

Community News

Badsey and Aldington



So many good things have happened in June, not least the licensing of Sue Cole as a Reader. This was the first time Bishop John had licensed Readers in the Worcester Diocese and it was made special in that our choir sang in the Cathedral. We also had our first Open Gardens in Badsey which was a great success thanks to the organiser, Elizabeth Cudd. This was followed by a happy Songs of Praise in church. All in all a busy but happy month.

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GOD'S SQUAD

Charlotte is very cheerful and happy. She is always in a good mood.



Gods Squad is the name chosen by what was formerly the Youth Group, it began with social gatherings of young people who had been confirmed in the Benefice.



Alice is very clever and always has loads of ideas of things to do. She is very nice.



Lilli is always bubbly and full of energy. She makes everyone laugh.



The group began to meet regularly in September 2007 under the leadership of Helen Jagers and John Cole. They meet each Monday for discussions, activities and games, the discussions have been about personal, social and world issues, with the aim of finding out what the bible says about these issues



Huw is very nice and a natural born leader.

Chloe is very friendly and enjoys the evening.



They also help to lead worship during the year. As the 'Youth Group' they devised the Pilgrim Eucharist Service which we use in church, and as Gods Squad they continue to be involved in worship and will be leading our service at 11.00 on the 31 Aug at Badsey.



Anthony is very loud and energetic. He always participates and enjoys the activities.

Martha is the youngest in the squad and is keen to participate and join in activities.



on the 31 Aug at Badsey.

Sam makes us laugh. She is very happy and has a bubbly personality.

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LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All,

It seems no time at all and we are again at the end of another academic year, schools have now finished for a well-deserved rest and many pupils anxiously await their examination results. For others there are no such worries about exams, either the next step along their education path is not dependant upon exam results or perhaps those days are long gone and examinations are distant memory; in which case it may be holidays that are on your mind. Summer holidays are an important part of our life (I say Summer – as I write this the rain is running down to gutters reminiscent of July 2007, but the

forecasters say it should be intermittent at least for the next couple of days). Everyone works hard all year, there are always deadlines to meet, which seem to get shorter and shorter, targets to reach, which seem to get higher and higher, and as I have already mentioned our children seem to be being tested every five minutes. There also seems to be an expectancy that everyone should be 'above average' – it is no longer acceptable to be 'doing okay', we are all expected to excel at everything we do. Of course, we can't all be 'above average' because, in simple terms, an average is exactly that – a point mid way between two extremes on a scale.

We all learn at different rates and stand out at different things at different times in our lives, so for us all to be either average or above average defies our human

nature. We are all individuals made in the sight of God, we each have different God-given gifts and skills and we should applaud and praise our differences rather than decry and belittle them. That does not mean that we should not always try to do our best, for that is something we should all strive to do (and it is all that you can ask of anyone), but we should give thanks for our achievements wherever they may put us on the scale of success. Whatever pressure you feel under at the moment, be it examinations, work related or family matters, take a few minutes out and try to relax, and if you are going away on holiday have a well deserved rest and relax in the knowledge that God loves you just the way you are – because that is how he made you.

God Bless

Richard Court

CHURCH

SERVICES

Sunday 03 August	11.00 am Family Worship 6.30 pm Evensong
Wednesday 08 August	10.00 am Communion followed by coffee
Sunday 10 August	11.00 am Praise & Worship 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sunday 17 August	11.00 am Morning Celebration 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 24 August	9.30 am Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 31 August	11.00 am Benefice Service at Badsey

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

MOTHERS' UNION

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 09 September at 2.30 pm when Alma Organ will talk on Prayer and Relationships.

17 September 7.30 pm a Quiet Evening will be held at Badsey



CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Vicar:	Revd Richard Court	834550
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	Mr Chris Robbins	831004
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	Mrs Sue Cole	831260
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ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

August rota

1st Sunday	Mary & Avril
2nd Sunday	Stephanie & Yvonne
3rd Sunday	Sandra & Maureen
4th Sunday	Annette & Sheila
5th Sunday	Julie & Eleanor

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during July. Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart 01386 832007

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms	15 June 08	Jessica Louise Willett
	15 June 08	Leila Mae Davies
	15 June 08	Sienna May Middleton
	15 June 08	Tegan Joyce Groves
Funerals:	20 June 08	Geoffrey Langham Dare
	23 June 08	John Stanford Crisp
	27 June 08	Leslie Gordon Wild
	14 July 08	John Andrew Fleetwood
Weddings:	12 July 08	Andrew Paul Weller and Catherine Elizabeth Such

CONFIRMATION 2008

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian life, when those who have been baptised affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised and their intention to live a life of responsible and committed discipleship.

