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THE VICAR'S LETTER

May 1995

My dear Friends,

Celebration of Faith, Three Counties Showground, Wednesday, 18th October at 7.30pm

As part of the Diocesan St Wulfstan Year 900th Centenary celebrations there will be a Celebration of Faith, at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern, on Wednesday, 18th October, 1995 at 7.30pm. This will be a service of worship in the presence of our Bishops and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Archbishop will receive from Bishop Philip, the Bishop's Book containing our intentions towards a step Forward in Mission. Tickets for this event will be £2.50. It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend what will be a memorable diocesan service. The singing will be led by a choir of 500 voices. Tickets for the service will be allocated throughout the diocese on a first come first served basis. Within the benefice they may be booked through the Vicarage. Those wishing to sing in the Choir are asked to contact the Vicarage for details of rehearsals, etc. Facilities will be available for the disabled. Provided sufficient names are received from the two parishes, it is intended to arrange a coach from the benefice. Please book your tickets for the service and the coach through the Vicarage as soon

as possible. Cars may be taken but coach arrivals and departures will be given priority on the day. Due to safety regulations and for administrative reasons, people without a valid ticket for the service will be unable to gain entrance to this event. The cost of the coach will be additional to the tickets for the service. Please book now for this most memorable occasion.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY 1995

ST JAMES' BADSEY

7th	11.00am	Family Eucharist	6.30pm	VE Day Evensong
14th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm	Evensong
21st	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm	Evensong
25th	7.30pm	The Eucharist		
28th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm	Sung Eucharist

JUNE

4th	11.00am	Family Eucharist	6.30pm	Evensong
11th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm	Evensong

Mid Week Communion: 10.00am every Wednesday
St James' Badsey Sunday Club,
10.30am - every Sunday during Term Time
Badsey School Playgroup

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

7th	9.30am	The Eucharist
14th	9.30am	The Eucharist
21st	9.30am	The Eucharist
25th	9.00am	The Eucharist
28th	10.30am	Matins

JUNE

4th	9.30am	The Eucharist
11th	9.30am	The Eucharist

SUNDAY THEMES

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

LECTIONARY

3 after Easter	1 Cor.15.1-11	to be arranged
4 after Easter	John 21.1-14	to be arranged
5 after Easter	Rev. 3.14-end	Proverbs 4.1-18
Sunday after Ascension	2 Cor.4.13-5.15	2 Cor.4.13-5.15
	1 Cor 15.21-28	Deuteronomy 34
	John 16.25-end	John 16.12-24
	<u>Badsey</u>	<u>Wickhamford</u>
	Eph.1.15-end	Isaiah 65.17-end
	Luke 24.45-end	Revelation 5

JUNE

Pentecost	Acts 2. 1-11	Ezekiel 37.1-14
	John 14.15-26	Romans 8.18-27
Trinity Sunday	Eph.1.3-14	Isaiah 40.12-end
	John 14.8-17	Mark 1.1-13

Christian Aid Week - 15th to 21st May

PARISH REGISTERS

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

BADSEY

18 Apr	Ernest Geoffrey Parriss of "Rosehaven" Willersey Road, Badsey, aged 69 years (at Badsey and Wickhamford)
18 Apr	Kathryn Mary Taylor of 32, Green Leys, Badsey, aged 75 years (at Cheltenham)
19 Apr	Doris Sparrow, of 36, Brewers Lane, Badsey, aged 92 years (at Badsey)
25 Apr	John (Jack) Richard Knight of 49, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey, aged 74 years (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

WICKHAMFORD

28 Mar Roger Charles Sutton of 4, The Dovecote,
Charlton, aged 50 years
(at Wickhamford and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

BADSEY

- In memory of the late Mr David John McKanan-Jones
from Mrs Evelyn McKanan-Jones, £100 - towards
church funds
- In memory of the late Mr Ernest Geoffrey Parriss
towards the Macmillan Unit, Evesham Hospital
and St Richards's Hospice - £308,14
(collection at funeral)
- In memory of the late Mrs Doris Sparrow, to
St James' Church, Badsey - £252.52
(collection at funeral)
- In memory of the late Mr John Richard Knight
towards the MacMillan Unit at Evesham
Community Hospital - £105.80
(collection at funeral)

