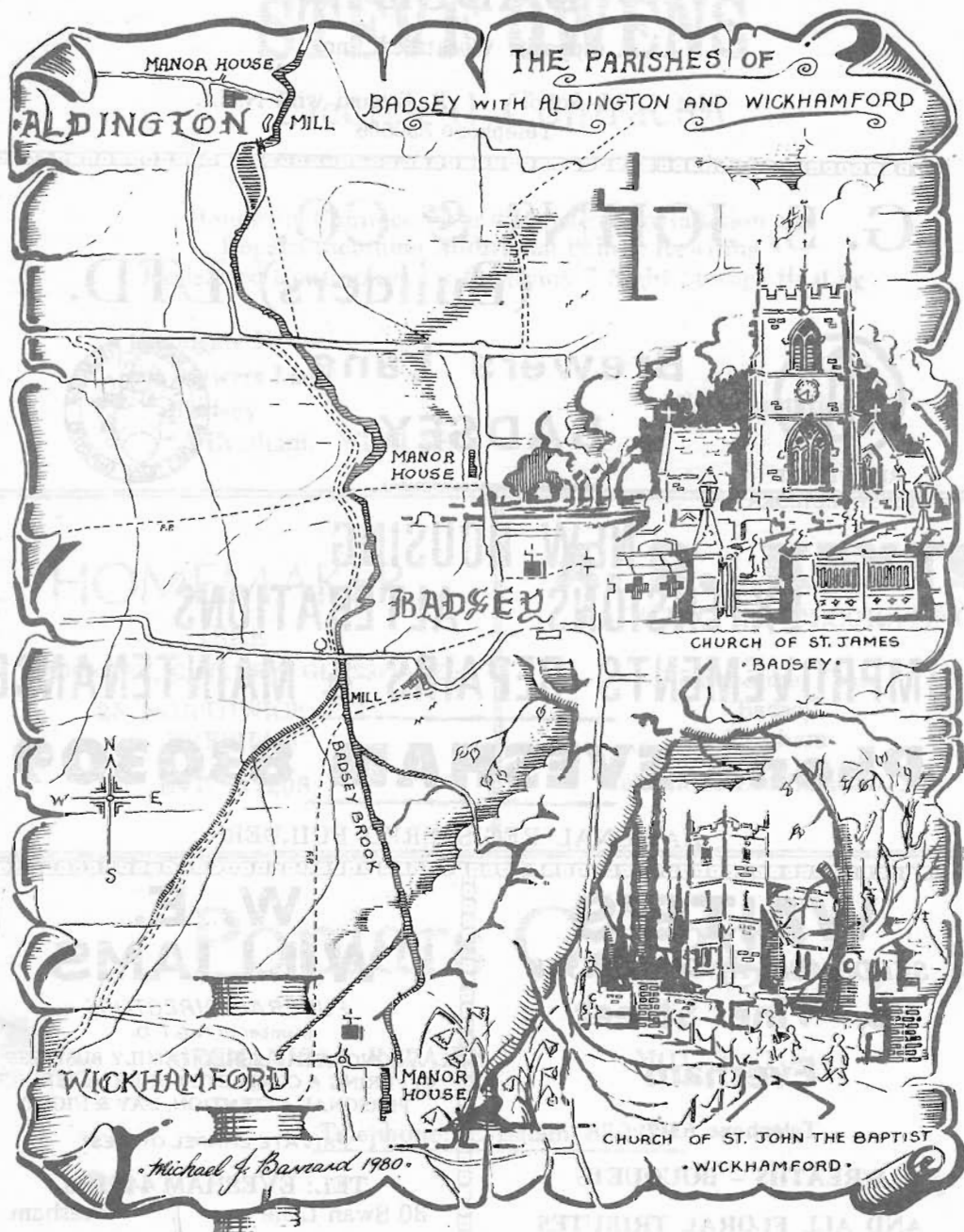


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The Parishes of Badsey with Aldington, and Wickhamford