We will be holding classes, of preparation in the autumn ready for a confirmation service on 23rd November at which the Bishop will preside.

Young people need to be at least 10 years old.

Those who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith and its relevance to the world today can join the classes. A separate group will be available for adults.

For more information speak to a member of the ministry team or telephone

Revd Richard Court on 834550

Mothers' Union are committed to strengthening family life, with a special concern for those who are affected by isolation. Mothers' Union reaches out to those who might be feeling lonely or need to feel assured of their value to the community.

Vulnerable children
In Ruaha, Tanzania there are many children, orphans, or from families too poor to support them, who live on the streets. Local Mothers' Union women have begun an outreach programme for these vulnerable children, providing clothing, food, assistance in accessing schooling and love.



In Rwanda, vulnerable children are being helped over the bridge into independent adulthood through the

Mothers' Union is committed to reach out to as many as possible to promote a future without poverty or discrimination.

On our street many elderly or frail people live extremely isolated lives. Mothers' Union frequently offers a life-line of practical support and fellowship, visiting, encouraging ongoing involvement and providing opportunities for a social life.

For nearly 30 years, a group of members in

Mothers' Union's Youth at Risk programme. So far over 150 young people have been taught vocational skills such as carpentry, sewing, embroidery and engineering.

Carlisle Diocese have run a lunch club that provides a range of home-made hot meals once a week at the local church centre. The event is extremely popular and regularly gets at least 50 people coming each week.

For millions of children across the globe each day is a day of struggle.

SUE COLE'S COLUMN-SUNDAY SCHOOL

I have vivid memories of attending Sunday School. For about six years my twin sister, Lynda and I went to our Junior school at three in the afternoon. There were lots of other children, not sure how many. We began by singing choruses and reciting verses that we had learned from the bible. Then we went into classes according to our age, where we listened to bible stories and did activities linked with the story. We ended the afternoon, back together with more singing, sword drill (finding verses from the bible as quickly as possible) and quizzes. Every week we were given a picture stamp to collect as a record of our attendance. Each year we had a wonderful Christmas party, an outing to the seaside and a prize giving. Everything we did was exciting, especially the action songs "I am in God's Army", "Deep and Wide", "The Wise Man built his House upon a Rock" and many more. This was wonderful experience because of the team of people who led it. They planned the afternoon well, but most of all they shared the love of God with us by caring for each one of us. I remember many of those teachers today. I would like to see a Sunday School or something similar in Badsey. I know there was one, John and David belonged to it when we moved here. Some churches run something similar on other days of the week and I am open to new ideas.

Please contact me to join in with this new adventure.

Sue Cole 831260

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We had a very interesting meeting last month when we enjoyed a fish and chip lunch at Jean Ives house.

There will be no meeting in August.

We were able to send £20 to the Burma fund for victims of the earthquake.

If you would like to come or would like a lift contact

Sheila Lancaster on 833929

BBQ SATURDAY 6 SEPT

BBQ at the Vicarage starting at 6.00 p.m.

Entrance £3.00 to include hot dog or burger and glass of wine. (extra hot dogs and burgers available but will be charged at a nominal price). Games, entertainment etc. Tickets available as below or on the gate.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

Our next event is a 'Cheese and Wine Evening' being held at 'The Barn', Seward Road on Friday 15th August at 7.30.p.m.

Tickets £5.00 with children at half price (£2.50) to include wine and supper.

There will be games, raffle and various other entertainment so do come along and enjoy an evening in a lovely setting with good food, good wine and good company. Tickets available from PCC members or Yvonne on 830063, Wendy on 832283, Maureen on 832494, Chris on 831236, Hazel on 832263 and Chris and Annette on 831004 or on the night.



