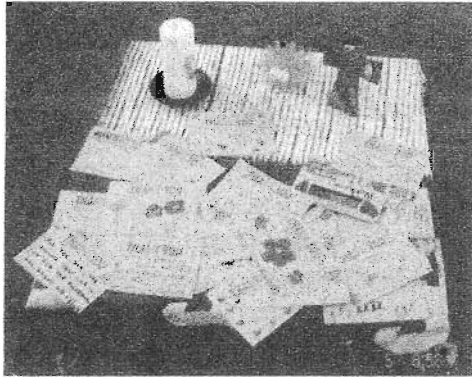


Community News

Badsey and Aldington



Two photos
of the
Brownie
weekend.
See
'underwater
adventure'
article
below



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BADSEY CHURCH

Our church is a large building in the centre of the village which is not used much during the week. Is there anyone or any group who could use the building? Ideas I have thought of include

- A jam session for musicians, an opportunity for musicians to play together.
- Listening to music with others.
- Art exhibition, art classes, an opportunity for artists to get together.
- A book exchange, a time for coffee, a read, discussions, and swap those books you have finished with.

Before the Victorians put pews into the church it was a place where the community met, so we are once again offering an opportunity for this to happen again. Please let the vicar or me know if you have any ideas of how the building could be used. Or send you ideas to
vicarage@ourbenefice.org.uk

Sue Cole (831260)

How quickly the time goes, August already. At least we can feel we've had some summer this year. The Social Committee have been working hard to put together a series of events for us to enjoy. The Morris Men service was one of the best we've ever had. So many things to be thankful for.

Sheila Lancaster

UNDERWATER ADVENTURE

16 Brownies enjoyed a weekend under the sea, as part of the story of The Little Mermaid. They were accompanied by 5 leaders: - Ariel the Mermaid, Sebastian the Lobster, Scuttle the seagull, Flounder the fish and Louis the French Chef.

The girls slept (a few hours) in The Atlantic or The Pacific Ocean. They looked after each other, helped with cooking, laying the table and cleaning up the house. They had lots of fun growing sea creatures, making mermaid tails, writing diaries and poems and creating underwater scenes. They loved walking in the woods, listening to birds, smelling wild garlic and recognising different shades of green in the plants and trees. They sang watery songs in the campfire circle.

The Brownies held their own worship service where they jumped up and down as bubbles in a pot. They also illustrated Thank You cards which can be seen in church.

Sue Cole

APOLOGIES BADSEY BROOK

AMENDMENT

Many apologies for the misprint in last month's newsletter. The article about Badsey Brook should have read 'Where is the consideration for our countryside and for those people whose houses have been prone to flooding at the end of the brook where the garden rubbish is causing a dam'. And not 'Where is the consideration for our countryside by those people whose.....

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Dear All,

The Dimbleby Lectures, founded in memory of the late broadcaster Richard Dimbleby, have been going since the early 1970's and have been given by influential business leaders and political figures. This year the lecture was given by The Prince of Wales and was entitled 'Facing the Future'. In it he spoke movingly about the environment and our use of the natural resources; and how during the 1960's we rushed headlong into a period of unlimited economic growth and material wealth, and how we seem to have the expectation that this unlimited growth can continue with little or no regard for the consequences (my interpretation).

I have a great sympathy with this view, and perhaps the apparent collapse of the banking system, the reduction in house prices, and the cut in interest rates could be the 'wake up' call we all need to make us

look again at our hopes and expectations. Continued growth in every area is not necessarily sustainable in the long term without it having a detrimental effect on other areas of the world and our lives; all of the major religions of the world acknowledge some form of creator 'God' figure and our obligations to look after the planet which we have inherited from our predecessors, it is our responsibility to do what we can to manage our own use of the natural resources and hopefully to pass on the planet to our descendants in as good a condition (if not better) as we received it.

