

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

EDITOR'S NOTE



E-MAIL FROM FRIENDS FROM THE GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

Dear Chris

We wish you all a happy new year, although already few days have passed. Hope you are fine. It's very cold in Germany. We are not used to having such strong winter anymore. On 6th January we went to Hausneindorf, the place we had the crib. This year I took a picture with the analogue camera but the film is not developed yet. In attachment there is a photo from the walhangig. Have a nice weekend and regards to your son.

Beatie and Edgar

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1ST BADSEY BROWNIES CELEBRATE THEIR RUBY ANNIVERSARY

Former and present day Guiders and Brownies met on 10th January at Badsey Memorial Hall to celebrate 40 years to the day that 1st Badsey Brownies opened in 1968. Everyone wore something red, with red balloons decorating the hall. Jammy dodgers and red jelly sweets were eaten along side the various red coloured drinks. Pat Chilvers, who had been the first Brown Owl made a toast and cut the cake. She also presented two of the Brownies with "Daisy"- an old knitted Brownie doll which she asked them to take care of. Old photographs, scrapbooks, Brownie annuals, uniform and newspaper cuttings revived memories of past activities such as Pack Holiday and competitions entered. There was much discussion about the changes to the uniform, how the Sixes are now named after animals rather than "fairy folk" as well as the difference in badgework. Fun was had by all with much laughter, when dancing and singing "Good Evening Friend Brownie" and trying to keep the rhythm to "Doctor Knickerbocker" as the tune got faster and faster. To finish, everyone joined in with "Brownie Bells". 1st Badsey Brownies are now looking forward to 100 years of the Guiding movement in 2010. During 2009 the unit is working on towards the UK Guiding initiative to "Change the World", so if you see any of its members taking part in raising awareness and taking positive action for local community and world projects around the Evesham district, the Brownies would appreciate your support.

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All,

As I write this, we have been suffering the coldest weather so far of the winter, the weather forecasters tell us that it is 'severe'; yes it has been minus 6 or -7°C, but that is hardly what I would call severe! Inconvenient and cold yes – but hardly severe. On the other hand we have seen Woolworths and Adams shops in Evesham close and news that Marks & Spenser will soon be closing; and other local (and national) retailers are suffering from the financial decline – now that is severe. Some people can feel insulated from all of this, as if it is something that happens to 'other people'; once it starts to bite in the area you live and affect people you know and shops that you use, then it takes on an even greater significance and reality. The reality is that the current economic crisis is having an impact on us all in one way or another. There is very little that I (or others come to that) can do about the situation, it appears to be a global problem rather than national or local.



BADSEY W.I.

The February meeting will be held on 14th at the Memorial Hall. The meeting starts at 7.15 pm. The speaker will be Jill Frazer on 'Life at the Vicarage when you're not the Vicar'



MOTHERS UNION

The next meeting is at 2.30 pm Tuesday 10 February when the speaker will be John Callaghan.



CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 01 Feb	11.00 am	Family Worship
Candlemas	6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed 04 Feb	10.00 am	Communion Followed by coffee
Sun 08 Feb	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 15 Feb	11.00 am	Morning Celebration
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 22 Feb	9.30 am	Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong

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

FROM REVD RICHARD COURT

On a practical level, what we can do is to try to support our local shops in the villages and in Evesham as much as we can, and support those who have lost jobs or are concerned about their livelihoods. For those who think that the church of today is irrelevant in our modern society, what I am about to say may be of little help, but I feel that the power of prayer is much underrated. Every day prayers are said in churches and religious establishments throughout the world, and the villages of Badsey, Aldington, Bretforton and Offenham are no exception, that is one of the roles of the Parish Church and its ministers. Every morning prayers are said for the people and institutions of our villages; each road, close, lane and street etc. is prayed for on a monthly basis, you may not be aware but once every month you and your home are prayed for. I urge anyone who prays regularly (or at anytime) to remember all those affected by the current situation. If you do not pray, perhaps now is a good time to start. If you don't know how to, then remember this rule – simple is often best – two or three heart felt words are far better than a long convoluted sentence, children's prayers often go straight to the heart of the matter, for example – Dear God we pray for those who are ill. With love and prayers