BADSEY LEGION "NEEDS YOU!"

Entertainment

- Sat 26th July - Dave Summers
- Sat 2nd August - Passion
- Sat 9th August - Sticky
- Sat 23rd August - Stiff Upper Lip

Call in for and application form.

Entrance - Members £1 - Non-Members £2

Function room - Weddings - Funerals - Skittle Alley - Snooker table - Gaming - Drinks at reasonable prices



SOUND SYSTEM

We are very pleased to announce that we have now installed a sound system and induction loop in church, this was possible due to a legacy left to us by the late Mr Sidney Coldicott who many of you will have known and died on 9 April 2006 at the age of 84. As a church council we felt that such a legacy should be used for a specific project rather than to disappear into the general finances or to 'pay the gas bill' etc; that way there will be a lasting tribute to Sidney. If you use a hearing aid please use the 'T' setting next time you come to a service in church.

Richard Court on behalf of the Parochial Church Council. With many thanks to Sidney, may he rest in peace. Amen

BADSEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Make a note of these dates for your diaries:

Saturday 11th October Harvest Supper at the Remembrance Hall (with entertainment)

Saturday 13th December Christmas Concert in Church with the Avon Brass Band

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Wickhamford Gardening Club is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 27th August 2008 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This month sees the Summer Show taking place. For full details or a copy of the programme please contact any committee member or telephone Colin Hill (01386 853412) or Dorothy Turpitt (01386 830834) for further information. New members welcome to come and join in.

Susan Stayt

BETH A RHYFEDDO NOSWAITH!

(translates to 'WHAT A WONDERFUL EVENING!' - I think!)

And a really wonderful evening it was when once again we welcomed the Aber Valley Male Voice Choir to Badsey for a concert in the Church. The choir sang to a packed and rapt audience in Church and thrilled us with a mixture of Songs and Hymns. Their guest Artiste, Siriol Burford, again delighted the ear with her beautiful voice and her rendition of 'Ave Maria' was spellbinding. A truly magical evening which continued up at Basdey Cricket Club when the choir gave an impromptu 'concert', much to the delight of the people there, whilst enjoying the club's ale and hospitality.

A very big thank you to all the people who helped to make this evening so successful, especially Annette and Chris Robbins for entertaining Siriol and letting her use their home for changing etc. A big thank you to our two Churchwardens for all their much needed and appreciated help, the Cricket Club for their hospitality and the friends of the Social Committee who helped so much on the night and of course a very big thank you to all who came along and supported the evening.

Apologies to any Welsh speaking persons if the heading is incorrect in any way

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GARDENING TIPS

General

Most of the jobs at this time of year are concerned with keeping plants growing and well for as long as possible - and that means watering, feeding, and dead-heading where appropriate. Do not forget to check those biennials and perennial seeds that you have sown during the last month, as they need attention at this stage too.

For the plants

Sweet peas are one of those wonderful plants that actually respond better if you keep cutting the flowers. Pick plenty of bunches for the house or deadhead the plants regularly if you want them primarily for garden display. Once you start leaving the flowers to set seeds, the plant will quickly stop flowering.

Save your own seeds

It is generally not worth saving your own seeds of bedding and annuals as the plants they produce are inferior to the parents (though there are some exceptions, such as sweet peas). It is worth saving the seeds of many rock plants and some border plants, however, especially if they are species rather than highly bred hybrids.

Visitors

If you grow roses, sawflies, or rather their larvae, may be unwelcome visitors. Many gardeners think the culprits are larvae of butterflies or moths (in other words caterpillars), but the mature sawflies actually look like flies. You are likely to see them at this time.

ANOTHER HAPPY DAYS ARTICLE

As the old song says, 'Those were the days, my friend'. The other day a few of us were reminiscing about the Badsey Guides of 25 to 30 years ago and someone suggested that these were written down for posterity.

In those days, when Health and Safety meant just that and the idea of 'Political Correctness' was not even a thought in some politicians' brain, much fun was had which would be frowned upon in today's world.