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

April 1989

My dear Friends,

Recently I saw a Badsey with Aldington Parish Magazine published in January 1947, price 3d. (approximately 1p in today's currency) In the advertisements, Brewers Bakery (A & L.J. Lawrance) expressed their sincere aim that they should give the VERY BEST service and that their bread and confectionary should be of the best in quality. Butlers General Stores offered Ice Cream, Fresh Fruit and Minerals whilst H.E. Wheatley affirmed that they had been Family Butchers for FIFTY years. Coulters of Evesham advertised their Fordson 5cwt Van at £189 (at works). But it was the letter of the then Vicar, the Revd. J.G. Jeffreys M.A. B.Sc. that caught my attention. Mr Jeffreys had been in the living for just a year and he said how quickly the time had passed and how much he and his wife had appreciated the welcome given them since their arrival. Then he went on "Being Vicar of two parishes including three villages is a task almost beyond one man, if left unassisted by a curate. I trust the time will come when that necessary assistance will be forthcoming." Later he mentions the matter of visiting and says that a number of parishioners are a little sad that so far they haven't been visited. "That is going to take a long time I'm afraid," Mr Jeffreys says "Apart from Wickhamford and Aldington there are 365 houses in Badsey alone! (his exclamation mark, not mine) I shall try and accomplish the task as time goes by. In the

meantime I do ask you all - please let me know as soon as possible when people become ill or the names of people who are permanent invalids. When thinking of the needs of the Parish do remember that I have many things to do and people to see - at the Vicarage - together with Diocesan affairs, generally at Worcester."

Today there are well over a thousand houses in Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford and within the last 18 months at least another 140 have been built or are planned in Badsey alone. Furthermore, although the parishes have the able assistance of Mr Callaghan the Reader in many different ways, the likelihood of there ever being a full time curate is now extremely remote. Even if the Bishops could wave a magic wand and produce more men (or women) the extra finances required would place many thousands of pounds on the Quota and parish finances. Also there is still a likelihood of further reduction in the number of full time clergy in the Evesham Deanery and the possibility that Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford might be affected. At a recent Rural Clergy Sharing Day at least 85% of the full time clergy present now have the care of three or more parishes. Clearly, this is a situation that raises serious questions about the role of the full time clergy today, and the way their role should develop in the future.

Yet the life of the church goes on and in many places continues to grow and flourish. Inevitably more lay people have become involved and have assumed more responsibilities of the church at all levels, including the parish. This is why good P.C.Cs are so essential. Because it is only through them that a parish church will grow and flourish. Anyone who still thinks that the clergy today can go on ministering to their parishes in the same way as their predecessors did even forty years ago (much as the clergy themselves might like to) will I'm afraid, sooner or later be disappointed. It is as unrealistic as thinking they can still go and order bread from Brewer's Lane Bakery in Badsey, or buy a Fordson 5 cwt Van from Coulters for £189 (ex works).

It is right that parishes should continue to have a high expectation of their clergy as many do, but it is also necessary that such expectations should be realistic and that the lay people should share in fulfilling them. The parish church should become the community church. A church served by the community for the community. In this the church fulfils its role as the Servant Church. The Church called to serve, not just itself, as it might easily be tempted to do, but like

its Master, to serve others, in his name and for his sake. For only in Jesus and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, will we be given the strength, the inspiration and the love to do so.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell.

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL

St. James', Badsey

2nd 1 after Easter	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
9th 2 after Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
16th 3 after Easter	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
23rd 4 after Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
25th St Mark the Evangelist	9.00 am Holy Communion	
30th 5 after Easter	11.00 am Family Service	6.30 pm Combined Evensong St Leonard's Bretforton.

May

4th Ascension Day	10.00 am The Eucharist	
7th Sunday after Ascension Day	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
14th Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communion: 4th, 12th, 19th and 26th April, 3rd and 10th May

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

2nd 1 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist	
9th 2 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist	
16th 3 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist	
23rd 4 after Easter	11.00 am Family Service	
30th 5 after Easter	9.30 am The Eucharist	
May		
4th Ascension Day	9.00 am The Eucharist	
7th Sunday after Ascension Day	9.30 am The Eucharist	
14th Pentecost	9.30 am The Eucharist	

Sunday Themes

1 after Easter	The Upper Room
2 after Easter	The Emmaus Room
3 after Easter	The Lakeside
4 after Easter	The Charge to Peter
5 after Easter	Going to the Father
Sunday after Ascension Day	The Ascension of Christ
Pentecost	

