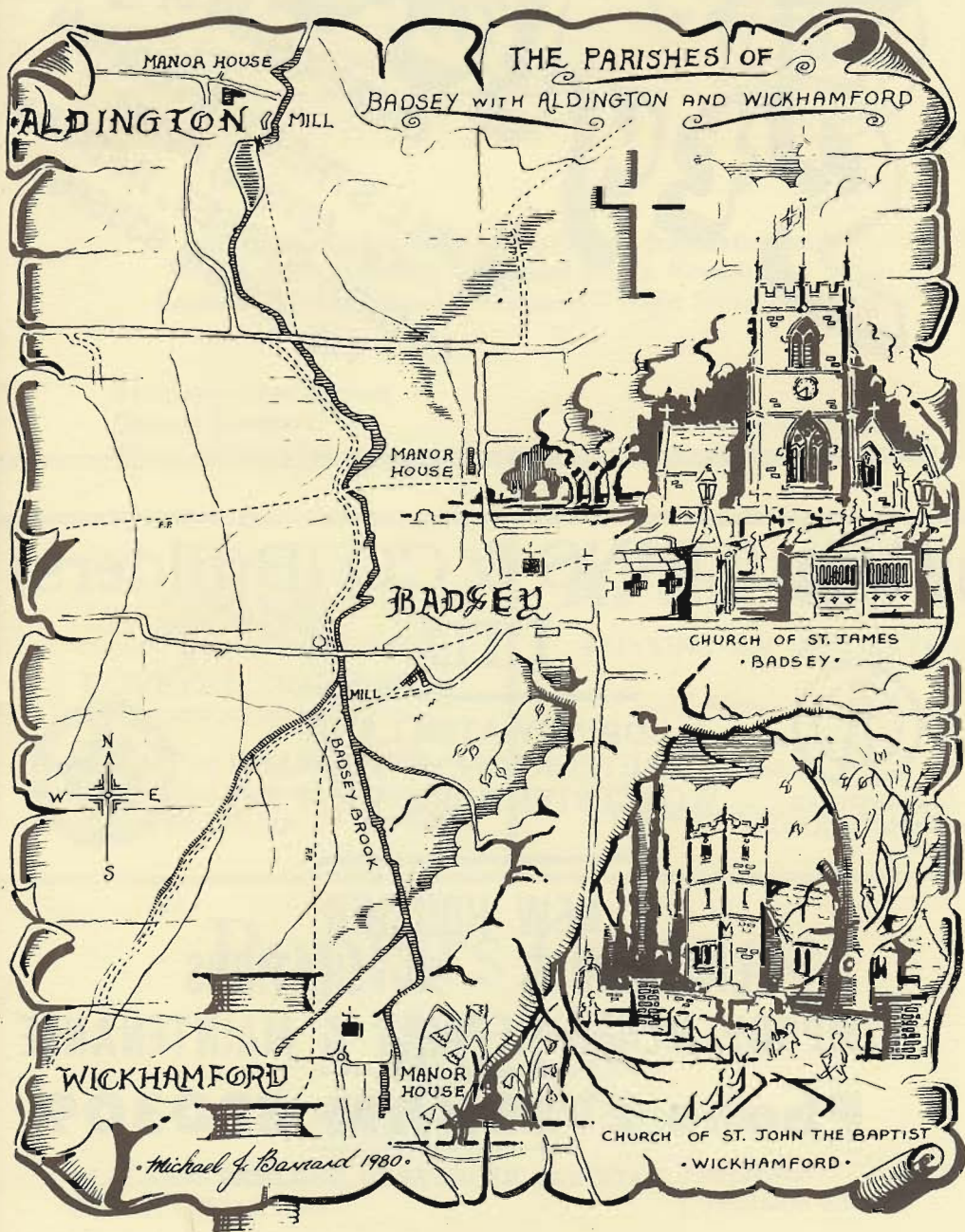


# PARISH REVIEW

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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

January, 1996

My dear Friends,

It is with very mixed feelings I begin this letter to you. First Pat and I would like to thank all those who have very kindly wished us a long and happy retirement. We are very much looking forward to spending more time together free from the rigours and pressures of parish life, the deanery and the diocese, none of which get any less. At the same time we shall be very sorry indeed to say goodbye to our very dear friends in both parishes who have worked so hard for their churches during the fifteen years we have been privileged to serve you in Badsey with Aldington and Wickhamford. We have enjoyed some very happy times together and had a lot of fun, and we have been led and guided through the sad occasions too. We feel we have been richly blessed and that much has been accomplished for the Lord. We thank Him and we thank you for this. We remember with much gratitude those whose devoted love and service has so rewardingly sustained the life of the churches through some challenging years and we shall always have the greatest affection for the churches themselves.

