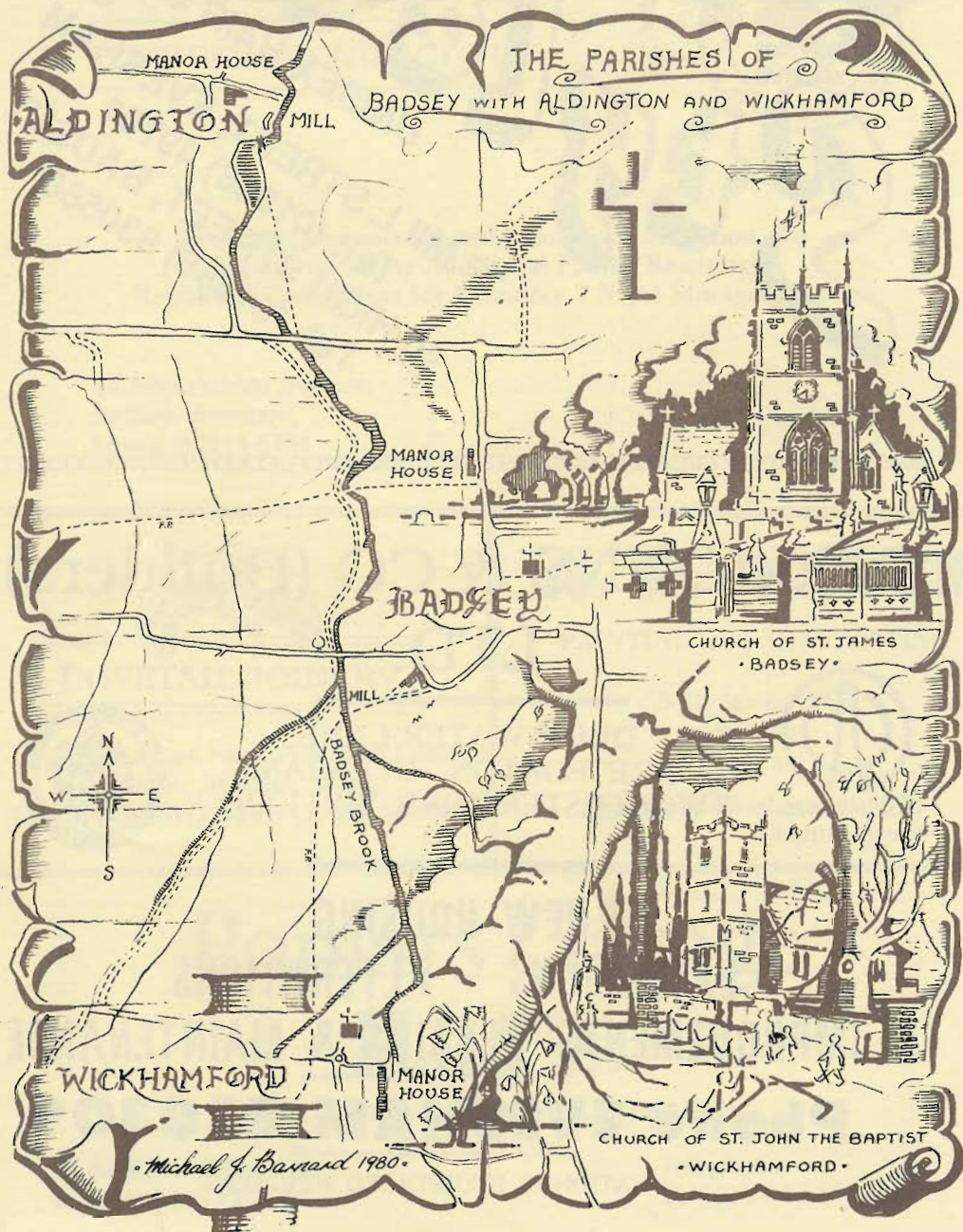


# PARISH REVIEW

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JUNE 1996



## The Parish of Badsey with Aldington.

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My dear Friends,

Sadly for me this will be my last letter to you as your "Temporary priest-in-charge" as I shall finish at the end of May. Canon Derek Barrett will be your next "Temp".

