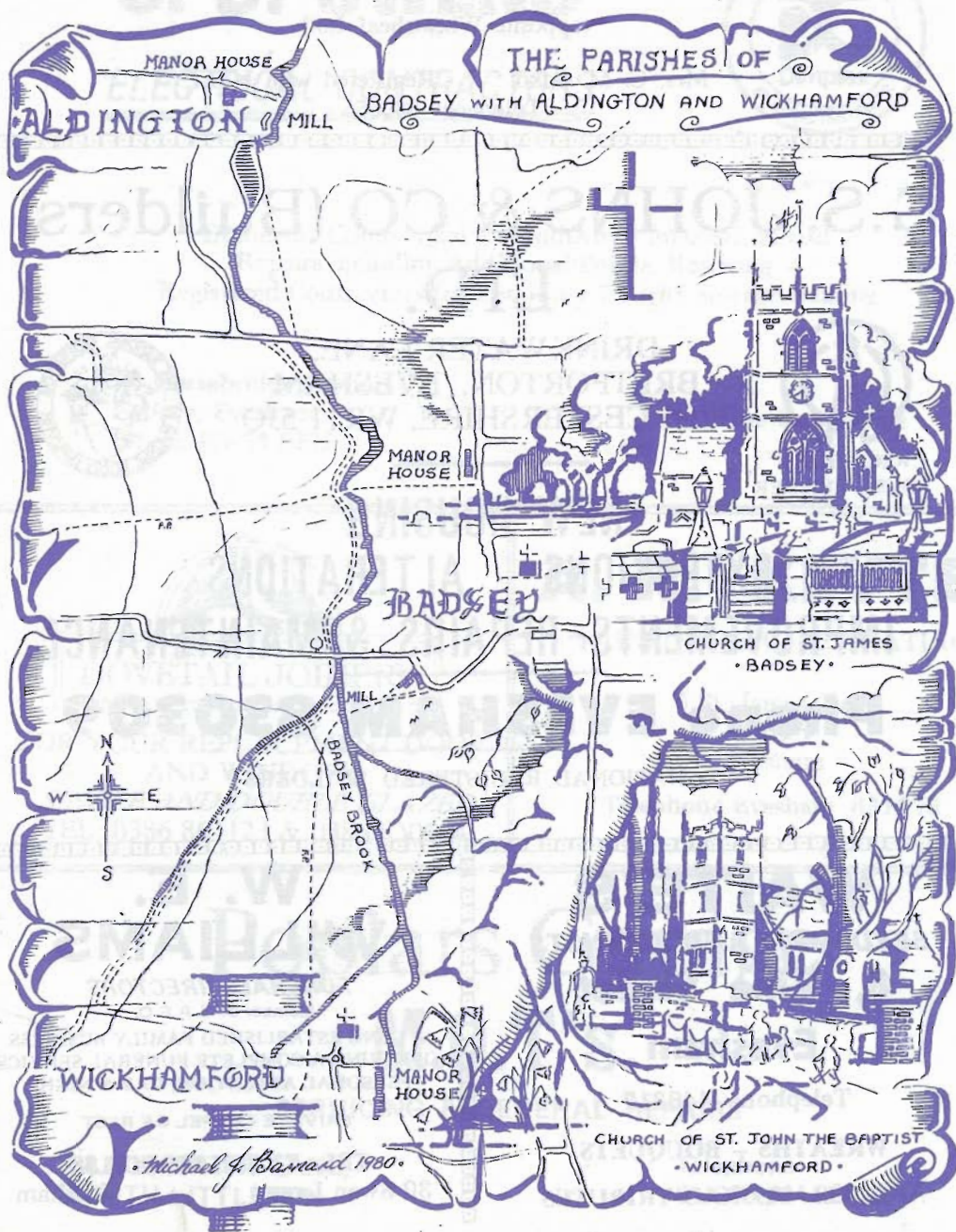


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### THE VICAR'S LETTER

May 1993

My dear Friends,

The Ascension of Christ, as recorded in the scriptures, seems to be a paradox. A paradox between how Matthew describes the event and how Luke describes it. In the scriptures, a paradox is where two things appear to be opposite or contradictory to each other, yet both are true. Matthew closes his gospel with the familiar words of Jesus, "Lo, I am with you always to the end of time." Luke, on the other hand, in his gospel and his second work, The Acts of the Apostles, describes how, as Jesus blessed the apostles, he parted from them, and was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. In Luke, a footnote also says Jesus was carried up into heaven. In Matthew we have the promise that Jesus is with us always. Luke tells us how Jesus was parted from the apostles and ascended into heaven. Earlier, a similar paradox occurs in John's Gospel when the Risen Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene in the garden, the first resurrection appearance after he was raised from the dead. After Mary has recognised Jesus, he says to her, "Do not touch me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father but go to my bretheren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and to your God". Here the words of Jesus "Do not touch me" mean something much stronger and more positive than appears in the English. They literally mean, "Do not hold on to me" or



"Do not cling to my body". In other words, "Let go of me" So as we seek to understand the words of Jesus as recorded in the gospels, we find, not for the first time, we have to strike a balance. We have to find the way between two seemingly opposite paths. One which promises that Jesus is with us always, and a second which tells us Jesus has ascended into heaven and that we must let him go. We must not try and hold on to him or cling to his body. From this we find we can draw parallels from our own experience of life, with its increasing number of incidents of death and dying. Incidents with which we are becoming only too familiar.

First, that those who die, often innocently through the wrongs and sins of others, or by accident or far worse, through deliberate acts of killing or murder, are those who knowingly or unknowingly, follow most closely in the footsteps of Jesus himself. In the way he went to the Father. We see that his suffering, is their suffering, that their suffering is his suffering. Because of this, we believe, when such things happen, they are not alone. He is by their side. He is with them always, even to the end of time. And whilst those who suffer in this way can never come back to where we are, it is a real comfort to know that they are where he is. That their stars shine forever in the firmament of his heaven, as one day, we hope ours will too.

