

Community News

Badsey and Aldington



HELP FROM THE RAF

A photo of the 16 young RAF men volunteers who came to help clear up our churchyard. I think all agree they did a very good job, see the articles below. We look forward to them coming again but in the meantime, as Chris Robbins said, we can all do our bit to keep up their good work.

June 2008 Your Village Magazine

Nearly everyone I've spoken to these last couple of weeks, shopkeepers, hairdressers, friends and acquaintances has said more or less the same thing. 'Nearly half the year gone, can you believe?' I notice it more when many of the people I meet are once a month occurrences, Readers meetings, Round Robin meetings, home communions, church meetings. It seems we're always living in the future and forget where we are in the present. When I go and do my duties in the hospital many of the people there have been struck down with an illness, such a stroke, over which they have no control. Suddenly life has to be lived for the moment, for the hour, for the day. Many find it very difficult especially when they have been so active and now cannot cope with the simplest thing. Of course many do improve but it takes time. They might wishfully anticipate a future where they are able to look after themselves, their families and their homes but in the meantime they live for the moment and savour every achievement, however small. It's a matter of counting our blessings, thanking God for what we can do and not crying for what we can't.

Sheila Lancaster

HELP FROM THE RAF

A group of trainee engineers from R.A.F. Cosford led by Sgt. Charlie Brown visited St James Church, Badsey, on Saturday 26 April in order to carry out a voluntary work project within our churchyard. They arrived at 8.45 am and split into groups of two's and three's and very soon were cutting out dead wood from trees, lifting canopies of large conifers to allow more light in, digging out ivy and generally cleaning overgrown areas. A PCC member and her family provided toilet facilities and also fed and watered them during their stay. When they departed at 3.30 pm one could see a vast improvement and our Parochial Church Council much appreciated their efforts and thanked them all for giving of their time and energy.

It is so important that our churchyard is kept neat and tidy as it has an immediate impact when visitors and parishioners alike first enter the gates of St James. Should you have a spare hour or two then volunteers are always welcome to carry out some of the many tasks within the church and its grounds. Further details can be obtained from either of the churchwardens, telephone numbers are on page 2 of this newsletter. *Chris Robbins*

I was so pleased to see the Royal Air Force in action on Saturday (26th) assisting our two church wardens in cleaning up the churchyard. Even more interesting that these lads were from Royal Air Force Cosford where I joined the RAF and did my initial training as a Boy Entrant in 1954. I took some photographs of the RAF in action in the churchyard along with a picture of the whole team which I would like to pass on to interested parties for publication the Community News or elsewhere. I do not have any names of those involved but no doubt the church wardens would have details. I will also supply an enlargement of the photograph to whoever may be sending a letter of thanks to those in charge at Royal Air Force Cosford

Peter Stewart.

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BADSEY W.I.

Our new year is well under way and we have been enjoying the delights of the local countryside on our weekly walks and had a superb time in London when we had a 'Theatre Week-end' visiting various top London shows and enjoying the delights of Covent Garden. Plans are under way for a long week-end in the Lake District, a visit to Birmingham back-to-back houses and the Jewelry Quarter museum in September and a visits to various gardens and places of interest including a guided tour of Stratford-on-Avon and a Fish and Chip Supper aboard the steam locomotive from Toddington to Cheltenham. We also had the delights of a Floral Art demonstration at Evesham Arts Centre. Our speaker for the month in April was Bernard Mills on the history of Kays. This was a fascinating talk accompanied by slides showing various fashions and household items from yesteryear and various places in Worcester where Kays used to be. It was interesting to hear that Kays was started by a young man from a workhouse and mainly made and sold clocks and watches before ex-

tending its rage of fashions and goods. In fact the most famous clock is on Paddington Station in London and has been there for many years. When you see the old black and white movies where the Paddington station is used, the scenes of lovers, gangsters or other people meeting, is always "under the clock" (Kays clock). The month of May sees us discussing two resolutions which will be carried forward to Parliament for their action. Each year the W.I. movement is asked by government to put forward two or three issues which it is felt should be looked at and dealt with by the government. These resolutions take a very long time to research and investigate and are then put together, discussed by every W.I. member and voted on as to whether they should be put to Government or not. This year the two resolutions to be decided on are "Trawling the Ocean Beds" as this practice is resulting in desecration of marine life in our seas. The second resolution is about the "Inappropriate Imprisonment of Severely Mentally Ill people". Since the closure of nearly all our

mental hospitals many of the persons who would be cared for and treated in these hospitals are being kept in prisons which do not have the right and necessary facilities to care for them as they should be cared for. If members from the country-wide W.I. movement agree on these two resolutions or one of them they will be discussed at meetings with the prime Minister and the appropriate Government officials for discussion and action. The W.I. is the biggest voluntary organization in Britain having over 205,000 members which means that as 'one voice' they can have quite an impact and effect on different national issues. The movement is non political so therefore can only have any effect on decisions which are non-political. In many instances it is because of the W.I. that different issues concerning health and well-being, education, food marketing, baby welfare, farming and so many more have been addressed and acted upon by the government of the day.