Lectionary

1 after Easter	1 Peter 1 3-9	Exodus 16 1-15
	John 20 19-29	John 6 24-51
2 after Easter	Rev 19 6-9	Ezekiel 34 1-16
	Luke 24 13-35	John 10 1-18
3 after Easter	1 Cor 15 1-11	I Kings 17 8-end
	John 21 1-14	John 11 17-44
4 after Easter	Rev 3 14-end	Proverbs 4 1-18
	John 21 15-22	2 Cor 4.13-5.15
5 after Easter	1 Cor 15 21-28	Deuteronomy 34
	John 16 25-end	John 16 12-24
Sunday after Ascension Day	Eph 1 15-end	2 Kings 2 1-15
Pentecost	Luke 24 45-end	John 17
	Acts 2 1-21	Ezekiel 37 1-14
	John 20 19-23	Romans 8 18-27

PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals	Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live even though he dies"
Badsey	
3rd Mar	Kenneth George Baylis Mumford of 10 Banks Road, Badsey, aged 78 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
17th Mar	Marjorie Perkins, of 2 Silk Mills, Mill Lane, Badsey aged 81 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
Wickhamford	
16th Mar	Lilian Wilkins, of 17 Coombefield Road, Wickhamford, aged 81 years (at Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

Badsey	From Mrs M. Sparrow in memory of her father and her husband - £10, towards church funds.
Wickhamford	In memory of Mr Cyril Warren, from Mrs B. Warren - £20, towards church funds.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Saturday 8th April 10.45 am - 12.15 pm Bishop of Worcester's
Walkabout, Wickhamford and Badsey
- Tuesday 18th April Badsey AVM and AGM - Badsey Church,
7.30 pm
- Wednesday 10th May Wickhamford P.C.C.
- Friday 12th May Social Committee - 7 School Lane, Badsey
7.15 pm

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19th April

BADSEY M.U.

The February evening meeting was held on the 28th and was well attended. After the hymn was sung, being the choice of Mrs Dorothy Stanton, the prayers were led by Mrs Jean Ives.

Following the business we welcomed our guest Mrs Angela Lilley who had come to show us the film made by her parents Mr Rob and Mrs Anne Rolt when our Ugandan sisters visited us last year. It began with a film of when they all, including Mrs Dorothea Sainsbury, visited Uganda the year before. It was nice to see it again and then it went on to last year and as well as including the M.U. conference at Swanick with visitors from all over the world, it contained the evening when Hilda, Grace and Janet came to join us at our Garden Party in July. It was fun to see ourselves on the screen. It also contained visits they made to farms. Angela also gave us a little insight as to what they saw when she and her party visited Uganda. A very interesting evening.

On March 14th at 2.30 we held our A.G.M. and although there was a lot of illness about we had 20 present. Sadly our E.M. Mrs Esme Seaman, could not be with us due to a bereavement so the meeting was taken by the Secretary, Mrs Joan Betteridge. She read a letter from Mrs Seaman explaining her absence at the beginning of the meeting and we began by singing the hymn. "Earth has Many a Noble City" which had been chosen by our dear friend Mrs Marjorie Perkins on our request list. She had died 2 days before and we were all very sad. Mrs Jean Ives kindly took the prayers again. Apologies had been received from the Vicar and 8 other members. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, all the Committee members read reports of their departments. Magazines, Thrift, Overseas, Literature, Teas and Finance. The latter is in the hands of our Treasurer, Mrs C Davies, and we are in quite a healthy

position. She presented detailed statements and she was heartily thanked for her work. The Secretary reported on the members. Forty members and five Indoor Prayer Circle members. We had held fifteen meetings with speakers last year and had attended 6 gatherings, 21 in all. Then followed the written report of the Enrolling Member, Mrs Esme Seaman, read by Mrs Betteridge. She began, "I know we all share in the sadness at the loss of Marjorie Perkins, one of our oldest members, and we must keep her memory bright, as we do the flowers, polish the brass and clean the church as she would wish. Marjorie was a very faithful member of the church and the M.U. and had served the village in many other ways in the past, as well as her country, in the wrens during the war. She had been a founder member of the W.I., Guide Captain before the war and after, a Sunday School Teacher and a very valued member of the Home Help Service. Her faith was strong, her heart was kind and we shall all miss her." She then went through all our meetings and activities during the past year. In the Village, Branch, Deanery and Diocese. Far too many to mention in this report but it all added up to a very interesting and happy year.

