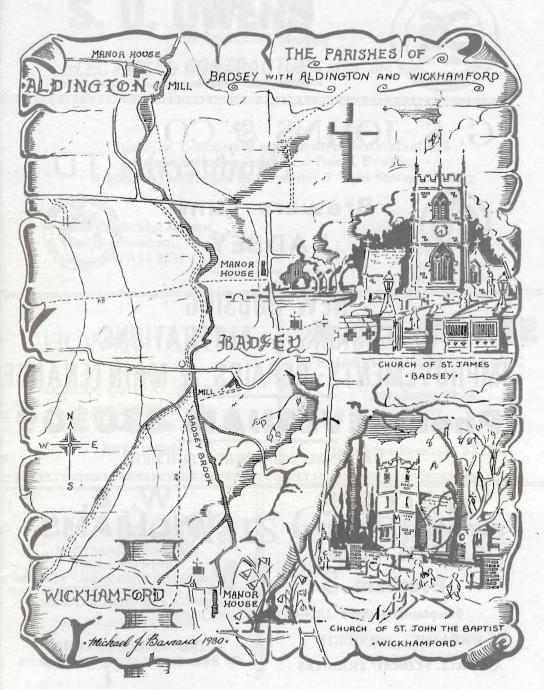
# PARISH REVIEW

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The Vicar's Letter

April 1992

My dear Friends,

This is the time of year when the Annual Vestry Meetings and Annual General Meetings of both churches are held. I would therefore like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking all those who have so faithfully and diligently served the church in Badsey with Aldington and Wickhamford during the past year. It has been said that one of the principle ways in which God works is from the lesser to the greater and the church is no exception. Here in both parishes there is a small but extremely dedicated band of christian people who for many years have been the nucleus and the mainspring of the church in these two parishes, and who give unstintingly of their time and talents, and money, to the church freely, willingly and voluntarily, and whose example has been an inspiration to us all, and I would like to thank them personally, both on behalf of myself, and all who live within the parishes. One thinks of those who hold office in the church, the churchwardens, the treasurers, the secretaries of the two parochial church councils, members of the councils and all who actively lead

and support many of the activities of the church, as well as other interests in the parishes quite apart from the church itself. It is impossible to mention everyone by name, but I feel reference must be made to Mr Ralph Taylor who is standing down from Badsey PCC this year after 40 years loyal and devoted service to the church, both as churchwarden, deputy churchwarden, sidesman, and member of the council. We thank Ralph for all that he has done for the church throughout these many years. Also mention must be made of our Reader, Mr John Callagahan, whose unbounded zeal and enthusiasm has so enriched the life of the church, particularly in Badsey since he and his wife, Mary, came back to live in this part of Worcestershire some 11 years or so ago. Thank you John and Mary for all you have done for us so far.

Like many areas of the country and other organisations and businesses, the church too is in the grip of recession to an extent not previously experienced. Because of the fall in the Church Commissioners income, due to the recession, the contribution necessary from the parishes to support the existing full time stipendiary clergy in the parishes is likely to increase by up to 14% a year over the next four years, and the amount the diocese of Worcester has been receiving from the Commissioners will fall by almost a third. But like the Church Commissioners and the diocese, the parishes are also having to draw on reserves of income to meet their current commitments, a situation which obviously cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely without some tough decisions being taken. Already other dioceses have announced reductions in their numbers of full time stipendiary clergy. Because of this. Chelmsford are reducing their clergy by 10, Lincoln by 30, a reduction of 10%, and Durham by 26 or 1 in 8. Although Worcester have not made any similar announcement, in 1991 all parish contributions to the upkeep of the full time clergy were paid in full, the possibility of such reductions becoming necessary at sometime in the future cannot be ruled out. The importance of continuing to meet our parish contributions will be paramount as will be the development of the lay ministry, and the increase and building up of sustained support and systematic giving to the church. It just cannot be left to the dedicated few any longer. Above all we must not lose heart or lose faith. The good news of Easter is a message of hope and promise and of new life; not of defeat and despair. The church has

passed through difficult and sacrificial times before, and will do so again. But faced in the right way and in the right spirit it has always emerged stronger than before. This is the meaning of the Cross and the Resurrection, the meaning of Good Friday and Easter Day. Therein lies our faith and hope. It is something in which we may even rejoice at this time of economic uncertainty and hardship for us all.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar, Peter Mitchell

