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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

July 1979

Dear Reader,

### The month of the Cockroach

It was a few days ago that John Timpson reminded us that not only was it the International Year of the Child (which, of course, we all knew anyway), but that it was also 'Catch a Cockroach Month' (did you know that?), National Breast Feeding Week, and World Environment Day. All of which may be very important, though if you are like me you may be finding it increasingly difficult to get worked up about all these worthy causes. Anyway, who is it who decides which causes we should support, and when? I suppose that most of us are happy to go along with something as vaguely well intentioned as the International Year of the Child. As a dutiful citizen, I did manage to tread underfoot an evil looking black beetle in the middle of Badsey High Street, but as for National Breast Feeding Week and World Environment Day, there didn't seem much I could do about either of them at the time.

### O'Grady says...

You and I like to think that we are fairly generous in our sympathy; as concerned as the next man about the suffering in the world around us; worried about malnutrition, pollution of the atmosphere, exhaustion of the world's minerals, social and physical deprivation. But the time is approaching when our concern, which should admittedly be deeper than it is, is going to be switched off altogether by all these special weeks and days. It is getting rather close to the children's game, O'Grady says...

### Surfeit of Good Causes

Apart from the understandably bolshie reaction people may have to being told which good cause to support and in which week or month to do so, there is the more serious matter of our own limited stocks of sympathy. Our Lord's command was that we should love our neighbour, our fellow human being whoever he might be. Jesus usually spoke in particular rather than general categories. He spoke of the leper, the prostitute, the Samaritan; all of whom were considered by contemporary Jews as being beyond the boundary of human sympathy. Jesus did not speak about the 'socially deprived' or 'disadvantaged'.

Christian Charity has always been concerned with individuals; with the fellow next door, or the widow in the next street, or the unpopular girl at the office, or the aggressive man on your committee. 'Love thy neighbour' means that we should try to perceive the loveable in each other, starting with our own family and moving outwards to include all with whom we have some sort of personal contact. I do not believe that we can pretend to love mankind; we must leave that to God. What we can do, with his help, is love that tiny portion of mankind with whom we have a personal encounter. So far from helping us to love in this personal way, the contemporary 'Good Cause' whether it be concerned with Wildlife Conservation or Socially Deprived Children, runs the risk of dissipating our sympathies and diverting our love from the narrow channel of personal encounter into the broad and sluggish stream of sentimentality.

Perhaps the matter was put most succinctly by a pupil at Prince Henry's High School recently, when he (or she) added beneath a rather solemn Wildlife Conservation poster about the damage beavers inflict upon trees, the terse comment:

SAVE A TREE : EAT A BEAVER.

Yours sincerely,

ADRIAN LEAK.

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### Mothers and Toddlers--(Badsey)

We seem to be destined to meet on the wettest days of the year. So far this year (at the time of writing this, June 19th) there has only been one Wednesday fine enough for us to meet outside in the Churchyard. Perhaps, the man from the met. office will read these words and do something about it. However, rain, in our case, has not stopped play, and we have continued to enjoy each other's noisy and happy company. We shall meet twice in July on Wednesday 11th and 18th at 3.00 to 3.30 p.m. Thereafter we will suspend our meetings until the next school term begins.

### Servers

We have recently increased our number of Servers in both the parishes. Those regularly serving on the monthly rota are (at Badsey): Paul Brazier, Mr. K. Felton, Mr.A.Owen, Andrew Watkin, and two new servers, Ingrid Carmichael and Nicola Waring. (At Wickhamford): Gary Webb, David Mitchell, Alan Carter, Daniel Leak, and two new servers, Richard Poulter and Jonathan Roberts.