Such things as the time at the Ebrington Cherry Orchard camp when the older Badsey Guides and the Broadway Guides had planned a midnight feast and a certain Mrs. C and Mr. B decided to put simple 'trip wires' between the two sets of tents. This, of course, caused quite consternation as the Broadway girls attempted to thread their way through the cotton strings. Whilst the feast was taking place, the two perpetrators moved the 'trip wires' so that as the girls returned over what they thought were the same obstacles, it caused quite a spectacle.

Whilst all this was going on, Mrs. C and Mr. B were crouched down together in the grass to make sure that no one got hurt. But one of the younger Badsey Guides came out of her tent, at midnight, to go to the 'loo' and promptly fell over the two on the ground. Over the years we have often wondered what she told her parents when she got home.

Of course it was not always the girls who got up to mischief as we have photographic evidence of two parent camp helpers sunbathing almost topless whilst 'off duty'. The photograph can be auctioned to help pay for the medical treatment of the writer after the two read this.

I think that that is enough for this time, but if you were a Guide, a Leader or a Helper over the past thirty three years then please pass your memories to Liz Bolland on lizral.bolland@btinternet.com

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BENEFACTIVE EVENTS



This was in the Cross at Bretforton after a very happy and lively Morris Men Service in church where over 100 Morris Men and Women danced, played instruments and sang their way through the service. This was followed by a convivial time in the Fleece.



This was the Aber Valley Men's Choir in concert in Badsey church. Everyone agreed it was absolutely marvellous. Again it was followed by an impromptu concert at the Cricket Club in Badsey until past midnight.

SMART WATER IS COMING!!!

Occasionally we old cynics at Neighbourhood Watch find ourselves getting in a dither about some new development. And at the moment we are positively euphoric. West Mercia Constabulary are poised to introduce SmartWater.

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The plan is to sell SmartWater in areas covered by Neighbourhood Watch and, as a further plus, signs will be erected in any area involved warning Johnny Housebreaker that he is skating on thin ice if he plies his trade thereabouts.

In areas in other parts of the country where SmartWater has already been introduced the results have been extremely encouraging; as many as 90% fewer houses broken into.

Soon leaflets will be distributed in your area telling you the cost (it's not free but is sold on a non-profit basis) and where to get it.

Don't worry if your area is not covered by Neighbourhood Watch - parish councils are also taking part.

Keith Horden - Evesham & Pershore Neighbourhood Watch Association - the Police Station, Leamington Road, Broadway

BELL RINGING NEWS

It was with great pleasure and enjoyment that we were able to form a Band from the Benefice, to ring for 'The Rev. Sarah Mitchell' on her wedding day at Bretforton. The Band comprised of 4 from Badsey, 2 from Offenham and 2 from Bretforton.



At Badsey we extend our 'Welcome' to Carol, who came up to the ringing chamber to watch activities. She was so fascinated by the action - decided to give it a go, and is now a very keen learner along side Tim.

August is going to be a very busy time with 1 wedding at the beginning of the month at Badsey, followed by a Full Peal Attempt with the ringers of Christ Church, Oxford on Tuesday 5th. Then it will be across to Bretforton for the next five weddings

BADSEY OPEN GARDENS 2009

Following on the success of Badsey Open Gardens 2008 a small committee has been formed to organise Open Gardens for the weekend of 21/22 June 2009. If you were unable to join in this year, but would like to join in next year then please let me know. Yvonne Haynes produced some excellent posters this year, but if anyone would like to design one for next year then they would be very welcome. If you can offer help in any way, offering a garden, or any ideas please contact me Liz Cudd 831233 or cudd.badsey@hotmail.com

The next movies at **The Wheatsheaf** will be:

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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IN MEMORIAM

John Crisp of Badsey was born in June 1927 to Arthur and Eva Crisp, and at the time of his death, was nearing his 81st birthday. John's descendants are described in the archives as coming from a long line of village stonemasons. His father, Arthur George Crisp won a Military Medal for bravery in the Boer War. His Grandfather, William Thomas Stanford was the founder member of the Badsey Rangers Football Club and also served as a special constable in Worcestershire. John is survived by his niece, Penny Bannister from Cheshire, and his cousin Pat Goldstraw, who lives in Badsey.

