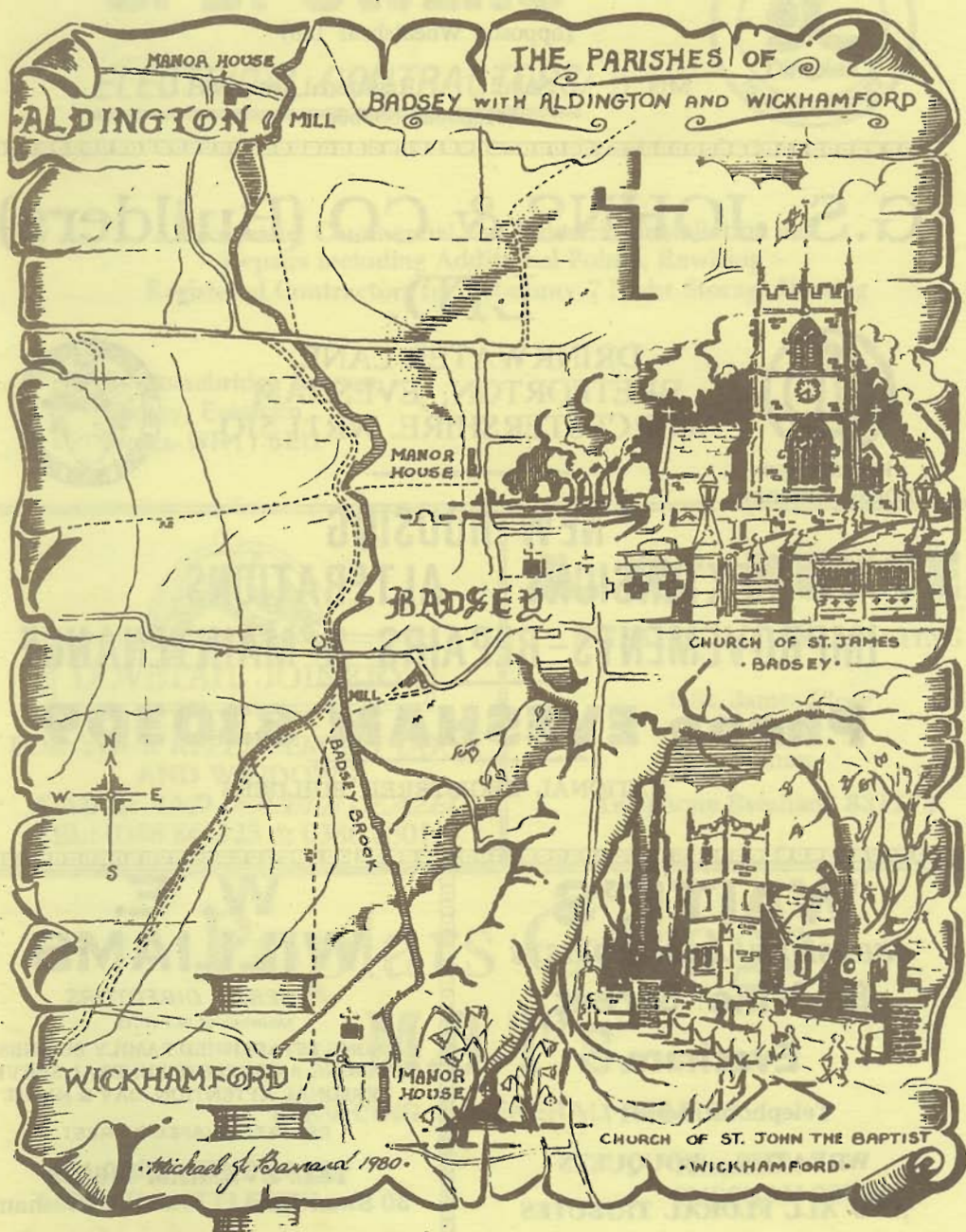


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### THE VICAR'S LETTER

October, 1993

My dear Friends

#### Romance and Reality

Some of you may have been following the correspondence in recent issues of the Evesham Journal on Simon de Montfort who died in the Battle of Evesham in 1265. In his conflict with King Henry III, Simon de Montfort has been hailed as the "father of democracy" and the beginnings of the parliamentary system of councils and bodies in these islands, albeit in a very embryonic form are attributed to him. His dying in the Battle of Evesham is seen almost as something akin to martyrdom, and there are those in Evesham who feel he should be commemorated even more so than at present. But there are others who hold a different view. For them this is an "idealised" picture of Simon de Montfort far removed from the truth as it was at the time. For them the rebellion of Simon de Montfort and his fellow barons represented the interests only of themselves against the constant and extravagant demands of a weak and ineffective King much as the earlier barons had forced the "Magna Carta" on Henry's father, King John, a far more cruel, selfish and ruthless adversary. It had nothing whatsoever to do with the interests of the common people. Whilst Simon de Montfort and his fellow barons may have wanted to parley with the King, (the word "parliament"