The Vicar of St. Peter's, Bengeworth, will be away "on sabbatical" during June, July and August: and last year I agreed to look after his parish.

Jane and I have very much enjoyed our short stay with you. You have made us both feel very much at home. You have been especially kind to me as many of you have welcomed me into your homes.

In future years whenever we hear any mention made of St. James', Badsey, we shall revive happy memories and remember many familiar faces.

I have served in many parishes dedicated to St. James. My second curacy was at St. James', Lower Gornal - half way between Wolverhampton and Dudley. That is where, by tradition, 'they put the pig on the wall to watch the band go by', speak their own language, brew their own beer; and, when I was there, a double-decker 'bus went round the village (population 16,000) to collect the children for Sunday School. That same 'bus brought friends from the parish to our wedding at St. Mary's, Oldswinford!

I hope that soon you will have news of a new Vicar for your parish; and I trust you will have a good priest, whom you rightly deserve, to lead the parish in mission as we approach and go beyond the millenium.

You have a good team; and I am sure you will experience much growth in future years. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your family at St. James.

May God bless you all.

Your servant for Christ's sake.

ERIC WATERHOUSE.

## CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE 1996.

### JUNE

- 2nd 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist 6.30 p.m. Evensong  
NT Rdg: Ephes: 1; 3-14. OT Rdg: Isaiah 40; 12-end  
NT Rdg: Mark 1; 1-13
- 5th 10.00 a.m. Wednesday - Mid Week Communion.
- 9th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong  
NT Rdg: Acts 2; 37-end OT Rdg: Exod 19; 1-11  
NT Rdg: 1 Peter 2; 1-10
- 16th 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist 6.30 p.m. Evensong  
NT Rdg: Acts 4; 8-12 OT Rdg: Deut 6; 10-end  
NT Rdg: Acts 23; 11-24
- 23rd 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist  
NT Rdg: Acts 8; 26-38 (BISHOP OF WORCESTER)  
NT Rdg: Acts 8; 26-38
- 30th NO MORNING SERVICE 6.30 p.m. Evensong  
Special Service to Commemorate  
75th Anniversary of Founding of  
the Royal British Legion.

### JULY

- 3rd 10.00 a.m. Wednesday - Mid Week Communion.
- 7th 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist 6.30 p.m. Evensong  
NT Rdg: Ephes 4; 17-end OT Rdg: 2 Kings; 22  
NT Rdg: Luke 15; 11-end

### SUNDAY THEMES:

June 2nd Trinity Sunday

#### SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST:

- June 9th (2nd) The Church's Unity and Fellowship.  
16th (3rd) The Church's Confidence in Christ.  
23rd (4th) The Church's Mission to the Individual.  
30th (5th) The Church's Mission to all Men.
- July 7th (6th) The New Man.

## PARISH REGISTERS:

- BAPTISMS. 21st April HOLLY ALICIA GILES; daughter of Leslie and Julie Giles of 30, Brewers Lane, Badsey.
- NATASHA LOUISE DORMAN; daughter of Andrew and Diane Dorman of 20, Lysley Close, Chippenham, Wiltshire.
- 12th May SOPHIE OLIVIA SHEPHERD daughter of Clive and Susan Shepherd of Mileaway, Aldington.

## HOLY MATRIMONY.

- 20th April CHRISTOPHER JAMES WRIGHT and JOANNA MAE HAYNES of 32, Green Leys, Badsey.

## SOME EXCELLENT RESULTS

### EASTER FAYRE: 29th March, 1996.

Thanks to excellent support this event raised £250.00. This amount will be split equally between Mothers' Union Funds and the Overseas Committee. Our thanks go to John Callaghan for supplying us with tickets, Yvonne Haynes for help with posters and to Win Skitt and Norah Smith for donations.

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION: 13-27th April, 1996.

My grateful thanks to all collectors and to all contributors. The sum of £475.01 was raised, only 49p less than last year's total  
JEAN IVES.

