

The Bugle

Parish news from
Badsey and
Aldington

September 2006



First school Governors bid farewell to Chairman

Governors of Badsey First School getting a taste of the outdoor life at Knowle Hill

The Governors of Badsey First School had a tranquil, woodland setting for their last meeting of the academic year. Not for them a cup of coffee in the school staff-room, whilst considering the school budget, but instead a glass of wine around a camp-fire at Knowle Hill. Undeterred by the fact that the heatwave of the previous few weeks threatened to break, the Governors thoroughly enjoyed their unusual venue in the company of pheasants and rabbits, and a cat who came to see what was going on. For a few brief moments, an umbrella was raised, the crisps got slightly wet, and the Clerk's notepad became rain-splattered, but thankfully the rain held off,

This jolly setting for the meeting had a two-fold purpose. The first was to bid farewell to Dr Peter Phillips, Chairman of Governors, who is leaving Badsey for a two-year posting to the States. Peter first became a Governor

at Badsey in 1997 when his daughter, Gina, started in Reception. The following year he was appointed Chairman, a role he has held until the present day. Head Teacher, Elizabeth Spencer, thanked Peter for all his support over the years, and wished him and all the family a happy time in America. Peter replied that it had been a privilege to be Chairman of such a well-run and forward-looking school. There were many things that he would miss, but mostly he would miss the school "with the intelligent twinkle in its eyes".

The second reason for the venue was to learn about Forest Schools. During the past year, four staff at Badsey have received Forest School training and a site for the Forest School has been developed on a private piece of land at Knowle Hill.

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Good move for Coronation Club

The Coronation Disabled Club, run by a group of Vale Volunteers catering for the disabled in Evesham and the surrounding villages, has moved to the Royal British Legion Club in Badsey.

Meetings are held every Friday at 10.30am and lunch is served before the afternoon activities begin. These are very varied, including speakers, entertainers and outings.

Recently they were forced to leave their old premises in Coronation Street, occupied since the club was formed 22 years ago. However, Badsey Royal British Legion Club made the group feel very welcome and now many prefer their new location.

Now the Club desperately needs a car driver to help transport members to Club in the mornings and return home in the afternoons. The work is rewarding and a mileage allowance is paid. If you are able to help contact Jean Dyke on 01386 830714.

Singing from the same song sheet

Two local harmony choirs, Vale Harmony men's chorus of Pershore and Evesham's Vale Connection ladies' chorus, are having a busy year singing in competitions, winning prestigious trophies and raising money for local charities.

You can see both choruses in a musical extravaganza called Showtime 2006, to be held on Friday, 29 and Saturday, 30 September at Evesham Arts Centre.

Singing in harmony is great fun and it really isn't difficult! Even if you're completely new to singing you'd be very welcome to join us and give it a try. Ring Eddie Howell on 01386 561248.

For show tickets phone Aileen Wolfenden on 834547 or Wendy Gwynn on 830365.

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German visit a success

The visit by our German Parish Link Partners in July was a great success and thanks to all who made this happen.

The visit to Coventry Cathedral for the Service of Reconciliation was moving, made more so by being 7 July, a year after the London bombings. A tour of the cathedral was greatly enhanced for our visitors by our German guide.

A Sunday service with Morris Men at Bretforton was followed in the evening a communion service at Badsey, in English and German with our visitors helping to distribute communion.

Monday allowed a visit to the Müller Centre in Bristol. George Müller was born in Kroppenstadt one of the villages in our partnership.

We are planning to visit our partners in Germany in May/June 2007, if you wish to come please contact myself or Penny on 01386 830367.

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Dear All...

September normally sees the end of the holiday season and the start of a new academic year for our young people; those of us back at work will be wondering how long it is until the next holiday. Holidays are always a good thing, although they can often be very stressful. They give us a chance to re-charge our batteries, to catch up on things we have been putting off, and sometimes the opportunity to spend more time with loved ones.

For eight of our young people from the benefice September also sees the start of their Confirmation course, which will enable them to learn more about the Christian faith, give them a chance to ask questions in a safe environment and to share thoughts and doubts with like-minded young people.

So often we hear that the number of church members is dropping and that there is a lack of young people in

by Revd. Richard Court

church. The fact that the youth group is still enthusiastically involved in church life, and that we have another confirmation course starting, is a huge encouragement, not only to those involved, but also to give confidence to the church at large and to the parish as a whole, as it is a sign that the church is alive and active.

