

Community News

Badsey and Aldington



PALM SUNDAY PICTURES



May 2008 Your Village Magazine

This month the newsletter celebrates its first anniversary. The time goes by so quickly. I hope you are pleased with your newsletter but it very much relies on your contributions. So I ask again please let me have your news. Without it there will be no newsletter. The above photos are of the Beavers at the Palm Sunday service. Everyone agreed they were absolutely marvellous. Tony Jerram was so good at this service, as he has been at all the Family Services. People are still talking about his glove puppet at the Harvest Festival. He will be greatly missed for his support of the young people in the parish.

Sheila Lancaster

TONY JERRAM 1937 - 2008

Badsey is a poorer place for the untimely death of Tony Jerram on 3rd April. Tony was a familiar figure in Badsey. Even those who did not know him personally cannot have failed to notice him on his daily walks with the greyhounds. The dog-walking fraternity will certainly miss him. Not only did he know the owners, he also knew the dogs' names! He would always stop for a word with passers-by, taking a great interest in the well-being and achievement of others.



In January's People Profile, Tony said that he was a strong believer in the English tradition of voluntary service to one's local community. His involvement was considerable: the Parochial Church Council, Evesham Deanery Synod, Aldington & Badsey Relief in Need Fund, Badsey & Aldington Parish Council. Every Christmas, the Friday Club and Church Choir were recipients of Tony and Barbara's hospitality after the annual carol-singing when some 30 people crowded into the kitchen at Harrington House drinking Tony's famous cider. He was a regular church attendee, frequently taking an active part in services, whether dressing up as Pontius Pilate or reading the lesson.

But it will perhaps be for his involvement with the Badsey Society that Tony will be most remembered. He was a founder member, the first Chairman, has served on the Committee ever since and was closely involved with the asparagus and orchard DVDs. His latest project was as Co-Editor of the next Badsey Society publication, scheduled for 2009. The annual Whit Walk was his idea, followed by his equally famous Wit's End Ale. As we write, this year's brew is bubbling away in the Harrington House kitchen, so come and drink a toast to Tony at this year's walk which will take place on Friday 6th June.

Whilst he attained his three score years and ten, Tony's death came far too early. Always in the peak of fitness, he had so much more to give, but it was not to be. It is fitting, though, that his beloved greyhound, Jet, who had been in poor health for some time, died the day after her master. Tony's passing has left a big gap in our community. We wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to Barbara in her loss.

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Dear All,

The Olympic Games, very much as we know them today, have been going over 3,000 years dating back to ancient Greece. In more recent years they have been held (with the exception of breaks during the 1st and 2nd world wars) every four years (or every two years if you include the Winter Olympics that started in 1924).

Recent events, regarding the progress of the torch relay around the world and the demonstrations that appear to be following it, have highlighted questions regarding human

rights. Unfortunately, some of the protests have not been as peaceful as one would have hoped. It is interesting to note that the original games were part of a religious festival in honour of the Greek god Zeus, and did not have an Olympic torch or flame – it was introduced in 1928 and the torch relay only introduced in 1936 in Berlin (for some potentially disputable reasons). Suffice it to say, the torch relay is now part of the tradition of the modern Olympic Games and I hope that it does not become used for political motives. If however, on its journey around the world, it highlights human rights abuses perhaps that may be a good thing.

The modern Olympics have no religious connections at all.

However, some of the fundamental principles of the Olympics, such as promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity; and that every individual must have the possibility of practising sport, without discrimination of any kind, are still very much in line with Christian values. They require mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.

I hope and pray that these principles are not forgotten or overlooked during the games this year.

Richard Court

CHURCH SERVICES

Thursday 01 May	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Service
Sunday 04 May	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Wednesday 07 May	10.00 am	Communion followed by coffee
Sunday 11 May	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sunday 18 May	11.00 am	Morning Celebration
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 25 May	11 am	Benefice Eucharist Service at Offenham with our German partners
	6.30 pm	Evensong

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

6 April 08 Tyler Alec Atkins

Weddings:

Funerals:

29 March 08 Nicholas Ray Banting

31 March 08 Winifred Lillian Clarke

12 April 08 Anthony Lionel Oldershaw Jerram M.B.E

CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

May rota

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

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during April. Also thanks go to the parishioners who gave donations towards the Easter lilies. It is very much appreciated.

