

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

Quite a lot of criticism has been levelled at the newsletter for September that it is too 'Churchy'. We take on board that September's issue did contain a lot of Bishop news but it was very exciting for us that we had two bishops visiting us in September and we probably went a bit over the top in our enthusiasm. However I say every month that this is your newsletter and if we had had your news for September perhaps it would have curbed our church news. This newsletter does come from the church but its aim is to make it community news, hence its name. We can only input what you send us and if those of you who commented that the newsletter is too 'Churchy' would send some non 'Churchy' news then we would be only too happy to include it. We look forward to hearing from you

Sheila Lancaster

October 2008 Your Village Magazine

CHEESE & WINE EVENING

HARVEST SUPPER

WHAT A WASH-OUT!!

Our BBQ arranged for the end of May had to be cancelled due to bad weather and heigh- ho! it had to be cancelled again when it was re-



scheduled for beginning of September, again because of bad weather. However, we will try again next year.

Although the weather was dodgy during the week of the Cheese and Wine Evening on the actual evening of 15th August the weather, although not ideal, was good enough for us to carry on and hold it at The Barn. Despite our doubts of not many people attending and the threat of showers, we were pleased to welcome a fair number of people who enjoyed themselves sitting and talking in the garden with a glass of wine, visiting the various stalls, enjoying good food and getting frustrated at not being able to "stand the coco cola bottle up". All in all a lovely evening was had and. raised a sum of £208.00 for much needed Church funds.

A big thank you to all who came along and shared the evening making it enjoyable and successful, and to Patsy and Anthony Miller for the use of their garden and barn.



This will definitely go ahead whatever the weather as it will be held at the Remembrance Hall on Saturday 11th October beginning at 7.30.p.m. You will be warm and dry, well fed, well entertained and hopefully sent home feeling more cheerful. Tickets are £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. This will include wine, supper and entertainment. Do come along and have an enjoyable evening despite the weather. Tickets can be obtained from Yvonne Haynes (830063), Chris Print (831236), Hazel Smith (832623), Wendy Such (832283), Maureen Davies (832492), Annette & Chris Robbins (831004) Readers Sue Cole and Sheila Lancaster or any member of the PCC. **Book your tickets early.**

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear all,

I am sitting waiting for the end of the world, or at least I would be if I were to take notice of some observers commenting on the experiments taking place 100 meters beneath the earth on the shores of Lake Geneva. I, along with many others I suspect, don't fully understand what is involved in sending sub-atomic particles in opposite directions around a seventeen mile long tunnel at the speed of light in the hope that they will collide with each other, but that does not stop me marvelling at the achievements of science. The scientists are trying to re-create the moment immediately after the

beginning of the universe, fractions of a millisecond after what is known as 'the big bang', the very beginning of time itself.

From a scientific point of view, this is immensely important. If the tests are successful, it will give the scientists a large amount of information about the creation of the world as we know it, and I am sure that in years to come there will be all sorts of spin-offs that will increase our knowledge about the world in which we live. Nevertheless, I suspect that whatever information is gathered and however useful it is to scientists, it will not yield the answer to the creation of the world. From a Christian perspective, the creation of the world is one of the great mysteries (although Christians hold many different views regarding the creation stories in the bible). From my point of view, the bible accounts of creation are

a myth – but let me quickly explain what I mean by 'a myth'. A myth in this context, is a story that tries to explain something beyond our understanding, it uses people, animals and objects we can understand to help us to think about the possibilities of creation; the bible creation stories were written by a people far removed from our current level understanding of science and technology.

I eagerly await to see the outcome of the current experiments, but I suspect that for the vast majority of us we will be no further forward regarding our understanding of creation. I remain convinced that a force, which I do not understand and cannot comprehend, created the world, it is this incomprehensible entity that I call God.

Richard Court

CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 01 Oct	10.00 am Communion followed by coffee
Sunday 05 Oct	11.00 am Family Worship for Harvest 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 12 Oct	11.00 am Praise & Worship 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sunday 19 Oct	11.0 am Morning Celebration 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 26 Oct	9.30 am Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong

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

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 14 October at 2.30 pm when Katherine Kerr will talk on Tales from an Elizabethan Stillroom.



