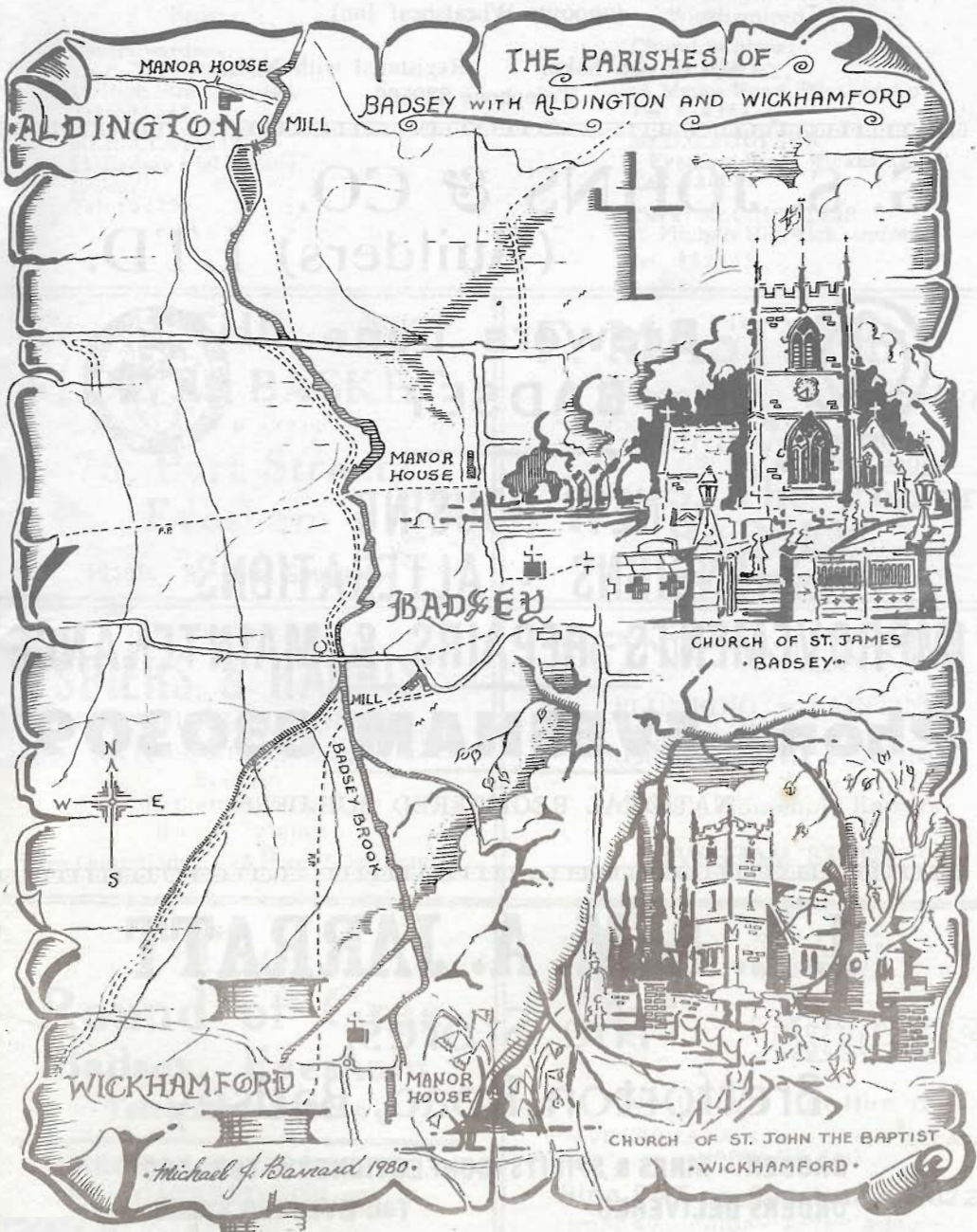


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

February 1984

My dear Friends,

As some parishioners are already aware, last year, Wickhamford PCC sought advice concerning the possible preservation of the Royal Arms in Wickhamford Church. It subsequently transpired that the Arms, originally thought to date from 1661, are in fact an interesting and extremely rare example of those of James II (1685-88). As far as is known only six other examples exist in England; three in Suffolk, one in Cornwall and two in Kent. Those at Wickhamford are almost certainly to be the only example in Worcestershire, or throughout the West Midlands. Miss Anna Hulbert, the official conservator appointed by the Council for the Care of Churches to carry out this work has said in her report, of the Royal Arms at Wickhamford that "they could well turn out to be the largest and most splendid of all".

