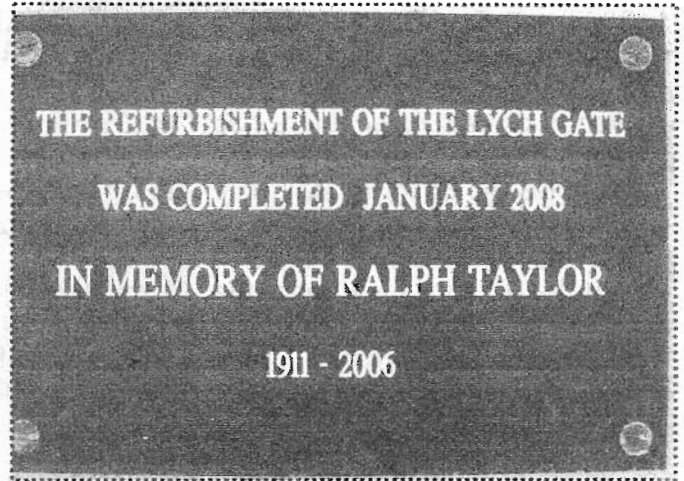


# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington



### April 2008 Your Village Magazine

The lych gate that stands at the east entrance to St James' Church was erected in memory of Arthur Sears during the year of 1946. Unfortunately, as with all structures, the elements had caused considerable deterioration over some 60 years, therefore it was in urgent need of repair. The PCC sanctioned that a legacy of £1000 left by the late Ralph Taylor be used in part to refurbish the covered gate. A local business, Haplunds Building Company of Bowers Hill was appointed and over a period of several weeks repaired and cleaned the slate roof and all its stonework, treated the oak structure and re-hung the gates. We are grateful for donations of this kind as it allows repair and maintenance to be carried out on your Church and its grounds.

The above photographs are of the refurbished gates and the plaque dedicated to Ralph Taylor. A copy of this newsletter will be sent to Ralph's daughter, Anthea, who now lives in France.

#### BADSEY OPEN GARDENS

An 'open gardens weekend' is planned for the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June. Several gardens have already agreed to open up on that weekend but we would like a few more. If you would be willing to open up your garden please contact Liz Cudd on 01386 831233. It doesn't matter what size your garden, big or small, or what you grow in it but if you are willing to let people look round it and enjoy it please let us know. You could also make money for your favourite charity by selling cuttings, have a stall/game of some kind or even a garage sale. Other events will be going on in various gardens and at the Vicarage and at the Church. Teas and cakes will also be available. If you have any ideas which you think might enhance the weekend we would also like to hear from you. Perhaps you would be willing to put on a display or organise one, we are open to any suggestions you may have.

#### NEW BISHOP'S ENTHRONEMENT



The Bishop talked about having a sense of humour and said it was easy for him because his hat kept falling over his ears.

The Bishop knocking the door of the Cathedral at the start of the service.



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Dear All,

You may or may not be aware that we have a new Bishop; Bishop Peter Selby retired at the end of September 2007 and The Right Reverend Dr. John Inge was enthroned on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008 as the 113<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Worcester (there has been a Bishop of Worcester since Bishop Bosel in 680). The Cathedral in Worcester was packed with church members and local dignitaries, and the Parishes of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton were well represented by Readers, representatives from the congregations and me. It was a wonderful opportunity to be part of a service that happens

relatively infrequently (the last being ten years ago at the arrival of Bishop Peter). Also an occasion to realise that we in our villages are not isolated entities, but part of the wider church as we worshipped alongside members of all the churches in the Diocese of Worcester as well as representatives from the Diocese of Ely and the Archdeacon of Canterbury (not to mention several retired Bishops!). Our church buildings stand in the centre of our villages as a reminder that the church is part of the community in which it exists; but the church as a building is just that – a building; it is not the Church - that is the people. In his enthronement sermon, Bishop John quoted the words attributed to St Francis of Assisi, 'Go and

preach the Gospel – use words if you have to'. The point Bishop John was making is that the most powerful sermon anyone can preach is that of our lives. Each one of us, no matter how frequently or infrequently we attend the services, are part of the Church. If we call ourselves Christians, the things we do day by day are important, as they are a sign of what it is to be 'the Church' in the world in 2008. It is our own way of preaching the Gospel every day and as we were reminded at the Cathedral on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, we do it, not in isolation, but as part of the worldwide Church.

