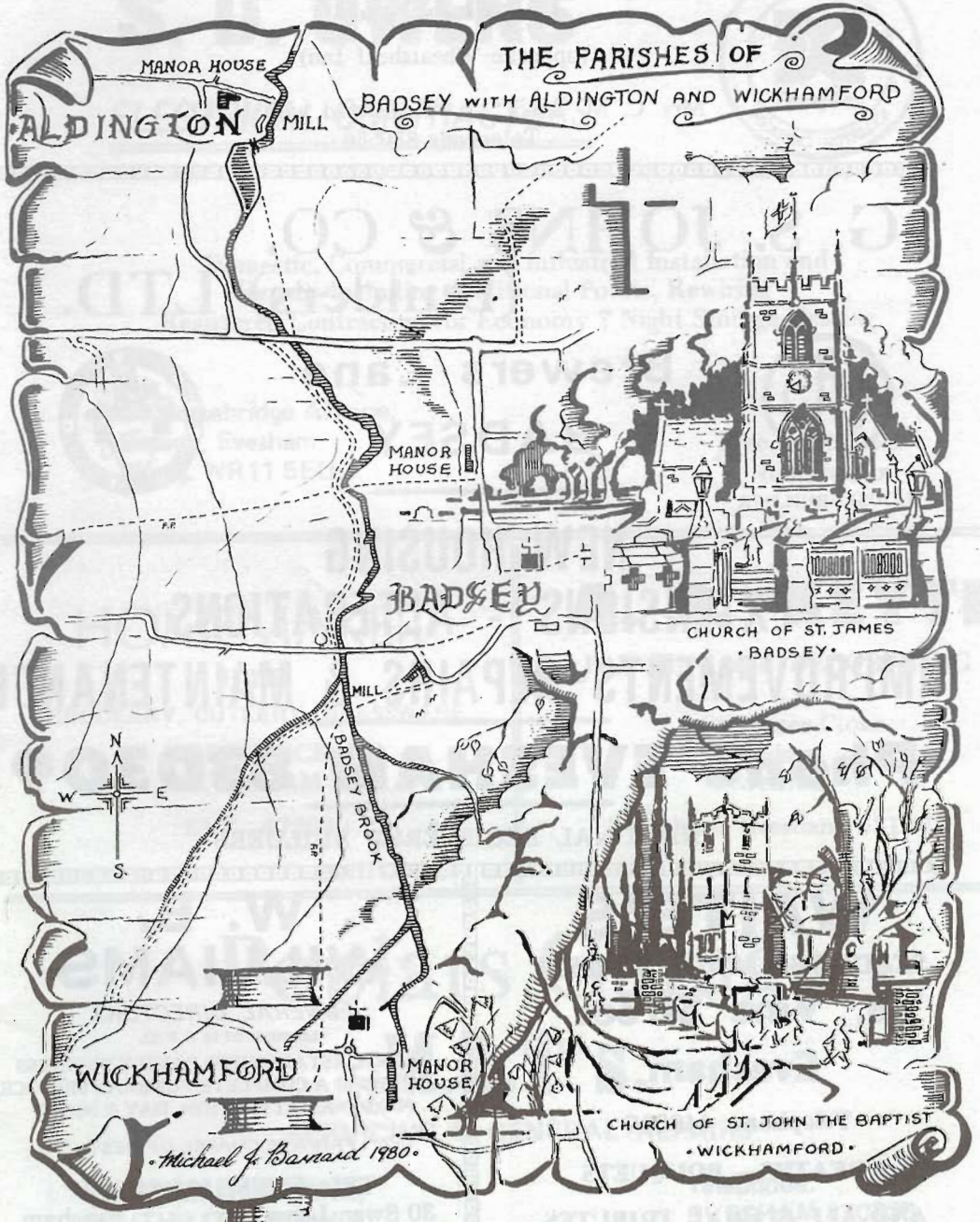


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

September 1992

My dear Friends,

In the July issue of the Worcester Diocesan News, the Bishop of Worcester made his response to the Diocesan Consultation held in June and to the points raised by the parishes. As I read what the Bishop and the parishes had to say, it seemed as though there were six definite areas with which almost all parishes, including our own, were concerned, and to which they felt both they and the diocese should be addressing themselves. They were as follows:

(1) the Church's work with young people, in an age when so many young people see the Christian faith, Christian religion and the Christian church debunked and ridiculed, and yet when so many of them are searching for a sense of spiritual and moral direction in a world of increasingly secular and materialistic influences and very little else.