Richard

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: 4 Jan 09 McKenzie Smith

Funeral Services: 29 Dec 08 Jodiann Davies
5 Jan 09 Kathryn Irene Haines
8 Jan 09 Margaret Smith

Weddings: None

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

February rota

1st Sunday	Sandra & Maureen
2nd Sunday	Annette & Sheila
3rd Sunday	Julie & Eleanor
4th Sunday	Hazel & Hazel

Ladies: Thank you for the flowers in Church during January. March no flowers during Lent. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me Hazel Stewart 832007

HAPPY MEMORIES - LIZ CUDD

In October Graham and I went to Northumberland, an area entirely new to both of us. One cold, but dry and sunny day, we set off to visit Lindisfarne or Holy Island as it is also called. We had carefully checked the tides as it is a tidal island connected to the mainland by a causeway and is cut off twice a day by tides. About 150 people actually live on the island. A large part of the island is a nature reserve for the many varieties of birds that winter over there. We were able to recognise some common ones, but were assured that sightings are often made in the autumn of rare migrating Siberian birds. We really went to see the monastery which was founded by St Aidan who had been sent from Iona about 635 AD to preach Christianity to the North of England. St Cuthert later became Bishop of Durham. (Lots of places are called after the derivative of Cuthbert-Cudd and Cuddy. One type of eider duck which winters off our shores is called a Cuddy duck, and we even ate Cuddy Cave cheese! - very interesting and amusing for us). Starting in the early 700s the monks produced the famous illuminated manuscript known as the Lindisfarne Gospels, illustrated Latin copies of the first four New Testament Gospels originally covered in a fine metal case made by a hermit but this was lost in the Vikings raids about 793 when the monastery was sacked and the monks forced to flee. There is a fascinating computer generated copy of the Gospels in the visitors centre, when you draw your finger across the screen, then the pages turn, and with the help of the magnifying symbol, it is possible to view the beautifully decorated pages in close-up. The original Gospels, written on vellum of course, are in the British Library in London, much to the annoyance of many Northumbrians, and I hope to visit and see them next year. Lindisfarne also has a small castle refurbished by Sir Edwin Lutyens, and a very small garden created by Gerturde Jekyll for Edward Hudson who was the creator of the magazine 'Country Life' in the care of the National Trust. We safely crossed back over the causeway but watched the tide and amazing bird life come in, before leaving this very special and interesting place.

Womens World day of Prayer

"IN Christ there are many members yet one body"

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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Francois Mauriac

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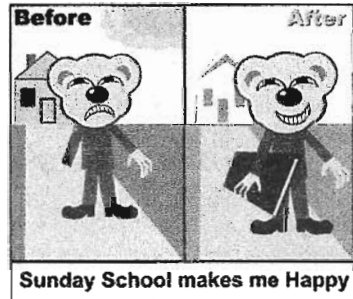


TABLE TOP SALES

Table Top Sale on Saturday 07 February at Badsey Memorial Hall. Doors open 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. Also on Saturday 07 March and Saturday 04 April. To book tables please telephone 0386 831844. Due to the success and demand for stalls, please book early. We still need someone to sell homemade cakes, and teas and coffees. In this time of economising why not make yourself a little extra cash, clear out your clutter, and have a fun afternoon. We would welcome any charities who would like to join us.

RUMBLE IN THE JUMBLE

Evesham Volunteer Centre is holding its next Jumble Sale on SATURDAY, 28 MARCH at Badsey Remembrance Hall. Doors open at 2 p.m. Do visit us again; buy up all the bargains and support your local charity at the same time. Refreshments available. If you have any donations (not electrical goods) and would like them collected, contact 831104.

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, so please join us.

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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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At the Parish Council meeting in December the Councillors received the following report from WPC Greenhouse: "There has been a 28% fall in offences committed between 1.4.08 and 31.10.08 compared to last year. Vehicle crime has dropped significantly from 12 to 3. Also other crime such as deception, theft etc has dropped from 22 to 15. There has been a minor rise in burglary with elderly people being targeted. Please ask for vigilance when Councillors are out and about in the area and report any suspicious activity immediately. The new telephone number is 03003333000 but the old number is still working as well. CSO Phil Shoerrock is back at work in a part time capacity which is excellent news".

County Councillor Tom Bean reported to the meeting that he should have a definitive response with regard to local policing numbers for the next meeting in January and promised to chase up the promised new anti-vibration surface for Bretforton Rd.