We can all do our bit to help, be it by turning off the tap and not wasting water while we clean our teeth, or trying our best to recycle wherever we can, we all have a responsibility not only to ourselves, but to our children and grandchildren as well as to God so that we can all face the future in the knowledge that we have tried our best.

Richard

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: None
Funerals: None
Weddings: None

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 02 August	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed 05 August	10.00 am	Communion followed by coffee
Sun 09 August	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 16 August	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 23 August	9.30 am	Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 30 August	11.00 am	Benefice Service at Badsey

Morning Prayer is said at 0745 each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday & Wednesday, which are a Eucharist.

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

August rota
 1st Sunday Sandra & Maureen
 2nd Sunday Annette & Sheila
 3rd Sunday Julie & Eleanor
 4th Sunday Hazel & Hazel
 5th Sunday Mary & Avril

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during July. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

*Hazel Stewart
 832007*

EDITORIAL TEAM

We are pleased to welcome Will Dallimore to our editorial team. Yvonne Haynes resigned and we will miss her on the team but it is good that Will has stepped in and we look forward to working with him

*Sheila Lancaster
 Editor*

OPEN GARDENS

Not quite as successful as last year, but still the Open Gardens this year raised a total of £1380.30. for Church funds. We had lots of visitors from all over the place, Birmingham, Redditch, Malvern, Cheltenham, Moreton in Marsh and even a few from Evesham and Badsey. We had a couple from Holland who were delighted to find a Dutch lady in Church, imagine in the middle of England in a comparatively small village they had a conversation in Dutch with a lady who originally came from a town about 20m away from where they live. We also had a very nice couple from Belgium and several other people staying on the caravan site in Broadway. They were all very pleased not only with the standard of the gardens on view but also by the friendliness of the owners. So a really big 'thank you' to all the people who opened their gardens.

Another big thank you goes to the houses who provided the delicious teas which were very well received, and thank you also to the ladies who helped in Church on both afternoons to sell the handicrafts and produce.

Thank you to my committee who gave me a lot of moral support and particularly to Ian Browning who not only designed the posters and leaflets but obtained and drove the minibus on the two afternoons - thank you chaps.

We did not have many entries in the single rose competition but the winner entry was from Mrs. Ecroyd of Brewers Lane - congratulations on a beautiful rose.

Apart from the money given to the Church other money raised was donated to the NSPCC and the Parkinsons Society. The Guides and Brownies had tombola and cake stalls and they raised money for Save the Children.

My final thank you must be to my dear husband Graham, for putting up with all the paperwork and phone calls and different problems I encountered.

The weather was not particularly kind to us, but on the whole a good time was had by all who came. So, if you did not come, why not, you missed a very happy and successful event.

Liz Cudd

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We had a most enjoyable time at our July meeting. Jean Jephcott put on a lovely tea, beautiful home made cakes and fruit bread. We all passed round the teddy bears and gave them a hug. When I say we all, I mean the women, the men sat out in the garden under the canopy. Who says men can't talk!!

We are at the time of writing looking forward to our summer buffet on 16 July. Our August meeting is on Wednesday 19th when we will be shown round the Town Hall by Diane Raphael. If anyone would like to come to our meetings please contact Sheila Lancaster. Transport can be arranged.

Sheila Lancaster

WISE WORDS

Here are some wise words to keep in mind when we are worried: 'How much pain has cost us the evils which have never happened'

These words were written by Thomas Jefferson the third president of the United States

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

The next meeting of the Wickhamford Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 26th August 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. This month's meeting is our Summer Show and we invite all members to take part. For those members who have not already collected the schedule, further copies are available from all Committee Members. For additional information please contact Colin Hill 01386 830237

'K' FITNESS

Watch that SUNBURN !!

