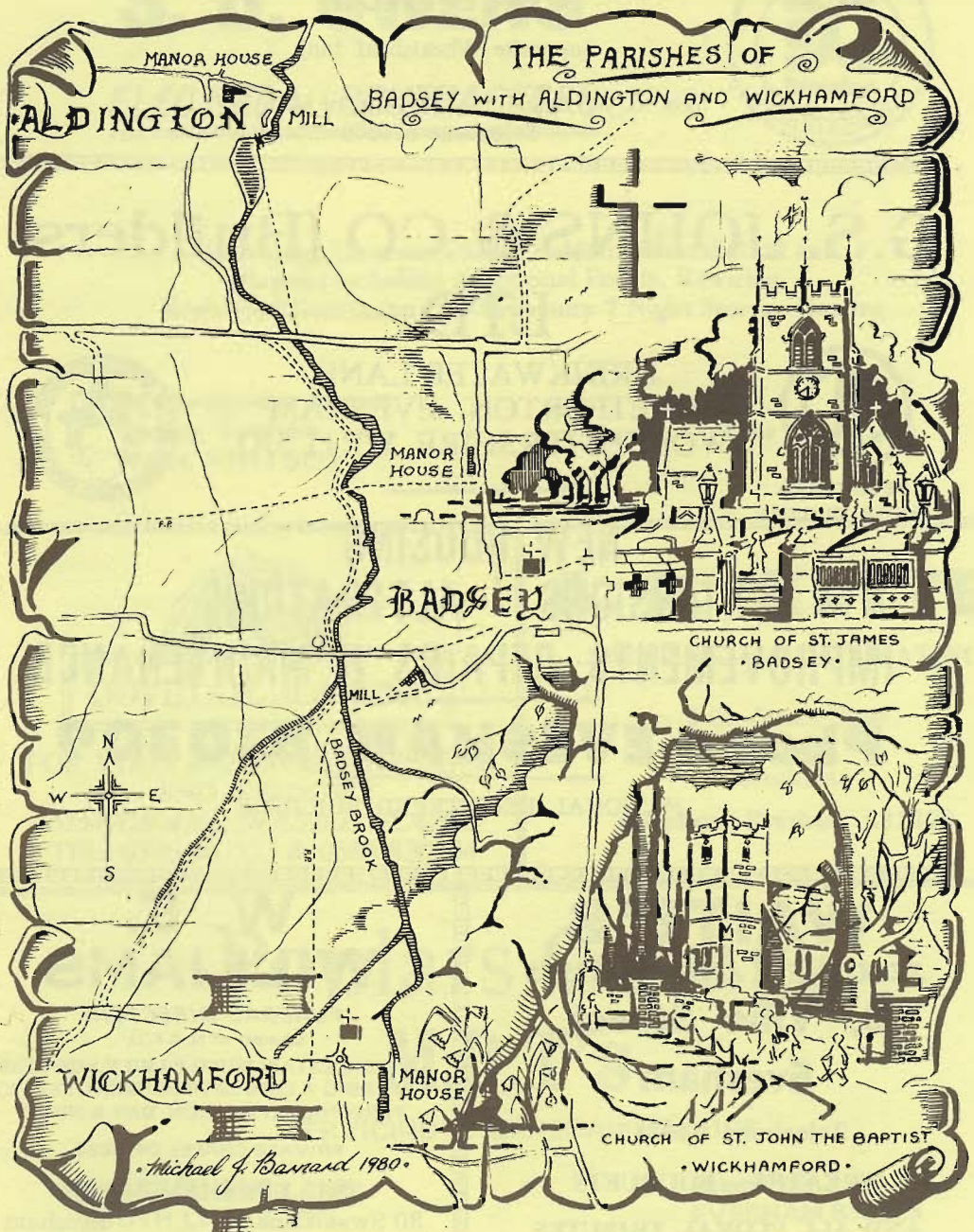


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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

April 1993

My dear Friends,

Easter is a time of new life, new hope, and new creation. All around us we see the first signs of another summer. The hedgerows are turning to a lovely fresh green and the flowers growing in increasing profusion in the gardens. We are fortunate in this country that the natural order of creation coincides with the Church's celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the festival of Easter. In the time of Jesus in Israel, as today, these events coincided not with the beginning of spring, but with the harvest. The putting of the sickle into the ripe corn and the separation of the wheat from the tares. The ingathering of the barley harvest completed six weeks later at the Jewish Feast of Pentecost. Activities seen in religious terms not only as an offering of the first fruits of the harvest to God in thanksgiving and joy, but also in terms of judgment and the final fulfilment of all things. But where we live, this is a time of the year for preparing the ground and sowing the seed, in the hope and promise of a harvest which has yet to come. Just as it has already come in Israel.