The church has been promised grants of £5,000 towards the cost of this work, but still has to find another £2,000 before the work can be formally commissioned. This is unfortunately an amount quite beyond its present sources alone. Further assistance is being sought from other grant making bodies and Trusts, and, providing such help is forthcoming, the work is planned to begin in October/November of this year. Whilst not wishing to impair in any way the regular giving already very necessary to the essential life and upkeep of the church in Wickhamford, parishioners may like to give personal donations towards the preservation of this very rare and most important part of our parish heritage. Such donations will be most welcome and may be made to our Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Astley, who is opening a special fund for this purpose.

This month, Mrs. Margaret Parry has felt she should relinquish her leadership of the Sanctuary Guild after some 16 years as leader, and many more years as a member. Margaret has always run the Guild very happily and satisfactorily and will be especially remembered for beginning the very successful Floral Festivals which have become so much a part of village life and widely known and appreciated much further afield.

We thank Margaret for her long and devoted service to the church and for the thought and care she always gave to the floral arrangements at Wickhamford. She was also Secretary to the PCC for several years whilst leader of the Sanctuary Guild. Mrs. Anne Poulter has kindly agreed to take over the leadership of the Guild and we wish her every success and happiness in doing so.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

PETER MITCHELL.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY

St. James' Church, Badsey

1st Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	
2nd Thursday	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	
Presentation of Christ in the Temple			
5th Epiphany 5	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
8th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	
12th Epiphany 6	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
15th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	
19th 9 before Easter	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Evensong
22nd Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	
26th 8 before Easter	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite A)	6.30 pm Eucharist (Rite A)
29th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	
MARCH			
4th 7 before Easter	11.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
7th Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	7.00 pm Evensong & Litany
11th 1 in Lent	8.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	6.30 pm Evensong
14th Wednesday	10.00 am	The Eucharist (Rite B)	
<u>Lectionary</u>			
5th Epiphany 5	1 Cor 3 v 18-end		Job 12
	Matt 12 v 38-42		1 Cor 1 v 18-2 v 5
12th Epiphany 6	Romans 1 v 18-25		Proverbs 1 v 20-end
	Matt 13 v 24-30		James 3
19th 9 before Easter	1 Cor 2 v 1-10		Isaiah 30 v 8-21
	Luke 8 v 4-15		Matthew 4 23-5.12
26th 8 before Easter	2 Cor 12 v 1-10		2 Kings 20
	Mark 7 v 24-end		Mark 5 v 1-20
MARCH			
4th 7 before Easter	Colossians 1 18-23		Hosea 14
	John 8 v 2-11		Philemon
7th Ash Wednesday	James 4 v 1-10		
	Luke 18 v 9-14		
11th 1 in Lent	Hebrews 4 v 12-end		Deut 30 v 11-end
	Luke 4 v 1-13		Hebrews 2.5-end

Sunday Themes

Epiphany 5	Revelation: The Wisdom of God
Epiphany 6	Revelation: Parables
9 before Easter	Christ the Teacher
8 before Easter	Christ the Healer
7 before Easter	Christ the Friend of Sinners
1 in Lent	The King and the Kingdom : Temptation.

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

5th Epiphany 5	9.30 am	The Eucharist
12th Epiphany 6	9.30 am	The Eucharist
19th 9 before Easter	9.30 am	The Eucharist
26th 8 before Easter	11.00 am	Childrens & Family Service

MARCH

4th 7 before Easter	9.30 am	The Eucharist
7th Ash Wednesday	9.00 am	The Eucharist
11th 1 in Lent	9.30 am	The Eucharist

LENT LECTURES

The Bishop of Worcester has very kindly agreed to give a series of five Lent Lectures at the Arts Centre, Evesham, during Lent 1984.

The Lectures will be held on the following days:

Wednesday 14th March)	
Wednesday 21st March)	
Wednesday 28th March)	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 3rd April)	
Wednesday 11th April)	

There will be no cost to the Council and Constituent Churches of Evesham, but it is hoped those who attend the lectures will feel able to contribute towards the expenses.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Tuesday, February 14th, Standing Committee - The Vicarage
- Wednesday, February 15th, Special Joint Meeting of Badsey and Wickhamford PCCs to consider the future Deployment of the Ministry in the Evesham Deanery - Wickhamford Memorial Hall 7.30 pm.
- Thursday, February 16th, Deanery Finance Committee - Evesham Church House, 7.30 pm.
- Tuesday, March 13th, Badsey PCC - 7.30 pm
- Wednesday, March 14th, Wickhamford AVM & AGM - 7.30 pm
Wickhamford Memorial Hall

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me,
for of such is the kingdom of heaven"

Badsey

11th December Gemma Flint of 13 Colletts Gardens, Broadway.

