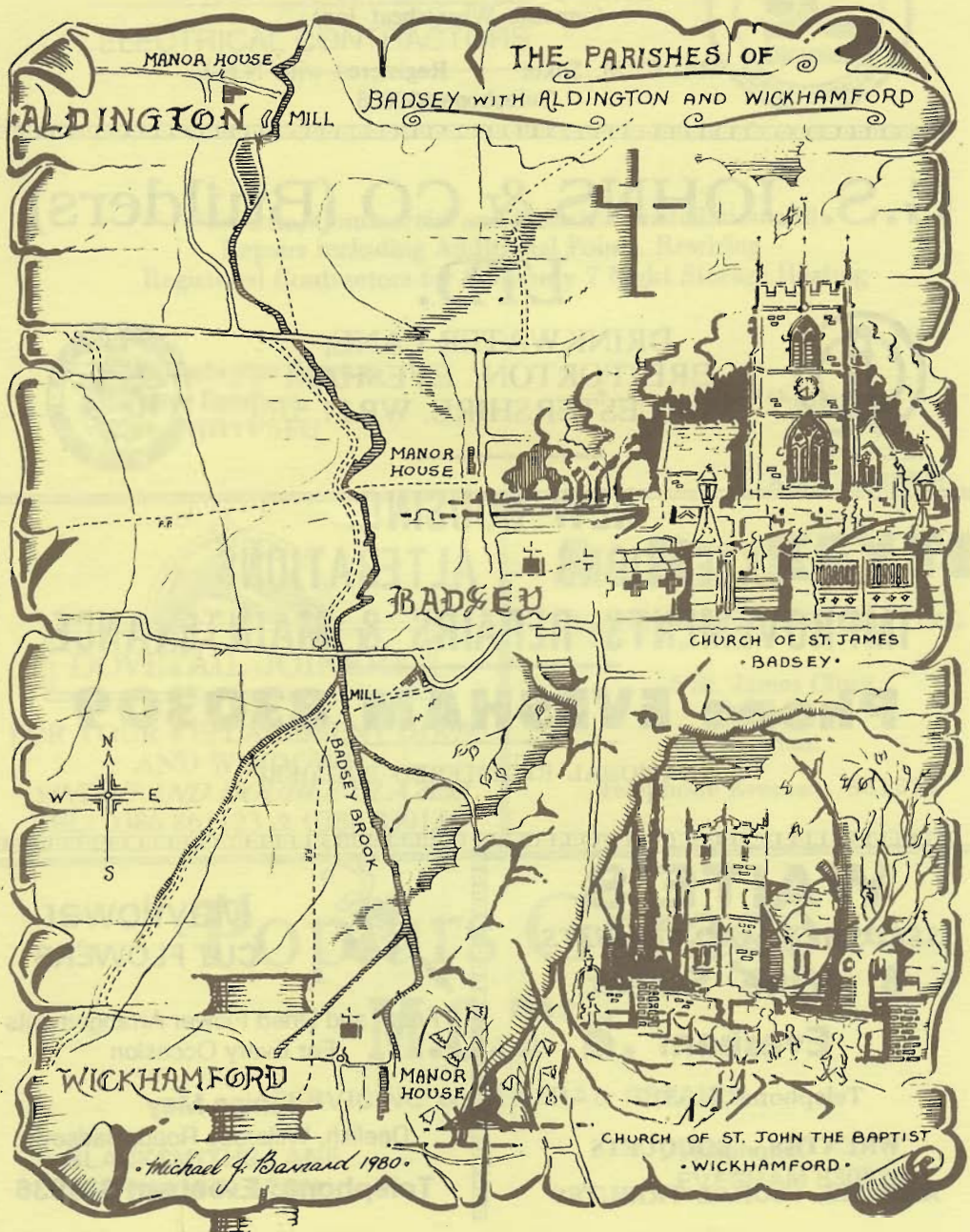


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### THE VICAR'S LETTER

April 1994

My dear Friends,

Easter is the festival in the Church's year when Christian people throughout the world celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is a time of great rejoicing. We think of Easter as a time of new life and rebirth. In the natural cycle of creation in the northern hemisphere we see signs of spring appearing after the dark winter days.