These simple examples illustrate two truths, which I believe are very important and which we should never lose sight of even in the midst of all the clamour and aggro of this world when so much of man's vision is clouded and turned in on himself.

First, the timelessness of God. That sense of the eternal which lies at the very heart of creation, and everything there is. The realisation that nothing lies beyond the bounds of God's love. Nothing is ever outside it. We have seen recently on our television screens the space scientists trying to rectify the faults on the Hubble Space Satellite. If they are successful, this satellite, with its telescope may unlock the origins of the universe and the mysteries of time itself, in as much as man will ever be able to know or comprehend them. Even we can experience this same sense of timeless eternity when we look out into space on a dark starlit night. We recall the well known hymn by Isaac Watts based on Psalm 90, with its verse, "A thousand ages in thy sight, are like an evening gone. Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun."

This brings us to the second truth contained in our two illustrations of springtime and harvest. That whilst eternity may last for ever, in this world we do not. In all our lives there is a springtime and a harvest, and against the dimension of eternity, how short and precious such life is. Brief life is here our portion. Or in the more fatalistic words of the writer of Ecclesiastes, "For everything there is a season, and time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die" Words that know nothing of the vision of the New Testament and of Easter.

It is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead which takes us beyond such a fatalistic outlook on life and leads us into an entirely new dimension. A dimension which, in Jesus, the sense of the eternal and life in this world become as one. We recall Jesus' own words from John's gospel. "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" The use of the words "I am" is one of the great descriptive sayings of Jesus which occurs several times in the gospel of John. And here, Jesus uses it not just, as an expression of his own personal identity, although it is, but in the sense of timeless eternity, the continuous and ever present, without beginning or end. These majestic words when spoken by Jesus identify him with none other than the splendour and majesty and the timeless nature of God himself. God our heavenly Father, the Father of all creation.

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever"  
 Jesus, our Risen and Ascended Lord. This is the timeless  
 message of the Resurrection the Church celebrates with  
 such joy at Easter. A message the Church is called to  
 proclaim to the world. That all, believing in him might  
 indeed have life in his name, and share, with him, in the  
 life that is eternal.

A very happy and joyous Easter to you all.

Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL 1993

ST\_JAMES\_BADSEY

4th	Palm Sunday	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
6th	Tuesday in Holy Week	7.30pm Evensong	
7th	Wednesday in Holy Week	10.00am Holy Communion	
8th	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Sung Eucharist	
9th	Good Friday	2pm - 3pm Devotional Service	
11th	Easter Day	8.00am Holy Communion (preceded by the lighting of the Paschal Candle) 11.0am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong  7.45pm Holy Communion
18th	1 after Easter	11.0am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
25th	2 after Easter	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

## MAY

2nd 3 after 11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong  
Easter

9th 4 after 8.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong  
Easter

Mid Week Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.0am  
except 14th April

Badsey Sunday School: 11.0am every Sunday during  
Term Time

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

4th Palm 9.30am The Eucharist  
Sunday

8th Maundy 9.00am The Eucharist  
Thursday

9th Good 11.00am Matins  
Friday

11th Easter 9.30am The Eucharist  
Day

18th 1 after 9.30am The Eucharist  
Easter

## MAY

2nd 3 after 9.30am The Eucharist  
Easter

9th 4 after 9.30am The Eucharist  
Easter

## SUNDAY THEMES

Palm Sunday: The Way of the Cross;

Sundays after Easter: 1 The Upper Room; 2 The Emmaus  
Road; 3 The Lakeside; 4 The Charge to Peter;

## LECTIONARY

4th	Palm Sunday	Phil. 2. 5-11 Mark 14. 32 - 15.41	Isaiah. 5. 1-7 Mark 12. 1-12
8th	Maundy Thursday	1 Cor.11. 23-29 John 13. 1-15	
11th	Easter Day	Col. 3. 1-11 Mark 16. 1-8	Exodus 14. 5-end John 20. 11-23
18th	1 after Easter	1 Peter 1. 3-9 John 20. 19-29	Exodus 16.1-15 John 6. 24-51
25th	2 after Easter	Rev. 19. 6-9 Luke 24. 13-35 <u>Wickhamford</u> Exod. 32 1-14, 30-end Luke 7. 11-17	

## MAY

2nd	3 after Easter	1 Cor. 15. 1-11 John 21. 1-14	1 Kings 17. 8-end John 11. 17-44
9th	4 after Easter	Rev. 3. 14-end John 21. 15-22	Proverbs 4. 1-18 2 Cor.4. 13-5.15

## 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"*

## BADSEY

7 Mar Lindsay Rupert Stephenson Owen of the White House, Aldington.  
Liam John Hundley of 67, Broadmarston Road, Pebworth.

