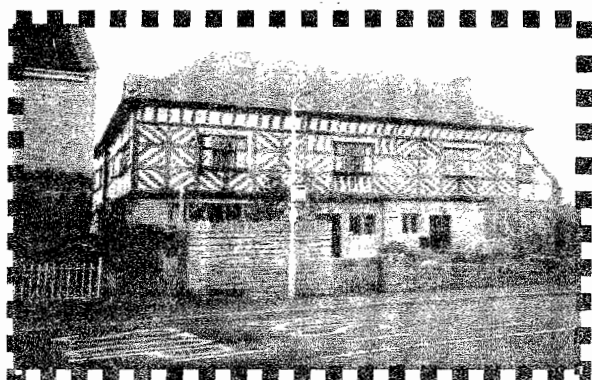


Community News

Badsey and Aldington



June 2007 Your Village Magazine

This is our second of the new type newsletter and we have been very pleased with the feedback we have had from the first one. As you will see we've doubled its size this month but it will not go any bigger. We don't want you to get bored by having too much to read. We still rely on your input, indeed the magazine's success depends on it. People like reading your special memories, recipes and gardening hints. So please keep them coming in. We have an article from the Badsey Historical Society this month and they will be sending one in every month. This is good news now that their enclosure map newsletter has stopped being printed. We shall be asking the youth groups for some input for the next magazine. Hope you enjoy reading this and we will be pleased to receive your comments.

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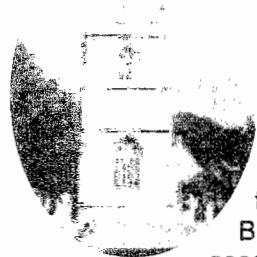
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June is a very busy time in our village calendars, the first weekend sees the Asparagus festival at Bretforton, the second weekend brings the Wake at Offenham, and the third weekend is the flower festival at Badsey.

Taking each in turn, the week long Asparagus Festival concludes with an outdoor church service followed by the auction of asparagus at The Fleece. The Offenham Wake starts with a Service in Offenham Church when flowers are presented in

church; and the Flower festival in Badsey is held in the church. In so many areas of life the church is, or appears to be, totally irrelevant to peoples normal lives, it is something that a few people do on a Sunday, and a place that most people go at sometime to celebrate a wedding or baptism, and a place to go to seek solace after the loss of a loved one.

Important as Weddings Baptisms and Funerals are, they do after all mark the important milestones in peoples lives; it is good to see that in each of the villages the church is involved in village life (it is also good that we have been able to involve Aldington this year with the Rogation Service during May). As the vicar of these three delightful parishes in the Vale I see my role (and that of the ministry

LETTER FOR THE MONTH

team) as trying to make the church relevant to the people of the villages, and for the church to be part of the community in which it exists. It is therefore heartening that the church is involved in some way with each of these important village events. You are all very much in my thoughts and prayers, indeed the people in every road, street, and close are prayed for every month in a cycle of prayers used daily at our service of Morning Prayer at 7.45.

I continue to hold you all in my prayers and hope to see many of you at one or another of these village events.

Richard

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd June	11.00 am 7.00 pm	Family Worship (followed by coffee) Benefice Asparagus Service at Bretforton
Wednesday 6th June	10.00 am	Eucharist with members of Mothers Union
Sunday 10th June	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Praise and Worship (followed by coffee) Eucharist
Sunday 17th June	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Morning Celebration (followed by coffee) Evensong
Sunday 24th June	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Eucharist (followed by coffee) Evensong

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings

19 May Thomas Jonathan William Lee
and
Lucy Ann Miller

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Benefice Asparagus Service will be held at Bretforton in the square outside the church at 7.00 pm on Sunday 3 June. This will be followed by an auction of Asparagus at The Fleece.

The collection from the benefice Rogation Service held last month at Aldington was donated to relief in the Darfur region of western Sudan where a recent Unicef report showed that more than 70 children under the age of five are dying every day.

Following recent requests a Prayer Tree has been made at the back of church where prayers can be left on a slip of paper, the people are then prayed for during the week and the prayer slip removed.

