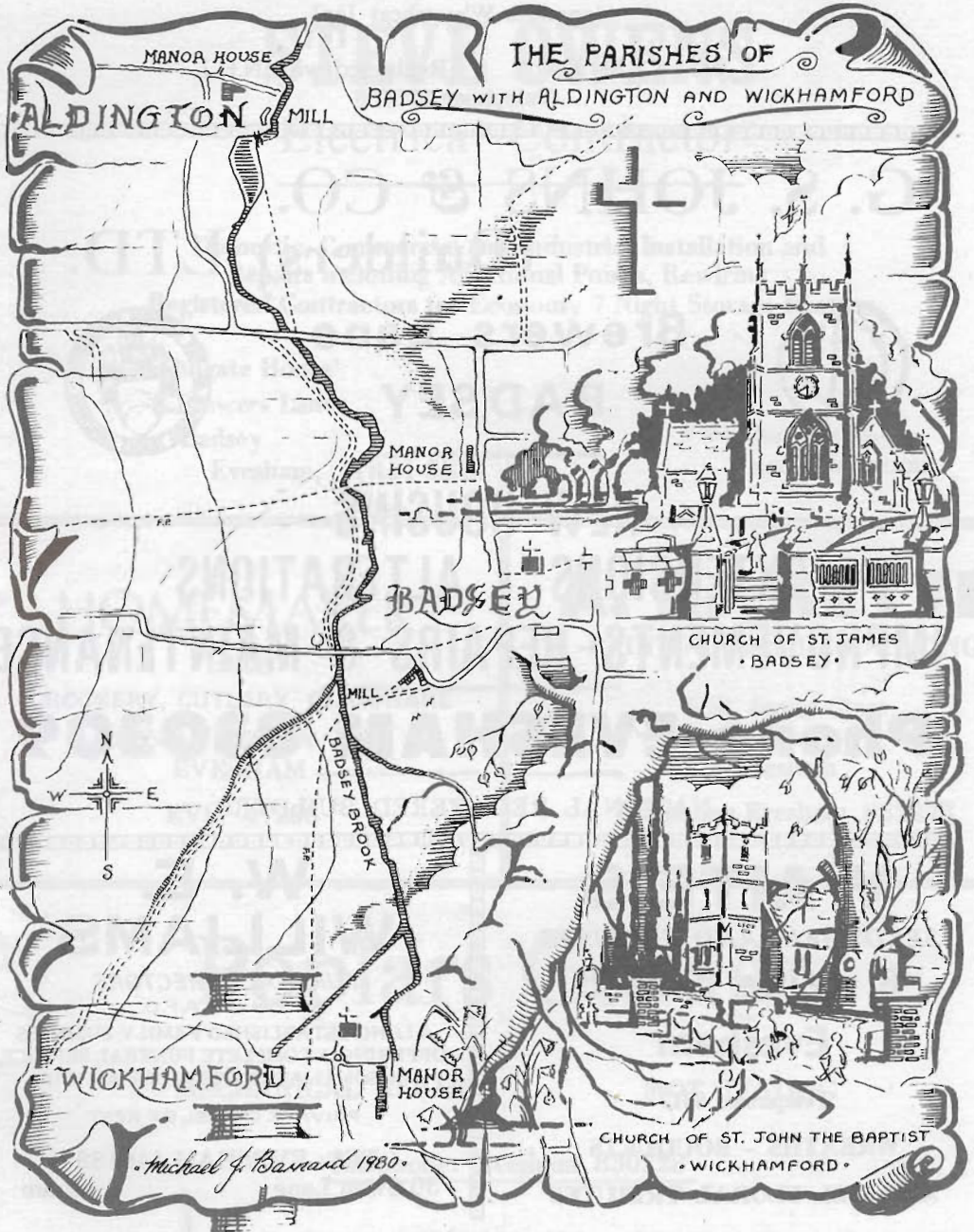


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

October 1989

My dear Friends,

Crack

A major offensive has been launched by the United States against the drug traffickers in Latin America and in particular Columbia. Drugs such as cocaine and heroin have been an increasing problem in America and elsewhere for many years but now a third one has emerged. 'Crack' as it is commonly known. Three years ago Crack was virtually unheard of but has now become a major drug abuse in 49 out of 50 states in America, and in almost all of their major cities. Crack has taken over from Cocaine, and no other drug has spread so quickly. It is an 'equal opportunity' drug. It affects both blacks and whites, the ghettos and suburbia, men and women. Many of the inner city families in the United States are matriarchal by nature. They are run by women, but now these same women, previously untouched by heroin abuse, are becoming Crack addicts, and the last vestiges of family life in the inner cities are beginning to disappear. The use of Crack increased child abuse cases by over 400% It produces violence and places the lives of law enforcement officers increasingly at risk.