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 10 May Wickhamford PCC, Memorial Hall,
- 7.30pm
- 11 May Badsey PCC, - Badsey Church, 7.30pm
- 17 May Archdeacon's Deanery Visitation Day
for Churchwardens - Evesham Parish
Office - 2.30pm to 7.30pm
- 24 May Annual Service for the Admission of
Churchwardens, Pershore Abbey - 7.30pm
- 29 May St James' Church Fete - Badsey Recreation
Club - 2.15 onwards.

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes prior to the Confirmation Service in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday, 9th September, will be held in Badsey Church after Evensong, on the following Sundays during April, May and June. Sunday, April 30th, May 7th, 14th & 21st, June 4th, 11th and 19th

VE DAY EVENSONG

To mark the 50th Anniversary of VE Day, a VE Day Celebratory service of Evensong will be held on Sunday, 7th May, in Badsey Church at 6.30pm. The hymns, readings, prayers and address will be chosen to mark this special event. All are welcome.

BADSEY CHURCHYARD

To preserve the right of way of the church through the churchyard, the Lych Gate will be locked on Monday, 1st May for twenty four hours. The High Street entrance will remain open. It is hoped this will not be too inconvenient for parishioners.

BADSEY CHURCH FETE

As announced in last month's Parish Review, the Church Fete this year will be held on the afternoon of the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May, at Badsey Sports Club. Gifts for the Raffle will be most welcome and may be given to Mrs Anthea Smith, Mrs Pam Robbins, or handed in at the Vicarage. Gifts for the Tombola Stall will be equally welcome and may be given to Mr Roger Davies, Mr Des Print or, again handed in at the Vicarage.

MOTHERS' UNION

Friday March 24th saw some of our members and also our Vicar - attending the Deanery Festival at Norton. This was an Evensong service enjoyed and appreciated by us all.

Flowers were given and posies prepared for Mothering Sunday by a group of our members on the Saturday morning. A "thank you" to those who helped with this work.

On Saturday April 1st an Open Day was held at the MU Caravan at Harvington. The Caravan offers the chance of a holiday to people who might not otherwise have one, due to bereavement, depression, family upsets, unemployment or poverty. It is run entirely by Worcs. members, both

financially and as regards cleaning, laundry and replacing bed linen and equipment etc.

We have had some heart-warming letters of appreciation from families after enjoying a holiday there.

Our meeting April 11th came in Holy Week when we attended evensong in our own church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

May 1st	Mon 2.30	Deanery meeting at Evesham
May 3rd	Wed 10.00	Corporate Communion
May 4th	Thurs 7.30	Quiet Evening at Offenham
May 9th	Tues 2.30	Barbara Lines. 'Hands'
May 23rd	Tues 7.30	Jill Read. Childrens Society
May 29th	Bank Holiday	Monday - Church Fete

Christine Davies, Branch Leader

BADSEY W.I. APRIL MEETING.

Maureen Davies informed members that our skittles team had reached the semi-finals and this match would be played at Pinvin on the 27th April. Good luck girls!

The trip to London to see Miss Saigon had now been finalised and would take place on Wednesday, 19th July.

Yvonne Haines gave an excellent report on the recent Council meeting held in Malvern where she and five other members enjoyed a very entertaining and informative day.

Members were informed that the Church Fete this year was being held on the 29th May (Bank Holiday Monday) at the Cricket Club and the Badsey W.I. would be running a stall. Also the tea rooms at this years' Flower Show would again be organised by the W. I.

This years' bursary to Denman College was won by Lorraine Goodman. Congratulations Lorraine!

Our speaker this month was Pete Newton, who gave a talk on bicycles through the ages. He has a collection of around 50 bicycles, 25 of which are in a rideable condition. Bicycles in the late 19th century were usually made by the local blacksmith; although it was not unknown for the carpenter to have a hand in this as well. Today's bicycles are not too different mechanically from those early turn of the century models, although the design had vastly changed.