Women's Institute

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 01 June	11.00 am Family Worship 6.30 pm Asparagus Benefice Service at Bretforton
Wednesday 04 June	10.00 am Communion followed by coffee
Sunday 08 June	11.00 am Praise & Worship 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sunday 15 June	11.00 am Morning Celebration 6.30 pm Songs of Praise
Sunday 22 June	9.30 am Family Service at Bretforton with Morris Men 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sunday 29 June	10.00 am Benefice Eucharist Service at Aldington

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	
20 April 08	Alfie George Dunkley Matilda Bessie Dunkley Oran Careless
11 May 08	Aimee Marie Haines
Funerals:	
5 April 08	Frank Bertram Salter (ashes interred)
23 April 08	Thomas Henry Bennett
7 May 08	Alan Victor Overd
Weddings:	

CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Vicar:	Revd Richard Court	834550
	The Vicarage High Street, Badsey	
Churchwardens:	Mr Chris Smith	830217
	Mr Chris Robbins	831004
Readers:	Mrs Penny Christison	830367
	Mrs Sue Cole	831260
	Mrs Sheila Lancaster	833929
	Mrs Anne Potter	424429

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

June rota	
1st Sunday	Hazel & Hazel
2nd Sunday	Pat & Sue
3rd Sunday	Mary & Avril
4th Sunday	Stephanie & Yvonne
5th Sunday	Sandra & Maureen
Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during May.	
Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart, 01386 832007.	

MOTHER'S UNION

Tuesday 10 June 2.30 pm
Outing to House of the Open Door, Childswickham
Meet at the lych gate at 2.00 pm for transport



LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All

As I sit in my study to write this letter, the evening sun has not yet set and through the window, there is the sound of birdsong, but uppermost in my mind is the plight of the people of Burma. The headlines tell that aid has started to trickle through to survivors, but aid agencies warn of an "apocalyptic" disease epidemic if more aid is not urgently received. The first UN trucks have also arrived - with the organisation appealing for an extra £90m to help victims of the disaster. However, other news indicates that despite the devastation, the ruling Junta have refused to allow outside agencies visas to enter the country and has refused to accept some of the aid packages because of the contents. It has also continued with a referendum on a controversial proposed constitution despite the huge

loss of life and the countless thousands who have lost their homes. Heavy rain forecast in the next week is expected to exacerbate the misery of an estimated one million survivors awaiting food, clean water, shelter and medicine.

Meanwhile in the garden of the Vicarage, the birds continue to sing and squirrels play in the trees, how do you make sense of the two extremes? And where, I ask myself is God in all of this? As a religious leader in this place, I feel that I ought to have all the answers and be able to make sense of it all, but as I sit in my study and pray, there does not seem to be any sense in it. The thoughts that come to mind are that the planet is a living creation and natural disasters happen; and that God has given us (as well as the ruling Junta in Burma) free will and does not directly control the actions we take; but these are just platitudes, well worn expressions that try to justify something beyond justification.

How then can we help, and what can we do? We can help with the humanitarian aid efforts as best we can but we can offer very little practical help, and that is what makes us feel so helpless.

My faith reminds me that God is there, alongside those in the midst of the devastation, and my prayers are that relief will be allowed into the country, and those left alive will be helped to rebuild something of their ruined lives. At times, all we can do is trust in a God who created us and loves us, and I realise that by the time you read this in the Parish Magazine, in all probability the people of Burma will no longer be making the headlines and the world will have moved on. As you read this, I ask you, if you pray, please pray for the people of Burma who are still suffering. If you do not pray, perhaps I could ask you just pause for a moment, think, and remember.