The highlight of the year of course was the visit of our Ugandan sisters and also our Deanery Spotlight Day on May 10th in All Saints, Evesham, when Mrs Daphne Bell and her committee in the Deanery worked so hard to make it so successful. The theme depicting "The Fruits of the Spirit" Mrs Seaman's report closed by thanking all the committee for their work and all the members for their encouragement and friendship. There then followed a request for two new members for the committee as Mrs Ann Launchbury and Mrs Hilda Byrd wished to resign. Mrs Joan Hartwell kindly volunteered to join, but we still need one more. We were told that Mrs Hazel Stewart is willing to take charge of the flower rota and to do the ordering etc. which Marjorie used to do. We were all very pleased to hear this and will make out rotas for flowers, brass cleaning and church cleaning and hope to fill the gaps. We also asked for volunteers to make tea and coffee when the Bishop calls at our church on April 8th. This closed an interesting A.G.M. with tea and cakes.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 5th April

7.30 Deanery Festival at All Saints
Evesham.

Commissioning of Mrs Joan Whitehouse
as Deanery Chairman

- Sat 8th April 11.30 approx. Bishops visit. All welcome to meet him.
- Tues 11th April 2.30 M.U. Meeting. Overseas Work - The Rev. Margaret Partridge
- Tues 25th April 7.30 Any Questions. Panel Mrs D Sainsbury Mrs A Rolt, Mr J Callaghan and Mr R Wretham. Please send your questions to the Secretary as soon as possible.
J. Betteridge

BADSEY W.I.

In the absence of Mrs Carrie John, Mrs Pat Strickland, Vice-President, conducted the meeting. Four new members were welcomed to our Institute. The speaker for the evening was Mr J Peck on The Art of Pressed Flowers. The subject was very interesting, and Mrs Peck showed us some delightful pictures she had made and framed, as well as greetings cards, menus and place cards all made from pressed flowers.

Mrs Sheila Knight ran her own stall and raised £25 for the British Heart Foundation.

The raffle was won by Mrs Anthea Smith. The competition for an Easter card was won by Mrs Brenda Osbourne with Mrs Chris Print second. Social time was a competition for an Easter Bonnet and this was won by Mrs Esme Seaman with Mrs Maureen Davies second and Mrs Win Skitt third.

The speaker for our April meeting will be June Ross on Reflexology: Social time - the handbag game, and the competition a knitted or crocheted article.

G.F. Hughes

BADSEY OVER 60's

Our February meeting was most enjoyable although Mrs Callaghan was very much missed. We are so pleased to know she is now home from hospital and getting on very well. We look forward to having her back at the club very soon.

We enjoyed Mrs Seaman's slides of her holiday in Cornwall very much, and Mrs Christine Davies gave the vote of thanks.

The monthly raffle was won by Mrs K Brotherton, an extra raffle of two boxes of chocolates was won by Mrs M Knight and Mrs M Sparrow.

Our March meeting was so very enjoyable when we had the very talented St. Egwin's School Choir to sing for us, accompanied by their teacher Mrs Newbury.

The monthly raffle was won by Mrs Turner, and the second raffle which raised £11.70 for funds was won by, Mrs Moore,

Mrs Allchurch and Mrs Lord.

Mrs Callaghan I'm glad to say is still improving and we hope to see her back with us soon.

Next month Lady Harford is showing us slides on "India" and from what I understand is not to be missed.

May meeting will be the mini auction.

For the Church Fete in June the stall will be "Pantry and Small Household".

We look forward to seeing you all next month and hope those of you who are not well will be better.

Win Skitt

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The Chairman, Mrs Syril, opened the meeting with the Exhortation and afterwards welcomed Mrs Darvel, a new member. Mrs Jefferies read her report on the Area Conference in Malvern. It was most interesting. Mrs Westmacott read the Minutes of the last meeting and Mrs Grinnel gave her Treasurer's Report.

Mrs Ruth Holmes from "Kitchen Flare" gave a very informative talk on how to plan a Kitchen with lots of good tips and advice.

The competition was a "Decorated Pancake" which was won by Mrs Clements. The monthly draw was won by Mrs Thompson. A Prize Bingo will take place at Legion Headquarters on April 16th in Aid of Womens Section Schemes. Prizes will be very welcome.

