

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

EDITOR'S NOTE

The good news this month is that we have been going 20 months with this issue and this is the first time there is hardly space for an editorial. This means that you are all sending news and stories for inclusion in the newsletter. We also have a waiting list for advertising in the newsletter. We have sad news, encouraging news with the young people's groups, information pieces and a space for a little humour. I have some pieces waiting for inclusion in our February issue but please keep the news coming in.

Sheila Lancaster

REVD PETER MITCHELL

December started off on a sad note. The Revd Peter Mitchell, our vicar for sixteen years 1980-1996, had died suddenly in November. The service of thanksgiving for his life was well attended with many of the parishioners there being his friends. He was a kind and generous man with humour not far away. Pat and Peter had twelve years of retirement so Pat will have many happy memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Peter was a dedicated vicar always ready to help and earlier than anyone else for his services. He will be missed.

God bless you Peter.

Hazel Stewart

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Have you got any photographs? Have you still got your uniform?

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SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY
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Dear All,
 By the time you read this I suspect that all the Christmas celebrations will be over, the Christmas Trees will either be out for the dustman (Oh sorry can't say that anymore can I) hopefully being recycled, or safely packed away back in the loft ready for next year. The turkey will be long gone (unless you still have a few bits left in the freezer for yet another turkey curry) and mince pies will be but a distant memory. Easter Eggs will soon be in the shops and summer holidays are already being advertised on the television, all this and you probably haven't had the credit card bill for Christmas yet. I know that this is something of a

caricature – but probably not too far from reality. If all this sounds a bit too scarily like the truth, perhaps we need to stop and think about what we have just celebrated (a theme I started in the December magazine when I suggested that Christmas didn't necessarily have to mean expensive gifts). As far as the church is concerned, we have only just started to celebrate Christmas, the arrival of the 'Wise Men' is not celebrated until 6 January - long after a lot of cribs have been taken apart. Christmas and Easter are the two most important celebrations in the church's year, and yet we seem to rush

from one to the other with no time to think or reflect on either. Perhaps you may think that I am beginning to lose touch with the hustle and bustle of the modern world and the necessity to rush from one thing to another and not to expect to have time to reflect on anything; or perhaps you too feel the same as I do. Yes, I know that there are deadlines to be met, places to go, people to meet, but do we really need to do everything at 'break neck speed'. How about a New Year resolution to slow down the pace of life just a little, take time to give thanks for all that we have got and to reflect, if only for a short while, on one thing before moving on to the next. With best wishes for the New Year



Richard

CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 04 Jan	11.00 am Family Worship 6.30 pm Evensong
Wed 07 Jan	10.00 am Communion followed by coffee
Sun 11 Jan	11.00 am Praise & Worship 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sun 18 Jan	11.00 am Morning Celebration 6.30 pm Evensong
Sun 25 Jan	9.30 pm Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 7.45 am each weekday except Tuesdays and Wednesdays when Eucharist is celebrated

CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	None
Funerals:	2 Dec: Peter Derek Mitchell 4 Dec: Marilyn Anne Alderton 8 Dec: Joseph Arthur Bailey
Weddings:	None

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

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

Ladies thank you for the Christmas flowers. They were beautiful. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me Hazel Stewart, 832007.

A happy new year to you all.

MU BIBLE PRESENTATIONS



This is a photograph of a bride being presented with a bible in St James church. Some years ago, the Mothers Union in Badsey decided to present a bible to brides from the village who were married in the Church. This tradition still goes on to-day and now includes the brides being married in Offenham and Bretforton as the Mothers Union now has members from these Parishes. We feel that this is one gift that will be with the couple throughout their married life.

Sandra Sparrow

BADSEY W.I.