## BISHOP OF WORCESTER'S VISIT TO BADSEY.

The Bishop will visit Badsey on Sunday, 23rd June when he will officiate at the 6.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist Service. The Bishop retires on 31st October and it is therefore likely that this will be his last visit to Badsey. We have invited the Wickhamford congregation to join us. In view of the proposed Pastoral Reorganisation it may well be the final opportunity for a combined service of the benefice of Badsey with Aldington and Wickhamford.

## CHANGE OF TEMPORARY PRIEST IN CHARGE

We are sorry to say goodbye to the Revd:Eric Waterhouse who has looked after the parish so well during the first four months of the interregnum. We hope to see him occasionally in the future, but, meanwhile, wish to thank him for all his work on our behalf. As from 1st June we welcome the Revd. Canon Derek Barrett and hope that he will enjoy his stay with us. Hopefully we shall soon have some news regarding the Pastoral Reorganisation and a possible timing of the appointment of the new Incumbent

If necessary Canon Barrett may be contacted at Barton Cottage, Lansdowne, Bourton-on-the-Water, Cheltenham, GL54 2AR Telephone: 01451 821777.

### BADSEY CHURCH OFFICERS 1996 - 97.

At the recent Church Meetings the following were appointed to serve for the next year :-

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| <u>Churchwardens:</u>                                 | Mr. Terry Sparrow and Mrs. Anthea Smith.  |
| <u>Deputy Wardens:</u>                                | Mr. Tony Smith and Mr. Bob Gregory  |
| <u>Lay Vice Chairman:</u>                             | Mr. John Callaghan.   |
| <u>Treasurer/Accountant/<br/>Stewardship Officer:</u> | Mr. Bob Gregory.  |
| <u>Electoral Roll Officer:</u>                        | Mrs. Joan Betteridge.   |
| <u>Deanery Synod Reps:</u>                            | Mrs Sue Cole and Mrs. Esmé Seaman.  |
| <u>Parochial Church<br/>Council:</u>                  | All of the above named persons plus<br>Mesdames: Pam Robbins, Joyce Watkin,<br>Judy Sparrow, Lyn Waterhouse, Yvonne<br>Haynes, Win Skitt, and Mr. Anthony Jerram.                 |
| <u>Sidesmen and<br/>Sideswomen:</u>                   | Mesdames: J. Betteridge, D. Bell, E. Dyer,<br>Messrs: D. Hartwell, P. Sparrow, D. Haynes,<br>R. J. Taylor, C. Jones, C. Robbins, T. Smith,<br>R. D. Kyte, R. Gregory, J. F. Ives, |

THE OFFICE OF P.C.C. SECRETARY IS VACANT. Anyone who is willing to undertake this task will be most welcome - it is not too onerous and does not demand a great deal of time. Please ask John Callaghan or one of the Churchwardens for further details.

### BADSEY W. I.

At our May meeting members discussed three resolutions that had been put forward for consideration to be carried through to Government. These were for a more reasonable grant to be paid to

university students to help reduce the number of students leaving university with a degree but also with a large debt due to the fact that they have had to have loans just to be able to live and pay their rents while studying.

The second called for more N.H.S. dentists as many had dropped N.H.S. patients and in many areas people had to travel quite far and at some expense to get N.H.S. treatment. This could mean a high rise in poor dental care and hygiene - including children - if people on low incomes or at work cannot afford the time and expense to travel to visit a N.H.S. dentist.

The third resolution requests the Government to introduce cookery, hygiene, budgeting and parenting skills into the National Curriculum as it was felt that the lack of these skills resulted in poor parenting, financial instability and unhealthy living when young people married and had families - this could put burdens and stress in family units.

Lorraine Goodman and Sheila Taylor gave a humorous and informative account of their weekend spent at Denman College on a course studying reflexology. An intensive course from which they learnt a lot whilst having fun and a break from the daily chores!

Yvonne Haynes told members that she hoped to arrange a weekend in York in the Autumn and a theatre outing to London to see "Les Miserables". Lorraine had organised an outing to Boots in Nottingham in June and Sheila Knight was taking a party of members to see some bluebell woods followed by a drink and meal at a local "inn". Three of our members had entered in a group handicraft class at the Home Economics Rally being held at Perdiswell so good luck was wished to Hazel Stewart, Stephanie Hartley and Lorraine. Hazel and her daughter Jeanette had also entered floral classes and best wishes were sent to them.