comes from the French word "parler" meaning "to talk) and forced him to do so, those same barons would have been horrified at the thought of having to parley with their own serfs, peasants or soldiers, and any attempt to make them do so would have been swiftly and summarily dealt with.

Historians who hold this view say that Simon de Montfort ended his life, not only as rebel, but having become a tyrant and a despot as well, hated by his enemies and deserted by all but a handful of his former supporters and fellow barons. At the Battle of Evesham he received nothing more than his just desserts. He was no democrat and he was no martyr, even though he was buried in Evesham Abbey. Prince Edward who defeated Simon de Montfort and who later became Edward I, one of the greatest of the Plantagenet kings, was the real hero of the hour.

This debate about Simon de Montfort shows how, historically speaking, romance can become separated from reality and how difficult it can be to distinguish between the two. We see this with individual people such as Simon de Montfort who some would "idealise" after they have left this life. It can also happen in international affairs when people, albeit hopefully, try to idealise the dawn of what seems to be a new age. Internationally we have seen this recently in Europe with the overthrow of Communism and the re-unification of Germany. Perhaps rather romantically, people hoped such changes would usher in a new age of peace and plenty but the reality has proved rather different. Now we are witnessing the new peace initiatives between Israel and the Palestinian peoples together with their Arab neighbours. Again it is being heralded as the dawn of a new age. Others are more cautious. As one Israeli commentator has said, "This is the Middle East, where things are not always what they seem". It has been suggested this means peace in the region for the first time since the state of Israel was created in 1948. A more realistic view might put the date back to about 1300BC when the people of Israel under Joshua crossed the River Jordan and first captured the town of Jericho from the then local inhabitants. Ancestors of the present day Palestinian people.

It may be that the embryonic beginnings of parliamentary democracy in this country did begin with the rebellion of Simon de Montfort against the King however

much he may have abused his position afterwards. We can only wait and see how much of the present hope in the Middle East is just a romantic ideal and how much it proves to be a reality.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

Peter Mitchell

### CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER 1993

#### ST JAMES' BADSEY

3rd	11.00am Harvest Festival	6.30pm Evensong
	Family Service	
10th	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
17th	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
24th	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
31st	8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

#### NOVEMBER

7th	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
14th	10.45am Remembrance	6.30pm Evensong
	Sunday Service	

#### Mid Week Communions:

Wednesday, 6th, 13th and 20th October  
4th and 10th November. There will be no mid week communion on 27th October.

#### Badsey Sunday School:

11.00am every Sunday during Term Time

#### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

3rd	9.30am The Eucharist
10th	9.30am The Eucharist
17th	9.30am The Eucharist
24th	10.30am Matins
31st	9.30am The Eucharist

#### NOVEMBER

7th	9.30am The Eucharist
14th	9.15am Remembrance Sunday The Eucharist.

## SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST.

18 The Offering of Life; 19 The Life of Faith.

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Citizens of Heaven

Sundays before Christmas: 9 The Creation;

8 The Fall; 7 The Election of God's People: Abraham

6 The Promise of Redemption: Moses

## LECTIONARY

3rd	Harvest Festival	<u>BADSEY</u> Family Service to be arranged	Genesis 1.24-end Matthew 6.24-end
	18 after Pentecost	<u>WICKHAMFORD</u> 2 Cor.8 1-9 Matt.5 17-16	
10th	19 after Pentecost	Heb.11.1-2 & 8-16 Matt.6 24-end	Daniel 6.1-23 Luke 18.35-19.10
17th	Last Sunday after Pentecost	Philippians 3.7-end John 17.1-10	Isaiah 33.13-22 Matt.24.45-25.13
24th	9 before Christmas	<u>BADSEY</u> Revelation 4 John 3.1-8	<u>WICKHAMFORD</u> Job.38.1-21:42.1-6 Acts 14.8-17
31st	8 before Christmas	Romans 7.7-13 John 3.13-21	Exodus 20.1-20 Mark 7.1-23
Nov.			
7th	7 before Christmas	James 2 14-24 Luke 20 9-17	Genesis 13 John 8. 31-end
14th	Remembrance Sunday and 6 before Christmas	<u>BADSEY</u> Revelation 21.1-7 <u>WICKHAMFORD</u> Revelation 21.1-7 John 15.9-17	Exodus 2.23-3.20 John 6.24-40