(2) the need for a shared ministry in the Church of both clergy and laity not only in the taking of services in a parish church on a Sunday, although this will always be central to the ministry of the church and indeed, should be its principal source of inspiration, but rather a sharing in the whole ministry of the church, its teaching ministry, its pastoral ministry, its administrative ministry, to name but three that come immediately to mind. With the continuing

decline in the numbers of full time ordained clergy, and the financial constraints to which the church, like many others is subject today, there is an increasing need to mobilise as much of the lay resources of the church as possible, to share in the whole ministry of the church and take over many of the tasks previously thought to be the sole responsibility of the incumbent alone.

(3) the need to increase our Christian Stewardship and our Christian giving both towards the financial needs of the church as well as in kind. The need to increase our giving, and the need to increase the number of givers. Elsewhere in this issue there is a copy of the "Church Housekeeping Cake" for Badsey Church displayed at the recent Badsey Show. The one for Wickhamford is similar. It shows the level of income the church received during 1991 and the level of its expenditure for the same year. There is an anxious gap between the two, and this gap is likely to widen rather than lessen over the next three to four years as the Church Commissioners grants to parishes are reduced due to the effects of the recession. At present it costs over £250 a week just to maintain Badsey Church at its present level, without anything being set aside for major repairs necessary in the future. The amount for Wickhamford is slightly less, and the principle source of income in addition to that received by direct giving comes from the Cream Teas and the Flower Festival held every three years, but proportionately the amounts are very similar.

(4) Worship—the need for our worship to be meaningful, fulfilling, enjoyable and attractive, yet without becoming just a form of superficial entertainment, and above all, without losing its sense of the eternal. The eternal presence of God at its very heart.

(5) Mission - the need for the church to be actively involved and concerned with outreach and the needs of the community of which it is a part. An influence and a presence for good both in its local community and in the wider world also. Its genuine concern for the needs of the whole world.

And lastly, (6) Prayer - the need to do all these things together with God in prayer. Not just the formal prayers said in church as a part of our worship, although these will always be important as expressing the corporate prayers and needs of the church, nor those prayers uttered or unexpressed that well up from within ourselves and our own

needs, but rather that deep communion with God that seeks to find and do his will for us, prayer that seeks to do these things in his strength and not our own. These are daunting aims for the church, in this decade of evangelism and they will not be accomplished overnight. Indeed if all of them are accomplished by the year 2000, much indeed will have been achieved. But I believe these are the paths along which we must set out. These are the signposts pointing the way ahead, and I believe in God's good time and in his way they will be accomplished, to the glory and furtherance of his kingdom. Our task, our response, our calling, is to set out along that road with Him. Much is being done. Still much more needs to be done. Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into his harvest" This month we shall be celebrating and giving thanks for the harvest of the land. Let us also pray for and give thanks for the harvest of souls.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER

ST JAMES' BADSEY

6th	13 after Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
13th	14 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
17th	Thursday	7.00pm Said Evensong, Prayers and Compline	
20th	15 after Pentecost	11 00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
27th	16 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

OCTOBER

4th Harvest Festival and 17 after Pentecost 11.00am Harvest Festival Family Service 6.30pm Evensong

11th 18 after Pentecost 8.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong

MID-WEEK COMMUNION: Every Wednesday at 10.00am

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11.00am every Sunday during Term Time
School Lane Playgroup

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

6th 13 after Pentecost 9.30am The Eucharist

13th 14 after Pentecost 9.30am The Eucharist

20th 15 after Pentecost 9.30am The Eucharist

27th Harvest Festival and 16 after Pentecost 11.00am Harvest Festival Family Service