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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	7 August	Mia Bethany Dawe
	07 September	Ryan Edward Townsend
	14 September	George Samuel Ross
Funerals:	20 August	Alec Harry Edwards
Weddings:	None	

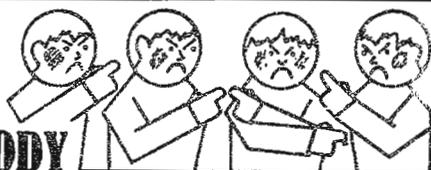
Following on the success of Badsey Open Gardens 2008 a small committee has been formed to organise Open Gardens for the weekend of 21/22 June 2009. If you were unable to join in this year, but would like to join in next year then please let me know. Yvonne Haynes produced some excellent posters this 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

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

October rota

1st Sunday	Harvest Festival, All the Guild
2nd Sunday	Annette & Sheila
3rd Sunday	Julie & Eleanor
4th Sunday	Hazel & Hazel

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during September. On Saturday 04 October we will be decorating the Church for the Harvest Festival from 10.00 am. I know the season has not been kind to flowers, fruit and veg but if anyone has a donation of the above could they please bring it to the Church Saturday morning or get in touch with any member of the Guild. It would be very much appreciated. Thank you. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me Hazel Stewart 8320007.



WHAT A BODY

This picture and story concerns four people –
EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY AND NOBODY

There was a very important job to be done at Church and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. But in the end Nobody did it.

Somebody got quite angry over this because it was really Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody would do it. But Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody had asked Anybody!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch of the Royal British Legion, Women's section meet monthly, usually the 4th Wednesday in the month at 7.30 pm at the Legion Club, High Street, Badsey. Any lady is welcome to come along and join us, you DO NOT have to have any connection with the armed forces to join, just come along and see what we are all about. Naturally we do have 'Legion business' to discuss but afterwards we have refreshments and then a speaker. In August we invited Denise Moss from Shopmobility to come along with some of her wares and let the ladies know what is available for their specific needs. We have monthly competitions, one just putting your name to a square while the other more interesting and amusing one is the alphabet one, for more details, come and join us one evening. Naturally any meeting wouldn't be complete without the raffle. Group meetings are organised where we visit other women's sections in our area, these are only 2/3 a year. We have an annual conference for Worcestershire at County Hall in November and our own AGM in October. September is the month when we hold our Harvest Festival. Members bring along produce which is auctioned off and proceeds go into the funds, refreshments this evening are a ploughmans supper. Like any association we are always on the look out for new members with new ideas so why not give us a go, you may even find you like us!!!

Val Taylor, Branch Secretary

BONFIRE ADVANCE NOTICE

Due to a build up of debris caused by general maintenance within our churchyard over the past twelve months, it will be necessary to burn this material. Weather permitting, we propose carrying out this task on 5th November commencing 9.00 am.

We apologise to our neighbours in Chapel Street and Church End for any inconvenience this operation may cause and ask for your patience and tolerance.

Chris Robbins, Church Warden

A serious incident occurred at St James on Friday 22 August during the early afternoon or early evening between 4.0 pm and 7.30 pm. Four teenagers, 2 boys and 2 girls were found in church misbehaving but it was only later we discovered that criminal damage had occurred along with some small acts of petty disrespect. One of a pair of churchwardens staves (wands) has been broken and the part of the staff with its brass top depicting a crown had gone missing, without which we shall be unable to get this repaired. Cream cheese was also smeared all over the Hoby Monument and more disrespectfully the wooden cross on the altar. A wooden gift from our German Partnership churches was also broken and some spectacles left as spares in the church were crushed. A few days previous to this a condom was found in the Transept and damage was done to one of our bell ropes in the Ringing Chamber. Graffiti suggests that a boy calling himself AZA has something to do with this. Please will all users of the church be extra vigilant. If anyone can shed light on these teenagers we would very much like to speak to them and their parents. If these are your children please get in touch. We especially would like to have returned or find the missing crown top. If you are the guilty party you can return this to the church any time anonymously. The police have been informed and have attended church to see the damage. Thankfully incidents like this are extremely rare in our village; this is the worst incident in many years. Most teenagers are good citizens and respectful of other people and their property. Our church is open to all people, every day for quiet reflection and prayer and will remain so.

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

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The October meeting of Wickhamford Gardening Club is scheduled to meet in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 22nd October, 2008 at 7.30 pm. This is our AGM which will be followed by "Members Garden Snippets". This month's competition is "A Useful Garden Tip". Visitors from surrounding villages are very welcome to all our meetings. For further information please contact Colin Hill (01386 853412) or Dorothy Turpitt (01386 830834)"

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We had an enjoyable meeting in September when Bishop David and the vicar joined us. We all enjoyed the bell ringing and we gave the Bishop a bell to ring. Some new members joined us who will hopefully come again. The next meeting is 22 October 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm at 12 The Lankets when Marianne Beddis will bring along her accordian so we can have a sing-a-long. If you would like to join us please just come along. If you require a lift tel Sheila Lancaster on 833929 and we look forward to seeing you.

