

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

August had been a very exciting month in Badsey and surrounding villages. The Badsey Flower Show was a great success with marvellous weather. More about that inside the newsletter. It followed the Offenham Open Gardens. This took place in the old part of Offenham and the roads were so quiet and peaceful. It was very well organised and signposted, every garden was so different, yet each was an oasis of peace and tranquility. Then we have the very Special Visit below which well and truly put Badsey on the map. The clubs and societies are all going well which shows a real community spirit, everyone doing 'their bit'. Keep your news coming in, we love hearing from you. *Sheila Lancaster*

September 2008 Your Village Magazine

A VERY SPECIAL VISIT

Recently we were privileged to attend one of the Royal Garden Parties held at Buckingham Palace. The initial contact was from the Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire and then came the official invitation from the Lord Chamberlain. We received all sorts of instructions and were reminded to take a passport or other form of identification, as there would be a strict police security check at the gates



Thankfully the weather was reasonable on the day, 08 July, and by about 3.15 p.m. we had arrived on the Palace lawn. A vast crowd had assembled, we understand about 8,000 people, but such is the size of the Palace garden that it did not seem particularly congested.



At 4 o'clock the band of the Welsh Guards played the National Anthem, signalling the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen on the lawn. Before that we had been organised into place so that the Queen could easily walk between the ranks stopping occasionally to speak to people (not us) who had been pre-selected to be presented to her. It seemed to be quite informal. The Queen and her party, which included several other members of the Royal Family, then made their way to the Royal Tea Tent. We were free to meander around the garden, admiring the rose beds and the long herbaceous border.

Earlier, we had been served afternoon tea at a different tent, very dainty as you might expect, consisting of a nice selection of little cakes and assorted sandwiches with the crusts cut off.

All too soon the afternoon drew to a close. At 6 o'clock the band again played the National Anthem and Her Majesty disappeared back into the Palace. It was time for us to leave and we returned home, reflecting on a most enjoyable and, for us, unique experience.

Terry and Sandra Sparrow

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All,
I didn't realise until recently that Bishops must be a bit like buses. You don't see one for ages, then several come along together! This was borne out recently by the Lambeth Conference that occurs every ten years, and saw Bishops from around the world meet in London last month. We will experience something on a much smaller scale locally this month when both our Bishops visit us. The Right Reverend Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester you may remember was enthroned as the 113th Bishop of Worcester earlier this year, and on the 4 September, he is coming to visit the Evesham Deanery (an area covering, from Cookhill and Inkberrow in the north, to Sedgeberrow and Broadway in the south). Bishop John will spend the day in the area and in the evening

would like to meet people from the parishes at an open meeting at 7.00 pm at the Town Hall in Evesham, where he will be happy to receive questions. The other Bishop we have visiting is The Right Reverend David Walker, Bishop of Dudley. Bishop David will be spending the day with me on Monday 22 September in the parishes of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton. It is an opportunity for Bishop David to keep in touch with parish life. The final programme for the day has yet to be finalised but I hope to give the Bishop a view of life in our parishes by meeting different people during the day. I have arranged for an open meeting to be held at Badsey First School (by kind permission of Mrs Spencer) on Monday evening at 7.30 pm at which the Bishop will be happy to receive questions. One topic I hope we will be able to discuss is the place of young people in the church of today. Many people tell us that children are the church of tomorrow, this is a sentiment

that I wholeheartedly disagree with! Children are just as much a part of the church of today as everyone else, and there are often things that we can learn from them, such as their openness to new ideas. Following a change in the regulations in 2006 it is now possible, with agreement from the Bishop, for children (having undergone a suitable course of instruction) to receive communion before being confirmed; this is something we have briefly discussed at a Parochial Church Council meeting, and it would be good to hear Bishop David's view on this subject. If you would like to meet the Bishops, please do come along to the open meetings at 7.00pm on 4 Sept at Evesham Town Hall to meet Bishop John; or at 7.30 pm on 22 Sept at Badsey First School to meet Bishop David.
With love and best wishes to you all.

Richard Court

CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 03 Sept	10.00 am Communion followed by coffee
Sunday 07 Sept	11.00 am Family Service 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 14 Sept	11.00 am Praise & Worship 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sunday 21 Sept	9.30 am Morning Celebration 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 28 Sept	9.30 am Eucharist 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:	27 July	Bridget Marjorie Jones
Funerals:	30 July	Raymond Harold Godfrey Higginson
	12 August	Eunice Rhoda Francis Oakey
	12 August	Evelyn Joyce Masters
Weddings:	2 August	Rory Grinnell & Joanna Malgorzata Jurkiewicz

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 09 September at 2.30 pm when Alma Organ will talk on Prayer and Relationships.
16 September 7.30 pm a Quiet Evening will be held at Badsey



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

August rota

1st Sunday	Hazel and Hazel
2nd Sunday	Pat and Sue
3rd Sunday	Mary and Avril
4th Sunday	Stephanie and Yvonne

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

MOTHERS' UNION PRISON INITIATIVES

Mothers' Union is involved with over 90 prisons throughout the UK and Ireland. There are now over 1,000 MU members who volunteer in a variety of roles.

