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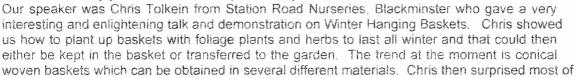


# November 2007 Your Village Magazine

The above are photos of the evening with Nonny James. Isn't it amazing to think how little things have changed for over 2000 years. Go into any major Art Gallery and you'll find a picture of Jesus at the Last Supper relaxing with his friends, eating and drinking and telling stories. Just like we do at our social events and hopefully will do again at our Harvest Supper. We've received some good articles for inclusion in this month's newsletter, two gardening articles, one from our regular correspondent and one anonymous together with a cookery recipe. If you would like to go to the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2010 then please read the details in the newsletter. This play occurs only once in every ten years, so if you are interested start saving your pennies. Keep your articles coming in as I say so often this newsletter is only as good as you make it.

# BADSEY W.I.

Our September meeting started with a minute's silence in remembrance of two members who had sadly passed away, Louise Rastall who had been a member for many years and Grainne Windle. We also remembered Denny King of Wickhamford who had close associations with Badsey W.I. and had for many years been our Group Secretary





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us by saying that the cheaper the wire hanging basket the better. This is because the wire used in the cheaper basket is so flexible you can push the wires apart or squeeze them together to enable you to make the right size hole for your plants and of course making planting them easier than trying to squeeze them through taut holes in the stronger wire baskets. The foliage baskets were lovely but Chris also showed us how to do winter pansies pointing out that yellow and blue were the strongest, longer lasting colours. The new apricot colour made a beautiful showing. Chris made it all look easy and said not to be too afraid of handling the plants as they were all a lot hardier than we expect them to be. He also put quite a few plants in each basket and you did wonder if they would all fit - they did.

Nomination slips for next year's committee were handed out and the President will be elected from the list at our AGM in October. Anna Tucker was in Evesham Hospital and making steady progress and Barbara Brotherton had broken her ankle but again was recovering nicely as is Hazel Stewart who has had a knee replacement operation. We are to cover and fill shoe boxes at our AGM for the shoe box appeal and Bob James is coming along to tell us a little about this project which brings so much happiness at Christmas to the orphanages and homes we hear so much about. We will also be donating goods to Helping Hands in January.

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Dear All,

It seems no time at all since it was summer (what there was of it this year), already the clocks have gone back, and the trees have started

change colour and to loose their leaves. All of this is of course part of the normal cycle of life as the seasons come and go year by year. Some may say however that 'things aren't like they used to be'; we don't have proper winters anymore - all the seasons are rolling into one. I can certainly remember waking up on a winter morning unable to open the curtains because they were frozen to the window, this was I admit several years ago when I was very young and the vicarage I am glad to say, does not suffer in the same way! Perhaps then the seasons have changed but so has the availability of good insulation, double glazing and central heating.

Continuing the theme of change, there have been more technological changes and advances in science in the past fifty years than for hundreds of years previously some for the good and some I am sure you could argue not so good. And with most new inventions come concerns of the long term effects on health and on society as a whole. Will there be any long term damage by using mobile phones for example, will children so used to writing emails and text messages lose the ability to write by hand and be unable to spell correctly, and only b abl 2 tlk in txt spk.

To live in today's world we need to be able to adapt to constant change, it appears that nothing remains unchanged, even the church changes

and evolves (agreed it does usually take a long time!!). It is several years since there was one vicar for one parish, but we are particularly blessed in the villages of Aldington, Badsey, Bretforton and Offenham that we have a strong and dedicated ministry team of Readers in Penny, Sheila, Anne and Sue (in training) which means that as a church we can continue to hold regular services in each church week by week, and although the style of worship may have changed one thing that does not change is that we come together week by week to worship Almighty God. In our ever changing world the one thing that is constant and unchanging is God's love for His creation, God was there at the beginning of the world and God will still be there to the very end of time. Richard