Secondly, in this faith and hope, we must be prepared to let them go, knowing that they are with him. We cannot hold on to them indefinitely. Although they will always be with us, in our hearts and in our minds, and in the hundred and one little ways, in which we shall always remember them, we cannot, indeed we must not spend all our time living in the past. Whilst the Cross of Jesus and the outpouring of his love upon it has an eternal significance, and is perpetually commemorated and celebrated in the bread and the wine of the Eucharist, his body and blood, it is not the end of the story. In the Resurrection, Christ's love and sacrifice find a constant and continual expression in what we do for others in his name. That all might share in the glorious and abiding presence of our Risen and Ascended Lord, now and always.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell.

## CHURCH SERVICES - MAY 1993

### ST JAMES' BADSEY

2nd	3 after Easter	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
9th	4 after Easter	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
16th	5 after Easter	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
20th	Ascension Day	10.00am The Eucharist	
23rd	Sunday after Ascension	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
30th	Pentecost	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong

### JUNE

6th	Trinity Sunday	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
13th	2 after Pentecost	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

MID WEEK COMMUNIONS: Every Wednesday at 10.00am

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11.00am every Sunday during  
Term Time

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

2nd	3 after Easter	9.30am The Eucharist	
9th	4 after Easter	9.30am The Eucharist	
16th	5 after Easter	9.30am The Eucharist	
20th	Ascension Day	9.00am The Eucharist	
23rd	Sunday after Ascension	10.30am Matins	
30th	Pentecost	9.30am The Eucharist	

## JUNE

6th	Trinity Sunday	9.30am	The Eucharist
13th	2 after Pentecost	9.30am	The Eucharist

## SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Easter: 3 The Lakeside;  
4 The Charge to Peter; 5 Going to the Father;  
Sunday after Ascension: The Ascension of Christ;  
Sundays after Pentecost: 2 The People of God.

## LECTIONARY

### 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
16th	5 after Easter	1 Cor.15.21-28 John 16.25-end	Deuteronomy 34 John 16.12-24
23rd	Sunday after Ascension	Ephesians 1.1-15 end Luke 24.45-end <u>Wickhamford</u> Isaiah 65.17-end Revelation 5	
30th	Pentecost	Acts 2.1-11 John 14.15-26	Ezekiel 37. 1-14 Romans 8.18-27

### JUNE

6th	Trinity Sunday	Ephesians 1.3-14 John 14.8-17	Isaiah 40.12-end Mark 1.1-13
13th	2 after Pentecost	1 Peter 2.1-10 John 15 1-5	2 Samuel 7.1-17 Luke 14.7-24