M. Morcombe

M.U. OVERSEAS FUND

I should be glad to receive the boxes for the above fund as early as possible in May.

My thanks to all who support this worthy cause.

Hilda Byrd

Memorial Peal

On March 17th, a thanksgiving half muffled quarter peal for Marjorie Perkins was rung at Badsey Church. It consisted of 1260 changes of plain bob doubles, 7-6-8 covering. The ringers were: Hilary Bolton, Robert Hall, Reg Kyte, Clint Evans (Conductor) Steve Carter, John Bolton, Andrew Stewart and David Witts.

The Bishop's Walk

From Sunday 2nd April to Saturday, 8th April, the Bishop of Worcester will be walking around the Diocese to raise money for the Church Urban Fund and the Cathedral Appeal. Some people have already expressed an interest in walking part of the way with him, and indeed the object of the exercise is for the Bishop to meet people on the way. He will be delighted if people just want to walk with him, or even if they wish to obtain sponsors themselves.

The Bishop is expecting to spend the night of Friday, 7th April at Broadway, and then, having left Broadway on the Saturday morning, reach the Sandys Arms at Wickhamford by about 10.45 am. From here he will walk to Badsey, stopping at Badsey Church for coffee in the Transept at about 11.30 where parishioners will be most welcome to join him. From there the Bishop will walk up through the village to the Village Hall where his car will be waiting to take him on to the next parish.

People who would like to sponsor the Bishop on his walk, or just make a donation to the Church Urban Fund and Cathedral Appeal are invited to contact the Vicarage as well as anyone who would like to be sponsored themselves.

PDM

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Badsey Parish Meeting - Wednesday 17th May 1989

The Remembrance Hall, Badsey 7.30pm

Parish Skip - Green Leys garage area 31st March to 3rd April
NO GARDEN WASTE PLEASE

SCHOOL LANE NURSERY SCHOOL

Some of you are already familiar with the above if you attend Sunday School and/or attend Badsey Brownies as both bodies meet at our building sited on the field at the back of Badsey First School. For those not familiar with us, we are an Independent nursery school for 3-5 year olds. We open 5 mornings a week (9 - 12 am) and 1 afternoon (1 pm - 3.15 pm). We also have a flourishing "Tea & Tot" on Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 3.15 pm for those of you with babies and toddlers. We have a large airy building and a grassed, fenced outside play area. We liaise with the school and have access to the hall, TV and Video. We feel that this relationship will enhance all

childrens transition to primary school, whichever one he/she may attend.

Please ring either of the numbers below for any information or call and see us in operation.

Heather Gibbons 48943

Fiona Laidlaw 831669

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The W.I. Meeting for March was held on the 9th at Wickhamford Memorial Hall.

Sue Bearcroft, President, welcomed members and one visitor. Birthday Buttonholes were presented to four members Sue Bearcroft, Stella Odley, Pam Corbett and Betty Bowles. Also for Muriel Bastow who was unable to attend.

Mrs Butcher then gave a lively talk about Journeys on the Inland Waterways while Mr Butcher showed a film. They had spent most of their summers on the Canals since 1951 and had, had a Boat built for them. This brought memories of quieter days and a true love of Canal and Countryside alike.

The Competition of a Holiday Snap was won by Mrs Palmer, Jenny Keepence and Mrs Herne coming 2nd and 3rd. Flower of the month Competition was 1st Pat Bell, 2nd Peggy Hancock, 3rd Mrs Litterick. The evening was rounded off with a game of Bingo. Visitors and New Members are always welcome.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 13th April at Wickhamford Memorial Hall 7.30 pm. When the speaker will be Mrs Tony Harris telling us about Denman College.

Pat Clinton

WANTING TO SUPPLEMENT YOUR INCOME? HAVE YOU CONSIDERED OFFERING LODGINGS?

If so would you consider offering accommodation to a young or vulnerable person in need of support.

These people will be known to the Social Services Department and will be in need of lodgings where care and understanding is also provided.

Social work back-up and advice on financial arrangements will be available.

We would be interested in hearing from people who can offer accommodation in the Evesham/Pershire areas. For further details contact:

Alastair Smith - Pershire 553414
Gerry Monahan - Evesham 41981

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

46 members and friends enjoyed an afternoon of music, when we were entertained by the Buckle Street handbell ringers. The next meeting is on Wednesday 5th April when a talk on the British Red Cross will be given by Mr Jim Green.

