Bugle

Parish news from Badsey and Aldington

November 2006

Clubbing at the library

Library Clubs, which are growing in popularity and springing up throughout this area.

Now residents of Badsey and Aldington are set to benefit from this useful service, courtesy of Evesham Volunteer Centre and Evesham Library, through the WiNN Project.

The aim is to bring older people into the library on a regular monthly basis, enabling them to access and enjoy all the facilities and give them an opportunity to develop a reading group, have speakers and generally have a social library session.

For people who are unable to make their own way to the library, transport can be provided by the Volunteer Centre at a nominal cost.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday, 8 November and will start with a buffet lunch, followed by an introduction by staff on the facilities and assets of the



library, which can provide so much more than just books! Following on from the Oral History afternoon held recently, the Library is making the Ward Collection available to the group. This is a fantastic photographic history of Evesham and the rural villages, taken by Arthur Ward, an Evesham Journal photographer at the turn of the century. It is fascinating material and well worth a look.

If you are interested in this venture please telephone Helen Gray at the Volunteer Centre on 01386 40165 for further details and to book your lunch.

The Badsey Recreation Club

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Saturday, 11th November at 7.30pm
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Saturday, 2nd December 2pm - 4pm

Santa's Grotto, School Christmas Puddings, Mulled Wine and Refreshments, Plants, Christmas Crafts and Fun Stalls, Tombola, Raffle and lots, lots more.

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Drawing attention to safety

Badsey First School helped launch a new road safety campaign for Worcestershire County Council last month, by coming up with the design for a promotional poster.

"Caution Children Walking" posters will be made available to all schools where pupils use roads during the day to get to different educational sites and they are designed to increase awareness amongst drivers. Pupils from Badsey School got involved with the campaign by entering a competition to design the final poster and the Road Safety team selected the winner. The winning poster was designed by Jason in Class C.

John Dakin, a member of the County Council's Road Safety team, said: "The safety of children is an important issue for both parents and schools. The posters will remind drivers that children could be using the roads at all times through out the day and not just at drop off and pick up times".

Jason was presented with a framed copy of the poster by the Mayor of Evesham, Jo Sandalls.

Developments in Society...

After nearly two years' work, the Badsey Society is almost ready for the results of its labours to be viewed on the Badsey website, (www.badsey.net). On the site, you will find information about the Enclosure Map project, but by Christmas, there will be historical notes about every single road in the parishes of Badsey and Aldington and Blackminster. In addition dates for a specialist training session for learning how to get the most out of the Badsey website and using the digitised Enclosure maps will be posted up in December.

Visit the website for more information on the following events:

- Saturday 27th January Day school on **Enclosure Records**
- Saturday 10th March End of Project Gala Evening

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Dear all

It seems only a short while ago that I wrote giving thanks for John Callaghan's ministry as a Reader, and even more recently of the good news that Sue Cole has started her training. There is yet more good news; Anne Potter has now joined the Team as a Reader in the benefice, from the Coventry Diocese (you can read more about Anne on page seven of this issue).

To have such a strong team in the three parishes is a source of great joy and rejoicing. The Readers give of their time and skills on a voluntary basis, leading worship, and preaching in church is just a small part of their ministry. They are also involved in all sorts of pastoral situations in the parishes such as Baptism preparation, visiting the sick in hospital and at home; Confirmation preparation; links with the schools and so on.

by Revd. Richard Court

Penny, Sheila and Anne are licensed to the benefice rather than to a particular parish and although you may see them more regularly in one church than another, they do take services in all the churches. Without them, the benefice would not function as efficiently as it does; and as Anne joins the team, you will begin to see more of her over the coming months.

I see this ministry as a positive sign that God's kingdom is alive and active in this place and I look forward to an exciting time to come as our Ministry Team works together to develop and grow. It also gives me the opportunity to give thanks for the Reader Ministry of which I was a part for several years.

Yours, in Christ

Sponsored Songs of Praise

Sunday, 19th November 3 pm Badsey Church

Followed by tea and cakes

Please vote for your favourite hymns and deliver them, together with 10p per vote, to either of the following people:

Emma Blyth 67 Horsebridge Avenue Sue Cole 45 Bretforton Road The Vicar, The Vicarage

Or post your vote in the boxes in church, at school or in the shop by 8th November

Put this date in your diary and come and have a good sing!