November was another very enjoyable meeting at the WI. The skittles team had won the County skittles trophy which was proudly displayed, congratulations to everyone who had played in the team as it is not always the same six members, and thanks were given to those who had gone as supporters. There were more quilts on display to be sent with the Christmas Shoeboxes to whatever part of the world is in need. Last year thousands were sent to Eastern Europe, but however many are sent it never seems to be enough. The quilts displayed an amazing variety of skills, some fantastic patchwork quilts with animals appliquéd on, hours and hours of work, and knitted quilts, lots of carefully knitted squares sewn together, which made a colourful back drop for our meeting. Two holidays are already planned for next year. The first one is a long weekend in March to Prague, that beautiful city, with its wonderful Charles Bridge and lots of Churches all offering short concerts almost every day. The second one will be a little warmer, a week in May to Tunisia and relaxing on the beach or by the pool. The speaker for the evening was Mrs Noble who makes and sells cards. She gave us an interesting talk on how she started her business, and where she gets her ideas from, it really seems to be a growth area, with a card for every occasion. Our next meeting will be the Christmas party night on 10th December. This is

always a well attended evening, everyone enjoys the wonderful American supper when members each bring a plate of food to share. Its amazing that no-one is told what to bring yet we always have a wide variety of savoury and sweet dishes. This year we also had a flower arranging demonstration, in time to inspire us all to at least make a Christmas table decoration, with so much greenery in the garden it's a lovely thing to do on Christmas Eve. The raffle proceeds this month are sent to ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) to which the WI nationally is an associated member which aims to help especially women in poorer countries. For our January meeting on the 14th we are promised an amusing and interesting talk entitled 'Life at the Vicarage when you are not the Vicar'. Also in January we have our birthday party and our subscriptions are due. January is also the month when the new committee elected in October take over the running of the Institute, so very many thanks for an excellent 2008 to the retiring committee and we look forward to 2009. If you would like to come and join us, we meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the Remembrance Hall at 7.15pm. We are a happy friendly group and new members are always welcome.



BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch of The Royal British Legion Women's Section meet on Wednesday 28 January when the speaker will be Christine Seal on Domestic Servants in the 19th Century, February sees the monthly meeting a week earlier than usual on the 18th when members and guests can choose their menu for the Annual Dinner held 'at home' in the Legion Club the following week on 25 February. Entertainment at the meeting on 18th is a talk and slide show by Dr David Arthey on Wild Orchids in Britain and Europe.

Don't forget ANYONE can join the women's section you DO NOT have to have any connection with the armed forces. So just come along to a monthly meeting and see how you enjoy it - you could be pleasantly surprised. Guess are welcome at all our functions.

Val Taylor 443025

ALDINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOC

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 30 January at the Badsey British Legion Club at 8.30 pm. The past year will be reviewed and the coming year planned - all residents from Aldington will be welcome. Having been Chairman since the Association was formed in 1999, Pat Sparrow is resigning. A new Chairman and Committee will be elected at this meeting.

BADSEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our November meeting we were delightfully entertained by members of the Badsey First School Choir who performed traditional and school versions of Christmas Carols together with their own composition about wartime refugees. This year's Christmas lunch at the March Hare was followed by a visit to Twyford Country Park, a short retail therapy and/or afternoon refreshments. Our next meeting is on 06 January 2009, yes 2009, and back to the normal time of 2.30 pm.

FLOWER SHOW

The AGM of the Flower Show Committee will be at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 13 January 2009 at the Wheatsheaf.

Womens World day of Prayer

"IN Christ there are many members yet one body"

written by the women of Papua New Guinea

Speaker ANNE POTTER
St. James Badsey

7.30 Friday 6th March 2009

All welcome

JOBS YOU NEVER GET ROUND TO

The faucet that leaks,
The hinge that squeaks.
The crack in the door,
The hole in the floor.
You said you'd do it,
Just as soon as you could get around to it.

Now the round tuit is here,
So my friend never fear,
You'll have all the time to do it,
Since from this day you can't get away with the excuse,

WHEN I GET A ROUND TUIT



BADSEY OPEN GARDENS 2009

June 20/21st

Following the success of the first attempt at Open Gardens in 2008, a small committee has been formed and we are now working on Open Gardens 2009 which we hope will be bigger and better and more profitable than 2008. We hope to centre the event on the Remembrance Hall using this as a base for parking/selling tickets, and the hall for the handicrafts, tombola, book stall etc. If you

would like to have a table/a space to display advertisements for your charity/organisation or to sell anything, then please let us know. We would just ask for a small donation to Church funds but otherwise any money you raised would be yours.