Here are just some of the areas Mothers' Union volunteers are currently involved with:

- Parenting groups within prisons
- Support to families visiting
- Provision of toys and games for children's play areas
- Running safe play areas
- Running support groups for women
- Helping with administration
- Assisting with chaplaincy work
- Serving refreshments
- Helping with father and child visits out
- Helping with Mother and baby unit, including baby minding and pram walking
- Providing toiletries for new babies
- Providing listening ears
- Being an independent person involved in observing extended visits
- Being on the Visitor's Centre Committee

All volunteers go through a security check and are given an introductory briefing session about prison regulations. They also meet regularly to share thoughts, ideas and are able to attend further training sessions.

The voluntary sector work is essential in supporting the prison system and Mothers' Union's role is key; the support they give to families is invaluable to the prisoners. It also helps the community as evidence has shown that prisoners who maintain strong family relationships are much less likely to offend.

If you'd like more information on Mothers' Union Prison work please email our [Action & Outreach](#) team.

SUE COLE'S COLUMN

The Lambeth conference has just ended in Canterbury. For three weeks, the bishops of the Anglican Communion have met together in small groups, to read and study the bible and learn about each other.

The Anglican Church has an important pastoral role. When a vicar is inducted he/she is given the care of everyone who lives within the boundaries of the parish. Therefore the church is involved in many areas of life.

At the Lambeth Conference, many relevant issues such as climate change, inter faith relations, trade and justice were debated by Bishops from around the globe.

Lutheran, Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Roman Catholic and non-Episcopal churches were all represented at the conference. They are also grappling with the same issues facing Anglicans and Rowan Williams said, "This was helpful to hear".

The leaders of other faiths added weight to the message given to Gordon Brown after a huge number of bishops marched through London. They demanded that the Millennium Goals to end world poverty are met. Many of the Bishops shared first hand experiences of poverty with others at the conference.

Finally the good news story that touched me was when Sir Jonathan Sacks (The Chief Rabbi) told the Anglican Communion to stay together. He said "The fact that you hold together in spite of difference is something, as an outsider, I view with wonder and admiration. You must stay together in a world driving apart; that is your unique contribution to a world with a landscape of division. You are a wonderful church."

GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Wickhamford Gardening Club is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 24th September 2008 at 7.30pm in the memorial hall. This month's talk is entitled "Wildlife and Plants of the Royal Forest of Dean". the monthly competition is "last rose of summer".

Newcomers and visitors welcome.

For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt (oi386 830834) or Colin Hill

Secure your Wireless Connections

It has been brought to our attention that there are workers from some of the local nurseries wandering around the villages with laptops. We believe that they may be trying to access unlocked wireless Broadband connections to email home. We do **not** believe that they are accessing any personal data.

Please be aware that if you have a wireless facility unless you take measures to lock it, it is available for anyone within a limited range to use.

West Mercia Police Local Policing Team

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

ALL SAINTS WORKSHOP

Owing to the success of the Good Friday Workshop earlier in the year. It was decided to hold an other Children's workshop.

Penny Christison

All Saints Workshop
1st Nov 2008
Offenham school
Admission £1.00
Time 10am-12noon

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SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

6.00 - 8.30.

AT

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Hazel Smith 832623; Chris and Annette Robbins 831004; any PCC member or on the night.

General
 Early autumn is an ideal time to plant biennials and perennials as the ground is still warm enough to encourage growth. The soil is not usually as dry in the summer and this means plants become established quickly. And at this time of year the weather is still pleasant enough to make gardening outdoors pleasurable.

For the plants
 Keep beds and borders tidy not only improves the appearance of your garden, it also helps with garden hygiene. Weeds allowed to overwinter will not only create problems for next year but may act as hosts to pests and diseases. Many live on weeds as well as ornamental plants.

Plant Spring Bedding
 Spring bedding should be planted as soon as possible now so that it has a chance to become well established before the cold weather arrives. Although beds of single kind of plant can be very effective, do not be afraid to try mixing different kinds, such as wallflowers and forget-me-nots, to add variety and extend the season of interest. Try interplanting with bulbs for more colour.