Richard Court

SPIRITUALITY

Many bookshops today have a section called Spirituality; I wonder if this could be a sign that people are searching for meaning to their life. We spent four weeks of our Reader Training Course studying this subject. For this I asked others what they thought Spirituality was. I was interested in every response and would like to share some with you. "It is when I feel at one with God, sometimes when I am alone and sometimes with friends," "It is a personal relationship with God; it is ones closeness to nature," I think it is an uplifting experience that brings you closer to God," "it could improve your general feelings towards others," "Some people exude a quietness of spirit which you can feel when you meet them." You can feel this in an empty church, especially when kneeling at the altar where you can feel the greatness of God." And finally "Spirituality is getting to know God and obeying his commands"

I say it is being yourself in God's world, I feel spiritual during worship, when I meet others and especially by the sea and when I see a rainbow or a sky full of stars. A steady flow of God's presence in everyday life, like breathing, so natural we can become unaware of it. It is only when we stop; gathering our thoughts and become quiet we know God's spirit is with us.

We were given a verse from the book of Micah in The Old Testament:

This is what Yahweh (God) asks of you, only this:
that you act justly,
that you love tenderly,
that you walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

I think these sum up all I have already written about Spirituality because we will then be joining in with God's plan for the world.

Next time I will tell you about my licensing service which is on June 14th in Worcester Cathedral. *Sue Cole*

BADSEY OVER 60'S CLUB

The meetings of the Badsey over 60's Friendship Club are now held on the first Tuesday of each month, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the Royal British Legion. Various entertainment is planned, including guest speakers, garden party and a talk from the Fire Service.

We also have trips to Gloucester Docks, Weston-super-Mare, an evening drive and meal. In November we hope to arrange a 5 day "Turkey and Tinsell" holiday at Bournemouth.

New and existing members are always welcome, just drop in for a warm welcome.

1ST BADSEY BROWNIES

Brownies is a whole new experience from Rainbows. We do lots of activities including challenge night where we bring our books and do challenges. We also go on walks round Badsey. In the summer we do water games.

Brownies also hold an enrolling night when new Brownies are welcomed and they say their promise. Badges are for every one and they are a lot of fun. We do lots of different badges, like book lover and animal lover.

On Sundays, sometimes we go to church and have a parade. One person holds the flag and two people escort - this is called a colour party.

Everyone is welcome!

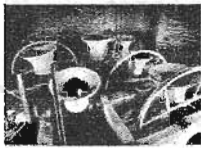
The fabulous part of Brownies is the fantastic leaders!!

Emily and Lily

Brownies is fun because every week we do something different. We also gain badges if you work for them such as: Agility, Artist, Book lover, Brownie camper
Charlotte and Natasha

BELL RINGING NEWS

Not a lot going on this month except the usual Service ringing and a wedding or two. We are still trying to cover for Bretforton while Graham is out of action. Perhaps, depending upon the availability of ringers, some extra ringing to help high light the 'Open Gardens' event, may take place.



Let us all pray for some good weather to help things along the road to success.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting for Wickhamford Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 25th June, 2008 which is to be a Garden Visit, details of which will have been given to members at the meeting held on 28th May.

For further information please contact:

Dorothy Turpitt (01386 830834) or
Colin Hill (01386 853412).

BOAT RESTORATION

Tom Sandham, a Badsey resident for twenty years, has nearly completed the restoration of his trip boat 'Handsam Too' following the sinking and damage caused by last years flood. Tom said to the Community News "This has been a labour of love over the last seven months, we are looking forward to being back on the river. It's time things returned to normal. The renovation of the boat has been a real opportunity to revive the old girl. 'Nil desperadum' as they say in Rome." River Trips and Boat Hire from Abbey Park, Evesham. Phone 07860 895416 for more information.

GOD'S SQUAD

Urgent Notice

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

For information pack and application form by writing to: Revd. Richard Court, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham, WR11 7EW or email:

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and from the Vicar or any other PCC member

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 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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BROWNIES

What do Brownies do?

Brownies have fun! Their meetings are full of challenges, games and activities, usually ones that the Brownies have suggested themselves.

What to know?

- Brownies belong to a Pack and work in small groups called Sixes. This gives each girl a group of ready-made friends to take care of her. It also makes her feel that she belongs to something special.
- Brownies meet regularly and there are often opportunities for Brownies to take part in special activities and events throughout the year.
- Any girl over the age of seven who wishes to can become a Brownie.
- The Brownie Promise is:
*I promise that I will do my best:
To love my God,
To serve the Queen and my country,
To help other people
and
To keep the Brownie Guide Law.*
- The Brownie Guide Law is: *A Brownie Guide thinks of others before herself and does a good turn every day.*
- Each Brownie chooses what she wants to wear from a range of items - it is up to each girl to decide which items she likes. This choice allows Brownies to be themselves but also makes them feel part of the Pack.