Although many people see the start of the new academic year as a time for new beginnings, this doesn't always mean that you need to learn something new. Is there a skill you haven't used for some time? Alternatively, maybe there is something you have been putting off doing. Many of our skills are far from academic, but they are all "God-given" gifts that need to be used. Refreshed from your holiday, perhaps now is the time to have another go.

Yours, in Christ

"We were so touched"...

We really do wish to thank all our many friends who were present at the Benefice Evensong on 16 July in Saint James' Church, Badsey. This was an occasion, organised by Richard, so that John could speak to as many of you as possible to say his "farewells". Some of you came from far afield – it was wonderful to see you all again, especially those who used to live in the Benefice, but have now moved on; those whom we have not seen for so many years.

But no matter from where you came you could not have been there unless you had taken the trouble, and that is what really meant so much to us. The fact that you were all there will be yet another of the highlights of John's ministry.

Mary, of course, is still in the choir at Badsey, but even so we intend to visit all three of the churches in the Benefice from time to time. There are so many of you whose friendship we value so much.

We shall not slip into oblivion - we shall just ring the changes and see you all in turn. Remember too, the scarf is still in the wardrobe and will, we hope, be dusted off from time to time!

Thank you again for all the love, support, and friendship we have experienced among you. God bless you all and be with you in all that you do in his service.

John and Mary Callaghan

Farewell to Chairman, cont/...

The first group of children started undertaking visits in the summer term, walking each way to get to the site. You may have noticed the new signs that have cropped up on Badsey Lane.

The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire children through positive experiences, engaging in achievable tasks and activities in a woodland environment. This helps to develop personal, social and emotional skills through independence, self-discovery, confidence, communication skills and raising self-esteem. Thanks go to Lucy and Philip Insley for allowing the school to use the site.

The Governors departed for home a lot more knowledgeable about Forest Schools and all secretly wishing that they were young enough to attend school now.

Maureen Spinks, Clerk to the Governors



THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

Badsey With Aldington	3 SEPTEMBER 12th after Trinity (Green)	10 SEPTEMBER 13th after Trinity (Green)	17 SEPTEMBER 14th after Trinity (Green)	24 SEPTEMBER 15th after Trinity (Green)
	11am Family Worship	11am Praise & Worship	11am Morning Celebration	9.30am Eucharist
	6.30pm Evensong	6.30pm Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong	6.30pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 07.45am each weekday at Badsey. There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the **FIRST** Wednesday in the Month at 10am at Badsey

What a sociable summer!

The Church has enjoyed many events during the last two months. The Aber Valley Male Voice Choir was an unprecedented success. The choir were superb and gave a riveting performance which included opera, classical, modern, songs from the shows Hymns and Chorals. Their range was unlimited and gave great pleasure to all who heard them. Their guest soloist was second to none – her voice and range were delightful to the ear. The Choir's impromptu performance at Badsey Cricket Club after the show was an "extra" bonus for us all and many requests have been made for a repeat show.

As reported in the last Bugle, The BBQ at the Vicarage proved to be very successful, especially with the benefit of the warm evening.

The Cheese and Wine evening, again at the Vicarage, took place on a much cooler, windy night, but again was well supported considering the inclement weather conditions.

Interesting stalls, including the usual Bring and Buy, Raffle and Name the Teddy, were complemented by a "Name the Antique" quiz, organised by Sheila and Keith Taylor, who bought along some of their unusual and fascinating antiques and objects to keep people guessing.

Brian Smith brought along some of his very old post cards of houses and buildings in the Vale, with again people pitting their wits and memories to guess where and what the buildings were and are today. A note for your diaries... the Church Fete will take place at the Bank Holiday week-end.

A heartfelt "thank you" for all your good wishes...

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported me for my Ordination to the Priesthood, either at the Cathedral or when I celebrated Communion for the first time at St Luke's on 2 July.

I was really touched by all your good wishes and support. It would not be possible to be a priest without the support of those around you, and to know that so many of you who have known me for so long are wishing me well really helps. Thank you all!! God bless!