OCTOBER

4th 17 after Pentecost 9.30am The Eucharist

11th 18 after Pentecost 9.30am The Eucharist

LECTIONARY

6th	13 after Pentecost	Acts 20.17-35 Matt 10. 16-22	Isaiah 50 4-9 1 Peter 4
13th	14 after Pentecost	Ephesians 3. 14-end Luke 11. 1-13	Proverbs 31.10-end 1 Cor. 1. 1-18
20th	15 after Pentecost	1 Timothy 2. 1-7 Matthew 14. 1-12	Isaiah 45. 1-13 Matthew 22. 1-33
27th	<u>BADSEY</u> 16 after Pentecost	1 John 4. 15-end Luke 16. 19-end	Leviticus 19. 1-14, 9-18 Luke 10.25-37

WICKHAMFORD

Harvest to be arranged
Festival

OCTOBER

4th	<u>BADSEY</u> Harvest Festival	to be arranged	Deut 26.1-11 Luke 12.13-34
	<u>WICKHAMFORD</u> 17 after Pentecost	Gal. 2.15-3.9 Luke 7.1-10	
11th	18 after Pentecost	Ephesians 3. 14-end Luke 11. 1-13	Proverbs 31.10-end 1 Cor 1. 1-18

SUNDAY THEMES: Sundays after Pentecost: 13 The Suffering Community; 14 The Family; 15 Those in Authority; 16 The Neighbour; 17 The Proof of Faith; 18 The Offering of Life

PARISH REGISTERS

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

WICKHAMFORD

6 Jul Alice Lucy Daffurn of Elm Farm, Manor Road, Wickhamford

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

BADSEY

25 Jul Peter Bishop and Sarah Louise Seabright
8 Aug Ian Richard Birch and Karen Anne Grinnell
15 Aug David John Coates and Joanne Jane Eagles

WICKHAMFORD

1 Aug John Antony Gibbons and Kay Thomas

Funerals: Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live though he dies"*

BADSEY

5 Aug Ronald Keen of Wimpstone Fields, Wimpstone, Warwicks, late of 7 Manor Close, Badsey (at Badsey and Oakley Wood)

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fri 4 Sept Coffee Evening - 40, Seward Road, 7.30 - 9pm
Wed 9 Sept Wickhamford PCC - Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Thur 10 Sept Badsey PCC - Badsey Church, 7.30pm
Wed 16 Sept Pastoral Committee - The Vicarage, 2.30pm
Wed 30 Sept Wickhamford Harvest Supper - Memorial Hall 7pm for 7.30pm
Mon 5 Oct Distribution - Harvest Produce, Badsey with Aldington - 9.30am onwards
Wed 14 Oct Evesham Deanery Synod - Sedgeberrow, 7.30pm

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Wednesday 16th October

COFFEE EVENING - BADSEY

Another of our very pleasant Coffee Evenings will be held at 40 Seward Road, on Friday, 4th September from 7.30pm to 9 pm.

Tickets are available from members of the Social Committee or on the night Price 50p (children 25p) There will be the usual Bring and Buy and Raffle and all proceeds will be in aid of Church Funds.

Come and enjoy another very happy evening with us and bring your friends too. All are welcome.

