

# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington

### EDITOR'S NOTE

I've suddenly got rather a lot of space this month after last month when I had hardly any. This means, of course, that you have not been sending in your community news. Two or three organisations have not sent anything at all. I say time and again that this is your newsletter. Without your news there will not be a magazine, so please do try and let us all know what is going on in the village. It can be personal or communal, funny or serious, about your family or your pets, or just anything you think others might find of interest.

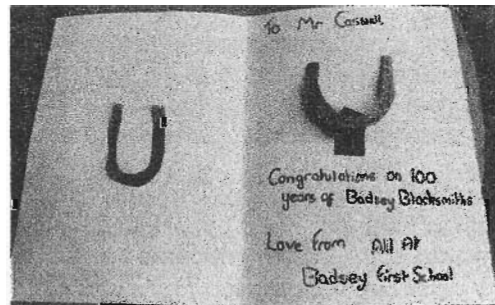
The good news that by the time you read this the lighter evenings will be with us and we shall be looking forward to Easter. For a chocoholic like me this is good news. Churchwise we have a lot of good things coming up and the vicar's letter outlines some of these. The Palm Sunday procession and service and the Easter Day service are really something to look forward to. There are also golden and ruby weddings to celebrate.

So let us celebrate the good things in life, seeing the daffodils coming out brightening up the garden always makes me feel better after a rather haphazard winter. Wishing you all a happy Easter. *Sheila Lancaster*

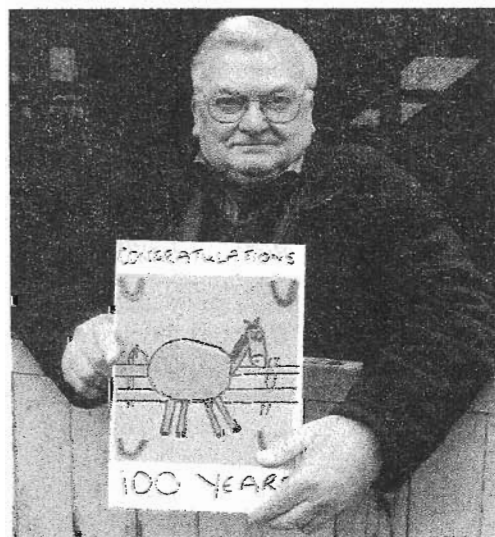
## April 2009 Your Village Magazine

*On Saturday 14th February, David Caswell celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Caswell family arriving in Badsey to take over the blacksmith's business. The children of Badsey First School made a special card for him to mark the occasion and various people called in at the forge to mark the occasion. A chapter about the Caswell family and former blacksmiths in Badsey may be found in the Badsey Society's next publication, which will be on sale in The Spar from Sunday 26th April. Don't forget to get your copy then. The book covers a wide range of topics and adds significantly to our knowledge of Badsey and Aldington.*

*Maureen Spinks*



Our very best wishes go to our local blacksmith, David Caswell on his retirement. The village will be a poorer place without icon of village life.



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## 2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All,  
Easter Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> April this year) is the time that the Church celebrates the death and resurrection of Christ. That may seem like an obvious statement that does not need to be said, but I fear that this is not the case and should not be taken for granted. A recent survey among all generations showed that a large proportion of the people interviewed did not know very much about the Church of England or its festivals.

It is all too easy for 'us' in the Church to assume that people know (and appreciate) all that goes on in our village churches week by week, when the reality is that for most people the only time they attend church is for births, deaths, or marriages. This is probably a failing that lies firmly at the door of the Church, we assume that people have a knowledge of all things 'churchy' when this is obviously not the case; in fact a lot of regular worshippers do not have a detailed understanding of things like the church hierarchy for example – but why should they.

The Church of England (unlike other denominations) is based on what is called the Parish System, that is, each



### ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We had a very enjoyable meeting in March when Terry Sparrow gave one of his very interesting historical talks. Members joined in with their own memories and I think we all learned something new.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 23 April at 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm. At 12 The Lankets. All are welcome and transport can be arranged.