Rev. Sarah Mitchell

From the Parish Registers Badsey with Aldington

Baptisms

2 July	Evie Helen Scarlett Marshall-Shepherd
16 July	Grace Elizabeth Marshall
16 July	Elizabeth Rae Marshall
23 July	Joshua Paul Atkins
6 August	Arthur John Kirby
6 August	Max Alexander Hurst
6 August	Sophie Susan Norman
13 August	Charlie Robert Breward

Mothers Union: dates for your diary

- Wednesday, 6 Sept 2006, 10am: Communion
- Friday, 8 Sept, 4pm: Wave of Prayer in Church
- Tuesday, 12 Sept 2.30pm: PAT Dogs with speaker Margaret Bramell
- Wednesday, 20 Sept, 7.30pm: Deanery Social at Royal British Legion Club
- Tuesday, 26 Sept, 7.30pm: Work of the Cotswold Wardens with speaker Tony Jones.

Anyone who would like to come along to meetings will be made most welcome. If you would like any details please contact Sandra Sparrow on 01386 833368.

Bugles Kids ● Bugles Kids ● Bugles Kids

I say, I say, I say...

TEACHER: Name me two days of the week beginning with the letter T.

PUPIL: Today and tomorrow, Miss!

TEACHER: You should have been here at 9 o'clock.

PUPIL: Why, did something happen?

TEACHER: What should you remember in a chemistry lesson?

PUPIL: Don't lick the spoon!

TEACHER: Why are you so late?

PUPIL: There was a notice on the bus saying "dogs must be carried" and it took me ages to find one!

St James' Flower Guild September Rota

1st Sunday	Avril Court, Hazel Smith, Hazel Stewart
2nd Sunday	Pat and Sue Goldstraw
3rd Sunday	Margaret Castle and Mary Clarke
4th Sunday	Eleanor Sams and Julie Gardner.

Any queries re Church Flowers should be made to Hazel Stewart on 01386 832007.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 27 September at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey, at 7.30pm.

Gardening for September

Gather French and runner beans regularly and never leave any pods on the plants to become old and stringy unless they are required for seed purposes.

Spring bulbs can be planted in the garden now, with the exception of tulips. On average, plant bulbs at twice their own depth.

Prune out the flowered canes of loganberries and tie up the new ones, evenly spaced out. As the season ends, this again is a good time to move or plant evergreens. Soak 24 hours beforehand, and water well after planting. Choose a dull day.

Water Christmas cacti after their summer rest. Bring in houseplants from the garden before the frosts.

Begin to lift and store potatoes. Maincrop carrots and beetroot should also be stored, or the roots will become woody and crack.

If your garden is short of colour, notice how many perennials can be at their best this month, e.g.. Anemone japonica, Sedum "Autumn Joy" and Rudbeckia "Goldsturm".

Watch for aphids, which can still be a problem.

RECIPE CLUB: Pasta

Here are a few ideas for quick but tasty pasta dishes. In each case, amounts of ingredients depend on taste and numbers being catered for.

Chicken and rosemary. Roast a free range chicken and leave to rest while you cook the pasta. Saute some garlic in a little olive oil with some chopped rosemary and stir into the cooked pasta, before adding the chopped meat from the chicken and enough of its juices to create a thin sauce. Sprinkle with fresh parsley before serving with crusty bread and a green salad. This is a dish that goes a long way!

Gnocci with blue cheese. Gnocci is a robust pasta made from potato flour. Cook the gnocci according to the packet instructions and then set aside to keep warm, while you gently melt some blue cheese and a little cream in a pan to create a thin sauce. Serve immediately.

Saute some chopped bacon in a little olive oil until golden brown and then add a few chopped sage leaves and lots of freshly ground black pepper. Stir into freshly cooked penne or macaroni.

Heavens opened... and closed Flower Show

The exhibits were beautifully displayed and labelled with prize cards; the ground was laid out and the stalls ready for action. But as the gates opened at 1pm, so did the sky, with a downpour that lasted most of the afternoon.

By the time George Sangha of Badsey Spar arrived to declare the marquee "open", the entrance had become a waterfall, while the hammering of rain on the roof made even conversation impossible.

A slight let up in the rain gave most people an excuse to pack up and go home and sadly, the Entertainment,

Dog Show, children's races and raffle were abandoned.

The cups and trophies were presented early, watched by a surprisingly large number of cheerful Flower Show supporters, after which the exhibits were dismantled, some of them in a rather damp state.

However, thanks go to all the judges, stewards and helpers and everyone who turned up in support. What will next year bring? Come and see on 28 July 2007.