## 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

12 Sep

Samuel Wisdom Smith, Joseph Smith,  
Karen Smith, Gary Smith, Shane Smith  
and Shaun Smith c/o 51, Synehurst  
Avenue, Badsey

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

**BADSEY**

7 Sep Wilson Allen James Staite of Seward House Nursing Home - aged 84 years (at Badsey)  
Alfred George Hall of 94, The Ridgeway Astwood Bank, Redditch - aged 74 years (interment of ashes at Badsey)  
Martha Brain of 5, Sands Lane, Badsey - aged 72 years (Interment of ashes at Badsey following funeral at Evesham Methodist Church and cremation at Cheltenham)

15 Sep John Alan Atkinson, of 46, Seward Road, Badsey aged 66 years (at Badsey)

**WICKHAMFORD**

9 Sep Dorothy Tarry, of Woodlands Nursing Home, Wickhamford, aged 95 years (at Cheltenham))

**DONATIONS**

**BADSEY**

from Mrs Coral Andrews of Sunnybank Hills Australia, - £10,44 towards church funds  
In memory of John Alan Atkinson, to St James' Church, Badsey (collection at funeral) - £200

**NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

6 Oct Evesham Deanery Synod - Remembrance Hall, Badsey, 7.30pm  
8 Oct Musical Evening - Badsey Church, 7.30pm  
14 Oct Finance and GP Committee Meeting 7.30pm - Badsey Church  
4 Nov Badsey PCC  
10 Nov Wickhamford PCC

**PARISH REVIEW - NOVEMBER ISSUE - LATEST DATE FOR COPY,**  
**Wednesday, 13th October**

**Decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest**

The decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest will begin on Saturday, 2nd October, at 9.30am. All offers of help and 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, 4th October, beginning at 9.30am. 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 C. Davies, Mrs J. Ives, Mrs H. Bird and Mrs S. Cole.

### BADSEY - A MUSICAL EVENING.

Once again the Social Committee is presenting a Musical Evening; to be held in the Church, on Friday, 8th October at 7.30 p.m.

This time the programme will be instrumental rather than choral and we shall have the pleasure of hearing a varied selection of works.

Our musicians will be under the direction of Philip Moore who is preparing and devising the programme. Philip is well known in this area as a most accomplished pianist and has played in Badsey on many occasions - the earliest going back to when he was only seven years old. He is now a senior pupil at Chethams Academy of Music and, on this occasion, will be visiting us with two other pupils, Ben Nabarro who is a lively and most proficient violinist and Lara Fisher, (Cellist). Ben has also performed here on previous occasions. Other items will be presented by Lynn Collins (Flautist) and Peter Moore - Philip's brother - who might do anything from the piano to the tuba. Other performers may be joining us if personal commitments allow. We can't say exactly what the programme will be! We shall have to wait and see !

BUT we do guarantee that a first class evening's entertainment is yours at the modest price of £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. Tickets are available from members of the Social Committee or on the night if we have not sold out! To be sure of a seat please get your tickets in good time. Proceeds to Church Funds.

### MOTHERS UNION

At our evening meeting on 24th August we sang Hymn 16 'The day thou gavest Lord, is ended', the choice of Mrs J Reeves. Pat Mitchell took the prayers.

Members were reminded of the Wave of Prayer on 9th September, and service sheets were handed out, so that those who could not attend, could join in at home.

Our speaker was Joan Nicholls, MU Diocesan secretary, her subject was to have been our fifth object, which is "To help those whose family life has met with adversity" but she took the word 'adversity' and talked on its various meanings. This was because the MU is going through a painful time, trying to adjust to modern ways of thought while not wanting to lose sight of all it stands for and has stood for, for so long. A thought-provoking talk which gave us much to think and pray about.