The Cross and Resurrection of Jesus are inextricably linked. Good Friday and Easter Day are two parts of the same divine drama. The one great act of divine redemption wrought through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Without Good Friday there would be no Easter Day.

It is on the Cross, for a few brief hours in time, we see the triumph of God's love perfectly revealed. A love in Jesus which triumphed over the powers of evil and all that they could do. We remember the words of Jesus as he gazed down upon his persecutors, having delivered himself into their hands. "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do" We recall his words to the penitent thief beside

him. "This day thou shalt be with me in paradise" Words that remind us it is through penitence in the presence of Christ's forgiving love, we enter with Him upon the Kingdom of Heaven.

In the light of the Resurrection and in the power of the Holy Spirit the first followers of Jesus saw the Cross not as sign of defeat, ignominy and shame, but of triumph. The triumph of the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. The realisation that whatever man may do, whatever dreadful deeds he may perpetrate, God's good purposes and God's love will always emerge triumphant. His love reigns over all things both in heaven and on earth.

Like the first followers of Jesus, we are invited to place our faith and trust and hope in His love. Knowing that in Him, our sins are forgiven, and that no matter whatever life may bring, we shall never be forsaken. It is through faith in God we receive the gift of His love in our hearts, and know the joy this brings. The promise of new life, new birth and new creation that sees us through the darkest days to the triumph and the joys which lie beyond.

May the love of God and the presence of the Risen Lord abide in all our hearts this joyous Eastertide.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

### CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL 1994

#### ST JAMES' BADSEY

1st	Good Friday	2pm - 3pm	Devotional Service	
3rd	Easter Day	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
		11.00am	Sung Eucharist	7.45pm Holy Communion
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

## MAY

1st	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
8th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
12th			
Ascension Day	10.00am	The Eucharist	
15th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong

MID WEEK COMMUNIONS - 10.00am every Wednesday.  
except Wednesday, 6th April

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11.00am every Sunday during  
Term Time

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

1st	Good Friday	11.00am Matins	
		OT Reading: Genesis 22.1-18	
		NT Reading: John 18	
3rd	Easter Day	9.30am The Eucharist	
10th	9.30am	The Eucharist	
17th	9.30am	The Eucharist	
24th	10.30am	Matins	

## MAY

1st	9.30am	The Eucharist	
8th	9.30am	The Eucharist	
12th			
Ascension Day	9.00am	The Eucharist	
15th	9.30am	The Eucharist	

## Sunday Themes

Sundays after Easter: 1 The Bread of Life;  
2 The Good Shepherd; 3 The Resurrection and the Life;  
4 The Way, the Truth and the Life; 5 Going to the Father;  
Sunday after Ascension Day: The Ascension of Christ.

## LECTIONARY

3rd	Easter Day	Col.3.1-11 Mark 16.1-8	Exodus 14.5-end John 20.11-23
10th	1 after Easter	1 Cor.15.53-end John 6.32-40	Isaiah 51.1-16 John 20.24-end
17th	2 after Easter	1 Peter 5.1-11 John 10.7-16	Isaiah 25.1-9 Luke 24.13-35
24th	3 after Easter	<u>BADSEY</u> Colossians 3.1-11 John 11.17-27 <u>WICKHAMFORD</u> Ezra 3 Revelation 3.1-13	

## MAY

1st	4 after Easter	2 Cor.4.13-5.5 John 14.1-11	Isaiah 62 John 21.15-end
8th	5 after Easter	Romans 8.28-end John 16.12-24	Hosea 6.1-6 1 Cor.15.35-end
12th	Ascension Day	Acts 1.1-11 Matthews 28.16-end	
15th	Sunday after Ascension Day	Ephesians 4.1-13 Luke 24.45-end	Daniel 7.9-14 Ephesians 1.15-end

