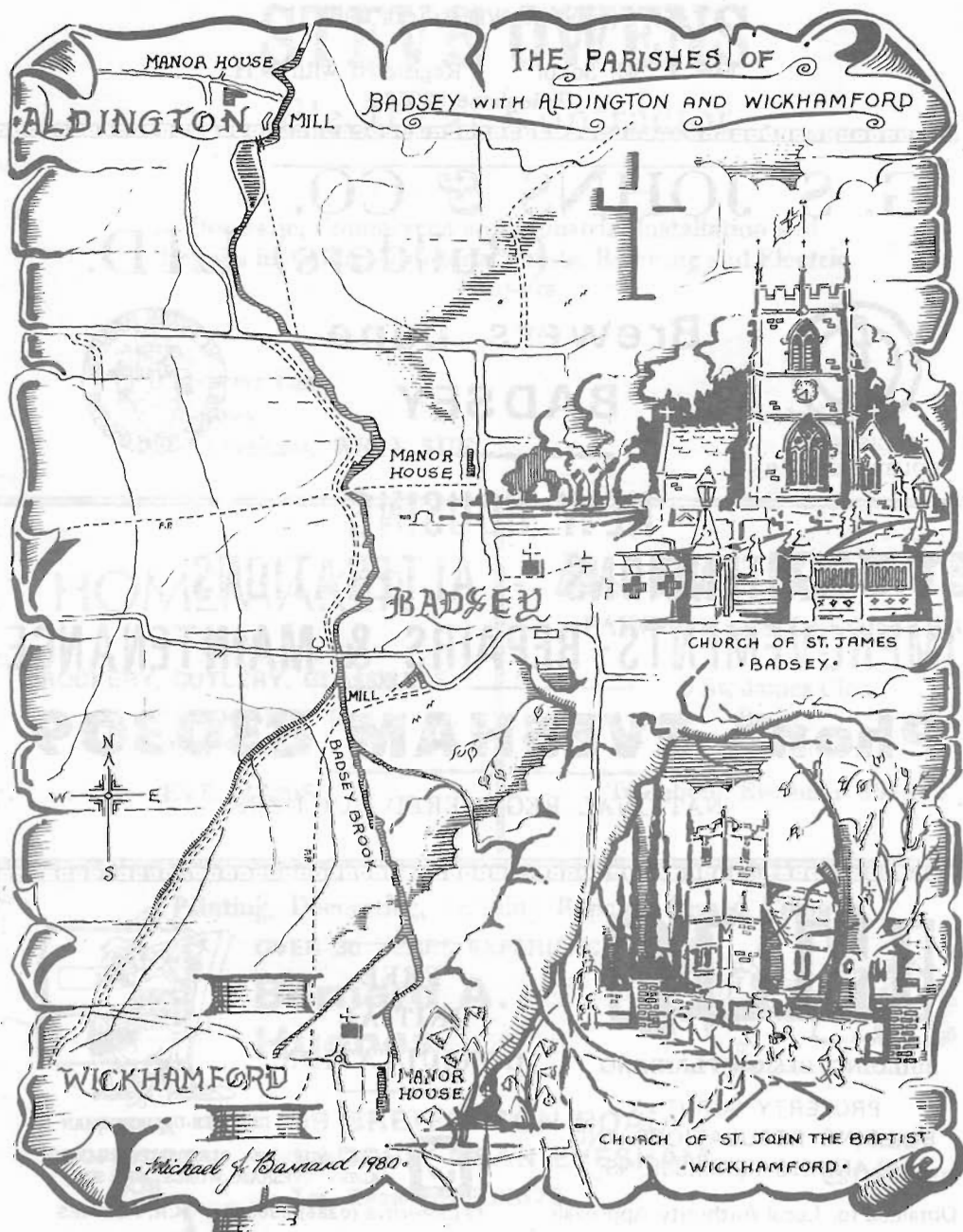


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

August 1988

My dear Friends,

Hooliganism has been much in the news of late. On July 6th, the Prime Minister opened a meeting at 10 Downing Street by telling the representatives of the Football Association and Football League of the 'shame' at the way the name of the game has been disgraced by drunken hooligans. She referred specifically to the recent riots in West Germany during the European Championships when almost 800 people including 372 Englishmen were arrested in a series of violent incidents. After the riots Mrs Thatcher said, "We really must eradicate this blot on our reputation" and a spokesman for the Government added, "This sport is blackening the name of Britain across the world and the Government cannot leave it untouched indefinitely"

Hooligans are people, often youths, who behave in violent, lawless, abusive and sometimes brutal manner. They frighten others and terrify them with their behaviour. In Europe, and elsewhere, English hooligans let themselves and this country down very badly. They are people in need of dignity and self control together with respect for others as well as for themselves, but if in their formative years they were never taught these things or perhaps others had little or no respect for them, it may partly explain why they have become so violent and abusive today. Excessive consumption of alcohol is often another contributory factor. But as a society, we might ask ourselves, why are so many young people turning to drink? What is the emptiness in their lives they are trying either to fill or forget?