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

MOTHER'S UNION

Tuesday 13 May 2.30 pm

MU and Family Life Worldwide
Speaker: Mary Wear

RAINBOWS

What do Rainbows do?

Rainbows have fun! They take part in games and activities as part of their programme called the Rainbow Jigsaw. Everything a Rainbow does helps her to develop and to think for herself, in a safe girl-only environment.

What to know?

□ Any girl aged five to seven can be a Rainbow. In Northern Ireland only, a girl may become a Rainbow at any time after her fourth birthday.

□ Rainbows make this simple Promise that they share with members around the world:

I promise that I will do my best to love my God and to be kind and helpful.

Rainbows have a range of items they can wear. As all girls wear



the same thing they feel as though they belong. No girl is excluded because they do not have the right clothes.

What do Rainbows say?

'We play games, we celebrate things; we write in our books, we play on the computer, we do painting...' Fareeha, 6

'We're a little bit the same and a little bit different to other girls. I think Rainbows learn more things. I think it's easier than at school because there are no boys.' Isha, 6

'The best bit was the party for my Promise because we all ate chocolate cake!' Louise, 5

More information from Elizabeth Bolland 830208

www.girlguiding.org.uk
Find out about Brownies next month

BADSEY OPEN GARDENS

An 'open gardens weekend' is planned for the weekend of 14th and 15th 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 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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 11TH-17TH

You will find a Christian Aid envelope with your newsletter. Please deliver filled envelopes to the Spar Shop, 45 Bretforton Road, The Vicarage, Middlebank Aldington, or hand it to a member of the church council. Look out for the TV advert shown during this week to see how your money will be used.

Thank you

Sue Cole

READER IN TRAINING

Have you, like me, been following the story of the embryology bill through parliament? If you or a loved one has an incurable disease you probably would want everything possible done to find a cure. Some Christians say, as life is created at the moment of conception, embryos should not be used for research. My understanding is that embryos used are less than 14 days old, they are never implanted into animals or humans and embryos used for experiments would otherwise have been destroyed. Scientists may use a minuscule amount of DNA from animals because some material is similar to that found in humans. I believe that God has given scientists abilities to do this research; therefore we must trust their integrity to use these gifts for the good of all. Have any of you got strong opinions either way about this issue?

Sue Cole

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF BADSEY

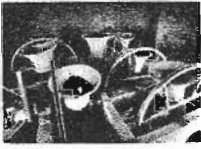
During the weekend of 17th-18th May, the Badsey Society will be undertaking a photographic survey in Badsey and Aldington, repeating the exercise which was undertaken 40 years ago. A team of 22 volunteers will take photos of all the buildings. This will form an important historic archive, and the results will be on view at the Flower Show and on the website. If you do not wish for your house to form part of the photo archive, please contact Maureen Spinks (831154); maureen.spinks@btopenworld.com.

OLYMPIA HERE WE COME

Exciting news! We found out recently that the Badsey Society's Enclosure Map project is through to the finals of a national Community Archaeology award. There are four short-listed finalists and the winner will be announced at the "Who Do You Think You Are?" event at Olympia on 2nd May. Richard Phillips and Maureen Spinks will represent the Society and will give a 20-minute presentation about the project. Badsey is truly on the map

BELL RINGING NEWS

The main wedding season has now begun, starting with Bretforton at the beginning of this month. So far another 16 have been booked between the three parishes, most of them with a request for the bells. In the span of this new year we have already rung for a number of occasions, sadly one of them being one of our regular ringers, Richard, whom we miss very much. Age had taken its toll! With the rest of us following close behind. How nice it would be if we could share time and experience with the younger generation? Bearing in mind most of us learned when we were much younger. O.K. it does give us 'oldies' something to do as well as keep us out of mischief!! The exercise as a whole is very good for the mind and body - there is a valid debate within the ringing circles about its relevance for helping the bone structure. As much as we do not want to think about it, we are all getting older, and with age come other problems. At the moment it is not too late to learn this British Art form of exercise, come another 5-10 years who knows how many of us will be left to pass on the knowledge. Some may think it is all about brawn and no brain, but it is very much the reverse. Once learnt, the correct technique of rope handling, a very enjoyable and sociable time awaits.