REFLECTIONS

The Sandpiper

She was six years of age when I first met her on the beach near where I lived. I drive to this beach, a distance of 3-4 miles, whenever the world begins to close in on me. She was building a sandcastle or something and looked up, her eyes as blue as the sea. 'Hello' she said. I answered with a nod, not really in the mood to bother with a small child.

She said 'I'm building'.

I could see that. 'What is it?'

I asked, not really caring.

'Oh, I don't know. I just like the feel of the sand.'

That sounds good I thought, and slipped off my shoes.

A sandpiper glided by. 'That's a joy' the child said.

'It's a what?'

It's a joy. My mama says sandpipers come to bring us joy.'

The bird went gliding down the beach.

Goodbye joy - I muttered to myself.

Hello pain. And turned to walk on.

I was depressed. My life seemed complete out of balance.

What's your name? She just wouldn't give up.

'Robert' I answered. 'I'm Robert Peterson'.

'My name is Wendy and I'm six'.

'Hi, Wendy'.

She giggled. 'You're funny' she said, in spite of my gloom, I laughed and walked on. Her musical giggle followed me. She called: 'Come again Mr. P. We'll have another happy day.'

The next few days consisted of a group of unruly Boy Scouts, PTA meetings and an ailing mother. The sun was shining one morning as I took my hands out of the dishwasher. I need a sandpiper I thought to myself, gathering up my coat. The ever-changing balm of the seashore awaited me. The breeze was chilly but I strode along,

trying to recapture the serenity I needed.

'Hello Mr. P' she said. 'Do you want to play?'

'What did you have in mind?' I asked with a twinge of annoyance.

'I don't know. You say.'

'How about charades?' I asked sarcastically. Her giggling laugh burst forth again.

'I don't know what this is.'

Then let's just go for a walk. Looking at her I noticed the delicate fairness of her face.

'Where do you live?' I asked. 'Over there' she said and pointed to a row of summer cottages.

'Where do you go to school?' I asked.

'I don't go to school. Mummy says we're on vacation.' The little girl chatted the whole time as we strolled along the beach. My mind was on other things. When I left for home Wendy said, it had been a happy day. Feeling surprisingly better, I smiled at her and agreed.

Three weeks later, I rushed to my beach in a state of near panic. I was in no mood to even greet Wendy. I thought I saw her mother in the porch and felt like demanding she keep her child at home. 'Look, if you don't mind,' I said crossly when Wendy caught up with me, 'I'd rather be alone today.' 'Why?' She asked.

I turned to her and shouted: 'Because my mother died'. Then I thought why was I saying all this to a little child?

'So this is a bad day' she said quietly. 'Yes' and yesterday and the day before' I said.

'Did it hurt? She enquired.

'Did what hurt?' I was exasperated with her, and with myself.

'When she died?'

'Of course it hurt!' I snapped as I strode off wrapped up in myself. 'Just go away.'

A month or so after that, when I next went to the beach, she wasn't there. I felt guilty, ashamed and admitted to

myself that I missed her. I went up to the cottage after my walk and knocked at the door. A drawn looking young woman with honey coloured hair opened the door. 'Hello' I said 'I'm Robert Peterson. I missed your little girl today and wondered where she was.' 'Oh yes, Mr Peterson, please come in. Wendy spoke of you so much. I hope she didn't bother you. If she was a nuisance please accept my apologies'.

'Not at all, she was a delightful child' I said, suddenly realising that I meant what I had just said.

'Wendy died last week, Mr. Peterson. She had leukemia. Maybe she didn't tell you. The poor man was struck dumb and groped for a chair

'She loved this beach. So when she asked to come, we couldn't say no. She seemed so much better here and had a lot of what she called happy days. But in the last week or two she declined rapidly' Her mother's voice faltered as she said 'She left something for you. She went and fetched a smeared envelope with 'Mr P' written in childish letters. Inside was a drawing in bright crayons-a yellow beach, a blue sea and a brown bird. And underneath was written: **A SANDPIPER TO BRING YOU JOY.**

Tears welled up in his eyes and a heart that had almost forgotten to love opened wide. He just put his arms around Wendy's Mum and said 'I'm so sorry' over and over again

This is a true story sent by Robert Peterson to The Vision Magazine, Nottingham. The picture is framed now and hangs in his study.

