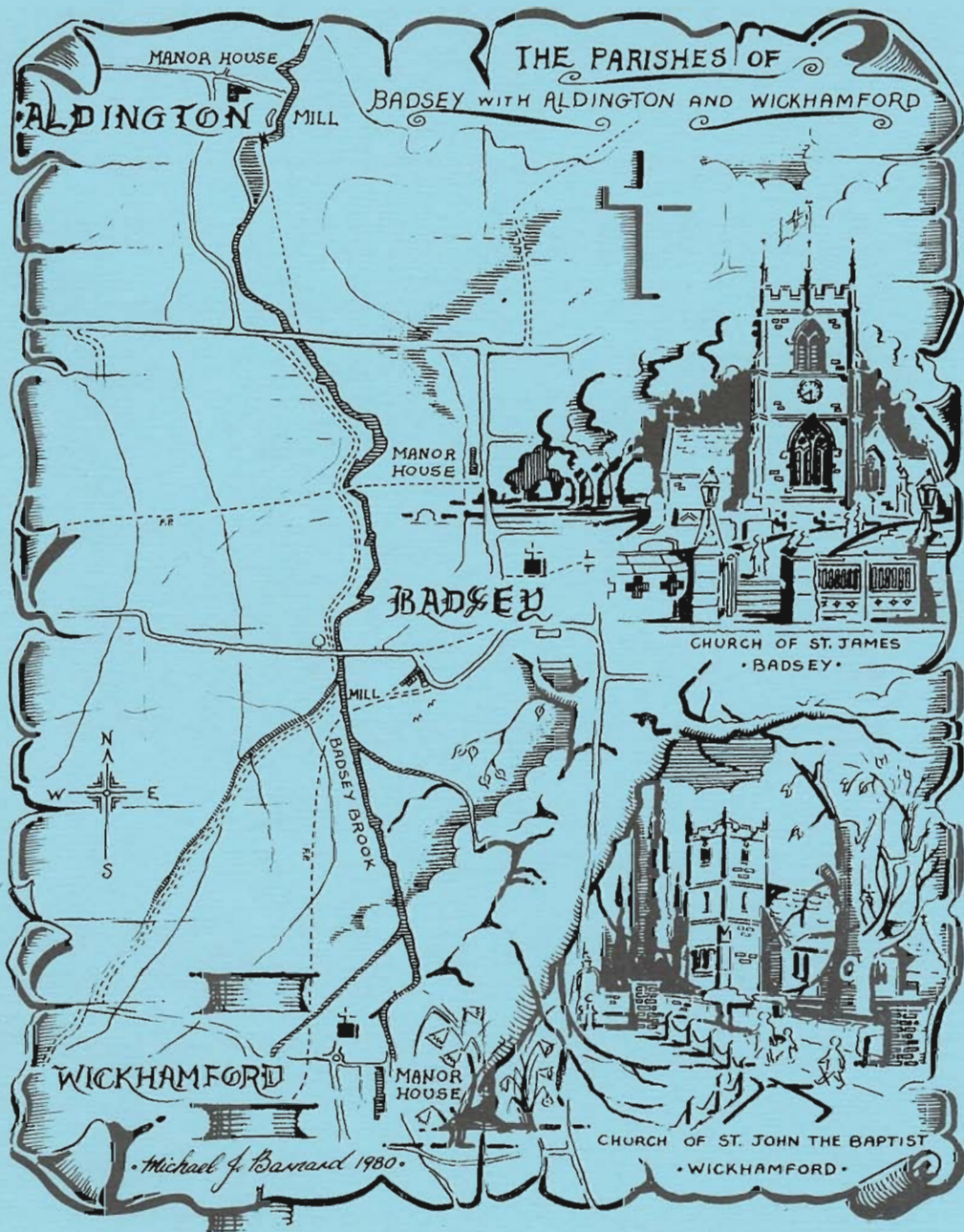


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

March 1995

My dear Friends,

January saw the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. The Polish concentration camp in which so many Jewish people died during the second world war. An elderly survivor of the camp, said on a television interview, she felt she had a mission. A mission to tell the world what had happened there so that it would never be forgotten. In a spine-chilling film made in Germany about the Holocaust, and seen on British television a few years ago, the Jewish prisoners actually began to sing as they waited to enter the gas chambers, much the consternation of their German guards.

