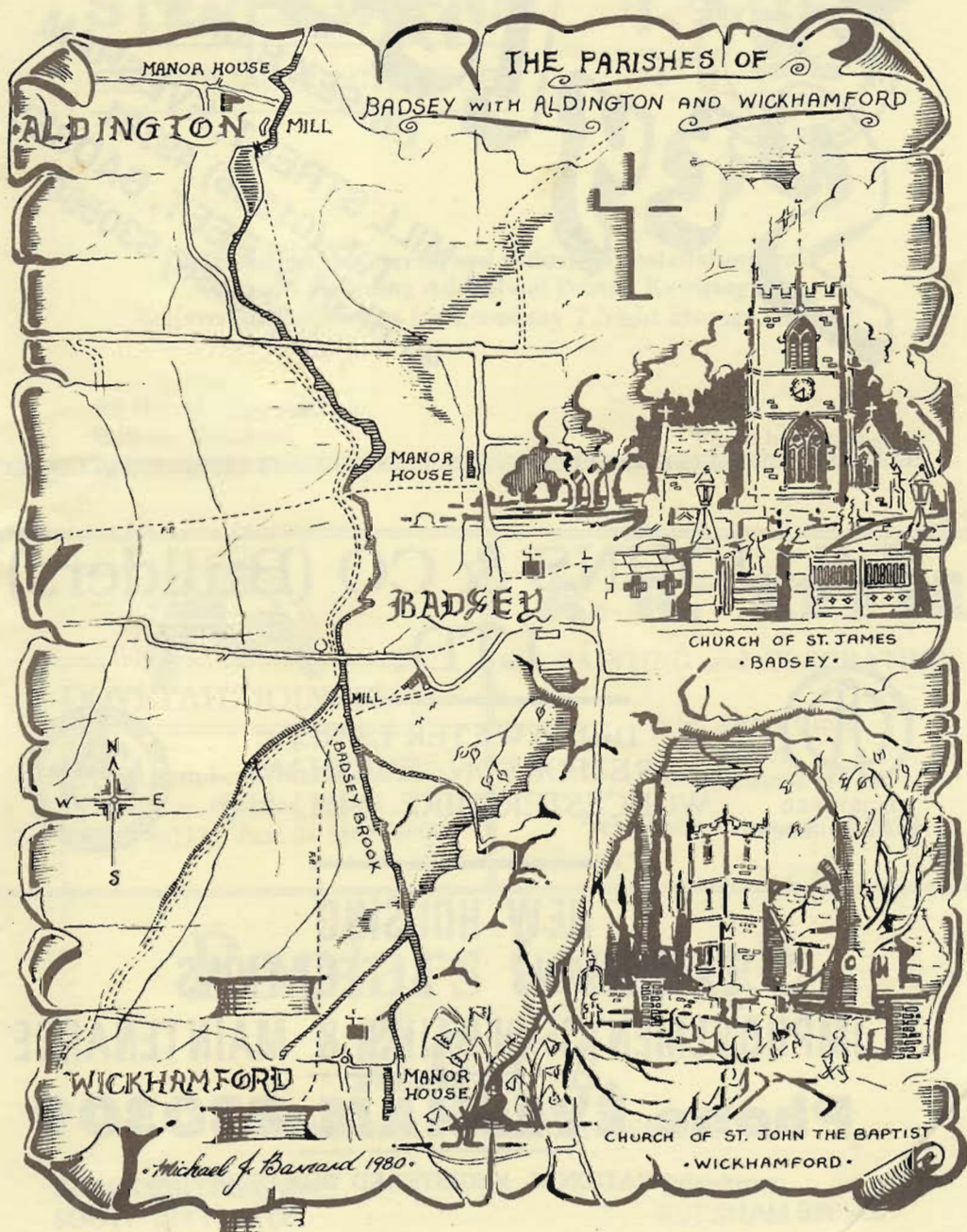


PARISH REVIEW

MARCH 1996



The Parish of Badsey with Aldington.

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My Dear Friends,

I am pleased to have this opportunity of writing to the people of Badsey in "Parish Review"; and, especially, to thank you for the warm welcome my wife, Jane, and I have received from your Churchwardens and many people on our first Sunday with you.

