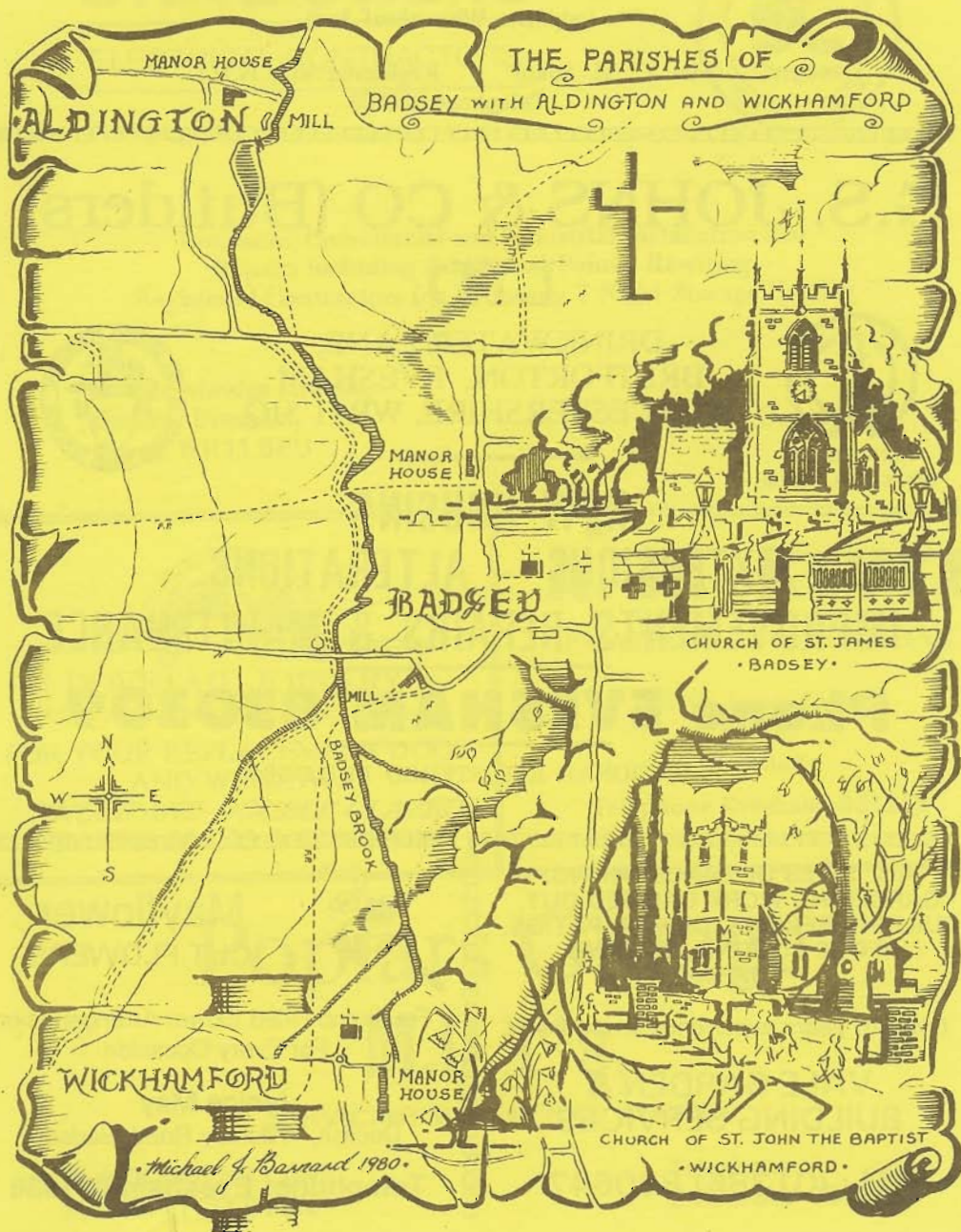


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

October 1995

My dear Friends,

This month we turn to the St Wulfstan 900 Anniversary Celebrations of the Diocese. Already the Evesham Deanery Pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral has taken place and at a most impressive Deanery Confirmation Service in the Cathedral eleven candidates from the benefice were confirmed. This was a source of special joy as six of the candidates had been baptised at Badsey since I came to the parish in 1980. As newly baptised members of Christ's flock their parents received the Mothers' Union Baptism Anniversary Cards and then with the support of the church and their families, they became actively involved with the Sunday School and Family Services. Their Confirmation therefore came as a fitting climax to their nurture and growth in the Christian faith. We thank God for this and pray they will long continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives end.

October sees the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Diocese and the "Celebration of Faith" at the Wye Hall, Three Counties Show Ground, on Wednesday, 18th October at 7.00pm; details of which have already been circulated to those concerned. The St Wulfstan Exhibition in the Cathedral is open until 21st October, and high quality

Commemorative Tea Towels and Mugs are also available. A book has been published on St Wulfstan - His Life and Times and on Saturday, 4th November, the Final Service for the St Wulfstan Year will be held in the Cathedral, at which it is hoped clergy and representatives from all the parishes in the diocese will be present. Although within the benefice we have centred upon the 700th Anniversary celebrations at Badsey, a great deal has been happening elsewhere as part of the year of St Wulfstan and we pray this will bring to the diocese the same joy and encouragement, as our 700th Anniversary celebrations have brought to us.