Parish Councillor Pete Smith reported that Badsey Relief in Need Charity has a new trustee – Mrs Becky Stanley of 13 Synehurst, Badsey.

The Councillors reviewed the tender document for grass cutting for Badsey Recreation Ground and decided to ask all tenderers for two prices – one to remove the grass cuttings after every cut and one to use a mulching mower and leave the cuttings.

The Councillors noted that BT had decided to maintain the kiosk in Aldington due to the objections received from the Parish Council and Aldington Residents Association. The Clerk has written to Wychavon District Council to ensure that if the situation changes the Parish Council is once again kept informed.

Would you please note that the bags left in a box in church are the bags the deliverers kindly return for use the following month. These bags have been purchased by members of the editorial team so it would be appreciated if these were not taken for your own use. Thank you.

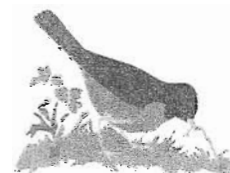
Sheila Lancaster

THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH

On The 14th February this year the Village Blacksmith will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary. The Business was started by Frank Caswell in 1909 taken over by his son Dick Caswell and the by Grandson David Caswell who still has it today. Sadly with 4 daughters the business will come to an end now David is retiring. The end of a era.

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

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JOHN COLE'S END OF FIRST TERM

Here in Sheffield I am currently working alongside 3 out of 8 churches on a Methodist Circuit. I am responsible for 5 youth groups 2 of which I am the primary leader and the other I help along with 1 or 2 other trainee workers from my course.

I help with a Cafe style youth group, where the young people are encouraged into making arts and crafts, to either sell to make money for the group or to take home to show parents. They have a snooker table, table tennis and table football which all prove popular through the night, with the Playstation 2 and the various games.

I run a Junior Badminton with the help of volunteers. This takes place in the main worship area of one Church. I have a membership of about fourteen young people aged between 10 and 16. They have 2 leagues to win prizes at the end of each term with an overall prize for those who make the most progress over the year.

2 Discussion Groups have just been set up within the circuit. At the Wednesday night group, I help to facilitate the evening with 2 other trainee youth workers in the Circuit. The other happens once a month on Sunday evening and I am the primary leader with the help of volunteers. Discussions topics

vary from personal issues to those of more in depth biblical subjects.

I am a part of a Junior Church where I am encouraged to take an active role as a teacher; we plan once a month using material from the Roots Website. We have regular attendance of about 6 to 8 young people, all around the age of confirmation, which is our theme this term.

On top of these church Groups I run a Christian Union in one of the local high Schools. This is fairly new group with small attendance but has grown within the last few weeks of term. Here they chose what they want to talk about each week. The topics seem to be very much bible based and is something that they enjoy and want to learn from.

My course work for college includes journal writing to prove that I have understood the basic principle of youth work practise in a Christian and non Christian setting. I have 2 modules a term which have an end of term assignment to prove that I have understood what I have been studied over the term. February will bring the first round of marking for the work I am doing in Sheffield. In all I really am enjoying the course, it is hard work as there is so much to do

PARTNERSHIP VISIT 2009

We have been invited by our friends in Germany to visit them from 24th to 29th June the cost for flight and transport will be around £150. If you would like to come please contact me on 01386 830367 Christison@bigfoot.com

Alex Christison

'K' FITNESS- THE 'A' WORD

Often when I say a class has an Aerobic section in it, I see a distinct lack of interest or even a look of fear. The days of Jane Fonda doing endless leaps and jumps and shouting for everyone to feel the 'burn' are thankfully long gone and now most instructors choreograph their routines to encompass low impact (one foot always on the ground) and high impact for those who want to add jumps and springs to their workout.

The term 'Aerobic' is derived from the Greek word meaning oxygen and although any form of physical exercise requires energy (calories), the type of exercise that uses the most energy is called 'Aerobic'. These workouts use the large muscle groups in continuous, rhythmic, sustained movements and require oxygen for the production of energy. Regular 'Aerobic' activity helps to improve the ability of the heart, lungs, blood vessels etc. to use oxygen in order to produce energy and therefore builds a healthier body whilst getting rid of excess body fat.

Don't be afraid – use the 'A' word !!

