Community News Badsey and Aldington





March 2008 Your Village Magazine

It seems incredible that not along ago we were looking forward to Christmas and now Easter will be upon us. I have received some very favourable comments on the newsletter in general but to keep up the standard we do need your input. As I have said many times this is your newsletter and it is only as good as you make it. So please can you send me information, it does not have to be spectacular, just funny or unusual happenings with your pets, your children or grandchildren, your shopping, the local bus, anything that strikes you as interesting. It could be something you feel strongly about in the newspaper or on the television. Jot down a few notes and put it through either my letterbox or the vicarage or if you have e-mail, that is even better. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sheila Lancaster.

LOCAL POLICING TEAM, EVESHAM RURAL SOUTH

The team consists of three members, Police Sergeant 1855 Stayte, Local Police Officer 3308 Greenhouse and Community support Officer 6351 Schoenrock.

PC Greenhouse and CSO Schoenrock are based at Broadway Police Station.

The station is currently open between 10am and 4pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and between 10am and 1.00 pm on Monday. Volunteers open the station and these times can be changed at short notice.

Although the officers are often at the station at other times and may be contacted by using the intercom at the front door. The intercom can also be used to report incidents to the main control room at Worcester Police Station. The team cover Aldington, Badsey, Broadway, Childswickham, Murcot and Wickhamford and deal with local policing issues in these villages.

If you wish to contact any of the officers you may ring the local policing team number which is 01905 725767 or email eveshamruralsouth.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Or you may contact the officers directly:

PS 1855 Stayte can be contacted on 08457444888 ext 3414 or email philip.stayte@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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CSO 6351 Schoenrock can be contacted on 08457444888 ext 3777 or email philip.schoenrock@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

These contact details should only be used where you wish to speak with an officer but are able to wait for a response, for example: reporting a community issue.

If you need to report an incident you should dial 08457444888 and speak to a fully trained operator.

If you need immediate assistance you should dial 999 where you will be asked if you wish to speak with the police, fire or ambulance.

We look forward to hearing from you.

PC 3308 Greenhouse

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Dear all.

If you think Easter is early this year, you are right. In theory, the earliest it can be is the 22 March and the latest is the 25 April, in fact,

this year is the earliest Easter since 1913 (which was also on the 23 March) and it is not until 2035 that it comes close to being this early again (when it is on the 25 March). Easter is what is known in church circles as 'a moveable feast'. other words it does not happen the same date every year (like Christmas Day does) but follows the cycle of the moon, there is a formula to work it out - it is the first Sunday after the 14th day of the lunar month

which falls after the 21 March (isn't that simple !!).

Irrespective of when it falls. Easter is a significant festival in the church calendar, some will argue it is the most important festival, others that it is equal to Christmas, and some that it is second to Christmas. Taking a more cynical view, a lot of people probably couldn't care less and see it only as a good excuse to eat chocolate Easter Eggs and to have a long weekend holiday. Whatever importance (or none) you give to it, Easter is always seen as a time of new growth and beginnings and for many gardeners it is the first time they will have had to get out into the garden, which is probably where the custom of planting potatoes on Good Friday comes from.

Nevertheless, before we can celebrate Easter we need to complete the season of Lent, we have services for Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and a choice of services in Holy Week (see details elsewhere in the magazine), all have a different feel to them and I look forward to seeing you at any that you can make. However you celebrate Easter, may it be for you a happy and peaceful time, a time for new beginnings and a time to share God's love with one another. I wish you all a happy Easter and may God's love be with you

Yours in Christ

Richard Court

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 02 March 11.00 am Family Worship **Mothering Sunday** 6.30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 05 March 10.00 am Communion followed by coffee

Sunday 09 March 11.00 am Praise & Worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 16 March 11.00 am Family Service Palm Sunday 6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 23 March 11.00 am Family Service **Easter Day** 6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 30 March 11.00 am Benefice Eucharist **Badsey First School**

Morning Prayer is said at 0745 each weekday except Tuesdays and Wednesdays which are a Eucharist