Telephone Sheila Lancaster  
833929



### CHURCH SERVICES

**Wed 01 Apr** 10.00 am Communion  
Followed by coffee

**Sun 05 Apr** 11.00 am Family Worship  
Palm Sunday 6.30 pm Evensong

**Sun 12 Apr** 11.00 am Family Worship  
Easter Day 6.30 pm Eucharist

**Sun 19 Apr** 11.00 am Family Worship  
6.30 pm Evensong

**Sun 26 Apr** 9.30 am Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong

*Morning Prayer is said at 0745 each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday & Wednesday, which are a Eucharist. (Note there will be no mid-week Eucharist services during the week after Easter)*

*There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the FIRST Wednesday in the Month at 10.00 at Badsey  
See page 3 for Holy Week Services*

## FROM REVD RICHARD COURT

parish or village has a church building, and a priest who is responsible for the spiritual wellbeing of all who live in the village. Although some buildings are now starting to close because of the cost to keep them in good repair, in our village we are lucky because we have a building that is in fairly good condition thanks to people who have lovingly cared for it over many generations. There is a difference however, between 'the building' and 'The Church'; 'the building' is the bricks and mortar – 'The Church' is the body of people of faith in the village whatever church building they attend and however often (or seldom) that may be. My role as your Parish priest (or vicar) is, amongst other things, to lead people in prayer and worship and to pray and care for all who live in the villages of Badsey, Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton, and is a role I share with the Bishop. I also have a team of Authorised Lay Ministers (or Readers) who are authorised to preach and to teach and to lead worship, they are Penny Christison, Sheila Lancaster, Anne Potter and Sue Cole. 'The Church' we will be celebrating this Easter, and whether you are a regular or occasional worshipper; or have never yet come into the building (or maybe have no inclination ever to do so) you are all very much in my thoughts and prayers. I invite you to join 'The Church' at our celebrations this Easter.

*Richard*

### CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Baptisms:** None

**Funeral Services:** 9 March Grace Lillian Caddick  
14 March Johnny Davies  
18 March Georgina Mary Haines

**Weddings:** None

### ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

**April rota**  
1st Sunday No flowers  
2nd Sunday Easter - All the Guild  
3rd Sunday Mary & Avril  
4th Sunday Yvonne & Stephanie

**Ladies:** We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 11 April from 9.45 am. Hope to see as many as possible, thanking you. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me. Hazel Steward 832007

## WHEELIE BINS AND THE CHURCYARD

We have all received our wheelie bins (love them or hate them) and this includes the Churchyard. We have received two black wheelie bins which will be emptied once a fortnight. However, we come under the strict rules laid down by Wychavon and these bins can only contain the following:

**Dead flowers and plants, Wreaths, Bouquets, Paper and Ribbons, Containers and Oasis.**

We cannot put in **grass, shrub, tree or hedge trimmings, soil or debris**, and of course they must not be over-loaded (lids must close). If we do not adhere to these rules the bins will not be emptied. Churchyard refuse is a real problem to the Church and it would be of great help if those who attend to graves would take home as much of their refuse as possible

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Tuesday 7 April	
7.30 pm	Evensong with address at Badsey
Wednesday 8 April	
7.00 pm	Compline with meditation at Bretforton
Thursday 9 April	
7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Meal & Eucharist at Offenham
Good Friday 10 April	
10.00 am	Children's Workshop Offenham School
2.00 pm	Meditation at Badsey
7.00 pm	Meditation at Bretforton
Saturday 11 April	
7.30 pm	Service of Light at Badsey
EASTER DAY	
9.30 am	Eucharist at Bretforton
11.00 am	Eucharist at Offenham
11.00 am	Family Worship for Easter at Badsey
6.30 pm	Eucharist at Badsey
6.30 pm	Evensong at Bretforton

## ONLINE NEWS

You can now read the Community News online. A pdf version of the monthly publication, in full colour, can be downloaded from [www.badsey.org.uk](http://www.badsey.org.uk).

## BADSEY W.I.

Despite the cold weather January and February meetings were well attended and two superb speakers made the cold journey well worth while. Jill Frazier came in January and talked to us about 'Life in the Vicarage When You Are Not a Vicar'. This was so humorous and interesting and kept us all spellbound it also deterred any of us from buying and living in an ex vicarage. February we were taken on a journey to 'Cornwall and Back' with Rosemary Prosser. Another interesting and humorous speaker. Also in February we had a rather late New Year Lunch at the Beckford Hotel which again was a very enjoyable event with lovely, food, good service and of course the best company.