My exercise classes close during August but I like to encourage my members to stay fit and use the outdoors during that period with walking, hiking, running, cycling, gardening, playing outdoor sports etc which is fantastic, BUT, it's so easy to overexpose your skin to the sun in doing this. Even when the sun isn't shining, it's still there lurking behind the clouds, waiting to burn us to a frazzle. Please, please remember that burning the skin causes long term damage and can result in SKIN CANCER. 11am to 3pm are the most dangerous times during the day so if you are out then, it's really important to wear a hat, sunglasses and to use a high factor sunscreen and we are thinking Factor 15 or more. DON'T forget the children, they play out for hours and their skin is so delicate. I know we all feel better with a sun tan but let's try and get one sensibly and not put ourselves at risk. Enjoy the summer. My classes restart on September 7th.

Get Fit/ Keep Fit.....Barbara Kay

QUIZ NIGHT

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Badsey Village Hall on Saturday

19th September

7.00pm



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STARSTRUCK IN THE CATHEDRAL

August 15th – September 6th 2009

A Dash of Hollywood and some Worcestershire Sauce!

A touch of good old-fashioned Hollywood glamour will descend on the magnificent location of Worcester Cathedral this summer, when an exclusive Costume Exhibition is opened to the public.

"STARSTRUCK", will feature a dazzling array of up to 100 costumes worn by major stars in a series of BAFTA and Oscar award-winning films, TV & theatre productions.

Worcester Cathedral's Event Manager Debbie Liggins is working with the curator Kate Bailey who works extensively for the V&A and specializes in the production of theatrical exhibitions throughout the country. For Kate, this three-week exhibition will be the culmination of months of work in researching costumes, contacting their designers, tracking down the authentic articles and carefully displaying them for the exhibition. Peter Atkinson, Dean of the Cathedral said, "This brilliant exhibition will be enhanced by the magnificent surroundings of the Cathedral Nave and is part of the plan to develop the Nave creatively as a public space, while ensuring that other parts of the Cathedral remain accessible."

Ticket prices: £7.50 (adult), £6 (Concessions), £5 (Children 5-17yrs), Under 5's Free, £20 (Family, 2+3)
£10 Adult/£30 Family (Joint ticket for entry to Worcester Feast & the Costume Exhibition on September 4th/5th & 6th)

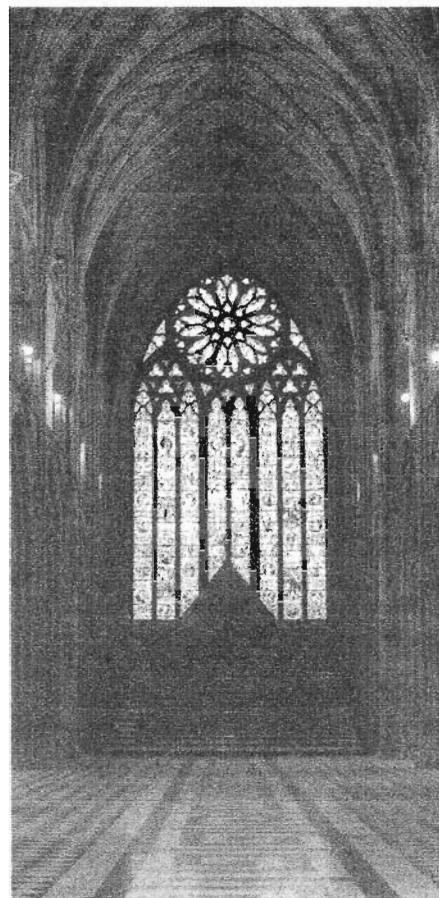
Supporting events will include wig and make-up demonstrations, dance displays, workshops and lectures.

To book a ticket or to find out about our supporting events please call 01905 732900, visit our website www.worcestercathedral.co.uk or e-mail visits@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Opening Times: Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm (last entry 4pm)
Sunday: 12.30pm-3.30pm (last entry 2.30pm)

The exhibition will be closed on Saturday August 22nd

Worcester Feast, an extensive food and wine fair, will be taking place in the impressive surroundings of the Cathedral, the Cathedral gardens and the grounds of the historic Commandery on the last weekend of the exhibition (Sept 4th, 5th & 6th) - www.worcesterfeast.com. In addition, the Worcester Porcelain Museum will be hosting an Antiques Fair on the 5th and 6th Sept - www.worcesterporcelainmuseum.org. The Worcester Visitor Centre will be offering a City Passport to access all 3 events & the Commandery that weekend -- www.visitworcester.com





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Each person is sponsored to visit as many churches as they are able on the day. Money raised will be divided between the Worcestershire & Dudley Historic Churches Trust and the local church you choose to nominate.

