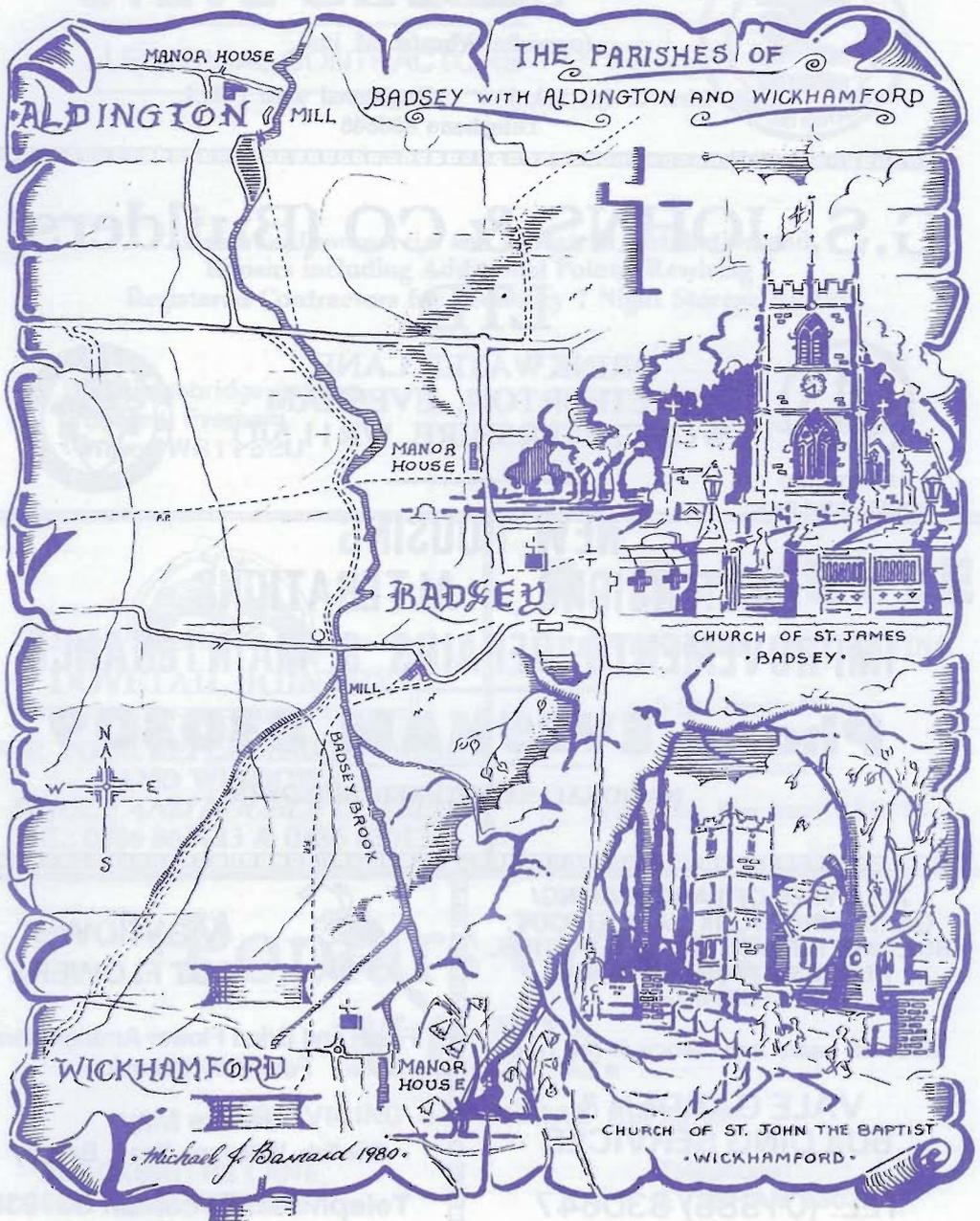


BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD

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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

June 1995

My dear Friends,

First a reminder of the Celebration of Faith due to take place on Wednesday, 18th October at 7.30pm at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern, details of which were given in last month's letter in the Parish Review. A 53 seater coach has been booked and tickets for the service and the coach will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please book now to avoid disappointment

Secondly, as both PCCs are already aware, the proposed pastoral re-organisation of the deanery, which will almost certainly affect this benefice and its two parishes is now under active consideration by the diocese. Within the next week or so, the parishes will be required to make their response to the proposals which have been put forward. The intention of the diocese is that by the end of the year a scheme containing the proposals will have been published and be ready for legal implementation.