Pete told members of his marathon cycle ride on a 1934 Raleigh cycle from John O'Groats to Lands End, for charity. The journey took him 10 days during which time he covered 1050 miles (and he didn't have a lush padded saddle) the compensation, however, were the many kind and generous people he met along the way who willingly donated money to his worthy cause. A very light-hearted talk which was much enjoyed by members and can be thoroughly recommended.

This month's raffle was won by Nora Smith. The 'disastrous photograph' competition was won by Maureen Davies with Louise Restall second and Hazel Stewart third.

Next month's meeting (10th May) will be the Resolutions and social time will be 'Six rock cakes for auction'.

Joan Gill

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

There was a good attendance at the April meeting when the speaker was Mrs. Raphael of Hampton Ferry. She spoke of her year as Mayor of Evesham. Her varied duties included much travelling in connection with the Twinning Association; visits by two members of the Royal Family; the "Highway" programme with Sir Harry Seacombe (when all was not quite as it appeared on our T.V. screens!) These, together with many other aspects of Mayoral life were told in an interesting and highly entertaining talk much appreciated by everyone. The raffles were won by Mrs. Reeves and Mr. Sparrow. My own personal thanks to Christine for supervising the club meeting on this afternoon.

Our speaker on 3rd May will be Mr. Workman who will be telling us of his experiences as a milkman.

The outing to the Musical "Cats" is on Wednesday, 31st May. The coach will be leaving Badsey at 12.00 Noon. First pick-up point Willersey Road then on to Chapel Street and finally the Royal British Legion Club. Tickets will be given out on the coach.

The Badsey Church Fete will be held on Monday, 29th May and, unfortunately, we shall not be able to do our usual Grand Grocery Raffle. Instead there will be a special Raffle at our May meeting and the proceeds of this will be given to the Church Fete account.

I am still collecting good used toys for the Hospice Centre

at Avonside. Please have a word with your grandchildren and see if they can help in this most worthwhile appeal!

There will be no meeting in June and the July meeting will be the Summer Buffet in the evening. More details of this at the next meeting.

As I write this report I am sure many of you will have heard of the passing to rest of Mrs Doris Sparrow - our oldest and much loved member. Doris was a truly good person who was a joy to know. Our condolences have been sent to her husband Bill and their family.

MARY CALLAGHAN

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The March meeting was well attended, Mrs Newbury took the Chair. After the Exhortation the minutes and the monthly News Letter were read and matters discussed.

The Royal British Legion Day will be on 8th July at Woburn Abbey in aid of The Poppy Appeal.

It is Easter again and members collected 14 doz eggs. These were taken to Durcott Lodge and Hampton Childrens' Home where they were very much appreciated.

Our Speaker was Mrs Anne Saunders a Lawyer who talked about her career and told us of some of her experiences and of her retirement. The monthly competition was won by B Westmacott and the draw winners were E Bent, J Jelfs and D Clements. Refreshments were served.

M. Morcombe

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL - APPEAL

Readers who were interested to see in the Evesham Journal the other week that the Hall was to receive a grant of £40,000 from 'Wychavon District Council will wish to hear how the story continues!

Briefly, we wished to improve our facilities by providing new Ladies toilets and releasing more storage space; we also wanted to renovate the kitchen and gents cloakroom. However, in order to qualify for a grant, we had to provide facilities for the disabled. This would have increased the cost by more than the grant itself; nevertheless we did consider making a grant application to the County Council.

At this point we were confronted by a sequence of expensive demands from the Fire Authorities to install a

sophisticated alarm system (to the same standard as a large London Theatre) with which we managed to cope - but the toilet improvement had to be put on ice!

No sooner had we gathered our wits than we had another demand - to keep our Public Entertainments Licence so that simple plays or pantomimes or dances could be held we had to install a complete new lighting system over all the exits, plus signs indicating that the door was the way out. (At one stage it looked as if we would have to put these signs and lights inside each toilet cubicle in case the occupant was not able to find the door if the lights went out). You can imagine the cost of these works- about £1400 each). I must say that the Councils did give us 25% of the money. So the improvement project receded further and further into the future. We tried and succeeded to raise funds during this time, but as you can see, they were always swallowed up.