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Baptism Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"

Badsey

26th June Kelly Rebecca Wheatley daughter of Michael and Julie Wheatley of 69 Synehurst, Badsey.

3rd July Jessica Michelle Ballard daughter of Philip and Lesley Ballard of 45 Avon Street, Evesham

10th July Adrian James Merrick, son of Leonard and Jane Merrick of 29 Synehurst, Badsey

Russell Peter Watkins, son of Peter and Susan Watkins of 6 Brewers Lane, Badsey

Wickhamford

17th July Anna Louise Langridge, daughter of Ian and Christine Langridge of 12 Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford

Elizabeth Helen Anne Stanbra, daughter of Neil and Helen Stanbra of 76 Kings Road, Evesham

Weddings "Those whom God has joined together, let no man divide"

Wickhamford

25th June Simon Mark Batty and Sandra Vivian Crump

Funerals Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die"

Badsey

28th June Selina Mary Bradley of 31 Brewers Lane, Badsey aged 76 years (at Badsey)

29th June John Charles Willsher of 41 Seward Road, Badsey aged 47 years (at Pershore and Cheltenham)

Wickhamford

7th July Elizabeth Ellen Ann Oakey, of the Red House, Sedgberrow, late of 12 Sally Close, Wickhamford aged 79 years (at Cheltenham)

14th July Richard Rapley of 34 Sally Close, Wickhamford, aged 75 years (at Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

Badsey

from Mrs J.E. Ainge, in memory of Elsie Jelfs - £20, towards church funds

Wickhamford

To Wickhamford Church

from the late Mrs Alice Maud Newbury - £581.54

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 11th Aug. Finance and General Purposes Committee - Badsey Church
- 8 pm
- 18th Aug. Mothers Union Lunch and Committee Meeting -
The Vicarage, 12.30 p.m.
- 8th Sept. Badsey PCC
- 14th Sept. Wickhamford PCC

Parish Review - latest date for copy - September issue - Wednesday 17th August.

Ordination - Revd. Caroline Wright

Friends may like to know that Caroline Peggy Wright was ordained deacon at the Cathedral Church of St James', Bury St Edmunds on July 3rd, by the Bishop of Dunwich. Caroline Wright was first ordained deaconess in St James' Church, Badsey on October 24th 1962, by the then Bishop of Worcester, Bishop Charles-Edwards. As Deaconess Caroline, she served in the parishes of Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford until 1968, and made some of the vestments in use in Badsey Church. Love and prayers for her future ministry were sent from the parishes, and her present address is, 4 Kerrison Road, Bungay, Suffolk, NR35 1RZ.

Notice: St. Richard's Hospice Foundation - Volunteer Support for Patients and their families.

The Hospice Home Care Team needs additional volunteers to help provide support to patients and their families in the Evesham area. Volunteers play an important role in such activities as sitting with patients, chauffeuring, shopping and helping a day care.

If you would like to find out more about this rewarding work, please telephone Sue Jones, Volunteer Organiser, at St Richard's Hospice, on Worcester, (93) 24879 any time between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.

MOTHERS UNION

Our branch was again well represented at the Diocesan Festival held at Worcester Cathedral on 22nd June. Mrs Hazel Treadgold, Central President of the Mothers Union, gave a very good address in which she spoke of our work and of her travels on our behalf. The Rural Deans and the Deanery Chairmen of the M.U. Spotlight Deaneries took part in the Service. The Cathedral was filled with members.

Our Garden Party and Craft Exhibition on the 28th proved to be a very happy occasion. Everyone enjoyed viewing the craft work of members. Our grateful thanks to those who so kindly allowed their beautiful work to be shown. Business was good at the stalls and a bright dry evening made it very pleasant to sit in Mr & Mrs Betteridge's lovely garden. On yet another occasion very many thanks to them for allowing us the use of their home.

