

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

November 2009

REGAL REVIVAL

Looking a lot like Russell Brand, a polite quietly spoken young man introduced himself as Lawrence Wiper, the person in charge of a million pound restoration and refurbishment project, which will bring films back permanently to the redundant and now rather dilapidated Regal Cinema.

Once the pride of Port Street after closure it was sadly boarded up and became an increasing eyesore and suffered damage from decay and break-ins. It is a fine example of a 1930's Art Deco style cinema designed by the notable cinema architect Archibald Hurley Robinson, a listed building. Lawrence, who seems far too young, to be in charge of such a huge challenge, soon impressed all in our group by his enthusiasm for the cinema of our memories, for the beauty and uniqueness of its architectural features, and for the need to restore it to a pristine condition using caring craftsmen. He excites us by pointing out the "popcorn" up-lighters, the positions of the original gas lamps, the newly restored doors to the circle and the organ vents; behind which no organ was ever installed; but they are hoping to rescue and install a proper old cinema organ for our future delight and show original silent movies as a novelty.

Of course there will be changes, there has to be to make it a viable business. Some of the seating will go, there will be a bar, a restaurant too and a coffee house. Health and safety and disabled access will be addressed. But most of all the building is going to be lovingly restored and new life gently breathed into it.

If you are able to join a tour of this building you won't be disappointed by the ambitious intentions of its new owners because they are knowledgeable cinema buffs. The tour also allowed us all to see the inner sanctum of the projectionist's room complete with two enormous 1947 Westar 2001A Projectors; which are still in working order, wow! I had always wanted to see that.

The venue will show a huge variety of films. It will host comedy nights, private parties and corporate events. Local artists will be encouraged to display their work on

the walls of the upstairs bar, and local schools will be invited to use the facility for activities linked to the curriculum.

The same people responsible for this project have also renovated, opened and made a great success of another similar 1930,s cinema in Berkhamstead; and will incorporate many ideas from the Rex.

The project is seeking help from you. It needs your ideas, enthusiasm and support especially by small donations. Lawrence is hoping an army of volunteers will help with the refurbishment and redecoration. It is timed to reopen by June 2010.

Graffiti scrawled on the boarded up building used to say "save da cinnamon", I smiled at the misspelling and thought its days were surely over, I am so glad they are not.

To find out more: call in at The Regal or see their excellent website www.theregal.ac

by Chris Smith



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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All,

The leaves had already started to change colour in October and the lawn outside the study window at the vicarage was covered in leaves (I really must get round to clearing them up before winter sets in); it all goes to show that, although at the time of writing we have not had the first frost, winter seems to be on its way again. The seasons come and go year by year and we can guarantee that winter will follow autumn and spring will follow winter, we may not be certain these days of the timing of such events as the seasons seem to be gradually merging into one. Am I imagining it or did things seem so much more certain years ago! Perhaps I am turning into a 'Grumpy Old Man', or perhaps it is all an illusion and nothing has ever been certain in this world.

I don't want to appear to be overly morbid, but once we are born into this world there is only one thing that is certain, and that is that we will, at some time, depart from it. No one knows the time or the circumstances of when this will happen although, since the publication of the guidelines laid out by the Director of Public

FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

Prosecutions regarding assisted suicide, this may not appear to be certain either. This is probably not the forum to discuss such a complicated and emotive issue, but as a Christian it is something that we need to have a view on. Taking a life is wrong as is unnecessary suffering; however modern drugs can bring relief not previously known and palliative care has improved tremendously over the past few years. The answer is not an easy one and the possibilities of assisted suicide worry me greatly.