It will be very strange at first for you to see a different person taking services in your Church after having had the Rev: Peter Mitchell as your Vicar for the past fifteen years.

Your Vicar has now retired; and he and his wife, Pat, have now moved into their new home. You have had your farewell services; and we all wish them both a long, happy and healthy time of retirement.

When I retired and came to live in Evesham it was your Vicar, who was then Chapter Clerk, who kindly wrote and welcomed me to attend the monthly meetings of the Evesham Chapter of Clergy.

I believe that an inter-regnum; the time between one Vicar leaving the parish and the next one arriving; provides a unique opportunity of growth in a parish. The Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council assume full responsibility for the life of the parish; and I, as a retired parish priest, am enabled to fulfil my priestly ministry, that is, taking services and visiting people in need, without having any responsibility for the routine business of the parish.

My wife and I simply ask that you will accept us both as members of your family - the family of the Church of St. James', Badsey - during this time of inter-regnum.

May God bless you all.

Your servant for Christ's sake,
ERIC WATERHOUSE.

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH, 1996.

MARCH:

3rd: 11.00 a.m. Family Eucharist 6.30 p.m. Evensong
NT Rdg: 1 John 3; 1-10 OT Rdg: 2 Kings 6; 8-23
NT Rdg: Luke 19; 41-20; 8

10th: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong
NT Rdg: 1 Peter 2; 19-end OT Rdg: Isaiah 59; 9-20
NT Rdg: Colos 1; 24 - 2; 7

17th: MOTHERING SUNDAY

11.00 a.m. Family Service 6.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist
NT Rdg: 2 Peter 1; 16-19

24th: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong
NT Rdg: Hebrews 9; 11-14 OT Rdg: Isaiah 63; 1-16
NT Rdg: John 12; 20-36a

31st: PALM SUNDAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
NT Rdg: 1 Corin 1; 18-25 OT Rdg: Isaiah 5; 1-7
NT Rdg: Mark 12; 1-12

APRIL

3rd: 10.00 a.m. Wednesday - Mid Week Communion

4th: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist NT Rdg: 1 Corin 11; 23-29

5th: GOOD FRIDAY

2 - 3 p.m. The Devotional Hour.

7th: EASTER DAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
NT Rdg: Colos 3; 1-11 NT Rdg: Colos 3; 1-11
6.30 p.m. Evensong
OT Rdg: Exodus 14; 5-end
NT Rdg: John 20; 11-23

SUNDAY THEMES:

Sundays in Lent : The King and the Kingdom.

3rd Mar: (2) Conflict: 10th Mar: (3) Suffering:

17th Mar: (4 and Mothering Sunday) Transfiguration.

24th Mar: (5) The Victory of the Cross: 31st Mar (6 and Palm Sunday) The Way of the Cross. 7th April Easter Day Resurrection.

PARISH REVIEW.

Thank you to Jack Marshall and Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop who have kindly taken over as distributors of the Review.

APRIL ISSUE Copy to Mr. J. Callaghan, 7, School Lane, Badsey. No later than Saturday, 16th March, please.

PARISH REGISTERS.

FUNERALS:

2nd Feb: DORIS SMITH of Bretforton Road, Badsey. Aged 92 (at Badsey and Cheltenham).

7th Feb: NANCY GERTRUDE PORTMAN of Stone Cottage, Aldington. Aged 82. (at Badsey)

10th Feb: ANTHONY JESSE BRAZIER of 32, Badsey Fields Lane, Badsey. Aged 67. (at Badsey and Cheltenham)

DONATIONS.

In memory of the late Mrs. Nancy Gertrude Portman £49.93 towards church funds. (Collected at funeral.)

In memory of the late Mr. Anthony Jesse Brazier £258.56 towards the British Diabetic Association. (Collected at funeral.)

ST. JAMES' GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1996.

Half muffled in thanksgiving for the life of Beth Jones who was a great supporter of Badsey Bells and bellringers. 30 minutes of Call Changes were rung by the Sunday Service Band in the evening on the day of her funeral.