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Funerals: 25 January

John Biddle 29 January **Edna Nash Porter** 30 January **Gerald Ernest Warren**

31 January **Margaret Agnes Sparrow (Ashes**

Interred)

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

March Rota:

1st Sunday: Easter: All the Guild

Ladies Saturday morning approximately 10.00 am

5th Sunday:

Annette & Sheila

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart 01386 832007

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RENEFICE LENT COURSE

St James' Church, Badsev

Meet on Wednesdays 7.15 p.m .for coffee

7.30 Start until 8.15 p.m.

05 March - Care for the Earth 12 March - Worship God

EASTER WEEK SERVICES

Tuesday 18 March Evensong at Badsey with 7.30 pm

Address Wednesday 19 March Compline with mediation

at Bretforton 7.00 pm

Thursday 20 March **Maundy Meal & Eucharist**

2.00 pm

7.00 pm

7.30 pm

Saturday 22 March

7.00 pm at Offenham Good Friday Children's workshop at

10.00 am-12noon Offenham School Mediation at Badsev Mediation at Bretforton

Service of Light at

Badsey

THE RESIGNATION OF THE ARCHDEACON OF WORCESTER

APOLOGY A WELCOME CHRISTMAS PRESENT

CHRISTIAN AID

Archdeacon Joy steps down to start an Adventure of Faith

The Archdeacon of Worcester, the venerable Dr Joy Tetley, will end eight years of service to the diocese at the end of April this year. Her final participation in the main Sunday services at the Cathedral will be on Easter Day (23 March 2008). service of farewell and thanksgiving for her ministry will take place in April. She is leaving to resume and a ministry develop involvina theological research and writing, teaching and preaching and will be based in Oxford.

The February Newsletter stated that the £100 received from anonymous donor was for Church Funds and was mistakenly put under the heading of the Mothers' Union.

This had nothing to do with the Mothers' Union and we apologize for any wrong impression this may have given to either the Mothers' Union or to the Church, and any embarrassment caused to anonymous donor.

11 - 17 May 2008

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Richard CourT

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

This is a new house group for people to get together socially and enjoy each other's company. There will be an opportunity for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee, an activity to keep our brains active, quizzes and, dare I say, games

The next meeting is at 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Thursday 20 March at 12 The Lankets. If you would like to come or would like a lift contact Sheila Lancaster on 833929

PALM SUNDAY

10.45 a.m. Procession starts from church Percussion, Singing "Donkey" Come and Join us and have fun

10.45 a.m. Hymn Singing in Church

11.00 a.m. Service in Church Drama, Singing by Junior Choir **Prayer and Praise**

RHYME AND REASON

Much fun and laughter was enjoyed by all who decided to go along to the Remembrance Hall in Badsey for our first ever poetry evening. Many came along with either an extract, story or poem to read, lasting three minutes. The material brought along was varied, all interesting and many very humorous. From the comments received it appeared a good night was had by all. The meal was excellent with compliments to our chefs, Peter and Hugh. Also our thanks to the Badsey beavers who entertained us with action, masks, eyes and drumming while reciting Ruby Gaily's poem 'Down in the Jungle'. This was very entertaining by a talented group of beavers. (See the photos on the front page). The proceeds of the evening will be split between Bob James' Shoe Box Appeal and the German Partnership Fund. Hopefully this type of evening may be one that we can repeat as it appeared to be such a resounding success in every way. A very special thanks to Tony Jerram who compared the evening magnificently. Sally Mitchell.

I have been thinking about how we support each other, it is lovely to come home from work to find Dad has cooked my dinner for me, families offer support in a variety of ways. At work I am part of the early morning team, where we have specific j**obs but w**here we support each other, if the bakery needs a sweep just before we go home and I am busy, someone else will sweep then we can all go home at the same time. When one of us is not feeling too good. we try to be there as support in the same way we rejoice together at good times. When I need a Saturday off to attend my Reader training course, someone will bake instead of me. The bible was written by many people at different time**s but it do**es tell one story of the love that God has for all. I have read and listened to separate parts and made up my mind what the story was about. As a child I loved the stories of Jesus, and the songs we sang about it and I was arrogant enough to think I knew all that there was to know. My training has encouraged me to look deeper into the bible and I have realised this wonderful story has its roots firmly in the Old Testament, time and time again I am amazed by links that run from the Old to the New Testament. Have any of you bibles that have never been opened and might that be because you do not know where to start? I would not recommend starting at the beginning and reading straight through. I like the Psalms, which are near the middle of the bible, here you will find songs telling of God's character, his laws and of praise to him. Others tell of God's covenant with his people, asking for mercy from God and of thanksgiving to God. The team of bible writers span numerous years but together they as a team tell the greatest story ever told. Sue Cole