Crack is smoked and not injected because this is the most efficient method of getting the drug to the brain. It is not intrusive. It is very easy to make from cocaine and, for the drug trafficker produces 300% profit on the price of cocaine. As late as 1985, in America, cocaine was thought to be a relatively harmless drug and probably no more addictive than

eating peanuts or potato crisps. It took 16 to 18 months for a person to be addicted to cocaine, but by the time the authorities found out how addictive it was, too many people had become addicted to it. A person trying Crack will become addicted after only the third time and generally within 5 weeks of first using it. Crack has become the single most addictive drug in the United States and Europe. At the present time it is considered to be virtually an incurable addiction. Because it is sold in small quantities it appears to be inexpensive, and certainly within the price range of most children and young people, but its effects only last between eight and twelve minutes. People use the drug for one reason. 'I want to feel good now' 'I don't want to wait' 'I don't want to work for it' 'I want to feel good now'. Crack is the ultimate 'feel good now' drug. Because it induces violence and child abuse, addicts often turn against their own families and friends first.

The origins of Crack were in the Caribbean and Latin America on a very small scale but its distribution is now controlled by international drug traffickers. The mistake made by the authorities in New York was that they did not see the problem early enough. The city of Boston, on the other hand, did, and started a programme of drug education and community education early. As a result, Boston today has only a minor Crack problem.

The message is clear. The United States is already saturated with cocaine. As one Drug Enforcement Officer has said, "There just aren't enough noses to use all the cocaine that's coming in". The international drug traffickers are looking for new markets, Europe is an obvious choice. Unless we begin a programme of drug education and community education now in Europe and in this country, within two or three years we could have a similar problem. Many of our inner cities would provide fertile breeding grounds for the drug as the report "Faith in the City" makes all too clear.

In the Vale of Evesham the problem of drug abuse is at present minimal, but a threat exists, especially when our young people have to leave the Vale to find work and somewhere to live.

In the Old Testament book of Proverbs, the ancient writer says, "Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off self restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law". The prophetic warnings on drug abuse are now sounding loud and clear. The danger signals have been hoisted. There is still time. We hope

and pray that those warnings and signals will be heard and heeded.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER

St. James', Badsey

1st Harvest Festival and 20 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
8th 21 after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
15th 22 after Pentecost	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
22nd Last Sunday after Pentecost	08.00 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Sung Eucharist
28th St Simon and St Jude, Apostles	09.00 am Holy Communion	
29th 9 before Christmas	11.00 am Family Service	Combined Evensong at Wickhamford - 6.30 pm

November

5th 8 before Christmas	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong
12th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	10.45 am Remembrance Day Service	6.30 pm Evensong

Mid Week Communions: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th October, 1st,
7th and 15th November.

St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

1st 20 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist	
8th 21 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist	
15th 22 after Pentecost	09.30 am The Eucharist	
22nd Last Sunday after Pentecost	11.00 am Family Service	
29th 9 before Christmas	09.30 am The Eucharist (said)	6.30 pm Combined Service of Evensong

November	
5th 8 before Christmas	09.30 am The Eucharist
12th Remembrance Sunday and 7 before Christmas	<u>09.15 am</u> The Eucharist

Lectionary

Pentecost 20
(Oct 1)

Badsey: Harvest Festival

2 Cor 9 6-end Deut 8
Matt 6 24-end Luke 8 4-15

Wickhamford:

Romans 8 18-25

Luke 9 51-end

Pentecost 21
(Oct 8)

Acts 26 1-8

Ezekiel 12 21-end

Luke 18 1-8

1 Peter 1 3-21

Pentecost 22
(Oct 15)

1 John 2.22-end

Jeremiah 6 16-21

Luke 16 1-9

Mark 3 7-end

Last Sunday after
Pentecost (Oct 22)

Philippians 3 7-end

Isaiah 33 13-22

9 before Christmas
(Oct 29)

John 17 1-10

Matthew 24.45-25.13

8 before Christmas
(Nov 5)

Revelation 4

Genesis 1.1-2.3

John 3 1-8

John 1 1-14

Remembrance Sunday
& 7 before
Christmas

Rom 7 7-13

Exodus 20 1-20

John 3 13-21

Mark 7 1-23

Badsey:

John 15 9-17

Genesis 13

John 8 31-end

Wickhamford:

Romans 8 31-end

Matt 5 1-12

Sunday Themes

Pentecost 20 Endurance

Pentecost 21 The Christian Hope

Pentecost 22 The Two Ways

Last Sunday Citizens of Heaven

after Pentecost
9 before The Creation

Christmas
8 before The Fall

Christmas
7 before The Election of God's People

Christmas

PARISH REGISTERS

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

Badsey

3rd Sept.