Sunday, 28th January, 1996

Following the presentation to the Reverend Peter Mitchell and his wife Pat which took place after evening Sung Eucharist, a

representative band from the Sunday Service ringers rang 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles conducted by Hilary Bolton as a farewell compliment for a long and happy retirement.

Treble	Justin Philpott	4th	Steve Bowley
2nd	Hilary Bolton	5th	Andrew Middlicott
3rd	John Bolton	6th	Vicky Cain

For a great many of his 15 years as Vicar Peter has also been Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary to the St. James' Guild. We are very grateful for all he has done supporting and encouraging us; and for all the paper work involved in keeping the Guild together. Roger Clarke has now taken on the duties of Chairman and Treasurer with the Secretarial duties going to Hilary Bolton who will remain as Ringing Master and Correspondent. John Bolton will still be Tower Captain and Steeple Keeper. We welcome two new adult learners to the Band who seem to be enjoying themselves as well as helping to keep a British Art Form alive. We thank them for coming forward to join us.

On Saturday 10th February, 1996 the funeral service for Tony Brazier took place in Badsey Church. Chris Povey, Tower Captain of the Bell Tower, Evesham, gave a great and fitting account of Tony's ringing career. Dedicated to the last, as President of the Four Shires Guild of Bellringers and a previous Tower Captain at Badsey; he had taught a great number of people to ring and appreciate the art of Church and Handbell ringing.

Prior to the service the bells were available to the many ringers who had travelled from far and wide to pay their respects; followed by Clint Evans who tolled the Tenor Bell. After the service a representative band from the Four Shires Guild successfully rang a half muffled quarter peal of 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples conducted by John Nicholls. The ringers were as follows :-

Treble	Viv Barnes	Hinton-on-the-Green
2nd	Len Mills	Hampton
3rd	Bill Newman	Hinton-on-the-Green
4th	Murry Newbury	Childswickham
5th	Clint Evans	Badsey
6th	John Smart	Evesham Deputy Captain
7th	John Nicholls	Chipping Campden
Tenor	John Bolton	Badsey Tower Captain

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION.

The Chairman, Mrs. Westmacott, opened the January meeting with the Exhortation; a new member was welcomed. The monthly news letter was read and discussed. This is the 75th year of the Royal British Legion and many fund raising events will take place across the country.

Mrs. Reeves took names for the War Memorial Church flowers.

A game of Bingo was organized for our entertainment; Jane Merrick did the calling. The monthly competition was won by Mrs. Syril. The draw won by Joan Keitley, Muriel Morcombe and Jane Merrick.

Forty two members attended our Annual Dinner which was held at Legion Headquarters. A lovely hot meal was served by Daws outside caterers. Mrs. Dizzie Moore, County Chairman, was guest of honour. She presented Mrs. Syril with her Vice President's Badge and also presented Muriel Morcombe with the Phylis Sears' Rose Bowl for most points through the year; and Betty Westmacott with the Pat Lloyd trophy for runner up. Nina Lippett played the organ for our entertainment. It was a very enjoyable evening.

M. MORCOMBE.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

In order to raise the last instalment of the cost of training our nurse in Nazareth we are joining with the Mothers' Union for an afternoon and evening of fund raising.

The Mothers' Union intend to use their share of the 'takings' to purchase New Testaments for presentation to brides who marry in Badsey Church.

On 29th March at 45, Brewer's Lane; at 2,30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m., we will serve coffee / tea with cakes / cream scones.

There will be stalls (cakes, preserves etc.), Bring and Buy and a raffle. Tickets £1.00: Please support us by buying a ticket - and coming.

J.IVES.

MOTHERS' UNION.

