

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

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BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The Badsey Flower Show was held on Saturday 26th July 2009 on the Recreation Ground as usual – it was the 107th show. What a very happy day. The sun shone, in a miserable Summer that was wonderful, not hot, not raining, but perfect, a lovely English summer's day and what could be more English than the Flower Show.

There were lots of classes to enter and competition was at a high level this year with more entries than there has been in the last few years in the traditional classes for fruit and vegetables. All the competitors were up early and into the marquee selecting the best of their produce and carefully displaying it to best advantage. Also there were people who had made craft items, cake makers, jam makers, gardeners with flowers and plants and flower arrangers. Also, and most importantly there were children with their entries, without these young competitors what will happen in future years when all the 'old 'uns' have given up – yes really lovely to see the children taking part, so well done to the parents for their support because we all know that it is all down to the encouragement and interest of the parents that children take part in these events.

For the modest entrance fee there was brilliant entertainment in the arena with the stunt dogs which showed a remarkable degree of training and obedience and what about the belly dancers. Something different was wanted and something different they were. Not a traditional entertainment but very good and very brave and very well received by an appreciative audience. Thomas Trilby on his stilts was very amusing and extremely clever on his enormous bicycle – my small grand-daughters were enthralled. The brass band provided the traditional music that we all enjoy. There was a good selection of stalls to spend money on, along with the raffle with its excellent prizes mainly donated by local



busi-
nesses. The tombola was busy as ever and the bar proved as popular as the WI with their famous teas and home-made cake. Spot Loggins delicious local ice-cream was also a sell-out, twice!

A great shame David Caswell was unable to perform the opening ceremony but Gordon Lashford stepped into the breach and then did his usual excellent job on the PA system. Glad David is now back leaning on his stable door.

So a big thank you to the committee for all their hard work which made the day appear to run seamlessly. Thank you to the car park stewards and their new system which saw less queues than usual in Sands

Lane. Thank you to the helpers on the gate, the Judges, their stewards, people who sold raffle tickets, and people who put up, and then in the evening took down, the tables, and thank you to all who cleared up. In fact a big thank you to anyone and everyone who helped in any way to make a most memorable happy day and especially thank you to all who entered the classes because without you it would all be a bit pointless.

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Dear All



September is the start of the new academic year. Not only is it children who are either starting or returning to school and young people carrying out further study at University or College but there are also a number of mature folk who are going "back to school".

They may be starting a new course or continuing with a programme of study. They may be attending University or College, full-time or part-time, to fit in with other commitments, or distance learning from home.

Many of you may remember reading in the July issue Richard's kind congratulations having been selected for training for the Ordained Ministry. He has asked me to give more details about the course I am taking which starts in September. So here we go - as one of the "mature" students going back to study I start on September 11th with an induction weekend. I have chosen, and been accepted, to carry out my Ministerial Formation, Learning and Training at The Queen's Foundation which is based in Edgbaston, Birmingham. Due to the fact that I still have a Post Office and Shop to run I have opted to do my training part-time and because I carried out modular training to become a Reader

less than ten years ago the Diocese is sponsoring me for a two year course. The "track two" course at Queen's involves attending the Centre every Tuesday afternoon/evening, six residential weekends (all in normal term time) and a residential week in the Easter Holidays. In addition there are placements and "in situ" training. All very exciting, but I am not doing any of this on my own.

Whilst I continue running the business more behind the scene than behind the counter my wonderfully, supportive shop staff and my husband Mike are all contributing in a practical way to enable me to "go back to school". But there is so much more than practical support. There are all those who have held me in their prayers, whilst I went through the process of discerning whether God was calling me to ordained ministry who I hope will continue to pray for me, especially when the stress levels rise!! Whatever and however, most importantly I know God is accompanying me in this latest walk on my Christian journey.

But it is not just those attending educational institutions who are on a course of learning. Every day, no matter how old we are, is a school day. God is there walking alongside each and every one of us, supporting and nurturing us, as we continually encounter new ideas and thoughts. *Ann Potter*

CHURCH SERVICES

Wed 02 Sept	10.00 am	Communion followed by coffee
Sun 06 Sept	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship Evensong
Sun 13 Sept	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Praise & Worship Eucharist
Sun 20 August	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship Evensong
Sun 27 August	11.00 am	Worship & Coffee