We had a wonderful number of gardens on display last year. One or two people have decided not to join in again, so if you would like to join in, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please do not be shy, we know there are some wonderful gardens in Badsey,

CORONATION ST DISABLED CLUB

Corrections to the December issue:

The caterers were Dawes, not Dores

The winner of the quiz was Mrs Anne Bonsen and the sum of £307 was raised not £207.

Apologies to the Club and to all concerned.

TABLE TOP SALES

Now that winter is upon us, it's time to have a clear out, and make way for the new year. We all need extra money at this time, so why not book for our Table Top Sales at Badsey Village Hall, starting Saturday 10 January, 2.00 pm-4.00pm, also Saturdays 24 January, 07 February and 07 March. We need a good cook to do food and drink. Come on get rid of those unwanted Christmas presents - You know it makes sense. Tables 01386 831844

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MOTHERS' UNION

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At the Parish Council meeting in November the Council finalised its precept for 2009/10. It was decided to apply to Wychavon for a precept of £33,765, this is an increase of 4.2% and includes provision to maintain the recreation ground and provide new play equipment as well as maintain the street lighting and bus shelters. PC Gail Greenhouse attended the meeting and informed the council that she had undertaken a survey of householders in Brewers Lane which demonstrated that they were most concerned about speeding and dog fouling. She has notified the dog warden and the environmental services department at WDC about the dog fouling. She also reported that crime figures in the village are down 28% County Councillor Tom Bean reported to the meeting that Worcestershire County Council is threatening to take Gloucestershire County Council to judicial review over its plans to impose a 7.5tonne weight limit in Willersey. If GCC impose the weight limit it could potentially increase the number of lorries using Badsey. Parish Councillors raised their concerns over the condition of a number of roads in the village including Bretforton Rd. Councillor Bean reported that he is currently in

discussion with the Highways Dept with a view to resurfacing this road with an anti-vibration surface. Councillors decided to back Aldington Residents Association's request for the retention of the working phone box in the village. This will cost the Parish £500 per year and is included in the precept for 2009/10. Due to ongoing problems with the light obscured by leylandii on School Lane it was decided that the Clerk seek prices for the following options: to move the light away from the offending tree; to fit a much longer arm on the existing post or to remove the light completely. Once the prices have been obtained the Clerk will write to the residents of School Lane to ask them their preferred option. Councillors met with representatives of Wychavon District Council's planning department and Nigel Potter, Worcestershire Rural Housing enabler on the 9th December for a village walkabout. The purpose of this was to investigate the potential for affordable housing sites within the village to meet the need demonstrated by the Housing Needs Survey last year. A number of potential sites were identified and the planners will now research these and report back to the Parish Council in the New Year.

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We have been going now for just one year. The numbers have been fairly constant at between 12 and 16 people. One or two new people have expressed interest in the group and we hope to see them in the new year. We meet in houses, unfortunately mine is not big enough to accommodate all the members but if we have a nice summer's day perhaps we will be able to meet in the garden. Over the year we have held discussions on mixed wards in hospital and organ donations. Marianne Beddis entertained us with the accordion and we enjoyed a visit by Bishop David. Don Hartwell accompanied by Cecil Jones entertained us with stories of old Badsey. At our last meeting we had a quiz on the bible but one member misheard and thought the quiz was on the bible. We have had 2 fish and chip lunches at Jim and Jean Ives' house and people were thrilled that the table was covered with a damask tablecloth. We have sent £20 to the Air Ambulance, £20 for the Congo Disaster Fund which was sent through church funds and £25 to Kidney Research. We have collected 2 parcels for Caring Hands in the Vale. A big thank you to Jean and Jim Ives, Olive Walters and Fred Sodeau for allowing us to use their houses for meetings and a special thanks to Jim Ives for help with the transport and thank you to all the members for their support, friendship and kindness. The next meeting is at 2.00 pm Thursday 15 January when Sally Mitchell will talk on her trip to Israel with photos



