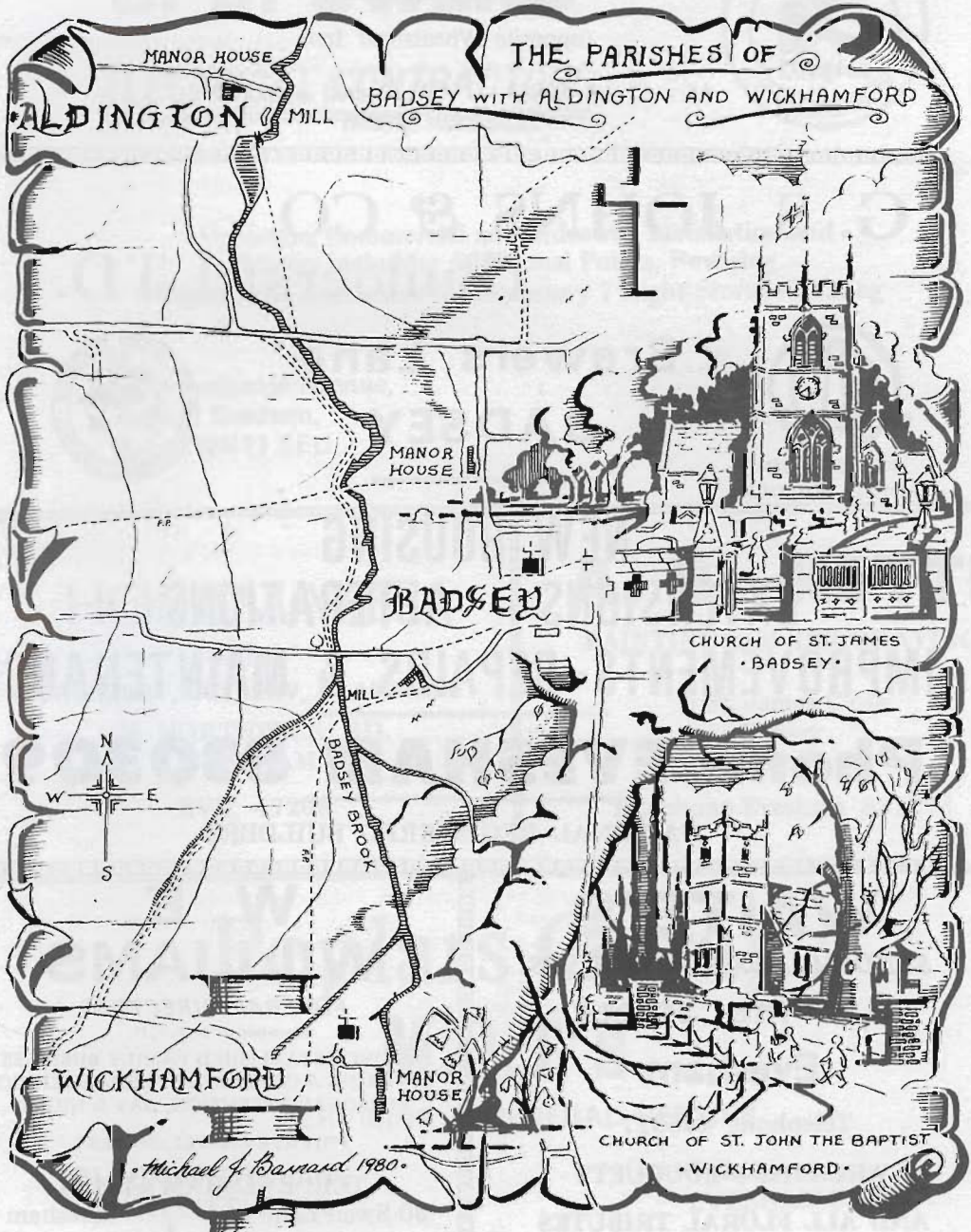


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The Vicar's Letter

November 1992

My dear Friends,

Remembrance Sunday is when we remember again those who died in the two world wars, and in the many conflicts which have followed since. Those who laid down, who sacrificed their lives in the cause of peace and freedom. That others may live and enjoy freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of speech and freedom of worship, freedoms enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations Organisation.