At this point, we were told that Wychavon District Council had quantities of money which had become available from asset sales and that the Council would be very keen to provide grants to a maximum of 75% of any improvement. They would also finance a feasibility study. It was suggested that we apply for as big an improvement as we could as this was a once in a life time opportunity for the village. Naturally we were very keen and co-operated with Wychavon in designing a scheme which would have renewed all the toilets, the kitchen and double-glazed the Hall. Additionally, an excellent extension on the side of the Hall would provide storage. In effect, the Village would have a new Hall. And remember, the Hall is presently being used more and more since we have tried to improve it by our own efforts, and in my view is a great asset to the village anyway.

In due course, the plans arrived and with the excellent co-operation of the Parish Council, who were prepared to make a valuable contribution to the cost, the application was made. Everybody understood that 75% grant was needed to make the project viable, but in case of problems, a separate application was made to the County Council, though traditionally they reduced their awards by the exact amount that was granted by other bodies - ie: if the District gave you £10 then the County didn't give you the £10 that they would have done on their own. You might

think that I would be crazy to apply in these circumstances to the County, but I must have been as I applied anyway - in the hope of course that they might still provide some money.

The cost of the whole project was to be in the vicinity of £77,000 so we needed approx £50,000 to make the project work the balance being found from long term loans arranged by the Parish Council and some contribution from the Parish Council budget. It did seem that a fair amount of Wychavon money would revert to the inhabitants of a Wychavon village - Badsey. It was time that something came our way.

What happened? Well, the District Council decided to award us less than we needed to make the project viable. So it wasn't viable. They may as well have awarded us nothing at all. One hopes that all the other applicants were not dealt with in the same way, since the Council could have awarded hundreds of thousands of pounds, none of which could ever be used!

Where are we now? Well, the Architects have had an interesting time drawing pictures of the Hall as it is now as it could have been in one of many possible futures. We have copies of these pictures - and they are really imaginative and good ideas. You are welcome to have a look at them - we could hang them up in the foyer. The disabled people, when they arrive, will unfortunately not yet have a special toilet. However, we can certainly guarantee that all users of the Hall will be able to find the door on their way out! Incidentally, we have further requirements for fire precautions some of which will not be too expensive (pictures of fire extinguishers by each fire extinguisher for those who do not know what they are for and to make it easier and quicker to find them) and the construction of plinths outside the doors (this after 40 years of the Hall's existence) so that persons do not step out on to a step. This last could prove quite dear.

All is not yet lost! We may be able to get County grant though here the problem is that it is only awarded on application of the Hall Committee, not the Parish Council, and the Hall committee has to have enough funds to cover the work (we don't as we spend all our money on keeping our heads above water as you can see) and we have to show evidence of specific fund raising. There is also an outside

possibility of money from the Rural Development Commission (believe it when I see it).

If we had enough money we wouldn't need a grant??

So there we have it. I do apologise if nothing seems to be happening but now you know the reasons why. I do hope that something does happen because as you can imagine, a lot of people have spent a lot of pretty expensive time on getting to this stage (absolutely nowhere at all) and this money could have been spent on the Hall anyway.

I shall keep you informed of progress. By the way, if someone could see their way to providing help or assistance it would be gratefully accepted!!

ALAN EAMES. Chairman

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A good turn-out of thirty-nine members attended a most interesting and informative meeting at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 5th April. Our secretary read out the normal notices of apologies, forthcoming events etc., and birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs Sutton, Mrs Wardle and Mr Street. The main event of the afternoon was a talk by Mrs Freda Fitch on the subject of the West Midlands Air Ambulance. Mrs Fitch gave us an excellent description of the helicopter in use, and it's layout and medical equipment for resuscitation, emergency blood transfusions etc., and the work of the paramedics who fly to the emergencies, which of course are not only road accidents, numerous as they are, but all kinds of situations that require very swift and smooth conveyance of the patient to hospital. This may include farm accidents, heart attacks and all kinds of domestic calls that do not hit the newspaper headlines. The helicopter is not fitted with wheels, but with ski type runners which enable it to land on all sorts of rough terrain, and we were shown slides of it having landed on a motorway, a grass verge by a busy road, and even on a little grass roundabout on a housing estate. Mrs Fitch went on to speak of the financial aspect of running the service, and pointed out that although it was supported by the government for the first year, from then on it had to be self supporting, and quite often over the four years that it has been in operation there were times when it was doubtful if it could carry on for one more month. The cost of running the service is approximately £12-00 per minute,