One of our founder members, Mrs. Gertie Cowley, was celebrating her 90th birthday and best wishes had been extended to her.

Mrs. Sheila Taylor conducted a lively mini auction which raised approximately £65.00 for our funds - well done Sheila!

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 12th June, is a garden meeting at "Red Gables" home of Rowlette Cook. If you would like to join us we shall be assembling at the Village Hall at 7.00 - 7.15 p.m. where we shall meet the cars taking members. Cost £1.50 includes tour of the Gardens and coffee.

YVONNE HAYNES.

## A THANK YOU MESSAGE.

On Friday, 10th May, I visited Mrs. Christine Davies in Avonside Hospital. We talked about a great many things. She told me how many of you had been to see her, enquired after her and written to her.

Christine was most appreciative of this and has asked me to let you all know how much she has been aware of your support and prayers during her illness.

J. C.

## SAINT JAMES' GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.

May 8th. Congratulations to Mrs. Gertie Cowley.

30 minutes of call changes were rung as a 90th Birthday compliment by the Sunday Service ringers as the guests were arriving for her party.

May 27th. Ringing will take place between 4.15 and 5.15 p.m. in participation of an Open Day of ringing around the Worcestershire Districts to help raise money for the General Bell Repair Fund from which our tower in Badsey received a donation in 1995 towards some much needed repair work to the bell clappers.

June 1st. A visiting team from Farnborough will ring from 4.30 to 5.15 p.m.

June 10th. An attempt for a Quarter Peal of Grandsire will be made for Mr. and Mrs. Reeves' Golden Wedding and a Full Peal attempt will be made on 29th June to commemorate 50 years of Bellringing for Roger Savory who now lives in the U.S.A. He is hoping to be able to take part as Badsey was where he first learned to ring when he was a member of the church choir.

## MOTHERS' UNION NEWS.

On 23rd April Mr. Terry Sparrow was our speaker. He continued with his tales about the history of Badsey. He told us how, nearly 200 years ago, our village was affected by the "Enclosure Act". Common land, which had been available for all to farm, now belonged to a few wealthy land owners. He also told us about roads and the turnpike system, where tolls were collected to pay for the maintenance of the roads. We have Badsey Pike today as a reminder of this system. Then we were told about The Poor Law Amendment Act when parishes too small to administer relief joined with others and the Evesham Union was begun and a workhouse built in Evesham. Finally Terry entertained us with stories of the early

school in Badsey. Even then there was a lot of misbehaviour and truancy. Excuses for truancy included football matches, Sunday School outings, pea and hop picking and visits to the mop. This was a very enjoyable evening and many thanks go to Terry for his excellent research

At our meeting on 14th May our speaker was Mrs. Esmé Seaman. Her subject was "Foods of the Bible" and we were told of the various foods eaten in biblical times. Only meat from cloven footed animals that chewed the cud could be eaten. Also, only fish with fins and scales; and insects with no more than four legs, which hopped; were allowed. A variety of fruits, vegetables, spices, herbs and dairy produce was also eaten. There were many rituals connected with food in the Bible and food itself was of great importance. Esmé said that we should look on our food as a gift from God. Sandra thanked her and gave her a small gift of loaves and fishes - in keeping with her talk - which caused great hilarity.

We then had tea and a piece of "Scripture Cake" provided by our speaker.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 12th June: 3.00 p.m. Church Lench. Strawberry Tea and Service.  
Please let Sue know if you would like to go and if you can provide transport. Thank you.
- 25th June 7.30 p.m. Miss Barbara Lines. "Teaching the Blind".

#### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Our congratulations go to Jessie and Les Reeves on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 10th June.

#### BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION.

The April meeting was opened by the Chairman, Mrs. Betty Westmacott. After Exhortation and the Minutes she thanked everyone who had supported our Mini Market and Car Boot Sale. She also thanked Coffee Morning ladies for their donation. £200 was raised for British Legion fund. She said this was a very good effort.