But in the last few months we have sensed again some of the old tensions long since thought to have died and been extinguished for ever. There has been the unveiling of the statue to "Bomber Harris" in London that was the cause of controversy. Now this has been followed by celebrations at Peenemunde, in Germany, ostensibly to mark the beginning of the space age by the wartime V2 Rocket, manufactured and based there during the Second World War. October 23rd marked the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Alamein, but it is understood that the German representation on this occasion was less than hoped for. 1994 will mark the 50th anniversary of "D" Day in Europe and 1995 the 50th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War in Europe and against Japan in the Far East. Over the next few years therefore the number of such

anniversaries is likely to be more rather than less, with the consequent risk of tension and bad feeling on both sides.

This must not be allowed to happen and it will require great sensitivity and diplomacy by all concerned if it is to be avoided. We need to remember that what seems good to one person, can be a source of grave offence to someone else. Whilst it is right we should remember those who made the supreme sacrifice in the two World Wars and in the many conflicts since, we must also remember the reasons why their sacrifice was made, and be on our guard against the glorifying of such wars and conflicts just for their own sake. For in so doing we run the risk of undermining the peace and freedom for which we all yearn so desperately even today, and for which they died.

Sarajevo, now the capital of the beleaguered Bosnia-Herzegovina and once part of Yugoslavia, was where the First World War effectively began in June 1914, with the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the then Austro-Hungarian Empire. By way of total contrast, it was also where Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won their Olympic Gold Medals in 1984 with their unforgettable and breathtaking performance of "Bolero" which gained perfect marks from all the judges. Today that same city, has now been described by an eyewitness in an American transport plane corkscrewing its way down into Sarajevo airport with United Nations relief supplies, as a ghost city of burnt out red roofs and crumbling concrete - framed by darkening mountainsides and white hot Serbian artillery.

It is now almost 2000 years since the time of Jesus, and people have still not found peace, or if they have, they are in danger of losing it. But the struggle for peace and freedom must go on, unrelentingly and unswervingly through agencies such as the United Nations, through the councils of Europe itself, and through the ties and relationships so painstakingly and effectively built up between different peoples and nations during the past forty years. We must not give up and we must not lose hope. We must not lose the vision for which so many once gave their lives. Although it still seems that the struggle for peace and freedom is one which will always mean cost and sacrifice to those most closely caught up and involved in it.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

## CHURCH SERVICES - NOVEMBER

### ST JAMES' BADSEY

|      |  |   |                          |
|------|--|---|--------------------------|
| 1st  | All Saints<br>Day and<br>8 before<br>Christmas     | 11.00am Sung Eucharist                        | 6.30pm Evensong          |
| 8th  | Remembrance<br>Sunday and<br>7 before<br>Christmas | 10.45am Remembrance<br>Sunday Service         | 6.30pm Evensong          |
| 5th  | 6 before<br>Christmas                              | 11.00am Sung Eucharist                        | 6.30pm Evensong          |
| 19th | Thursday   | 7.00pm Said Evensong, Prayers<br>and Compline |                          |
| 22nd | 5 before<br>Christmas                              | 8.00am Holy Communion                         | 6.30pm Sung<br>Eucharist |
| 29th | 1 in Advent  | 11.00am Christingle<br>Service                | 6.30pm Evensong          |

### DECEMBER

|      |             |                        |                 |
|------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 6th  | 2 in Advent | 11.00am Sung Eucharist | 6.30pm Evensong |
| 13th | 3 in Advent | 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

|      |  |                        |  |
|------|--|------------------------|--|
| 1st  | All Saints<br>Day and<br>8 before<br>Christmas     | 9.30am The Eucharist   |  |
| 8th  | Remembrance<br>Sunday and<br>7 before<br>Christmas | 9.15am The Eucharist   |  |
| 15th | 6 before<br>Christmas                              | 9.30am The Eucharist   |  |
| 22nd | 5 before<br>Christmas                              | 11.00am Family Service |  |
| 29th | 1 in Advent  | 9.30am The Eucharist   |  |

