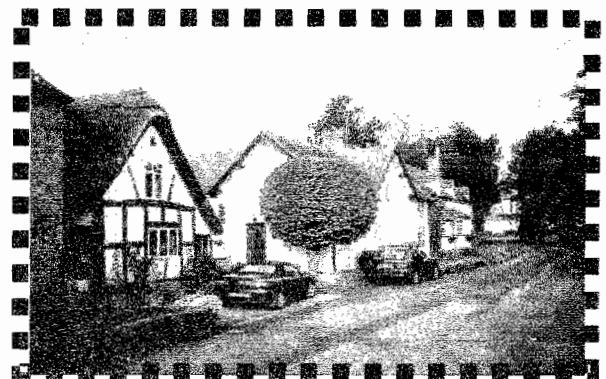
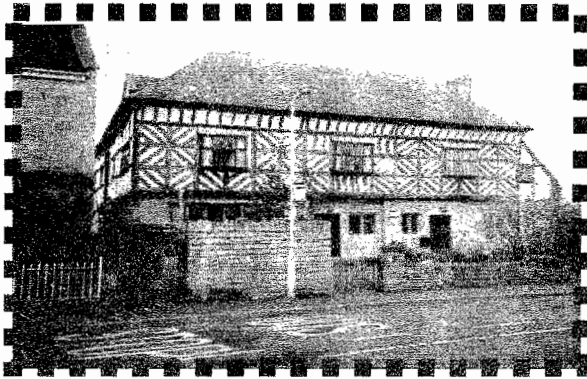


Community News

Badsey and Aldington



May 2007 Your Village Magazine

Welcome to the new newsletter. This is your newsletter and we want to include as much village news as you want to give us. Tell us about any special event whether it's a special anniversary or something you would like to share about your family or home or garden. We would welcome any gardening tips, especially if you've grown an extra large marrow or an unusual flower or plant that you're particularly pleased about. Cookery and household tips are always welcome. We want to make this as much as possible about you, what you like, and what you do. As I say it's your magazine and it will only be as good as what you contribute. We look forward to hearing from you.

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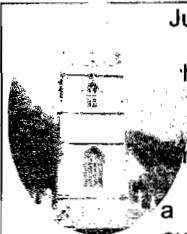
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Just before Easter, a well know supermarket chain made the headlines when it appeared to get into a muddle over the meaning of Easter. In a press release, it suggested that the giving of Easter Eggs was to celebrate the birth of Christ. A second attempt that said it was to celebrate the re-birth of Christ was not much better. They got it right at the third attempt - a celebration of Christ's resurrection. They say that there is no such thing as bad publicity and perhaps they are right, the article did not say how effective their advertising campaign had been!

In any advertising campaign, symbols are important, and many companies spend thousands of pounds to promote their products. The symbol of the cross has a history as long as Christianity itself and for very good reason. The cross is central to Christian belief, it symbolises the story of the ministry, suffering, death and resurrection of

love that God has for us; a reminder of the ultimate price that he was prepared to pay on our behalf.

We have learnt a lot from the ancient Romans about civilization, but the act of crucifixion must be one of the most barbaric of criminal codes, which involved humiliation and well as torture. Our system of justice in this country may well have its failings, and at times, we may think that it is a far cry from being just or fair, it has however, thank God, moved on from the barbarity of earlier generations. The cross is a symbol of freedom, freedom bought with pain and suffering. It is a symbol of justice.

When talking about justice and order in society Archbishop Rowan Williams defined justice as 'power that can be trusted' and 'has its roots very clearly in the biblical vision of a just God, a trustworthy God.'

On what then do we base justice in our society? Who holds the power, and can they be trusted?

The symbol that stands above the Central Criminal Court (or the Old Bailey, as it is

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better known) is the Lady Justice Statue (known also as the Scales of Justice or Blind Justice); she stands with a sword in one hand and a pair of scales in the other. The scales represent the impartiality with which justice is served, while the sword represents the power of those making the decision. But who is wielding the sword? Who holds the power in our society, and are they truly impartial?

Before we all rush to blame someone else and to point the finger at 'those in power' we are lucky in this country to be free to elect people to office, the same cannot be said for other places around the world.

Advertisers and politicians do get things wrong they are fallible because they are human; the Cross, for Christians stands for justice and truth, a symbol of a God who delivers true justice, a God who is truly impartial and can be relied upon.

Richard

CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2nd May	10.00 am	Eucharist with members of Mothers Union
Sunday 6th May	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship (followed by coffee) Evensong
Sunday 13th May	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Benefice Rogation Service @ Aldington Evensong
Thursday 17th May	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Eucharist at Offenham
Sunday 20th May	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Morning Celebration (followed by coffee) Evensong
Sunday 27th May	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Eucharist (followed by coffee) Evensong
Sunday 3rd June	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship (followed by coffee) Evensong

SPECIAL EVENTS

Rogation Service

After several years and by kind permission of Aldington Land Management Ltd we are happy to be able to celebrate our **Benefice Rogation Service** in Aldington. The service starts at 10.30 and we will be accompanied by Bretforton Silver Band. The service will be held on 'Front Ground' Aldington. Please bring a chair. There will be coffee after the service.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

01 April Harvey Rory Graham Mason
15 April Callum Graham Dawson

Funerals

11 April Thomas Alan Brooks
13 April Joyce Margaret Hay
18 April Barrie Stuart James



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Etiquette for inexperienced Cats