Further details from Elizabeth Bolland 830638

WE DID IT!

The members of the Badsey Society Committee are delighted to report that the Society's Enclosure Map project was Joint Winner in the Marsh Award for Community Archaeology. Maureen Spinks and Richard Phillips represented the Society at a special event at Olympia in London on Friday 2nd May. The presentation was hosted by Julian Richards of "Meet the Ancestors" fame and, at the end of the two-hour event, Maureen and Richard were presented with a certificate and a cheque for £500 by Brian Marsh, OBE.

It is the first year that the Marsh Archaeology Award for Community Archaeology has been presented. It is administered by the Council for British Archaeology on behalf of the Marsh Christian Trust. The Trust was established in 1981 by Brian Marsh and has two main areas of work: grant-making and the Marsh Awards. The Awards seek to recognise unsung heroes who aim to improve the world we live in, who do it out of love, not for money.

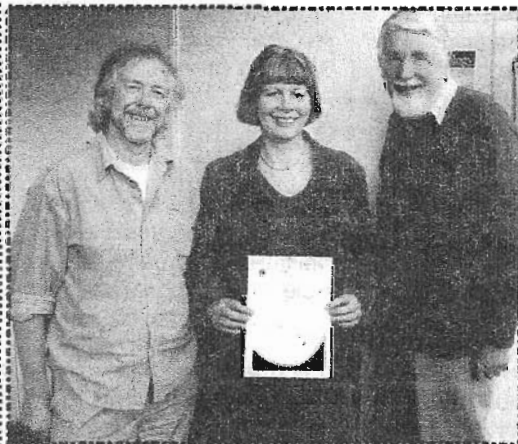
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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At its meeting on 16th April 2008 in the Remembrance Hall, Badsey, the Council discussed a number of items. It was agreed to bring the following problems to the attention of the police:

1. The Rec. has been suffering from vandalism late at night. People have been smashing glass bottles all over the children's play surfaces.
2. Parking is becoming an issue again at the Bank House with up to three cars being parked on the pavement / grass verges at a time. Police to be requested to ticket offences in future as verbal warnings do not appear to have worked.
3. The police to be notified that teenagers broke into the roof of the Remembrance Hall on Monday 14th April.

Planning

The Planning Committee was pleased to hear that following representations by Cllr Sparrow on behalf of the Parish Council at Wychavon District Council's Planning

meeting, the application for amendments to the approved scheme on Badsey Fields Lane was rejected. The Parish Council also discussed three new planning applications in the village at its meeting on the 8th May, none of which were contentious. It noted that two previous applications one affecting Mesamere on Willersey Rd and another for a fishing lake on Bretforton Rd had been withdrawn by the applicants.

Other Matters

The Council also agreed to support Sanco and Badsey Butchers in their applications for rural rate relief from the District Council and agreed to donate £400 to the Remembrance Hall Committee as a contribution towards grass cutting around the Hall.

The Council voted unanimously to reject an approach from Wayleave Survey and Engineering Ltd to lay a high voltage underground cable beneath the Recreation Ground and footway to Badsey Fields Lane along with erecting a new terminal pole on the far north eastern corner of the Recreation Ground.

GARDENING TIPS

General

Early summer tends to be dry, a time of light winds and cloudless skies - just the right conditions to enjoy your garden to the full. But don't forget to give thirsty plants an extra drink of water. Danger of frost should have passed and gardening takes a new aspect.

For the plants

Your hanging baskets require regular and frequent watering - even in wet weather they are often sheltered by buildings to receive enough moisture - so it makes sense to make the job as easy as possible without too much mess.

For the fruit

Do not worry if you find a scattering of tiny apples below your apple tree at this time of year. This process is called 'June drop' and is the perfectly natural way in which the tree sheds excess fruit when too many have set. A tree that carries too many apples will at best bear an abundance of tasteless small fruit.

Visitors

Hoverflies are good mimics - they can easily be mistaken for bees and wasps. Unlike those insects, however, hoverflies can hover and dart backwards and forwards. The adult flies do not eat pests directly, but they lay their eggs among aphids and the larvae (grub) that hatch feed on them voraciously - it is thought one grub eats about 600 of them.