Kirsty Leanne, daughter of Leslie and Sharon
Evans of 14, St James' Close, Badsey.

Alasdair Charles, son of Basil and Corinne
Formanuik of 23, Bretforton Road, Badsey.

17th Sept.

James Peter Michael, son of Peter and Amanda
Ellingworth of 2, Manorside, Badsey.

Wickhamford

10 Sept.

Alison Jane, daughter of Nigel and Rosemary
Hurman of 8, Manor Close, Wickhamford.

Michael John Leonard, son of Roger and Judith
Bowley of 'Greystones', Cleeve Road, Marcliff,
Nr Bidford-on-Avon.

Weddings

"God is love, and those who live in love live
in God: and God lives in them"

Wickhamford

9th Sept.

Stuart Michael Gower and Deborah Woodcock.
Donations

Badsey

The Cheese and Wine Evening held at The Barn,
Badsey, by kind permission of Mrs Nancy Sladden,
£180 - towards church funds.

Wickhamford

from Mr James Lees-Milne, £100 towards church
funds. In memory of Canon Reg Stevens, £77
towards church funds.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Mon. 2 Oct

Distribution of Badsey Harvest Produce, 9.15 am
onwards.

Tues 6 Oct

Badsey Harvest Supper - Remembrance Hall 7.30 pm

Wed 17 Oct

Finance and General Purposes Committee - 8.00 pm
Badsey Church

Wed 25 Oct

Pastoral Committee - 2.30 pm, The Vicarage.

Wed 15 Nov

Wickhamford PCC

Parish Review - November issue - latest date for copy:
Wednesday, 18th October.

Decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest

The decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest will begin at 9.30 am on Saturday, 30th September. Offers of help, gifts of fruit, flowers and produce will be most welcome.

Distribution of Harvest Produce - Badsey with Aldington

The distribution of the Harvest Produce will take place on Monday, 2nd October, beginning at 9.15 am. All offers of help will be welcome, together with the names and addresses of those who would appreciate a gift from the Harvest. These may be given to members of the Pastoral Committee or to the Vicarage beforehand. Members of the Pastoral Committee are Mrs E Seaman, Mrs C Davies, Mrs J Ives, Mrs B Owen and Mrs H Byrd.

MOTHERS' UNION

The first meeting of the new session after the summer break began with Hymn 160, the choice of Mrs M Callaghan. The prayers were taken by Mrs Seaman. The speaker was the Vicar, Revd. Peter Mitchell, and his subject 'Faith in the Family' covered a wide range of thoughts on both Family, and what is meant by that word, and on Faith, and the relationship between them. Members very much enjoyed his interesting and thought provoking talk, and he was warmly thanked.

Will members please cut out articles on all aspects of family life, and let either Mrs Betteridge or myself have them for our Folder for the Council meeting in October. World wide opinions are welcome showing attitudes from other countries and cultures.

We were pleased to hear that Mrs Kate Cleaver is slowly gaining strength and loves to hear from members and friends. Do remember that anyone who has been baptized into the Christian faith can be a member of the M.U., and would be very welcome to our meetings. Try us and see!

E Seaman, E.M.

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 4th Oct	10 am Corporate Communion
Tuesday 10th Oct	2.30 pm Ann Brierly talk on Prayer
Thursday 12th Oct	10.30 am Diocesan Council at Worcester
Tuesday 24th Oct	7.30 pm Mrs D Sainsbury, Travel talk
Monday 30th Oct	10 am - 3 pm Deanery Training day
Monday 6th Nov	Deanery meeting 2.15 pm

BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Carrie John, President, welcomed members and two visitors to our September meeting.

Our skittles team is very active and will take part in the Group skittles match at Snowhill. On 27 September they are to play at Droitwich against Chaddesley Corbett, who are No.1 on the list. On 8 December there will be a friendly match - members and partners welcome.

Several members attended Littleton W.I. meeting on 12 September when a demonstration of seafood cookery proved very interesting. The demonstrated dishes were later raffled, and booklets containing the recipes were available to all, also a booklet on the identification of the various fish. A very enjoyable evening.

Final details were announced for the trip to Bulmers Cider and the visit to Malvern Theatre, both taking place later this month.

Birthday buttonholes were given to members having a birthday during September.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs Evans on The Work of a Librarian - a most interesting, informative and amusing talk, most of us being unaware of the vast range of services provided by our Library in Evesham and its mobile van.