Visitors
 At this time of year when the ground has probably been cultivated and bulbs and spring bedding planted, cats can be a nuisance. Being clean animals, they always dig themselves a hole and tend to choose soft, freshly cultivated soil. And as many cat owners know they often prefer to use a neighbour's garden. Even cat lovers can find it frustrating to have the bulbs and plants dug up.



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

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ROUND ROBIN GROUP

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our September meeting when it is hoped Bishop David will join us at 45 Brewers Lane. Our activity will be hand bell ringing. If you would like to join us or would like a lift contact Sheila Lancaster on 833929

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Despite the ever changing weather conditions we have enjoyed our recent visits to Ruckley Silk Flowers and David Austen Roses which were organized by our friends of Littleton W.I. The weather was very kind to us and we had a lovely times complete with buffet lunch at Ruckley and a cream tea at David Austen Roses. The driver of the Cresswells coach must have been amazed at the amount of trolleys full of rose bushes and other plants approaching his coach at the end of the visit and although members were doubtful the coach could accommodate them all the driver ensured that it would and we arrived home with them all in one piece and undamaged. We had a wonderful guided walking tour of Stratford-upon-Avon, when once again the weather was very kind to us, with a guide whose knowledge and enthusiasm for her subject was a joy to be with. The evening finished with supper at 'The Dirty Duck'. Another lovely evening for our Steam Train Ride with a Fish and Chip Supper was enjoyed by all who went. A glorious day for the annual Badsey Flower Show meant our tea and cakes went down really well following a disastrous previous two years for the show. Unfortunately the weather was not quite so kind for our annual garden meeting in July but we went ahead regardless using the Memorial Hall instead of the garden of Chris and Annette Robbins. A lovely American

Supper and some home made entertainment brought a little sunshine into the evening and a good time was enjoyed by all. The weather was also rather unkind for our Garden Party to celebrate 90 years of Worcestershire Federation of Women's Institutes at Besford. Again our hosts, Defford W.I., made the evening most enjoyable despite having to stay mainly in the marquee which was in a most beautiful garden. We are hoping for some fine weather when we spend an evening at Mill Dene at Blockley but won't mind the weather too much when we visit the Back-to-Back House and Jewelry Quarter museum in Birmingham, as we shall be mostly indoors!

Our membership is increasing all the time so if you are interested to see what it is all about then please come along to any of our meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall starting at 7.15. Cost to visitors is £2.50 Anyone is welcome and our two 'hostesses with the mostest' Maureen Davies and Sue Leonard will be pleased to welcome you, look after you and answer all questions you may have about the W.I. (well we hope they will). We are a very friendly lot and have lots of events throughout the year with something for everyone. So come along and give us a try.



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WHAT DO GUIDES SAY?

'I know how to put up a tent, I've learned to work together with others, to be respectful, and about all kinds of issues, like Fair Trade. Guides is fun for everyone and you make friends really easily.' Jade, 12.

'I can't believe that I got to see loads of famous artists at the BIG GIG and I was interviewed by a TV crew. I've done some really cool stuff as a Guide which I would never have had the chance to do otherwise.' Nimisha, 13.

'Making my Promise as a Guide was the best – I felt like I was joining a huge new family. It's really nice to have one place to go where you don't have to deal with boys!' Rebecca, 14.

Further details from Elizabeth Bolland 830638

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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY

Badsey and Aldington Parish Council currently has a casual vacancy for a Councillor in the Badsey Ward. If you are interested in representing your community, then please contact the Parish Clerk, Jo Ellis, 2A Bretforton Rd, Badsey. Tel 01386 832713 for an application form.

STREET LIGHTING

The residents of Silk Mill Cottages will be pleased to learn that their new street light is due to be erected and connected during August. The old street light was badly damaged by the floods last July and following several unsuccessful attempts to mend it, it was decided that it was irreparably damaged and E-On have been contracted to replace it.

YOUTH MEETING

The Parish Council are eagerly awaiting the results of the Youth Meeting which was held in the Remembrance Hall on July 25th. It deferred making any decision on the type of play equipment needed in the Recreation Ground until after the meeting so that it could take into consideration the needs of the younger members of the community.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

At its meeting in June, the Parish Council heard a presentation by Nigel Potter who instigated the Housing Needs Survey which was distributed to households last November. All the information has been received back now and seems to demonstrate that there is a need for some new affordable housing in the village. The Council discussed the survey's findings at its meeting in July and resolved to support a small scale scheme depending on its proposed location and also that need for the homes to be for local people only and kept in the rented sector.

BADSEY CONSERVATION AREA

The Badsey Conservation Area is currently under review. A Conservation Officer from Wychavon District Council is to present the preliminary review to the Council at its meeting on 20th August 2008 in the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7pm. Members of the Public are welcome to attend.

FILMS

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

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

Volunteer Helpers needed at HMP Long Lartin Visitors Centre.