## 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

20 Mar Richard Jack Byron of 36, Horsebridge Avenue,  
Badsey  
Amy Louise Nightingale of 7, Laurels Avenue,  
Offenham

### WICKHAMFORD

27 Feb Jordan Marie Bohemia Reynolds,  
of 18 Puffin Close, Lyndon Heath,  
Minehead.

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

### BADSEY

8 Mar Harry Ingles of 2, Bowers Hill, Badsey  
aged 84 years (at Badsey)  
24 Mar Derek John Barrand of 24, St James' Close  
Badsey, aged 61 years (at Badsey)

### WICKHAMFORD

3 Mar Eliza Evans of Seward House, Badsey, late  
of 18, Drysdale Close, Wickhamford.  
aged 96 years  
(at Wickhamford and Cheltenham)  
4 Mar William Henry Ford of 5, Pitchers Hill,  
Wickhamford aged 60 years  
(at Wickhamford)  
19 Mar Davina Lee of 3, Longdon Hill, Wickhamford  
aged 20 years  
(at St Leonards, Bretforton)

### DONATIONS

#### BADSEY

from the Madeira and Mince Pie Evening, towards  
church funds - £167.57  
from Mrs M.A.Christopher,  
towards church funds - £25  
In memory of Harry Ingles, to the  
MacMillan Unit, Evesham Community  
Hospital, - £27.15 (collection at funeral)  
In memory of Derek John Barrand, towards the  
British Heart Foundation - £91.45  
(collection at funeral)

## WICKHAMFORD

- In memory of Barbara Irene Sprintall, towards church funds - £97.71 (collection at funeral and donations received)
- Collection at funeral of Gerald William Roberts towards church funds - £143.83
- In memory of William Henry Ford, for the Heart Unit, Cheltenham Hospital - £408.42 (collection at Funeral)
- In memory of William Henry Ford to Wickhamford Church, from Mrs J.E.Ford and family - £100, towards church funds.

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 14 Apr Badsey AGM - Badsey Church - 7.30pm
- 27 Apr Pastoral Committee - The Vicarage,  
- 2.30pm  
Social Committee, Badsey Church,  
(please note change of venue)  
- 7.30pm
- 28 Apr Badsey PCC, Badsey Church - 7.30pm
- 5 May Deanery Pastoral Committee,  
All Saints, Evesham, - 7.30pm
- 11 May OPEN MEETING - Wickhamford Memorial Hall,  
to discuss the future of Wickhamford  
Church - 7.30pm
- 16 May Archdeacon's Visitation - St Mary and  
St Melburgh's Church, Offenham - 7,30pm
- 16 - 22 May Christian Aid Week
- 20 May Coffee Evening, 7, School Lane, Badsey  
in aid of church funds - 7.30pm

PARISH REVIEW - MAY ISSUES - LATEST DATE FOR COPY,  
Wednesday, 20th April, 1994

### Easter Decorations - Badsey Church

The decoration of Badsey Church for Easter will take place on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 2nd from 9.30am onwards. Gift 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.

## Badsey Church Fete

The Church Fete this year is to be held on Saturday, 25th June. The invitations to various village organisations to take part in the fete, will be sent out during the next two to three weeks. Help is needed to organise and run the Tombola Stall and the Vegetable and Produce Stall. If you can assist with either stall, please contact the Churchwardens, the Vicarage or Mr John Callaghan direct. Gifts for the Tombola Stall will also be most welcome.

## OPEN MEETING - Wickhamford PCC, Wednesday, 11th May

Following the recent losses sustained by the Church Commissioners, the future of many smaller parishes and churches such as Wickhamford is now in doubt. First because of the need of such parishes to make far greater contributions towards the costs of their church, and secondly due to the reduction of full time stipendiary clergy which will almost certainly take place. Grave concern over these possibilities was expressed at the recent Wickhamford AGM. An OPEN MEETING to which all parishioners are invited will be held therefore on Wednesday, 11th May. First to make the present position widely known throughout the parish and secondly to seek greater support for the church than at present. Further details of this meeting will be published in the next Parish Review and throughout the village. If you live in Wickhamford, and care about the future of your parish church, please make a note of the date in your diaries now.

## MOTHERS UNION

Due to the weather, snow, and bad road conditions, the meeting on 22nd February was cancelled, but we hope to be able to meet Peter Davies, from St Richards Hospice at a future date.