## DECEMBER

6th 2 in Advent  
13th 3 in Advent

9.30am The Eucharist  
9.30am The Eucharist

### SUNDAY THEMES:

Sundays before Christmas: 8 The Fall; 7 The Election of God's People, Abraham; 6 The Promise of Redemption, Moses; 5 The Remnant of Israel; Sundays in Advent: 1 The Advent Hope; 2 The Word of God in the Old Testament; 3 The Forerunner.

### LECTIONARY

|      |  |   |                                    |
|------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| 1st  | All Saints Day<br>and 8 before<br>Christmas        | Revelation 7.2-4<br>and 9-end<br>Luke 6.20-23   | Wisdom 3.1-9<br>Hebrews 11.32-12.2 |
| 8th  | Remembrance<br>Sunday and<br>7 before<br>Christmas | <u>Badsey</u><br>Matt 5.1-12<br><u>Wickhamford</u><br>Romans 8.31- end<br>Matt 5.1-12 | Isaiah 41.8-20<br>Matthew 21.28-43 |
| 15th | 6 before<br>Christmas                              | Hebrews 3.1-6<br>John 6.25-35   | Exodus 6.2-13<br>Mark 13. 1-13     |
| 22nd | 5 before<br>Christmas                              | Romans 11.13-24<br>Matthew 24.37-44   | Jeremiah 18.1-17<br>Romans 9.19-28 |
| 29th | 1 in Advent  | Christingle<br>Service - to be<br>arranged  | Joshua 7<br>Matthew 25 31-end      |

## DECEMBER

|      |             |                                      |                                   |
|------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 6th  | 2 in Advent | 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5<br>John 5.36b-end | Amos 8.4-12<br>Luke 4.14-30       |
| 13th | 3 in Advent | 1 Cor.4.1-5<br>John 1.19-28          | Malachi 3.1-5 & 4<br>Phil.4.4-end |

## PARISH REGISTERS

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

### BADSEY

22 Sep Brian William Gunston of 99, Bretforton Road, aged 50 years (at South Littleton)

23 Sep Ida Lilian Jones of "Jubilee", 17a Bretforton Road aged 75 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

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

### BADSEY

In memory of the late Mrs Ida Jones, to the British Heart Foundation - £162, collection at the funeral.

from the RBL Women's Section, from the sale of Harvest Produce - £25, towards church funds.

Anonymously, towards church fund, - £50

from Mrs M McKay, towards church funds, - £5

from the Over 60s Club, from the sale of Harvest Produce - £28, towards church funds.

### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues 3 Nov Social Committee - 7, School Lane, - 7.30pm  
Wed 11 Nov Wickhamford PCC - Memorial Hall, 7.30pm  
Sat 14 Nov "A Musical Evening" - St James' Church, Badsey - 7.30pm  
Wed 18 Nov Pastoral Committee - The Vicarage, 2.30pm  
Thur 19 Nov Badsey PCC - 8pm - Badsey Church (please note later time, following Said Evensong, Prayers and Compline)  
Tues 24 Nov "Over 60s" Service - 10.00am, Badsey Church  
Sat 28 Nov preparation for Christingle Service - Badsey Church 2.15pm onwards.

"A Musical Evening" St James' Church Badsey - Saturday,  
14th November starting at 7.30pm

A Musical Evening is to be held in Badsey Church on Saturday 14th November featuring The Evesham Ladies Choir, a quartet from ... Music Anon, a group of Madrigal singers, and two young local musicians, Mr James Felton, of Badsey (Violin) and Miss Lynn Collins of Harvington (Flute). Tickets are available from members of the Social committee and the Vicarage price £2 Adults and £1 children. This is a new venture which it is hoped will be well supported. You are warmly invited to come and spend an entertaining and enjoyable evening with us.