CHURCH

# SERVICES

# CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Sunday 04 November 11.00 am Family Worship

All Saints and All Souls 6.30 pm All Souls Service

Wed 07 November 10.00 am Eucharist with members of the MU

Sunday 11 November

11.00 am Remembrance Service

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 18 November

11.00 am Morning Celebration 3.30 pm Songs of Praise

Sunday 25 November

9.30 am Eucharist 6.30 pm Benefice Advent Service at Offenham

Morning Services are normally followed by coffee

Vicar: **Revd Richard Court** 834550

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Mr Chris Robbins

Mrs Anne Potter

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Readers:

Mrs Penny Christison Mrs Sheila Lancaster 830367 833929 424429

at 9.15 am on 05 November. I apologise for any inconvenience caused. Chris Robbins

# SONGS OF PRAISE

This years Songs of Praise service will have a different format, instead of voting for your favorite hymn as in past years this year we will be asking members from various village organizations to choose their favourite hymn and to give their reason for choosing it. During the service they will then be invited to talk about their particular choice hymn (or I can speak on their behalf if they prefer).

The service will be on 18 November at **3.30 pm** and will be followed by tea and biscuits.

Do come and join us for a good sing song.

# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals:

17 September **Douglas Styles** 17 September Muriel Trotman Lynda Diane Plant 28 September

# ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

November Rota:

1st Sunday 2nd Sunday, Remembrance

3rd Sunday 4th Sunday

Julie & Eleanor Avril, Hazel & Hazel Pat & Sue

Mary & Mary

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during October and also for the lovely display at Harvest Festival. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart on 832007

Thank you for all my cards and get well wishes.

The numbers attending classes in FITNESS PILATES is growing and there seems to be a renewed enthusiasm in people wanting to do exercise and get a little fitter which is fantastic.

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# **AVON SINGERS**

Calling all singers! You may already have enjoyed an Avon Singers concert, you may be new to this If you have some choral experience and would like to join us do come along for an informal rehearsal and a glass of wine. We perform 4 or 5 times a year with repertoire ranging from Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man to English Roman Songs, including African rounds, Spirituals, lyrical French music and songs from the Our members are drawn

from all round the Vale of Evesham under the directorship of Carole Bayliss. Head of Preparatory School Music at Bromsgrove School. We perform in schools. village halls, and churches, raising funds over the years for Acorns Hospice, HFT, Children's Ambulance and more.

Like to know more? Call Richard Sharp on 01386 870231 for further details. The rehearsal will be on Monday 12 November at 7.30 p.m. In Little Comberton Village Hall.

# 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Penny would like to thank everyone who sent cards to celebrate her 25 years as a Reader, and also the lovely bouquet of flowers

Penny Christison

# BADSEY CHURCH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2ND DECEMBER 11.00 AM



All money raised at this service will be sent to **The Children's Society**. The Children's Society supports children whose childhoods have been stolen; children forced to run away from home or care who may find themselves sleeping on the streets this winter; young refugees fleeing conflict and war; those caught in a cycle of crime and detention; or children marginalised through disability. Any money raised through Christingle will help improve the childhood of thousands of children such as these.

Please come and celebrate Christingle, support The Childrens' Society and watch the children holding lighted Christingles.

Children at Badsey School will be given a collecting box to bring to the service with their collection in. Extra boxes can be collected from church for anyone who wishes to save for The Children's Society beforehand.

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BINGO

# SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

# REMEMBRANCE HALL, BADSEY

#### EYES DOWN AT 7.30 PM

The annual Christmas Bingo is organized each year by Mary Dore to raise money for St James' Church so do come along and support this enjoyable event.

Any donations of prizes towards the evening will be most welcome.

#### Readers Weekend

I do not know what a collection of Readers is called, but judging by the noise heard during mealtimes, seminars and in the bar area at a recent weekend at Holland House "a gaggle" might be appropriate. The theme of the weekend was "Fresh Expression of church." In 2006 a survey showed that only 15% of adults attended church regularly, more worrying was 60% do not know church except for occasional weddings, funerals and baptisms. Fresh Expressions are primarily for those who are not members of any church.

Fresh Expressions involve church members listening to and building relationships with members of the community, by loving and serving these members the church might build new communities. Last year on holiday in Cornwall I visited a coffee bar and drop in centre run by local churches for young people with nowhere else to meet. During the evening the gospel message was shown on a DVD to those who wished to watch. There were opportunities for the youngsters to share concerns in a safe environment. Other Fresh expressions can be found at <a href="https://www.freshexpressions.org.uk">www.freshexpressions.org.uk</a> or by talking to Sheila, Penny or me. Fresh Expressions is a joint venture by The Church of England and the Methodist Church.