*Richard Court*

**CHURCH**

**SERVICES**

**CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

Sunday 06 April	11.00 am Family Worship 6.30 pm Evensong
Wednesday 05 March	10.00 am Communion followed by coffee
Sunday 13 April	11.00 am Praise & Worship 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sunday 20 April	11.00 am Morning Celebration 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 27 April	10.30 am Benefice Rogation Service at Offenham First School with Bretforton Band 6.30 pm Evensong

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

Vicar:	Revd Richard Court	834550
	The Vicarage High Street, Badsey	
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	Mr Chris Robbins	831004
Readers:	Mrs Penny Christison	830367
	Mrs Sheila Lancaster	833929
	Mrs Anne Potter	424429

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

Baptisms:	17 February	Hannah Angel Cooper
Weddings:	23 February	Giles William Carey and Cara Louise Jelfs
Funerals:	18 February	George Tucker
	27 February	Margaret Elizabeth Castle
	12 March	Peter Albert Watkins

**ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD**

April rota

1st Sunday	Julie & Eleanor
2nd Sunday	Avril, Hazel & Hazel
3rd Sunday	Pat & Sue
4th Sunday	Mary & Hazel

Ladies

Thank you for the beautiful Easter flowers in Church, also for the lovely flowers around the Church for Marg's funeral. We would like to offer our sympathy to Phil, Debbie and Max in their loss. She will be sadly missed.

We would like to thank the family for the generous donation from Margaret's funeral for the Flower Guild.

An queries regarding Church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart, 01386 832007. *Hazel Stewart*

## NEW BISHOP RT REVD DR JOHN INGE



### HOLY LAND TRIP

In January I was fortunate to be able to join a Study Tour of the Holy Land. I must say words cannot easily or adequately express the rich diversity of experiences, but I will try with just a short synopsis.

Our tour started in the north of Tel Aviv stopping briefly in Caesarea on the coast, staying a few nights in Nazareth, then the latter part of the week in the south, visiting Jerusalem and the many sites, but staying in Bethlehem. With just a week touring around, quite a whirlwind tour.

The northern part around the Sea of Galilee was beautiful as we were fortunate to have an exceptionally right and sunny day although we were all extremely tired from traveling overnight, with no sleep at all.

I found all the basilicas (churches) stunning, moving and seemingly never ending. For me, though, simply experiencing the outdoors with the breathtaking views from the mountains, places, desert hilltops and dead sea, spoke volumes in terms of reality and sensation as these have largely remained unchanged since Jesus' time.

On the whole an unforgettable experience, one that I would encourage others to go on if they possibly can. There is so much to see and do and absorb, so rich in history and diversity, quite apart from Christianity.

*Sally Mitchell*

At Bishop Peter's leaving service, he passed his Pastoral staff to Bishop David. This is a symbol of pastoral oversight and responsibility. Then at Bishop John's enthronement Bishop David handed to him the staff with these words. Bishop John, receive this staff. Keep watch over the flock of which God has appointed you shepherd. Bishop David and Bishop John shared a joke Bishop David saying "I can have a day off tomorrow" and Bishop John replying "Please do not run away yet."

The service began with Bishop John climbing the Cathedral steps and knocking at the door with his staff. More than 1,000 people attended the enthronement, Bishop John asked for it to be called an enthronement, because during the service he is put into his cathedra (his seat) to be established as a teacher and leader.

During the service he followed Christ's example of washing feet.

During his sermon Bishop John spoke of himself as a servant of God, he believes that Christian leadership should always be seen through the lens of service. He asked us to take from the service three H's humility, humour and humanity as we share the gospel of Christ.

Do you, like me, sometimes yearn for peace and quiet? Noise seems to be all around. Traffic whizzes past at alarming speed, my sons have the television, computer and music playing much louder than I think is necessary! I go shopping and while I try to decide what to buy music blares out for all to hear! Before you say Sue is being grouchy, what I am really saying is that peace and quiet would be lovely at times. Someone I used to know annoyed me greatly when he took 5 minutes to answer a question, but I have learned that it can be a good idea to think carefully before I speak. Once words are said they cannot be unsaid, all the apologies in the world will not take the words away! When someone is having difficulties in their life, often words do not help, perhaps what we can do is to sit quietly with them and try to share the pain. We are lucky to have many places around where peace and quiet can be found. We have The Malverns, The Cotswolds, and Dovers Hill, all within a short drive. The seaside is just 2 hours away, I spent two glorious days in Weston Super Mare last week, I went for early morning walks and marvelled at the coastline, the gentle waves lapping on the shore and the quiet. Badsey Church is open every day, so if you have just a few moments please go in and feel the silence there. These moments allow me to learn more about myself, and they give me the opportunity to listen to God.

*Sue Cole*

## MALVERN HILLS WALK

### St Richard's Hospice 24th annual MALVERN HILLS WALK Saturday 17th May 2008

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## ST. JAMES CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Last year we had a very successful and fun time. Your support for all our events was first class and we thank you all very much. The year finished with a superb Christmas Concert by the ever popular Avonbank Brass Band and we now look forward to 2008.