The Trust makes grants to churches for essential maintenance.

**Sponsor forms available from Chris Smith
830217**

So please dust off those bikes, saddle up, or get those walking boots out and join in the fun to help our churches.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 7 th August	Cheese and Wine Evening at the Vicarage 7.00pm Tickets £5.00 and £2.50
Saturday 19 th Sept	Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper at Village Hall £6.00 per person
Saturday 10 th October	Harvest Supper at Village Hall at 7.30 pm
Saturday 12 th Dec	Annual Christmas Concert with Avonbank Brass Band

TRAFFIC LIGHTS - RED

Stop whittling! That's what the red light means.

Stop worrying

One priest often started his sermon by saying 'I've got a problem.' And it became a catch phrase amongst the congregation. We've all got problems but why can't problems hit us when we're 17 and know everything. At that age they all seem to have a surplus of simple answers, but a shortage of simple questions.

Worry is like a rocking chair - it keeps us going but gets us nowhere.

You see we all worry at times. That's why the Word of God has so much to say about the painful subject. Why did Jesus make it such a big issue in His Sermon on the Mount if it wasn't a universal problem. At least He recognises our problems even if we don't. God has no problems - only plans so what are His plans for those who whittle and worry themselves sick.

The Red Light means 'Don't worry about today

The Amber Light means 'Don't worry about tomorrow'.

The Green Light means 'Go But Mind How You Go'

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QUIZ FROM ST PETERS, BENGEWORTH

Things seen or heard in and around the church

- 1 Sounds like a change
- 2 Almost drag a hole
- 3 A male, rather fed up
- 4 Very angry
- 5 Sounds serious
- 6 Sounds like a dirty drinking vessel
- 7 Motorists noddy dog
- 8 He plays a leading part
- 9 No FT? (anag)
- 10 Sounds like a rogue
- 11 Backward dog
- 12 A best seller
- 13 Trees plus a letter
- 14 Is this a road hedge keeper?
- 15 Sounds like it is not required
- 16 Fork handles? That's not quite right
- 17 Almost an exclamation of discomfort
- 18 A tiny leaf, but contains much information
- 19 Girl's name
- 20 Forget the women and song

Answers at bottom of page

BADSEY BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S SECTION

The monthly meeting of Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford branch of the Royal British Legion Women's section took place in June and took on the format of a Fete. The weather was fine and warm so it was able to be held outside in the Car Park. This did not bring in the crowds as we were, if anything, down in numbers, but somehow managed to make a reasonable profit for the funds. Naturally thanks goes to all the helpers and people who gave donations that made this an enjoyable evening. It was during this month that we saw the death of one of our older, dedicated members, Nancy West. She had been confined in a nursing home in Upton on Severn for about two to three years following a stroke. It was such a pity that more of her friends could not say their last farewells as they were unable to get to the crematorium at Worcester, and although she had lived all her married life in Badsey was not allowed a service in church beforehand. Is this really a sign of the 'modern trend'? At the time of writing we are looking forward to July's meeting which will be held on Wednesday, 15th when the entertainment will be Mandy David from Littleton. Even if you are not a member of the Legion why not come along and see what an entertaining, friendly evening can be spent with like minded persons.

Note from Editor:

There was no reason from the church's point of view why the funeral of Nancy West could not be taken in Badsey Church. All the ministers involved in funerals have to abide by the wishes of the family.