Funeral: Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

Badsey

18th January John Moore of 4 Bowers Hill, aged 74 years
(Cremation at Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

Badsey

Towards the cost of the Christmas floodlighting, from Mr & Mrs J.
Skitt - £15

Towards Church Funds, Anonymously - £25

From Miss Rosalind Merrett and Miss Christine Handy - £3.50 towards
the Restoration Appeal, from Carol Singing.

From the M.U. speaker for January, £2, towards the Restoration Appeal.

Preparation of the new Church Electoral Rolls

The preparation of the new Church Electoral Roll for Badsey will take place on Wednesday, 21st March. New application forms will be available in the church and from the Electoral Roll Officer, Miss Linda Core from the 10th February onwards. Completed forms must be returned by Tuesday, 20th March at the latest and the new Roll will be published prior to 27th March.

The preparation of the new Church Electoral Roll for Wickhamford will take place on Monday 27th February. Completed forms to be returned by Friday 24th February at the latest.

MOTHERS UNION

Our first meeting after the Christmas holidays was on the 10th January. Mrs. Rachel Edlington, S.R.N., was our guest on this occasion and she began her talk by inviting us to think about ourselves. This was a refreshing theme and one we felt to be good, since we rarely seem to take the time. She reminded us that people are living longer these days and if we are to enjoy our lives to the full we must, from an early age, take care of ourselves. Exercise, fresh air, rest and relaxation, nutrition, mental and spiritual welfare and safety first were the things about which she spoke. Our members always enjoy a discussion and it was not long before we were all joining in. We spent a pleasant friendly afternoon, enjoyed Mrs. Edlington's talk very much and would like to thank her once again for coming along to be with us on such a wintry day.

For your Diaries

Wednesday, 1st February	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Tuesday, 14th February	2.30 pm	"Food for Thought" Mrs.D.Sainsbury
Tuesday, 28th February	7.30 pm	Musical Evening with Records — The Vicar.

Pat Mitchell.

BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our January meeting a very interesting talk and demonstration on the art of furniture renovation was given by Mrs. Sonia Ealy, who made it all look very easy and certainly very worthwhile. She was plied with questions about the care of wooden furniture and gave very useful tips for the removal of stains and marks. As to furniture polishes — away with all your aerosols, Ronuk and elbow grease is the only true way to a beautiful and caring shine! Our social time of 'Name That Tune' was entered into with gusto and was won by the team headed by Mrs. Pam Embleton. Our Competition Cup winner for 1983 was Mrs. Jarrett — Congratulations!

At our February meeting on Wednesday 8th, our speaker will talk on the Care of Houseplants and our competition will be for a bowl of bulbs or a houseplant. Social time is Keeping Fit, so members please come prepared to "Have a Go" at the exercises.

A very Happy Birthday to Mrs. Helm who is 80 on the 31st January.

Y. M. Haynes (Secretary)

RYCROFT LINENS

There will be a Rycroft Linen Party at the home of Mrs. Betteridge, 6 Chapel Street, on March 1st, Thursday, in aid of the Restoration Fund. Between 10.30 and 3.00 pm. Refreshments : Raffle : Bring and Buy. Come and bring a friend.

BADSEY WIVES

Our next meeting after the A.G.M. which was held on Monday 16th January will be on February 6th. This will take the form of a Beetle Drive, followed by Cheese and Wine.

We have another meeting on the 20th February, this is still to be arranged. We also have three Coffee Mornings with Bring and Buy stalls. January 20th at Janets, 6 Brewers Lane, 17th February is at Fionas Police Station, Chapel Street, and the next is at Joyce's 19 Seward Road. Everybody is very welcome. These Coffee Mornings all start at 10.00 a.m.

We meet every other Monday at a Meeting Room at the rear of 25 Brewers Lane. All new members are very welcome. If anyone feels they would like to go, but do not want to go on their own, contact me, Fiona, on 830289 or at the Police Station and I will be only too pleased to help you.