The competition for a bookmark was won by Brenda Osborne with Mrs Cowley second. Mrs Eva Reid won the raffle.

October meeting will be our A.G.M. when the President and Committee for 1990 will be elected. G F Hughes.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Mystery Trip in September was a very happy and successful afternoon. Leaving Badsey shortly after lunch the coach took about 50 members to Malvern and then on to Ledbury. After a short break in the town a further stop was made at the Duke of York, Berrow for an excellent cream tea. The coach returned to Badsey via Tewkesbury and the villages arriving here at about 5.45. A good time seemed to be had by all and especially one member who made an excellent buy in Ledbury! My thanks to Mrs Green and Mrs Skitt for supervising the afternoon as, unfortunately, I was unable to join the trip.

Our next meeting is the Harvest Festival afternoon on the 4th October. This will follow the usual pattern - a very brief service taken by Revd. Mitchell followed by the auction of the produce. The latter always proves to be hilarious. Produce and goods to be brought on the afternoon. Proceeds will be divided between the Church and a charity of our choice.

ADVANCE NOTICE

OPEN DAY October 18th. This is our main fund raising event of the year and members are asked to support it as they always have in the past, by not only coming to the afternoon, but if possible by bringing a friend with them. The entertainment will be given by Badsey First School. There will be a cake stall, Bring and Buy and competitions. Tickets are 30p to include tea and biscuits. Time 2.30 - 4.30 pm. This is an open day to the village for all age groups. Please join us on what is always a good afternoon.

Our best wishes are sent to all members who have been ill recently and our special thoughts go to Mrs Kate Cleaver who is now home with her daughter after her time in hospital.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Our August meeting was opened by Mrs Syril with the Exhortation, the minutes were read, members were asked to sponsor 2 ladies cycling from John o Groats to Lands End to raise funds for Special Turbo Chairs for disabled children. Members enjoyed a game of Bingo. The Competition 'Prettiest Buckle' was won by Mrs Clements. The draw was won by Mrs Reeves.

Refreshments were served.

M. Morcombe

Children's Society Box Holders

I would like to remind box holders that boxes are now due for collection. If box holders could deliver their boxes to me it would be a great help but I will call if necessary. May I take this opportunity to thank present box holders and invite others to join us in this great task.

Jean Ives, Vol. Sec. Tel. 830132

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The British Red Cross Society is earnestly seeking volunteers who are interested in being involved in the Red Cross Services or who would like to help on the fund raising side. If you would like more details please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr A.C. Whiting 2 Offenham Road, Evesham (Tel: 48995)

TRANSPORT WATCHER REQUIRED!

The Parish Council is actively seeking a volunteer to act as Transport Watcher for the Parish to replace Mrs M. Cleaver, who for health reasons has had to give up. The Council is very grateful for the work Mrs Cleaver has done and would like to

find a replacement as soon as possible. The Watcher should preferably be a bus user at least on a reasonably regular basis. The job involves keeping a watch on the local bus services in the area and liaising with Mrs Battin, the Rural Transport Adviser in Evesham about problems and suggested improvements to services. If you would like more details without obligation, please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Mr A.C. Whiting, 2 Offenham Road, Evesham (Tel: 48995)

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD P.C.C. MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13th

The main fluorescent tubes now used to light the church are of the 'Natural Light' kind and contrast with the smaller 'Warm White' lights under the gallery. The general opinion was that the former tubes were an improvement but it was understood that similar tubes were not available in the smaller size without changing the fittings.

Arrangements for Harvest Supper were discussed and the price of the tickets will be £1. In doing this it was hoped that people attending would give generously towards the Cathedral Appeal. After Supper a game of B.B.C. or Beat the Beetle in the Cathedral will be played using the parts of the building for scoring. The Vicar suggested that the first person to complete a 'Cathedral' should shout - Alleluia!

Preliminary arrangements have been made to inform the people who will provide the craft displays at the Flower Festival which is to be held on August Bank Holiday next year.

Several special services are to be held soon including an Evensong at Wickhamford on October 29th at 6.30 pm.

The Vicar introduced a pamphlet prepared by the church calling for action with 'Faith in the City'. The purpose is to stimulate discussion on how best to help the deprived city and urban areas in a practical way. One aspect in particular is the ever increasing problems caused by the taking of drugs and how essential it was to make children aware of their effects at an earlier rather than a later stage.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our September meeting on Wednesday 6th September Mr Barry Matthews of the R.N.L.I. gave an interesting talk about how the R.N.L.I. was formed in 1823 and the development of it up to date. He also gave a film show of the types of Lifeboats in use over the years to the present day. Self righting boats; showing also some of the hazardous conditions under which their men operate. Commentary on the film was by Raymond Baxter.