The Deanery Party on 5th July at St Richard's Hall, Fairfield, was a great success and much enjoyed by all who attended. Visitors from the Diocese were warmly welcomed. A beautiful cake iced with the names of our Overseas Link Dioceses, made by Mrs J. Ives and Mrs C. Davies, was cut by the M.U. Diocesan Secretary. Entertainment provided by the Blockley Choir completed a very happy evening.

For Your Diaries

Wed. 3rd August	10.00 am	Corporate Communion
Thurs. 18th August	12.30 pm	Committee Meeting & Lunch The Vicarage.

No Meetings in August

Pat Mitchell

BADSEY W.I.

Mrs Haynes welcomed members and one visitor to our July meeting. After all the usual business had been dealt with she introduced Mrs Scott from Fladbury who had us all enthralled with her talk on herbs, during which she passed many around the room for us to enjoy their individual aromas. Many of us did not realise there was such an amazing variety. Afterwards we had the opportunity to purchase plants, dried herbs and teas. Mrs S. Taylor gave the vote of thanks.

Mrs Haynes thanked everyone involved in our carnival float. The members who attended the group garden party at Stanton all agreed that it had been very enjoyable. Thanks were also extended to Mrs W. Smith for the lovely trip she had arranged to Burford House, Tenbury Wells.

Mrs M. Griffiths won the raffle.

The competition for a Plate of Herbs was won by Mrs W. Smith, 2nd Mrs Corbett, 3rd Mrs Netley.

Refreshments for the evening were served by Mrs P. Goldstraw, Mrs M. Griffiths, Mrs Butcher and committee member, Mrs Skitt. Next meeting is Offenham Floral Art.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

There was no meeting in June as members held a garden party at 28 Brewers Lane. The weather was very wet so stalls were erected in the house and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all, thanks to Mr & Mrs Grinnel. Money made will go to Legion Womens Section funds.

Members took a trip to Northampton to "Brevit" shoe factory which was a very interesting afternoon out and were able to buy shoes if they wished.

Members entered a float in Evesham Carnival and had a very jolly time although the weather could have been better.

M. Morcombe

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our July meeting took place on the evening of Wednesday 6th July at the Badsey Cricket Club. This was our first visit to a new venue and proved to be most successful. This was due to the hard work put in by so many people. We must extend our thanks to Mr Bott who prepared the room for us and so readily made himself available to meet our requirements. To A.Y. Catering, who prepared and served an excellent and wide ranging buffet. To Mr David Ward, our entertainer for the evening who kept us amused and allowed us to join with him in many items from his extensive repertoire. I think a good time was had by all. The meeting on the 3rd August will be a return visit by Mr Trevor Jones and the Avonside Hospital Choir which so many have asked for yet again. We hope as many members as possible will attend what we know will be a happy afternoon.

Names and monies will be taken at the August meeting for the Mystery Trip on THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER. Times and other details will be given at this meeting.

We were very successful with the Household Stall at the fete. £53.05 was raised for church funds. This was more than last year and our thanks go out to everyone who helped in any way.

The club continues to go from strength to strength thanks to the support of our many loyal members and friends.

Mary Callaghan

FOR SALE:

Ferguson Unit Audio, with stand - proceeds towards Badsey Church Fete. Stereo radiogram with cassette player input facilities. Excellent amplifier and two 40 watt speakers. View at Vicarage by arrangement - Any reasonable offer accepted.

WORCESTER SCANNER APPEAL

I would like to thank all those who supported and contributed so generously to the Garden Party held on Saturday 25th June for the above Appeal Fund.

Thanks to the hard work of all those who helped, the sum of £655 was raised towards this worthy cause.

Eileen Bowles

NOTICE - from VALE OF EVESHAM VOLUNTEER CENTRE

WANTED - ONE TRANSPORT WATCHER!

The County Council Highways Department and the Rural Transport Adviser are initiating a Transport Watcher Scheme in the Vale of Evesham. We are looking for a representative from each Parish who is a bus user and is concerned about the level of public transport.

We all know the problems of not knowing who to complain to about bus services and who to ask for timetable information, so please help us and volunteer! The Transport Watcher is not expected to spend hours surveying buses, only to be a link in the communication line to and from the County Council. We hope that by having a pair of "eyes and ears" in each community we shall be able to provide an improved and versatile public transport service.

If you are interested in volunteering, and live in the Parishes of Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford, or have any transport problems, please contact me - Fran on Evesham 40165.

Thanks!