A "Thank You" letter was read from Durcott Lodge for the chocolate Easter eggs.

Best wishes have been sent to our Vice Chairman Connie Newbury who is in hospital. We hope she will soon be well again.



Val Taylor introduced Mrs. Powell, our speaker for the evening. She read some lovely poems which included "The Highwayman" a Shakespeare Sonnet and a monologue "The Committee". It was a great pleasure to listen to her and we hope she may come again.

Our monthly competition was won by Enid Palfry and Joan Lake and June Barand won the draw. Refreshments were served.

#### FUTURE EVENTS:

5th June. A trip has been arranged to Fiesta Glass in  
Birmingham.

3rd July. Our Garden Party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Grinnell

20th July. A British Legion Day Trip to Weston Park.

M. MORCOMBE.

### SAINT JAMES' FLOWER GUILD.

#### JUNE ROTA.

|            |                  |                  |
|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st Sunday | Mrs. P. Robbins. | Mrs. A. Smith.   |
| 2nd Sunday | Mrs. Y. Haynes.  | Mrs. A. Bufton.  |
| 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, if you cannot manage to do your Sunday, please let me know and we can arrange a swap.

Also, if anyone has shrubs to trim or surplus garden flowers during the year; the Flower Guild will always be very grateful to receive whatever you have to spare.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Les and Jessie Reeves on their 50th Wedding Anniversary this month.

Any queries regarding the Church flowers please contact me on Evesham 832007.

HAZEL STEWART

#### PARISH REVIEW.

Copy for July Issue to Mr. J. Callaghan, 7, School Lane, Badsey by Monday, 17th June, Please.

#### WHAT IS PRAYER:

A little girl saying her prayers one night finished up with the remark; "And please, God. take care of yourself; because we haven't got a Vicar and if anything happens to you we shall be properly in the soup!".

## THE PARISH OF WICKHAMFORD

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## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE 1996

### JUNE

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| 2nd  | 9.00am  | Holy Communion | NT Rdg: Ephesians 1. 3-14                        |
| 9th  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion | NT Rdg: Acts 2. 37-end                           |
| 16th | 9.30am  | Holy Communion | NT Rdg: Acts 4. 8-12                             |
| 23rd | 10.30am | Matins         | OT Rdg: 1 Kings 10. 1-13<br>NT Rdg: John 4. 1-26 |
| 30th | 9.30am  | Holy Communion | NT Rdg: Acts 11. 4-18                            |

SUNDAY THEMES - as for Badsey

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### WEDDING

May 4th DONNA COLE and TIMOTHY HORN

#### FUNERAL

May 2nd CECIL EDWARD BROTHERTON  
Aged 71 years.

### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

At a recent meeting of the P.C.C. Ken and I were able to report that the Church Commissioners had carefully considered the proposal that Wickhamford should form a new Benefice with Broadway. Despite two objections to the scheme these had been overcome by consultation with the Bishop of Worcester and they were satisfied that it would be right to allow the scheme to proceed as drafted. The Archdeacon has indicated that the final legal process will probably take another two months to complete and hopefully by August 1st at the latest. There are nine schemes being considered which does not help for an earlier approval.

However, we are very fortunate to have the services of John Hodgson who has kindly been parish visiting as well as taking our services. Peter Burch officiated at his first service in Wickhamford, the Wedding of Donna Cole and Timothy Horn.

The P.C.C. expressed their thanks to Pat Baker our Secretary and Electoral Roll officer who has now moved to Wick and wished her well in her new home.

Preparations for the Flower Festival over the August Bank Holiday Weekend are now underway. The chosen theme for the floral arrangements in Church will be "Saints". Once again gardens will be open and Crafts in various garages. Anne Poulter is Coordinating the event and we look forward to your support for this event.

Cream Teas have started again and the first one on the first Bank Holiday was very well attended raising over £90 - much appreciated by takers and receivers!

Gerard Poulter  
Churchwarden

### BISHOP OF WORCESTER

The Bishop will be retiring from office on 31st October. A Service to mark his retirement will be held in the Cathedral and a presentation to the Bishop and Mrs Goodrich for 14 years of dedication to the diocese.