APOLOGIES...

...for the mistake in last month's Bugle. The Vicar's letter was written by Reader Sheila Lancaster and should have been on the Church Page and not under Mother's Union. Likewise the Mother's Union "Dates for your Diary" should have been the main item and not Sheila's letter.

The Editor

HARVEST SUPPER.

Over 80 people attended the harvest Supper held on October 7th, which once again was a huge success. Over £300.00 was raised despite this being an annual social event. Food was plentiful and the home-made apple pies with cream or ice cream were very well received.

Many thanks to all those who made pies, gave raffle items, table decorations etc and to all those helped in so many ways. The entertainment 'Flowers Special' was very fitting and enjoyed by all. Again thank you to all those who came along and shared this lovely evening with us.

St James Social Committee

THE PARISH OF BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON

Badsey With Aldington	5 NOVEMBER All Saints 4 Before Advent (White)	12 NOVEMBER Remembrance Sunday (Red)	19 NOVEMBER 2 Before Advent (Red)	26 NOVEMBER Christ the King (Sunday before Advent) (Red)	3 DECEMBER 1st Sunday in Advent) (Purple)
	11am Family Worship 6.30pm Benefice Service for All Souls at Badsey	10.45am Service of Remembrance 6.30pm Eucharist	11am Morning Celebration 3.30pm Songs of Praise	9.30am Eucharist 6.30pm Benefice Advent Carol Service at Badsey	11am Christingle 6.30pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 07.45am each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday and Wednesday, which are a Eucharist. There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the FIRST Wednesday in the Month at 10am at Badsey

WHAT IS THE MOTHER'S UNION?

The Mother's Union is an organization to which Christians all over the world belong. Though our lives and our experience of the Mother's Union may differ widely, depending on where we are, we are joined together by our shared belief in the importance of "The Family in God's World".

The mother's Union is active in supporting family life in many ways and all we do is underpinned by our distinctive spirituality.

How it all started...

Mary Sumner started the Mother's Union in a village near Winchester in 1876. Mary was the wife of the Rector. Becoming a mother made her aware of how little preparation and support women received for motherhood. Mary also believed that the solution to many of Society's problems lay in the nurturing of the next generation.

She invited local mothers from all backgrounds to meet together. By the 1890s the Mother's Union had developed into an international body with branches springing up throughout the British Empire. The organization still thrives in many countries.

Badsey Mother's Union plays a very active part in supporting all aspects of Family Life.

As you probably read in a previous copy of the magazine, Badsey members have been making tiny garments for very premature and still- born babies. Badsey is active in supporting prison crèches and women's refuges as well as supporting local families and families in other countries in many ways.

If you are interested in your local branch please contact Sandra Sparrow on 01386 833368 or go along to either of the meetings listed below.

MU Dates for your Diary

8 November Communion in Church at 10.30.a.m.

14 November Speaker Jill Armstrong on "Life in a

Zambian Village"

7.30.p.m. in St. James Church.

Christopher Reginald Welch

From the Parish Registers

Badsey with Aldington

Baptisms

24 September
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25 Keith Adrian Dunderdale
26 Rhys Thomas Dunderdale
27 Mollie Salter

1 October 1 October 15 October 15 October

Joseph John Lathan Olivia Florence Walters

Danielle Alexandra Cleeve

Luke Manning Welch 15 August rian Dunderdale

Holy Matrimony

Funeral Services

8 September Andrew Malcolm Bolton and Carolyn Louise Bullock

St James' Flower Guild

NOVEMBER ROTA

Many thanks to the members of the Flower Guild for the lovely harvest arrangements. The Church looked beautiful. Thanks also to those who donated flowers and produce towards the Church decoration.

1st Sunday 2nd Sunday 3rd Sunday 4th Sunday Margaret Castle and Mary Clarke Eleanor Sams and Julie Gardner Stephanie Hartley and Yvonne Haynes Maureen Davies and Sandra Sparrow

For queries about Church flowers please ring Hazel Stewart on 01386 831007

FLOWER FESTIVAL 2007

St. Jame's Church Badsey with Aldington is holding a Flower Festival in June 2007. To this end the Flower Guild, under the guidance of Mrs Hazel Stewart, are busy fund-raising for this event.