### BADSEY MOTHERS UNION

The evening meeting on 22nd September began with Hymn 126, The King of Love my Shepherd is. After prayers, Mrs Seaman gave a short account of the Central Council meeting in Birmingham on 9th September.

The Deanery Stall in Abbey Gates precinct raised £236.75 for MU Overseas work. Thanks are due to members for gifts and time spent selling, it was a pleasant and interesting event. After the business matters, our speaker was Mrs Brett Rewse, who told of a holiday she and her husband took in Rumania not long after the Revolution. They had hoped it would be cancelled, but it was not, so they decided to go, and her description of life there, and the hardships of the ordinary citizens was sobering and moving. They visited a childrens home and it was so upsetting that she had to go out. Rumanians asked them where they had come from and asked them to tell people at home of their plight. It was a very interesting talk, and she was warmly thanked.

Our afternoon meeting on 13th October began with the Hymn King of Glory, King of Peace. After prayers a letter from Mrs Meikle of Pershore, was read. She is appealing for wool, buttons, needles, zips, material and sewing machines that are unwanted, for a Christians Community project in the poorest part of Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. It is a case of helping people to help themselves. If anyone has any of these things, would they bring them to me at 5 School

Lane, and Mrs Meikle will collect them.

Members were thanked for all they did for our Harvest Celebrations, decorating the Church and distributing gifts on the Monday after the Harvest Festival. Business over, the speaker was our Vicar Rev. Peter Mitchell, whose subject was Water. He gave an interesting talk mentioning droughts here and elsewhere in the world, and how essential water is to everyone. He reminded us of the story of Hagar, who was cast out into the desert with Ishmael, and how she was led to water on two occasions by God. In the desert and dry countries small settlements grew up around springs and wells which had to be abandoned if the supply dried up. He spoke of the Woman of Samaria and of her conversation with Jesus, and how they were thinking on two levels, she of the actual water, and Jesus of the water of life, a spring which never dries up, and of which all may drink and be refreshed.

He was thanked by Mrs D Bell. Mrs C Davies then gave a short account of the Campden Deanery MU outing to Winchester and Old Arlesford. The weather was warm and sunny and the Cathedral is very beautiful and impressive. Mary Sumner and her husband are buried in the graveyard there. After lunch we went on to Old Arlesford and visited the huge vicarage where George Sumner was incumbent for some years. We sat in the Drawing room where the first MU meeting took place in 1876. We toured the house, had tea in the garden, and then attended Evensong in the little church. It was a lovely outing, and thanks are due to Ivy Leigh, once one of our members, who told us about it.

E. Seaman. EM

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 2nd Nov. 2.30

Deanery Committee at Church House

Tuesday 3rd Nov. 2.30

MU Committee at 6 Chapel St.

Wednesday 4th Nov. 10am

Corporate Communion

Tuesday 10th Nov. 2.30

Visit to Israel. E Seaman

Tuesday 24th Nov. 7.30pm

Out of the Hat

#### BADSEY WI

Our October meeting was our AGM. The President Mrs S Sparrow welcomed Mrs Greta Mitchell the VCO for the meeting. Our knit-in had raised £77 for ARC. The members who had been to see 'Torvill and Dean' had thoroughly



enjoyed the evening.

Details were given about the Group Meeting at Hampton and the half-yearly council meeting at Kidderminster.

Plans were finalised for our 'Night Owls' evening on October 16th.

We then had a very lively Question and Answer session with Mrs Mitchell before the business of electing a President began. Mrs S Sparrow agreed to serve in this capacity for another year.

The competition for a Harvest Necklace was won by Mrs M Davies and the raffle by Mrs J Sparrow. Our annual Mastermind cup was won by Mrs E Seaman with Mrs J Butcher and Mrs S Sparrow joint second.