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FILM CLUB AT THE WHEATSHEAF INN

A monthly film evening is held in the function room at the Wheatsheaf Inn at 7.30 pm on the 1st Saturday each month. 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. In March A Prairie Home Convention and in April This is England (18) If you would like to join and come along to the next film tel. Clive on 833825 for a membership form.

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

10.00 am - 12 noon

21 March 2008

Offenham School

£1.00 per child

VALE CONNECTION

Calling all lady singers.

The Vale Connection ladies barbershop chorus is based in Evesham, meeting every Thursday at 8.00 pm at Greenhill School. We have ladies of all ages from all around the area and enjoy singing together unaccompanied in four parts. We sing many types of songs from show tunes to Beatles' and Beach Boys' numbers. We are always looking for new members. If you can sing and would like to join this friendly group, which includes four Badsey ladies, ring Wendy on 830365 or just turn up on a Thursday at Greenhill school. There is also a men's barbershop chorus that meets on Wednesdays at Fladbury village hall.

Contact Eddie Howell on 01386 561248

Wendy Gwynn

CORONATION DISABLED CLUB

After all the Christmas activities members settled down to enjoy a varied January programme.

The talk by WINN on help that can be obtained found everyone trying on and ordering safe shoes. A very enjoyable, helpful afternoon.

The following week we were entertained by one of our special favourites, Marianne Beddis, who soon had us all singing along to her accordion.

Recycling was the more serious subject of our next meeting when members fired some really searching questions at our speaker from Wychavon D.C. Here it was made very clear that we do not favour fortnightly collections or Wheelie Bins.

We are still in need of one more car driver (even a relief). If you are interested in joining our tem of friendly gentlemen in this worthwhile task, just give me a ring on 830714. I would love to hear from you.

Jean Dyke

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BEARLEY GIFTS by Jean Jephcott 01386 48217

I have been making bears now for the past ten years. Prior to my teddy bears and over a period of many years since 1983 I had made numerous soft toys which included soft bears, children's and ladies clothes, household items, crafts of all descriptions etc. This was at a time when I worked voluntary for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Branch for Evesham and districts to raise funds for research into arthritis. With my needlework, and my husband's help, we raised many thousands of pounds. Through my needlework I was told many times that I should make jointed teddy bears on my own behalf. Eventually I commenced doing so in 1988 in a very small way. I loved from the start what I was doing and found myself becoming more and more enthralled with being able to create bears with different expressions using beautiful fabrics, e.g. Schulte mohair, alpaca and cashmere. When my husband became ill in 1999 I did very little needlework and before he died in 2000 1 a kind'. I welcome visitors to my home to see my bears.

SAD NEWS

16 16 F 14 3

Richard Isles from Childswickham died unexpectedly on the 6 February 2008. He had been a regular service ringer at Badsey for many years, supporting us through thick and thin times. He will be greatly missed not only as a fellow member of our band but as a loval friend. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Dorothy, daughter Debra, and grandchildren, Richard and Bethany There has been memorial ringing taking place here at Badsey as well as Childswickham where he held the position of Tower Captain, R.I.P.