Holland House is a retreat house to which anyone may go for the day or stay overnight. It is set in lovely gardens, next to the river in Cropthorne. It is an oasis in a busy world. Further details <a href="www.hollandhouse.org">www.hollandhouse.org</a>. When I have finished Pastoral Issues: - baptism, marriage, with those who are ill, with the bereaved, the next section of Reader Training will be Doctrine which certainly will get my grey cells working!

Sue

# **OPEN GARDENS IN BADSEY**

It has been suggested that we have an Open Gardens in Badsey next June.. Are there any keen gardeners who would be willing to open their gardens to the public. This has been very successful in neighbouring

villages and in addition to being a nice day out for families and visitors it raises much needed money for the Church.

If you have any ideas for this venture or would be prepared to open your garden please let Liz Cudd know on Evesham 831233.

# GARDENING TIPS

## For the plants:

Root cuttings are an interesting alternative to stem cuttings for some plants. If you have never tried this method of propagation you will find it rewarding. Most root cuttings are only successful during the plants' dormant season. Among the plants you can propagate now are anchusa, drumstick primula (Primula Denticulata), oriental poppies, phlox and verbascum.

### Good Housekeeping

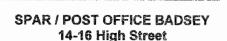
Bamboo canes are less expensive than most other types of plant supports and they look more natural than the majority of the alternatives, but they will soon rot if you neglect them. It makes sense to preserve your investment, a quick and easy job. Rot thrives in the damp, so do not leave your canes in the garden for the winter. Clean them, dry them off and store in a dry shed.

#### **Visitors**

The cheery and cheeky robin is a year round resident, but it visits gardens more frequently during the winter. Robins seem to appear from nowhere once you start digging, and will often keep you company, pecking up grubs exposed as you turn the soil. They prefer grubs and insects to fruit and berries so they should be encouraged. John Cole

# FILM CLUB AT THE WHEATSHEAF INN

A monthly film evening is held in the function room at the Wheatsheaf Inn. Membership is open to all and a family membership costs just £10 per year. That's 12 films for £10 which is pretty good value. If you would like to join and come along to the next film tel. Clive on 833825 for a membership form





Mon - Fri 6.30am - 8.30pm

Sat

7.00am - 8.30pm

Sun

8.00am - 4.30pm

# COOKERY

## Make a Pie this way

Line a suitable plate (size dependent upon requirement) with shortcrust pastry and bake blind for about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile prepare **squash** by peeling and slicing thinly. transfer to saucepan with a little **water**, **sugar** and **juice** of a **lemon**.

Vary amounts to quantity used, and cook until softened but still firm.

Drain, reserving juice.

Spread fruit over pastry base, and sprinkle with sugar. Return juice to pan and thicken with arrowroot or cornflour and pour over fruit.

Cover with shortcrust pastry and bake until golden. The taste of this resembles apricot.

# ST JAMES' CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Following the Harvest Supper held in October, our next event will be a CHRISTMAS CONCERT in Church on Saturday 08 December by the ever popular AVONBANK BAND. So many of you have asked us to have them back again and we are happy to do so. There will be the usual mix of classical and popular music, Carols and, of course, some audience participation. Mince pies and wine will be served and tickets will be available from November from the usual sources. We are also pleased to announce that THE ABER VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR will be making a much requested return visit to us on 05 July when they will be in concert at the Church. Details will be given later in 2008.

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# BENEFICE YOUTH GROUP

Helen Jaggers from Offenham writes:
I was an active member of a youth group in my old Church from the age of eleven. When I moved into the Benefice I was still at school in Alcester and struggled to find a place within the Church, in which I could throw myself fully. On returning last Easter from a Christian family conference called Spring Harvest. I felt a real calling to become an active member of the Church, and that's when I truly began to find my place with those with whom I could relate. I was determined to work with the youth of our church benefice, knowing they are the future of our church.