Lastly, on a somewhat sadder note, it now appears almost certain that, following my retirement early next year the benefice will be divided, and Wickhamford will be linked with Broadway and Badsey with Offenham and Bretforton. This brings into question the future of the Parish Review from January onwards. It has been a most successful publication and very well supported by contributors, advertisers and parishioners alike. It has reflected two very active, hard working churches and parishes and I would like to thank all those who, through the years, have made this possible. I shall be talking to Canon Peter Burch and the Revd John Wright about arrangements to be made from January onwards and I know both PCCs are equally concerned. This will be just as soon as the future is more definite.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar
Peter Mitchell

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER 1995

ST JAMES' BADSEY

1st	11.00am	Harvest Festival	6.30pm Evensong
		Family Service	
8th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
15th	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Sung Eucharist
29th	8.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

NOVEMBER

5th 11.00am Family Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
12th 10.45am Remembrance Day 6.30pm Evensong
Service

Mid Week Communions: 10.00am every Wednesday

St James' Badsey Sunday Club,

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

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

1st 9.30am The Eucharist
8th 9.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist
15th 9.30am The Eucharist
22nd 10.30am Matins
29th 9.30am The Eucharist

NOVEMBER

5th 9.30am The Eucharist
12th 9.30am The Eucharist

SUNDAY THEMES

Sundays after Pentecost: 17 The Proof of Faith;
18 The Offering of Life; 19 The life of Faith;
Last Sunday after Pentecost: Citizens of Heaven
Sundays before Christmas: 9 The Creation; 8 The Fall;
7 The Election of God's People: Abraham.

LECTIONARY

1st	<u>BADSEY</u>	
Harvest	Family Service	Deut.26.1-11
Festival	to be arranged	Luke 12.13-34
17 after	<u>WICKHAMFORD</u>	
Pentecost	James 1.16-end	
	Luke 17.11-19	

8th	18 after Pentecost	<u>BADSEY</u> 2 Cor.8.1-9 Matt.5.17-26	Neh.6.1-16 Romans 12
	Harvest Festival	<u>WICKHAMFORD</u> 2 Cor.9.6-end Luke 12.16-31	
15th	19 after Pentecost	Heb.11.1-2 & 8-16 Matt.6.24-end	Daniel 6.1-23 Luke 18.35-19.10
22nd	Last Sunday after Pentecost	Phil.3.7-end John 17.1-10	Isaiah 33.13-22 Matt.24.45-25.13
29th	9 before Christmas	Rev.4 John 3.1-8	Genesis 1.1-2.3 John 1.1-14