At this stage it is almost impossible to forecast the eventual outcome and how it will affect the Benefice. Clearly change is imminent and we must be prepared for it when it comes. Not for the first time in our Christian experience we need a steady nerve and a strong faith. Faith not in ourselves or even the diocese, but in God. Faith in a

God whose hand is still on the helm. A God who knows our needs and the needs of all His Church far better than we do. A God who will see us through whatever lies ahead and lead us in the ways He would have us go.

May I commend one of the prayers chosen for the 700th Anniversary of St James' Church, Badsey.

"Lord God, you call your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown; give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing whither we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; to the glory of your name. Amen."

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

*JUNE*  
**CHURCH SERVICES - MAY 1995**

**ST JAMES' BADSEY**

|      |         |                  |                          |
|------|---------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 4th  | 11.00am | Family Eucharist | 6.30pm Evensong          |
| 11th | 8.00am  | Holy Communion   | 6.30pm Evensong          |
| 18th | 11.00am | Sung Eucharist   | 6.30pm Evensong          |
| 25th | 8.00am  | Holy Communion   | 6.30pm Sung<br>Eucharist |

**JULY**

|     |         |                |                 |
|-----|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| 2nd | 11.00am | Matins         | 6.30pm Evensong |
| 9th | 8.00am  | Holy Communion | 6.30pm Evensong |

**MID WEEK COMMUNIONS:** 10am every Wednesday  
except 28th June and 5th July

**ST JAMES' BADSEY SUNDAY CLUB,**

10.30am - every Sunday during Term Time  
Badsey School Playgroup

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WICKHAMFORD**

|      |         |               |
|------|---------|---------------|
| 4th  | 9.30am  | The Eucharist |
| 11th | 9.30am  | The Eucharist |
| 18th | 9.30am  | The Eucharist |
| 25th | 10.30am | The Eucharist |

July  
 2nd 9.30am Matins (said)  
 9th 9.30am The Eucharist

### SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Pentecost: 2 The People of God;  
 3 The Life of the Baptized; 4 The Freedom of the  
 Sons of God; 5 The New Law.

### LECTIONARY

|           |                |                  |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|
| Pentecost | Acts 2. 1-11   | Ezekiel 37.1-14  |
|           | John 14.15-26  | Romans 8.18-27   |
| Trinity   | Eph.1.3-14     | Isaiah 40.12-end |
| Sunday    | John 14.8-17   | Mark 1.1-13      |
| 2 after   | 1 Peter 2.1-10 | 2 Samuel 7.1-17  |
| Pentecost | John 15.1-9    | Luke 14.7-24     |

### BADSEY

|           |               |             |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| 3 after   | Romans 6.3-11 | Deut.5.1-21 |
| Pentecost | John 15.5-11  | Acts 4.1-22 |

### WICKHAMFORD

|             |                |               |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Birth of    | <u>Epistle</u> | <u>Gospel</u> |
| St John the | Acts 13.16-26  | Luke 57-66,80 |
| Baptist.    |                |               |

|           |                             |                           |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4 after   | <u>Matins</u>               | <u>Evenson</u>            |
| Pentecost | Ezekiel 18.1-4,<br>& 19-end | Joshua 24.1-5,<br>& 13-31 |
|           | Romans 14.1-15.3            | Acts 8.26-end             |
| 5 after   | Eph. 5.1-10                 | 2 Kings 6.24-25           |
| Pentecost | Matt.19.16-26               | & 7.3- end                |
|           |                             | Acts 11.1-18              |

### PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: Jesus said, *"Let the children to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these"*

BADSEY:

- 30 Apr Chloe Renee Wright of 4, Green Leys,  
Badsey  
7 May Alice Mary Morrey of 19, Chapel Street,  
Badsey  
Nina Elizabeth Wilks of 1, Synehurst,  
Badsey  
14 May Emma Charlotte Roome and  
Sarah Elizabeth Roome of  
44, High Street, Badsey

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

BADSEY

- 20 May Darran Paul Wilson and Marie Ann Tustin

WICKHAMFORD

- 20 May Mark Leslie Sinclair and Lisa Joanne  
Speake

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

BADSEY

- 12 May Paul Crane of 32, Bretforton Road,  
Badsey, aged 18 years.  
(at Badsey)  
18 May Thomas Enstone of 48, Horsebridge  
Avenue, Badsey, aged 77 years  
(at Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

BADSEY

In memory of the late Mr Paul Crane, towards  
"Leukaemia Care" - £280.48p  
(collection at funeral)

A further £50 has been received in memory of  
the late Mrs Doris Sparrow towards St James'  
Church, Badsey

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 8 Jun Social Committee - Badsey Church,  
- 7.30pm
- 23 Jun Cheese and Wine Evening - The Barn  
7.00pm - 9.00pm  
in aid of Church Funds
- 30 Jun Coffee Morning at 32B Bretforton Road,  
Badsey from 10.30am to 12 noon  
in aid of the Flower Festival
- 12 Jul Wickhamford PCC - Memorial Hall,  
7.30pm

PARISH REVIEW - JULY ISSUE - LATEST DATE FOR COPY

Wednesday 7th June, 1995  
(please note earlier date)

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 June and July.

Sunday, June 4th, 11th and 19th and July 16th and 30th

St. James' Church Badsey  
A CHEESE & WINE EVENING  
with BRING & BUY, GAMES & RAFFLE  
to be held on  
FRIDAY, 23th JUNE, 1995  
at THE BARN, SEWARD ROAD  
BADSEY

(by courtesy of Mrs N.Sladden)

7.00pm to 9.00pm

ADULTS £1.20p CHILDREN 60p

in aid of Church Funds

## MOTHERS UNION

We learnt with sadness of the death of our oldest member last month, Doris Sparrow, who had been a member of this Branch for probably 60 years - we cannot be certain exactly how long. She was a faithful and loyal member always willing to help, discuss or give guidance with a smile and touch of humour. A much loved member we shall all miss.

Our speaker on April 25th was Joyce Bush, Unit Co-ordinator for Action and Outreach, who gave a summary of the many changes in organisation at Diocesan level. She quickly moved on to speak of MU Projects within the Diocese. The Special Project for 1995 is to replace our caravan as a memorial to Frances Samuel, who worked so tirelessly for "Mary's Umbrella". There are several refuge projects within the Diocese and also an emergency "Safe House" supported by local people. The pilot scheme at Blackenhurst Prison is moving forward to 'Project' Status, providing a play area with toys etc. for children when visiting their fathers who are encouraged to join in. There has been much perseverance and really hard work to make this scheme acceptable to prisoners and staff, but such is the success that when transferred to other prisons the men are asking "Where is the MU playgroup?".

Some members attended a Quiet Evening at Offenham on May 4th, led by Canon Barrett, who had much feeling and sympathy for women within the church. We followed the love and devotion of many of the women during our Lord's lifetime. a deeply spiritual and tranquil evening. Our thanks to Offenham for their hospitality.

A talk entitled 'Hands' was given by our own member Barbara Lines at our afternoon meeting, and what a joy this proved to be. Barbara at one time taught at a 'Sunshine' school, and spoke of one pupil in particular who had gone to them after intense abuse, resulting in loss of sight when little more than two years old. He trusted no one, lashing out with feet and hands to anyone near him. We were told of the infinite dedication of staff, so many people helped to restore that boy to normal life. So many hands helping, sharing, caring, building, reaching out, healing; active hands, praying hands. We had much food for thought, thank you Barbara.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- June 7th Wed. - 10am CORPORATE COMMUNION  
June 20th Tues. - DIOCESAN FESTIVAL, DUDLEY  
Coach leaves Lychgate 5.15pm  
June 27th Tues. - OUTING TO COLWALL  
Coach leaves Lychgate 1.45pm  
Christine Davies, Branch Leader

## BADSEY W.I MAY MEETING

The meeting was well attended. One new member was welcomed into the Group.