I would like to share with you some words of the apostle St Paul which come from his letter to the Philippians, one of the most affectionate of all his epistles.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Christ. It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more with knowledge and discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Phil.1. vv 3 - 11)

Once again Pat and I thank you for your many kindnesses, friendship and inspiration over the years. May God's richest blessings be with you now and always.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,  
Peter Mitchell

**ST JAMES' CHURCH, BADSEY**  
**CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY 1996**

7 Jan	11.00am Sung Eucharist NT Rdg Ephesians 2.1-11	6.30pm Evensong OT Rdg 1 Sam.16.1-13a NT Rdg Matt.3
14 Jan	8.00am Holy Communion NT Rdg Gal.1.11-end	6.30pm Evensong OT Rdg Jeremiah 1.4-end NT Rdg Luke 5.1-11
21 Jan	11.00am Sung Eucharist NT Rdg Phil.4.10-20	6.30pm Evensong OT Rdg Exodus 33.7-end NT Rdg John 2.1-11

28 Jan 8.00am Holy Communion  
NT Rdg Hebrews  
12.18-end

6.30pm Sung Eucharist  
as for the 8.00am  
Service

February (to be confirmed)

4 Feb 11.00am Sung Eucharist  
NT Rdg 1 Cor.2.1-10

6.30pm Evensong  
OT Rdg Isaiah 30.8-21  
NT Rdg Matt.4.23-5.12

11 Feb 8.00am Holy Communion  
NT Rdg 2 Cor.12.1-10

6.30pm Evensong  
OT Rdg 2 Kings 20  
NT Rdg Mark 5.1-20

**MID WEEK COMMUNIONS:** 10.00am every Wednesday  
during January except 3rd.  
February - to be announced.

**ST JAMES' BADSEY SUNDAY CLUB'**

10.30am - every Sunday  
during Term Time at Badsey Playgroup

**SUNDAY THEMES:**

Sundays after the Epiphany: Revelation:  
7 Jan The Baptism of Jesus; 14 Jan The First Disciples;  
21 Jan Signs of Glory; 28 Jan The New Temple  
Sundays before Easter: 4 Feb Christ the Teacher;  
11 Feb Christ the Healer.

Details of Church Services, etc for St John the Baptist  
Wickhamford appear later in this Parish Review after the Joint  
Notice concerning the Preparation of New Church Electoral Rolls

## PARISH REGISTERS - BADSEY

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

3 Dec Rebekah Anne Skitt Youd and  
John Joseph Skitt Youd of 2, Depot Cottages,  
Engine Common Lane, Yate, Bristol

### DONATIONS

Anonymously, towards the upkeep of the Churchyard  
- £10

### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

11 Jan 1996 Badsey PCC, Badsey Church - 7.30pm

15 Jan 1996 Guild of St James' Badsey Change Ringers AGM  
Badsey Church - 7pm

LATEST DATE FOR COPY FOR FEBRUARY ISSUE of the  
Parish Review: Wednesday, 17th January, 1996

### JOINT NOTICES

#### PARISH REVIEW

Just a reminder that subscriptions for the Parish Review for 1996 are due in January. and that new subscribers are always welcome. The price for 1996 will remain unchanged at 30p a copy or £3.60 for a year's subscription. Sincere apologies are due to Mrs Muriel Williams for publishing her name incorrectly in last months's Review

## PARISH REVIEW - NEW DISTRIBUTORS

Two new distributors are urgently needed in Badsey to take over from Mrs Muriel Williams (9 subscribers) and Mr and Mrs David and Yvonne Haines (10 subscribers) in the centre of the village. Anyone willing to help please contact either Miss Jean Dyke, "Inglenook" 32, Willersey Road, Badsey, Tel: 830714 or the Vicarage as soon as possible.

## CHURCH ARMY BOXES

Just a reminder that Church Army Collection Boxes should be given to the Vicar as soon as possible please.

## GUILD OF ST JAMES' BADSEY, CHANGE RINGERS AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild of St James' Badsey, Change Ringers, will take place on Monday, 15th January, 1996 in Badsey Church at 7pm

## PREPARATION OF NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS IN 1996

Please see Special Joint Notice later in this Parish Review.