## 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

25 Apr Christopher Edward Curtis of "Paddock View" Manor Road, Wickhamford.

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

## BADSEY

24 Apr Stanley Witherington and Mary Edith Wretham

Service of Prayers and Dedication

## WICKHAMFORD

24 Apr David Charles Maughan and Eira Lyn Mann

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

## BADSEY

8 Apr Winifred Doreen Clements of 35, Greenleys, Badsey, aged 64 years (at Badsey)

## WICKHAMFORD

25 Mar Elsie Bennett of "Mesamere", Willersey Road, Wickhamford, aged 84 years, (at Wickhamford and Cheltenham)

8 Apr Edith Florence Salmon of Seward House, Badsey late of 28, Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford, aged 85 years (at Cheltenham)

## DONATIONS

### BADSEY

in memory of Winifred Doreen Clements, to St Richard's Hospice and the British Heart Foundation, - £104.76. (collection at the funeral)

Anonymously - towards the upkeep of the churchyard - £10



Anonymously - towards St James' Church, Badsey  
Guild of Change Ringers - £10

### WICKHAMFORD

to Wickhamford Church, by  
Mr DV and Mrs VA Harman - £200  
from the estate of the late  
Mr Charles William Walters

### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thur	6 May	Badsey PCC - 7.30pm - Badsey Church
Wed	12 May	Wickhamford PCC, 7.30pm - Memorial Hall
Thur	13 May	New PCC Members evening at Holland House, Crothorne - time to be notified.
Fri	14 May	Coffee Evening at The Vicarage, 7pm - 9pm in aid of church funds
Wed	19 May	Archdeacon of Worcester's Visitation, St Michael and All Angels, Broadway - 7.30pm
Sat	22 May	Wickhamford Floral Festival Coffee Morning, - Memorial Hall
Fri	28 May	Social Committee 7, School Lane, - 7.15pm
Mon	31 May	Parish Pig Roast - Badsey Remembrance Hall

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Wednesday, 19th May.

### BADSEY CHURCHYARD

In order to preserve the church's right of way through the churchyard, the Lych Gate will be locked on Monday, 3rd May for twenty four hours. The High Street entrance will remain open. It is hoped parishioners will not be caused too much inconvenience.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

Retirement of the Bishop of Dudley and Mrs Dumper

A Diocesan Service to mark the retirement of the Bishop of Dudley and Mrs Dumper is to be held in St Thomas' Church, Dudley, at 6.30pm on Sunday, 4th July, at which Bishop Tony will preach. The Bishop of Worcester has asked that as many parishes as possible be represented from all parts of the diocese. Parking is available near the church in public car parks, but if people can arrange to share cars

this would be helpful. Afterwards a reception will be held in the Town Hall hosted by the Mayor of Dudley. Inevitably space is limited and therefore, regrettably this has to be a ticket only event. All are welcome to come to the service at St Thomas' but names and addresses of those in the benefice who would like to receive a ticket for the reception should be given into the Vicarage as soon as possible. It is not possible to guarantee that everyone who would like a ticket will receive one but applications are invited. Tickets will be allocated nearer the time.

### Coffee Evening - Badsey

A Coffee Evening in aid of church funds will be held at the Vicarage on Friday 14th May from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. Tickets price 50p will be available at the Vicarage beforehand and on the night, also from members of the Social Committee. Raffle, Bring and Buy, Games etc. If fine, in the garden, if wet, indoors. Come and enjoy a pleasant evening in support of the church.

### Parish Pig Roast

A Parish Pig Roast in aid of the provision of an Electric Wheelchair for Barrie Such is to be held at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 31st May, at which St James' Church will be organising the Raffle. Gifts of prizes and offers of help will be most welcome. Please contact Terry Sparrow on Evesham 833368.

### MOTHERS UNION

On Tuesday 23rd March quite a few members attended the Deanery Festival at Inkberrow church. The preacher was the Rev. Greville Cross our Rural dean, and we all enjoyed the service very much. Afterwards the Enrolling member Mrs Nancy Reynolds and her members provided us with tea and coffee and very nice refreshments. There was a book stall provided by Mrs Christine Davies who is our Deanery Literature rep, and she sold cards and books etc. which she had brought with her.