Sheila Lancaster

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BADSEY SOCIETY SLIDE SHOW

On Friday 21st November, Badsey First School reverberated to the sounds of the '60s when nearly 150 people crammed into the School Hall to view photographic slides of the village taken in 1968 and 2008. To set the scene, Will and John Dallimore had compiled 24 No 1 hits from 1968 to get people in the mood. The photos formed part of a photo survey of the village undertaken on 26th May 1968 and repeated 40 years later by a 24-strong Badsey Society team. Eight of the photographers showed some of the photos they had taken, comparing them with the same view in 1968. A whistle-stop tour of the village followed, taking in Aldington, The Parks, Blackminster, and most parts of Badsey. Both the Chairman, Will Dallimore, and the Secretary, Maureen Spinks, in their opening speeches, remarked that it was interesting to note where the photographers hailed from. With the exception of three, they were all born in places other than Badsey. From South Africa to Glasgow, from Norfolk to Devon, most had made their home in Badsey or Aldington in the last 20 years or so. Of the speakers, only Will had actually been born in Badsey. A survey undertaken on the evening revealed that 72% of the attendees were Badsey Society members; taken overall, 18% of attendees had been born in Badsey, going down to only 14% for Badsey Society members. Given the age profile of most of the attendees (87% being aged 50+), it is unlikely that many will be around to see what the village will be like in 40 years time. The audience left to the tunes of "Congratulations" and "Those were the Days", taking with them two computer DVDs containing some 1500 photos of Badsey and Aldington taken in 1968 and 2008. If you missed out on the evening, but would like to buy copies of the DVDs, they are still available, price £3. Please contact Maureen Spinks on 831154.

BADSEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee hope you enjoyed the Band Concert, another happy evening to conclude our Social Year. We would be glad to hear of any new ideas for 2009. We are always looking for new ways of getting everyone together for social events and would welcome your input.

'K' FITNESS

A Very Happy New Year to Everyone!

We have a new year ahead of us and no doubt we all made resolutions on New Years Eve, many of which we won't keep. Did anyone make a promise to improve their fitness or to practice a healthier lifestyle I wonder? Are you the one who is always meaning to do something about your weight or your fitness but just never gets round to it? Making that first move is always the hardest but once you've done it and you start to see results, it's a fantastic feeling of achievement. Start with realistic goals, one's that are attainable and you'll definitely begin to feel and see the benefits fairly quickly.

A New Year – A New You! Go on, try it.

Barbara Kay

Badsey Society photographers who gave illustrated talks of the photos they took in the Badsey and Aldington Photographic Survey of May 2008:

Back row: Robin Neill, David Jack, Jeff Nice, Mike Gwynn

Front row: Mike Lovatt, Virginia Pawlyn, Lizzie Noyes, Paul Green



BELL RINGING NEWS

Hilary would like to thank everyone who kindly sent cards, messages, and flowers; to the ringers who deputised during my very unexpected seven week stay in Hospital. It is gestures like these that help very much with the healing process. During this time two half muffled quarter peals were arranged by Phyllis due to both Graham (Bretforton Tower Captain) and myself being out of action, and rung at Bretforton immediately following the funerals for Henry Chamberlain and Ken Watson. Both were regular Bell ringers until illness took over. At Badsey a quarter peal of 1260 changes of Grandsire Doubles was rung half muffled immediately following the funeral for Rev. Peter Mitchell r'trd. Another quarter peal of 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung two days later in celebration for the Diamond Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Butler. These would not have been possible without the help of our friends and ringers from Chipping Campden, Pershore and Great Hampton. All four quarters were conducted by John Nicholls of Chipping Campden. As I am typing this my thoughts are very much with organising ringing for Christmas and New Year.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

The first meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 28 January in the Memorial Hall. Our Chairman, Colin Hill, will talk on 'The Answer Lies in the Soil'. Please bring a sample of soil from your own garden or allotment for analysis.