ST JAMES' CHURCH, BADSEY with ALDINGTON

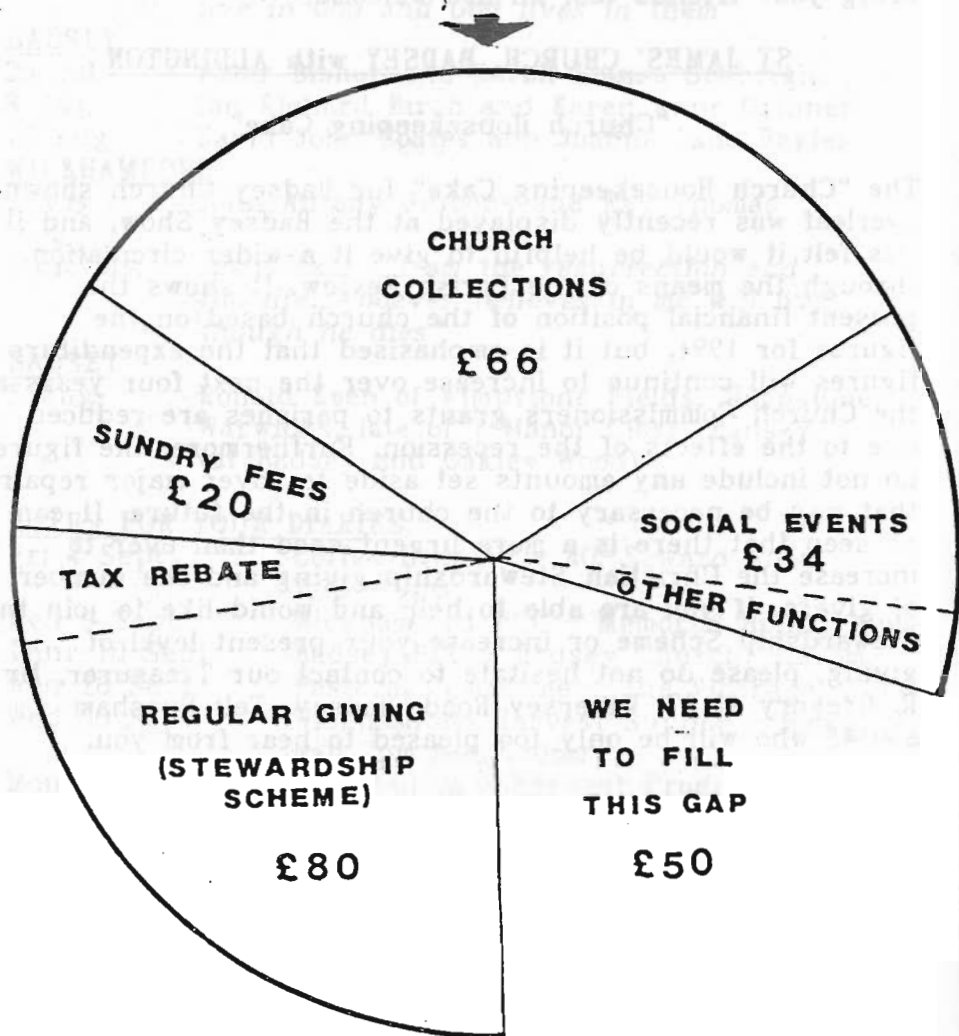
"Church Housekeeping Cake"

The "Church Housekeeping Cake" for Badsey Church shown overleaf was recently displayed at the Badsey Show, and it was felt it would be helpful to give it a wider circulation through the means of the Parish Review. It shows the present financial position of the church based on the figures for 1991, but it is emphasised that the expenditure figures will continue to increase over the next four years as the Church Commissioners grants to parishes are reduced due to the effects of the recession. Furthermore, the figures do not include any amounts set aside to cover major repairs that may be necessary to the church in the future. It can be seen that there is a more urgent need than ever to increase the Christian Stewardship giving and the number of givers. If you are able to help and would like to join the Stewardship Scheme or increase your present level of giving, please do not hesitate to contact our Treasurer, Mr R. Gregory at 37, Willersey Road, Badsey, Tel: Evesham 830545 who will be only too pleased to hear from you.