The Holocaust raises the most profound questions about the nature of suffering and why God allows such suffering to happen. Far more profoundly, it asks why God allows such suffering to happen to a people who believe they are called to be God's own chosen people.

Suffering for righteousness sake is a theme found in the scriptures from the very beginning. From when Cain killed his brother Abel, because Abel's sacrifice was acceptable to God and Cain's was not. For the Christian this theme reaches its fulfilment and perfection in the sufferings and death of Jesus, upon the Cross of Calvary. A suffering which personifies not only the sufferings of his own people the Jews, but those of every age and of every nation called upon to suffer for righteousness sake.

The Christian Church as the new people of God, the new Israel, is called to do the same. When the apostle Paul was called to take the Gospel to the Gentiles, the Lord said to his messenger Ananias, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name" Paul did indeed suffer for the name of Christ. Shipwreck, beatings, imprisonment, toll and hardship, hunger and thirst, cold and exposure and finally martyrdom. Yet in all these sufferings Paul could still rejoice. Rejoice that he was counted worthy to suffer for Christ, as Christ had suffered for him.

Suffering is sacramental. It is of the nature of God himself. When we suffer, as we all do, it is not just God who shares in our sufferings, although he does, it is that in some mysterious way, we share in his. Our sufferings, the sufferings we are called upon to bear, are but an infinitesimal part of the sufferings God bears for the whole world, throughout all the ages, throughout all eternity. A suffering revealed for all time upon the Cross of Calvary. Archbishop William Temple, whose father, Frederick Temple was also Archbishop of Canterbury, said, "'My father, who was described by one who knew him as "granite on fire" and was certainly never regarded as sentimental, could not speak of the love of God without tears. His Good Friday sermons are still stirring to read."

The sacramental nature of suffering revealed on the Cross of Calvary unlocks the door to our salvation. For when we realise how much God loves us and gives himself for us, how much it costs God to suffer for our sakes, then we are very close to the kingdom of heaven. Suddenly the Cross is transformed. It becomes Good News. No longer is it a symbol of shame and degradation but of salvation and hope. A sign of God's eternal forgiveness, mercy and love. A sign of new opportunity, of new beginnings with God in Jesus Christ.

This is the mission of the Church. To proclaim the Good News of the Cross. A mission foreshadowed in the sufferings of the Jewish people. A mission personified in the sufferings of Christ. The mission of all who suffer for

righteousness sake, through whom the forgiving, merciful and saving love of God is made known to all mankind.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH 1995

ST JAMES' BADSEY

Ash Wednesday

1st	10.00am	Holy Communion	
5th	11.00am	Family Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
12th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
19th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
26th	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	6.30pm Sung Eucharist

APRIL

2nd	11.00am	Family Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
9th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
Tuesday in Holy Week			
11th	7.30pm	Evensong	
Maundy Thursday			
13th	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist	
Good Friday		2pm - 3pm Devotional Service	
14th			
Easter Day		8.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
16th		11.00am Sung Eucharist	7.45pm Holy Communion

MID WEEK COMMUNIONS: 10am every Wednesday

ST JAMES' BADSEY SUNDAY CLUB,

10.30am - every Sunday during Term Time at
Badsey School Playgroup

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

Ash Wednesday

1st	9.00am	The Eucharist
5th	9.30am	The Eucharist
12th	9.30am	The Eucharist
19th	9.30am	The Eucharist
26th	9.30am	The Eucharist

Please note change of time and Service

APRIL

2nd	9.30am	The Eucharist
9th	9.30am	The Eucharist
Maundy		
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist
13th		
Good		
Friday		
14th	11.00am	Matins
Easter		
Day		
16th	9.30am	The Eucharist

SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays in Lent: The King and the Kingdom: 1 Temptation; 2 Conflict; 3. Suffering; 4 Transfiguration; 5 The Victory of the Cross. Palm Sunday: The Way of the Cross

LECTIONARY

5th	1 in Lent	Hebrews 2.14-end	Deuteronomy 6
		Matthew 4.1-11	Hebrews 4
12th	2 in Lent	1 John 4.1-6	Isaiah 35
		Luke 19.41-end	Luke 11.14-26
19th	3 in Lent	Col. 1.24-end	Isaiah 45.14-end
		Luke 9.18-27	Acts 12.1-17a
26th	4 in Lent	<u>Badsey</u>	
		-	1 Kings 19.1-18
		-	2 Peter 1.1-19