A party at the Remembrance Hall took the place of our evening meeting last month when we were pleased to be joined by our

retiring Vicar, the Revd: Peter Mitchell, and his wife Pat. Mrs. Betty Bowles had written one of her poems especially for the occasion and, as she read this, we were soon laughing and in party mood. A very varied buffet meal was served by Mrs. Pattie Westmacott and helpers, which we enjoyed at our leisure. Afterwards our Leader, Mrs. Christine Davies, thanked the vicar for his help and support during his years at Badsey; for his guidance and courteous help and for being with us on so many occasions. Pat was thanked for her hard work and loyalty serving us for six years as Enrolling Member; and further time as a committee member. We shall miss their caring and sharing ways which have endeared them to us all. We drank a toast before presenting Pat with flowers, and a hand crafted Lazy-Susie together with a garden voucher to Peter. Peter thanked us for our gifts and good wishes and said how impressed he had been as he came to understand our aims and objects and saw how we tried to fulfil our promises in our day to day living.

The Buckle Street Hand Bell Ringers entertained us with a wide selection of tunes, some of which we were able to sing or hum, and all were thoroughly enjoyed. Interested members were able to ask questions and try the hand bells before we left for home. Many left clutching raffle prizes, thanks to the generosity of our members, - altogether a happy evening.

Our afternoon meeting on 13th February was very well attended. We welcomed Mrs. Rita Harrison (Aldington) and hope that she will join us as often as possible with a view to becoming a member. Much of the business concerned dates listed below, and a rough count of members hoping to attend the Diocesan Festival on 21st May to enable us to book a coach.

Please remember our Easter Fayre being held on Friday, 29th March. Cakes, preserves, cards, handiwork, small Easter gifts, Bring and Buy and a raffle. Tickets available next meeting. Proceeds divided between the P.C.C. Project (Overseas) training a nurse in Nazareth; and our own M.U Project - to give a New Testament to all brides married in St. James' Church, Badsey.

Mr. Aiden Webster told us of his urge (in his early twenties) to serve God, not as a priest, but by taking his faith out to the ordinary people. Being an Anglican the Church Army seemed to be the answer, for they served the whole breadth of Anglicanism. A varied training reflected the wide aspect of their work; dealing with the homeless, elderly, youth, counselling, hospitals, the forces, prisons, beach missions, helping clergy with projects of 'Outreach' etc. He worked with the homeless (London) at day care centres, emergency night accommodation (also longer term) with psychiatric

care teams which lead patients to gain enough independence to re-settle. For the 16 to 19 year olds there was a hostel and a street team who helped build up trust and long term relationships. These people had spiritual as well as bodily needs and he felt that this had sometimes been overlooked. Mr Webster considered Evangelism was his calling while other members felt drawn to help within the ministry - there was ample room for everyone to use his talents.

The Church Army has no church funding and relies upon donations from local Anglicans. Unfortunately there has been a 12% decrease over the last year or two although the number of legacies went up. Many M.U. members do hold boxes (the local collection in 1995 was £207). Several members offered to be new box holders so we hope to increase the donation from this parish.

C.DAVIES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

Wednesday	6th March	10.00 a.m.	Corporate Communion
Tuesday	12th March	2.30 p.m.	Revd: Lambert
Monday	25th March	7.30 p.m.	Deanery Festival - Offenham (address Miss Ruth Wintle)
Friday	29th March	2.30 p.m. & 7.00 p.m.	Easter Fayre at 45, Brewer's Lane.
Tuesday	2nd April		NO HOLY WEEK SERVICE
Wednesday	3rd April	10.00 a.m.	Corporate Communion.

BADSEY W.I.

Swan Rescue was the subject of the talk given at our first meeting for 1996. Mr. David Payne of the Swan Rescue Service showed us slides of the life cycle of swans from egg to fully grown, and then slides of the accidents and deliberate injuries for which many swans are treated in the hospital run by this excellent service. Much has been done on the Avon in Evesham and at Worcester; but there is still room for improvement.

The competition cup for 1995 was won jointly by Hazel Stewart and Louise Restall. The competition for the most words, made from Swan Rescue, was won by Sandra Sparrow; and the feathered friends quiz by Maureen Davies. Liz Bishop was the raffle winner. Tea ladies were Pam Robbins, Anthea Smith and Stephanie Hartley.

Next meeting the talk will be Tracing Your Family History, and the competition an old family photograph. Visitors are

welcome 13th March, at 7.15 p.m. at the Remembrance Hall.

E. SEAMAN.

SAINT JAMES' FLOWER GUILD.

Welcome to all our newcomers to the team. Ladies, no flowers in Church during Lent.