## Church Services during July

### Badsey Parish Church

1st Trinity 3	11.00	The Eucharist	6.30	Evensong
4th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist		
8th Trinity 4	8.00	The Eucharist	6.30	Evensong
11th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist		
15th Trinity 5	11.00	The Eucharist	6.30	Evensong
18th Wednesday	10.00	The Eucharist		
22nd <u>Patronal Festival</u>	8.00	The Eucharist.	6.30	The Eucharist
25th <u>St. James</u>	10.00	The Eucharist		
29th Trinity 7	11.00	Family Service	6.30	Group Evensong (at <u>Offenham</u> )
August 1st Wednesday	No Service			
August 5th Trinity 8	11.00	The Eucharist	6.30	Evensong
August 6th The Transfiguration	8.00	The Eucharist		

### Wickhamford Parish Church

1st Trinity 3	9.30	The Eucharist		
8th Trinity 4	9.30	The Eucharist		
15th Trinity 5	9.30	The Eucharist		
22nd Trinity 6	11.00	Mattins	6.30	<u>Patronal Festival Service</u> at <u>Badsey</u>
29th Trinity 7	9.30	The Eucharist	6.30	Evensong at <u>Offenham</u>
August 5th Trinity 8	9.30	The Eucharist		

July 22nd Badsey Patronal Festival Eucharist at 6.30 p.m.

To which are invited members of the Wickhamford congregation. Weather permitting, some of us will be walking across the fields to Badsey, leaving Wickhamford Church at 5.50 p.m. There is a footpath, but if it has been raining recently you are advised to wear Wellingtons or strong shoes.

July 29th Group Evensong at Offenham Parish Church, 6.30 p.m.

We shall be joining congregations from the other five churches in our group of seven. The preacher will be the Revd. Dr. Peter Baelz, Canon of Christ Church (Oxford) and Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology. Dr. Baelz adds to his eminent academic talents that of being an engaging speaker, and it is hoped that our parishes will be well represented at this service to listen to him, and to welcome him as a member of Christ Church, our rector and patron.

### War Memorial Rota (Badsey Church)

July 1st, Mrs. L. Reeves: July 14th, Mrs. N. Cooke.

## Badsey Rangers Football Club

Mr. George Keen of Knowle Hill, has recently completed 25 years as a member of the Rangers' committee, the last 6 years as chairman also.

To mark the occasion, and as a token of appreciation, players and officials of the club presented him with an inscribed pocket watch.

T. Sparrow.

## Mothers' Union (Badsey & Aldington Branch)

Wednesday July 4th, 10.00 a.m. - Corporate Communion.

Tuesday July 24th, 7.30 p.m. - Garden Meeting at Mrs. J. Ives, 45 Brewers Lane.

Cheese and Wine: Exchange of small gifts for Prayer Link.

D. Bell.

## Under Eight Sunday School (Badsey)

We shall meet for the last time this term on Sunday July 1st and are sad to be losing Kate Granger who has been with us for four years and Phillipa Cox who has been with us for two years. Best wishes to them both.

The Autumn term re-starts on September 2nd in Mrs. Goldstraw's Nursery School.

Daphne Bell.

## Brownie Outing (Badsey)

On Thursday 20th June, Badsey Brownies, plus several helpers, went on their annual outing, this year to West Midland Safari Park.

We are looking forward to the week-end of 6th July when 14 members of our Pack will be staying at the Pack Holiday House at Hanley Swan, Nr. Malvern. This year we shall be accompanied by six Sedgeberrow Brownies and their Guider. The theme for the week-end will be "Red Indians".

Brown Owl.

## Sixty Plus Club

Wednesday July 18th as usual; An evening Mystery Tour has been arranged for Wednesday July 4th. The Coach will leave at 6 p.m.

## Christian Aid

The total amount collected this year was £204.76 - an increase of £27.13.

Wickhamford .	£49.02	Aldington ..	£16.80½
Blackminster .	£ 7.35½	Badsey ..	£131.58

## Badsey Wives

We have only one meeting this month and then we close for the summer holidays. This is on July 2nd, at 8.00 p.m. at the Remembrance Hall, where Mrs. Hancox will be showing us how to arrange flowers to their best advantage. We are going on an outing, mums and their children, to Burford Wild Life Park on Wednesday, 1st August. For further details please attend the above meeting. We re-commence meetings at the beginning of September.