Wickhamford

Exodus 24
Luke 23.1-25

APRIL

5 in Lent	Col.2.8-15 John 12.20-32	Jeremiah 31.27-37 Mark 10.32-45
Palm Sunday	Phil.2.5-11 Mark 14.32 to 15.41	Isaiah 5.1-7 Mark 12.1-12
Maundy Thursday	1 Cor.11.23-29 John 13.1-15	
Good Friday	<u>Wickhamford</u> Genesis 22.1-18 John 18	
Easter Day	Col.3.1-11 Mark 16.1-8	Exodus 14.5-end John 20.11-23

PARISH REGISTERS

BADSEY

Baptisms

12 Feb	Aaron Eustace Bland of 2, The Hop Gardens, Aldington.
26 Feb	Lilli Victoria Ecmanis of 4, Badsey Fields Lane, Badsey

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

BADSEY

2 Feb	Arthur Edwin Evans (Bill) Dore of 24, Willersey Road, Badsey, aged 78 years (at Badsey)
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DONATIONS

BADSEY

In memory of the late Mr Bill Dore,
to the Macmillan Palliative Care Unit,
Evesham Community Hospital - £116.60
(collection at funeral)

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 2 Mar 1st Lent Study Group, Badsey Church
- 7.30pm
- 8 Mar Wickhamford AGM, Memorial Hall,
- 7.30pm
- 9 Mar 2nd Lent Study Group, Badsey Church
- 7.30pm
- 16 Mar Badsey PCC
- 23 Mar 3rd Lent Study Group, Badsey Church
- 7.30pm
- 30 Mar 4th Lent Study Group, Badsey Church,
- 7.30pm
- 31 Mar Coffee Evening, The Vicarage, Badsey
7.30pm - 9.00pm

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REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS - 1995

The Revision of Badsey Church Electoral Roll will take place from Saturday, 1st April to Monday, 10th April, prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Church on Thursday, 29th April.

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES - Badsey

The preparation of Mothering Sunday Posies will take place in Badsey Church on Saturday, 25th March beginning at 9.30am. Offers of help and gifts of flowers, as early as possible please will be most welcome.

STOP PRESS - A COFFEE EVENING at The VICARAGE, BADSEY,
on Friday, 31st March from 7.30pm to 9.00pm

A Coffee Evening in aid of Church Funds is to be held at the Vicarage on Friday, 31st March from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Tickets, price 75p for Adults and 50p for Children will be available from the Vicarage, and members of the Social Committee. There will be the usual Games, Raffle and Bring and Buy. This is the first Social Committee fund raising function of the year, and is in place of the Musical Evening which was to have been held earlier in the month but cancelled due to the indisposition of Miss Tricia Skitt. We all wish Tricia a very speedy recovery and look forward to having her with us again in the not too distant future. Please come and support the Coffee Evening and bring your friends too.

EASTER DECORATIONS - BADSEY CHURCH

The decoration of Badsey Church for Easter will take place on Easter Eve, Saturday, 15th 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.

CHURCH ARMY

The total amount received from the Church Army boxes was £182.46. Once again grateful thanks are extended to all who assist the Church Army in this way. New subscribers are always welcome at any time and boxes may be obtained from the Vicarage.

LENT - 1995

Another series of Lent Bible Study and Discussion Groups will be held on four evenings in March, on Thursday, 2nd March, 9th March, 23rd March and 30th March. As in previous years they will be lead by the Vicar and Mr John Callaghan and will take place in the Transept of Badsey Church, beginning at 7.30pm

The theme this year will be "The Last Things". We shall look at the way Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure and what they could expect afterwards. We shall think especially about Judgement, Persecution and Suffering, Abandonment, and the Coming of the Holy Spirit. The Vicar will lead the groups on the 2nd and 23rd March, and Mr John Callaghan on the 9th and 30th March. Parishioners from both parishes in the benefice will be most welcome at these groups.

MOTHERS UNION

Our Christmas party, held at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Jan. 25th was a very happy evening. Mary Dore and helpers prepared a first class buffet. which was accompanied by a glass of wine kindly given by Mr and Mrs Bill Moore to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary the previous week. Several members entertained us, Esmé Seaman with a Pam Ayres reading. Betty Bowles read poems she had written herself, while Joan Hartwell gave a reading of bygone days. The group - The Saxophonists - played 60s style music, they appeared to enjoy playing as much as we enjoyed listening. Our thanks to Esmé Seaman, Joan Betteridge and the 1994 Committee for organising such a successful evening.