The Easter flowers will be arranged on Saturday, 6th April at 9.30 a.m. and that is by all the Guild

Any donations for Easter Lilies - could you please give to either of the Churchwardens, Mr. John Callaghan or to me; with many thanks.

Any queries about church flowers please contact me on Evesham 832007

HAZEL STEWART

LENT HOUSE GROUP.

During the season of Lent a Bible Study Group will be held on Monday evenings at 7, School Lane. The first of these meetings will be on 26th February at 7.30 p.m. During the course it is hoped to examine (quite simply !) the words which Jesus spoke from the cross on that first Good Friday. All are welcome but it would be helpful, please, if you can let us know in advance if you are proposing to join us.

MARY & JOHN CALLAGHAN

BADSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is with much regret that we have to announce that Badsey Sunday School is now suspended until further notice. Despite various efforts over the last few months to find help to run the Sunday School and after the meeting on Sunday 18th February which no one attended despite nearly 100 letters being sent out, we have sadly had to make this decision. It is particularly sad as up until last year we had a busy thriving Sunday School with attendance at times of up to 40 children. The reasons for the decline both in support and attendance seem to be varied, from Sunday shopping to extra curricular activities such as football, swimming, ballet etc. However, in the interim, we would like to thank Sheila Young especially for her unstinting help and support and people who have given us both financial and practical support over the last 7/8 years - The Mothers Union, The PCC, Miss Norah Smith, Mr & Mrs. Jim Skitt, Mrs. Esme Seaman, Mr. John Callaghan, The Reverend Peter Mitchell, Sally and Royston Thompson, Barry and Wendy Such, Mr. Reg Keyte and all the different parents who have helped over the years. We do hope the Sunday School will be revived in the not too distant future. If anyone is interested at any time in helping revive it please contact either Sheila Taylor on 831712 or Yvonne Haynes on 830063. Also during the absence of a Parish Vicar you can contact our Churchwardens Anthea Smith or Terry Sparrow whose contact numbers appear in the front of this magazine.

With best wishes.

Yvonne Haynes and Sheila Taylor.

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH 1996

MARCH

3rd	9.30am	The Eucharist	NT Rdg: 1 John 3.1-10
10th	9.30am	The Eucharist	NT Rdg: 1 Peter 2.19-end
17th	9.30am	The Eucharist	NT Rdg: 2 Peter 1.16-19
24th	10.30am	Matins	OT Rdg: Isaiah 53.7-end NT Rdg: Matthew 27.33-54
31st	PALM SUNDAY		
	9.30am	The Eucharist	NT Rdg: 1 Cor. 1.18-25

APRIL

5th	GOOD FRIDAY		
	11.00am	Matins	OT Rdg: Isaiah 12 NT Rdg: Romans 6.3-14
7th	EASTER DAY		NT 1 Cor.15.12-20

SUNDAY THEMES - as for Badsey

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

February 7th proved to be a bitterly cold evening, but Peter and Pat Mitchell were given a warm reception at their presentation evening, at the Memorial Hall. On behalf of the Parishioners, Dr. W. Astley presented them with an original painting of the Church, by Peter Hodge, a local artist, to mark their fifteen years of Service to the Parish and Church. He praised Peter for faithfully carrying out his duties and speaking as a former Doctor serving the local community, he knew how difficult it was to find the time to do everything required. Above all he was "a good chap" as well as being fond of steam trains and cricket!

In reply, Peter thanked him for his kind words and disclosed that he was a long time member of Lancashire Cricket Club - with a tie to prove it. He thanked everyone who had supported them over the years and was privileged to have been Vicar of St John the Baptist Church, Wickhamford and it would always have special memories for them both.

As his Churchwarden during this time, Mr G. Poulter listed all the improvements to the church, that had taken place, and congratulated Peter for being principally responsible for the fund raising and ensuring that the church was "second to none".

Mrs A. Poulter presented Pat with a trug of primroses on behalf of the Sanctuary Guild and thanked her for all the support she had given behind the scenes.