- 1 If you are going to be sick, get onto a chair quickly. If you cannot manage this in time, get to an Oriental rug, or even a shag pile is good.
- 2 Determine quickly which of your family's guests hates cats. Sit on that lap during the evening. He/she won't dare push you off and will even call you "nice kitty". If you can arrange to have cat food on your breath, so much the better.
- 3 For sitting on laps or rubbing against trouser legs, select colours that contrast to your own.
- 4 Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It is not necessary to do anything. Just sit and stare.
- 5 For guests that say "I love kitties," and mean it, be ready with aloof disdain, claws applied to stockings, or a quick nip on the ankles.
- 6 Do not allow closed doors in any room. To get one open, stand on hind legs and hammer doorknob with forepaws. Once the door is opened for you, it is not necessary to use it. You can change your mind. When you have ordered an outside door opened, stand half in and half out and think about several things. This is important during very cold or rainy weather or midge season.
- 7 If one person is busy and the other is idle, sit with the busy one. For book readers, get in close under the chin, unless you can lie across the book itself.
- 8 For ladies knitting, curl quietly into lap and pretend to doze. Then reach out and slap knitting needles sharply. This is what she calls a dropped stitch. She will try to distract you. Ignore it.
- 9 For people doing homework, sit on the paper being worked on. After being removed the second time, push anything movable off the table (pens, pencils, stamps) one at a time.
- 10 Get enough sleep during the day.



Christian Aid Week 13-19 May 2007

A Christian Aid Envelope will be delivered with your newsletter. Filled envelopes can be posted in the box at the village shop, or delivered to The Vicarage; Middlebank, Aldington; 45 Bretforton Road; or to the Churchwardens.

St James Flower Guild Flowers for May

1st Sunday	Stephanie & Yvonne
2nd Sunday	Maureen & Sandra
3rd Sunday	Annette & Sheila
4th Sunday	Julie & Eleanor

St James Flower Guild

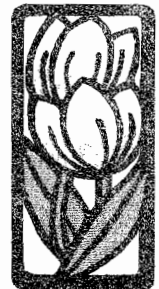
Ladies

Thank you for the lovely flowers in Church at Easter.

We are holding a Flower Festival in Church in June. For this festival we are having a *Sponsor a Flower* memorial list for departed loved ones. Anyone who would like a name or names included on the list is asked to let either the Vicar or me know.

Thanking you and we look forward to seeing you all at our Festival. If you have any queries regarding church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart - 01386 832007



Mothers' Union

Wednesday 2 May 10.00 am Eucharist in Church followed by 'coffee and a chat'
Tuesday 8 May 2.30 pm in Church 'History of the MU' Speaker Elizabeth Kearney



Sandra Sparrow, Branch Leader of Badsey Mothers' Union, writes that members of the Mothers' Union work on many projects to help the community which she will tell us about in the coming months. This month she writes about the latest project the members are working on, which is knitting 'Angels Pockets' for local maternity units. These little garments are used in labour suites for tiny still born babies. In the past members have made tiny gowns but even these have proved too big because most of these babies are very small and/or fragile so these little wraps are used to put them in instead. They are knitted in very fine wool, in pastel shades edged with lace. If you would like to know more about the Mothers' Union contact Sandra (Tel:833368) and she will be pleased to help you. We look forward to hearing about other projects the Mothers' Union are involved in.

People Profile

Les Grinnell, Chairman of Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford Royal British Legion

Les joined the branch which was formed in 1928 after completing his National Service in the army. In those days meetings were held in members' houses and when it outgrew those, members met in the various public houses in Badsey, eventually moving into the Old School in 1962 which was subsequently converted into the club by volunteers. Les eventually joined the branch committee and in 1980 he became Chairman, a post he still holds today

The aims of the Legion are to take care of ex-service men and women and their dependants in need, whether this is help with their fuel bills or recuperating at the Legion's convalescent home Weston-super-Mare. The Legion helps people who are homeless or living in temporary accommodation and works jointly with SSAFA Forces Help on a Prison In-Reach programme. Les sold poppies door-to-door in the villages for over 30 years and was poppy organiser for 15 years. He was awarded the Merit Badge for people who have helped with the Poppy Appeal for 25 years. Les was also awarded the Gold Badge award on 16 January 1992 for services rendered. This is a very prestigious award, only about eight being awarded in the Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Branch altogether. Les has been involved in organising a Senior Members Dinner each year for many, many years. Today any man or woman is welcome to join the Royal British Legion. They do not necessarily have to be ex-service people.

For Merit Badge



This Award is presented to People who have helped with the Poppy Appeal for 25 Years

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 02 May 2007 in the Remembrance Hall.

This will be the first meeting of members of the new Parish Council.

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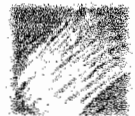
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Police (non emergency)	08457 444888
Pressure Point (Local Drugs Helpline)	0800 652 9664
FRANK (National Drugs Helpline)	0800 77 66 00
Victim Support (helping people cope with crime)	0845 30 30 900
Domestic Violence Helpline	0800 980 2946
Childline (Children and young people helpline)	0800 11 11
Crimestoppers (Report information about crime, anonymously)	0800 555111
CAB (Advice and information on a range of issues, including housing, benefits, consumer, employment, money and debt)	01386 443737

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