At our afternoon meeting on Feb. 14th Mrs Ann Poulter of Wickhamford, gave a talk on her visit to Rumania last year, travelling by road with other members of the Scout movement. Conditions there are unbelievably primitive, but it was obvious that the children benefited from the practical aid supplied and despite language difficulties had expressed love and joy at the help again.

We were pleased to have Anthea Smith enrolled as a member by the Revd. Peter Mitchell during Evensong on Sunday Feb. 12th. A warm welcome from all members, Anthea.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sun. March 5th at Evensong 6.30pm

Commissioning of Christine Davies by our Diocesan President Mrs Janet Harding. Tea will be served in

the transept afterwards, to enable members to meet their new Diocesan President. Do please come.

Tues. March 14th 2.30pm

Dennis Porter from the Leprosy Mission

Fri. March 24th 7.30pm

Deanery Festival at Norton church.

Sat. April 1st 10.00am till 4.00pm

Open Day at MU caravan

Harvington, some transport available.

Christine Davies

Branch Leader

BADSEY WI

The February meeting was well attended.

Correspondence was read which included a thank you letter from Tony and Anthea Smith for donations received to the memory of Win Smith. The donations have been taken to the Cardiac Unit and the money would be used to purchase much needed valuable equipment.

The Home Economics Rally being held at Worcester on the 16 May is based on a "Then and Now" theme evolving around craft, cookery and flowers. Any interested members were asked to put forward their names. A letter of thanks had been received from Esmé Seaman in appreciation of the pot plant given to her at the December meeting upon her recent retirement from the Committee.

The speaker this month was Hazel Stewart on De-Coup-age. This beautiful art originated in France in the 17th century spreading through Europe during the 18th century when it was used to decorate fans, screens etc. In the 19th century ladies used the art to make pictures; it then became a less popular pastime until the 1960's when it was revived again in America.

This month's competition (potted bulbs) was won by Sheila Knight, runner-up Louise Rastall and third Lorraine Goodman. The raffle was won by Anne Ellender.

Next month's speaker is Betty Houghton on Cotswold perfumery and the competition will be a home-made bookmark.

Our next meeting will be held on the 8th March. New members are always welcome and can be assured of a warm reception.

Joan Gill

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB

A most interesting and informative talk was given to us at the February meeting by Macmillan Nurse Karen Chilvers and Nurse Emma Fisher who are attached to the Macmillan Hospice Unit in Waterside. They told us of the Palliative Care given by the Unit staff. The Centre has five bedrooms (each en suite) with a Day Room / Dining Room and a Quiet Room. There is a specialist doctor in charge of the Hospice which gives twenty four hour cover. The treatment also consists of counselling, respite care and rehabilitation after treatment. The enthusiasm and dedication of both Karen and Emma was obvious to us all.

Mrs. Watkin then handed over a cheque for £400 to the nurses. This was the result of our 1994 Charity Tubes Collection. It was then suggested that our 1995 appeal should also be given to the Hospice. This suggestion was enthusiastically supported by everyone. Our thanks to the nurses for a memorable afternoon.

A presentation was made to Mrs. Doreen Moore to mark her Golden Wedding Anniversary. Our best wishes to both Doreen and Bill on this very special occasion.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 1st March when the speaker will be Mr. Terry Sparrow. He will be telling us more of Badsey's History. Friends are welcome come along to hear Terry speak to us about our Church and Village.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The speaker at the meeting in April will be Mrs. Raphael who will tell us of her year in office as Mayor. She is a very humorous and interesting speaker and this should be an entertaining afternoon. This meeting is also open to friends.

Keep the Charity Tubes coming in. Who knows, we may even top the splendid effort of 1994!

I feel I should advise the members of the Club that I shall be retiring at the end of this present year. I shall then have done the job for eleven years and feel I need a rest. New ideas and a different approach will, I am sure, be beneficial to the Club. If anyone in the village would like to take over I shall be most happy to discuss the matter further and help in any way I can.

MARY CALLAGHAN

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

At the January meeting members enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Mrs Newbury, Vice Chairman, took the chair. The business was read and discussed. Several members have visited our oldest member, Mrs Edie Cleaver. Mrs Phyllis Wheatley is still improving after another fall.