On Tuesday 6th April we attended a said Evensong in Mickleton church at the invitation of the MU there. Father Huntriss officiated, and afterwards we enjoyed a superb tea provided by Ivy Leigh and members at Ivy's house. It was good to see her again and to be so warmly welcomed.



That evening at 7.30pm members attended the Holy Week Evensong in our own church.

At our next meeting at 7.30pm on 27th April the speaker will be Mrs Joyce Grove, who will give her second talk on "I believe and trust".

The Diocesan Festival coach on 12 May will leave the Lych Gate at 5.30pm, as we have various stops to pick people up, and Dudley is quite a long way.

How beautiful the church looked at Easter with so many lovely flowers beautifully arranged. How fortunate we are in our surroundings here, and to enjoy the peace and happiness of Easter, our greatest Festival. MU members pray for families and children in war-torn countries and for those homeless and starving, and for MU work overseas.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 4th May MU Committee 2.30pm at Vicarage

Wednesday 5th May 10am Corporate Communion

Wednesday 12th May 5.30pm Coach leaves Lych Gate for Diocesan Festival.

Tuesday 25th May 7.30pm Any Questions? with invited panel.

### BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

#### APRIL MEETING

The President, Mrs. Sparrow, welcomed all and after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, proceeded with the business. She told members that the branch would be joining in the Coffee Morning Chain to raise funds for the Cobalt Unit. It would be on 9th June at the Village Hall 10.30am - 12.30p.m. There would be a raffle and a bring and buy stall. She said all had enjoyed the Group meeting. The Institute had been asked to have a stall at the Church Fete on June 19th. It was decided to have a Bathroom Stall. The Flower Show Secretary had written to ask members to do the teas at the Show on July 24th. County had reported that the train outing to Cambridge had been over subscribed so the seats would be allocated.

Mrs. Yvonne Haynes then reported on the County half yearly Council at Malvern. The retiring Chairman said how much she had enjoyed the job and thanked everyone for their help. The new Chairman would be Mrs. Freda

Davies, the Vice Chairman Mrs. Margaret Deakin. The National Chairman, Mrs. Susan Stockley then spoke to the meeting. She said Branches should always remember their founder members and that the aims of the W.I. were still the same although the movement had absorbed change. The W.I. had joined the Royal Anniversary Trust to help on projects planned for the 40th anniversary of the Queen's reign. She also said that in a meeting with the Education Secretary, Mr. Patten admitted that he did not know of Denman College. Mrs. Haynes then gave a résumé of the various committee reports, especially on the plans for the celebrations of the County's 75th anniversary. The final speaker was the Hon. Lucinda Lambton who spoke on the humorous side of unusual pets.

The evenings main attraction was a talk on the life and music of Sir Edward Elgar. This was given by Mrs. Holt, the Sec. of the Elgar Society, who covered all the events in his life from his birth at Broadheath, the family's move to Worcester, where Elgar taught himself about music, how he came to write the Wand of Youth suite for a family concert. In 1879 he became the bandmaster at Powick and a music teacher at Malvern. After his marriage he moved to London and in 1899 wrote the 'Enigma Variations', He moved back to Malvern and in 1901 wrote 'Pomp and Circumstance'. The words did not come until 2 years later and were sung originally by the children of Wyche school, thus 'Land of Hope and Glory' was born. In 1903 he moved to Hereford where he continued composing until 1911 he moved to London. Later on to Sussex, where his wife died in 1919. Elgar died in 1934 leaving a wonderful legacy of beautiful music depicting the countryside he loved around Worcester.

### BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Mini Auction in April was a great success due to the enthusiasm of our auctioneer Mrs. Skitt. The grand sum of £75 was raised for club funds. Many thanks to all those who came or contributed. Our appreciation to Win and her helpers.

The Raffle of a Chicken Dinner was won by Mrs. Marshall.

The next meeting is on 5th May when our speakers will be Mr. and Mrs. Baston who will be showing slides of Mr. Baston's recent journey to Rumania and his involvement with

the orphanages there. An afternoon that promises to be very interesting.

#### ADVANCE NOTICES:

The June Meeting is on THURSDAY 3rd June and will be an outing to Ledbury for shopping followed by tea provided by Ledbury Women's Institute. More details at the May meeting when names and money will be taken.

The Church Fête is on Saturday, 19th June, and we are, once again, doing a "Grand Grocery Raffle". Members are asked to pledge one or two items of grocery for this. These should be brought to the MAY meeting. We did so well last year I know you will support us generously. Thank you.