We then played a few games of bingo, the caller being Mrs W Skitt. This part of the evening provided many laughs particularly for one of our members who found watching the VCO's, the secretary and president playing more entertaining than playing herself.

Our next meeting on November 11th will be Mr Clarke talking on Andalusia and the cities of Spain. The social time will be 'Subjects of Interest' and the competition for a painted plate.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings which are held in the Remembrance Hall and begin at 7.15pm.

S. Sparrow

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB.

The October Meeting was our annual Harvest Festival Service. This was conducted by the Vicar, the Reverend Peter Mitchell; and Mr. R. Kyte played the piano for our hymns. After the Service the Vicar auctioned the produce and was ably assisted by Mrs. Skitt and a team of runners. £56 was raised and will be divided equally between Saint James' Church, Badsey and the Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal Fund. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to make the afternoon so successful.

The next meeting is on 4th November when we are "going on safari" with a slideshow. Friends are welcome to join us on this occasion. All Tubes for St. Richard's Hospice are now due back. Please bring them in to the November meeting for Mrs. Netley to collect.

It is with regret we have to say goodbye to Mrs. Ann Wilson who has helped us so well and efficiently over the last few

years. A small token of appreciation was given to Ann with our thanks and love.

Anyone who would like to join the club is cordially invited to come to one of our meetings on the first Wednesday in the month. The only qualifications are to be over sixty and a resident of Badsey. I shall be pleased to give further details if required.

Again, anyone who would like to join us in a "helping" capacity - in this case age does not matter - will be most warmly welcomed. Please contact me on 831194.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mrs. Ida Jones. Ida was a long time member of the club and a most sincere and warm lady. Uncomplaining she kept active right to the end. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Our condolences were sent to members of her family and a contribution made to the British Heart Foundation on behalf of the Club.

Mary Callaghan.

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The Harvest Festival was a great success members arrived with flowers, fruits, vegetables and groceries which made a lovely display. The Vicar, The Rev. Peter Mitchell gave a very nice service. The hymns "All is Safely Gathered In" and "We Plough the Fields and Scatter" were sung. The Chairman Mrs Syril thanked Rev. Mitchell for kindly coming along and taking the service. The produce was auctioned by Mrs Syril and the proceeds will go to St James' Church and Women Section Schemes. Afterwards the business was discussed. Tickets have arrived for the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on November 7th. Mrs Les Grinnell asked if poppy sellers would carry on again this year with house to house collections. All were willing. The monthly Draw was won by Mrs Nancy West and the competition was won by Mrs Madge Knight. 14 members attended the Group Meeting at Fladbury. This was a very enjoyable evening.

M. Morcombe

## OVERSEAS COMMITTEE APPEAL

In the October edition of the Parish Review I reported that the overseas Committee hoped to provide funds to train a nurse in Nazareth and that the cost of training would be £120 per year for two years, The first year's sponsorship has of course to be provided before the sponsorship can begin and the Overseas Committee need to raise the first £120 as soon as possible and so I pray, take a deep breath, and say, how do you feel about investment?'. I have on offer an investment which will pay no cash dividend, your investment capital will be lost to you as soon as you hand it over and no material gain whatsoever will be made by any investor,! 'We offer you 120 shares, at £1 each in our hope to train our nurse, If you can afford a share (or two or ten) we think you will gain a return 'out of this world', We have prepared an event to be held in the New Year but long to get our project going. As 'Company Secretary' I will record your share(s) and I am happy to say that three shares are already gone. Any member of the Overseas Committee will be happy to receive money as I am sure will Peter.

Jean Ives, 45 Brewers Lane 830132

## GUILD OF ST. JAMES' BADSEY BELL RINGERS

As a tribute to Mr. Ralph Taylor for his many years work, for and within our church of St. James' a quarter peal was rung prior to the service of Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong on 4th. October.

The method rung was 1260 changes of Plain Bob doubles with 768 covering.