The Minutes of the last Meeting and recent correspondence were dealt with and then the Resolutions were read resulting in great participation by members, after which votes were cast.

Maureen Davis was delighted to inform members that Badsey W.I. had won the Final of the Skittle League. The winners cup and shield were proudly displayed. Well done! Well played!

Yvonne Haynes gave a very amusing account of her recent visit to Denman College where she took and passed her Advanced Drivers test. No mean feat. Well done Yvonne!

This month's raffle was won by Eve Bent.

Social time was a mini auction which raised not only proceeds but much mirth and another very pleasant evening came to a close.

Joan Gill

## SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Our speaker at the May meeting was Mrs. Mary Ann Bloomfield, the deputy editor of the "Evesham Journal". She spoke enthusiastically of her work in the newspaper industry and, although she has been a journalist for thirty years, her interest and love for her job was apparent. She told us of the development of printing newspapers over the years; from the days of hand type setting up to the present time with our fantastic computers. A great deal of this advancement has been accomplished in the last two years. Our local "Journal", of which 40,000 copies are produced, assembled and circulated, is actually printed in Chester. When we read the "Journal" now, which we rather take for granted, we shall be a little more aware of the trouble taken

by so many people to enable our own news to be brought to our homes - free of charge !

Several members who had been ill were able to join us again and it was good to welcome them back. A letter of thanks had been received from the members of Mr. Bill Sparrow's family acknowledging the donation sent by the Club in memory of Doris. Bill joined us for the afternoon and we all hope we shall continue to see him on a regular basis.

There is no meeting in June.

The Summer Buffet is on July 5th and we shall meet at 7.30 p.m. to eat at eight o'clock. Mrs. Mary Dore is catering for us once again and entertainment will be provided. This is a free evening to members. Guests will be welcome to join us at a charge of £4.00.

I have received some lovely toys for the Hospice Centre from members - including a knitted Nurse and Doctor made by Lucy. Please keep these coming in along with the usual "tubes".

MARY CALLAGHAN

#### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Sixty members and guests attended the Group Meeting at Legion Headquarters. The Chairman Mrs Syril opened the meeting and introduced Mrs Cox a member of the County Committee as our speaker.

Each section gave their reports and several items were discussed including bus fares to Group Meetings. After all the business members enjoyed a Ploughman's Supper. There was a Bring and Buy Stall and a Grand Draw. The Guessing Competition was won by one of our visitors. Val Taylor our entertainments organiser then introduced Mr Workman from Tewkesbury. He told us all about how he started a milk round business when he was 18 and of all the interesting people and different characters he met and included many funny stories. This was very enjoyable. Mr Workman is retired but the business is still going strong.

The next Group Meeting will be at Pershore on 4th July.

M. Morcombe.

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION

The house to house collection this year raised £475.50. Last year we raised £435.10 and so a wonderful increase was achieved. The collectors work very hard, and for this, I thank them, but without the generosity of the people in Badsey and Aldington sums like this would not be possible. Thanks to all from a grateful H.L.S.

Jean Ives

## ST. JAMES GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

Tuesday 18th April 1995 a quarter peal for Easter of WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR was rung and conducted by Tony Barnfield and team of ringers from Redditch and district.

Wednesday 19th April 1995 a quarter peal of 1260 changes of Plain Bob was rung half muffled by the St. James Badsey Sunday Service ringers in thanksgiving for the life of Doris Sparrow whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

|        |                           |
|--------|---------------------------|
| Treble | Justin Phillpot           |
| 2nd    | Hilary Bolton (Conductor) |
| 3rd    | Laura Merris              |
| 4th    | Steve Carter              |
| 5th    | John Bolton               |
| 6th    | Andrew Stewart            |

## ST. JAMES GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

The Peal of Evesham Surprise Major rung by the Worcs & Districts Association of Change Ringers on 29th April 1995 was a success and will be recorded with the 700 year celebrations.