The young people who have been confirmed in the last few years currently have social events but I believe young people need to be nurtured in their faith with teaching to which they can relate. Hence I offered to set up a 'teaching' meeting once a week and with John Cole from Badsey this has become a reality. We ask for your prayers and support as we build this group in faith and fellowship.

Our meetings are held on Mondays 7.45 pm - 9.15pm All young people between the ages of 11-18 years are welcome. More information can be obtained from the vicar, Richard Court 834550 or e-mail youth@our benefice.org.uk

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The Badsey Society is for everyone who is interested in the history and character of Badsey, Aldington and the surrounding area.

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### Open evening

Thank you to around 50 people who came to our open evening on 14 September and saw the launch of the Orchard video.

# The Oxford Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway

Our next meeting is a talk about local railway history. The speaker is John Boynton who has written several railway books. His talk is illustrated with his own comprehensive selection of slides. It is at 7.30pm on Friday 9 November in the Wheatsheaf Inn.

### Littleton and Badsey Station

In the 1960s, when Beeching was axing scores of small railway stations across the country, Michael Flanders and Donald Swann wrote

a song called The Slow Train including the lines -

"... On the slow train.
I'll travel no more from
Littleton Badsey to Openshaw ...

The song is a requiem for all the small stations that were closed at this time. Littleton and Badsey station closed in 1966.

The story began when the station opened on 21 April 1884 It had a major impact on the market

gardening industry. Growers could rapidly send their crops to the wholesale markets in Manchester and Birmingham, as well as to Covent Garden in London. The Vale's prosperity over the following fifty years owed much to rail transport. The station and goods vard stood near the level crossing in Blackminster. . It is hard to imagine what a busy place it once was. Queues of horse drawn carts waited todespatch their produce. A reconstruction drawn by local artist lan Gibson gives an impression of how the station once looked.

The platform was very close to the level crossing. When a longer train stood in the station, the gates were often kept closed and the traffic made to wait. The gates were operated by turning a large wheel in the signal box next to the crossing.

To learn more see articles by lan Major and Will Dallimore on

www.badsey.net - and of course come to John Boynton's talk.

# BECKFORD BIG SING

## **SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2007**

Introducing the Big Sing at Beckford village hall. It is open to all voices, beginner and experienced, and is a fun, informal, community gathering.

Every month there is a different focus-be it African, Gospel, Balkan, Rhythm, Wassall, etc.

This month the emphasis is on great male parts!

Every November, the **Beckford Big Sing** offers all men a chance to sing for free! Last year 26 guys gave it a go, and the sound was **FANTASTIC**. The roof all but took off, and some girls thought they were in heaven.

It is rare to find so many men singing together, and presents a great opportunity for women's voices to soar!

# **Beckford Big Sing**

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Book your place now telephoning Alice on 01386 882889 or Hilary 01386 751206

# BADSEY BROWNIES

.I'm Andrea Arrandale. My family moved to Evesham in May, and we've been very busy settling ourselves in! I am an experienced Brownie Guider and a newly qualified Assistant Guide Guider, so have recently joined Badsey Brownies and Guides. My husband, Duncan, has joined a local table tennis team, whilst continuing to enjoy his passion for angling. And our lovely daughters, Rebecca and Sophie, aged 2 1/2 years, have just started pre-school and we have been making friends at some playgroups, including the Evesham Twins Club! I became a Brownie in Hereford (at the time when we wore brown dresses and a woolly hat!); a Guide in Hallow; a Young Leader in Droitwich before completing my Adult Leadership qualification and running a unit in Worcester. Duncan's job moved us to Buckinghamshire, where I was an Assistant Brownie Guider and Assistant Guide Guider, and family brought us back to Worcestershire!