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday 05 March 10.00 am Communion

Tuesday 11 March 2.30 pm Members Afternoon



Monday 31 March 7.00 pm Deanery Festival at All Saints, Evesham



promised him I would keep busy with creating my bears. painting and the garden. When the Evesham Branch of ARC closed down in 2001 I became Maypole Bears of Offenham with my own web site. I love creative work and decided that I would only make 'one of a kind' bears, thereby every bear I produce would be exclusive to its owner and have its own birth certificate, these being 'Bears for Life'. My materials are also exclusive. I only use Shulte Mohair of the finest quality as are Alpacca Fur and Cashmere but they are all expensive. together with the components for the joints, glass eyes, various stuffings, threads, certificates, brochures, etc. does mean that they cannot be bought for a few pence.. I do not make them for profit but I have to cover my costs to enable me to buy my materials. In return my joy is the pleasure I have in creating them and developing new patterns. Over the years I have made 560 and all one of

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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION GROUND

"failed" a recent inspection by RoSPA. However, the Parish Council has approached young children should be able to play safely. Wychavon District Council with a view to updating all the play equipment in the Rec. and we PLANNING COMMITTEE will try to keep residents informed of our The Parish now has a Planning Committee progress!

SPRING TRIM

Tree surgeons will be working in the Recreation Ground on April 1st and 2nd, trimming the trees and clearing undergrowth and overgrown shrubbery so please take extra care when using the Rec at this time.

DOG POO!!!

The Parish Council has had a number of complaints recently about irresponsible dog-owners The most Pete Smith not cleaning up after their pets.

abused places at the moment appear to be We are sorry that we have had to remove the Manor Close and the Recreation Ground. Dog swing seats from both swings in the recreation bins are provided in both these places so will ground. This is due to the fact that they both the people responsible please use them as it is particularly hazardous to leave the mess where

which meets to discuss planning applications in the village. Watch the noticeboards for details. All members of the Parish are welcome.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

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GARDENING TIPS

General

In most areas spring has arrived, despite frequent cold days. More: spring bulbs are in flower, and many early bedding are starting to show colour. Be cautious about sowing outdoors, but complete as much planting as possible.

For the plants

Depending on when you took them, chrysanthemum cuttings will probably be ready for potting up. Do not leave in the cutting compost of longer: then necessary, but wait until they are well rooted, even if this means delaying for another few weeks. Chrysanthemum cuttings can be taken from mid winter to early spring.

For the veg

Outdoor tomatoes can be sown now, in a greenhouse or on a light window-sill. If you want a good crop of nicely flavoured tomatoes sow a variety such as 'Gardener's Delight' or 'Tornado', but for a patio where appearance is important too, consider 'Tumbler' (it will cascade over the edge of a tub and can even be grown in a basket) or 'Totem', which was bred for pots and window boxes.

Visitors

There are many kinds of scale insects, but all produce white, yellow or brown wax scales to cover there relatively featureless bodies. Although they are only a few millimetres long, you are unlikely to miss them because they generally occur in large clusters.

Scale insects are easiest to kill with a contact insecticide shortly after they hatch. Once they settle and become static, systemic insecticide such as dimethoate is more likely to be successful. But if you don't want to use insecticides then simply squashing them between your finger and thumb is just as effective.

DOG FOULING

As a resident of Green Levs, I use the footpath which joins it to Brewers Lane almost every day. I mainly use it as part of my dog walks but I, like many other people, use it to walk my son to Badsev Nursery School. I cannot believe the amount of dog mess which is along these paths. It is like an assault course trying to get along the paths without my shoes, my sons shoes or the pushchair wheels getting covered in it. I meet many people with dogs and I like to think that 90% of the dog owners care enough about other people to pick up their dogs' mess but the other 10% obviously think that if no one saw their dog going to the toilet they do not have to pick it up.