Eleven members will be going to Prague on 22<sup>nd</sup> March (Mothering Sunday) for four days during which time they hope to see all the famous sites this wonderful city has to offer. In May several members will be going on a four day trip to Bournemouth organized by Jane Thompson. It will undoubtedly be warmer in Bournemouth than in Prague but we will all take our thermals and who knows with the recent weather our Bournemouth trekkers may be pleased to take theirs!! Our intrepid walking group have managed to go out in most weathers on a Saturday afternoon under the guidance of Maureen Davies, who seems to have a passion for hills (or just steep inclines as she tends to think!). Many of the walks are on the flat and all of them give us beautiful scenery, fresh air, exercise and again good company. We always end up somewhere for tea and cake which makes any 'steep inclines' worthwhile. If you would like to come along to any meeting we meet every second Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall and 7.15.p.m. A visit costs £2.50 which includes tea and home made cakes as well as an entreating speaker or demonstrator. At our April meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> our speaker will be the 'Lady Thatcher' (no – not Maggie!). Our congratulations to three of our members who celebrated special wedding anniversaries at the end of March. Hazel and Malcolm Stewart and Judy and Patrick Sparrow celebrated their Golden Wedding and Shirley and Malcolm Chuter celebrated their Ruby Wedding.

## CORONATION STREET CLUB

The Coronation Street Club for the Disabled is desperately looking for a volunteer to join the team of friendly car drivers who transport members to and from club each week. A mileage allowance is paid and the work really is most rewarding. Even if you are unable to commit to every week maybe you could help as a Relief Driver when one of the regulars is away. So come on gentlemen, we really do need your help and you certainly would be so very welcome. For more information just give Jean Dyke a ring on 830714.

## BADSEY BROWNIES

To prepare for the centenary of Guiding in 2010, Guides and Brownies are taking part in a project "To change the world." Badsey Brownies are learning about the work of Brownies are learning about the work of World Wildlife Fun. Through this they are learning what everyone can do to preserve certain animals. One week we looked at rubbish and its effect on wildlife. The girls wrote these songs as a response to what they had found out.

*Sue Cole*

### The Sea Turtle Song By the Squirrels

If I were a turtle, I'd swim around the sea  
But the problem is, jellyfish love me.  
I like to rest on beaches, sitting in the sunshine  
But my children keep running, away in a line.  
They rest on a beach in Mexico  
If global warming continues, we may have to go.  
So please save us, the sea turtle  
Because we don't want to go.

### The Quack Quack Song By the Hedgehogs

The wandering albatross is cool and kind  
Although they get stuck in the fishing line  
They eat lots of fish and loads of squid  
Though some get killed when they're only a kid.  
Try and save the albatross by not leaving your rubbish  
And singing this song will help you get along:  
Quack quack quack, doobey doo doo.

### The Sea Turtle Song By the Rabbits

Are they black or green?  
They dig a hole  
They lay their eggs  
They live in warm tropical seas,  
With lots of coral reefs.  
They eat jellyfish, and that is our little  
rhyme for you.

### The Sea Turtle Song By the Foxes

Sea turtles live in the sea  
And they are as cool as can be  
When they are babies they start to  
crawl  
But they are very very small.  
We need to save them from extinction  
Otherwise our only memory will be in  
non-fiction.  
They have flippers  
But they don't wear slippers.

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## K FITNESS PILATES BY CANDLELIGHT

In the twinkling light created by lots of candles, 20 people enjoyed an hour of exercise at Badsey Remembrance Hall last Friday evening. We worked through standing and seated Pilates exercises and ended with a lovely stretch and relax. The candlelight created a lovely calming atmosphere to workout in and everyone said that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. There will be another candlelight session later on in the year, hopefully after a wonderful summer!

*Barbara Kay*



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Absolutely gorgeous.