Report of the A.G.M. of Wickhamford Parish Council

The Electoral Roll now stands at 53 resident and 16 non resident members, a reduction of 2 over the year.

Unfortunately there were no new members from people moving into the village. Mrs Baker was thanked for her care of the roll.

The accounts presented by Mrs Astley, showed that thanks to the £1647 raised by the efforts of the ladies who offered cream teas during the summer months, we had met an increased expenditure with a little to spare. Our auditor, Mr Wadams, stressed the importance of the contribution from Cream teas and a discussion followed on how more willing helpers could be encouraged. It was decided to raise the price to £1.20 as it had not been altered for 3 years. In thanking the Treasurer and Mr Wadams, the Vicar mentioned that Mrs Astley had expressed a wish to retire at the end of the year.

The Vicar thanked all those who ensured that the Church still thrived in Wickhamford but was disappointed that there had been a reduction in the numbers attending services in 1988. Mr Poulter thanked the Vicar on behalf of the Parish and assured him that he should not take this trend personally. Mrs Poulter, in giving the Sunday School report, hoped that we could take another look at the services we have, with regard to encouraging the younger members. Her thanks to Mrs Collis and the thirteen regular attenders.

The Fabric report was generally favourable especially as the roof had been declared in good condition by a professional inspection during the year. However, the time had come to bring the electrical wiring up to modern standards and quotations had been obtained to undertake this work in the near future. It was agreed to accept Dillworths estimate of nearly fifteen hundred pounds and the official clearance for this would take a few weeks. The excellent way in which Mr Robin Cox had maintained the Churchyard was much appreciated. In the election for P.C.C. members Mrs Pat Clinton was welcomed onto the Committee. Those re-elected were Mrs Astley, Miss Holland, Mrs Poulter, Mrs Collis, Mrs Baker, Mrs Launchbury, Mr Tuckwell, Dr Astley and Mr Maden. Mrs Dunkerley was thanked by the Vicar for her excellent work

as Secretary and although she was very willing to pass the position on to anyone who felt they would like to take it, she agreed to carry on in the absence of an offer.

It was announced that the Bishop of Worcester would be in the village on Saturday, 8th April at 10.45 am by the Sandys Arms. This is during his walk through the Parish to publicise and raise money for the Church Urban Fund and Cathedral Appeal.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Those who attended Wickhamford Gardening Club's meeting on Wednesday, 1st March were well rewarded when Mrs Batchelor gave an excellent demonstration of floral arrangements. The theme entitled "Looking forward to Spring" was represented in a number of ways, from an informal arrangement around a very irregular piece of wood to create a woodland scene, to a formal display in a glass dish on a sculptured pedestal. There was a colourful collection of flowers, foliage and even fruit beautifully arranged in and around a basket, and finally a white decorative garden brick with ivies and red carnations. Throughout her demonstration, Mrs Batchelor told amusing stories of her travels and kept her audience well entertained. People who do a lot of flower arranging either have a large, well-stocked garden or lots of friends. Mrs Batchelor inferred that she was the latter and commented that it is such a nice way to meet people. She advised the best seeds to grow for ones' own arrangements and also how to preserve foliage with glycerine. The arrangements went home with the six lucky draw winners, and the chairman, Mr Hale, presented Mrs Batchelor with a token of appreciation.

The competition for a bowl of Pot or Growing Flowers was won by Mrs Stacey, with Mrs Bowles and Miss Dyke 2nd and 3rd. The next meeting is the Spring Show on Wednesday 5th April. A new open class this year will be an "Easter Bonnet" made with live flowers and to be worn by the entrant. All-in-all it promises to be an enjoyable evening and we hope to see many new faces as well as our regulars.

Mrs J. Halling

CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

From The Irish Bulletin

"There will be a procession in the grounds of the monastery next Sunday afternoon. If it rains in the afternoon, the procession will be held in the morning".

From Yorkshire

A Yorkshireman asked that the inscription on his wife's gravestone should read, "She was Thine" The engraver mistakenly put "She was Thin" The man wrote saying they had missed out the 'E'. The next effort read:

"E' She was Thin"