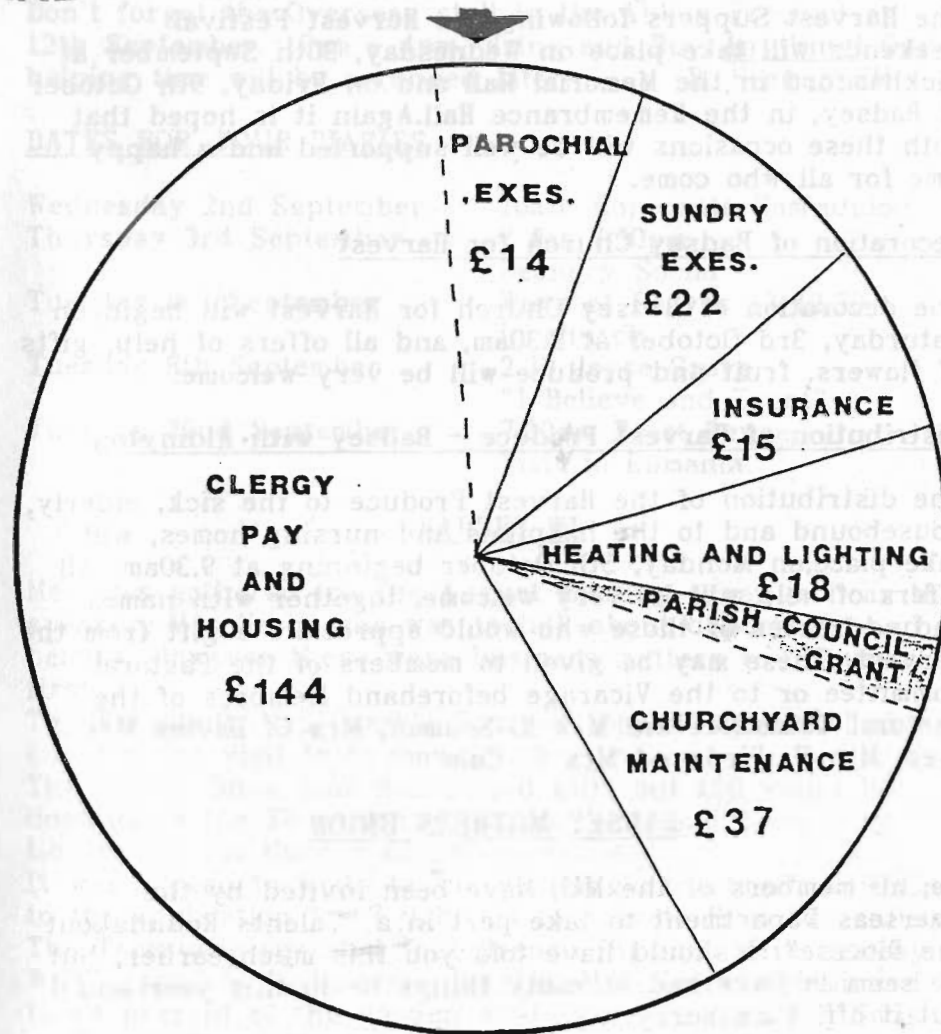
CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING

TOTAL COST - £250 PER WEEK

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



AND WHERE IT GOES



HARVEST FESTIVALS - BADSEY with ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD

The Harvest Festival services this year within the benefice will take place on 27th September at Wickhamford and on the 4th October at Badsey and the distribution of the harvest produce in Badsey with Aldington on Monday 5th October beginning at 9.30am. Both morning services will be Family Services and it is hoped this will encourage the widest possible number of people to share in the harvest festivals. Children, as always, will be especially welcome and are warmly invited to bring their gifts of harvest produce to be received during the course of the services.

The Harvest Suppers following the Harvest Festival weekends will take place on Wednesday, 30th September at Wickhamford in the Memorial Hall and on Friday, 9th October at Badsey, in the Remembrance Hall. Again it is hoped that both these occasions will be well supported and a happy time for all who come.

Decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest

The decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest will begin on Saturday, 3rd October at 9.30am, and all offers of help, gifts of flowers, fruit and produce will be very welcome.

Distribution of Harvest Produce - Badsey with Aldington

The distribution of the Harvest Produce to the sick, elderly, housebound and to the hospitals and nursing homes, will take place, on Monday, 5th October beginning at 9.30am. All offers of help will be very welcome, together with 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 H. Bird and Mrs S. Cole.

BADSEY MOTHERS UNION

We, all members of the MU, have been invited by the Overseas Department to take part in a "Talents Roundabout the Diocese". I should have told you this much earlier, but we seem to have had so many things to do this year and I put it off. I am sorry.

It is suggested that we each take £1 and try to increase it by making something, or doing something, to sell our talents in fact.

In November there will be a special day at St Michael' Dines Green Worcester, an Overseas day, and it will end with a short service at which our gifts (Talents) will be received and blessed.