Fiona Earle,

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Next meeting, Wednesday, February 15th, when we hope to enjoy slides shown by Mr. Callaghan.

Last month's raffle was won by Mrs. R. Cleaver. Our thanks to Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Seaman and Mrs. Handy for their entertainment.

Wickhamford P. C. C. Meeting, Wednesday, January 11th, 1984.

The Vicar had great pleasure in announcing that both the Council for the Care of Churches and the Radcliffe Trust, had offered us Grants totalling £5,000 towards an anticipated cost of £7,000 for the restoration of the James II Coat of Arms painted in our Church. This was good news indeed after a considerable amount of correspondence and discussion. It is hoped to undertake the work this Autumn, providing the balance of £2,000 can be found. As there will be a Flower Festival on August Bank Holiday weekend, our fund raising efforts for the project will have to wait until after this event, but donations will always be very gratefully received. It was reported that Mrs. Parry had resigned from the leadership of the Sanctuary Guild after 16 years of devoted service. The P.C.C. agreed to continue the tradition of the Churchwarden's wife being elected to this position, subject to her approval. Mrs. Anne Poulter said that with the backing of the P.C.C. she hoped to maintain the high standard set by her predecessor.

The Vicar opened a discussion on the proposal that the number of Clergy in the Deanery be reduced from 11 to 10 by 1985. He posed the situation that would exist if two Clergy were responsible for seven parishes, all with their individual requirements for baptisms, weddings, funerals, P.C.Cs to Chair, etc., apart from Church Services to take and numerous private visits to make. For a reasonable cover of these aspects of church life, the Laity would have to be more involved than at present. A special meeting to assess the reaction to such a requirement is to be held at Wickhamford Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday February 15th. A revision of the Electoral Roll is due and will be carried out when the forms are available by Mrs. Pat Baker.

WICKHAMFORD SANCTUARY GUILD

Mrs. Anne Poulter welcomed ten members of the Sanctuary Guild who met on Wednesday, January 18th, at the Village Hall.

It had been reported at the P.C.C. meeting the previous week, that Mrs. M. Parry had resigned from being leader of the Sanctuary Guild. In view of this, Mrs. Poulter had accepted the position and hoped that the Sanctuary Guild would continue to maintain the high standard of floral decorations in the church.

A general discussion followed on the weekly running of the Guild, which also includes the cleaning of the Church. Anyone who feels that they could give some time to cleaning the Church (not arranging flowers) please contact Mrs. A. Poulter as several members would appreciate some assistance.

In view of the forthcoming Flower Festival preliminary ideas were discussed and a date in May is to be confirmed for our next meeting

WICKHAMFORD WOMENS INSTITUTE

At the January meeting the President, Mrs. P. Bell, welcomed two new members, Mr. Edmunds gave an informative and amusing talk on Winemaking. He was thanked by Mrs. E. Bowles.

The monthly raffle was won by a new member, Mrs. Lyn Turner, Flower of the Month by Mrs. P. Hancock and a competition for your Favourite Wine Glass by Mrs. D. Maden.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. C. Whiting, Mrs. D. Harman and Mrs. G. Halford. The evening ended with members singing songs accompanied on the piano by Mrs. B. Bowles.

The W.I. meets each month on the 2nd Thursday, in the Village Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Speaker for February is Mr. P. O'Brian on 'Butterflies and Moths'. New members and visitors most welcome.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

I am sure most people will want to join me in thanking Mrs. Winkett and Mrs. Heritage, and helpers, for the lovely day we had at the Theatre at Tewkesbury, also for the nice tea afterwards.

C. M. Baldwin.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The initial meeting of 1984 was held on January 4th and was very well attended. Over 60 members present, including some newcomers to our ranks. Mr. O'Brien's talk on British Butterflies and Exotic Moths was a revelation of their habits and bizarre methods of self preservation. This interesting talk was amply illustrated by some fascinating specimens, showing their beautiful colourings and symmetrical markings. In all a most enlightening insight into the world of 'Mothery'.

The competition for a House Plant was won by 1. Miss T. Dyke, 2. Mrs. Clegg 3. Mrs. Wayte. The ladies held their own again! The Raffle prize was won by Mrs. Hands.

The next meeting of the Club will be on March 7th, when the speaker will be Mr. Noel, talking on the use of electricity in garden and greenhouse.

The competition will be for a bowl of 3 bulbs. Non-members will be welcome.

W. Holland.