NOVEMBER

5th	8 before Christmas	Romans 7.7-13 John 3.13-21	Exodus 20.1-20 Mark 7.1-23
12th	Remembrance Sunday & 7 before Christmas	<u>BADSEY</u> Rev.21.1-7 <u>WICKHAMFORD</u> Rev.21.1-7 Matt.5.1-12	Genesis 13 John 8.31-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

17 Sep

Lauren James of 37, Horsebridge Avenue,
Badsey

Evesham Deanery Confirmation at Worcester Cathedral
on September 9th

*"Defend O Lord, these thy servants, with
thy heavenly grace, that they may
continue thine for ever, and daily
increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more,
until they come to thine eternal kingdom"*

BADSEY

Amy Browning, Carolyn Louise Bullock,
Laura Claire Small, Catherine Elizabeth Such,
Nicholas Edward Such, David Richard Bishop,
Neil Kenneth Bishop, John Alan Charles Cole.

WICKHAMFORD

Adam Benjamin Spiers, Kimberley Payne.
Adult Confirmation: Kenneth Maden

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

BADSEY

9 Sep Kevin Peter Dicks
and Elaine Margaret Kedward

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

BADSEY

23 Aug Annie Mary Porter, late of
17, Brewers Lane, Badsey
aged 90 years (at Badsey)

12 Sep Ann Winifred Potts, of
17, Field Close, Badsey
aged 54 years (at Cheltenham)

DONATIONS

BADSEY

Further donations received in memory of the late
Mrs Winifred Joan Smith - £70.
In grateful thanks for 50 years of Happy Marriage
from Arthur and Daphne Bell,
£20, towards Church Funds,
£20, towards the St James' Badsey,
Guild of Change Ringers.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 6 Oct Badsey Harvest Supper,
 Remembrance Hall - 7.30pm
- 11 Oct Wickhamford Harvest Supper,
 Memorial Hall, - 7.30pm for 8.00pm
- 12 Oct Evesham Deanery Synod, 7.30pm
 Inkberrow Parish Centre
- Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury
to the Diocese of Worcester
- 18 Oct "Celebration of Faith", Wye Hall
 Three Counties Showground - 7pm
- 19 Oct Special Badsey PCC (provisional)
 - 7.30pm, Badsey Church
- 4 Nov Final Service for the St Wulfstan Year
 Worcester Cathedral - 3.00pm
- 8 Nov Wickhamford PCC, Memorial Hall,
 - 7.30pm
- 16 Nov Badsey PCC, Badsey Church - 7.30pm

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DECORATION OF BADSEY CHURCH FOR HARVEST

The decoration of Badsey Church for Harvest will begin on Saturday, 30th September at 9.30am. Offers of help and gifts of flower, fruit and produce will be very welcome.

DISTRIBUTION OF HARVEST PRODUCE - BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

The distribution of the Harvest Produce to the sick, elderly and housebound and to the hospitals and nursing homes, will take place on Monday, 2nd October beginning at 9.30am. Offers of help will be very welcome, together with names and addresses of those who would appreciate a gift from the harvest. These may be given to the Vicarage or members of the Pastoral Committee beforehand.

WORCESTER DIOCESE ST WULFSTAN YEAR 900th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 18th - 20th October

The Celebration of Faith will take place on Wednesday, 18th October at 7.00pm at the Wye Hall, Three Counties Showground. Those travelling in cars should arrive from 6.00pm onwards and enter by the Red gate. A Loop system will be available at the front on the left hand front side of the stage. There will be tapes available of the service hymns and sermon. Orders will be taken afterwards.

Wulfstan Mugs and Tea Towels are now on sale and can be purchased from the Old Palace, the Cathedral, and from Angela Kovacevic, Springbank, Worcester Road, Wychbold, Droitwich, WR9 7PG Tel: 01527 861247.