21 Mar Adam James Stewart of 2, Horsebridge Ave., Badsey  
Matthew David Gardener of 2, Orchard Cottages, Badsey,

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

## BADSEY

5 Mar Williams Herbert Miles of 10, St James Close, Badsey, aged 78 years (at Badsey)

16 Mar Annie Frances Jelfs, late of 47, Synehurst, Badsey, aged 85 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

## WICKHAMFORD

16 Mar George Henry Robbins of Heathlands, Pershore, late of Wickhamford, aged 74 years, (at Wickhamford)

## DONATIONS

### BADSEY

in memory of William (Billy) Miles,  
- towards church funds, £46.51 (collection at funeral)

from the estate of the late Mrs Ida Jones,  
- £200, towards church funds.

in memory of Annie Frances Jelfs,  
- £12.96 towards church funds, (collection at funeral)

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thur 1 Apr Floral Festival Meeting - 7.30pm  
Gallipot House.

Thur 15 Apr Social Committee Meeting - 7.30pm,  
The Vicarage

Thur 22 Apr Badsey AGM - 7.30pm - Badsey Church  
Thur 6 May Badsey PCC - 7.30pm - Badsey Church  
Wed 12 May Wickhamford PCC, 7.30pm - Memorial Hall

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Wednesday, 14th April

### Revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll

The revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday, 27th March to Monday, 5th April inclusive prior to the AGM on Wednesday, 23rd April.

### Easter Decorations - Badsey Church

The decoration of Badsey Church for Easter will take place on Easter Eve, Saturday, 10th April from 9.30am onwards. Gifts of flowers, and offers of help will be most welcome. Donations towards the Easter Lilies may be given to Mrs Hazel Stewart or placed in the basket provided in the church.

### MOTHERS UNION

At our evening meeting on 23rd February we sang the hymn "Through all the changing scenes of life" chosen by Mrs Sandra Sparrow, who also took the prayers for us. After the minutes, Mrs D Bell read us a letter from Hilda Tindivensi in Uganda, of whom we were to hear more later on.

Members were glad to hear that Mrs Doris Richards has made a good recovery from the operation on her arm, is settled at 'Woodlands', and is looking better than for some time.

We then welcomed Mrs Ingrid Chestnutt, who went on the MU visit to Uganda in November last year. Her talk was well illustrated with slides and was very interesting, but compared with the earlier visit, seemed rather formal. Of course everything was done to make the visitors feel welcome, and for their comfort, but they did not feel they had really taken part in the ordinary life of the Ugandan members. However it was a wonderful experience, and Ingrid was able to meet Hilda, her husband Moses and some of their children, and we saw a photograph of them outside their home. Mrs Betteridge thanked Ingrid for her interesting talk.



Our afternoon meeting on 9th March began with Hymn 217 "Be thou my guardian and my guide", the choice of Mrs J Sparrow. Mrs Betteridge took the prayers. Arrangements for the Deanery Festival and the visit to Mickleton in April.

The speaker was Mr John Callaghan our Lay reader, who gave us a very interesting and enlightening talk on Saul and David, two Kings well known to us all, yet not as well known as we thought. Mr Callaghan cast a new light on the background of the stories of their relationship, so that we could see much more of their times, their customs and their characters. It was an enriching experience, and we are very grateful to Mr Callaghan, who was only just recovering from a bad chesty cold. Mrs Sandra Sparrow gave the vote of thanks which was warmly applauded.

Two small prayers for Grannies -

Please God take great care of Granny, and let her go on living until she is very old, and when she can't cook anymore, you can have her. (6 year old girl)

Dear Lord leave our Grandmother with us a little longer. After all you are going to have her much longer later on. (small Swedish girl)

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues 6th April Visit to Mickleton service in the church  
2.30pm Tea at 30 Meon Road.