YOUR BIG SING!

A long summer of bad weather with very little sun and now a so called 'Economic Depression' has left most of us feeling low in spirits and needing a bit of a boost. In the daily newspapers it was suggested that "singing" should be available on the National Health as it is a beneficial tonic for everyone – old and young alike, so if you would like a bit of a 'boost' come along to "YOUR BIG SING" on Sunday 16th November at 4.00.p.m. at St. James Church, Badsey. Rousing, uplifting Hymns as well as one or two old favourites will be sung and one or two new Hymns learnt. There will be Hymns and songs for the very young, the young and the young at heart. You will be led by the Church Choir and the Junior Church Choir with "musical" instruction from the Vicar and others. So come along and have a dose of 'feel good' singing, just as the doctor ordered and with no waiting for the NHS!

CARPENTER OR WOODWORKER

URGENTLY REQUIRED!

To make new notice board for Churchyard at St. James Church, Badsey. If you are interested or feel you could make one for us please contact Chris Robbins on 831004 or Yvonne Haynes on 830063 for further details and then with your price quotation for job. Simple design required.

RUMBLE IN THE JUMBLE

Evesham Volunteer Centre are holding their next Jumble Sale on Saturday, 25 October at Badsey Remembrance Hall. Doors open at 2 p.m. Do come along and see us again and buy up all the bargains. You will be supporting your local charity at the same time. Refreshments available.

BELL RINGING

The wedding season has all but come to an end, with only an odd one between now and Christmas.

October brings the season of Harvest to look forward to.

Our beginners are getting more confident as time goes by, and hopefully by the time you read this, they will feel able to join us for Sunday Service ringing.

August was a very difficult month this year due to so many on holiday plus illness and injury. With new ringers coming along this situation should ease. If there is anyone else, male or female who would be interested, do please come along to the Church on Monday evenings 7.30 pm. where you will be made very welcome.



I live alone dear Lord, stay by my side and in all my daily needs be Thou my Guide. Grant me good health, for which I pray, to carry on my work from day to day. Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed, let me be kind unselfish in my neighbour's need. Spare me from fire, flood and malicious tongues, from thieves, from fear and evil ones. If sickness or accident befall then humbly Lord I pray hear Thou my call. And when I'm feeling low or in despair, lift me up and help me in my prayer. I live alone dear Lord with lots of fear, so help me feel Your Presence ever near.

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A TEENAGER'S STORY

I had a lot of anger as I was growing up. My parents had quite a violent relationship and split up when I was five. I couldn't get on with Mum's new partner and felt I wasn't getting enough love and attention.

The pain of not having Dad around grew and at age 11 I became very rebellious at school, once throwing a chair at a teacher. I hung around with troublemakers and became a hooligan on our estate. I even got arrested. People tried to help me by offering solutions such as mentoring, but none of these worked. I felt insecure and empty inside and didn't know what to do about it, so I easily took offence and lashed out at people. My school grades tumbled as my problems came to a head at age 14.

Then I started spending time with a Christian woman on my estate. My views of Christianity were negative, but I

was struck by the joy on her face as she spoke about Jesus and the realities of her faith.

She took me to church and I noticed the people there seemed to really believe in something. Soon I knew that this was what I wanted and I committed myself to following Christ.

I didn't understand what was happening to me, but I began to calm down. The anger and violence, which were so much a part of me, subsided. I studied more and my grades improved, as did my relationship with my family. I went to church regularly and had a real sense of belonging with people I saw as my brothers and sisters. Now I'm planning to go to university and feel called to become a missionary. I have a clear purpose and realise it could all have been thrown away if God hadn't stepped in and saved me from wasting my life.