## MOTHERS UNION

On 28th November 22 Members attended our A.G.M. Our Branch Leader, Christine Davies gave her first annual report. She thanked our previous leader Esme Seaman and her committee for their hard work and the support they had given to the new committee. She remembered her own commissioning in March. Christine went on to report some of the events our members had been part of in 1995. There was the Malvern Fayre to raise cash

for the "away from it all" caravan in memory of Francis Samuel. Members maintain a link with families who have had a child baptised at St. James' Church delivering a card to the children on the anniversary of their baptism. Christine said our members took a full part in church life, including singing in the choir, cleaning, flower arranging, running Sunday School, and youth organisations. We give each bride married at St. James' a New Testament. We remember our members overseas and in September we met together for our Wave of Prayer where we especially remembered our linked branches and their members. We celebrated with the following members their special anniversaries. Emerald, Kathy and Gordon Mallard. Golden for Doreen and Bill Moore, Joan and Fred Betteridge, and Daphne and Arthur Bell. Ruby for Betty and Richard Bowles and Jean and Jim Ives. A total of 285 years of married life.

Sue Cole (Secretary) reported that we have 34 members including 3 members of the Indoor Members Prayer Circle. We were saddened by the death of Mrs Doris Sparrow our most senior member. We welcome Mrs Anthea Smith who was enrolled in February. We have had 13 meetings with a variety of speakers, some told us about the five objects of the Mothers Union. others were from charities. Hilary Bolton told us about bell ringing and we have our own speakers Rev. Peter Mitchell, Mr John Callaghan, Mrs Daphne Bell and Mrs Barbara Lines. We are so lucky to have our own choir. They sang at John's Jamboree Concert, the Carols and Readings afternoon and the church's own Carol Service. We must thank their leader Mrs Doreen Moore and accompanist Mrs Marlene Atkinson.

We have a full programme booked for 1996 (a copy will be found in the church porch). We look forward to seeing our membership grow. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. Further details can be obtained from Sue Cole 831260.

Our Carols and Readings afternoon took place on the 12th December, we welcomed members, their husbands, Mrs Donna Crook (Deanery Leader) and members from other branches. Members chose their own readings, we had a varied selection, we sang carols that seemed to fit well with these readings and our choir sang beautifully. The committee served a lovely afternoon tea. An excellent time was had by all.

WE WISH OUR MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND ALL READERS OF THIS MAGAZINE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

### FUTURE DATES

9th Jan 2.30pm

Ingrid Chesnutt

Matters of Social Concern

10th Jan 10.00am

Corporate Communion

24th Jan 7 for 7.30pm Party Evening

Tickets from Mrs Joyce Watkin as soon as possible so we can confirm final numbers.

Please bring prizes for raffle on the night.

Sue Cole (Secretary)

### BADSEY W.I.

Members and visitors to our December meeting were given a warm greeting and a glass of punch. Tables had festive red cloths and members own decorated candles, and a Christmas tree was surrounded with gifts for Durcott Lodge residents. Business was dealt with as swiftly as possible after the singing of Jerusalem. Mrs Joan Butcher was presented with the new look WI book beautifully inscribed, and a pot plant, as a tribute to her work as President over the past three years. Audrey Hermolle was congratulated on her commendation in the County Newsletter for her work on a picture framing course at Denham College.

Mrs E Seaman was presented with the Mastermind Cup. A beautiful orchid corsage was given to Miss Nora Smith for her generosity in providing the buffet supper. A letter of thanks from Sandra Sparrow, was read, thanking members for the flowers, cards and kind support after her recent operation.

Members heartily agreed that the outing and lunch at Cheltenham Race course was one of the years highlights, and members who went on the Xmas shopping trip to Cardiff enjoyed



it, but found the journey rather long. There was a special Raffle with three excellent prizes which were won by Mrs Queenie Sharp, Mrs Judy Sparrow and Mrs Sheila Knight, who said it had taken her 46 years as a member to win a raffle!

After the delicious refreshments, Mr Paul Maguire conducted one of his well known Musical Quizzes, amid, as usual some excitement, and a lot of good-humoured argument and laughter. The meeting ended with carols, sung by candlelight, and so a memorable evening, and year, drew to a close.

14th February 1996 is our next meeting. Bring a friend.

E. Seaman

### SIXTY PLUS CLUB

Despite the very cold weather our December meeting was well attended and, although it will be the last meeting of the present Club, I am sure it will be long remembered. It was, of course, our Christmas Party and so many people did so much to make it enjoyable for those who were able to attend.

As usual the afternoon began with the notices and distribution of Birthday tokens. It was hard to realise that this was for the last time! The final amount raised by our appeal for the MacMillan Unit was announced. This was a further £200. This meant that, with the amount already donated to the Palliative Care Unit at Avonside, we had been able to hand over £600 during 1995. This is a truly splendid effort by all concerned.