Wed 7th April 10am Corporate Communion

Tues 27 April 7.30pm Mrs Joyce Grove  
I believe and Trust II

E. Seaman EM

#### BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

Members joined one another in the village hall for the March meeting last Wednesday.

The President, Mrs. Sparrow, opened the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Members were asked to write to Mr. Spicer, our M.P., protesting on V.A.T. being charged on Leisure activities and also about the privatisation of the railways. Transport arrangements were made for the Group meeting at Wickhamford and the trip to Beattie's store in Worcester, it was agreed to join in the Coffee Morning appeal for the

Cobalt Trust, it will be in the village hall on Wednesday June the 9th. The branch would also join in the village clean up from the 16th-25th of June, 4 members agreed to attend a resolutions meeting and briefing at Hampton on 22nd April. The Asst. Secretary, Mrs, Yvonne Haynes gave details of a craft rally and Mrs. Sparrow told of the plans for the Counties 75th anniversary celebrations at Hanley Swan.

The outings Sec. took names for outings to Burford, Swan Theatre at Worcester and a visit to London to see Starlight Express. Mrs. Win. Smith hoped to organise a trip to the T.V. Garden and the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. Members were told that Mrs Daphne Bell had been a runner up in the Wychavon competition for community service. The speaker was Mr. Stewart Gilbert, the Editor of the Journal. He told those present that they printed 30,000 copies of the Evesham Journal, 8,000 of the Cotswold Journal and 15,000 of the Stratford one. The office here also supplies news for the Worcester Evening News. They have a staff of 2 sub-editors, 5 reporters and 3 photographers, also people in each village who supply local news. The paper is only free where people can be found to deliver. He then went on to explain how the paper is compiled mainly by computer. Each reporters computer is linked to the main one, and the reports fed in. The computer then compiles the pages. He went on to say that 75% of the paper is advertisements and a full page advert costs around £1,500. He showed two videos on how in the past each page was compiled one at a time and how it is done on the computer now.

Mrs Sheila Taylor won the competition for a poem on Evesham. The next meeting will be Mrs. Holt speaking about the music of Sir Edward Elgar.

J. Butcher, Press Reporter

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The March meeting took place on a bitterly cold day. This, plus the fact that many members were ill, meant there was only about a fifty per cent attendance. Our speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Janet Gillard who told us of the work of the Wood Green Animal Centre. She illustrated her talk with a video film which was very interesting and enlightening. She also said that the centre at Blackminster is always glad to receive old newspapers for animal bedding.

If you would like to help but are unable to take newspapers to the centre please bring them to the Club and we will deliver them for you. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Win Smith.

The next meeting is on 7th April when we are holding a "Mini Auction". Members are urged, please, to support this occasion as generously as possible. We depend on the proceeds of such events to enable the Club to provide free coach transport for our outings, the Summer Buffet in July and our Christmas Party. Remember, if each member gave or spent just one pound we would raise more than £65 !! If you cannot attend the meeting please do send a little something by a friend. Thank you.

My thanks also to Mrs. Skitt for chairing the March meeting. I was unable to attend having caught the dreaded 'flu bug ! I hope to see you all again in April.

Mary Callaghan

#### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The February meeting was well attended. The Chairman opened with the Exhortation. She then welcomed members. After the Correspondence the chairman was pleased to say the weekly Coffee Mornings were still very popular and a donation from these had been made to the Senior Residents Party also to the Womens Section for new cups and saucers. She thanked the ladies who arranged the Coffee Mornings for all their work.

Mr & Mrs Cole from Evesham came along to the meeting to show us their wonderful collection of bottles of all shapes and sizes. Some were dug up out of tips and some came from several old breweries that existed in Evesham many years ago. There were many interesting stories attached to them. This was a very interesting subject, members did enjoy it.

The monthly Competition was won by Rhoda Thompson and the draw was won by Doris Harris and Betty Westmacote. A mini market is to be held at Legion Headquarters in April also a Car Boot Sale.

M. Morcombe

#### Forthcoming events - Badsey

A number of events are being arranged to assist Barrie and Wendy Such and their family, following Barrie's recent accident. The aim is to provide Barrie with an electric

wheelchair.

The first event is on Saturday, 24th April, when a Disco and Ploughman's Supper will be held at Badsey Recreation Club from 8pm to 12 midnight. Tickets at £4 each are available from Jane Thompson Tel: 830131 and Jackie Thomas Tel: 831189.