SCHOOL LANE NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn Term News: We have welcomed some new recruits and trust that they will settle in and have an enjoyable time with us. We are covering 'colours' this term and hope to participate in various activities which will include collages, painting, and cookery. Alongside this theme we will be discussing the season of autumn and relevant festivals. There are sessions available so do call in (we are based at Badsey First School) or tel: 01386 48943 for further details and if you would like to visit us and/or place your child's name on our waiting list. Sue Cole has spoken to me about the possibility of a Sunday School restarting and we hope to assist in any way we can with this venture. Our Parent and Toddler group has reconvened on Thursdays 1.15 pm to 3.00 pm term time only. All are welcome, age 0-5 years with a parent, grandparent, carer or child minder. The cost is £2.00 per family. We are looking to purchase a toy tractor and toy car for our outdoor play. If you can help please telephone Heather Gibbons on 01386 48943

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- 1 Sachet of sugar free Jelly crystals
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- Leave to cool.
- 1 250gm carton of light cream cheese
- 1 250ml carton of alpro soya cream

Whisk together cheese and cream until smooth then incorporate jelly whisking well.

Transfer to a lightly greased dish (with a biscuit base if desired)
Leave to set and top with any fruit of your choice.

Easy Fundraising- A way of helping your community without doing anything you do not already do!

In the August edition of the magazine an article was produced about a way of raising funds for St James Church using the Internet This was by way of using a search engine called easy search instead of your usual search engine. Three people have signed up to easy search and easy fundraising and this quarter £10.98 has been raised, thank you. Just imagine how much could be raised if more people signed up. Remember it doesn't cost you a penny and just by surfing the web you can help raise funds for the church to use in the community. It is easy to sign up. Search for easysearch.org.uk or easyfundraising.org.uk, set this as your homepage. Select St James Church Badsey from the list of who you would like to raise funds for. It's that easy. Just 10 searches a day can raise £20 - £25 a year. If you shop using the Internet, use Easyfundraising when searching for your shop. Then continue as you would normally and a donation will be made by the shop to St James Church

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LETTER FROM ANGELA GREY OF BRETTFORTON

I was born and brought up in Essex (no I haven't got white stilettos). Like all children of the time I went to Sunday School, was confirmed and eventually became a Sunday School Teacher. One of my chargers eventually became a vicar! I was a Brownie and a Guide and by the time I was 18, I was running the Brownie Pack. Even when I married, moved and had two daughters, I was still involved with Guiding. As a mature student I trained to be a teacher gaining a Cert Ed and then by studying in the evenings did a B.Ed and M.Ed while still running a home, raising a family and doing my job. Without the support of my husband this would not have been possible. However, we believe in doing things together and support each other in our interests and hobbies. We love the out of doors so walking and camping have taken us all over the UK and enabled us to make many lovely friends. We enjoyed foreign travel and have visited lots of interesting countries and had some amazing experiences. We even took up skiing at a time when most people reach for pipe and slippers. Such busy lives left no time for Church going and I can sympathise with today's busy people in this respect. My

work was all absorbing and I eventually became a Head Teacher in a not too prosperous area where social work and counselling became a daily part of my role. With the breakdown of the old family structures parents often had no one to turn to but me and I became party to some tragic stories. I retired in 1996 and moved to Brettforton, we couldn't have chosen a more welcoming and happy place to live.

Now I do supply teaching in Brettforton School and twice have been Acting Head between appointments. I am also a School Governor and have recently started our Church Toddler Group. It is obvious from my history why I am so passionate about the Church's work. I started going to Church again and I realise that though I neglected God for many, many years, He did not neglect me. He has given me a most wonderful life and enabled me to help others and I hope I will be able to do so for a long time in His name.



BROWNIE VISIT TO THE SPACE CENTRE

We looked at some pictures of different planets. I like Neptune because it is blue. We watched a film of astronauts they were telling us about floating in space.

Siobhan and Molly

I saw lots of other brownies from other brownie packs. Some from my old school, Honeybourne. I liked it when we had to guess how heavy a can of beans was in space.

Alex and Annie

GARDENING TIPS

General

Do not let the season's ever lengthening evenings and increasingly cold and dull days give you a negative attitude to gardening. Pick a few blooms from the garden to cheer up the home, and look on outdoor tasks like cleaning up the beds and raking up autumn leaves with a positive attitude. You can smarten your garden even if it lacks colour of previous months - and some useful recycling can be done.

For the plants

Most gardeners plant their containers with bright summer flowers, but it is worth planting one or two with colourful evergreen shrubs that will have year-round appeal. Try growing a New Zealand flax (phormium), Hebe x franciscana 'Variegata' and the grey leaved curry plant (Helichrysum angustifolium).

Clean glass

Plants in cold frames and greenhouses need all the light they can get from now on. Make sure any summer shading wash is cleaned off, and wash all glass thoroughly inside and outside.