#### CHURCH SERVICES

## St James' Badsey

5th	5 in Lent	11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
12th	Palm	08.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong
	Sunday	
14th	Tuesday in	7.30pm Evensong and Address
	Holy Week	
15th	Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion
	in Holy Wee	k
16th	Maundy	7.30pm Sung Eucharist
	Thursday	
17th	Good Friday	2-3pm Devotional Service
18th	Easter Eve	8.00pm Easter Eve Service
		- lighting of the Paschal Candle
		and renewal of Baptismal vows
19th	Easter Day	08.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong
		11.00am Sung Eucharist 7.40pm Holy Communion
26th	1 after	08.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Sung Eucharist
	Easter	
MAY		

1st	St Philip and St Jam		Holy Com	munion	
3rd	Apostles 2 after		Sung Fue	pharist 630	om Evensong
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10th	3 after Easter	08.00am	Holy Com	munion 6.30 <sub>1</sub>	pm Evensong

14th St Matthias 09.00am Holy Communion the Apostle

Mid Week Communions: Every Wednesday at 10.00am except on 22nd April

Badsey Sunday School: 11.00am every Sunday during Term Time, School Lane Playgroup

## St John the Baptist, Wickhamford

5th	5 in Lent	09.30am The Eucharist
12th	Palm Sunday	09.30am The Eucharist
16th	Maundy Thursday	09.00am The Eucharist
17th	Good Friday	11.00am Matins
		OT Lesson: Genesis 22. 1-18
		NT Lesson: John 18
18th	Easter Day	09.30am The Eucharist
26th	1 after	11.00am Baptism and
	Easter	Family Service

#### MAY

3rd	2 after	09.30am	The	Eucharist
	Easter			
10th	3 after	09.30am	The	Eucharist
	Easter			

#### LECTIONARY

5th	5 in Lent	Hebrews 9. 11-14	Isaiah 63. 1-16
		Mark 10. 32-35	John 12. 20-36a
12th	Palm Sunday	Phil.2. 5-11	Isaiah 5. 1-7
	The state of the s	Mark 14. 32-15,41	Mark 12. 1-12
16th	Maundy	1 Cor.11. 23-29	
	Thursday	John 13. 1-15	
19th	Easter	Col.3. 1-11	Exodus 14. 5-end
	Day	Mark 16. 1-8	John 20. 11-23
26th	1 after	1 Cor. 15. 53-end	
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 1 Peter 5. 1-11
 Isaiah 25. 1-9

 Easter
 John 10. 7-16
 Luke 24. 13-35

 10th
 3 after
 Col.3. 1-11
 Num. 13. 1-2, 17-end

 Easter
 John 11. 17-27
 John 21. 1-14

## SUNDAY THEMES:

Sundays in Lent: The King and the Kingdom: 5 The Victory of the Cross: Palm Sunday: The Way of the Cross; Easter Day; Sundays after Easter: 1. The Bread of Life; 2. The Good Shepherd; 3. The Lakeside.

#### PARISH REGISTERS

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Weddings		"God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them"
BADSEY	29th Feb	Matthew Ward and Anita Shaw
Funerals:		Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live even though he dies"
BADSEY		
	28 Feb	Margaret Elsie Jerrim of 1, Manor Gardens, Aldington, aged 83 years (at Cheltenham)
	4 Mar	Alice Mary Helm of 6, Bretforton Road, Badsey aged 88 years, (at Badsey and Cheltenham)
	18 Mar	William Archibald Reed of 32b Manor Close, Badsey, aged 84 years, (at Cheltenham)
	24 Mar	Celia Isabella Harris of Fairwater Nursing Home, Bengeworth, late of Silk Mills, Badsey, aged 89 years (at Cheltenham)

DONATIONS "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own do we give thee"

BADSEY Anonymously, towards the Fabric Fund - £500
Madeira and Mince Pie Evening - £183

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## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 4th April "Across the Diocese"

Sponsored Appeal in aid of the Childrens Society - for further details please contact either Mrs Jean Ives or the Vicarage.