On 30th April Laura Merris was 18 years old and Win & Jim Skitt had a new grandson. For them a complimentary Quarter Peal was rung before Evensong of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure College Bob, by the Sunday Service ringers.

|        |                           |
|--------|---------------------------|
| Treble | Malcolm Stewart           |
| 2nd    | Laura Merris              |
| 3rd    | Hilary Bolton             |
| 4th    | Andrew Middlicott         |
| 5th    | John Huntriss (Conductor) |
| 6th    | Andrew Stewart            |

In celebration of V.E. Day a Quarter Peal of 3 methods was rung (Grandsire/Reverse Canterbury/Plain Bob) at approx. 1.15 pm. 8th May 1995.

|        |                          |
|--------|--------------------------|
| Treble | Malcolm Stewart          |
| 2nd    | Hilary Bolton            |
| 3rd    | Roy Williams (Conductor) |
| 4th    | Claire Redstone          |
| 5th    | Steve Bowley             |
| 6th    | Andrew Stewart           |

Hilary Bolton

### ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

#### JUNE ROTA

|            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 E Seaman and Mrs M Kyte     |

First I would like to thank all the ladies who helped with the Easter flowers in the church. They looked lovely. Also to thank the generous parishioners who gave donations for the flowers. These donations are very much appreciated.

We have started our fund raising appeal for the flowers for the Flower Festival. The first stall was a good start. My thanks to all concerned also the Round of Gras for letting us put up a stall. Our next event will be a coffee morning at Mary and Derrick Kyte's home on June 30th, weather permitting. For more details telephone 830125. A meeting of the Flower Guild will be held at Badsey Church on Saturday 24th June at 2.30pm to discuss the Festival. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me. Hazel Stewart Ev. 832007

### COFFEE MORNING.

A Coffee morning in aid of the forthcoming Church Flower Festival will be held in the garden at 32B Bretforton Road on Friday 30th June from 10-30am to 12MD. There will be a Bring and Buy and a Raffle. Price £1 will include raffle ticket.

This event will be cancelled if raining.

### BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The Committee are now in the final stages of preparing for this years show. Any offers of help, particularly on 28th July and 29th July (show day) would be most welcome.

Gifts for the Tombola and Raffle will also be greatly appreciated.

Remember this is your village show. Help us to keep it going by giving your support.

Andy Campbell (Hon. Sec) 833238

### JUBILEE HIKE 13/5/95

Ben Soule, John Cole, and David Cole of Badsey Scouts were overall winners of this years Jubilee Hike. They hiked 25 miles in the fastest time of 7 hours and 53 minutes beating over 30 other teams of Scouts, Venture Scouts, Leaders, Parents and Guides.

Badsey Scouts offer a challenge to people looking for excitement, and satisfaction in helping boys of Scout age (10yrs. 6 months to 16 years old) have fun through Scouting Skills. Badsey Scout Group have a well maintained headquarters and equipment. We have plenty of keen boys and supportive parents. Applicants for the post of Scout Leader will be joining an excellent set of leaders running our Beavers and Cubs and they will be given plenty of help, training and encouragement. Phone 831260

### REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING ON MAY 10th

An appeal to Mr Michael Spicer to see if he could get the VAT rate for Churches reduced from 17½% to 5%, was unsuccessful. Whilst he was sympathetic to the cause, it would be difficult to make an exception for Churches and not other deserving cases.

The Deanery Pastoral Committee, Deanery Synod and Diocesan Pastoral Committee have all met and discussed the future of our Church in the re-organisation of Parishes when the Vicar retires in January next year. The proposal is for Badsey, Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton to form one group of churches to be run by one incumbent and Wickhamford to be administered by Broadway. Obviously there has been strong criticism of this arrangement but a

way had to be found to reduce the number of clergy in the Deanery to 9 as directed by the Diocese. The proposal has now begun the legal process during which it will be discussed in full by the parishes and the diocese before being sent to the Church authorities in London.

Mr Poulter reported on a meeting with the Architect and Pyments representative who are to undertake a thorough repair and maintenance of the Church masonry costing over £4,000. The meeting felt that the work should proceed as soon as possible to avoid further delay and increased cost. Hopefully, when the work was completed the Church would be in first class condition with all the woodwork having been recently preserved.

