June 7th: 10-0 a.m. Corporate Communion.

Thursday, June 15th:

Coach leaves Wheatshaf at 1-30 p.m. for **Outing to Packwood House** followed by tea in Stratford and a tour of some of the Cotswolds, return by 8-30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21st:

Quiet Afternoon at Holland House, Cropthorne, 2-30 to 4 p.m. followed by light tea.

Saturday, June 24th:

Church Fete - we have a Kitchen Cupboard Stall.

Tuesday, June 27th:

Meeting in Transept 7-30 p.m. - Mrs. O. Dukes to speak on "Women Priests?"

Sixty Plus Club

June 14th: Usual club afternoon.
Last month, in spite of the cold weather, 52 members enjoyed an afternoon's tour to Cirencester and round the Cotswolds.

P.C.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Services in St. John the Baptist Church

June

- 4 Trinity 2. 9-30 The Eucharist.
- 11 Trinity 3. 9-30 The Eucharist.
- 18 Trinity 4. 9-30 The Eucharist.
- 25 **PATRONAL FESTIVAL.** 11-0 The Eucharist.

July

- 2 Trinity 6. 9-30 The Eucharist.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

We shall celebrate our Festival on **Sunday, June 25th.** The Service (the Eucharist) will be at 11-0 a.m. and we hope that this will be a real 'family' occasion for our congregation, young and old. The Sunday School children will be present, and during the service they will be presented with their prizes.

Sunday School

Very many thanks from the staff and pupils to the anonymous donor who has given £10 for prizes.

Elhet Colley

We regret to report the death in May of Miss Ethel Colley at the age of 85 years. Miss Colley had spent all her life in the village, and for many years she kept the shop and post office at 10, Manor Road (where John and Ann Sharp now live). Those of us who came to know her in the latter years of her life will remember her for her courage in coping with increasing blindness and the restricting effects of arthritis. Her funeral took place at Cheltenham, and her ashes were interred in her parents' grave in Wickhamford Churchyard. We send our condolences to the members of her family, especially to her sister, Mrs. Hodges.

Donations (to Church funds)

- In memory of Ethel Colley, £10.
- In memory of Ray Ballard, £5.

Sick and Convalescent (as on May 20th)

Garry Rogerson, Norman Atkins, Ann Badham, Charles Lewis, Vera Sutton, Elsie Walters, Clara Sturt (who has entered Avonside Hospital! the same ward as her former neighbour, Mrs. Walters... when I visited them, they were both sitting together in the 'Sitting Room' part of the ward, reminiscing about years gone by). Gladys Woodedd is now much better after her recent illness, and so is Gertrude Harrison.

Friendship Club

Wednesday, June 7th, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Codner of the S.W. Gas Board will speak.

Wickhamford Gardening Club

Wednesday, July 5th, 7-45 p.m. 'Lawn Care', Mr. Feaver of Pershore College.
Competition: Bunch of Herbs.

The Family Service

On the fourth Sunday of each month we hold a 'Family Service' at 11-0 a.m. Sometimes this service is 'Mattins', sometimes it is a service of our own devising. A group of mothers help to prepare each month's service, either volunteering to take the prayers or read the lessons, or volunteering their husbands to do the same. In May we met at Mrs. Ann Poulter's; on Friday, June 16th at

10-30 a.m. we shall meet at Mrs. Pam Noyes' home, 24, Pitchers Hill. Please let Pam know if you want to come along, or let one of the Sunday School Teachers know. The next Family Service will be on June 25th, and because this is also the day of our Patronal Feast (St. John the Baptist) the service will be based on the Eucharist.

Flower Festival Concert

On Saturday, August 26th there will be held in Church a Concert of Music (instrumental and singing) and Readings (Poetry and Prose). The performers will be adults and children from the parish. It is well known that no village is without its musical talents, but it is equally well known that parishioners are very shy about admitting that they can sing or recite or play the bassoon (or whatever). If you can do anything of this nature please volunteer your services for our Concert. If you can persuade your neighbour or your friend or your friend's neighbour to do so, so much the better (there's safety in numbers). Any information about local musical talent will be gratefully received by the Vicar (Tel. 830343)

Wickhamford W.I.

At the April meeting the President, Mrs. E. Litterick, welcomed the speaker Miss A. Gibson, who gave an enthusiastic and entertaining talk on the activities of The Sealed Knot Society illustrated with slides. Miss Gibson wore her magnificent banquetting outfit, complete with ruff, which she had made herself.

A birthday posy was presented to Mrs. Claydon. Excellent refreshments were served by Mrs. Bowles, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Covehey.

Mrs. Hart won the monthly parcel and the "Flower-from-your-garden" competition and the prize for a home-made toy soldier was won by Mrs. Bell.

Morning Market - June 3rd.

The W.I. is holding its annual Morning Market on Mr. Poulter's field opposite Pitchers Hill on Saturday, 3rd June. There will be a variety of stalls, cakes, tombola, produce, white elephant, etc.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday, 8th June when the speaker will be Mr. R. J. Clements who will talk about "The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan".

Wickhamford Playgroup Association

An Annual General Meeting of the Wickhamford Playgroup Association was held on Monday, 15th May, 1978.

The Playgroup has had a satisfactory year but unfortunately due to rising costs, fees will have to be increased from 31st August, 1978.

If anyone is interested there are vacancies available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Please contact: Mrs. Diana Newman, Tel. 830131, or, Mrs. Hazel Cole, Tel. 830508.

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