Make a note of these dates for your diaries:

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	BBQ at the Vicarage with entertainment.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Cheese and Wine evening at the Vicarage
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Supper at the Remembrance Hall (with entertainment)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert in Church with the Avonbank Brass Band

## 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 April the film is 'Fried Green Tomatoes' and in May 'Atonement'. If you would like to join and come along to the next film tel. Clive on 833825 for a membership form.

## BELL RINGING NEWS

Much like March, April looks to be pretty quiet at the moment except for Tuesday the 8th when the Worcestershire & Districts Association of Change Ringers will be attempting to ring a post Easter Full Peal, in celebration of the 70th Birthday of one of the Badsey Service ringers. The month from Easter onwards always seems to be a time in waiting.



## A VERY SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY THE WELSH 'ABER VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR' WILL BE IN CONCERT IN THE CHURCH.

This famous choir will be performing with a special guest artist for this one evening. Tickets will be on sale very shortly at a cost of £10.00. As this concert will be a sell out we recommend you book your tickets early. Tickets will be available from the Social Committee on Tel. Nos. 830063, 832283, 831236, 832495 and 832263. Also from Chris and Annette Robbins on 831004 and any member of the PCC or Church Choir

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## PILLAR OF THE CHURCH

Are you a pillar of the church?

Someone has said "What the caterpillar thinks is the end of life, the butterfly thinks is just the beginning.

## DOG FOULING

Further to recent letters about dog fouling, in particular concerning the cricket club playing fields, I agree this is totally unacceptable. However, as a dog owner who always carries a plastic bag, I also feel it is a bit hypocritical as the whole area resembles a rubbish tip. On my last two walks over there I have picked up a large plastic bag (of which there are plenty lying around) and filled it within a few yards, plastic drinks bottles, cans, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers etc. I have then taken them home and sorted them into recycling bags but you would hardly notice the difference on the playing fields as there is still so much litter still there. Surely after a football match someone could organise a dustbin bag and get everyone to put their rubbish in before leaving.

Please let's take more pride in our village.

Gill Heydon

## BADSEY W.I.

Having started the New Year off with a lovely lunch at the Broadway Hotel, Badsey W.I. is looking forward to more delights during the rest of the year. Some of the events we have to look forward to include a visit to the NEC to the 'Sewing for Pleasure' exhibition where Badsey W.I. has a tablecloth on display. A London Theatre week-end, a week-end away in the Lake District in the autumn, a summer steam train outing with a Fish and Chip supper, weekly walks round various places in the Vale, craft classes and many more events. We will also be helping in the community as and when needed as well as having varied and interesting speakers/demonstrators at our monthly meetings. Badsey W.I. meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey so why not come along and visit us one month, you will be made most welcome.



## 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 17 April at 12 The Lankets**. If you would like to come or would like a lift contact

Sheila Lancaster on 833929

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**BADSEY AND ALDINGTON  
PARISH COUNCIL**

### NEW COUNCILLORS

Following successful applications in February, Badsey and Aldington Parish Council now has it's full quota of Councillors. Three new Councillors were co-opted at the February meeting, they are: Cllr Terrence Sparrow of 36 Brewers Lane who will represent the ward of Aldington; Cllr Arthur Southern of 8 School Lane who will represent the ward of Bowers Hill and Cllr James Fleck of Oakleigh Cottage, 3 Old Post Office Lane who will represent the ward of Badsey. The Council is delighted to be able to co-opt three such outstanding members of the village and looks forward to making full use of their expertise!

### WYCHAVON SPORT

Badsey has been invited to enter teams for the 2008 Wychavon Parish Games. The events are bell boating, five-a-side football, rounders, bowls, cross country, angling and junior and senior table tennis. If any parishioners would like to put forward teams for any of the above, please contact

the Clerk, Jo Ellis on 07813 811638 for more details.

### LORRIES IN THE VALE

County Councillor Tom Bean reported at the meeting in February that Gloucestershire County Council are proposing a 7.5tonne weight restriction in Willersey. He urged all members of the Parish to object as strongly as possible because if the weight restriction is imposed it will obviously increase the number of HGVs that have to drive through Badsey.

### YOUR COUNCILLORS

Mary Campbell (Chairman)	831033
Bob James (Vice Chairman)	41585
David Badham (Chairman Planning Committee)	834010
Martin Bent	830234
Kelvin Hughes	830626
Tony Jerram	830941
Roger Martin	830407
Pat McKeivitt	832722
Sindie Sinclair	833972

## GARDENING TIPS

### Gardening Tips

#### General

Now that the weather is improving, it's time to start cleaning up the winter debris and looking ahead to summer. Start to plan and sow your summer flowering plants for a brilliant display and don't neglect those which you planted in the autumn as the new spring growth will benefit from constant care.