With regard to the Charity Appeal - Please keep those tubes rolling in !

Ending on a personal note I would like to thank all of you for the flower arrangement and the good wishes you expressed on the occasion of our Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

Mary Callaghan

#### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The March meeting was opened with the Exhortation. Mrs Newbury, Vice Chairman, welcomed members also two new members. Apologies were taken and correspondence read and discussed. There will be an open day at Beaulieu Abbey on 19th June part of the entrance fee for which will be given to the Royal British Legion.

Names were taken for the War Memorial flowers in the church. A collection of eggs from members totalled 10 dozen and these will be taken to Hampton Children's Home.

Mrs Rouse from Hampton gave a very nice talk on Puppy Walking for the Blind. She has done this for many years.

The Mini Market and Car Boot Sale has been put back until May 8th. This will be at Legion Headquarters from 10am until 3pm. The monthly competition was won by Mrs P Wheatley and the draw was won by Mrs D Harris, Mrs N Grinnell and Mrs B Westmacote.

Refreshments were served.

M Morcombe



## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION

Many thanks to the thirty collectors who helped to raise £453.40, this represents an increase of £37 on last year for Badsey, Blackminster and Aldington.

It was not possible to arrange a collection in Wickhamford this year but perhaps next year an organiser will be found. Many thanks also for a late contribution which came through our door on Maundy Thursday, this will be held over until September when the boxes for the Children's Society will be opened.

Jean Ives Hon. Sec.

## ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

First I would like to thank everyone who donated lilies, flowers, foliage and money for Easter lilies and also thanks to all the helpers who came to arrange the flowers on Saturday morning. It was nice to see our regular helpers, but it was also a pleasure to welcome several new helpers, they all did a lovely job and the church looked beautiful. Thank you again.

I would like to congratulate Daphne Bell on her award. Well deserved.

## MAY FLOWER ROTA

1st Sunday	Mrs P Mitchell and Mrs H Stewart
2nd Sunday	Mrs D Bell and Mrs M Callaghan
3rd Sunday	Mrs P Goldstraw and Mrs S Goldstraw
4th Sunday	Mrs M Clarke and Mrs H Stewart
5th Sunday	Mrs S Taylor and Mrs B Bennett

Any queries about flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart  
Tel 832007

## ST JAMES GUILD OF BELL RINGERS, BADSEY

Evensong Palm Sunday 4th April 1993

With great pleasure the Sunday Service Ringing Band settled into a selection of call changes for 45 minutes. A compliment to John and Mary Callaghan on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to the team:

1. Hilary Bolton, (conductor),
2. James Jenkins,
3. Laura Merris,
4. Malcolm Stewart,
5. Anne Wilson,
6. Roger Clarke,
7. John Bolton,
8. Andrew Stewart.

## BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The 23-strong Committee is already hard at work preparing for this year's Show - on the 24th July, at the Recreation Ground.

Having reviewed last year's successful Show, new ideas are being pursued. The schedule includes several new classes, including Photography for the first time, as well as an entirely new set of 12 Floral Art Classes.

So, please start getting ready to enter. Anyone can do so. Any ideas, assistance, etc. welcomed - please contact DAVID JOHN 4 Allsebrook Gardens (831566)

## PERSONAL

Mary and John Callaghan wish to express sincere thanks to their many friends who did so much to make Sunday, 4th April such a memorable day. The many cards and expressions of good wishes on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary were greatly appreciated.

A very special "thank you" also to the team of bell ringers who rang such a delightful set of changes on Palm Sunday evening. We thoroughly enjoyed it and appreciate the effort and kind thoughts involved.

Our warmest thanks to you all.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The exhibits for the Annual Spring show held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 7th April, were certainly of quality rather than quantity which attributed, to it being one of the best Spring shows, so far.

Once again, members and friends bustled about the Hall with a fever enough to wilt the toughest blooms. The two Judges, Mr John Allen and Mrs J Brimblecombe had a difficult time coming to any conclusion, especially where the beautifully decorated Easter Eggs were concerned.