GOD SQUAD REPORT

As a member of the newly named Benefice Youth Group, I have been asked to write a report on what we do as a group and why I enjoy coming.

Over the last term we have been concentrating on the topic 'World Issues' and what they mean to us as young people. We have covered sub-topics such as war, trafficking and famine. We are now in the process of making our own web site, that can be found by going to the Benefice Site.

These meetings are very enjoyable and have a friendly atmosphere. As the age range is from 12-18 there are always things to discuss! At the start of the meetings, it is our tradition to play a game or two usually set up by one of the young people. After this we tend to get down to business and discuss a serious matter as stated above. This usually last for the whole meeting with a well earned pause for a drink and food!

None of this could have been possible without the help and support of John Cole and Helen Jagers as they have been giving up their spare time to attend the meetings. At the moment it is just John, as Helen is off helping others in Tanzania. On behalf of the whole group I would like to say thank you very much for all your work.

Alice Morrey

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:

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

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'As a woman, I now feel very good. I have learned to talk. I am confident. In my heart, I have weight. We used to gather water before in big pots, but I never used to put a net over them. We used to go to the toilet without wearing sandals. Now we wear them and we wash our hands with soap. Everyone in the family is happy because now we have good safe water for many months of the year.' Minu Basar from Bangladesh had to cross a wide and sometimes dangerous river and travel up to 10km to buy drinking water for her family. Since joining the village Pani Parishad (water council), she has learned how to safely gather and store rainwater. The Pani Parishads are supported by Christian Aid partner, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies.

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- 10 You can find out more at www.caweek.org or www.christianaid.ie or by calling 0845 7000 300

MOTHERS' UNION - JOAN HARTWELL 50 YEARS OF MEMORIES

Fifty years ago I became a member of Badsey Mothers' Union. The meetings were held in the Parish Room at the vicarage and Mrs Eileen Braby was the enrolling member. Some years later the vicarage and parish room were demolished and a new vicarage was built and the land sold for building. We later held our MU meetings in the Friends Meeting House in Chapel Street which was previously used by refugees from Birmingham during the war. It was later sold and we have had our meetings in the church transept ever since. MU has changed quite a lot over the years, from small beginnings it has grown world wide. Most villages had a MU branch. Most of our group were elderly and the younger ones of us sometimes took our babies which the older members enjoyed. We sometimes had a speaker. They were lovely happy meetings. It was the sort of gathering which Mary Sumner had started for wives to meet so many years ago which she had hoped for and it has grown so much. Joan thinks there was a lot more togetherness in the early days when members used to clean the brasses and cleaned the church. Spring cleaning meant scrubbing the floor before the carpet was laid. There were not many speakers 50 years ago and although there were minutes, Joan says there was not much to write down. Joan cannot remember going on many outings or paying any subs, just enough to pay expenses. Some of the people Joan remembers when she joined are: Mrs Stewart and Mrs Hatcher who used to take her knitting to the meetings. Mrs Ida Hartwell and Mrs Knight for whom Joan carried the banner when she died. Another Mrs Stewart who used to make the birthday cakes and Mrs Sparrow who loved taking the minutes. Mrs Chapman, the vicar's wife chaired the meetings but they were not so formal as they are today; not forgetting Mrs Sharpe, Daphne Bell and Joan Betteridge. Joan feels that today the Mother's Union has got so big, more like a commercial business and that it has moved away from Mary Sumner's vision of a group of mothers meeting together for support, prayer and fellowship.



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**BADSEY AND ALDINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

TONY JERRAM

Members of the Council were deeply saddened to learn of the death of their colleague Tony Jerram and extend their sympathies to his widow Barbara.

WYCHAVON SPORT

So far Badsey has only had notification of one team (angling) who wish to take part in 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. We really would like to hear from anyone who would like to enter a team in any of the above, particularly the five-a-side football as this takes place in Badsey. 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

RECREATION GROUND

You will have noticed by now the extensive tree work that has been undertaken at the recreation ground. The ground now looks very smart and tidy and we hope it will stay that way! Unfortunately, we have had some incidents over the past few weeks where some extremely inconsiderate people have been smashing bottles against the play equipment and leaving broken glass and cigarette ends all over the safety surfaces. The police have been informed and are undertaking regular patrols of the area.