One thing that I am certain of is that nothing can separate us from the love of God. All Souls is a time that the Church particularly remembers all who have departed this life and there is a service at 6.30 pm on Sunday 01 November in the Parish Church of St James, Badsey to which you are all invited. It will be a time for quiet reflection and an opportunity to remember loved ones in the certainty that they are at rest and that nothing can separate either us or them from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

With love and prayers,

Richard

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CHURCH SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2009

Sun 01	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Benefice All Souls
Wed 04	10.00 am	Communion followed by coffee
Sun 08	10.45 am	Remembrance
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 15	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 22	9.30 am	Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 29	11.00 am	Benefice Service

Morning Prayer is said at 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday & Wednesday, which are a Eucharist.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

04 Oct 09	Fraser John Cattanach
04 October 09	Maisie Sophia Cattanach
11 October 09	Lily Jay Thomas

Funerals:

12 October	George Henry Welch (Harry)
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Weddings:

None

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

NOVEMBER ROTA

1st Sunday	Pat & Sue
2nd Sunday	Annette & Sheila
3rd Sunday	Julie & Eleanor
4th Sunday	Hazel & Hazel
5th Sunday	Advent
December	No flowers during Advent

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during October, especially the lovely arrangements for the Harvest Festival. The Church looked beautiful. Also thank you to those who kindly gave flowers, fruit etc. (A rest for the Guild during December).

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart 832007

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

Julia and David Routledge would like to thank everyone who sponsored them for the Ride and Stride in aid of the Historic Churches Trust. We hiked 20km in 7 hours, covering 19 churches, chapels and other places of worship in Broadway, Childswickham, Wickhamford, Badsey, Evesham and Hampton. Julia and David raised £139.



*Few things are harder to ut up with
than the annoyance of a good example
Mark Twain*

MEMORIES

Have you written your memoirs yet? Too many people never get round to it until its too late. You don't need to be famous, or even infamous, as everyone has a story to tell. Don't just rely on passing on your life story to your children, they will be more interested in inheriting your house, not your memories.



Follow the example of Mick Taylor, a mere stripling in his mid sixties, who has just had published his memories of post-war Aldington. Mick recalls, in his own unique style, the last sixty years of life in this small hamlet. For anyone who has ever lived in Aldington then this book will certainly invoke memories. The 32 page A4 loose-bound booklet titled 'Minty's Tales' by Mick Taylor is published by the Aldington Residents Association and priced at £3. It is available from Mike

EXERCISE FOR THE OVER 50S

Bgin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10lb potato sacks. Then try 50lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get where you can lift a 100lb sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for a full minute. After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks

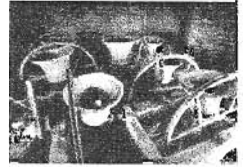
(This was given to me by a parishioner)

COMMUNITY NEWS ONLINE

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TOWER NEWS

Saturday 07 November at approx 9.30 am the bells will be rung half muffled in memory of the fallen. The 'Vale of Evesham ringers under the leadership of Mr. Geoffrey Brewin from Bromsgrove, will take the form of a Full Peal lasting around 2hrs 50 mins. The bells will remain muffled for the Sunday morning 'Remembrance' Service at 45 am. On the subject of questions asked. Why do the number of bells rung vary for the services? This depends on the ringers available - we are a voluntry group of people who enjoy what we do, but of course, this has to fit around our family commitments, and there is not enough of us to fill the bill so to speak. Take the Harvest Service for instance - four of our ringers were taken up with other things and one had a cold, leaving only five and an invited person to make up the team of six. So we made the most of what we had.



Hilary Bolton

BADSEY RAINBOWS

We have started the term with the 100 years girl guiding launch party, and the local community officer joined us (attached is the photo).we have learnt the basic first aid, we supported the church for harvest festival, and we will end the term with a halloween party.



Sarah C Badsey Rainbows

OVER 60S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

For our September meeting the speaker was Sue Sollis who spoke about her journey from Lands End to John O'Gróats to raise funds for the fight against Lukeamia. In October Sheila Taylor entertained us with a presentation of old tools and gadgets, which she handed round to see how many of the iems we could identify, and then giving a description of their various uses.