Thur 23rd April Badsey AVM and AGM

- 7.30pm Badsey Church

Tue 5th May Episcopal Visitation - 7.30pm All

Saints, Evesham.

Pershore and Evesham Deaneries.

Thurs 7th May Badsey PCC - 7.30pm Badsey Church

Wed 13th May Wickhamford PCC - 7.30pm Memorial

Hall

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Wednesday 16th April

EASTER DECORATION - Badsey Church

The decoration of Badsey Church for Easter will take place on Easter Eve, Saturday, 18th April from 9.30am onwards. Gifts of flowers and offers of help will be most welcome. Donations towards the Easter Lillies may be given to Mrs Hazel Stewart or placed in the basket provided in the church.

CHURCH URBAN FUND

Those due to make the fourth and last of their annual donations to the Church Urban Fund Appeal (other than covenants paid by standing order) are kindly asked to give their contributions either to the Vicar, or the Treasurer before Easter. Thank you.

#### MOTHERS UNION

The meeting on 25th February began with Hymn 388, chosen as appropriate to the speaker's subject, followed by prayers.

Members were informed of changes in the programme, and arrangements for attending the Deanery Festival at Offenham were discussed.

The speaker was our own Daphne Bell whose subject was Mother Teresa of Calcutta. From an almost overwhelming amount of available information, Daphne gave us an excellent talk, with visual aids, and with her own descriptive powers bringing this remarkable little woman into our midst. On 10th March we held our AGM, and the hymn 'Lord of all Hopefulness' was chosen by Mrs D. Bell. Christine Davies was to have taken the prayers, but was laid low with 'flu so they were taken by the EM, during which time we prayed for our sick members, Mrs Davies and Mrs Byrd, and Mrs Mallard. We remembered Mrs Marjorie Sladden who has died recently in Devon. She was a member of the MU and the church for many years, and we extend our sympathy to her family. We also prayed for Mrs Eileen Braby, who is to have an operation, and for her husband and family. Mrs Braby was for many years a vital part of the life of the church and parish when her husband was incumbent here. Reports were given by our Treasurer Joyce Watkins our Magazine Secretary, Joan Hartwell. Overseas Boxes, Judy Sparrow was unavoidably absent but Joan Hartwell gave us the report. Teas, Pat Mitchell. Our Secretary, Joan Betteridge, gave her report and said that our numbers were now 35. Joan will be retiring from the post in December after a long and very successful time, during which she has worked tirelessly to make our programme varied and interesting and to keep me running more or less on the right lines!

Mary Wretham is retiring from the Committee having moved to Evesham, but will attend our meetings until and including the garden meeting. She will always be welcome as a visitor. We thank her for her support, and for her example of courage and faith during her husband's long and painful

illness.

Badsey is a friendly MU branch, we worship and learn together, we have a good deal of fun together, and we try to live up to its ideals in this changing world. Anyone can come to our meetings and will find a welcome. We would love to see more ladies from Wickhamford, why not give us a try?

E. Seaman EM

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday	1st April	10am	MU Corporate
	The agodw		Communion
Tuesday	14th April	7.30pm	Holy Week service
Tuesday	28th April	7.30pm	Any Questions with
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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The February meeting opened with the Exhortation. Minutes were read and apologies taken. The correspondence was read and discussed. The National Conference at Blackpool will be attended by Liz Harvey taking the Standard and Clare Westmacote will go as delegate. A letter of thanks was received from Madge and Jack Knight for the flowers sent to them on their Golden Wedding Day.

Mr Bailey gave a short talk and demonstration on Smoke Alarms which made members realise how important they could be in a case of fire, and could save lives.

Mrs Syril called for a game of Bingo which caused a lot of laughter and which members enjoyed. Mrs Reeves won the monthly Competition and Mrs Sandford won the draw. Refreshments were served.

Twelve members attended the AGM at Sedgeberrow which proved to be an entertaining evening.