On 9th September our wave of Prayer service was from 9.30am - 10am and nine members attended. We prayed for our overseas Link Dioceses and it was a thoughtful act of worship linking us with MU members so far away some of whom we have met when they visited us here. At the end Mrs Daphne Bell told us that a parcel she had sent a year ago to Hilda Tindiwensi in Uganda had finally reached her, and she was sharing its precious contents with her friends - needles, cottons, wool, all useful things so hard to obtain out there, that we had all contributed to help her.

In the evening of the same day quite a few members went in cars to Church Lench for the Deanery Social. This was a very pleasant event, Evesham Ladies choir gave us a splendid selection of songs, and we were provided with a delicious buffet. Thanks are due to our chauffeurs once again.

Our meeting on the afternoon of 14th September began with Hymn 407 the choice of Sue Cole. Sandra Sparrow took the prayers, and we all remembered our member Marlene Atkinson and her family who have so sadly and suddenly lost Alan, our churchwarden and our friend. Our speaker was Ethel Holliday and her subject was the MU in Canada. Ethel visits her son every year in spring, and always receives a warm welcome from the MU near Toronto. She gave us a vivid picture of life in Canada and was warmly applauded.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Wednesday 6th October	10am	Corporate Communion
Tuesday 12th October	2.30pm	Pat Smart
Tuesday 26th October	7.30pm	Elizabeth Kearney
		E. Seaman, E.M.



## BADSEY WOMENS INSTITUTE - SEPTEMBER MEETING

Members gathered at the Village Hall thankful that the heavy rain held off.

The speaker, Mrs. Guest, wished to give her talk early, so after the President, Mrs Sparrow, had welcomed everyone, Mrs Guest commenced her talk on 'Antique Samplers'. She first gave the history of samplers, why they were done and how they have helped historically. The idea came about in around the early 1500s, when the ladies of the church wished to convey a religious message along with the history of the church. From then on the women of the villages used this unique embroidery to record the local history and events. By 1700 it was often done by children because even if they could not read or write they could always sew. At that time women only went into service so the sampler was used as a reference for prospective employers. By 1800 with the expansion of village life the sampler became more of a pictorial record, often a plan of the village which was used in court to settle boundary disputes. The art of recording the family tree in this way has now died out and modern samplers are very rare. Mrs Guest then explained to the meeting the history of the samplers she had brought. Most of them from her own family history. One she framed to make a large picture and she told how it had been done in 3 sections by 3 different generations of her family. She finally explained that she was now retiring from public speaking and as her remaining family were not interested in preserving the samplers, she had decided to give the smaller ones to the County Federation and the large picture one to Denman College.

The meeting then proceeded with the business. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.. Mrs Sparrow reported that all had very much enjoyed the guided walk around Evesham and supper afterwards. She reminded members of the Group Meeting on 22nd Oct. at Ashton-under-Hill and the Anniversary Dinner at Hampton in Nov. All were thankful for their help to provide teas at the Flower Show and the mini-auction at the August meeting has raised £57. The Sec. informed those present that the Membership next year would be £11.50.

The meeting concluded with a Quiz for the Mastermind Trophy. The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting.

Finally, on behalf of all our members, we would like to extend to Marlene Atkinson and her family, very sincere sympathies and condolences on their very sad and sudden bereavement at this time.

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The August meeting was held at Headquarters. Mrs Newbury took the Chair. After the Exhortation the minutes were read and approved and the correspondence read and discussed. The Chairman said members had enjoyed their trip to Weston-Super-Mare this being our yearly outing. She also thanked the ladies who ran the Coffee Mornings for the donation. Nine members attended the Group Meeting at Evesham.

For Social time Mr Peter Stanley gave a talk and demonstration on Security, Home and Business, and personal alarms were shown and demonstrated. It gave members a lot to think about in this day and age with so many burglaries and vicious attacks. He did sell these items and was very helpful in explaining how they worked. Mrs Reeves thanked him very much for coming.

The monthly Draw was won by Mrs Trotman and Mrs Lord, the competition was won by Sara Crump. Refreshments were served.

M. Morcombe

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

The Outing to Webbs of Wychbold on Thursday, 2nd September, was most successful with members and friends enjoying the beautiful displays of flowers and garden furniture. The afternoon was broken with a delicious cream tea.