We have dog pooh bins provided by the council but I'm sure that the residents of Badsey would not mind if you placed your bag in a normal bin if it was closer! You do not have to buy expensive pooh bags, nappy sacks or even plastic carrier bags will do just as well. Just please think of other footpath users and pick up your dogs' mess so I and many others can walk along the path in the dark without having to scrape dog pooh off our shoes when we get home. Thank you. Matt Norman

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BELL RINGING NEWS

ST. JAMES GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

The Full Peal rung of 5120 changes on 29th January in celebration of a Ruby Wedding was 'Lutterworth Surprise Major'. Beautifully struck by the

Worcestershire & Districts Association of Change Ringers. Only the Conductor had rung it before and that was about 40 years ago. Quite a difficult composition which turned out to be very musical. One of the neighbours opposite the Lych Gate remarked on its



rhythmical quality. At the same time the grave digger arrived and sat down to enjoy the closing moments before starting work. This peal also marked the 110th year of the installation of the iron frame with pits for 8 bells, replacing the old worn out wooden one housing the then 6 bells. With great foresight the new frame was shoe horned in to make the most of available space, in so doing, giving the extra space to accommodate the 2 treble bells which were added later to give us our present day ring of 8 bells.

So far March is looking very quiet except for Easter and the usual practise night and Service ringing.

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OPEN GARDENS IN BADSEY

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If you have any ideas for this venture or would be prepared to open your garden please let Chris Smith know on Evesham 830217

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The People Profile this month is Jean Hughes. Jean was born on 2nd October 1917 in Auchtermuchty, Fife, Scotland. She had 3 brothers and 2 sisters and went to the grammar school in Auchterrmuchty and at 15 went to work in the Labour Exchange. There was a lot of unemployment and the wages for men was 15s 3d per week and for women 13s 6d. 2s was paid for each child. Jean worked there for 6 years until her mother died and Jean was needed to look after her father and brother. Jean then worked in the Bank of Scotland and while there a F.A.N.Y came in and asked Jean if she would audit their books. She said they were getting a force up to go to the Far East and



asked Jean if she wanted to apply. Jean went to Chichley Hall on a F.A.N.Y course and was accepted. Jean went out to the Far East and they were the last convoy to leave this country. It wasn't a straight forward journey because they had to evade submarines. They finally disembarked in Bombay, India and were sent right across India to Calcutta, then to Deolali. They slept in tents on duckboards because of the monsoons. Jean was then sent to Bangkok. This journey took longer than would be normal because of continually dodging the enemy. F.A.N.Ys had vans to take cakes and sandwiches to the troops and Jean looked after the money. She had to order the cakes and pay the money over. She helped the boys to write letters home and if they were worried Jean would chat to them. She was then sent to Burma. She met Prisoners of War who were very emaciated and she saw Lord Mountbatten receive the Japanese swords for surrender of Japanese Swords when war ended. Jean went on leave to Assam, crossed India and spent 4 days on a train on her own, sailed up the Braham-putra river, so wide she couldn't see the banks. In Assam she stayed on a tea plantation and when VE came there was a huge party and in one of the games Jean had to collect a blond hair. She went up to an airman and asked him for one of his hairs. When Jean had to leave Assam the airman offered her lift to the train station in a jeep. In Calcutta the airman asked Jean to marry him and after thinking about it talking with her friends they were finally married in Bangkok. Jean's husband, Glynne was sent home before Jean and when she arrived home Glynne was waiting for her in a horrible purple demoib suit and she wondered what she'd done. They went to live in his parents' home in London where Jean eventually looked after Glynn's mother while Glynne worked for Royal Dalton which involved a lot of travelling. They ended up in Droitwich with Glynne's job and Jean went to work to support their son training to be a doctor and their daughter who was training to be an artist. They moved to Kirkbylonsdale, in the Lake District when Glynne retired at 60. Jean stayed on in Kirkbylonsdale but eventually her children decided Jean ought to come and live near her daughter, Gillian. Jean says she has fitted into village life quite well, belonging to the British Legion, going to the Coffee Mornings and the Disabled Club. Jean is a very skilled artist, having her work displayed in many galleries. She still enjoys painting and her pictures are displayed all round her house.

RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

Evesham Volunteer Centre are holding another Jumble plus refreshments for sale. March from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Our October sale was telephone 831104 to arrange for someone to collect... very well supported and we raised over £400. Please The Volunteer Centre will be holding a 2 day fund come along to support your local charity once again and raising collection at Tesco on 19/20 March. help us to break this present record. Loads of bargains

If you have suitable Sale in Badsey Remembrance Hall on Saturday 29 donations, no electrical goods thank you, please

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