PLANNING

The Planning Committee discussed a number of planning applications last month including one for six homes on the old Harvard and Co site at Blackminster. The committee felt that this new scheme was far more acceptable than ones previously put forward but did raise concerns about what flood prevention/protection measures the developer would undertake as the site is classified in zone 2 for flood risk.

GARDENING TIPS**General**

In the spring most plants, whether large or small, put out vigorous new growth. This is the best time to trim up straggly growth and get special shrubs, hedges and trees back in shape. Do not worry if they look bare afterwards, as branches will soon recover in lots of fresh leaves.

For the lawn

As mowing the lawn becomes almost a weekly task, your lawnmower blades should be adjusted to give optimum results. Lower the blade from their first cut setting of about 6mm/3-4in to 2.5cm/1in during the summer months. If there is a spell of dry weather, then this blade height should be raised again to lessen the fierce first cut setting until the grass is growing strongly again once more.

For the veg

Rhubarb will be ready for harvest in late spring or early summer but you can go on picking until almost the middle of summer. Tasty new sticks can be picked as required from an established crown (over one year). If you harvest regularly the sticks will be succulent for delicious puddings.

Visitors

Butterflies in their pretty dancing colours are a welcome, enjoyable sight in the garden. Small tortoiseshell butterflies are useful pollinators, as they search from plant to plant for nectar. Apart from the butterfly bush, honesty, primulas, bugle and aubrieta are attractive to butterflies. Cabbage white lay their eggs on cabbages, and the emerging caterpillars then eat the leaves.

QUIZ NIGHT

£153 raised divided between Caring Hands in the Vale and entertaining our German visitors in May

1ST BADSEY BROWNIES

At the end of last term we did the following:

- A wintry wide game when the Brownies rescued some snowmen
- We ended the term with a large Promise evening when 7 Brownies made their Promise!

Two new girls have joined us and one has gone up to Guides.

This term so far we have:

- Done our disability awareness badge
- Had a pow-wow to discuss ideas of what we would like to do at Brownies
- Had a late night at the panto which we all really enjoyed
- Had an Adventure challenge evening
- Had a good turnout at the District Thinking Day event
- Throughout the rest of the term we plan to do some more Thinking Day activities and St David's day fun before ending the term with Easter crafts and activities
- We hope to attend both the Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday services

**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 May the film is 'Atonement'. If you would like to join and come along to the next film tel. Clive on 833825 for a membership form.

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While I am writing to you I thought I would include a request. Could we hear more about the different groups within the Community, for example there is The Legion, The Recreation Club, sports clubs and scouts, brownies etc., perhaps one a month like the People Profile. I believe that giving groups publicity helps them to flourish, which in turn helps the community. Many thanks for all your hard work Best wishes Lizzie Noyes

GOD'S SQUAD

Volunteer Youth Leaders Helper - Experience not essential Volunteer needed one night per week for the 11 - 18 year old group, to join existing team. Training will be given. Applicants must be 18 or over. Christian commitment essential.

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ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We had a very interesting meeting last month when Don Hartwell entertained us with old tales of Badsey and people joined in with their own reminiscences

We also sent £25 to the charity Air Ambulance and hope to be able to support other charities during the year..

The next meeting is at 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on **Thursday 15 May at 45 Bretforton Road** when we will discuss a local or national issue.

If you would like to come or would like a lift contact Sheila Lancaster on 833929

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THOUGHTS

If all the people who nod off during long sermons on any given Sunday were laid end to end, they would be a lot more comfortable.

God promises a safe landing but not a calm passage.

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SOUND SYSTEM

There are an estimated 9 million deaf and hard of hearing people in the UK. The number is rising as the amount of people over 60 increases. 55% of people over 60 are deaf or hard of hearing. At church services this can mean little enjoyment for those with hearing difficulties. At St James' Church work is about to commence on installing a sound and induction loop system. The sound system will allow all members of the congregation to hear more clearly. The installation work will take about two weeks with as little to church services and events as possible. We are indebted to the late Sydney Caldicott for his legacy which has enabled this work to be carried out.

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