Members sat down to a lovely Ploughmans Supper, each paid £1 and this money will go to "Rescue" a charity for brain damaged children. Paul Harvey has already raised a large sum of money by cycling from Lands End to John O Groats and this will be handed over to Paul as a donation. The monthly competition was won by Joyce Brown and the draw was won by Nancy West

Our Annual Dinner was held at Legion Headquarters. An excellent meal was provided by Daws Caterers from Pinvin. The Chairman, Mrs Cyril, welcomed members she also presented the Phyllis Sears Cup to Betty Westmacot for most points through the year and the Pat Lloyd Vase to Mrs Preston as runner up. Christine Sullivan entertained us with her singing which everyone enjoyed. There was also a draw with numerous prizes.

M. Morcombe

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY APPEAL

The house to house collection for the Children's Society will begin on March 25th. Please support us as you have in the past and if any one could offer help as a collector please let me know.

Jean Ives, Hon. Sec. 830132

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

MARCH There are no flowers in church during Lent.

The next meeting of the Flower Guild will be on Saturday 22nd April at 2.30pm

I will be starting flower arranging classes at Badsey Village Hall on Thursday 2nd March at 7.45pm. Anyone who would like to join will be most welcome. The classes will be for six weeks. Any queries about church flowers or classes please contact me.

Hazel Stewart Ev 832007

JOHN'S JAMBOREE CONCERT

Saturday 18th March, 2.30pm at Badsey Village Hall
Tickets available now £2.50 adults, £1.00 children from Sue
and John on 831260

We are pleased that the following have agreed to take part
Celebration Reed and Brass Band, Jane Stevens and The
Wallace House Drama Workshop, St James' Mothers Union
Choir. Also there will be members of our family and friends.

WICKHAMFORD ORGAN CLUB

If anyone is interested in playing or learning or perhaps
just listening to organ and keyboard, we invite you to join
the Wickhamford Organ Club.

The 2nd Friday of every month is when our meetings are
held in the Wickhamford Memorial Hall, these are very
friendly and musical get togethers.

More information can be obtained from the Club Chairman,
Mr Robin Cox, Tel: 832164 or the Treasurer, Mrs Peggy
Wheatley, Tel: 830172

There will be an

EXHIBITION

on

"TRANSPORT IN THE SOUTH WYCHAVON AREA"

at the following libraries

EVESHAM, Oat Street, from 7th to 24th March

PERSHORE, Church Street, from 27th March to 21st April

BROADWAY, Leamington Road, from 24th April to 12th May

Come along and see what services are available to you, give
your comments and suggestions on your local transport or
meet the Rural Transport Advisor who will be at the library
every Friday between 10am and 3pm during each exhibition.

See you there!

Further details from the Rural Transport Adviser at the
Community Council of Hereford & Worcester on Malvern
(01684) 573334

WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

The Memorial Hall A.G.M. will take place at the Hall on

WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH - 7.30pm

Two representatives from each organisation using the hall are invited to attend this meeting, plus anyone else who is interested.

Wickhamford have a very comfortable, well maintained hall, suitable for meetings and various activities.

Please support the A.G.M. meeting and help the Committee to retain the high standards already set.

WICKHAMFORD W.I. January

Our President, Barbara Carroll, opened the first meeting of 1995 on 12th January. Apologies were received from various members and the Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed. The Treasurer's Report was encouraging - we're still in the black.

Rose Woolf reported on the visit to 'Central Weekend Live' on 16th December. Coaches were sent from Birmingham to get us to the Studios in time for the programme which goes out live on a Friday Evening. The three topics under discussion were: Stage Hypnosis, £18 million - Could You Cope? and Hale Sexual Harassment. All three discussions were very 'lively' and a number of our members were very prominent on the screen with their own views. Fame at last!

Diane Maden reported that the skittles team had won their match against Honeybourne on 2nd December and that the next match would be against Broadway W.I. to be held at The British Legion Hall, Broadway on 10th February.

Our guest speaker of the evening was Julia Scott whose topic was entitled 'In the Herb Garden'. Julia currently lives at Fladbury and grows, dries and sells a great variety of herbs. She enthused (or should I say 'infused') us all with various recipes and remedies in which herbs can be used. We were all amazed to learn that a mixture of various herbs can activate a compost heap to great effect.