Mrs Fran Battin - Rural Transport
Adviser

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We were joined by Honeybourne Wednesday club for our June meeting and about 90 friends and members enjoyed a most interesting talk and film show by the Rev. Don Williams on the work of the Leprosy Mission. The speakers at the next meeting on August 3rd will be Mr Spittle who is the liason officer from the D.H.S.S. He will endeavour to answer any queries you may have, so please have your questions ready.

Report of Wickhamford P.C.C. meeting July 13th

The meeting was held at the Church so that due consideration could be given to a design for a Baptismal Candlestand. It was agreed that the Diocesan Advisory Committee should be further consulted.

The north side of the Church roof has been examined for any deterioration by the removal of the slates in three places, by professional slatters. The timbers exposed were in a very sound condition with no evidence of rot or woodworm. Some of the slates are flaking, but are not in need of replacement yet. An estimate, of £8,000 including Architect fees, was considered for the complete repair work to the roof. This would be very unlikely to attract any grant as the work could not be regarded as 'urgent'. It was decided that all the evidence points to a few years of life in the roof yet and that it was not necessary to take immediate action but review the position annually. Some maintenance was required on the guttering however.

The Vicar has been invited to be Chaplain to the Hereford & Worcester Army Cadet Force. With his Army Career before being ordained as a minister of the church, this is a most appropriate choice. Although he will not be required to do any "square bashing", visiting detachments and attending camp will form part of his occasional duties.

Visiting the three Nursing Homes within our parishes has become part of the vicar's timetable as well as the hospitals which he also visits regularly.

Anna Hulbert who was responsible for the restoration of the Coat of Arms in the church, has recently made a tracing of the Madonna and Child to form the basis of a Christmas Card. These will be available for sale at the Church when ready.

A very generous donation of £581 from the Estate of Mrs Newbury, has been made and will be put in the fabric fund.

A small electrical part has been replaced in the organ after it failed just before the Wedding of Sandy and Simon Batty. This was very unfortunate as the organ had been serviced only recently and had been working perfectly, even on the morning of the wedding. The church had been beautifully decorated for the occasion and the patronal festival by the flower guild.

A sponsored bike ride has been organised for September 10th when a large number of Chapels and Churches in Worcestershire will be visited by cyclists raising money for Churches, Cathedral and Urban Funds.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

An insight into the world of commercial flower growing was given in a talk by Mr K. Andrews & Son of Offenham to the June meeting of the Wickhamford Gardening Club. He brought to the meeting some magnificent plumes of antirrhinum in brilliant shades of yellow, white, pink and crimson sufficient to make the average gardener very envious of such lovely blooms and a wonderful selection of rainbow hued Alstroemerias, otherwise known as the Inca Lily. Mr Andrews talked about the history of its cultivation and the influence of the Holland growers in this field, and ended the evening by challenging the meeting to guess the height to which the Alstroemeria will grow under glass house conditions; Mr N. Tayler giving the right answer.

The club competition for the best foliage plant was won by Mrs. Stratton, with Mrs Dunkerley 2nd, Mrs Bowles third.

This month is the height of the gardening year with the majority of the planting done when we can enjoy the fruits of our labours with that pleasant early evening stroll around the garden enjoying the heady scent of roses and honeysuckle and see the colourful sight of butterflies amongst the Buddleia, or the less welcome sight of the large white butterfly on the cabbages!

A fascinating view of the world of the butterfly was given in an excellent talk by Mr J. Hardman of Red Hill, Alcester at the July meeting of the Wickhamford Gardening Club which was well attended. The club competition of three roses of different varieties was won by Mrs D. Stacey, 2nd Mrs B. Stratton, 3rd Mr. N. Wayte.

The club's chairman, Mr. Hale reported on the enjoyable outing in June to Capel Manor in Hertfordshire.

The next meeting will be on the 3rd August with a talk by Mr & Mrs E. Butcher on 'Our journeys on the inland Waterways' and the competition is a collection of five cut herbs.

B. Peberdy

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Badsey Church Restoration Fund

The Committee has now officially disbanded and the bank deposit account has been closed.

£6019.98 was transferred to the P.C.C. General Account on 24th June 1988.

CARNIVAL

The Restoration Fund committee raised £100 at the Carnival, not included in the above figure. £80 of this has been retained, partly to finance printing of leaflets and the remainder to form a "float" to buy prizes etc. so that the members of the old committee can organise, e.g. Bingo for other Church funds, probably the churchyard. The remaining £20 was given to Ted Wheatley to augment £280 held by him from fund raising events in Badsey some years ago and which has now been given to three charities, Worcester Scanner Appeal £100, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children £100 and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham £100.