Lizzie Noyes

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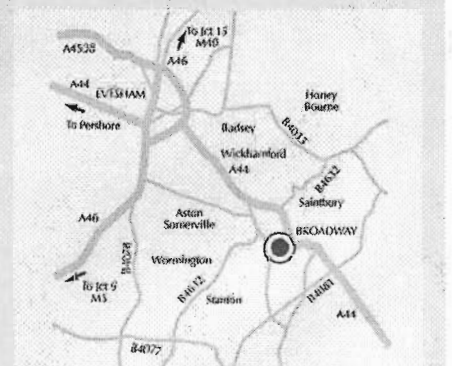


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Preparations are now in hand for "READATHON 2006", which supports the Sir Malcolm Sergeant Cancer Fund for Children and on 13 September the whole school will be dressing up as characters from Roald Dahl's books.

The Autumn Term 2006

Monday, 4 Sept	TED Day
Tuesday, 5 Sept	School opens
Monday, 23 Oct to Friday, 27 Oct	HALF TERM
Monday 30 Oct	TED Day
Wednesday 20 Dec	Last day of term.

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Back at school, but kids still need feeding!

The new school year is upon us, and after the busy summer holidays, parents everywhere will be heaving a sigh of relief. Yes, the constant demand for meals and snacks should be reduced to breakfast, perhaps a packed lunch and an evening meal.

But with an increasing pressure on parents to provide healthy and nutritious foods to help combat the problem of overweight children, finding ways to tempt and nourish at the same time is not that easy.

For breakfasts, avoid too much sugary cereal and find ways to put energy into them that's fun and fast. Whizz up a fruit smoothie with a hand-blender. Use pure orange or apple juice as a base and add any peeled, chopped and de-seeded fruit. Kiwis, bananas and nectarines are a great combination.

Cut and dried

Fruit is a great source of energy throughout a child's day, so make sure that their packed lunch includes some – but it doesn't have to be fresh. Warner's Budgens stocks a huge variety of dried fruit, both in the home baking aisle and by the fresh produce. A great buy is Fair Trade's Tropical mix of mango, papaya and pineapple. And try Fruit Raisins – juicy, chewy raisins flavoured with pure strawberry, orange and blackcurrant concentrate.

And talking of lunch, start thinking beyond a typical sliced bread sandwich and take inspiration from summer holiday foods. Warner's Budgens always have a constant supply of freshly-baked crusty baguettes, to fill with cold meats, cheese and salads. Or treat the more sophisticated

tummies to Budgen's own instant sandwich filler, from tuna and sweetcorn to coronation chicken or prawn mayo. Mini savoury eggs are a tasty and portable snack, and satisfy sweet teeth with Nature's Table Milk Chocolate Raisins or Yoghurt Apricots.

So, home they come... tired, starving and not always in the mood for conventional meat and vegetables. So surprise them and serve up something different.

Suppertime tips

At Warner's Budgens deli counter there is a fantastic range of home made pies that can be warmed up in minutes and will appeal to mums and dads as well as the kids. Top of the list has got to be Sausage, Bean and Mash pie – a classic combo of flavours that were made to put together. Then there are traditional Cottage Pies, as well as Steak or Chicken and Mushroom. Just add Budgen's own brand mini corn cobs from the freezer cabinet, a jacket potato and you're sorted!

Or substitute the pie for a couple of Budgen's new Whittington Handmade Traditional Sausages.

For times when there's just not enough time for a proper meal, in between after-school activities and homework, there's nothing nicer than some warming, tasty soup. The Soupery is a local supplier that specialises in additive and preservative free, handmade soups, using the freshest and tastiest local ingredients available. Flavours include Carrot & Coriander and Minestrone. For the extra "yummy" factor, serve up warmed Boulevard Cheese Straws, made of Gouda and Edam cheeses, for dipping.

AND FINALLY...

Volunteers needed for church cleaning

Two people are needed at regular intervals for two hours at a time to help clean and polish Badsey Church, so volunteers are needed. St James' Church is a lovely building and gets a lot of visitors, so it would be nice to show how much parishioners appreciated it and took a pride in making it look its best. If you want to help call either Chris Smith 830217 or Chris Robbins 831004.

Useful numbers

Vicar	
Rev. Richard Court	834550
Church Wardens	
Chris Smith	830217
Chris Robbins	831004
Readers	
Penny Christison	830367
Sheila Lancaster	833929

Poppy deliverers needed

Deliverers are urgently needed for this very memorable and worthwhile cause, to cover the areas of Badsey and Aldington for Remembrance Day. Poppies are taken round, house to house, but helpers are dwindling. If you can spare a little time to help out,

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