The speaker for our November meeting will be Jill Frazer, who narrates on the subject of 'A Vicarless Vicarage'.

The Christmas Lunch outing is due to take place on Wednesday 25 November at the New Inn Hotel, Clifford Chambers. The lunch will be followed by a visit to a nearby garden centre.

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

On Wednesday 04 November at 10 am we will be taking Communion at Badsey Church, followed by coffee. Then on Tuesday 10 November at 2.30 pm our speaker is Sandra Ashcroft, who will talk about 'Faith in thy name O Lord we go. Music and Musings'



Sandra Sparrow

4 WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

The next meeting of the Club is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 25th November in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. This month is our Christmas Social, when we have Roland Sandalls and his keyboard to entertain us during the evening. Roland is well known in the local villages, and regularly plays the organ in Buckland Church, so we can look forward to an entertaining evening. Members and their guests are welcome. For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt (01386 830834) Ros Fairbrother (01386 858846), Sue Stayt (01386 41849) or Colin Hill (01386 853412). We look forward to seeing everyone for our final meeting of 2009, when we will also have details of our programme for 2010 which promises to be very enjoyable.

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 22nd November



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POLICE OFFICER VISITS BROWNIES



The community officer came to visit to give us a chat about this and that. All the Brownies were very excited but sat nice and quiet to hear him talk. He cycles around on his bike in a helmet and makes sure everyone is safe and happy.

He brought a police van to show us and let us go right in and before we knew it he had locked us in! It was a great evening and lots of fun. I would like to say thank you from everyone

By Martha Stringer



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a lovely start to our new term and our 'new' children are settling in well. We are covering 'transport' and have had fun painting wheels to make patterns, making 'boats' and our role play is reflecting the topic too.

We are pleased that Sam Ore who had been with us last school year on a temporary basis has begun her Early Childhood Studies course at Worcester University and we wish her well. Her sister Katrina who recently completed her Early Years Cache Diploma is now with us too part time.

Our links with school continue and Penny Christison has been to visit us too

Reminder:

Parent and Toddler group - This is held at the Nursery on Thursdays from 1.15pm to 3.00pm and is for all families and babies and children up to the age of 5. The cost is £2.00 to include refreshment for all.

Do come along

I am now formulating the sessions for January 2010 and if you need further information do call in or telephone 01386 48943 Heather Gibbons



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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Planning

At the meeting on the 16th September representations were heard by the Parish Council from concerned residents of Brewers Lane with regard to a planning application (W/09/01690/OU). This application is for the demolition of 27 Brewers Lane and the development of the site and the land behind for 39 dwellings. Residents were extremely concerned on a number of points and when the application was considered by the Council the Council decided to object to the Planning Authority on a number of points including several highways issues; the fact that the site is outside the village plan; sewerage issues; flooding issues and the impact on the landscape and ecology of the area.

Affordable Housing

The Council received a report from Nigel Potter, Rural Housing Enabler on progress with social housing provision within the village. The Council appointed its

Chairman of Planning, Councillor David Badham to liaise with Mr Potter to progress this matter more swiftly as it was felt that social housing provision in the village was inadequate.

Vehicle Activated Road Sign (VAS)

The Council had already decided to join with three other Parishes to purchase a mobile VAS for use in the village on a rota system. Councillor Pat McKeivitt was appointed the Council representative to liaise with the other parishes in moving the project forward.

Rural Rate Relief

The Parish Council was once again pleased to be able to assist two local businesses with rural rate relief – Sanco, Badsey and Badsey Butchers. The Council felt that this was worthy of its support as the businesses provide a definite benefit to the community.