M. Morcombe

## SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our speaker at the March meeting was Mrs. Margaret Veal who gave a most interesting and informative talk on the work of Saint Richard's Hospice. She also gave us details of the building, the care and understanding given by staff to patients and of the fund raising activities needed to keep such a worthwhile undertaking going from day to day. The Saint Richard's Hospice is our charity appeal for 1992 and I feel we have all been encouraged to do our best over the

next few months to support the project whole heartedly. A short silence was held in memory of Mrs. Helm. Mrs. Helm. although one of our more senior members, was very active in her support of the club. She will be remembered, not only for the wonderful paintings she did for us; but particularly for her lovely warm personality. A donation has been sent to the local MENCAP Society in her name. During tea and biscuits Mr. P. Bailey came and told us a little about smoke alarms and the importance of having them in our homes. Almost a necessity nowadays! The Free Raffle was won by Mr. John Callaghan and the Paid Raffle by Mrs. Ida Jones. We were pleased to welcome, as a new member. Mrs. Parsons who has recently moved into the village. Although our membership is strictly limited we do, at present, have one or two vacancies. If anyone is interested in joining us, please come along to a meeting or contact me at 7, School Lane, Badsey. The next meeting is on 1st April and will take the form of a Mini Auction. Please bring your gifts for auction to the meeting. This is one of our major fund raising events so please do support us generously as you always have in the past. We are hoping to run a coach to the Arts Centre in Evesham on 28th May for the Evesham Festival. More details will be given at the April Meeting.

ADVANCE NOTICE. Arrangements are being made for an outing in June. More details later. Our best wishes for speedy recoveries are sent to all our members who are ill,

either at home or in hospital.

Mary Callaghan.

### Good Friday - Evesham Procession of Witness

Christians of all denominations in Evesham are invited to share in a united Procession of Witness on the morning of Good Friday, hoping that this will prove to be an effective counter to the increasing secularisation of our holy days. For those who are able, there will be a 10 minute preparation in St Mary's hall at 10.45 am led by Rev: C. Scotchbrook. The procession will leave from the top of the High Street (outside St Mary's) promptly at 11.00am. and after stops in the High Street, Market Square, and Abbey gates Centre for scripture reading, prayer and a hymn, it is hoped to end by planting the Cross in Abbey Park at about 11.45 am. Christians from the benefice of Badsey with

Aldington and Wickhamford are invited to share in this Procession of Witness if they are able to do so.

BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

The President, Mrs Sandra Sparrow, opened our March meeting by welcoming members and visitors. Mrs Grace Ballard from Briar Lea Residential Home and Mrs Pat Smith. a former member now living in the USA. After the singing of Jerusalem we stood in silence in memory of Mrs Alice Helm, a long time member who recently passed away. Mrs Helm will long be remembered for her painting talent and her many entries in WI competitions.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr George Oswell, an Oxfam worker. He showed slides and talked about Bangladesh where much money raised by the Oxfam organisation is used in educating and advising the Bangladeshi people. Their people looked fit and well, but lacked the knowledge to

improve their conditions and their country.

The competition - a string of beads - was well supported and won jointly by Mrs Esme Seaman and Mrs Daphne Bell: 2nd Mrs Ann Eckersley: 3rd Mrs Win Skitt. Social Time parts of the body - was both interesting and amusing and was won by Mrs Yvonne Haines.

The subject of our speaker for the April meeting is Lace and Bobbins. The competition will be for a lace mat, and during social time we shall be knitting squares to be made into useful articles. The sales table will be selling anything for the garden.

GR Hughes

#### BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

It's time to start to think about your entries for this year's Show - the next few months will soon pass by, especially in the warmer weather, to bring July 25th here very quickly. So, now is the time to think of what you're going to enter this year. There's a wider choice than ever, catering for a wide range of hobbies and pastimes, as well as the fruit, flowers and vegetables. If nothing else comes to mind, what about making a scarecrow - life-size depending whether you're 5 or 50! There's a class for everyone - and last year some first-time entrants were surprised to find they'd won a prize. Please do your part to keep this popular village show going.

David John (Hon. Sec.)