A flower arrangement was given to Christine as a small "thank you" for the many years in which she had made for us, and given to us, a series of beautiful Christmas Cakes. We also sent a posy to Mrs. Mary Dore to wish her a speedy recovery and to thank her for her help and kindness over the years.

A beautiful gold chain and a lovely bouquet were given to me while John received a cut glass tumbler and a bottle of whisky. These were gifts from other members of Club to whom we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation - not only for the gifts but also for the kind wishes which we know accompanied them.

The entertainment began with Mr. Brian Weston who came to us as a "Country Yokel". He kept us amused with some hilarious stories and jokes which were obviously appreciated by his audience. This set the tone for the afternoon - a happy gathering with fun and good humour shared by everyone. The Brownies were next to appear and presented us with a medley of songs. Samantha Ridgers, who helps with the Brownies, played, the flute in a most accomplished manner. The Brownies then went round and gave each member of the Club a packet of sweets. These, and the presentation cones in which they were distributed, were entirely home made.

Later the Guides arrived and gave each member a hand made Christmas Card before helping Josie and Roe serve the lovely buffet tea with trifle, mince pies, and the Christmas cake. Mary's daughter had prepared the tea. We extend our grateful thanks to all including; Brown and Tawny Owls, Liz and Sue and Guide Leader Elizabeth for making the afternoon so happy and enjoyable.

Since the official closing of the Club there was, of course, one extra visit. This was on Wednesday, 13th December and, although not all our members were able to participate, the thirty one who did had a wonderful outing to Ashorne Hall. The programme was an afternoon of Christmas music with an excellent tea and cabaret. This really did set the tone for Christmas!

There are so many "thank you's" I should make in my final letter - my Committee for being so hard working and supportive; the members for turning up regularly during the years - whatever the weather! and finally the Royal British Legion for allowing us the use of the big room and the kitchen over the years with Wally, the steward, who has always been most helpful. We have had lots of wonderful times together and it is with real sadness that the Club has to close. I expect I shall see you in the village from time to time; but please let me know any news you think may be of interest to me having got to know you over the years.

John joins me in wishing you all a very happy new year.

Mary Callaghan

## BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

The November meeting was held at Legion Headquarters. Mrs Westmacott, the Chairman, opened the meeting with the Exhortation. Apologies were received, and the minutes read and approved. Mrs Reeves and Mrs Newbury attended the County Conference as delegates. They read out their report. Mrs Westmacott and Mrs Grinnell also attended as visitors. The Chairman thanked all members who attended the Remembrance Parade also those who attended the Royal Albert Hall. After refreshments were served the Secretary, Val Taylor, introduced Mr Derrick Copeland who gave a very interesting talk about his life in the Prison Service. He told us several humorous stories. We enjoyed his talk so much we hope he will come again. The monthly competition was won by Mrs Bet Hurman and the draw by Betty Westmacott and Derrick Copeland. It was a very enjoyable evening.

M. Morcombe

## BADSEY FLOWER SHOW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 1996

8.15pm AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This meeting is open to all and we would especially welcome new members/helpers. Yes, it is hard work but we also have lots of fun. Remember this is your village show, an event to be proud of. Please help us to keep it going by lending your support.

### SPECIAL JOINT NOTICE

#### Preparation of New Church Electoral Rolls in 1996

The preparation of New Church Electoral Rolls is required to take place in each parish prior to the AGMs held in 1996. The

preparation of the new Church Electoral Roll for Wickhamford will take place on Tuesday, 20th February and for Badsey on a date yet to be announced. New application forms will be sent to those whose names are included on the present Church Electoral Roll of each parish. They will also be available from the Church Electoral Roll Officers, Mrs P.M. Baker of 57, Pitchers Hill in Wickhamford and Mrs Joan Betteridge, of "Byways", 6, Chapel Street, Badsey, and in each church.

Completed forms should be returned to the Church Electoral Roll Officers as soon as possible, but not later than Friday 16th February in Wickhamford and in Badsey, by a date yet to be announced. The new rolls will be published at least 14 days prior to each Annual Meeting.