FUCHSIA SALE

From Mid May Jean Jephcott will be selling named varieties of fuchsias at £1.00 each on behalf of the Offenham Church Roof Repair
Tel Jean on 01386 48217

BADSEY SOCIETY NEWS

Come and join the Badsey Society for their annual Whit Walk on Friday 6th June. Meet at 7 pm at Monks' Bridge (Grid Ref 067434). The walk will go along Badsey Undergrounds to Wickhamford and back via Francis' Grave. It is not a particularly dog-friendly route as there are several stiles. The walk will end with drinks at The Willows, 8A High Street. Come and have some of the famous Wit's End Ale and drink a toast to Tony Jerram.

BADSEY SCHOOL FETE

The Badsey School Summer Fete organised by the PTA is this year going to be on Saturday 14th June.

The fete will be from 2 - 4 pm and have a host of popular stalls including:

bouncy slide	tombola
home-made teas	BBQ and bar
plant stall	cake stall
talent showcase	
community stalls and events	
and lots more!	

FILM CLUB AT THE WHEATSHEAF

The next movies will be:
Sat 7th June La Vie en Rose
Sat 5th July No Country for old men
Sat 2nd Aug Every which way but loose
Sat 6th Sep Hot Fuzz
Clive added:- People do not need to ring me for a membership form, but merely have to turn up on the night at the Wheatsheaf and pay me then. People can ring me for information on 833825

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BADSEY OPEN GARDENS

Arrangements for the Open Gardens weekend are well under way and 20 gardens have been offered - a big thank you to all these kind people.

If you were not able to offer your garden, please still help us by donating to the tombola and a cake towards the teas. If everyone in Badsey gave something then we would have the most stupendous fund raising event ever. We all enjoy seeing our Church and like to know that it is there for us if/when we need it, even if most of us only go on special occasions like Christmas, so please help to support it any way you can.

I shall be in Church on the evening of Friday 13th June, that sounds like a lucky day, to hopefully receive all your donations. Any offers of help on the weekend will also be most welcome and appreciated *Liz Cudd.*

Luxury Summer Pudding

Slices of Brioche or Spicy fruit Bread
Stewed or Canned Fruit
Juice from above fruit
Arrowroot or Cornflower

Stew the fruit if using fresh or open a can, strain, reserving the juice. Heat juice and dip the sliced bread until thoroughly coated. Line a lightly greased pudding dish with the bread, making sure the edges are closed and fill with fruit - if any juice remains - thicken with the Arrowroot and pour over. Cover with rest of dipped bread slices and leave to set. Turn out and enjoy with Cream or Custard.

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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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PEOPLE PROFILE

The people profiled this month are brothers Will and John Dallimore.

Will and John are both single, and have lived in Horsebridge Avenue for the past fifty years. They are two of the six children of the late George and Grace Dallimore, and along with their siblings, Marion, Georgina, George and Angela (Joy) attended Badsey and Blackminster schools. John left school at 15 and served an apprenticeship with Evesham Rural District Council as a painter and decorator, a profession he still carries out today. Will, like John, left school without any qualifications, and was apprenticed as a plumber, a trade he worked in for many years, however he now prefers to give John a hand with the decorating. Both brothers enjoy music. John has a collection of over 20,000 vinyl records, whilst Will is more hands-on being a guitar and keyboard player. One of Will's other interests is computing. He started off many years ago on a ZX80 and has not looked back since. He is the editor of two websites, the village website www.badsey.org.uk, and their family website www.dallimore.co.uk. Will has also written music-based computer software, which is downloadable from their website.



John's great love is the 'Antiques Roadshow', and he is officially their biggest fan, having attended the recording of over 110 shows. He has travelled to Canada and Australia to see the show, and even designs his holidays to fit in with them. Last year John celebrated his 50th birthday at an Antiques Roadshow at Alnwick Castle. John has been interviewed many times on TV and radio about being a 'superfan', and has also appeared as a contestant on 'Bargain Hunt' with older brother George. John and Will were once nicknamed the 'Custard Brothers' by Central TV after they featured in a programme about Birds Custard. John even sang a song whilst sitting in a bath of custard.

Will is also a writer of poetry and short stories, and has donated a trophy for literature which is contested for annually at the Flower Show. The brother's latest venture is into film-making, and they have joined the Evesham Movie Makers Club. Will, who is chairman of the Badsey Society, filmed and edited both of its Grass Roots Series DVDs. John and Will, together with their brother, George, and accompanist Linda Core, have formed a charity singing group and go round entertaining various local groups and care-homes.

COMMUNITY SINGING

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(Children and young people helpline)	
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(Report information about crime, anonymously)	
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