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	12 July 09	Hannah Louise Walters
	12 July 09	Tobias George Walters
Funerals:	15 July 09	Norman Ronald Hartwell (ashes)
	22 July 09	Edith Adelaide Turner
	23 July 09	Stanley George Spragg
	27 July 09	Edgar Horton
	30 July 09	Harold Acaster
	3 Aug 09	Patricia Lord
	4 Aug 09	Monica May Lymn
Weddings:	25 July 09	Jamie Thomas Cameron & Caroline Louise Ogg
	31 July 09	Benjamin Edward Lane & Naomi Jade Welch
	1 Aug 09	Damian John Fitzmaurice & Diane Emma Hill
	8 Aug 09	Anthony Redgewell & Nicola Helen Campbell

WORSHIP AND COFFEE

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 11.00 AM

Were you once a worshipper at Badsey Church? Was there something that stopped you coming, or did you just get out of the habit? Have you been to weddings or baptisms and wondered what happened in church on Sundays? Have you never been into Badsey Church? Do you know people who attend church? Do you wonder if the church is relevant for today? Is there something you would like to see at the church?

On September 27th we are inviting you all to a special service where there will be a warm welcome, traditional and modern hymns and activities for children. The service will be followed by refreshments, when you can (if you wish) give some feedback or share your ideas.

Further information available from Sue Cole (831260) or from vicarage@ourbenefice.org.uk

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HAIRDRESSER TALK

... A man went to a salon to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the stylist began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things." The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The stylist finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the salon, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the salon again and he said to the hairdresser: "You know what? Hairdressers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised hairdresser. "I am here, and I am a hairdresser. And I just worked on you!" "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Hairdressers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." "Ah, but hairdressers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me." "Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

Regards

Mike Harris
Fields Close, Badsey

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

At the time of writing we are looking forward to a visit to the Town Hall. The former mayor, Diane Raphael will show us round and we will enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards. On 19 September our meeting will be held in the vicarage where we anticipate an enjoyable talk by the vicar. Later in the year we are having a visit by the Salvation Army and our usual Fish and Chip Christmas lunch. If you would like to join us for any of our meetings call Sheila Lancaster.



JIGSAW

Jigsaw is moving home, from October it will meet on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11 am in Badsey Church. Jigsaw is for 4-10 year olds. At Jigsaw we have Music! Drama! Craft! Stories! and Christian teaching but most of all we have fun.

Autumn Term dates

25th October

22nd November

Children and their families are welcome at our special service 27th September at 11 am for Back to Church Sunday. Children's Activities will be available.



ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

September rota

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

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

Hazel Stewart 832007

TOWER NEWS

Hello everyone, news from the 'Tower' is back. Just before I was indisposed, Clare & Martin Penny from Offenham came along to ring with us. Both of them experienced ringers, and have made such a difference, enabling us to ring a much greater variety of courses. Martin has been holding the fort for me while I have been away. He has brought new ideas for improved striking as well as providing strength within the band. As I write this we have one more wedding for this year. Most unusual to finish at the beginning of August. Its much the same with visiting bands of ringers - only one so far. I have received a very nice letter thanking me for organising the Full Peal on the morning of the 'Flower Show'. This was rung by The Vale of Evesham Society under the leadership of Geoffrey Brewin from Bromyard.

To those who sent their Good Wishes whilst I was away I must say a very grateful 'Thank you' Both John and I gained great strength from them.

Hilary Bolton

QUIZ NIGHT

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BADSEY BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch of The Royal British Legion Women's Section held their monthly meeting a week earlier than normal so that members were able to take advantage of a trip being organised by the Over 60s Friendship Club as quite a number of members belong to both associations. After the business of the Legion was dealt with and refreshments enjoyed it was time for the entertainment for the evening. Mandy Davies came along with her Hammer Dulcimer and explained its history and gave a demonstration on how to play it. She even had song sheets so that the ladies could enjoy a sing along. At the end of her talk members were invited to 'have a go' and naturally a number did. She was then asked to judge our Alpha bet competition. The letter being 'y' was won by Wendy Beasley with her Yellow Teapot and Yorkshire tea. The Squares competition was won by Janet Welsh.

The August meeting will be back to the regular time, Wednesday 26th at 7.30 pm in the lounge of the Legion Club. All ladies are most welcome to come along and see what we get up to!! You don't have to go through the big room at the club, the one nearest the car park is the small lounge where we hold our meetings.

BADSEY NURSERY SCHOOL

The new term starts on Monday 7th September and there are sessions available for children aged two and half years.

We wish a those children who left us in July a happy start to their new adventures at school and are looking forward to meeting up with those who are coming back this term and all our 'new' children and their families

May we remind families that we have a parent and toddler group on Thursdays 1.15 to 3.00 pm at the Nursery school. Parents, carers, childminders, grandparents and children/babies all welcome.