The Prizewinners were as follows:

Class No.	First	Second
1	Mrs Aiton	Mrs Dunkerley
2	Mrs Stacey	Mrs Cox
3	Mrs Anderson	Mrs Cox
4	Mr Hadley	Mrs Fairbrother
5	Mr Hadley	Mrs Stacey
6	Mrs Stacey	Mrs J Smith
7	Mrs Smith	Mrs Stacey
8	Mrs Smith	Mrs Stacey
9	Mrs Aiton	Mrs A Spiers
10	Mrs Dunkerley	Mrs B Mumby
11	Mrs Anderson	Miss N Betts
12	Mrs Mumby	Miss N Betts
13	Miss J Dunkerley	Mr Hadley

The Hills Nurseries Silver Salver was won by Mrs D Stacey and was presented to her by Mrs Brimblecombe. Mr D Hadley had the highest number of entries in the show and Mrs D Stacey was the runner-up.

Gardening Club meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, when members, friends and newcomers are always most welcome. The Competition will be 6 mixed spring blooms.

R. Stringer (Mrs)

### WICKHAMFORD WI

Everyone was very interested in the talk given on Deportment and Poise by Mrs Nash, backs were straightened and shoulders relaxed as we were shown how to walk and stand correctly.

Mrs King President thanked everyone who had helped to make the Group Meeting a success.

A short sketch entitled "Family Portrait" was to be presented at Broadway WI.

Mrs Rose Wolfe will be organising a Coffee Morning on 9th June 1991. Members will be helping with teas and cakes at the Evesham Show again this year on 5th June 1993.

Flower of Month was won by Mrs. Skinner, 2nd Mrs. Rosemary Hendrick and 3rd Mrs Ann Owen. Extraordinary Egg Competition was won by Sheenah Bevan, 2nd Jenny Tweeney and 3rd Connie Whiting.

Refreshments were made by Jenny Tweeney, Jenny Keence and Rosemary Hendrick.



Social Time was organised by Hazel Cole with advertisements from Magazines which had to be named.

Next Meeting will be at Wickhamford Village Hall on Thursday 13th May at 7.30 pm. Pat Clinton

### WICKHAMFORD - COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning will be held at Wickhamford Memorial Hall on Saturday 22nd May, 10.30am - 12.00.

There will be the usual stalls including cake stall and raffle. The money raised will go towards the flowers used in decorating the church at the Flower Festival, to be held over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Please contact Mrs A Poulter (830505) if you have any contributions - cakes, preserves etc. for the stalls. They will be greatly appreciated.

Do come along, have a coffee and a chat and support this event.

Everyone is welcome.

### ST RICHARDS HOSPICE

Events to be held in May.

9th May Cream Teas in Wickhamford Memorial Hall  
2pm - 6pm

16th May Thanksgiving Service in United Reform  
Church, Broadway at 4pm, tea will be  
served in the Hall afterwards.

Friday 21st May A Musical Evening by the Interchurch  
choir to be held in U.R.C. Hall at 7.30pm

### WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A minor crisis was narrowly averted at our meeting on Wed: 7th April. Our guest speaker, Mr Kiernan from the Home Office Fire Prevention Centre had to cancel at the last moment owing to an accident at home, and we were without any entertainment for the afternoon. However our stalwart secretary, Mrs Winkett, was soon busy on the telephone and at literally three hours notice obtained the services of Mrs Janet Gillard from the Wood Green Animal Refuge at Blackminster, who with the aid of video tapes and music treated us to one of the most interesting and entertaining afternoons in recent memory. As the pictures of the various

waifs and strays appeared on the screen the hall was filled with so many, "OOHS and AAhs".

The meeting was attended by forty-four members and after the customary announcements birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs Diston, Mrs Sutton, Mrs Wardle and Mr Street. Following the video show, tea and biscuits were served, and after the monthly raffle of members gifts the meeting came to a very satisfying conclusion.

There will be no meeting in the Memorial Hall next month, (May 5th) but members who have booked are going on a coach trip to Prinknash Abbey, and they are reminded to be at the Hall by 2.00pm. D.S.

### Christian Crackers

A vicar was invited to Sunday lunch at the home of a local farmer. After enjoying a delicious roast chicken he looked out of the dining room window and saw the cockerel strutting round the farmyard, looking very pleased with himself. His farmer friend said, "Yes, so he should, his son has just gone into the ministry!"

Minister to the groom. "Wilt thou take this woman to be thy lawful wedded wife?" The groom looking at his bride said, "I wilt!"