SUE COLE WRITES ABOUT HER SECOND TERM OF READER TRAINING

Christian worship is seen in two ways. Firstly is when Christians meet together to sing, pray, read the bible and respond to its message and remember Jesus with bread and wine. Secondly, we know from the bible worship is not just about words and action but about the whole of life and how we live it. It is how we treat others and how we look after God's world

Liturgy is always about the gathering together of the people of God. The New Testament says the body of Christ is a church of priests, rather than a church with priests. Therefore liturgy is not only attached to the work of ordained leaders but everyone has work to do for God and for each other, both in the world and in corporate worship. We looked at the variety of services and how to put them together and I practiced this when I helped to design the liturgy for Palm Sunday for Badsey Church. *Please continue to pray for Sue.*

BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL

Headteacher (Elizabeth Spencer) News

Archery, bird orienteering, night hikes, getting ready for room inspection, whizzing up the climbing tower and abseiling back down, making our beds in the dormitories, zooming down the zip wires, guiding a partner on the night line, midnight feasts, just a few of the marvellous experiences encountered by those who took part in the wonderful residential visit to the Malvern Hills Outdoor Centre; and the adults loved it too!

Pupils across Key Stage 2 continue to be involved in Modern Foreign Language tuition. Staff have undergone extra training in order to deliver this well ahead of Government guidelines and pupils have also benefited from the expertise of Ellen Bloom, from Prince Henry's High School, Language College. Elizabeth says they have also been delighted to extend a warm welcome to two teachers from the Netherlands, Manon and Els. In addition parents have been kind enough to host tea for visiting pupils from their French partnership school in Reims.

Lads & Dads

Once again boys from Classes E & Sa have been taking part in the Lads and Dads project. This is a really exciting initiative whereby lads and their dads have fun sharing sporting activities and books. Elizabeth says 'Watch out for the next event in the Summer Term'.

News from Nursery

If you have not already placed your child's name on the waiting list, please do so as places for the September 2007 intake will be allocated during the next term. Do call in or telephone 01386 48943. We had a lovely response to the Easter Garden Competition and thanks to all who entered.

Governors

Visiting Governors for the Term are Mrs Newton and Mrs Potter.

BADSEY BROWNIES

What the Brownies have to say:

Millie says I like Brownies really much because we have sleepovers and we bring games in so we can share them with other brownies and friends that are at Brownies and you go outside and you play games.

Danielle says: I like Brownies because of games and visitors like Anne Poulter and the vicar. We visit places like the village hall.

Martha says: I like Brownies because you see your friends and you play lots of games and you are having fun all the time.

Courtney says: Brownies is fun because we meet new friends

India says: I like Brownies because it is fun outings, fun games and stuff like that

Lily Cattle says: We get to go to pantomimes and we get to meet new friends.



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Flowers for June

1st Sunday	Avril, Hazel and Hazel
2nd Sunday	Pat and Sue
3rd Sunday	Flower Festival
4th Sunday	All the Guild

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during May.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact

Hazel Stewart 01386 832007

FLOWER FESTIVAL

16 and 17 June

22 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

Come and see the world portrayed in flowers from an English Garden to Niagara Falls by the Flower Guild of St James, Badsey on Saturday 11.00 am to 5.00 pm and Sunday 12 noon to 5.00 pm.

There is still time to sponsor a flower for a departed loved one to be on our memorial list in Church. Please let the vicar or myself have any name or names you would like to be included.



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Wednesday 6 June 10.00 a.m. Eucharist in Church followed by 'coffee and a chat'

Tuesday 12 June Outing to the House of the Open Door, Childswickham

Meet at the Lych Gate at 2.30 p.m.

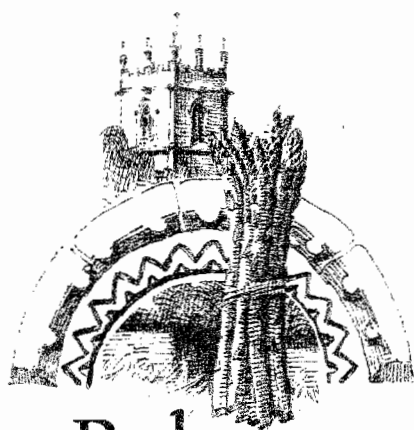


Sandra Sparrow, Branch Leader of the Badsey Mothers' Union, writes that In the Worcester Diocese some Mothers' Union members help in local prisons. This involves helping to look after children in crèches whilst their parents visit prisoners. Also they 'meet and greet' first time visitors.