Tea Towels are £2 each, or 3 for £5; and Mugs £2.50. They will also be on sale in the Wye Hall.

St Wulfstan Exhibition at Worcester Cathedral. This is well worth a visit. It is in the Chapter House, and is open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11.00am - 4.00pm. Admission free. The Exhibition closes on 21st October.

St Wulfstan - His Life and Times. This is the title of a new book about St Wulfstan edited by Philip Barker containing articles about his career, his miracles, Worcester during his life time, his Cathedral, the monastery, early Norman churches in the Diocese and manuscripts of his time. It is available from the Cathedral Gift, Shop or at the Exhibition, price £3.00. and makes a fitting memento of the Diocesan 900th Anniversary celebrations.

The Final Service for the St Wulfstan Year with Choirs from all over the Diocese will be held in the Cathedral on Saturday, 4th November at 3.p.m. Clergy and representatives for all parishes in the diocese will be present.

MOTHERS' UNION

A few of us met in church on September 7th to take part in the World Wide Wave of Prayer, while other members took part from home. For half an hour we thought of, and prayed for our linked dioceses of Kigezi, N. Kigezi, E. Ankole, Minna, N.W. Australia and our own Worcester. Branches across the diocese each take a different time, ensuring a continuous wave of prayer reaching out to our World Wide members. We all felt a very real sense of fellowship.

The Revd. Peter Mitchell gave a talk on our Patronal Saint James the Great, at our meeting on September 12th. We cannot be certain exactly when Badsey church became St. James. Before the Reformation many churches were dedicated to the Virgin Mary, afterwards moving away from the Roman Catholic influence to take a saints' name generally with some affinity to that parish. Our church would have become a parish church rather than a part of Evesham Abbey, so this could well be when it became St. James. The name James derives from Jacob (Hebrew) meaning "a man of guile". We were given an outline of James' family, how close he was to his brother John - 'sons of thunder' who were called from their fishing to follow our Lord. James bore witness to Jesus and was a great support to him, one of his closest friends. He was also a tower of strength, to the other

disciples. We know that he was killed 'by the sword' - probably beheaded. Tradition says that his executioner was so impressed by James and his teaching that he begged forgiveness - received it - and became a Christian himself. St James is said to have visited Spain to spread the gospel and with large ships sailing the trade routes this could easily be so. His relics were eventually taken to Santiago di Compostela which became a centre of pilgrimage.

We thank our Vicar for answering our queries, we feel we know a little bit more about our patron Saint.

Evesham Deanery have been asked to do a cake stall at the Craft Fayre, Malvern on Saturday October 21st. This is a special effort for the Francis Samuel Memorial Fund which hopes to renew/replace the MU caravan, so dear to her heart. Further details later.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Oct 4th Wed	10.00am Corporate Communion
Oct 10th Tues	2.30pm Quiet Time. Joyce Grove
Oct 24th Tues	7.30pm Favourite Hymns. Barbara Lines

Christine Davies,

Branch Leader

CHURCH CLEANING

We have been complimented many times on the neatness and general care of the inside of our church. This is thanks to a group of ladies who regularly take turns to clean and dust. Our members are depleted, to maintain our standard we would welcome help which normally means an hour or two once in two months and is not arduous.

CAN YOU HELP?

Further details or offers to Christine Davies -- 831184

BADSEY SIXTY PLUS CLUB.

The outing to Ashorne Hall in September was most successful despite the first very rainy day for several weeks! Members and friends enjoyed an afternoon of music and entertainment with a lovely tea in the interval. On the

journey over our excellent driver took us on a short diversionary route around "Little Warwick" - truly a very happy and pleasant afternoon.