Any person is entitled to be on the Church Electoral Roll of a parish if they -

- (i) are baptised and aged 16 or over;
  - (ii) have signed a form of application for enrolment; and EITHER
  - (iii) are members of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish, or not being resident in the parish, having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment;
- OR
- (iv) are members in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves to be also members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

Under Synodical Government the Church Electoral Roll is important as it constitutes the voting base of the Church of England. It determines the number of Lay Representatives at Deanery, Diocesan and General Synod level and may be used in calculating the Quota allocation of a parish. It is also used when determining the number of full time clergy throughout the Dioceses

and within a Diocese. It may also be used when considering any local pastoral reorganisation of churches and parishes.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD**  
**Church Services - January 1996**

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14 Jan	9.30am	The Eucharist NT Rdg Gal.1.11-end
21 Jan	9.30am	The Eucharist NT Rdg Phil.4.-20
28 Jan	10.30am	Matins OT Rdg 1 Samuel 21.1-6 NT Rdg Matt.12.1-21

February (to be confirmed)

4 Feb	9.30am	The Eucharist NT Rdg 1 Cor. 2.1-10
11 Feb	9.30am	The Eucharist NT Rdg 2 Cor. 12.1-10

**SUNDAY THEMES** - as for Badsey

**PARISH REGISTERS - WICKHAMFORD**

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

6 Dec	Muriel Gladys Harrison of 16A, Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford, aged 76 years (at Wickhamford)
15 Dec	Maryan Beacon of Woodlands Rest Home, previously of 11, Sally Close, Wickhamford, aged 77 years (at Cheltenham)

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES

10 Jan      Wickhamford PCC, Memorial Hall  
                 - 7.30pm

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### WICKHAMFORD PARISH CHURCH

There will be a presentation evening on Wednesday 7th February 1996 at 7.30pm at Wickhamford Memorial Hall.

The presentation will be to the Rev. Peter Mitchell and his wife Pat. Peter has been the Vicar at St John the Baptist church for the past fifteen years.

A cordial invitation is extended to all those who would like to come and enjoy a 'bite to eat' and wish Peter and Pat every happiness in their retirement.

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

A Social Evening held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 22nd November, rounded off, yet, another successful 1995 programme of events.

After a generous spread of mouthwatering festive food and wine, entertainment was provided by Mr David Ward with his guitar, who soon had the audience singing all of their favourite songs. A very pleasant evening was shared by all.

Mrs Astley, President, congratulated Mrs Watts on being the overall winner of the Club's monthly competitions and presented her with the Mrs W.C. Astley Rose-Bowl for her achievements.

The Gardening Club will remain dormant during December. It's new programme will begin on Wednesday 24th January, in the Wickhamford Memorial Hall at 7.30p.m., when it is hoped that all will come to see the R.H.S. Video entitled 'Autumn'. The competition will be 'Any Pot Plant'.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)

### WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our meeting on Wed: Dec 6th started a little later than usual and forty members attended our annual Christmas dinner and get together. The meeting started with a welcome from our Secretary and a mention of general items of interest. Buttonholes for this month were presented to Mrs Kitcher, (on her birthday), Mrs Hearne, Mrs Nichols, Mrs Sutton and Mr Chamberlain.

The meal this year was prepared by the same team of ladies who seem to do the honours year after year, and although it is a jolly, fun filled affair, it was nice to see a couple of extra helpers to take the place of others, who because of age, or some other reasons were no longer available. As a change this year we had a cold meal with ham, tongue and salad with jacket potatoes, which was preceded by delicious home-made soup and followed by, again home-made, apple pie and custard, all rounded off with a cup of tea. After the meal the raffle was called, and nobody knew exactly what gift they were choosing because everything was wrapped in Christmas paper, but all gifts were disposed of including the pretty table decorations.

When the tables were cleared and stored, and the mountain of washing-up finished, we were entertained on the organ by Mrs Lippett from Bretforton, who played for us some of the good old music of our younger days, and although we had more enthusiasm than breath, we all enjoyed joining in the choruses.

After coffee and mince pies had been served the evening came to a close and we all departed having had a very enjoyable party.

Our next meeting will be on Wed: Jan 3rd, and to all Wickhamford residents who have reached the age of 50, we do urge you to come along to enrol for the next year. If you would enjoy, once a month, a good old natter with pleasant company, an interesting talk on some specialised subject, or some musical entertainment, or maybe a coach outing, you will be most welcome, and maybe you too could contribute some special expertise associated with your hobby or your work which would be of great interest to others. We look forward to your company.

D. S.

### WICKHAMFORD W.I.

Members were welcomed to the December meeting with a nice warm glass of mulled wine. Jerusalem was sung. A minutes silence was held in memory of Muriel Harrison, a long standing member who recently died. We all have fond memories of Muriel and she will be greatly missed. The business was dealt with quickly and as it was Members Night the meeting was handed over to Sheenah Beavan who had arranged our guest speaker Mr Mills to tell us about the Worcestershire dialect. Some members understood what yum and yam meant, and we all agreed Mr Mills was very entertaining. Lots to eat and sherry to drink made hand coordination and brain teaser games very hard. To finish the evening carols were sung in candle light to get us into the Christmas mood.

Wickhamford W.I. wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.