The Rev. John Hodgson has kindly offered to do any Parish visiting or House Communion, as well as taking our regular Sunday Services during the period of the Interregnum. The Rev. Barry Pyke will however, be taking the first Sunday Service in March.

The A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 13th March at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm when the Rural Dean, Rev Greville Cross will be in attendance. Please come and support us and air your views.

WICKHAMFORD FLOWER FESTIVAL

Wickhamford P.C.C. decided in principal that the Flower Festival should go ahead this year, in spite of the present circumstances regarding the Vicar.

It will be held over the weekend of August 24th, 25th and 26th and Mrs Anne Poulter will Chair the Committee, helped by members of the P.C.C. and the Parish.

If you can help in any way please come forward and volunteer (Evesham 830505) don't wait to be asked - there is much to organise in a short space of time.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's first meeting of the New Year, was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 24th January. Despite the cold weather, members and friends attended to watch an R.H.S. Video 'Autumn' which turned out to be very colourful and informative and held the audience spellbound.

The competition for 'Any Pot Plant', was won by Mrs Watts, with Ms Jean Dyke coming second.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 26th February, when the Inter Club Quiz, to be held at the Badsey Memorial Hall, promises to be very interesting, to say the least. The competition will be 'First Spring Flowers'.

R.E. Springer (Mrs)

WICKHAMFORD W.I.

Members were welcomed to the February meeting. The business included the I.G.M Cardiff 5th June, Resolutions Meeting on the 1st April, and Home Economics Rally 14 May. Theatre and Summer outings were discussed and some interesting suggestions were made. Members all agreed the January meal in the village hall was a great success, and who could forget that tarragon and butter sauce Mrs Firkin our guest speaker for this evening was welcomed. Mrs Firkin showed us lovely old slides of famous London stores. Mr Selfridge brought a new concept to big shopping, and the words 'shopping centre' appeared in his advertisement for his new London store. Army and Navy, Swan and Edger, Liberty, Harrods, and many more, their histories made a very interest talk. Hazel Cole guessed the most correct members baby photographs.

WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our February meeting was really something of a two-stage affair. On Monday the 5th some thirty-eight of us, including a few non-member pensioners braved the biting weather to board a coach to go to the Pebble Mill T V Studios. A warm 'cuppa' as soon as we arrived in the reception area was very welcome, and soon we were ushered into the recording studio to see the working of the staff and technicians. It was very interesting to see the large equipment which looked so heavy, being easily moved about from one vantage point to another in complete silence. The personalities appearing were Mrs Edwina Curry and Michael Dennison and Dulcie Grey, and also a modern group and singer, who's name I'm afraid eludes me. The return trip enabled some of us to arrive home in time to watch the programme and even recognise some of our members in the audience.

Wednesday 7th, our normal meeting day, saw forty members attending at the Memorial Hall, including two new members, Mr & Mrs Buxcey,--- "Welcome". Our Secretary read notices and news of local friends, (best wishes to Jack Whiting who is in hospital), and said that the Senior Citizens annual

dinner on the 10th was cancelled through lack of support. It was thought that some alternative event could be arranged at a later date. Birthday buttonholes were presented to Mrs Johnson, Mrs Street and Mr Summers. Our speaker for the month was Mr Ray Faulkener from the Evesham Camera Club, who showed us a good selection of enlargements as a change from slides, and gave us some useful tips on the composition, lighting etc: to get the best effects. After the talk the pictures were put on display to be admired at our leisure. After tea and biscuits were served, the raffle numbers were called, prizes chosen and we all departed for home to be away from the bitter weather.

At our next meeting on March 6th we are hoping to have the company of a representative from the Evesham Journal who will give us an insight of the workings of our local newspaper.

D. S.

WICKHAMFORD PLAY AREA

Wickhamford Play Area Association would like to announce their Easter Fayre which will be held on Saturday 30th March at Wickhamford Village Hall at 2pm

Also please note the Wickhamford Village Fete will be held on Saturday 29th June 1996 at the Sports Club which will be opened at 2pm by Bamber Gascoigne of University Challenge fame. Any Ideas and help would be most welcome as we hope to make this an annual event in the future.

If you would like a stall please contact JEAN FORD on 01386 830223