Any further details can be obtained form Heather Gibbons 01386 48943

STARSTRUCK

We are putting on a very exciting exhibition from Aug 15th -Sept 6th in the Nave of Worcester Cathedral entitled Starstruck in the Cathedral - A Costume Exhibition. "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.

Debbie Liggins

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COMMUNITY USE OF CHURCH

Since writing my article last month about using the church during the week, I have discovered that the first pews were donated to Badsey Church by William Seward in 1730. From the restoration in 1885 until 1935 chairs were used and then in 1935 the present pews were put in place. Before the first pews were in the place, the church was a community centre where various activities took place. On 2nd August Songs of Praise visited several churches being used by the community as craft centres, drop in centres, cafes etc. So please keep your ideas coming in, we have already had enquiries about a book exchange with coffee, drama, and art.

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As usual my plea is for more village news and only you, the readers, can do this. I can only put in the newsletter what I receive and it really would be good to hear your news. Would you send all articles, where possible, to the address on the front cover of the newsletter 'badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk.' It would help in the organisation of the news. Thank you all for your news, comments - good or not so good - and for the interest you show in making this your newsletter.

Sheila Lancaster

LIGHT PARTY ALTERNATIVE HALLOWEEN

October 31st 10am - 2.30pm
Offenham School, Admission £1.50
Children 5-11
Please bring packed lunch
please ring Penny 830367 or Sue 831260

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 10 th October	Harvest Supper at Village Hall at 7.30 pm
Saturday 12 th Dec	Annual Christmas Concert with Avonbank Brass Band

For further details and tickets ring:

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WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

All the following films start at 8.00 pm with a taster at 7.30pm.

Saturday 5th Sept **Casino Royale**
Saturday 3rd October **Slumdog Millionaire**
Saturday 7th November **The Motorcycle Diaries**
Saturday 5th December **Field Of Dreams**
Membership is just £5 per person per year

Several churches now serve coffee after the sermons. Maybe this is to make sure the congregation are fully awake before driving home.

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

Hazel Charlton, the community development worker at Long Lartin prison will be the speaker at our meeting on Tuesday 8th September at 2.30 pm. On 21st July the Deanery Social was held in the Church instead of the Vicarage Garden due to a wet afternoon. And it was the unseasonable weather again a week later which found us back in Church for our Garden Meeting which had been originally scheduled to take place at 36 Brewers Lane. Despite the changes in venues for both events all of our visitors enjoyed their time with us



Sandra Sparrow

CORONATION STREET DISABLED CLUB

The club has, as usual, been having a busy few weeks. On 10th July we spent a lovely afternoon in our President's beautiful garden, enjoying a really sumptuous tea, when even the weather was kind to us. The following week was our annual flower show, judged as usual by Colin Hill. The joint winners of the cup this year were Horace Howell and Roy Appleby, both these gentlemen are over 90 and are to be greatly admired. The next 2 weeks were spent at the club, when the speakers were Peggy Cole on Pets for Patients and Alison Farnworth on Occupational Therapy. Both of these talks were really interesting and greatly enjoyed by our members. We now look forward to a busy month.

Jean Dyke, Chairman

The next meeting of Wickhamford Gardening Club is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This month we are fortunate to have a demonstration of Floral Art given by Sandra Vale. Members are invited to bring guests as usual, and if further information is required then please contact either Dorothy Turpitt (01386 830834) or Colin Hill (01386 853412) who will be pleased to help

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WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHS

The children in the reception class have been learning about marriage and the highlight of this project was a pretend wedding which took place in church.

Everyone dressed up and had a good time. The bride was Devan Moss and the groom was Kelsey Shuard.



THERE MUST BE MORE

(W.I. Winning poem)

There must be more to life, I thought, than being a mother and wife.

So I'll join the W.I. to get myself a life.

I'll learn to make jam, bake a cake and brew that special cup of tea.

I'll maybe go to their Denman College and learn all about music, Poetry and the latest I.T.

I'll learn to knit and sew, to paint and draw and even have a go at tapestry.

I'll show them all that there's an awful lot more to me.

Well I didn't learn much about art and craft although I tried a time or two

But I did go to Denman College and learnt advanced driving, massage and how to BBQ.

I went on holidays abroad and visited places I'd never been to before,

Including Buckingham Palace and going right up to Prince Charles front door.

Went walking up hill and down dale through sun, wind and rain

Ignoring the mud, the stiles and the pain!