Please note the following dates:

A COFFEE MORNING

To be held at the home of Sandra and Terry Sparrow at 36 Brewers Lane, Badsey on Thursday 16th November at 10.30.a.m. Entrance will cost £1.00 to include coffee and biscuits. Raffle and a Bring & Buy Stall.

A PRIZE BINGO

On Saturday, 25th November at The Remembrance Hall, Badsey. Eyes Down at 7.30.p.m

Donations of prizes etc. can be given to Mrs Mary Dore tel: 01386 830879.

Mary's annual Christmas Bingo in aid of Church Funds will be held on Saturday, 9th December at Badsey Remembrance Hall with eyes down at 7.30pm.

BADSEY& ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 22nd November at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7.30pm.

Bang! Have fun on Bonfire Night, but be careful with those fireworks!



Bang! Have fun on Bonfire: Facts about fireworks!

The first fireworks were probably made in China, around 2,000 years ago. Chinese crackers, as they are known, are still used in China today to celebrate weddings, births and festivals - and to scare away evil spirits!

Fireworks were used for centuries in ancient Indian and Thai religious ceremonies. Some of the rockets were 8-10 feet long and were attached to bamboo sticks that were 40 feet high.

The first recorded fireworks in England were at the wedding of King Henry VII in 1486 and by Elizabethan times (1558-1603) there was a fireworks master. Queen Elizabeth I created this job so that someone would be in charge of organising firework displays for great occasions. James II even knighted his fireworks master after a particularly excellent show of fireworks at his coronation.

The first fireworks recorded in America were set off by an Englishman, Captain John Smith, famous in the story of Pocahontas.

Three sparklers burning together are as hot as a blow-torch. The world's largest single firework was set off at a festival in Japan in 1988. The shell weighed over half a tonne and the burst was over a kilometre across.

Throwing a firework in a street or public place is a criminal offence, with a maximum fine of £5000.

If you are given a sparkler: Always wear gloves. Hold it at arm's length. When your sparkler goes out, DON'T TOUCH IT. It could still burn you, so put it in a bucket of water.

NOTICE TO READERS OF THE BUGLE

The Bugle is a monthly newsletter, published ten times a year (no January or August issues) that is provided free to the community. It relies on the voluntary support of contributors to provide interesting and relevant items for inclusion, and the effort and hard work provided by Editor Yvonne Haynes.

It also relies on advertising sales to cover its print costs. But unless these are firmly established, and enough money is generated to allow The Bugle to pay for itself, its future may be in doubt.

If you feel that The Bugle is a worthwhile venture, and you would like to help assure its future, please consider placing an ad for your business.

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Jo Simpson, Publisher

Gardening tips for November

After chrysanthemums have stopped blooming, cut stems back close to the ground and dispose of stems and all dropped and dried leaves and branches.

Reduce peony blight and hollyhock rust by removing and disposing of all old stems this autumn. This will reduce the carryover of the diseases during the winter and you will have less trouble next year.

Clean up rose beds. Be sure all diseased leaves are raked up and disposed.

Be sure not to store apples or pears with vegetables. The fruits give off ethylene gas which speeds up the breakdown of vegetables and will cause them to develop off flavors.

After the ground freezes, mulch small fruit plants such as strawberries. One inch of straw or leaves is ideal for strawberries. Small branches may be used to keep mulch in place.

Remove all mummified fruit from fruit trees and rake up and destroy those on the ground. Also, rake and dispose of apple and cherry leaves. Good sanitation practices reduce reinfestation of insects and diseases the following season.

African violets do well when potted in rather small pots. A good general rule is to use a pot one third the diameter of the plant. Encourage African violets to bloom by giving them plenty of light. They can be in a south window during dark winter months. They bloom beautifully under fluorescent lights. In fact, they seem to prefer them.

Clean power tools of all plant material and dirt. Replace worn spark plugs, oil all necessary parts, and sharpen blades. Store all tools in their proper place indoors, never outdoors where they will rust over the winter.