In Guiding, I have enjoyed many adventures! I have been to Sweden as a Guide, Switzerland as an Adult Leader, not to mention the countless camps, including two internationals held in this country – one in Malvern, one in Milton Keynes. The two most amazing things about being involved in Guiding are, most importantly, making friends and meeting people, and secondly, having the opportunity of being part of an impressive network of people who do some really fun things! Further details contact Elizabeth Bolland lizralph.bolland@btinternet.com



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# BELL RINGING NEWS

# ST JAMES' GUILD OF BELL RINGERS:

September left us a bit breathless with a flurry of visiting teams. At the Bretforton funeral for Mal Shilham, wife of Tony, a ringer at Bretforton, Rob

Davis rang her into Church and John Bolton rang her out, followed by a half muffled Quarter Peal rung by a team from the Four Shires Guild. Four of the six ringers were from Badsey. The last day of September saw all the



Benefice ringers join together at Morning Service at Offenham, to celebrate and congratulate Penny for her 25 years as a Reader

Monday nights are practice nights 7.30pm-9.00pm for the ringers to learn new methods and teach aspiring beginners to learn how to ring. All are welcome (children must have an ADULT with them) so come and see what we do and how to do it.

#### QUIZ

The country into which Joseph came as a slave The answer begins with the letter E Clue: Genesis 37

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# VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENTS

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Partnership
For further information telephone
Sally 834733 (evenings).

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30 pm in the Remembrance Hall.

# WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Julia Browning will not be standing for re-election as secretary of the Gardening Club. At the time of writing we do not know details of the new secretary but new members are always welcome and details can be obtained from Colin Hill on 01386 853412. The next meeting at 7.30 pm Wednesday 28 November at the Memorial Hall will be the Christmas social. The competition is a Christmas table decoration.

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01386 833766 www.tomcookcarpets.co.uk Jean Dyke, Chairman of the Coronation Street Disabled Club, is our personal profile this month. Jean moved to Badsey in 1949 with her parents and sister, Pat, and started work for Evesham Borough Council Treasurer's Department. The following year Jean transferred to Wychavon District Council, Housing Department, and loved this job because she spent a lot of time outside meeting people. When Jean's father sadly died in 1951, Jean and her mum had a bungalow built in Willersey Road where Jean still happily lives with her partner, Req.



and their pet budgie, Ollie. In 1984 Jean chose to take early retirement to care for her invalid mum who sadly died a year later. Jean says she was a really wonderful person, loved by so many people. After retirement Jean enrolled with Vale Volunteers and that was how she became involved with the Coronation Street Disabled Club, first as a driver and then as Chairman, a position she still holds today after 20 years. Jean says this club has become very much part of her life and she was greatly surprised and honoured two years ago to receive a letter from Buckingham Palace inviting her to attend a Garden Party at the Palace Jean says this was a lovely unforgettable experience that she will always remember. Jean has so many interests which include Wickhamford Gardening Club, Badsey Society, Friends of Evesham Hospital, Vale Volunteers and St Richards Hospice. Jean obviously thrives on being so busy because her two sisters and numerous nephews and nieces have nicknamed her 'Happy'. Jean was a member of Evesham Operatic for many years, singing and dancing in the shows. One of most memorable claims to fame is that she danced the Can Can in Oklahoma, although Jean does admit she could not do this now.

The Disabled Club enjoys many activities, this last month they took part in Music and Movement, went on an outing to the West Midland Safari Park and in November events planned include a talk by Eddy Erskeine, one of the members and a most amazing man. There is a cookery demonstration by two ladies from Evesham College, who also provide weekly lunches for the members, and Tales of a Vet by Alan Eames. A big Christmas Party is planned with the usual visit by Father Christmas. The club has twenty members, both men and ladies, and they now hold their meetings at Badsey British Legion who, Jean says, have been very good to them. Jean says they have one or two vacancies at present and would welcom new members especially from Badsey.

# CORONATION STREET DISABLED CLUB

Friday, 28 September was a big day for the above club when they celebrated their 24th Anniversary. Quite an achievement.

In the afternoon members were joined by several special guests for an afternoon of entertainment by the Dallimore brothers and Linda Core, followed by a delicious tea, including a big anniversary cake. The competition for the day on 'Your favourite day at the Club during the past year', was won by our oldest member, 96 year old Nancy Eames. She was presented with the Norman Bonham Anniversary Challenge Cup. What a wonderful lady Nancy is. After such an enjoyable day we now look forward to our Silver Anniversary next year.

New eligible members are always welcome to our friendly group. Just ring me on 830714 for details.

Jean Dyke (Chairman)

#### Useful Numbers

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Religion and art spring from the same root and are close kin. Economics and art are strangers.

Willa Cather

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