The next meeting is on 4th October. This will be our usual short Harvest Service. A talk, given by Miss Jean Dyke, on her work with the Coronation Street Club for the Disabled will follow. There will also be a special raffle to raise funds for our Parish Church and the Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal. Members are asked to support this afternoon if possible. Friends are also welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The November meeting will be our Annual Open Day when, once again, children from Badsey First School will entertain us. The final collection of the Charity Tubes will also be made at the November meeting.

Toys are still coming in for the MacMillan Centre and the staff at the hospital are most grateful.

Time is now pressing on towards the end of the year when a new Club Leader will be needed. If anyone feels able to take on this interesting and rewarding work I know that many members of the Club will be very happy - and doubly so as there would be no need for the Club to fold. Naturally I will give any help I can to my successor.

Mary Callaghan

BADSEY WI

Members of Badsey WI gathered for a special meeting on September 13th. They were joining the celebrations for the 80th Birthday of Norah Smith.

The President, Mrs Butcher, opened the meeting and conducted the usual business. Names were taken for the Group meeting on October 18th and the Half-Yearly Council Meeting at Pershore on October 31st. The President also thanked those who took part in the County Chairman's Walk, escorting her from Blackminster to Badsey, for a coffee break, and then on to Willersey, where Broadway members escorted her to lunch there. The meeting was reminded that next month was the Annual Meeting and nominations for new Committee members should be handed in.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Hawkesworth, Customer Service Manager at Tesco stores. Aided by slides he told of the rise of Tesco from one small shop in London to become the largest supermarket chain in this country and

in Europe. he explained the logistics of running the Evesham branch, the staff employed and the welfare of customers. He said that if anyone had a complaint, however small, to report it at once but if it concerned the general running of the branch, to put it in writing and hand it in to the Customer Service counter. He then asked for questions and queries and had plenty. As a result of his answers the meeting learned that the revolving doors were the biggest mistake that Tesco had ever made and they were now being replaced in all their stores. With regard to the Club Card he said that 2000 new customers had come to the store as a result but the coupons given away on the scheme were being reviewed. Members learned a great deal about running a supermarket. All present were then offered cheese and biscuits and a glass of wine.

While everyone enjoyed this snack, Mrs Butcher then presented Norah with her 80th Birthday card, also a large brown Teddy Bear. A cake with candles at each corner was carried in and Norah's good health was toasted.

The raffle, the proceeds of which were to go to the County Chairmans Walk Fund to build a new Sports Hall at Denmam College, was a chicken dinner. Just to complete the evening, Norah also won this.

After a short question game, the meeting concluded.

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The Chairman, Mrs Syril, opened the August meeting with the Exhortation. Attendance was very low as many members were on holiday. Correspondence was read, affiliation fees will be increased this year. The Conference will be held at Worcester on 28th October and we are hosts to the Group Meeting next April. The October meeting will be Harvest Festival.

Anne Evans of Evesham gave a very lovely flower arranging demonstration which members enjoyed very much.

The guessing competition How Many Beads on a Necklace was won by Jane Merrick. Refreshments were served.

M. Morcombe

ST. JAMES GUILD OF BADSEY BELLRINGERS

Please come forward and join us, our door is open to new beginners for learning and those who can already ring. Come and help us keep a British tradition without the ringers occasions such as Weddings, Memorials and other occasions will not be able to be covered as well as the Sunday Services.

Quarter Peal 26th August 1995

1260 Changes of Grandsire Doubles on the front six for the 700 Anniversary Flower Festival

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| Treble Steve Bowley | 2. Laura Merris |
| 3. John Bolton | 4. Ian Povey |
| 5. Andrew Middlicott (Conductor) | 6. Justin Phillpott |

Quarter Peal 2nd September 1995

65th Birthday Compliment to Rev. Peter Mitchell

1260 Changes of Grandsire Doubles on the back Evesham six

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| 1. Steve Bowley | 2. Ian Povey |
| 3. Laura Merris | 4. Chris Povey |
| 5. Andrew Middlicott (Conductor) | |

Tenor John Bolton

Rung by 2 representatives from each Badsey, Four Shires and Worcs. & Districts Guild of Change Ringers.