The meeting on the afternoon of 8th March began with Hymn 163, the choice of Mrs Joan Hartwell, and the prayers were taken by Mrs P. Mitchell. Our speaker was Mrs Kay Cornish and her subject was "Inside Out". She showed us a beautiful patterned jumper, and then turned it inside out so that we could see all the joins and knots where the different coloured wools had been brought in, and all the tag ends of wool, and said that our lives were like that, we



showed our good side to the world, but inside were all our problems, sorrows and faults. She told us of her busy and eventful life, dogged by the pain of arthritis from an early age, the pain also, of a broken marriage and the subsequent joy of fifteen years of a happy second marriage which sadly ended last July with the sudden and unexpected death of her husband. She spoke honestly and from the heart of her struggle with her faith. No one listening could fail to be moved and inspired by her courage, and her determination to battle on. She was warmly thanked, and several members spoke to her appreciatively afterwards.

Many thanks are due to those who helped to make the Posies for the Mothering Sunday service, and to those who brought or sent flowers. Also thanks to Mr & Mrs Ives who gave the cards for the children to colour and give to their Mothers.

We wish everyone the joy and peace of a Happy Easter.

The Lord of the empty tomb,  
the conqueror of gloom, Come to you  
The Lord in the garden walking  
the Lord to Many talking, come to you  
The Lord in the Upper room  
dispelling fear and doom, Come to you  
The Lord on the road to Emmaus  
The Lord giving hope to Thomas, Come to you  
The Lord on Galilee's shore  
Giving us life for evermore, Come to you

From Celtic Prayers

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 12th April	2.30 Jean Dyke Coronation Club
Tuesday 26th April	7.30pm Dorothy Knight Germany, from division to Vision E. Seaman E.M.

#### BADSEY W.I. March 1994

The March meeting was well attended with a number of visitors and several new members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and matters arising discussed. Mrs Yvonne Haynes told the meeting about several trips proposed for the next few months and names were taken.

The speaker for the meeting was Mr. CROWTHER from Bromsgrove who has a business making novelty cakes. He took us through the various stages from when the customer first discusses what is required to the planning, baking, assembling, icing and finally trimming the finished cake. He told us he used dry spaghetti to fix the various shapes together. Apart from the usual birthday cakes for children he makes wedding cakes as well. He showed us a cake he had made in the shape of an elephant playing badminton complete with sweatband and badminton racquet. We all thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

After refreshments for social time we were shown twenty items on a tray and after 2 minutes they were covered up and we had to list as many as we could remember. Mrs Robbins won with 17 Items. The competition for a decorated wooden spoon was won by Mrs Hazel Stewart.

The speaker for our meeting in April will be Jane Lashford who will talk on hats which she makes for a living having a small shop at the Jenny Ring Craft Centre at Hanbury. The competition will be for a pretty scarf. All are welcome to this meeting at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Wednesday, April 13th at 7.15 p.m. when you can be assured of a warm and friendly welcome from Badsey W.I. members and committee members.

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB.

The March meeting took place on a gloriously sunny day. The speaker, Mr. Len Tarplee, gave a most interesting, informative and humorous talk on the work of the Evesham Branch of the Worcestershire Association for the Blind - (our Charity Venture for last year). Members were encouraged to join in and ask questions; the result being a very enjoyable afternoon with reminiscences from us all. We now know much more about the important work done by this very worthwhile and caring local organisation. Thank you Len.

The outing to Cadbury's World is on 6th April. The coach will leave Badsey at 12.30p.m. First pick - up point Willersey Road then on to Chapel Street and, finally, the Royal British Legion Club. We should return about 6.15 p.m.

The 1994 Charity Collection is going very well. Please keep up the good work!

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** Our meeting on 4th May will be a talk by Mr. Paddy O'Brien on "Butterflies and Moths". Mr. O'Brien has visited us on a previous occasion and we all enjoyed the hilarious stories he told connected with his unusual hobby. Friends are welcome to join us for the afternoon to hear this entertaining speaker.

Mrs. Phyl Churchill will be having an eye operation during the early part of March. We all wish her well and send our love for a very speedy recovery.