Visitors

Berries and birds are both attractive in the garden, and one will tend to attract the other. At this time of year both can be enjoyed as there is still plenty of alternative food around. Although birds will be attracted by the berries they should not be so hungry that they strip the bushes (in harsh winter weather a flock of birds like redwings can strip a whole tree in a couple of days).

CORONATION STREET DISABLED CLUB

The last few weeks have been very busy for the Club. Our Annual Flower Show was very well supported, when Horace Horsell, one of our members at 93, was awarded the Challenge Cup.

A few weeks later came one of our favourite outings when we spent a lovely afternoon enjoying a sumptuous tea on the river. Amazingly, even the weather was kind to us that day!

During September we also had two very good speakers in Helen Gray, the Volunteer Manager and Gerald Heath from the Historical Society, both very interesting and entertaining.

At present we are all being kept busy selling copies of our latest Quiz, which is our main fund raiser. If you have not already bought one we would be so very grateful for your support. There is a prize of £50 for the winner. Copies can be obtained from any member or helper.

October will be our Silver (25 years) Anniversary. This is a big achievement for any club, especially one that meets all day, one day a week all through the year.

I will give you a report on how we celebrated later.

Jean Dyke

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Having run successful exercise classes in Stow on the Wold for many years, I decided to expand and so started classes in Badsey last September. It takes a while to get to know an area and to decide on what classes are attractive to that community. The Mini-Ball Total Fitness and Fitness Pilates have been a success from the start and I have now added Legs, Bums and Tums and an Easy Fitness class to the programme.

Easy Fitness is a brand new class and is still a workout but at a slower pace and with more repetitive moves. If perhaps you are a little nervous of joining a class for whatever reason, this would be an ideal start.

I try hard to accommodate all fitness levels and to make it an enjoyable experience where you can work at and improve your own fitness at your own pace.

All the classes in Badsey are held at the Remembrance Hall and you can get further details at www.k-fitnessclasses.com or tel: 01386 833133

Barbara Kay

SKELETON STAFF THESE BONES

The membership of any organisation is made up of four sets of bones.

There are the **Wishbones**, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work; along with the **Jawbones**, who do all the talking but very little else.

Another group is the **Knucklebones** – they knock everything that anybody else tries to do. But most valuable are the **Backbones**, who get under the load and actually do the work.

To which set do you belong?

A little boy had just been tucked into bed by his mother, who was waiting to hear him say his prayers. But he had been naughty that day, and now it was bothering him. So he said, 'Mum, I wish you'd go now and leave me alone. I want to pray by myself. Sensing that something was wrong, she asked 'Bobby, is there something you want to tell me. 'No Mum', he replied. 'You would scold me, God will forgive me and forget about it.'

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THE BADSEY SOCIETY

Those were the Days

Where were you in 1968? Were you living here in Badsey, somewhere totally different, or perhaps you weren't even born then? Wherever you were then, we know where you should be on **Friday 21st November, 7.30 pm, and that's at Badsey First School** for The Badsey Society's Slide Show of photos of the village (including Aldington) taken in 1968 and 2008.

Some of the 2008 photographers will talk about the photos they have taken, and others will be on hand to help you view the images on the school's interactive whiteboards or computers. For technophobes, and those who just like browsing, there will be photo albums for each road in the village and exhibition boards on view. And, whilst you look round the displays, there will be sounds of 1968 to entertain you.

So, "with a little bit of help from my friends", we hope to provide you with a delectable evening of entertainment, and "Congratulations" are in order to the team of photographers who gave up their time to undertake the survey. The cost is just £2 for the evening, payable on the night, which will include a DVD of all the photos. "Those were the days, my friend," so don't delay in returning the reply slip so that we know how many DVDs to order.

**TALK BY BOB BROWN OF
COTSWOLD GARDEN FLOWERS
"CLUES IN THE LANDSCAPE"
TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER
THE WHEATSHEAF, 7.30 PM**

ALL WELCOME

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MESSAGE FROM REG JAKEMAN

Under the new government housing plan, which will run until 2026, another forty houses could be forced onto the village. This raises questions such as, will this be sufficient or an over-requirement and where in the village should the houses be built?

I will be at the VILLAGE HALL on Monday 6 October 2008 from 4.00pm until 7.30pm to seek your views on the above, before numbers and locations are forced upon us. Please do come and let me know your views. I would also like to hear the views from anyone who is unable to attend.

Please E-mail me at reg.jakeman@wychaon.gov.uk



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