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CHURCH VANDALISM - UPDATE

Thank you for the concern and tremendous response the Vicar and Churchwardens received following the article published in this magazine. We now know the names of the teenagers responsible and because they boasted about the incident on an internet social networking site, more evidence has been gathered. The Police are visiting them and their parents. Two have admitted committing the damage and desecration and are to be referred to the Youth Offenders Team, who will look at the possibility of some sort of restorative justice being done. The missing top of the broken Churchwarden's staff (wand) has been recovered from the hiding place inside an old Victorian chimney in church which none of us had previously noticed. We hope the cost may eventually be borne by the parents of these 14 year olds. So thank you again to all who gave us the information we sought and to P.C. Paul Buffery who is pursuing the matter.

Chris Smith, Churchwarden

BISHOPS CERTIFICATE COURSE

Learning about the Christian Faith

Chris Smith was one of almost 50 people to have completed a course designed to help them relate their Christian faith to their own life and locality. He received a certificate from the Bishop of Worcester at a special ceremony in Worcester Cathedral on Tuesday 25 November. The Bishop's Certificate course was completed in groups of between 6 and 15 people right across the diocese from Cosely in the North to Pershore in the South East with the help and support of 12 tutors. It covered subjects such as Christian faith and the Creeds, the Old and New Testaments, Pentecost and the Holy Spirit, discipleship and living as Christians with people of other faiths. The Bishop of Worcester, Dr John Inge, commented on the group's achievements: 'This is a challenging course and all those receiving certificates have worked hard throughout the past year to understand their faith and how it relates to their daily lives. I hope that some of those involved will want to continue to take their faith further - perhaps training for lay ministry in the future'. A new Course starts in September 2009, enrolment is open to all, contact the vicar if you are interested.

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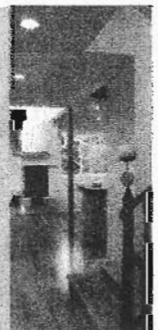
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PEOPLE PROFILE - MAUREEN SPINKS

Maureen was born in 1955 on a farm on the Norfolk/Suffolk borders (originally in Suffolk but later reorganised into Norfolk). After leaving Gorleston Grammar School, Maureen went to Sheffield University to study History. It was whilst at Sheffield that she met her husband, Tony, through the university walking club. Maureen's first job was in London, working as an Editorial Assistant for "Child Education" and "Junior Education", magazines for the primary school teacher. Tony and Maureen married in June 1980. Shortly after this they moved to Kenya where Tony took up a post with the Nairobi branch of Coopers & Lybrand and Maureen found a job as a teacher. They joined the Mountain Club of Kenya and spent lots of weekends on safari or on walking trips; they also had the opportunity to visit Uganda, Tanzania and Madagascar. During their four years in Kenya, they had a regular stream of visitors from England. On leaving Kenya in September 1984, they spent three months travelling by public transport from Nairobi to the Cape. Back in England, Maureen and Tony spent a couple of months temping in London and living with Tony's parents in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, before moving to Cheltenham where Tony had found employment. Maureen got a temporary job at The College of St Paul & St Mary which turned into a permanent one. The College then changed its name to Cheltenham & Gloucester College of Higher Education and then yet again to The University of Gloucestershire – 23 years

after first starting, Maureen is still there, though the work for the last few years has been part-time. In December 1993, Maureen and Tony moved to Badsey as Tony was by now working in Evesham. There was also an addition to the family, as Jonathan had been born in the July. Whilst Maureen has always loved history, it was not until she moved to Badsey that she became involved with local history. Having herself attended a post-war prefab school, Maureen was inspired to start researching the history of the Victorian village school when Jonathan became a pupil there. She also began transcribing the parish records and census returns which formed a substantial part of the Badsey website when it was first set up in 2000 by Richard Phillips. The formation of The Badsey Society followed in 2002, of which Maureen was a founder member. "Heads and Tales: A History of Badsey Schools" was published in September 2004, to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the school. Since then, there have been other projects, including the Badsey Society's Enclosure Map Project (which was a winner in the Marsh Award for Community Archaeology) and a Photographic Survey of the parish.

Maureen is Clerk to the Governors at Badsey First School and a Parent Governor at Prince Henry's High School. She is also on the School Appeals Committee for Worcestershire County Council.

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