Treble Laura Merris

2nd Hilary Bolton

3rd Reg Kyte

4th Andrew Baker

) Joint Conductors

5th Andrew Middlecott

)

6th Anne Wilson

7th John Bolton

8th Andrew Stewart

For Laura and Anne this was their first attempt within a quarter peal team. 'Well done'

Hilary & John Bolton

## CREAM TEAS

This has been another successful season for 'Cream Teas' and despite, or perhaps because of, the gloomy state of the national economy and the poor weather latterly, a total of £1,462 has been taken. In a modest parish with a relatively small team of workers this is a wonderful effort, and all the more praiseworthy because it has been sustained over so many years. Thank you all for your hard work generosity and loyalty.

During discussion by the P.C.C. in 1991 it was decided that, in order to assist the Memorial Hall to become a viable enterprise, the Church should make an annual donation based on its use of the Hall, and would also pay the prevailing rate for the hours involved in providing 'Cream Teas'. This means that something like £180 will have to be paid for this season's use, but, in view of the vastly superior amenities now available at the Hall, this seems to us to be a very fair arrangement, and a very considerable sum still remains to assist with paying the Quota for 1992 of £2,343 and other church expenses.

The Vicar, Churchwardens and P.C.C.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Mrs Astley, the Club President, welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 7th October. Mrs. E. Batchelor, Chairman, reported on a very successful year, in which the Committee and members had continued to show great interest and support. Mrs. A. Musgrove, Secretary, then gave her report on the past years activities and concluded that the talks and events had, once again, proved most popular with members. The Treasurer, Mr. A. Smith, presented the annual accounts, to which the meeting approved.

Mrs Astley then reported that Mrs. D. Stacey wished to retire from the Committee, after having served as a most valuable member for a considerable number of years. Mrs. A. Musgrove, too, wished to retire from the secretarial work but wished to remain as a Committee member. Mrs. Astley expressed the Clubs appreciation of their past support. Immediately after the closure of the meeting, Mr. Harry Green of the Worcestershire Conservation Group, gave a most stimulating talk, highlighted by excellent slides, on

EAST WARD

"The Bird and its Bush'. There are a considerable number of flowering shrubs both in woodlands and gardens that produce colourful berries all the year round, which both woodland and garden birds, even visitors, enjoy eating. After the talk all hands went up for question time, which made it quite clear that everybody had enjoyed the evening. The competition for a Vase of Autumn Flowers, was won by Mrs D.Stacey.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30p.m. and the competition will be 'A pair of Leeks'.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

### WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Forty-one members attended a lively and animated meeting at the Memorial Hall on Wed 7th October. The secretary made the usual announcements and gave news of some members who were unable to attend, and touched on some proposals for outings and events for the coming Christmas season.

After the presentation of birthday buttonholes to Mrs Hancock, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Hopcroft, Mrs Stratton, Mrs Winkett and Mr Godfrey, the speaker for the afternoon was Mr Mark Barton from the Gloucester main Post Office, who, with the aid of charts and a video explained and impressed upon his audience the importance of using the Postal Codes when addressing mail. Many questions concerning the delivery, (or non-delivery) of letters came from all parts of the hall, and all were dealt with in an atmosphere of harmony and good will.

Following the serving of tea and biscuits, the usual monthly raffle was held and a very happy afternoon meeting came to a close.

Next month's meeting will be the AGM on Wed 4th November, and as well as the AGM business there will be a light meal, and a social afternoon.

D.S.

### WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB AND SENIOR RESIDENTS

An Autumn Fair will be held in the Village Hall, Wickhamford on Saturday 7th November at 2.30pm. Various stalls i.e. White Elephant, Bring and Buy, Cakes, Books, Gifts, etc. Anyone who has anything to give us or who would like to run a stall, we shall be very grateful. Any goods etc may be left at the Post Office.

## CHRISTMAS BINGO

In the Village Hall, Wickhamford on Friday 27th November at 7.45pm. Good Prizes.