If you would like to make a donation it should be sent to Mrs Carole Collis so that we can forward our contribution by September 30th.

### PARISH REVIEW

LATEST DATE FOR COPY FOR JULY ISSUE 17th JUNE 1996

To Mr Ken Maden, 21 Sally Close, Wickhamford  
or A & B Bambury Printers, 18 Sally Close, Wickhamford.

**WICKHAMFORD FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
**COFFEE MORNING**

A Coffee Morning, with stalls, will be held on SATURDAY 8th JUNE at Wickhamford Memorial Hall 10.00am - 12.00

The proceeds of the Coffee Morning are to be used to purchase flowers to decorate the church during the Flower Festival which will be held over the AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY (August 24th, 25th and 26th)

If you have any items for the stalls (raffle, tombola, cakes, white elephant, plants and produce) please contact Mrs M. Bastow 830840 or Mrs A. Poulter 830505.

Please give generously - and we look forward to seeing you and your friends at the Coffee Morning. Everybody very welcome.

**SUMMER FAIR IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON SATURDAY 22nd JUNE AT 2.30pm**  
**VARIOUS STALLS**

Proceeds for Village Senior Residents

If anyone has anything to contribute to a stall we will be most grateful

**WICKHAMFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

As the Memorial Hall was not available for the normal monthly meeting on Wednesday 1st May, a coach trip and visit to the Severn Trent Campion Hills Water Treatment Works at Leamington was arranged and supported by thirty-seven members. One birthday buttonhole was presented to Mrs P White on the coach.

On arrival at the works, (after a slight "coming together" with another vehicle), we were met in the reception area by Mr Roy Merry, superintendent of the works, who was about to entertain us with a most enjoyable and interesting account of the work carried out on the site. He opened by surprising us by the fact that the average consumption of household water is over twenty-eight gallons per person PER DAY. He went on to demonstrate by slides and a video all the scientific and technical processes that water is subjected to in order to make it fit to drink, far too detailed to include in this report, even if I could remember all that was said. During the proceedings there was a short sharp thunder storm which rather dis-suaded some of the less active members from going walk about round the plant to actually see the changes in the water as it passes from one section to another, millions of gallons a day. Returning to the lecture room we had a brief 'any questions' session and then we were served with light refreshments, before boarding the coach and heading for

home. A very successful afternoon.

Next month, June 5th, our speaker will be an officer from Long Lartin Prison, who will talk about the problems of drug smuggling, and he will bring along a specially trained dog give us a practical demonstration.

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### WICKHAMFORD W.I MAY MEETING

Barbara Carroll welcomed members and visitor to the May Resolutions Meeting.

Members agreed to help with refreshments for the Wickhamford Flower Festival in August and the Evesham Show in June. Wine and lemonade was served half way through the meeting to help with the discussion of the resolutions. Student grants, Home Economics and National Health Dentists were discussed and voted on. Barbara Carroll and Jane Bailey were the lucky bursary winners for this year.

Brains were once again rattled for the social time quiz 'guess the weight' The gorilla was heavier than it looked !

### WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Club's monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 24th April.

A good turnout of members and friends were entertained by Mr Roy Walker, Colegrave Seeds, who gave a very interesting talk, together with slides, on The Colourful World of Bedding. Bedding plants play a big part in the gardening world and are enjoyed by all who love to turn their gardens into a colour spectacle for the summer and autumn months. Geraniums, fuchsias, begonias, impatiens and pansies, in the main, can look very good in hanging baskets, tubs, containers and pots. When planted with trailing plants, of which there are many, the display can be very eye-catching and can liven up any cheerless part of the garden. After question time, members promised to be poised with their trowels, waiting until the end of May for planting out their bedding. Later Mr Jim Cowan thanked the speaker for a most informative talk.

The competition for a Potted Bedding Plant, was won by Mrs. B. Stratton, with Mrs Watts and Ms Jean Dyke, second and third.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd May. Members Snippets and a competition of An Alpine Rockery Plant in a Pot, will be on the agenda.

R.E. Stringer (Mrs)