Can you spare a few hours to serve refreshments and snacks to visitors in the centre.

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Session to be covered

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Saturday 12:30 - 2:30

Sunday 12:30 - 2:30

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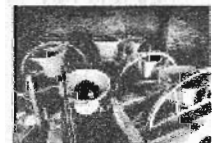
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BELL RINGING NEWS

The holiday month of August left us very short of ringers with a skeleton team trying to do their best for services. Unfortunately the odd Service and a practise night had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.



September will see us ringing for weddings at Bretforton and Childswickham. To make up the numbers we often have to borrow from other towers if available. The handbells will be put to good use again when people who come to the Round Robin meeting on the 22nd, will get a chance to try their hand at ringing rounds and trying out some simple changes.

BADSEY OPEN GARDENS

Further to your article in the August edition of the Community News, I am writing to say how thrilled I was to win the Single Rose Competition, especially as I had never entered anything like this before. It was made even more special for me because the rose tree had belonged to my mother and father who have both sadly passed away in the last few years. They also loved their roses, which is why my husband, John, and I had re-planted many of them in our garden in Badsey which is a permanent reminder of how much they had enjoyed their garden as well and, as you say, they are thriving here. Lyn Sharp.

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BADSEY FLOWER SHOW



Well after two years of rain and disappointment, the sun shone with great force to welcome Badsey First School's Head Teacher, Elizabeth Spencer at the opening of Badsey Flower Show. Friendly stall owners with raffle and tombola tables persuaded us to part with our money to help fund this annual event.

Even if you are not a dog lover you could not fail to be impressed with the wonderful programme they gave. I give them two very loud Woof, Woofs.

Just watching the young Mezzo dancers with their energy and mobility made me feel quite breathless. Well done.

The celebration Reed and Brass Band great as usual.

The bar serving cool beer and cider. Very welcoming. OO'AH, OO'AH, OO'AH.

Once again our W.I. Ladies served tea and coffee with a

slice of cake. What would we do without them. Thank you ladies. I would (like the vicar, Revd Richard Court), to raise my hat to all the organisers and helpers and of course to you folks who made this a lovely family day.



See you next year.

Judy Foster.

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PEOPLE PROFILE

The People Profile this month is Adam Stewart, grandson of Hazel and Malcolm Stewart. Adam left Prince Henry's school in June this year after completing ten GCSEs. At the time of writing he is still waiting to hear his results and is hopefully anticipating good grades. Adam began working part time at Achille's Hairdressing Salon last December and since leaving school is now employed as a full time apprentice. Adam had always wanted to be a hairdresser since he was ten years old and he hopes to become a unisex hairdresser.



Adam enjoys going out with his mates to the cinema in Worcester and eating out in Subways or MacDonalds. Sometimes he has a pub meal with his family.

He has two Jack Russells who have had twenty puppies between them. Adam says he couldn't let himself get too attached to the puppies as they had to be sold.

Adam says he visits his granddad and grandmother some evenings and they enjoy Christmas and family parties. He says he sometimes mows the grass for Hazel.

In the very far distant future Adam says he would like his own hairdressing salon, in about twenty years time or before if he won the lottery.

Adam likes going to theme parks and enjoys the rides at Alton Towers and Drayton Manor. He went a few weeks ago with his dad and they went on Shock Waves twice. Adam said he was scared the first time but that didn't stop him going on it again. He likes going down the Big Dipper drops and then into a loop like a corkscrew. He likes watching films and going to his cousins to watch horror films on DVDs. Adam says that what he'll miss most by starting full time work is the long school holidays.

John Cole, our webmaster and God's Squad Leader is beginning university in September. He will be attached to the Inspyre Youth Project in South West Sheffield. He will live nearby and travel to St John's Nottingham to study for a BA in Youth and Community Work and applied Theology. We wish him every success and look forward to hearing more about Inspyre.

Useful Numbers

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Bishop John to Visit Evesham Deanery



The Rt. Revd. Dr. John Inge, Bishop of Worcester will be spending a day in Evesham and the surrounding area on Thursday September 4th. It is hoped he will visit the hospital, the John Martin Trust, the Fire and Rescue Service, a local factory as well as meet some local people from Broadway.

During the evening the Bishop would like to meet people from the churches at the Town Hall in Evesham from 7pm. There will be light refreshments on arrival and he will address the meeting shortly after opening prayers at 7.30pm.

Please come and join the Bishop in the Evesham Town Hall on September 4th at 7pm. All are welcome

The Bishop will be happy to receive any questions during the evening.

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Yvonne Hartley
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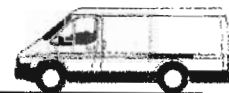
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