The Bishop's Book - A Step Forward in Mission - will be produced later this year containing our intention to work closely with other Parishes involved in the re-organisation to maintain as far as possible a viable Church to minister to the community's needs. However with a decreasing Church membership especially among the younger generation, this will not be easy.

A discussion also took place regarding the Washington Connection.

D.G.P.

### SUMMER FAIR

In the Village Hall Wickhamford  
on Saturday 10th June at 2.30pm  
Various Stalls

Proceeds for Senior Residents Fund

Anyone who would like to run a stall or has anything at all to give towards a stall please contact:

Mrs Jean Heritage, Mrs Phyllis Sutton  
or Mrs Margaret Winkett

### WICKHAMFORD W.I.

The May meeting was opened, the minutes of the previous month's meeting were read and agreed. Only one birthday buttonhole to be presented - congratulations to Barbara Carroll on her 40th!

A vote of thanks was proposed for all those members who had worked so hard in preparing the food and manning the tombola stall for the Wickhamford V.E. Day celebrations, all of which had contributed to a very successful day.

Our President gave a brief report on the Institute's recent guided tour of Burford - although quite a cold evening everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and found the guide very interesting indeed. The evening was rounded off by the party finding the nearest hostelry to partake of some welcome hot soup.

Pam Jenkins gave an account of her, and her husband's, visit to Denman College in January. 'Ballroom dancing for Couples' was their goal and the three days proved to be hard work but extremely enjoyable. Their grand finale was all eight couples on the course giving a demonstration of the cha,cha,cha, in the car park outside the main building!!

The next thing on the agenda was the discussion and vote on the resolutions. which were:

1. Should Identity cards be issued to everyone over 18 years of age? Jenny Tweney gave us a resume of the why's and wherefore's and the vote was taken - Unanimous against
2. Food Labelling - to ensure that food is labelled with ALL ingredients. Connie Whiting talked us through this resolution and the vote was Unanimous in favour.
3. The third resolution was a unanimous one in favour of 'newly formed federations not having to pay any funds in their first year.'

Mouth watering refreshments were served by Peggy Hancock, Elaine Litterick and Lil' Smith before our intrepid globetrotter member Pat Bell rounded off the evening with a most interesting and fascinating talk on her visit to Nepal during April. Not only did she spend time in the mountain region visiting small villages, meeting the local people, having a flight over The Himalayas, getting up before the crack of dawn to see the sunrise over Everest, but exploring, by elephant, part of the national park jungle region. After all the members varied questions had been answered Denny King gave the vote of thanks.

Pam Jenkins

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB 8 May 1995

At the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 26 April, there was a very good turnout of members, new and old, all very excited to hear Club Member, Mr F Potter of Saintbury, give a most amusing talk on 'Land of the Queen of Sheba', Having travelled extensively in the Yemen in the Middle East, Mr Potter, with interesting architectural slides of fortified towns and cities, had the audience reeling with laughter as he told many interesting tales of encounters he had had in a land far different to ours, it being very barren.

Mr C. Hill, Chairman, thanked Mr Potter for a most enjoyable evening and with fifty years of marriage behind him and a recent eightieth birthday, he was also presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers for his wife and himself, by the Club's President, Mrs B Astley.

The competition for 'A Winter Photograph of your Garden', was won by Mrs Watts, with Mrs A Hadley and Mr D Hadley, second and third.

The next meeting will take place on the 24 May at the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m., when Mr David Wilkin of The Good Gardeners Association, will give a talk on 'Growing without Chemicals', and the competition will be a Branch of Flowering Shrub or Tree, so lets fill the Hall once again.

R. E. Stringer, (Mrs)

### CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

A Vicar, preaching at length on the wonders of nature said that every blade of grass was a sermon in itself. Later in the week he was mowing his lawn, "That's right" said a passing parishioner, "You keep they sermons short!"

A small boy was concentrating very hard on his drawing. "What are you doing?" said his mother, "Drawing God" he said, "But no one knows what God looks like" said his mother. "Well they will when I've finished" was the reply.