Our next meeting is on 6th October. This will be our annual Harvest Festival Service. Members are asked to bring goods and gifts of produce. These, as usual, will be auctioned and the proceeds given to our Parish Church of Saint James and the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund Appeal. To the former because this is OUR Church and to the R.B.L. to show our thanks for their generosity in allowing us to meet in their hall each month. Please support us generously as you have done in the past.

ADVANCE NOTICE. The meeting on 3rd November will be our Annual Fund Raising Day. This is an open day when we hope to raise money for Club funds. More details will be given at our October meeting.

I am sure members will be interested to know that there is to be a Musical Evening in the Church on FRIDAY, 8th OCTOBER. Appearing in the Concert will be Philip Moore, Peter Moore, Ben Nabarro and Lynn Collins all of whom have entertained us at the Club's January meeting for the past several years. An evening not to be missed by music lovers of all ages. Tickets will be available at £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children.

At the time of writing, Mrs Hemming, a member for many years, is in hospital. We send her our best wishes and hope it will not be too long before she is back in the village.

Mary Callaghan

### OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

Many thanks to those who supported our Coffee Evening which raised £98.70. We are now on our way to completing, our intention to raise the money for our nurse to complete her training.

Jean Ives

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS

Boxes are due for opening in October so you will be seeing me soon! Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Jean Ives, Hon. Sec.

### ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

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1st Sunday	Mrs P Robbins and Mrs A Smith
2nd Sunday	Mrs C Davies and Mrs J Ives
3rd Sunday	Mrs J Gardner and Mrs H Stewart
4th Sunday	Mrs J Betteridge and Mrs E Seaman
5th Sunday	Mrs S Taylor and Mrs B Bennett

Not much time I know but this Sunday is Harvest Festival (the 3rd October). All offers of help to decorate the church will be welcome, the time will be 9.30 on Saturday morning. Any gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and produce would be most appreciated. If anyone cannot manage to bring their gift to church, I would gladly collect it on Friday evening as I am around the village. "pruning" bushes for foliage. If you would like to help or contribute please contact me, Hazel Stewart Telephone 832007.

## REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING SEPT 15th

The Flower Festival has once again been a great success giving a lot of enjoyment for over 1500 people and raising over £3000 towards the upkeep of the Church. Mrs Collis reported that this together with over £900 for Cream Teas was the reward for a lot of hard work for many people and vital funds especially as the Flower Festival was only held every three years.

The weather had been extremely kind to us that weekend and the attendance equalled the previous one despite many other attractions in the area.

At the Diocesan Budget meeting, the Vicar said that it had been reported that the Church's finances had been seriously affected by the recent recession. For example a 1% drop in the interest rate was equivalent to a drop of £50,000, or the funds to support 3 clergy. It is therefore necessary to increase the quota we have to pay by at least 11.5% from £2788 this year to £3100 next. So, once again fund raising is the main issue that we have to address ourselves to, besides the spiritual matters concerning the church.

A letter from St John the Baptist church in Stockton on Tees has been received asking for financial support towards raising £100,000 for a Church Hall extension. The Vicar said that he received 3 or 4 letters a year of this nature which were difficult to ignore. Mrs Anne Poulter suggested that we might consider this request when deciding on charitable giving for the next financial year in November, especially when we had previously wondered how we could help deprived urban areas such as this one.

The sponsored 'Bike Ride' was held again this year, when 18 visitors signed in at the Church. This event has raised over £10,000 for charity in recent years and has proved a popular way of visiting many churches in the area and raising money for a worthwhile cause.

Unfortunately there had been a spate of robberies from churches in the area recently which involved almost anything with a value that could be removed. It was agreed reluctantly that in future the Church will remain locked at all times other than Church Services or special occasions, pending advice from our insurers.

Further matters of security were discussed and would be implemented if thought necessary.

D.G.P.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB - AUGUST MEETING

Mr Bob Brown of Cotswold garden Flowers, Badsey, gave a vivid and most interesting talk on improving your tired August garden at the Club's monthly meeting on Wednesday 4th August.

The garden is in its splendour in the Spring and early Summer, but begins to lack lustre around August time and then picks up again in Autumn. The low point gives one a chance to establish a backbone of plants, which provides colour and shape, to add interest to the garden throughout the seasons.

Mr Brown was duly thanked for a most absorbing talk and was invited to judge the competition for 'A bedding plant in a pot'. The winner was Mrs B Stratton, with Mrs M Ormston and Mrs D Stacey, second and third.