MARY CALLAGHAN.

P.S. Please remember to let Doreen have any old gift wrapping paper you may have around.

### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The February meeting held at Legion Headquarters was small in number through illness and bad weather. Mrs Cyril was pleased to welcome a new member Mrs Joyce Corbett.

The correspondence was read. The Conference is being held at Blackpool this year. Liz Harvey will take the Standard and Clare Westmacot will attend as delegate. Val Taylor was in charge of the Nearly New stall which is proving to be quite popular.

Mrs Cyril was caller for a game of Bingo which was good fun. Mrs B Westmacot won the monthly competition and Mrs Evelyn Keen and Mrs Pat Lord won the draw. The refreshments were served by committee members.

A thank you letter was received from Mrs P Wheatley who hopes to be able to join us again as soon as she is fit.

M. Morcombe

### ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

#### APRIL ROTA

1st Sunday Easter	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

Ladies, we decorate the church on Easter Saturday, 2nd April, commencing at 9.30am.

All helpers will be most welcome. Any queries concerning church flowers please contact me,

Hazel Stewart. Tel: 832007

## REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC AGM OF MARCH 9th 1994

At the Annual Vestry meeting Mr D G Poulter and Mr K Maden were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year. Mrs Thelma Dunkerley was sincerely thanked for her faithful service during her time as Churchwarden. Mrs Baker reported that the Electoral Roll stood at 65, 4 less than last year.

Mr Wadams presented the accounts which thanks to a successful Flower Festival and nearly £1,000 raised by Cream Teas, showed that the £6,400 needed to maintain the day to day expenses of running the church had been met. However it would be necessary to allow for a considerable increase in the quota for this year of 17%. Mrs Collis was sincerely thanked for managing the Church's financial affairs in a thoroughly efficient way.

In his report, the Vicar thanked all concerned for their collective and individual roles in maintaining our Church during the past year and especially for the Flower Festival. He referred to the changes planned for the Deanery in the next 10 years which required a reduction in the clergy from 11 to 8. This inevitably meant a much greater contribution from ordinary church members.

In the Fabric report Mr Poulter mentioned that although structurally the church was in very good condition, it was necessary to carry out the recommendations in our Architectural inspection of 1992, now that we have received estimates for woodwork preservation and masonry repairs. Mr Robin Cox had once again maintained the church yard to a very high standard and it was much appreciated by everyone. The members elected to the PCC were:-

Mrs P Baker, Secretary

Mrs C Collis, Treasurer

Miss Linden Core, Organist

Mrs P Clinton, Mrs P Corbett, Mrs S Heeks,

Mrs A Launchbury, Mrs A Poulter, Dr. W Astley.

The Deanery Pastoral Committee are studying how the Deanery can adjust to the reduction in Clergy in the next 10 years. To help reflect the views of parishioners, a set of questions to all PCCs has been sent. The answers to these questions depend entirely on the commitment of the people within these parishes to their church. It was therefore decided to hold a special meeting to find out what strength

of feeling there is in the village to maintain the church as we know it. Clearly it can not continue as it is without more support from parishioners. If you are concerned please attend the meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm  
D.G.P.

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB 3 March 1994

The Club was inundated with lots of new members, when it met on Wednesday 23 February at the Memorial Hall. Extra chairs were hauled in and there was an air of great excitement as members and friends waited for Mr Roger Bentley of Pershore College to give, what turned out to be, a very stimulating talk, accompanied by slides on Composts and Propagation.

Although propagation tends to be easy, do bear in mind, stressed Mr Bentley, that one must choose hard or soft cuttings from good young plants and not old ones. Prepare the cuttings, leaving three nodes and dip in Hormone Rooting Powder. It was pointed out that one needs to buy the powder yearly, as it is spent after a year. Next, put in pots containing a mix of peat and grit, Pearlite or bark, which is quite sufficient. All Purpose Compost is not necessary, as it contains too much food, for this purpose. Next put a plastic bag over the pot and place in the kitchen window, on sand, which will help with the drainage. Reduce the humidity gradually after rooting, so that the new plant will not wilt.