1 Altar 2 Pulpit 3 Hymns board
4 Cross 5 Grave 6 Stained Glass
7 Carpet 8 Organist 9 Font 10 Nave
11 God 12 The Bible 13 Psalms
14 Verger 15 Surplice 16 Four Candles
17 P(h)ew 18 Leaflet 19 Carol 20 Wine

GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

At 7.15 am on 24 June I joined the group for the German exchange. The journey there and back was quite good but the people on the plane and at the airport were very noisy. It was the first time I had been on a plane so was new to flying and I was really looking forward to it, but all I really thought about was the film 'Snakes' shown on the plane. When we arrived in Germany we drove for a bit and then went to a little restaurant and had something to eat and then set off again. When we arrived at our destination we were early so decided to walk round the village before meeting our hosts. The people I stayed with were lovely and Lydia age 14 was a big sports fan and loved to play sports. Miriam age 17 was very nice and funny. Then there was the oldest sister 18 year old Mirrich. We never met her much but we did once or twice meet her boyfriend who was also very friendly. Then there were the other people I was staying with, Gudrun and Wolfgang who were lovely and I had to go and give them a hug goodnight every night. On the day we left Wolfgang had to go to work so we had to say our goodbyes at their home which was very upsetting. Anyway during the week I went with the gang to a lot of places, to cathedrals and other churches and on one of the others days we were staying there we went to Leipzig and had to wake up very early. The visit to Germany turned out to be one of the best trips I had ever been on and I will never forget it. It was one of the most exciting and fun places I had ever been to.

Emily

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

One day a young girl came home late from a neighbour's house where her little friend had died. Where have you been? Shouted her father.

To comfort my friend's Mum - she replied.

What could you do to comfort your friend's Mum? Chipped in Dad again.

The child taken aback said: I went and all I could do was jump on to her lap and I just cried with her. That's all I did but it was the right thing!

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Eight of us went for two of us it was the our first visit. We had an uneventful journey leaving home at 7.00 am and meeting up with our hosts at Wegeleben at 5.30 pm .It was lovely meeting up with old friends again.

The next day we visited Huysburg Monastery and had a guided tour, including nice glass of wine, and singing in the church. After lunch we visited the chess museum at Ströbeck, chess is historically very important in the village and the children are taught how to play it at school with a prize each year for the best player.

In the evening we had a barbecue and a sing-song in garden at Schwanebeck .

On Friday we visited Halberstadt Cathedral and the museum there .Well worth seeing, some very nice tapestries as well as a host of other interesting things. Sat in on the 12 O'clock worship and then were "free" till the evening I was taken to a Wernigerode castle, very reminiscent of fairy tales. In the evening we had a "romantic walk", an historical walking tour around Halberstadt cathedral area ,rounded off with a very nice meal.

Saturday, early start to Leipzig, there we visited the former prison of state security service {STASI}.Very interesting and frightening to hear how people had to live through all those years. This year sees the twentieth anniversary of the wall coming down. Had a lovely lunch and then went to see The Monument of Nation-

alities {Napoleonic Memorial}.Some of the group walked up 640 steps others chickened out and went up in the lift. A long, but very enjoyable day .

Sunday we attended a 2pm celebration service in Halberstadt Cathedral with over 600 people. Cakes and coffee after they certainly make very nice cakes and there a lot of them. In the evening we had home-made pizza evening in Hausneindorf with many from the partnership attending, food again. To round the evening off, we had short service in the church, it was amazing and for me certainly one of the highlights of the trip As we walked into the church the organ was played by Gudrun {the vicar} and there were two big chandeliers with candles {real ones}and candles at the of each pew all lit .We sang hymns and said prayers to finish off the day. Our last day, another very interesting one having already stopped and seen the remnants of the wall. We went to Marienborn Check-point Museum, and had a guided tour, frightening to hear how people lived during these years. How lucky we are not to have experienced anything like that. We finished our visit with a little service at Marienquelle Chapel and a picnic in the park, soon it was time to leave, we felt quite sad.saying goodbye to our friends again. We had a good flight home and all felt tired, but enriched by our visit We were all looked after very well and are looking to their visit to us in 2011

Marianne Beddis

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