L. Maskew.

## Wickhamford Women's Institute

At the June meeting Mrs. Cooke gave a talk on "Facts and Fallacies in the Kitchen". She was thanked by Mrs. Whiting. Birthday posies were presented to Mrs. Hustler and Mrs. Shannon-Garvey. Mrs. Smith from Badsey W.I. gave a report on the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall, London. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Bell, Mrs. H. Evans, Mrs. M. Mitchell, and Mrs. Naylor. Mrs. Sutton won the monthly parcel and Mrs. H. Evans won the "Flower-from-your-garden" competition. A sponsored knit-in, in aid of arthritis, was arranged for 20th June at the home of the President, Mrs. Litterick. The next meeting will be on Thursday July 12th. The speaker will be from "Pat's Hats". There will be a competition for a hand made hat. Visitors welcome.

Pat Bell.

## Outing to Oxford, Saturday July 14th

Coach will leave the Wheatsheaf (Badsey) at 9.30 a.m. and the Sandys Arms (Wickhamford) at 9.40 a.m. Opportunity for shopping and sightseeing. It is hoped there will be a tour of Christ Church in the afternoon, (Christ Church is the College which is Patron and Rector of our two parishes), and Evensong in the Cathedral. The coach will arrive back at approximately 8.30 p.m. Cost: £1 (if we fill the coach). Names to the Vicar as soon as possible please.

## Wickhamford Senior Residents

August 1st, a Tour of Carding Mill Valley (tea and chalet pavilion): Coach leaves Sandys Arms at 1 p.m.

September 26th, afternoon tour of the Leamington Guide Dog Training Centre: Coach leaves Sandys Arms at 2 p.m.

For both these outings please will senior residents give their names in at Wickhamford Post Office as soon as possible. The numbers for the Leamington outing will have to be restricted to forty.

### Holy Baptism

At Badsey Church: On April 22nd, Christopher John Harding;  
Claire Marie Prew; Paul Jonathan White.  
On May 20th, Claire Marie Bindoff; Simon David  
Morris. On June 17th, Scott Christopher Beasley;  
Lee Timothy Page.

At Wickhamford Church: On May 13th, Bryn Stephen Davies.  
On June 10th, Graham Noel Hemming;  
Laura Murray-White.

### Holy Matrimony

At Badsey Church: On June 9th, Anthony Stephen Pember and  
Marianne Rose Lewis.  
On June 16th, Robert George Wood and  
Denise Elizabeth Hewlett.

### Funerals

On June 6th (Badsey): Edith Annie Greening, aged 69 years.  
On June 15th (at Evesham Baptist Church, followed by burial  
in Badsey Churchyard): Paula Jane Thompson, aged 7 years.

### Donations (to Badsey Church)

In memory of Edith Greening, £22.00.  
In Memory of Alice and Philip Brailsford, £2.00.  
Birthday thank offering (anonymous), £10.00.  
From Mr & Mrs. C. Baker, £2.00.  
From Mr. J.A. Walters of Long Stratton, Norfolk, ten rose  
trees which have been planted in the Garden of  
Remembrance.

### Dates of next meeting of P.C.C's

Badsey: Tuesday July 10th, 7.30 in Church (note change of date).  
Wickhamford: Wednesday July 11th, 7.30 in the Memorial Hall.

### Wine and Cheese Party (Wickhamford)

The party on May 9th was a great success, socially and  
financially; it raised £95 for Church funds. Many thanks to all  
concerned.

### Wickhamford Gardening Club

July 4th: Luddington Experimental Station, 'Soft Fruits'.  
Competition: Three carnations or pinks.  
Sept. 25th: (Tuesday) Mr. Geoffrey Smith: celebrity lecture at  
Evesham High School.