A second event on Monday, 31st May, will be a Pig Roast at Badsey Village Hall with skittles, pony rides, and various stalls inside the hall including a Tombola, teas, cakes, a toy stall, nearly new, books, etc. beginning at 1pm. All offers of help to Jane Thompson and Jackie Thomas will be most welcome.

### BADSEY TODDLERS GROUP

Badsey Toddlers Group are holding an Easter Fair on Saturday afternoon April 3rd to raise money for new toys, equipment and safety mats. We will have plant and craft stalls, tombola, games etc. Please come along. We would be very grateful for any unwanted Christmas presents, toys or other bric-a-brac. Marion or Becky will be calling to collect any items you may have. Thank you very much.

### PERSONAL

May I express thanks to everyone for their loving concern and prayerful support during my recent indisposition.

Although not yet fully recovered, am making progress, and wished to express my gratitude to you.

Hilda Byrd

### REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD ANNUAL VESTRY AND PCC MEETING

Held on 10th March 1993

There were no other nominations for Churchwardens at the Vestry meeting, so Mr Gerard Poulter and Mrs Thelma Dunkerley were re-elected for the coming year. Although happy to continue, they both expressed a wish that a deputy should be appointed, to at least be aware of what being a warden of the church entailed. The Vicar thanked them for their faithful service.

At the General meeting, it was with great regret that Miss W. Holland had sent a letter of resignation from the PCC. It was unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent, expressing sincere thanks for her many years of

devoted service to the Church Council. Mrs P Baker reported that the Electoral Roll now stood at 67 resident and 17 non resident members.

The auditor, Mr M Wadams presented the accounts, which, thanks to the special fund raising events, showed that the church's expenses had been met. Mrs C Collis (Treasurer) pointed out that the quota had risen by 12.9% and it was predicted that this could be 25% in future - way beyond inflation. The cost of running the church amounted to £100 per week and money given in the form of covenants towards this, was worth an extra £500 in tax reclaimed.

In his report the Vicar thanked the dedicated band of church officers and helpers and referred to them as a "family". The change in church services reflected the overall age of the congregation and regretably there were less younger people attending church. A drop of 1% in the interest rate cost the Diocese £50,000 or the equivalent of three clergy. Mr G Poulter thanked the Vicar for his efforts on behalf of the "family".

A very detailed Architects report, had been received during the past year which set out recommendations for the future care of the church but in general the condition was good. Once again, Mr R Cox was commended for the care of the Churchyard.

There were no additions to the PCC and the following were elected for the coming year -  
Secretary - Mrs T Dunkerley. Treasurer - Mrs C Collis.  
Electoral Roll Officer - Mrs P Baker. Auditor - Mr M Wadams.  
PCC members - Miss L Core, Mrs A Launchberry, Mrs P Clinton, Mrs P Corbett, Mrs S Heeks, Mrs I Carter, Mr A Carter, Mr J Roberts, Mr K Maden, Dr W Astley and Mrs A Poulter.

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Keen members and friends of the Club met for their monthly meeting in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 3rd March, to listen intently to a very absorbing talk, accompanied by slides, on Daffodils, given by Mr Michael Jefferson-Brown, who is a very keen breeder in this field.

After a get-together over coffee and biscuits, members settled down to hear how the Daffodil/Narcissi had been bred from the wild Daffodil in the 1850's and is the easiest garden plant to grow. It comes in diverse sizes and stature and if planted 4" to 5" down, can be a delightful flower in

the garden in Spring. The colours range from white, yellow, lavender, pink and even green. It takes a lot of genetic engineering to get a new Daffodil and they vary considerably from large central trumpets down to very small cups, the latter being the Jonquils.

The old fashioned Daffodils are still very attractive, as are the doubles and not forgetting the Poet or Pheasant's Eye and the tiny Bulbocodium. After several questions had been answered, Mrs Ella Batchelor, Chairman, thanked the speaker for what had been a very pleasant evening.

The competition for Three cut Daffodil/Narcissi stems, was won by Mrs A Spiers with Mr D Hadley and Mrs D Stacey second and third.

The next meeting will be the Annual Spring Show and will take place at the Hall on Wednesday 7th April, when it is hoped that there will be a good turnout, including newcomers, who will be most welcome.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

### WICKHAMFORD - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wickhamford Memorial Hall

Saturday 24th April 8.00pm - 11.30pm

KARAOKE NIGHT

Plate Supper - coffee, tea, soft drinks £4.00

Come and have a go! The "STARS" are YOU!