WICKHAMFORD W.I. February

The meeting held on 9th February in The Memorial Hall was opened and the Minutes were read by Secretary Ann Soule and agreed by members. Apologies were given on behalf of various absentees and birthday buttonholes were presented to Ann Soule, Lillian Smith and Sue Hancock. All those present at the Party on 23rd January agreed it was a most enjoyable evening and that the entertainment, although slow to get going, hotted up as the evening went along which resulted in plenty of audience participation, particularly from Barbara Carroll who was coerced on to the stage to assist the performers! Thanks were given to all those committee members who worked so hard to make it such a good evening particularly to Sue Rand who prepared the meal.

The President reported that various outings were in the pipeline including our annual day out in August which would hopefully be to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire. Dates were given for the Group Skittle competition at Snowhill in the Autumn.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Ken Smith who enlightened us on Naturopathic Medicine. Mr. Smith runs a clinic in Malvern and also lectures in Osteopathy. Mr. Smith's theme was 'we are what we eat' and hoped that everyone would try alternative therapies before succumbing to drugs particularly where arthritis is concerned. Mr. Smith also lectures in osteopathy for geriatrics although he admits he is slowly becoming the subject of his lectures!!

If you are interested in coming to our next meeting in The Memorial Hall on Thursday 9th March at 7.30 p.m. when our speaker will be Mr. Roger Martin who will be telling us all about his experiences as a vet, please ring Pam Jenkins on 830868.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Thirty-nine members attended the February meeting on Wed: 1st, a great improvement on last month, and we hope our numbers will soon be back to normal. Our Secretary opened the proceedings by reading some apologies from absentees and announcements of forthcoming events, and birthday buttonholes were presented to Mr Johnson,

Mrs Street and Mr Summers. We received the sad news of the sudden death of Mr J Diston, and we express our sympathy to Mrs Diston and hope that she will soon feel that she is able to attend our gatherings again.

Our guest speakers this month were Mr Mark Aston and Mrs Lynne Moor who are part of the senior management team at Evesham SAFEWAYS. They began by showing us a video of the Scottish suppliers who provide the organically produced food for that area, and it was pleasing to see the great care and attention paid to ensure that all the food is of the very highest quality. Mr Aston went on to tell us of his work as one of the assistant managers at Evesham, where we were surprised that there is a staff of nearly two hundred people, and to explain some of the work that goes on behind the scenes. It was very revealing to learn that there are staff working all night, not only the cleaners who keep the premises so beautifully spick and span, but the bakers start work at two o'clock in the morning, and there are people to receive the delivery of goods, and the storage of frozen foods which must be unloaded and into the freezers in less than twenty minutes. By six o'clock the building is a hive of industry with shelves being replenished and much of yesterday's food that has passed it's 'sell by' date removed and consigned to the rubbish bins; up to £1000.00 worth a day! Other information on 'sell by, best before and use by' dates was very useful for those who can remember them, as was the way in which reduced prices are decided. Mr Aston also described to us some of the more modern stores, (I thought Evesham was modern), that have a creche, dry cleaning while you shop and other facilities. All in all a very entertaining and enlightening afternoon. Very few questions came from the audience, a tribute to the very detailed and interesting talk, and afterwards there was a cold buffet of 'goodies' too numerous to detail but much appreciated by all present. Following the refreshments our usual monthly raffle was called, and we all went home happy and full, some more full than others! Next month March 3rd our guest speaker will be from British Telecom, who will probably unravel some of the mysteries that beset us.

D. S.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

When the Club met on Jan. 25th at the Memorial Hall, they were certainly off to an early start to the year. Skipping spring, they were suddenly launched into summer, when they saw and enjoyed, a R.H.S. Video tape of Wisley Gardens in Summer. The photography was brilliant. It was a joy to see plants, shrubs and trees being able to stretch out as far as they liked. One fascinating point regarding propagation, was a layer of grit, a layer of compost followed by a layer of sand.

The competition for an Evergreen Foliage Arrangement was won by Jean Dyke, with Mrs Sue Hale and Mrs A Spiers, second and third.

The next meeting will be held on Wed. 22nd Feb. at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm, when all are most welcome. The competition will be a Pot or Bowl of Bulbs.

R.E Stringer (Mrs)

CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

A new clergyman was calling on some of his parishioners. At one house a woman's voice called out, "Is that you, angel?" The clergyman hesitated for a moment and then replied, "No but I'm from the same department"

A local Rabbi sat next to the Vicar at a Boxing Match. One boxer came out for the first round making the sign of the Cross over his body. The Rabbi turned to the Vicar and asked, "Does that do any good?" The Vicar replied, "Not if he can't box it doesn't!"

Church Cleaning