Mrs Matthews had brought along items for sale to assist their funds.

Betty and Don Steiner provided Cream Gateaux in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, for which we all thank them and look forward to their 60th.

Mr Newbury is now out of hospital and we wish him well and look forward to seeing him at future meetings.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 4th October will be the Annual General Meeting.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's Annual Show was held on 6th September in the village Memorial Hall. Despite the very dry summer, members had managed to produce many excellent vegetables, fruit and flowers. Also exhibited were appetising fruit cakes, made from an identical recipe, and a large selection of home-made red and white wines.

A Gardening Quiz organised by Miss Jean Dyke entertained members while judging took place, and the winning team was led by Mrs Liz Stone.

Judges for the various classes were Mr Peter Hoddinott, fruit and vegetables; Mrs Pat Smith, flower-arrangements; Mrs Audrey Harrison, cakes; Mr Gordon Lashford, wines. Prizewinners of the classes were as follows: CLASS 1 (1st) Mr O'Laughlin, (2nd) Mr Tayler; CLASS 2 (1st) Mr Tayler, (2nd) Mrs Summers; CLASS 3 (1st) Mrs Stone, (2nd) Mrs Astley; CLASS 4 (1st) Mrs Stratton, (2nd) Mr O'Laughlin; CLASS 5 (1st) Mr Ingles, (2nd) Mr Tayler; CLASS 6 (1st) Mrs Halling, (2nd) Mr Butcher; CLASS 7 (1st) Mrs Stacey, (2nd) Mrs Hale; CLASS 8 (1st) Mrs Stacey, (2nd) Mrs Dunkerley; CLASS 9 (1st) Mrs Bowles, (2nd) Mrs Hale; CLASS 10 (1st) Mrs Bowles, (2nd) Mrs Stratton; CLASS 11 (1st) Mrs Fairbrother, (2nd) Mrs Stone; CLASS 12 (1st) Mrs Stacey, (2nd) no entry; CLASS 13 (1st) Mr Butcher, (2nd) Mrs Butcher; CLASS 14 (1st) Mr Smith, (2nd) Mrs Davis; CLASS 15 (1st) Mrs Watts, (2nd) Mrs Musgrove; CLASS 16 (1st) Miss Dyke, (2nd) Mr Tayler. The prize for the most entries was won by Mrs Stacey, who also received a silver trophy for the highest points awarded in the show.

The Gardening Club's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 4th October. This is to be followed by a talk by Mr Paul Picton, entitled "Michaelmas Daisies", and the competition will be "A Vase of Autumn Foliage and Berries". Prospective new members and interested persons are warmly invited to attend this meeting.

WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL FUND RAISERS

PRIZE BINGO at Wickhamford Memorial Hall, Friday October 13th
eyes down 7.30 pm

GOOD AS NEW AND JUMBLE SALE at Bengeworth Church Hall,
Saturday October 28th 2.00 pm

Items for this sale can be given to Mrs Anne Poulter (Eve
830505)

Date for your diary:- "CHRISTMAS DANCE" Saturday December 2nd
Wickhamford Memorial Hall, 8.00 - 12.00 pm Bar.

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

An Autumn Fayre will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday
21st October at 2.30 pm. Various stalls to include - cake -
tombola, books gifts etc. Any donations of any kind will be
most welcome. Please come and support us as all proceeds go
towards providing a Christmas Party, Pantomime visit and
various outings for the village senior residents.

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The speaker for the September meeting was Mrs M. Darby who had
kindly stepped in for Mrs V Pawlyn who unfortunately could not
attend. Mrs M. Darby gave a very interesting talk about
Citizens Advice.

Birthday Buttonholes were presented to Ella Batchlor, Nora
Roberts and Maisie Palmer.

Tea Hostesses were Jenny Keepence, Diane Mayden and Ann
Launchberry.

The Flower of the Month competition was won by Peggy Hancock
second Betty Bowles and Rosemary Hendrick third.

The Limerick competition was won by Sue Bearcroft second Betty
Steiner and third Elsie Herne.

Members had enjoyed an evening trip to Stewart Crystal.

The next meeting will be held on October 12th at Wickhamford
Village Hall 7.30 pm when Mrs S Wallis will be the Speaker and
the topic will be Christmas Flowers.

Competition: A Folded Serviette.

Christian Crackers

At the Choir Concert next Wednesday, Mrs Smith will sing 'Put
me in my little wooden bed' accompanied by the Vicar.

The Vicar vetoed a request by the PCC for a chandelier in the
church. He said "Its because we have no one in the parish who
can play it!"