## THE HOBY MEMORIAL

This dilapidated monument commemorates Richard Hoby, his second wife Margaret and three of her children from a earlier marriage. Although it has no inscription nor does it appear that there ever was one, Hoby can be identified by his coat of arms at the top of the monument. For a short period, 1598-1600, Richard Hoby was Lord of the Manor of Badsey. He served as churchwarden in St James Church on four occasions and was once Road Surveyor of the parish. Richard died in February 1617 and Margaret in July 1625 and it is likely that the monument was erected soon after her death. About the middle of the seventeenth century part of the chancel collapsed, probably falling on the monument and causing much of the damage which we see today. The date 1653 in lead figures set in the east gable refers to the rebuilding of the chancel. Before the major restoration of the church in 1885, the Hoby monument stood slightly to the west of the present position, but was moved to allow access to the new vestry built at that time.

*Terry Sparrow wrote this piece in response to many enquiries asking about the monument. The information will be available in church.*

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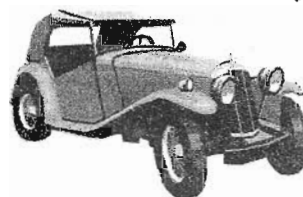
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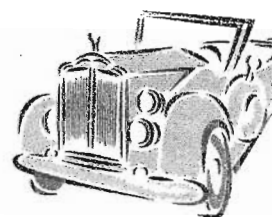
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## VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENTS

The Social Committee are in the process of organising events over the coming year. These include a BBQ, Cheese & Wine Evening and Band Concert. I think everyone enjoyed past events of this kind so watch this space for details.

## PALM SUNDAY

A Palm Sunday procession will start at the school at 10.45 am on 05 April, in church at 11.00 am. We hope as many as you are able can make up the procession and celebrate this special day.

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I have just received a letter from the Criminal Justice Support Unit informing me that they have closed the case against the youths who damaged and desecrated the church last August. Two boys from the village received a reprimand from the police. We know two girls and another boy were present, but they did not admit to any damage and so although involved, were not able to be included in the reprimands for criminal damage.

The missing part of the damaged churchwarden's wand (stave) was recovered from an old Victorian chimney inside church which none of us knew about. It has now been repaired and both our churchwarden's wands had to have new staves so they would continue to match. The repairs cost £86; insufficient for an insurance claim and sadly neither those involved or their parent's have offered to pay or say sorry for this incident.

On a positive note, this isolated incident revealed to us all, how much people in the village care about our church, even if they don't regularly attend services.

Badsey church remains open every day from early morning till dusk for you to visit and use to rest, reflect and pray quietly, and to enjoy the beauty and historic atmosphere of this wonderful building.

*Chris Smith - Churchwarden*

## AN EASTER REFLECTION - THE CROSS

Awesome!! We complain about the cross we bear but don't realise it is preparing us for the dip in the road that God can see and we can't.

Whatever your cross, whatever your pain, there will always be sunshine, after the rain....

Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall;  
But God's always ready to answer your call....

He know every heartache, sees every tear, a word from His lips, can calm every fear....

Your sorrows may linger, throughout the night, but suddenly vanish, dawn's early light....

The Saviour is waiting, somewhere above, to give you His grace, and send you His love....  
God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

## JIGSAW

Our new Sunday School has met twice, the children enjoyed stories, singing, drama and arts and crafts. We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11 am in Badsey Nursery. Please come and join with us if you are aged 4-10 to hear bible stories and have some fun. We will meet on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> June and 26<sup>th</sup> July. Mark your calendar and come and join us. You will be very welcome  
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St James Church Badsey has received £58 from easy fundraising in five months with just four people using the service. To support our church, log on to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and follow the instructions. *Sue Cole*

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Club will take place in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd April. The speaker this month is Steve Jacobs and his talk is entitled "Plants from hot countries."

This promises to be an informative and entertaining evening and all members and guests are welcome. For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt (01386 830834 or Colin Hill (01386 853412).

## THANKS

Hazel Steward writes that on a personal note thanks go to Hilary and the team of bell ringers that rang for Malcolm and my golden wedding.