After question time, Mr.Cowans thanked Mr Bentley for his lively and most informative talk and everyone left to go home and prune all their shrubs and plants and get stuck into propagating.

The competition for a Bowl or Pot of bulbs was won by Mrs Ann Summers with Mrs Beryl Stratton and Mrs Betty Dennis, second and third.

Remember that meetings now take place on the third Wednesday of each month, the next meeting being on the 23 March, which will be the Spring Show' it is hoped therefore, that everyone will participate to make the evening a huge success.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

## WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

It was, generally thought that the pre-season holiday bargains were responsible for the reduced attendance at this month's meeting, only thirty-four members turning out, well below our usual number. Our Secretary read out some apologies for some who were unable to attend and then made an announcement of a more personal and very pleasant piece of news. One of our members had sent the name of Mrs Winkett in nomination for the annual award for Outstanding Achievements in the Community, and she was surprised and very pleased to learn that she had been chosen as joint runner-up, especially as she had no idea that she had been nominated. All present were very pleased to offer their congratulations. Birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs Heritage, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Underhill and Mr Blunstone.

Our speaker for this month was Mr Stephen Page who is sales manager for Messrs Proculture Plants Ltd, of Knowle Hill, Badsey, who gave a very interesting talk on the particular methods of propagation and raising of seedlings used by his company. This work is highly technical and each year millions of plants are prepared for sale in enormous greenhouses that cover over an acre in area. The soil and air temperatures are carefully monitored and controlled as is the humidity and the amount of lighting all of which is designed to simulate the natural conditions of the countries of origin, which range from China to South America and many others. Mr Page also supplied some interesting brochures and brought along some trays of "Freebies" which were gratefully accepted by the enthusiastic gardeners present.

After tea and biscuits had been served our monthly raffle took place and a pleasant and successful afternoon came to a close.

Next month our guest will be Mrs Jennie Archer from the M.E.B. who will speak on saving electricity in the home, and the following month (May), there will probably be a coach outing which is not yet finally arranged.

D. S.

## MARCH MEETING OF WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The President opened the March meeting by telling members that Mrs Eliza Evans had died in a nursing home at the age of ninety six. She had been an active WI member

and for many years committee meetings had been held in her bungalow.

The Cotswold Way walkers had completed two sections of the walk. Pat Bell told members how they had encountered snow which had blown slant wise into the woods making the trees and their branches extraordinarily beautiful. However in other sections the going was tough with thick mud, high winds and numerous stiles so that the ten miles took a lot longer than anticipated. The second stage was much more pleasant with primroses and birdsong heralding the spring. Unfortunately the only tea room on the route, the Haven, was closed.

Rosie Wolfe said that the Theatre outing to Malvern to see Penelope Keith in 'Glyn & It' had been a great success. The set and the costumes worn by Miss Eleanor Glyn & Clara Bow were stunning and the risque language quite in context. The final curtain came far too soon for our party.

Rosemary Hendrick has attended several W.I. gardening courses at Pershore College which included a field visit to Highgrove House where she was able to have a supervised snip at Prince Charles's fruit trees. A new course is just beginning entitled W.I. Vegetable and Herb Gardening and is on Fridays from 1.30pm to 4.00pm.

The 'Quilts U.K.' event which is to take place at the Three Counties Showground was recommended by Ann Owen who said that there would be a spectacular display of hundreds of quilts from all over the world from miniature to king size. There will be demonstrations of quilt making and stalls selling everything required by the needlewoman.

The speaker, Mrs Stephanie Nixon, demonstrated the art of Colour Analysis on Pat Bell. Pat was draped in various materials and when her category was established she was coated with a layer of appropriate make up. Other coloured materials were then used and their effect on her appearance and personality explained. Our enthusiasm for the subject resulted in Stephanie exceeding her allotted forty minutes so that Social Time was suspended this month and members made their way home after partaking of delicious refreshments provided by Ann Soule, Connie Whiting and Wendy Collett.

### CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

Arriving at the church to attend a wedding, a lady in a large hat was asked by the usher, "Are you a friend of the groom?" "Certainly not" she replied, "I'm the bride's mother"