which means that if the service is on call for eighteen hours a week, the annual cost is in the region of £650,000-00. All this money is raised by a dedicated band of unpaid volunteers, and I take the liberty of saying that it behoves all of us never to refuse to help in some small way, for we never know when we may need that ride.

After the talk tea and biscuits were served and the raffle drawn, and we went on our way at the end of a very pleasant afternoon. Next month, Wed May 3rd, there will be no normal meeting, but an afternoon coach trip to Cirencester is to be arranged, starting at the Sandys Arms at 1-45, don't be late.

D. S.

WICKHAMFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the April meeting members discussed an evening walk around Burford in May, a day visit to Chatsworth in August and weekend visits to Chester in the Autumn and London near Christmas when there would be an opportunity to see a show. Helpers were requested for the VE celebrations on May 8th, when WI members are running the Tombola and serving ploughman's lunches and bread pudding.

Lil Smith & Ann Soule had visited WI House in Worcester when it was our institute's turn to provide the flower arrangements for the week. They were given a conducted tour around the house, including the cellars and were impressed by its size and standard of upkeep. Pat Clinton and Margaret King had attended the Spring Council Meeting and thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings and the speakers.

The president, Barbara Carroll extended our best wishes for success to Sheenah Beaven who has taken over the running of the Community Post Office. In thanking the president Sheenah said that she did not intend to alter the hours of business or diminish any services previously supplied.

After a magnificent feast supplied by Connie Whiting, Jill Roberts and Jenny Tweney, cereal boxes filled with oddments were distributed and scenes of hilarity ensued as we transformed them into Easter Chickens. Peggy Hancock judged the best chicken to have been produced by Ann Owen and Rosemary Hendrick.

Mrs C.G. King

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB 4th April 1995

The Club's Annual Spring Show was held on Wednesday 22nd March, at the Memorial Hall. The doors opened at 7.30p.m. and the enthusiastic members poured in with their exhibits of floral arrangements, homemade wine and Rock Cakes.

The schedule contained fifteen classes, each of which was well subscribed by members and friends, presenting the Judges with a very difficult task. The first twelve classes were judged by Ms Linda Roberts. Mr Paul Johnson judged the wine and Mrs Iris Smith Judged the Rock Cakes.

Prize winners were as follows:-

Class No.	First	Second
1	Mrs A Spiers	Mrs L Stone
2	Mrs B Stratton	Ms J Dyke
3	Mrs D Stacey	Mrs A Spiers
4	Mrs D Stacey	Mrs B Stratton
5	Mrs D Stacey	No entry
6	Mrs A Spiers	Ms J Dyke
7	Mrs J Cowan	Mrs Dennis
8	Mrs A Spiers	Mrs Dennis
9	Mrs R Fairbrother	No entry
10	Mr C Hill	Mrs D Stacey
11	Mrs S Hale	Mrs B Astley
12	Mrs J Corbett	Mrs R Fairbrother
13	Mr T Smith	Mrs I Smith
14	Mrs C Johnson	Mrs I Smith
15	Mrs L Stone	Mrs J Cowan

The Hills Nurseries Silver Salver for the highest number of points in the Show, was won jointly by Mrs A Spiers and Mrs D Stacey, who also were the joint winners the most entries.

The Gardening Club's next meeting is to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th April, when Mr F Potter of Saintbury, will give a talk on 'Land of the Queen of Sheba'.

The competition will be 'A Winter photograph of your Garden'.

As membership for the Club is now being renewed, it would be nice to see some new faces, so why not come along and find out more for yourself.

Mrs R E Stringer