Please contact Mrs A Poulter 830505 or Mrs C Whiting 832246

### SANCTUARY GUILD

Coffee Morning, to raise money for the Flowers for the Flower Festival, to be held over the August Bank Holiday Saturday May 22nd - at Wickhamford Memorial Hall

### WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The chilly weather conditions did not deter the thirty-nine members who attended the meeting at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday March 4th.

The meeting opened with our Secretary reading the usual announcements which included a letter of thanks from Mrs N Roberts for the flowers and good wishes sent to her whilst in hospital. Birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Heritage, Mrs Thomas and Mr Blunstone.

Following the raffle of member-donated prizes we settled down to be entertained by the LADYBIRDS, a song and

dance team who, with ballads and costumes of the past, reminded many of us of yesteryear. The ladies were particularly appreciative of the Edwardian dresses and hats worn by the artistes, the designs and materials being very spectacular. Tea and biscuits were served and a very pleasant afternoon came to a close.

Next month (April 6th), the guest speaker will be Mr Keirman who is from the Home Office Fire Prevention Centre at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, and who no doubt will be giving us much valuable advice on safety in the home.

D.S.

### WICKHAMFORD WI

The evening started with the singing of Jerusalem accompanied by Janet Peters at the piano for which she was duly thanked. There were apologies from Pam Corbett. Lisa Collett and her friend Heidi were welcomed to the meeting as they were doing a Project for College. The minutes were read and signed and the Group Meeting was explained.

The Easter Fayre had to be cancelled because too many people would be on holiday also the Games Evening as their was already an evening being planned in the Village. The Beatties evening was discussed and a list for the outing to Lord Lichfield's home Shugborough Hall on 16th May passed round, friends and neighbours to be invited.

Denny King had sent a letter on our behalf to our M.P. Michael Spicer complaining of the proposed VAT charge on Leisure Pursuits in Particular at Denman College.

Rosemary Hendrick volunteered for a little light relaxation while under the first stage of hypnosis as demonstrated by Mr Hartwell Smith, speaker for the evening. He also talked of the benefits of different forms of relaxation, massage and oils which would be beneficial in the stress filled nineties.

The photograph of the Village Competition for the evening was to give members a chance to enter the May Rally to be organised by Shenah Bevan. The Flower of the Month Competition was won by Shenah Bevan, 2nd Peggy Hancock and 3rd Mrs Skinner.

A list of important Telephone Numbers of Amenities of the Village had been drawn up by Denny King.

Treasurers Report - £331.00 in current account, deposit account stays the same.

Correspondence - A meeting at Hampton will be held for discussion of the Resolutions and a letter was received from

the Sullivan Singers thanking us for our donation which they would forward to St. Richards Hospice.

Sick Visitor - Hazel Cole reported no one sick.

Refreshments - Jenny Keepence, Jenny Tweeney and Rosemary Hendrick.

The County News Letter was read by members. The Group Meeting will be on the 24th March 1993 and the entrance fee will be £1.20. Pat Clinton

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The following copy arrived too late for the March issue and Mothering Sunday for which it would have been particularly appropriate. On the night of the Lockerbie Air disaster, the American chaplain on duty at Kennedy Airport, New York, when the news of the tragedy came in, was asked whatever do you say to people who have been caught up in such a terrible disaster. To which the chaplain replied, "All you can do, is put your arm round their shoulders and say, "Hey, I care". Both in the happy times and the sad, this surely is one way in which we can always show how much we care.

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It's wondrous what a cuddle can do,

A cuddle can cheer you when you're blue,

A cuddle can say, I love you so

Or, I hate to see you go.

A cuddle is: "Welcome back again!

"And. "Great to see you!" or "Where 've you been?"

A cuddle can soothe a small child's pain,

And bring a rainbow after rain.

The cuddle: There's just no doubt about it,

We scarcely could survive without it.

A cuddle delights and warms and charms,

It must be why God gave us arms.

Cuddles are great for fathers and mothers

Sweet for sisters, even for brothers,

And chances are some favourite aunts

Love them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them. Puppies love them.

Heads of state are not above them.

A cuddle can break the language barrier,

And make the dullest day seem merrier.

No need to fret about the store of 'em.

The more you give, The more there are of 'em.

So stretch those arms without delay.

And give someone a cuddle today.