Clean and fix all hand tools. Repaint handles or identification marks that have faded over the summer. Sharpen all blades and remove any rust.

Order seed catalogs now for garden planning in January. For variety, consider companies that specialise in old and rare varieties or wild flowers.

Bring out bird feeders and stock them with bird seed for the birds. Remember to provide fresh water for them.

Traditional Toffee Apples

Ingredients:

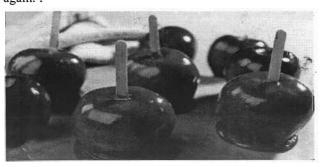
10 small crisp eating apples 100g/4 oz golden syrup 1 teaspoon lemon juice

50g/2 oz butter 300g/12 oz soft brown sugar 10 wooden sticks 1/4 pint water

Method

Remove stalks from apples and wash and dry them. Push a wooden stick into each one. Butter a baking tray or grease-proof paper. To make toffee, put sugar and water into a heavy based saucepan and heat gently until sugar is dissolved,

stirring occasionally. Have a bowl of cold water and a brush beside you to wash down any sugar granules which may stick to the sides of the pan as you stir. When all sugar is dissolved add butter golden syrup and lemon juice and stir until well blended. Increase heat and boil rapidly without stirring until toffee reaches a temperature of 290 degrees F or soft crack stage. (see above) Remove from heat and allow bubbles to subside. Dip apples one at a time into toffee making sure that they are completely covered. Twirl around for a few seconds to allow excess toffee to drip off then plunge into a bowl of cold water. remove and stand on prepared baking sheet or grease-proof paper. If toffee begins to harden before all apples have been dipped, warm over a very low heat until liquid





Around the villages

Jogging your winter memory



With winter nearly upon us, it's worth taking some time to think of ways to improve our safety and comfort during the inevitable cold spells to come.

Consider the following hints and tips:

- Check vehicle tyres/lights/brakes, this includes front and rear lights for bicycles.
- Provide some form

of reflective material on children's waterproof clothing(BE SAFE – BE SEEN). Adults could also benefit from this advice.

- Have a torch available when you are walking about in the dark and make sure you have a supply of batteries, or even buy a wind up torch that will never need batteries!
- Get a supply of candles for the house in case of power cuts.
- Senior Citizens should think about warm clothing, alternative means of cooking a meal in case of power cuts. If you have elderly neighbours please check they have these things.
- Senior Citizens should also get a supply of food (tinned or frozen) just in case the weather gets bad and they are unable to get to the shops for a couple of days.
- Let's ALL be goof neighbours, keep an eye open for their welfare.
- Neighbourhood Watch is looking for volunteers to help promote this important organisation amongst the community, so if anyone feels they are able to help then contact Peter Watkin on 01386 832202.

HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING?

The following items were left behind after Badsey Flower Show. If any of them belong to you, please claim them asap.

Man's black umbrella Lady's straw hat Necklace on black string One white eggcup used for flower arranging

Children's exhibits: Black felt cat face
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Picture of a butterfly flying over people.

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In profile: Anne Potter

Mike and I moved into Offenham in February to take over the Village Shop and Post Office.

Previously Mike had been in engineering and I had been a primary school teacher. We came to the Midlands from Bognor Regis, eight years ago, when we bought the old vicarage in Salford Priors.

Married nine years ago, we have four children between us.

I was born in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, now Malawi, and moved back to this country when I was 10 years old. I spent my teenage and early married years in North London. In 1982 I went to South Africa for two years, returned and embarked on an Open University Degree. In the following four years, I became a Church Community Worker for Muswell Hill URC; had a third child and moved to Singapore; on returning to the UK in 1994 I did a PGCE at West Sussex University.

Six years ago I felt the calling to become a lay reader in the Church of England and was licensed at Coventry Cathedral in September 2003. I come from a Christian background, my grandfather having been a C of E Rector and my maternal great-grandfather a Congregationalist Minister. My grandmother was a well-travelled lay preacher in the Congregational Church and my mother has followed in her footsteps within the United Reformed Church. I am really looking forward to being an active member of the Benefice ministry team and allowing God to work through me within the three churches in the benefice.

Anne Potter

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