One could describe John as having led a very reclusive life and it would be fair to mention that sometimes his attitude during various stages of his life was questionable. He did though have a love for plants and over the years developed a wealth of knowledge on many species. He won many prizes at Badsey Flower Show for his exhibits. His plants were only referred to by their botanical names and John knew just how to care for them, so that they would flourish and flower into beautiful colours. John visited many public gardens in England, particularly those owned by the National Trust and during his life, developed friendships with fellow plant lovers as far away as Cornwall.

His Grandmother Crisp ran the Badsey Post Office during the war years, his Grandfather having died in 1939. One day whilst delivering a telegramme to Wickhamford Manor, John rescued some mauve gladioli from a rubbish heap. The flower beds there had been dug up to grow vegetables. The gladioli still grow every year in his back garden.

In the late 60s, John went on a Banana boat to the Canary Islands with around 40 other passengers. He took the train to Paddington, then the underground to near the Wharf where he boarded the boat. It was a 4-week trip, and John enjoyed the experience.

John seemed happy living in a kind of time warp, unable to feel comfortable with the modern world. His life style was simple and undemanding in terms of extravagance. He was regularly seen cycling around the village, collecting wood for his fire.

Until recently, John always wore his best clothes on Sundays. His evenings were spent listening to classical music on the radio, he didn't possess a television, or a telephone. This year John's health gradually began to fail which caused him occasionally to feel somber. On 3rd June he was reported missing and his bike, coat, cap and scarf were found beside Badsey Brook. On 9th June John's body was recovered from the Brook. He has now been laid to rest in Badsey Churchyard. We will never know exactly what happened.

Valerie Magan

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This was the first time any of us had opened our gardens. We were extremely fortunate with the weather and the fact that the Highways Agency removed the banner and the local papers took up our cause; meant we received a lot of free publicity, even if I did get slightly stressed as organiser.

22 people agreed to open their gardens. We had hundreds of visitors, and made a profit of just over £1500.00 after all expenses for St James' Church. The vicar, Revd Richard Court gave thanks and praised everyone for their efforts at a special Songs of Praise Service on the Sunday evening.

All of the visitors commented how friendly everyone was, happy to chat to people and to show them around their respective gardens, even if they did not know all the names of the plants. They were surprised at the number of the gardens, the variety of sizes and designs and general very high, especially considering how some people had suffered from last year's floods and how hard they had had to work to recover their gardens.

The rose judge was very impressed by the fact that we had 47 entries in the single rose competition. He had a hard job to select the winners and insisted on giving places first to fourth and then four places of highly commended. The winner was Mrs Lyn Sharp with a truly perfect rose. Apparently the rose tree had originally belonged to Lyn's mother, but Lyn and her husband had dug

it up and brought it with them to their new home in Badsey and it is obviously thriving here, so well done Lyn.

Apart from thanking all the people who opened their gardens and the people who visited them, I must thank especially the three couples who volunteered to serve teas. These were very well received and I think some people came both days, just to enjoy a cream tea.

Thank you also to our six advertisers - Cotswold Garden Flowers who also brought plants to sell, Graham the Round of Gras for advertising and letting us use the car park at the Wheatsheaf, and the very important toilets, as also did the British Legion. The other advertisers were Scatties (cat boarding), Riverside Hotel, Vale Gardens and Vale Exotics (formerly Mulu). A big thank you to them all, because as this was the first Open Gardens, and we did not have any reserve of funds to start from.

Thank you also to the kind people who ran the second hand book stall, the craft stalls and the tombola.

Finally I must say a big thank you to my husband Graham, who put up with a constantly ringing phone, and helped so much with all the signs and that banner.

Most of the people who opened their gardens are agreeable to do it again next year and a small committee has been formed this time. **If you could not join in this year, but would like to join in next year then do let me know.** It was hard work, especially the last three weeks when it seemed to totally dominate my life but the result was worth it. *Liz Cudd. Tel 01386*

REVAMPED WEBSITE

Badsey's 'other' village website has recently had a makeover. Editor Will Dallimore, says that since moving to broadband he has decided to add a few extra graphics. Its brightened the website and created a lot more interest. The badsey.org.uk website was formed by the Badsey Website Group to cater for 'today's Badsey'. Its award winning big brother, badsey.net, is happy dealing with the past. Thanks

Will Dallimore

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