A Forward Notice

The Mothers' Union are having a tea afternoon in the vicarage gardens on Tuesday 3rd July at 2.30 p.m. Entrance will be £1.50 to include tea and cake. There will also be a raffle. All are welcome.

If you would like to know more about the Mothers' Union contact Sandra (Tel:833368) and she will be pleased to help you.



The Badsey Society

The Badsey Society exists to promote the understanding and study of the parish and village of Badsey, Aldington and the surrounding area.

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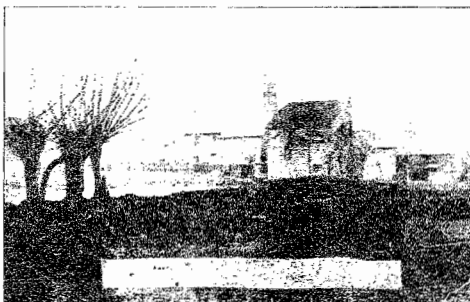
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TRADITIONAL WHITSUN WALK AND WHITSUN ALE

Meet 7 pm
Badsey Remembrance Hall
All welcome, dogs included

Join us for a circular walk which takes in footpaths in Badsey, Aldington and Blackminster. Gentle walking with three stiles to be surmounted; wear stout walking shoes. Afterwards, join us for some Whitsun ale or a glass or wine at 30 Horsebridge Avenue, courtesy of our Chairman, Will Dallimore.

Along the way we will look at some historical features of the landscape, including the site of Aldington Mill, photographed about 100 years ago.



ANNOUNCING OUR NEW DVD

The Badsey Society's new DVD, "Beyond the Blossom", will be launched at Badsey Flower Show. Filmed over the course of a full year, it succinctly records the impact of the seasons on a traditional Vale orchard on Knowle Hill. Produced by Will Dallimore, written and narrated by Tony Jerram, it features Sheila Taylor and family, Phil Thomas, Michael Hewlett, Tony Tustin and Geoff Brooks.

Price £6, on sale from 28th July. Come and visit us at our stand at: **Badsey Flower Show**
Badsey Recreation Ground
1.30pm, Saturday 28th July.



New members always welcome, price £1 per adult or £2.50 family. Please send money to Terry Sparrow.



For a wealth of local historical information visit www.badsey.net

GARDENING TIPS

by John Cole

General: Dry spells may occur now and can cause all sorts of problems. Newly planted specimens are particularly vulnerable so take care to keep up watering if there is a prolonged period without rain.

For the veggie garden If you have an established clump of rhubarb in your garden and have been harvesting the tasty leaf stalks regularly throughout spring, it would be a good idea to take one more crop before letting the plant have a recovery period over the summer months. If you continue picking, the plant will become weakened and lose its vigour, so producing a smaller crop next season.

For the plants: Many early flowering plants will produce subsequent flushes of bloom if they are regularly dead-headed. This is a very simple technique of picking off the dead flowers. This makes sure the plant puts all its energies into producing further flowers.

Visitors: Now the warmer weather entices evening activity from insects and grubs, the predators are also out and about. The shy hedgehog can be lured to your patio with a plate of canned dog food. Keep competitors away by covering the plate with an inverted plastic flowerpot. Hedgehogs normally breed in early summer, and usually have four or more young in each litter.

COOKERY

by Hilary Bolton

With summer approaching here are a couple of old fashioned thirst quenchers, made for hot days. Both drinks benefit from leaving for a week before using.