#### For the plants

Dead-head spring-flowering bulbs such as Daffodils and then let foliage die down naturally. Do tie up leaves because this restricts the nourishment which feeds the bulbs for flowering next year.

#### For the veg

Suppress weed growth and conserve moisture by placing a mulch around established fruit trees. Spread a 8cm/3in deep covering of bark chippings, manure or well rotted compost over root area.

#### Visitors

Ladybirds are the gardener's friend: they do no harm themselves but eat aphids. You can encourage ladybirds to your garden by growing a diversity of plants. They also like to hibernate under bits of tree bark and fallen leaves, so if you are less tidy in autumn these useful insects may well choose your garden for a winter resting place (but bare in mind you may encourage other pests). Ladybirds emerge when the weather warms up in spring, just as the aphids descend.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The club will next meet at 7.30pm in the Wickhamford Memorial Hall on Wednesday 23rd April. Roger Turner will be giving a talk on Graceful Grasses and First Rate Ferns. Roger is a well known gardener who has designed gardens for the Chelsea Flower Show in previous years, and has written several horticultural books. This therefore promises to be a most entertaining evening.

New members always welcome - for more information contact Dorothy Turpitt (011386 830834 or Colin Hill (01386 830237)

### Literacy

Since Mothers' Union Literacy Development Programme (MULDP) began in Malawi it has grown from strength to strength and now operates in remote rural villages, lakeside communities and inner city slums. In each place the need is the same, women in desperate need of literacy skills because of their marginalised status in society that prevented many of them from going to school.

The programme is now operating in all four dioceses in Malawi after the programme expanded into Lake Malawi, Southern Malawi and Upper Shire in 2004. Originally it was only piloted in Northern Malawi in 2000.

One of the key methods of introducing literacy into a community is the use of discussion. Each session is started with the facilitator asking everyone in the circle to decide what they want to discuss.

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- Bake in moderate oven until firm

Eat hot or cold, with or without custard or cream

## HUMOUR

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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**PEOPLE PROFILE**

The people profile this month is Malcolm Stewart (Malc).

Malcolm was born in Badsey 29 July 1939. He has one brother and two sisters. He attended Badsey and Blackminster Schools. Leaving school at fifteen he joined his father and brother working as a market gardener for his uncle, Harry Stewart. The office and greenhouses were on the site that is now Hither Green. He met Hazel, and they married in 1959 and lived in Evesham for six years before coming back to Badsey. In 1960 his father, brother and Malcolm started up in business as agricultural contractors and also started their own market gardening business. Also in 1960 Malc was called up for national service and joined the Royal Artillery, training in Rhyl and then he was attached to the R.A. at Bovington. He became a blood donor in the army and forty seven years later has just given his 100th donation. Malc and Hazel have five children and six grandchildren. In the 70s Malc, with family and friends, arranged charity dances, and also bonfire and firework displays at the barn in Birmingham Road. They raised several thousand pounds for local items including a children's slide for the recreation ground and a children's special disabled wheelchair.



After the death of their father, Malc and his brother carried on the family businesses with their children joining them as they grew up. Starting with some large cauliflowers, too big for market, M&M Stewart went on to have a farm shop at Birmingham Road with a lot of the veg being own-grown including asparagus. In 1997 Malc was invited to Highgrove by Prince Charles to give advice on growing asparagus. Hazel went with him to Highgrove where they were given a private tour of the gardens by the Prince's Aide, then tea after giving advice to the head gardener. In 2000 they decided to retire and gave up the farm shop. Maurice retired and Malcolm went lorry driving.

Malc has always enjoyed growing things, he used to grow gladioli and dahlias for showing and now he has a large garden to keep him busy. His other hobby, that has spanned thirty years, is bell ringing at Badsey and other towers in the district. He is looking forward to more free time in 2009 when he plans to give up lorry driving.

**ATONEMENT**

One day a 7 year old boy called Walter noticed an owl sleeping on a branch near where he lived. Thinking it would make a wonderful pet he approached it quietly, and grabbed its leg. The owl flapped its wings, and with wild eyes and frightened cries struggled to get away. So the 7 year old lad knocked it to the ground and kicked it to death. Horrified by his action he fled from the scene but returned later to bury the owl. But the incident haunted him for years. He told no one about it for

years. The boy's gone now but his legacy lives on. That 7 year old was Walt Disney who turned his life around and created a new world centred around animals and things for kids of all ages to enjoy and appreciate. Thank God that this young lad changed and became a reformed character. He became a fine Christian gentleman. Walt Disney died in December 1966 aged 65. But his work lives on. Not what he did as a 7 year old but what he achieved in his remaining years.

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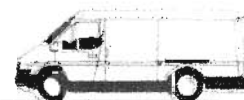
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(Children and young people helpline)	
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