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## BADSEY, ALDINGTON, BLACKMINSTER AND BOWERS HILL NOTES

### Church Services in July

- 2 Trinity 6. 10-45 The Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.  
4 The Visitation of the B.V.M. 7-0 .m. The Eucharist.  
5 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.  
9 Trinity 7. 8-0 The Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.  
12 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.  
16 Trinity 8. 10-45 The Eucharist; 4-0 Evensong and Baptism.  
19 Wednesday. 10-0 The Eucharist.  
23 PATRONAL FESTIVAL. 8-0 The Eucharist.  
6-30 SUNG EUCHARIST.  
26 Wednesday. No Service.  
30 Trinity 10. 10-45 Family Service. 6-30 (at Wickhamford) Evensong.

### August

- 2 Wednesday. No Service.  
6 The Transfiguration. 10-45 The Eucharist; 6-30 Evensong.

'Sea Sunday' falls on July 9th; special prayers will be said at Evensong for all who work on the high seas; and for the work of Church's Mission to Seamen.

The Patronal Festival will be kept on Sunday, July 23rd which is the Sunday closest to St. James' Day (the 25th). We shall be joined by members of the Wickhamford congregation at the Sung Eucharist in the evening, and it is hoped that we will have a large congregation to celebrate our church's 'birthday'.

During August there will be no Wednesday services or Tuesday prayer meetings.

Combined Evensong on July 30th will be at Wickhamford Parish Church, when we shall be joined by members of our neighbouring churches. Please let the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens know if you want transport... or if you can offer a lift in your car.

### Holy Baptism

On June 18th:

Peter James Moore and Louise Elizabeth Moore.

### Donations

- £1 Birthday thankoffering (anonymous).  
£2 Donation from Mrs. Bragg.

### Sick and Convalescent

Back home from hospital: Robert Wilson, Michael Cox, Ivy Pitts, Harry Ingles.

In hospital: Beatrice Hampton, Elsie Keen, Douglas Huxley.

### The Church Flag

We have a new flag for the church tower... given by one of our congregation. It arrived in time to be flown on the 25th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, and will be flown next at St. James' tide.

### Garden Party at Aldington

On a fine evening in June about fifty parishioners enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. George Willcox at a party in his garden in Aldington. There was wine, or coffee, to drink; stalls to spend money at; sideshows to try one's skill at; friends to meet. All in all, a very pleasant occasion, and one which brought gladness to our treasurer's heart (to the tune of £60).

### The Brownies 'Gang Show'

A very entertaining evening was provided by the Badsey Brownies (two evenings, actually... they **must** have worked hard). Your roving reporter was one of the audience on June 1st who, were delighted by a series of sketches, songs and dances performed by some of our Brownies and their parents. Evidently the Talent Scouts had been busy during the previous months, for not only did the cast include our local pack, but also a star-studded supporting cast of adults. Profits from the evening were given to local organisations.

### Sixty Plus Club

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 19th - as usual. Last month we had a Bring-and-Buy Stall which added £15.05 to our funds. On June 7th thirty one of us joined with Wickhamford Club and enjoyed a talk on Gas Cooker appliances available to aid the disabled.

Draw prizes were won by Mrs. Harman, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Cleaver.

We wish to thank Mrs. Chilver and the Brownies for £16 sent to us from their concert effort.

P.I.C.

### Badsey Women's Institute

Badsey Women's Institute held their monthly meeting on June 14th.

Birthday bouquets were given out and Mrs. Stockwin was presented with a small gift to celebrate her Golden Wedding.

Miss Gant gave an interesting report on her visit to the Annual General Meeting in the Albert Hall.

The carnival float and the church fete were discussed and helpers and suggestions asked for. It was also hoped that Badsey W.I. would be able to put on a good show for their part in 'Meet the W.I.' to be held in the Town Hall, Evesham, on July 1st.

As the speaker booked for the meeting was unable to come, the place was very adequately filled by Mr. Bishop from Wychavon Forrestry. He illustrated his talk on trees with some very colourful slides. It was very interesting; some of the trees having names such as Indian Bean, Pocket Handkerchief, Tulip Tree and Cork Oak.

The monthly draw was won by Mrs. Butler.

The speaker next month will be Mrs. Guest who will be talking about Bread. The competition will be for an arrangement of grasses and foliage.

### Christian Aid

The amount collected, in Badsey and District, this year, amounted to £177.63 - an increase of £23.58.

Badsey	£109.71	an increase of £9.40
Aldington	£13.18	an increase of £1.67
Wickhamford	£45.24½	an increase of £2.80
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P.I.C.

### Mothers' Union

Wednesday, July 5th, 10-0 a.m. Corporate Communion.

Tuesday, July 25th, 7-30 p.m. A Garden Meeting at Mrs. Harvey's house on Chapel Street - Cheese and wine.

Daphne Bell.

### Sunday School

The under eights break up from the second Sunday in July (9th) until the first Sunday in September when we re-assemble in Mrs. P. Goldstraw's nursery school.

Daphne Bell.

### Badsey Wives

On Monday, 3rd July we are planning a visit to the Almonry Museum in Evesham. We will meet outside the Museum at 8 o'clock. Any problems with transport please contact Sonya Ealey. This will be our last meeting until September 11th. We have planned an outing for members and their children to Bewdley Safari Park on Wednesday, 2nd August, leaving Badsey at 10 o'clock, returning by 5 o'clock. Please contact Sonya if you need any more details.

L.M.

### War Memorial Rota

July 2nd, Mrs. N. Cook; July 16th, Mrs. W. Sparrow.