## BIRTHDAY CAMPANOLOGY

Badsey's oldest inhabitant, Miss Cecily Barnard, celebrated her 99th birthday at Seward House Nursing Home on Thursday 13th February. Last year, during her stay at Evesham Community Hospital, Miss Barnard was only able to hear a recording of the Parish Church bells pealing out on her birthday. This year, however, surrounded by relatives and friends, she listened to a special Quarter-peal rung during the evening on bells which she has heard for nearly a century and helped to ring in the 1920's. A telephone link to Swindon also enabled one of her sisters, Mrs Evelyn McKanan-Jones to hear part of the ringing.

The Quarter-peal, 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples, was rung on bells of St James' Church by Phyllis Brazier - treble, A.J. Brazier - 2, R.W. Kyte - 3, M.C. Newbury - 4, Sandra B.Parker - 5, J.H. Smart - 6, C.E. Evans - 7, and R.W. Parker - tenor, members of The Four Shires Guild of Bell Ringers. Conductor of the Quarter-peal was J.H. Smart.

## WICKHAMFORD PCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING March 11th 1992

## Annual Vestry Meeting

Mrs T Dunkerley and Mr G Poulter were proposed and seconded as churchwardens for the coming year. Dr. Astley asked if there was any guidance from the Diocese as to the term of office, for a churchwarden. The Vicar replied that there was none, but experienced churchwardens were a great asset, and he thanked the present ones for their care and duties throughout the year.

### Annual General Meeting

Mrs P Baker reported that the Electoral roll stood at 65 members (48 resident and 17 non resident) The same number as last year.

Mr M Wadams, as auditor, presented the accounts, stating that we had covered our expenses, mainly due to the £1,240 raised by Cream Teas. It was noted that there was a large increase in the cost of heating the church. Mr Poulter explained that this was partly due to the church being

heated for a longer period during the year and the difficulties of raising adequate heat for church services with the existing storage radiators. Efforts were being made to find a more suitable heating system at a modest cost. The Vicar thanked Mr Wadams for his work in preparing the accounts.

Mrs C Collis then gave the budget for 1992. The most worrying aspect being an increase in the Quota of £350. This brings the Quota for Wickhamford, for 1992 to the sum of £2,318. The Quota is sent to the Diocese for the provision of an incumbent and has to be raised by the Parish each vear.

Despite an appeal through the Parish Review, for new members to join the Covenant Scheme, there has been no response. The scheme gives the church the benefit of the 25% tax rebate. e.g. £1 given is equivalent to £1.25 received. The Vicar then gave his report, thanking all concerned for their various duties and offices held. The quota was based on church attendance figures which had a slight increase. He conducted 40 - 45 House Communions a month and stressed that it was hoped the church would appeal to all members of the parish and not appear to be a 'select club'. In thanking the Vicar for his report, Mr Poulter said that we were fortunate in having a Vicar who was not dogmatic in his views but was open to new ideas.

In the Fabric Report, Mr Poulter stated that the interior of the church had been decorated by Mr B Hughes and included the treatment of beams and other main woodwork. The exterior of the church was in sound condition and the church path had been re-laid. Overgrown bushes and brambles had been cleared and levels made up with soil. Re-seeding and planting of suitable shrubs will be carried out in due course. Mr R Cox continues to keep the

churchyard in an excellent condition.

#### Election of PCC

PCC members re-elected were Miss W Holland, Mrs A Poulter, Dr. W Astley, Mrs C Collis, Mrs P Clinton, Miss L Core, Mrs A Launchbury and Mr K Maden. New members were Mrs I Carter, Mr A Carter, Mrs S Heeks, Mrs P Corbett and Mr J Roberts, who were warmly welcomed onto the PCC by the Vicar and thanked for their commitment. Mr A Carter and Mr J Roberts agreed to act as deputy sidesmen. Mrs C Collis was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer and Mrs T Dunkerley as Hon. Secretary, and Mrs P Baker kindly agreed to continue as electoral roll officer.

The Vicar said that leaflets would be distributed to all householders, informing them of Easter Services. On April 4th there is to be a sponsored "Across the Diocese" in aid of the Childrens Society. The idea is to cross the diocese from N-S and E-W in any way other than car. The Vicar is to travel by train (approx 60 miles) leaving Evesham at 8.00am and hopefully returning by 5.00pm. Sponsor forms may be obtained from the vicarage.