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will take place on the 1st September and will be the Annual Show. It is hoped that there will be plenty of interest shown.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Forty-two members were present at this month's meeting at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 1st September. This was our annual 'Harvest Festival' when member-donated produce is auctioned to raise funds for our social programmes throughout the year. It was not long before the stage resembled a well stocked fruit and vegetable market, with the addition of home-made jams, marmalades and other 'goodies'.

The afternoon started with the announcements of forthcoming events, and birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs Halford, (on her birthday), Mrs Roberts, and Mrs Webb. This was followed by a short programme of home-spun games and quizzes, ably prepared and presented by our Treasurer Mr Tom Street. Tea and biscuits were served and then our Hon. Secretary became our Hon. Auctioneer, and the goods on sale were quickly disposed of, adding a reasonable amount to our resources. The monthly raffle then took place and the afternoon came to a close, members leaving clutching their prized bargains.

Next month, October 6th, the guest speaker will be Mr Colin Hill, who will give us the benefit of his vast knowledge of all things gardening. The following meeting on Wednesday November 3rd will be the occasion of our Annual

General meeting and members are invited to show their interest by attending. D.S.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB - September Meeting

The Gardening Club's Annual Show was held on the 1st Sept. in the Village Memorial Hall. Despite the very dry summer, keen members had managed to produce excellent samples of vegetables, fruit and flowers. Also exhibited, were first-class red and white wines and jars of Mint Jelly.

Judges for the various classes were, Mr Graig, fruit and vegetables, Mrs Mary Lester, flower-arrangements, Mr Larner, wines.

Prize winners of the classes were as follows:

- CLASS 1 (1st) Mrs D Stacey, (2nd) Mrs L Stone;
- CLASS 2 Mrs L Stone;
- CLASS 3 (1st) Mrs L Stone (2nd) Mrs D Stacey;
- CLASS 5 (1st) Mrs D Stacey (2nd) Mrs L Stone;
- CLASS 6 (1st) Mrs D Stacey (2nd) Mr D Hadley;
- CLASS 7 (1st) Mr D Hadley (2nd) Mrs Ann Hadley;
- CLASS 8 (1st) Mr D Hadley (2nd) Mr Ron Mumby;
- CLASS 9 (1st) Mr Cowan (2nd) Mrs Ormston;
- CLASS 10 (1st) Mrs Mumby (2nd) Mrs A Spiers;
- CLASS 11 (1st) Mrs L Stone (2nd) Mrs Astley & Mrs Mumby;
- CLASS 12 Mrs D Stacey;
- CLASS 13 (1st) Mr Tony Smith (2) Mr L Selby;
- CLASS 14 (1st) Mrs L Stone (2nd) Mr Tony Smith;
- CLASS 16 (1st) Mrs D Stacey (2nd) Mr Ron Mumby;
- CLASS 17 (1st) Mrs L Stone (2nd) Mrs Cowan

The prize for the most entries was won by Mrs D Stacey and the overall winner was Mrs L Stone.

The Gardening Club's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6 October. The competition will be a berried or fruiting branch. Prospective new members and interested persons are most welcome to attend this meeting.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

## WICKHAMFORD WI - REPORT

The evening was well attended and Birthday Buttonholes were presented to Sandra Heeks, Elaine Litterick, Rosie Wolfe and Lynne Skinner.

The Summer Garden Party had unfortunately been cancelled due to bad weather.

Family Skittles has been enjoyed and it was hoped another match could be arranged in October.

About 20 members set off to walk Bredon Hill from Overbury Gates to the Yew Tree pub at Conderton needless to say they all made it.

Members had arranged the refreshments for the Evening Walk in Evesham and a profit of £40 had been made.

The evening outing to the Three Choirs Vineyard had been enjoyed especially the wine tasting.

Denny King thanked everyone involved with the making and serving of refreshments at the Wickhamford Flower Festival.

The speaker for the evening was Mr McQuire who had everyone in fits of laughter with his Musical Quiz, He was excellent entertainment, with everyone joining in. Refreshments were served by Wendy Collett, Sheenah Bevan and Ann Soule.

Next meeting will be on 14th October at Wickhamford Memorial Hall.

## CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

It was the Harvest Festival Sunday. Unfortunately the Vicar cut his ear while shaving. Later he arrived at the church to sing, "First the blade and then the ear"

A newspaper report of a local wedding said, "The bride looked simply stunning in an embroidered gown which fell softly to the floor"