Quarter Peal 8th September 1995 On the occasion of Mr & Mrs A. Bell's Golden Wedding 1260 Changes of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure College Bob Doubles Rung on the Evesham 6

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| 1. Justin Phillpott | 2. Hilary Bolton |
| 3. Laura Merris | 4. John Bolton |
| 5. Andrew Middlicott (Conductor) | |

Tenor Ian Povey

ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

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| Oct rota | 1st Sunday | Mrs P Robbins & Mrs A Smith |
| | | Harvest Festival |
| | 2nd Sunday | Mrs C Davies & Mrs J Ives |
| | 3rd Sunday | Mrs J Gardner & Mrs H Stewart |
| | 4th Sunday | Mrs E Seaman & Mrs M Kyte |

5th Sunday Mrs S Taylor & Mrs B Bennett Ladies, what can I say but congratulations for a wonderful Flower Festival. The Church looked beautiful and the compliments I have received have been overwhelming. It was a huge success, we had visitors from all over. It was a lot of hard work, but I hope you still managed to enjoy it all. Many of the ladies had never been involved in putting on a Festival before and they did very well. They should all be very proud of themselves. Thanks go to everyone involved with the Festival in any way. A special mention to Jean and Jim Ives for providing such a lovely lunch on staging day. It was very much appreciated. Also to Julie Gardner for making the Vicar's birthday cake and Julie and Mary Clarke for preparing the birthday 'tea party'. In all we had a very happy and successful weekend. Even the weather was good to us and not too hot for the flowers. The programmes were excellently printed by A & B Bambury Printers. We made a slight error in the sponsorship list. I apologise to Phil Castle, Sparrow & Co., and E G Smith & Sons for their omission from the list. Finally a special thank you to St James Flower Guild for the beautiful picture they gave me. I will treasure it - a reminder of St James 700th Anniversary.

Hazel Stewart.

The Winners of the Flower Festival Quiz are:

1st Mrs Rosemary Hartwell

2nd Mr Pat Sparrow

The answers are:

1. Yellow Rose; 2. Stock; 3. Common Hop; 4. Clematis; 5. Basil;
6. Bluebell; 7. Scarlet Pimpernel; 8. Astilbe; 9. Perriwinkle;
10. Mother-in-laws Tongue; 11. London's Pride;
12. Mind Your Own Business; 13. Tulips; 14. Catmint;
15. Daffodils; 16. Jacob's Ladder; 17. Penny Royal;
18. Loosestrife; 19. Catkin; 20. Delphinium; 21. Chickweed;
22. Ladies Mantle; 23. Fuchsia; 24. Primrose;
25. Snow in Summer; 26. Verbena; 27. Bay; 28. Golden Rod;
29. Queen Anne's Lace; 30. Forget-me-not.

ODE TO FLOWER ARRANGERS by Mary Kyte.

In 1992 a note appeared in the Parish Review;
Would you like to learn to arrange a flower,
it will only take the odd half hour.
On Floral Art I had little idea
and the meeting place was quite near.
A bunch of flowers and a single vase
"No problem" I thought, I will join the Class.
To Hazel Stewart I gave my name
then sat back and waited, but not in vain.
My husband said "You must be mad,
all the flowers you arrange look so sad".
The classes started, I made new friends,
but where on earth is it going to end?
Hazel forgot to say, that eventually will come the day
when flower arranging will get a hold,
you must enter Shows and "Go for Gold".
She did not say you will need a shed,
buckets and pails as high as your head,
pots and pans and bits of wood,
"don't throw it away it looks too good".
Visit all the Charity shops you know
there may be a bargain you cannot let go!
There must be a limit that one can keep
mine is now in one great heap.
The trees in the garden look like shrubs
in a couple of years there will only be stubs.
"Bring some foliage" the cry goes out
and friends around say "Help yourself, there's plenty there"
little knowing theirs will soon be bare.
Flower Shows and Festivals come and go
and as the years go by I begin to slow,
but we must keep it up for Hazel's sake
and Pauline's with her tea and cake!
and so dear Hazel accept our best wishes
We know "doing flowers" is better than "doing dishes"!