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

For our March meeting on Wednesday 4th April we were entertained by Willersey Club. We all assembled at Wickhamford Memorial Hall and everyone was transported to Willersey Village Hall by members with cars. We were entertained to approximately one hour of slides with commentary about the Lake District; in two halves. The 1st half covered the whole Lake District in general. The second half covered Wordsworth's life. We concluded the afternoon with cakes and tea. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all members and this was expressed in the usual way.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

A mild evening brought Members and friends of the Gardening Club racing into the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 4th March to listen to Mr. Steve Tarrant of Glowcroft Ltd. give a most absorbing talk, together with illustrated slides, on the latest product to combat periods of very dry weather, called Swellgell. The product, containing no nutrients, is placed below soil level, swells up, and acts as a reservoir for plants when it comes into contact with water. All plants grown can benefit as each subject will put its roots through the swollen gell and take moisture up as and when needed. Vegetables grown in the garden would benefit, as would houseplants. The list is endless one need not, it seems, worry again during periods of drought. Mr. Tarrant had the audience spellbound by the talk he delivered and Mr. Norman Tayler thanked him for his most informative lecture. The competition for a Bowl or Pot of

flowering Bulbs, was won by Mrs. D. Stacey with Mr. Norman Tayler and Mrs. Summers, second and third. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April which will be the Annual Spring Show. This will, of course, be held at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

R E Stringer

## WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

EASTER BINGO AT THE HALL - FRIDAY 3rd APRIL 7.00 for 7.30pm

Come and have a FUN evening it might be YOU who wins a prize

PROCEEDS TOWARDS THE REFURBISHING OF THE HALL

## 'LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HOMELESS?'

#### A CARING LINK

Anna Hopkins (personal assistant to the Overseas Programmes Adviser) writes: Stepping off a train at Waterloo Station, one would not walk far before being approached by someone asking for some money for a cup of tea. The person making the request can come in many guises - a young girl (perhaps dressed as a boy, as many are), young men who often gently say "God bless you" when handed a coin, and the angry ones who shout and spit abuse and growl at you. Whatever their manner, it is only the exterior that we see, not their real feelings, the rejection and hopelessness of their situation. For 10 years Caroline Lamont has run a Sunday evening club in the crypt of St John's, Waterloo, mostly used by the homeless. When I first entered the club I was apprehensive. Was I safe? I don't know what my imagination had led me to expect, but I received a very warm welcome from everyone there. Caroline is greatly loved and admired by everyone in the crypt but, after two years, I rarely get to talk to her as she is always so busy cutting hair, bathing wounds, being a good listener or sharing a joke. I thought of involving others in the office by having a large cardboard box by my desk for contributions such as tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, basic medical items, soap and shampoo. I also approached my church, the Temple in St

Mary Cray, Kent, and arranged for volunteers to make cheese sandwiches in the hall after Sunday morning services, to be taken up to the crypt's kitchen to be toasted. Sylvia, a friend and fellow parishioner from the Temple, joins me on Sunday evenings and was very helpful on a winter's evening when we had two young runaways. aged six and ten, from a children's home turn up on the club's doorstep. Jean Mawer (personal assistant to the Personnel Secretary) became interested and now alternates with me in going to the club, where we all help to make tea. wash up, sweep up, but most importantly, make friends... which Jean does marvellously as she is a Geordie. Many of the homeless have travelled to London from the north and she relates to them with her warm accent so well Last autumn Jean put a few pairs of knitting-needles and some wool in the CMS staff lounge and asked for donations of wool and for volunteers to knit hats for the men for the winter. About 50 hats were knitted during lunchtimes. Jean is now accompanied to the club by her husband Bill...and so another caring link is added to those already forged.

An extract from the CMS Magazine 'YES'

## Christian Crackers

Mr R. Smith, has asked me to draw your attention to the raffle tickets on sale in aid of the Society for Unmarried Mothers, for whom he is directly responsible.

A businessman said he was going to give his chauffeur the sack as this was the third time he had nearly killed him. His wife replied, "Oh, give him one more chance, dear!"

Large Car Fark at Year