Anyone who would like to donate a prize we shall be very grateful. The proceeds are for the Senior Residents Fund.

## OUTING TO ASHORNE HALL

An outing has been arranged to Ashorne Hall for Wed. 2nd December for a Christmas tea and entertainment. Coach will leave Sandys Arms at 1.15pm Prompt.

Names in please to Mrs P Sutton or the Post Office.

## WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

Dates for your diary -

FLEA MARKET - (Table Top) at the hall

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER 10.00am - 2.00pm

£4 per table. Refreshments 830505 832246 832325

## OPEN DAY

Official re-opening of the refurbished hall

COFFEE MORNING - STALLS - LIGHT LUNCHES - TEAS

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER

This is YOUR Memorial Hall. Please come and support this event. You will be very welcome.

A COFFEE MORNING will be held in aid of St Richards Hospice.

At the Lygon Arms on 20th November 10.30 - 12 midday.

60p entrance includes Coffee and Biscuits.

Donations of goods for the stalls will be gratefully accepted, please contact Mrs J Vacalopoulos, 4 Drysdale Close, Wickhamford, Tel 832325.

## WHEN I WAS A CHILD

A copy of an article recently published in the Women's Weekly by Dorothy Flanagan (nee' Sandford) entitled "When I was a child" and who writes about growing up in a Worcestershire village, Badsey, in the 1920s, has been received at the Vicarage, and is available for anyone who may like to see it or borrow it. (by arrangement, please) It is too long to be published in the parish magazine, even with permission. Dorothy Sandford as she then was, was born in the Old Bakehouse in 1914, where she lived with her

sisters Rene and Evelyn. Their mother died in the 'flu epidemic of 1917 after which they were brought up by their grandmother. She also refers to her great-grandmother Louisa Malin who celebrated her hundredth birthday in 1910. Laurence and Charles Binyon are also mentioned as is the village blacksmith although not by name. So too is her love of dough cakes which she received as a reward for delivering bread and cakes with the baker to the out lying villages each Saturday. If you are interested in seeing or borrowing the article please contact the Vicarage on Evesham 830343.

### AS OLD AS YOU FEEL

I DON'T FEEL FAT AND SIXTY SIX,  
BUT SLIM AND THIRTY THREE  
AS I GO CYCLING DOWN THE LANE,  
GREETING FRIENDS I SEE.

MY KNEES MAY ACHE WHEN IT IS COLD,  
MY HAIR IS NOW QUITE GREY,  
BUT I FORGET THE PASSING YEARS  
AND SAVOUR EVERY DAY.

THE MARCH OF TIME GOES ON AND ON  
LIKE WAVES UPON THE SEA,  
WHAT MATTERS IS THE WAY I FEEL  
RIGHT HERE INSIDE OF ME.

### OUR CHURCH

Our church is small and old and grey  
Yet holding sunlight in its stone,  
Its air of peace by night or day  
Speaks to our ancestors long gone.

Their kindly presence we can sense  
Kneeling to pray, standing to sing,  
Praises to God. His love immense  
Comparing all and everything.

Oh we are smarter and more wise  
We know so much of worldly ways,  
And yet we miss, before our eyes  
the value of those earlier days.

Days when the honest and the true,  
were honoured, held in great respect,  
They did their duty, paid their dues  
And never did their faith neglect.

But kneeling in accustomed place  
Praying the age-old prayers again  
Received the blessing of God's grace  
which healed their sorrows,  
soothed their pain.

They walked among their fellow men  
sure in their hope of things to come  
And had the faith to say 'Amen'  
Whatever comes, Thy will be done.

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Don't judge a book by its cover,  
Or people at first glance,  
You must read the pages of a book,  
Give people a second chance.

You've got to get to know them  
Like characters of a book,  
So don't judge them by their covers,  
Take a longer, closer look.

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### CRIB SHEET

From the crèche details in the weekly newsletter of Shalford Parish Church, Surrey: "Children are normally collected during the Offertory Hymn."