REPORT OF WICKHAMFORD PCC MEETING - SEPTEMBER 13th

The proposals for parish reorganisation following the retirement of the Vicar in January were thoroughly discussed with the Archdeacon at our last PCC Meeting in July. A letter was sent by the Churchwardens to the Diocesan Pastoral Committee expressing our concerns, but acceptance in principle. Unfortunately there are fewer Clergy available due to the drop in candidates for ordination. It is, therefore, necessary to group more parishes together to maintain a clerical presence. Under the proposals, Badsey will be grouped with Offenham and Bretforton, while Wickhamford will be administered by Broadway. The historical link with Badsey Church will therefore be broken and new arrangements will have to be made for joint ventures, such as this magazine. If there are no strong objections, we should know what has been decided in the near future. It was proposed that the Vicar of Broadway, the Canon Peter Burch and his wife should be invited to the Harvest Supper on October 11th if these proposals are confirmed by then.

Mrs Collis reported on a special meeting of the Deanery Synod called to discuss increased funding needed to employ staff in new positions in the Diocese. There was a strong feeling from all the Parishes that it was hard enough to raise the money for our present quota which had been increased by 17½% anyway.

A very creditable £696.42p had been raised in 10 sessions of Cream Teas, a very valuable contribution to our finances.

The Wickhamford Play Area Association have produced a tea towel depicting buildings and scenes in Wickhamford and asked if the Church could help to promote it. It was agreed to display a poster on the notice board.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has been invited to a gathering of representatives of all Churches in the Worcester Diocese at the Three Counties Show Ground on October 18th. This is to be the climax of a year of celebration for the life of Bishop Wulfstan of Worcester.

The Vicar praised the organisation of the Confirmation Service at Worcester Cathedral when 3 of our parishioners, including Ken Maden, our Churchwarden, were confirmed by the Bishop.

G.P.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Thirty-eight members attended this month's meeting at the Memorial Hall on Sept. 6th. The meeting was the occasion of our annual Harvest Festival at which we raise a little money for the club to defray expenses at our social events. Almost without exception members arrived bearing gifts of home produced fruit, vegetables, jams and chutney etc: and soon the stage took on the appearance of a large market stall.

Our speaker for the month was Mr Dave Bayley, from BBC Hereford and Worcester who kept us very amused with many stories of his life as a broadcaster and at the same time gave much interesting information on the daily routine and working of such a large radio organisation. At the end of his scheduled talk he received an excellent vote of thanks from Mr 'Charlie' Nicholls, and then put on his other hat to become our impromptu auctioneer. He lost no time in starting the sale of all the "goodies", and much of the bidding was enthusiastic and competitive. When all the goods were gone we had collected quite a goodly sum for which we are very grateful. After the sale tea and biscuits were served and our usual raffle was drawn and the somewhat extended afternoon came to a successful and happy close. Next month Mr Davies from St Richard's Hospice is coming to tell us about the great care and kindness to be found in that and other similar organisations.

D.S.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Club members gathered at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 23rd August, for "A Night Out with Your Committee" and were highly delighted to be taken from there to "Robin Cottage" garden, owned by Mr D Hadley, who had very kindly invited them and had arranged the whole evening's programme. Members strolled around the large garden to see many interesting features. A competition was also held with clues along the way, which kept everyone alert, as they passed by beautiful statues, specimen trees, ponds and pools, not to mention the water fountains, which were illuminated after dark.