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### HAVE YOUR SAY ON BADSEY CONSERVATION

Wychavon District Council is reviewing the Badsey Conservation Area, to make sure that it continues to protect this important area of the village. The council is looking to change the conservation area boundary and will be publishing a Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Proposals so that the special quality of the conservation area will continue to be preserved and enhanced in the future. Badsey probably dates from the Saxon period and is recorded in the Domesday Book. The old village we see today would once have been a prosperous medieval farming community belonging to Evesham Abbey and later became a centre for market gardening. There are still farm and storage buildings in the village to remind us of earlier times. Information about the review is available on the Council's website at [www.wychavon.gov.uk](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk) and at the Civic Centre in Pershore, Evesham Community Contact Centre, Evesham Library and at Badsey Remembrance Hall during normal opening hours until 9<sup>th</sup> April. Your comments on the proposals are welcome and can be made in writing to Carol Marsden at the Civic Centre, by e.mail to [heritage@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:heritage@wychavon.gov.uk) or on-line via the Council's website at [www.wychavon.gov.uk](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk). Comments should be received by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009. All comments received will be taken into account and reported to the Council's Development Control (Policy) Committee when it considers the review of the conservation area on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009. Further information on conservation areas and what it means to live in one is available on the Council's website and at the Civic Centre.

Contact: Carol Marsden 01386 565179 [Carol.marsden@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:Carol.marsden@wychavon.gov.uk)

### BELL RINGING

In the March issue mention was made of a possible Quarter Peal in celebration of 100 years of the village Blacksmith. This has been amended to a Full Peal attempt on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> by the Worcestershire & Districts Association being dedicated to the Casswell Family and their celebration. It will begin around 9-30 to 9-45am, if successful finishing near lunch time.

### MOTHERS UNION

Members enjoyed a very interesting talk by the vicar at the last meeting and the next meeting is our Holy Week Service at 7.30 pm 07 April in Badsey Church. The outing on 09 June is at the Guild House in Stanton. The cost of £10 includes tea and a talk on the history of the house.



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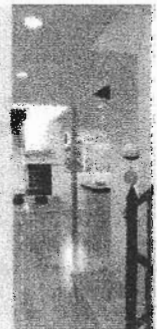
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## PEOPLE PROFILE - JOHN AND HILARY BOLTON

John and Hilary Bolton both from farming families, met when John's parents moved to a farm in Birtsmorton. John still lived in Worcester at this time with his grandfather, moving to the farm after leaving school. Hilary was already a member of the Castlemorton Church choir, also helping to run the church youth group, alongside a full time job in training with the CWS Ltd and a love of ballroom dancing for which she would cycle the ten miles into Malvern. Castlemorton was the preferred church for John's parents. On one of John's weekend visits to his parents the vicar was appealing for people to help ring the bells. John was already an Altar boy. Both John and Hilary volunteered to learn to ring and this is where a good friendship started, eventually to become a partnership. Both were confirmed on separate occasions at Castlemorton by the Bishop of Worcester, and eventually married there in 1962. After moving to Malvern they joined the church of St Mathias, Malvern Link and in so doing were able to expand their ringing skills. John was working in Worcester having served an apprenticeship. A step up the ladder came for John to work at Hereford, this time living within the village of Canon Pyon, where he undertook to get the bells ringing again. After a good overhaul and fixing a few missing fittings (found lying around the organ), and with the help of bell ringers from Weobley, ringing restarted for morning service. By this time, son Trevor was 3 years old and their daughter was on the way.

John was Ford Motor Co. trained in Agricultural Machinery Parts & Accessories, so after a time he was recommended to go to a dealership in Cirencester. They duly moved to Minety in Wiltshire with the two children, and became involved in the church there. Hilary was mainly a member of the choir and joint leader of the Ladies Guild as well as helping at the school. John was part of the ringing team along with daughter Carie. Trevor was a keen ATC cadet and gradually gained Warrant Officer status. After 14 happy years we were required to move on, eventually ending up in Badsey. At this time ferrying Trevor to and from Malmesbury for Cadet meetings, John and Carie became part of the ringing team at Badsey, with Carie going on to become a Peal ringer with the Worcestershire & Districts Association of Change Ringers. Following a period of illness Hilary eventually joined the band and followed in daughter's footsteps to become Ringing Master along with John as Steeple Keeper. For many years both have been active members of the Four Shires Guild of Ringers. They have travelled to Australia and New Zealand, becoming friends of the Hamilton Cathedral Ringers on North Island and Christchurch Cathedral, South Island. Over the last year they have also been caring for the bells and ringers at Bretforton and Childswickham.

*John and Hilary Bolton*

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