CHRISTINGLE COLLECTION

£330 was raised at the Christingle Service which was paid direct to the Children's Society.

BELL RINGING NEWS

A big Thank you to Richard and the Appreciative couple from Brewers Lane who gave us Chocolates and a Bottle of Port at Christmas. We are still enjoying these lovely gifts. A little goes a long way to stretch the pleasure when one is in charge of four wheels. One of our new recruits in training, was over the moon with pleasure at having rung for the major Services at Christmas and the New Year ringing in some creditable Call Changes. Keep up the good work Tim. Valentine's Day, in the evening we are host's to the Four Shires Guild for their Branch Practise - 7pm - 8.30pm

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

The February Meeting of the Gardening Club will take place on Wednesday 25th February at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Elaine Horton will be giving a talk on "Bulbs, corms and tubers" - and the monthly competition is "Flower of the Month".

Guests are welcome to join us as a taster for regular membership and we look forward to welcoming everyone for what promises to be an entertaining and interesting talk.

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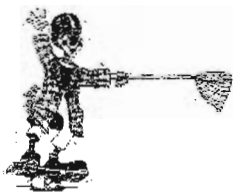
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GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

In an airport lounge, President Bush encountered a man with long, grey hair, wearing a white robe and holding a staff. The President went up to the man and said 'Are you Moses?' The man never answered. He just kept staring straight ahead. The President shouted: Moses! The man just stared ahead. Mr Bush pulled a secret service agent to one side and, pointing to the robed man, asked: Am I going crazy, but that man looks just like Moses? The SS Agent

agreed. Well said the President: Every time I call his name the man just stares straight ahead and says nothing. Watch - again the President yells Moses! But again no response. So the agent went up to him and said: Are you Moses? The man leaned over and whispered: Yes, I am Moses. But don't forget the last time I talked to a bush I spent 40 years wandering in the desert and ended up leading my people to the only spot in the Middle East where there is no oil.

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PEOPLE PROFILE - SALLY MITCHELL

Sally writes: I was born, not a million miles away in Cheltenham and grew up in a village setting in Gloucestershire, one of four daughters. For some people it is clearly seen, when they are young, the occupation they may go into as an adult. This, I believe, was the case with me with a compulsion of lining up dolls, teddies, etc. Into neat and straight lines tucked up in shoe boxes, reminiscent of the old nightingale words, with patients in beds! Consequently I qualified as a nurse at Cheltenham General Hospital and later embarked on paediatric nurse training at the Princess Alexandra Children's Hospital in Brighton. Quite a number of busy but very rewarding and fulfilling years were later spent on the paediatric unit at Gloucester Royal Hospital. Here, my time was spent with mostly babies, toddlers and older children up to the age of five with a great variety of infectious diseases or medical complaints with the odd surgical or orthopaedic case as well. I was very involved in my work to the extent of not wanting to take days off and I adored the babies. During this time I had returned to my family home, where I lived halfway up a hill with an Anglican church at the very top overlooking the village. Following and marrying Hugh around this time, we moved to just outside the lovely Cotswold village of Snowhill, where we had our first home together. This home was also the first home for our two sons where we were surrounded with wonderful countryside and fantastic views. Idyllic but a distance from schools etc, so after a few years we moved to Chipping Campden where we lived quite happily for seven years. We enjoyed life in a Cotswold market town, made friends a

d joined the active Baptist church in town. At this time I became involved workwise with supporting adults with learning disabilities, living in their own homes, which I currently still do. Due to my younger son wishing to be baptised at the age of thirteen we were prompted to contact the local church and previous vicar, Adrian, here in Badsey. This was because the Baptist church does not baptise young people and involves total immersion. After supporting him with classes for confirmation as well over a few months it felt right to be here at Badsey church and this feeling has continued. I have now come full circle, having stated life with the Church of England, followed by Pentecostal, Methodist, Baptist with another free church thrown in as well. This has depended on where we lived at the time having become a Christian at the aged of 24. By the way in my early twenties I remember going to see Billy Graham at the stadium in Bristol. Quite an experience! One of quite a number of significant seeds sown along my path leading to a commitment with my Christian faith and I've never looked back. Over the years I have been involved in writing, young people's groups, and drama work within the church and wider setting - it is all very rewarding.



Hannah Michelle
Aka Sally

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