Fresh Lemonade

4 Lemons	1 tsp Tartaric acid
2lbs Sugar	2 pints of boiling water

Squeeze lemons over sugar
Add the acid
Pour on the boiling water.
Stir well and leave till cold
Bottle, then dilute to taste

Nettle Beer

2lbs Young Nettles	2 Lemons
1lb Demerara Sugar	8 pints of water
1oz Cream of tartar	1 oz of yeast

Rinse nettles, drain and boil for 15 minutes
Strain into bowl containing the peel and juice of lemons making sure all pith is removed and mix with the sugar and cream of tartar.
Stir well and cool.
Add yeast, cover for 3 days with a cloth

VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENTS

The Social Committee have arranged a programme of events for the coming year to which you are all invited.

At the present time some of the arrangements need firming up or require confirmation of dates, entertainment, etc. But we hope to give you a flavour of events coming up and look forward to seeing you at them. Contact any of the editorial team for further information and they will put you in touch with the person concerned.

Friday 29 June	BBQ with entertainment at the Vicarage. Entertainment has been approached.
Friday 17 August	Annual Cheese & Wine Evening
07 September	An event at the Remembrance Hall to take the form of a supper with entertainment by Nonny James, a presenter on Hereford and Worcester. Nonny is a talented musician, one of her instruments being the guitar, and she is very amusing.
Saturday 13 October	Harvest Supper. Hall and entertainment booked.
December	Concert in Church by a Choir, band or other musical group. This is hoped to be near to Christmas and on a Saturday.

BELL RINGING NEWS

Forthcoming Events:

Tuesday morning 29 May

The Worcester & Districts Association of Change Ringers will be attempting a full Peal in celebration of Doug and Ann Bott's Golden Wedding.



Saturday 09 June

Following a wedding St James' will be hosts to the Worcester and Districts Southern Branch for their quarterly meeting.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

- Did you know that Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns?
- Achy muscles from a bout of the flu? Mix one tablespoon of horseradish in one cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil, for instant relief for aching muscles.
- Sore throat? Just mix ¼ cup of vinegar with ¼ cup of honey and take one tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria.
- Honey remedy for skin blemishes - cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a plaster over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile, and speeds healing. Works overnight.
- Listerine for toenail fungus - get rid of unsightly toenail fungus by soaking your toes in Listerine mouthwash. The powerful antiseptic leaves your toenails looking healthy again.
- Balm for broken blisters - to disinfect a broken blister, dab on a few drops of Listerine, a powerful antiseptic.

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PEOPLE PROFILE

Napoleon once said that 'England is a nation of shopkeepers'.

George Singh Sangha and his family are the very kind of people who Napoleon must have had in mind when he said those immortal words.

George was born in Edgbaston, Birmingham and on leaving school went to Kingston University for Business Studies. On getting his degree George didn't want to join his family business working in one of their shops (he didn't know about Napoleon then) so instead went to work for BMW at Longbridge. However, with his business head George could see the car industry in Birmingham dying and left his job in 1996.

George's uncle had a shop in Fairfield, Evesham and when George didn't know what to do with himself when he left his job his uncle suggested he work for the family business for four weeks to help him out. George said this felt good, everybody talked to one another and were very friendly.

George didn't want to work in Birmingham and in 1997 George and his brother got together and bought the shop in Badsey. It was a small shop then but George extended it and brought the Post Office into the shop and made it into one.

George feels happy and fulfilled with his business. He likes the people and the community spirit. He says it's uplifting and positive and so different from the City. All George's family are still in Birmingham and George commutes every day with his wife and aunty. They leave Birmingham at 4.30 a.m. to get the papers sorted and the baking done. They don't usually get home until about 6.00 p.m. but this varies dependent on the amount of work. George said he could not do this without his marvellous staff. He used to have three other shops in the area, Honeybourne, Littleton and Harvington but he sold these saying it was too much to keep an eye on.

George worries about his staff if the Post Office part of the business has to close. George thinks the community spirit in the village has much to do with the vicar, Richard, and says he is the best thing that has happened to the village. There's a unity in Badsey with the fetes and flower shows with everyone doing their bit.

George had a son in July 2005 which he says has changed his life. He would like him to grow up in Badsey. So who knows Badsey may get a new permanent resident family. We look forward to that.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

There is no parish council news this month.

The local elections were held on 03 May and after May's parish council meeting hopefully there will be some council news for next month.

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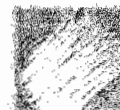
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