Kate Bill has asked us to pray for a good result. This year some of our members will be going to Kigezi, for the 25th Anniversary of the Diocese there. I know I am always asking, but do help if you can.

Don't forget the Overseas stall in the Abbey Precinct on 12th September. 10am - 4pm. Bring and Buy Anything! Our helping time will be arranged later. E. Seaman EM

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 2nd September	10am Corporate Communion
Thursday 3rd September	7 for 7.30pm Deanery Social
Tuesday 8th September	Wave of Prayer 12-12.30 in church.
Tuesday 8th September	2.30 Joyce Grove. "I Believe and Trust"
Tuesday 22nd September	7.30pm Brett Rewse. Visit to Rumania.

BADSEY WI

Members gathered for the August meeting eager to hear the speaker, Mrs Nash, who was to talk about deportment and beauty. However there were business matters to discuss first.

The President, Mrs Sandra Sparrow, hoped members had enjoyed the visit to Grahams.

The Flower Show teas had raised £105 but £50 would be donated to the Show Committee. Members had been busy tidying up the Garden of Remembrance.

It was agreed to write to the planning department objecting to the application for 7 vehicles to operate from Pro-culture.

The Treasurer revealed that Branch finances were healthy.

With regard to forthcoming events, Mrs Sparrow reminded those present of the garden meeting at 5 Allsebrook Gdns on Wednesday 19th and the knit in on the 26th. The walk

organised by the Branch would be on Sunday 20th September around Badsey and 2 teams were raised to enter the Friday Clubs Quiz on the 23rd September. A local resident would be making a video entitled '12 Months in the Life of a Village' and would be recording one of the meetings. Mrs Butcher told members of the evening show to be staged on Friday 16th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm entitled 'Night Owls' the audience would meet the owls looked after by the Rescue Centre at Bromsgrove, and be entertained by the group 'Patchwork'. There would be a ploughmans supper included in the price of £2.50 per adult, £1.50 for children.

The speaker then gave a very lighthearted and humorous talk on the way we deport ourselves in every day life. She herself had trained as a model and beauty therapist working at Worcester and Bromsgrove College. She pointed out that people mostly walk about looking down and do not really know how to sit or stand elegantly. She said so often a woman would dress up for a party and when the first person looked at her she assumed something was wrong. It showed lack of self confidence. After a demonstration with a member everyone knew how to walk tall, hands straight down at the side, just swing the arms from the elbow and when standing still place one foot slightly in front of the other. Sit with the knees together and back straight. Don't slouch. Carry your handbag over the left arm, not in front of you. Always keep relaxed and when speaking to others keep eye contact. Get into a car by sitting first and then swinging the legs in and when alighting swing the legs out first. Never make a drama of a crisis. If you have a mishap at a party, just apologise and carry on. When buying clothes make sure they fit well, suit you and the colours are right. Always look at the colours in daylight and don't be afraid to ask the assistant for what you want. A woman may be a clothes horse but make sure you are a good one. Mrs Nash received a great ovation. The meeting closed after refreshments and the competition.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The "Surprise" afternoon in August was a mixture of music and readings. Mrs. Esme Seaman entertained us with a selection of Pam Ayres pieces and Mrs. Gwen Hughes played the piano for a Sing Along. Our own Win Skitt, Doreen Moore

and Ann Wilson also contributed to what was, I feel, a most successful afternoon. Many thanks to all who took part. The paid raffle was won by Mr. R. Knight and Mrs. East. The free raffle by Mrs. Nesbitt. A presentation was made to Mr. W. Sparrow who is 90 years young on 24th August. He is one of our most faithful and supportive members. It is a pleasure to have both Bill and Doris as involved participants in our club activities.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 1st September, when a visit to Burford Garden Centre has been arranged. The coach will leave Badsey at 1.30 p.m. with the first pick up point at Willersey Road. We shall return after tea at about 6.00 p.m.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Our Harvest Service, with the auction of produce afterwards, will be on 7th October. Goods etc. on the day, please. Wednesday, 21st October is to be the Annual Open Day - more details will be given later.

The tubes for our charity appeal for St. Richard's Hospice are coming in very well. The final collection will be at the November meeting.