Afterwards hot dogs and cider were soon polished off amidst chatter and laughter and everyone agreed that they

had had a wonderful time. Later Mrs B Astley, President, thanked Mr D Hadley for a very splendid evening indeed.

The competition for Three Rose Stems was won by Ms Jean Dyke, with Mrs A Spiers and Mrs Watts second and third.

The Annual Show, plus a talk on Lupins, to be given by Woodfield Bros., Stratford-upon-Avon, will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 27 September, at the Memorial Hall, when all will be most welcome.

R E Stringer (Mrs)

WICKHAMFORD HARVEST SUPPER

WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER - 7.30 for 8.00pm start
at WICKHAMFORD MEMORIAL HALL

Come and enjoy a Village event and three course meal
(Soup and Bread Roll

Cold Meat Salad and Jacket Potato

Homemade Apple Pie and Ice Cream

Cider, Appletise or Soft Drinks)

all included in the modest price of £1.50

Tickets available from Mrs A Poulter (830505)

We look forward to seeing you there

CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

A queue of men were waiting at the Pearly gates under a sign which said, "For Men who have been dominated by their Wives" The queue extended as far as the eye could see. Next to it was another sign which said, "For Men who have never been dominated by their wives"" Just one man was standing underneath it. St Peter came over and asked him, "Why are you standing there?" The man replied, "I don't really know, my wife told me to!"

A young curate visited an elderly lady in the parish on her 99th birthday. Afterwards, as he was leaving, he said, "I will hope to see you again on your 100th birthday" The elderly lady looked at him carefully, and then said, "I can't see any reason why you shouldn't young man, you look perfectly healthy to me.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD
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WICKHAMFORD W. I.

The September meeting was opened the Minutes of the July Meeting were read and apologies given.

Our President gave us the sad news that one of our members Jenny Brown had passed away and a Minutes silence was held in her memory. Our thoughts are with her family.

There was a lot of news to catch up on since the last meeting in July. All those members and friends who went on the visit to Chatsworth in August had a super day in excellent surroundings.

Some members attended the Badsey Group Meeting where they were made very welcome and thoroughly enjoyed the guest speaker who had been housekeeper to King Khalad of Saudi Arabia and who had many interesting anecdotes to relate.

A few of our members were able to walk with County Chairman Freda Davies on Tuesday during her promotional tour when she walked from Childswickham to Wickhamford and then on to Pershore and beyond the following day. Janet Peters kindly gave Freda home hospitality for the night and held open house for members during the evening.

It was agreed by the Committee that the Christmas meal this year will be on 6th December (write it in your diaries now!) - venue to be decided.

Our September guest speaker was Mr. Rice, Group Four Marketing Manager, who gave us a bit of background to the Company itself and explained how and why they had decided to sponsor one of the yachts in the Round the World Yacht Race (1993/4). The Company of course is an international one operating in thirty six countries and sponsoring a yacht in this particular race gives them plenty of publicity throughout the world. Especially as the yacht was the first one home into Southampton, although Nuclear Electric won overall by one and a half hours!!

There were ten yachts competing, with thirteen in each crew plus a skipper. It cost each volunteer £12,000 to take part (so if you're interested start saving now for the 1996 race)

The skipper of the Group 4 yacht has since sailed the same yacht around the world single handed and broken Chay Blyth's record by 100 days.

Talking of Chay Blyth Mr. Rice was amazed to learn that one of our members Sheenah Bevan helped to train Chay Blyth's crew to both sail and row prior to the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race in 1973. In fact he mentioned that he would be seeing Chay next week and would tell him of our Wickhamford Postmistress's claim to fame.

A vote of thanks was given by Pat Bell and we all settled down to enjoy some very tasty morsels prepared by Diane Maden, Wendy Collett and Sue Bearcroft. It was nice to see everyone again after the summer break - the next meeting will be on 12th October when our guest speaker will be Pam Westwood on 'Boning a Pheasant'.

Pam Jenkins

The above report was received too late to be included in the main magazine.