Ate many a meal in all kinds of places, played rounders and skittles

And even scored a few aces!

Dressed up for carnivals, fetes and shows

What people thought of me well goodness knows!

But most of all what I did find were people of a varying kind,

People who cared, and had one another in mind.

People who laughed and had fun, people who bothered and cared about everything and everyone.

So if you want to be more than a mother and wife

Join W.I. and get a life.

BADSEY W.I.

Our July meeting was our annual garden meeting and was held in the lovely garden of Annette and Chris Robbins. The weather was watched with bated breath and as the rain didn't fall and it wasn't too cold we went ahead. After the usual W.I. business we all enjoyed a delicious American Supper.

It is always amazing that when 50 people are asked to bring a plate of food, sweet or savoury, you never get an abundance of one type of food. The variety is always wonderful and a lot of it most

innovative as well as delicious. As for the sweets, they are to die for. Very fattening but much too delicious to resist or to stop at one!! The evening was rounded off by a game of Card Darts and 'Pegs on a Washing Line' which was won by Angela Gash with Bernice Sims winning the Card Darts. A really lovely evening.

The speaker at our meeting on September 9th is Joyce Payne on 'My Life as a Court Dressmaker'. At the end of October Members will be going to London to see the stage show 'Calendar Girls'. Anyone who would like to come along to a meeting will be made most welcome. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.15 pm.

We recently had to write a poem on 'The W.I.' and the winning entry which says what the W.I. is all about (no - not Jam and Jerusalem! Though that has its place).



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THE SIGN OF THE PEACE

Two letters on sharing The Peace in Church.

Letter 1 printed in The Times on 3rd August

Sir, Another consequence of swine flu is that churches are dispensing with the sign of peace. If true, I might start attending services again.

(signed Tom Randall, Nottingham)

Letter 2 printed in The Times on 6th August

Sir, Tom Randall's tongue-in-cheek consideration of a return to church now that Anglicans are dispensing with the sign of peace (letter, 3rd Aug) masks a real issue. When it was announced in my church I was delighted and prayed that the practice would never return. Many long-serving members of the congregation find the whole procedure highly embarrassing. Moreover, having to be compulsorily cheerful when perhaps in one's private life there may be trouble or grief, and one wants to be left alone to think, makes a mockery of the whole process. Bedlam often ensues with noise levels rising with every greeting. In my experience, 'the peace' is anything but.

(signed Terence Crolley, Maghull, Merseyside)

Letter from one of our long-serving members of the congregation in answer to the two letters printed here.

With reference to Tom Crolley's letter, I thoroughly agree with what he says about 'the peace'. I think the sharing of the peace has got a little out of hand. To me this is a prayerful service and I feel that all the kissing and hugging interrupts the quiet worship of the service.

I am quite happy to share the peace by shaking hands with my immediate neighbours and adding my prayer for peace to the greater church.

Jessie Reeves

Editor's note:

These 3-letters are the views of the people concerned and not those of the incumbent. The editor would be interested to hear from you on the opinions expressed in these letters.

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LAWN CRAZY

God: Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there in England? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles and stuff I started aeons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from their long-lasting blossoms attract butterflies, bees and flocks of birds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now but all I see are these green rectangles.

St Francis: It's the tribes that settled there. Lord, the Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

God: Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colourful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and worms. It's temperamental with temperature. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

St Francis: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each Spring by fertilising the grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

God: The Spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast, that must make the Suburbanites happy.

St Francis: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows they cut it, sometimes twice a week.

God: They cut it? Do they bail it for hay?

St Francis: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it into bags.

God: They bag it? Why, is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

St Francis: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

God: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilise grass so it will grow and when it does they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

St Francis: Yes, Sir.

God: These suburbanites must be relieved in the Summer when he cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. This surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work?

St Francis: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast they drag our hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

God: What nonsense. At least they keep some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I say so myself. The leaves on the trees provide beauty in the Spring, shade in the Summer and then fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and shrubs. And, as they rot, they form compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural cycle of life.

St Francis: You'd better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have a new cycle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them taken away.

God: No! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the Winter and to keep the soil moist and loose?

St Francis: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something called mulch and spread it around in place of the leaves.

God: Where do they get this mulch?

St Francis: They cut down trees and grind them up to make mulch.

God: Enough. I don't want to think about this any more. St Catherine, you're in charge of arts, what movie have you got for tonight?

St Catherine: *Dumb and Dumber, Lord. It's a really stupid movie about...*

God: Never mind. I think I just heard the whole story from St Francis.

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