### Badsey First School

The School celebrated its eight third birthday on June 21st (1895 being the year when Badsey School was reopened in its new buildings, having moved from the 'Old School' now occupied by the British Legion). This annual celebration has now become something of a tradition, and in a world of rapidly accelerating change an annual reminder of one's roots can be salutary. Besides, any excuse for a party is better than none! The children arrived at school with yellow button-holes and many of them were wearing yellow and blue, the school's colours. There was a special Assembly in the morning to which the School Managers were invited. A delicious Birthday Dinner was prepared for the children and the staff by the Kitchen Staff, and we all drank to the health and prosperity of the School. In the afternoon an informal concert was performed by staff and pupils.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY.

A.S.L.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

#### Church Services in July

- 2 Trinity 6. 9-30 The Eucharist.
- 9 Trinity 7. 9-30 The Eucharist.
- 16 Trinity 8. 9-30 The Eucharist.
- 23 Trinity 9. 11-0 Family Service. 6-30 (at Badsey) Patronal Festival Eucharist.
- 30 Trinity 10. 9-30 The Eucharist.  
6-30 Evensong (combined service with neighbouring churches).

#### August

- 6 Transfiguration. 9-30 The Eucharist.

**Badsey Patronal Festival** will be celebrated on Sunday, July 23rd (Sung Eucharist at 6-30 p.m.). Members of the Wickhamford congregation are invited by the Badsey P.C.C. to join them for their service.

**Combined Evensong** on July 30th, 6-30 p.m. will be held at Wickhamford Church, when we shall be hosts to our neighbouring congregations in the Group of Seven.

### The Family Service

On Friday, June 16th several mothers met for coffee at Mrs. Pam Noyes' home to arrange the next Family Service (the Patronal Festival, June 25th). We chose the two sidesmen for the service (Mr. Colin Stephens and Paul) and the Reader (Mr. David Noyes). We also planned the distribution of the Sunday School prizes and the candle-lighting ceremony for the young children. We will meet next at the home of Mrs. Carol Collis (14, Drysdale Close) on Friday, July 14th at 10-30 a.m. to arrange the Family Service in July.

### Wickhamford Gardening Club

July 5th: 'Lawn Care', by Mr. Feaver of Pershore College.  
Competition: Bunch of Herbs.

September 6th: 'Treasure's Garden', by Mr. Bracker, Head Gardener.  
Competition: Plate of Vegetables.

### Mick Spires

Readers will have read the reports in the local press of the car accident in which Mick Spires lost his life. The funeral took place at Cheltenham on June 7th. Since moving to Pitchers Hill Mick and his wife, Sandra, have built the 'Admag' up from a single sheet, duplicated on the kitchen table, to the flourishing concern it now is, with its office in Evesham providing an advertising and copying service for the Vale. A large number of people, unknown to Mick personally, were shocked to learn of his untimely death. Perhaps this brief notice can convey some of their sympathy to Sandra, Bret and Darrell.

### The Friendship Club

July 5th, 2-30 p.m. Meeting as usual in the Memorial Hall.

### Outing for the Physically Handicapped

On June 14th Wickhamford was host to an outing organised by the Rotary Club of Evesham for the Adventurers Club. About fifty visitors enjoyed a tour of two of the gardens by kind permission of the owners, (Mr. & Mrs. Terry, and Mr. & Mrs. Price) and a splendid tea (provided by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mason and their helpers). The Brownies of Badsey gave a highly successful entertainment after tea in the Memorial Hall. The Rotary Club are grateful to the Hall Committee, to the people of Wickhamford, and the Brownies for helping to make the outing such a success.

### An Excerpt from the Parish Magazine of St. Chad's, Sutton Coldfield, with an Account of a visit to Wickhamford by the Sutton Coldfield Brownies:

I'm a blackbird who has recently found living accommodation for my wife and myself in a hollow tree trunk in the grounds of the Memorial Hall at Wickhamford. I decided on this particular tree because of the peace and quiet surrounding it - an ideal place to raise a family.

On Easter Sunday morning a large coach arrived, packed to the roof with beds, sleeping bags, buckets and mountains of food – plenty of crumbs for us. Out poured small figures dressed in brown, chattering excitedly like starlings, and rather larger bluebirds, who were their leaders. They were all singing together – just like us – and sounded very happy and cheerful. My wife decided that they looked as if they would be good neighbours, and watched their movements closely, as neighbours do, for the next few days.

After 'Grizzly Bear' had helped them all put up their beds, one small group went into the kitchen and re-appeared shortly afterwards with a turkey lunch – which disappeared just as quickly.

During the afternoon we followed the Brownies to our local Church, where they helped to swell the congregation by sitting in the box pews and raising their voices in song.

On Monday they lived up to our expectations in neighbourliness, and hung up a bag of nuts for all our friends.

Many outings were made by the group to the local farm, the Dog Kennels run by the Canine Defence League, and even a walk into Evesham to do their gift shopping for their families.

Every time anyone visited these humans in residence, they were asked to walk down an aisle of brown figures,

who sang a Burmese welcome. They all seemed to be enjoying themselves, although the words varied each time.

On the last night our lawn was invaded by the Brownies who had been told that as the Hall was already booked for that evening, they would have to sleep outside! They all reserved their space except one, who was determined that she was not sleeping under the open sky! We all had a good laugh when we found out the whole thing had been a joke played by their leaders.

They just got all the beds back in time, to watch "Tom and Jerry", in a surprise film show, given by a generous local shopkeeper.

Friday, we all said "Goodbye" to our friends after a good holiday, marred only by 15 out of the 19 Brownies suffering from a tummy bug, which needed a visit from the local Doctor.

"Blackbird"

Hollow Tree, Wickhamford.

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