At the time of writing Mrs Blanche Baker is in hospital. We send her our love and best wishes and hope she is feeling much better by now.

Mary Callaghan.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL

The Hall is starting a project to raise funds for a gas fired central heating system and would be most grateful for any offers of help from the village. There is no doubt that this will be a great improvement and will make the Hall a lot more useful and comfortable for everyone.

Our fund raising committee have already raised £130 which is a good start.

If you can offer any help or have any ideas please contact Alan Eames on 832258. Many thanks.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Vice Chairman, Mrs Newbury, took the July meeting. After the Exhortation condolences were sent to Mrs. Syril on the sad loss of her sister. Apologies were taken and correspondence was read and discussed. The Pearce Presentation will take place at a lunch at Worcester. Names were taken for this. It will be on Sept 12th.

Several members will attend Pershore Abbey for the 70th Anniversary of the Men's Branch on August 2nd.

Mrs Val Taylor introduced Mr Edwards from Evesham who writes poems about days gone by. The characters are his grandparents and friends in the villages of Littleton and Cleeve Prior. This was a very nostalgic evening enjoyed by everyone.

The monthly competition was won by Mrs Evelyn Keen and the draw was won by Mrs Ada Hemming.

Last minute arrangements were made for the Toy Stall to be held at Badsey Flower Show.

Refreshments were served.

Members were asked if they would make cakes for the Remembrance Hall Stall at the Flower Show in aid of the Heating Fund.

M. Morcombe

Flower Arranging - Badsey

Would you like to learn flower arranging? I am planning to take classes at Badsey Village Hall in September and October. If interested please contact me, Mrs Hazel Stewart, 107 Bretforton Road, Badsey - Tel: 832007

WICKHAMFORD HARVEST SUPPER

is to be held at Wickhamford Memorial Hall on
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30th - 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Adults £1.50 Children under 10 years - 75p

Everyone is very welcome to come and join in this very enjoyable village event. If you are new to the village, come and meet some new friends. The menu is soup and bread rolls, cold meat salad and jacket potatoes, home made apple pie and ice-cream, cider and soft drinks. Excellent value for £1.50 in first class surroundings and scintillating company! There will also be the sale of Harvest Produce.

Phone Mrs Anne Poulter - 830505.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on the evening of the 5th August and was well attended by members and friends. A concerted effort had been made to listen to Mr Frank Hardy, Vice Principal of Pershore Horticultural College, give an exhilarating talk on Conifers.

Design is the thing to aim for and Mr Hardy showed slides

of Conifers of all shapes and sizes, some bearing beautiful cones in various forms and quite amazing colours. Some Conifer trees would grace large lawns, while others could be used as focal points. A garden planted with all different sizes and textures of Conifers will give tremendous colour all the year round.

Mr Hardy's enthusiasm for Conifers was so enormous, that by the end of the evening we all left promising ourselves that we would call at the Nursery first thing in the morning to pick up some Conifers and plant them the same day.

Mrs E Batchelor, Chairman, thanked the speaker for a most interesting evening.

There was one single entry for three different herbaceous perennials in a vase, making Mrs Smith the proud winner. Members are reminded that it will be the Club's Annual Show on Wednesday evening 2nd September. The Hall will be open at 7 pm.

R. E. Stringer (Mrs)

WICKHAMFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

Outing to ASHORNE HALL, near Warwick on Wednesday, 16th Sept.

This is a 'Nostalgic Afternoon' to a building which houses the world famous Nickelodeon Collection of dance organs, pianos, etc.

There is also a real vintage movie theatre with old time films and a theatre organ rising through the floor.

We have booked tea at Ashorne Hall. The coach will leave the Sandys Arms at 1.15 pm. There will be no charge for village residents over 65 years of age, but the cost for anyone else wishing to come will be £6.00 which covers coach and tea.

We have a few seats left, so if anyone wishes to join us please notify the Post Office.

Christian Crackers

From the church news sheet of St Peter's Stratton near Cirencester: "Daily Prayers - for those going through difficult times; the school holidays".

From the Ryedale Star: "The church has launched an appeal to raise funds for a new door and lynch gate".