BADSEY BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

September's meeting of the Royal British Legion Women's Section, Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford branch took place on Wednesday evening 23rd when they were hosts for the Group II meeting and the groups' AGM. Members from Fladbury, Offenham, Pershore and Sedgeberrow attended and were welcomed by the Badsey Chairman, Bet Westmacott. The meeting commenced with the AGM and the agenda and balance sheet was circulated to those present. It was decided to go back to charging fifty pence admission fee which had been stopped for a year to reduce the amount held in the bank. Once again the position of secretary came up, so many volunteers!! (only kidding) yes, Val Taylor was once again re-elected. After the AGM came the report from the last group II meeting which was accepted. It was at this point that the chairman of Pershore, Wendy Griffiths, thanked everyone who had attended the funeral of Laura Joyce, secretary of Group II and treasurer of Pershore Branch. Many of us knew Laura and she will be missed. The meeting then carried on with our Harvest Festival. The Revd Richard Court had been in touch earlier to say that he was available this evening but as our service had already been organised by Ruby Gaily we decided to carry on as previously arranged. Unfortunately Ruby was unable to see the outcome of all her hard work as she died on 09 September 2009. She was such a willing worker and volunteer that we will miss her. Once again Pat Gorin played the piano for the hymns and after the service the ladies enjoyed a ploughman's supper washed down with cider or lemonade. The harvest produce provided by the members was auctioned and the auctioneers were 'a couple of local yokels', yes you've guessed it, it was Bet and Val dressed for the part. Afterward the raffle took place with numerous prizes to be won. The Sedgeberrow then thanked Badsey and left for home. Bretforton had sent their apologies but said they would hold the next Group II meeting on Wednesday 09 December 2009. If there are any ladies who would like to join us please do. You do not have to have any connection with the armed forces. The meetings are held in the Lounge at the Legion Club, Badsey on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday 28 October and the subs of £5.00 are then due, plus an extra £1.00 if you wish to join the Legion Club. Hope to see some new faces, you will be made most welcome.

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Our speaker in September was Joy Payne on 'My Life as a Court Dress Designer, who gave us an interesting insight into her rise from an apprentice seamstress at 13 to a designer working for a top design house. Her achievements were remarkable and her talent made us all so envious especially those of us who cannot even sew a button on neatly. Members are looking forward to their visit to see the Calendar Girls in London at the end of October. Two members had been to see the W.I. Memorial Seat at the Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas. The seat is a lovely stone built 'S' shaped seat with the W.I. logo set out in stonework on the ground at the base of the seat. It is hoped to take a party there in May of next year as this is a most wonderful place to visit. Members are busy filling boxes for the 'Christmas Child' (shoe box) appeal and making quilts or blankets for the same cause. Our November meeting takes place on 11th November when Hazel Stewart will be leading the evening showing us all 'What We Can Do'. This will be an exhibition of a variety of different crafts etc. that members do (hiding their light under a bushel!) and some members will be demonstrating their different crafts encouraging and inviting other members to 'have a go'. This should be a very interesting and fun evening. The meeting starts at 7.15 pm and is held at the Village Hall anyone who would like to come along will be made most welcome.

A lovely evening was had at the Harvest Supper held on Saturday 10 October at Badsey Village Hall. The evening began with a supper of salad and apple pie washed down with wine or orange juice. A jovial, friendly evening was made even more jovial by our guest Mr Richard Westcott, a 'Pantomime Dame'. Richard comes from Birmingham and has been a pantomime dame for many years as well as a part time actor. He took us through his transformation from a very smart suited man to the hilarious dame we are all familiar with beginning with his make-up, giving us women some very 'useful tips' as he applied each item of make-up. He then 'stripped' down and changed into one of his costumes finished off with wig and hat and hey presto there 'she' was. Richard did three costume changes, with help from his dresser for the evening, Wendy Such who did a splendid if reluctant job. Richard also entertained us with some of the usual things that happen at pantomimes with audience participation. The evening finished with a raffle and prizes awarded to the tables that got the most correct answers to two quizzes. Many thanks to everyone who came along and all those who supported us in so many ways. Special thanks to Sue England, Stephanie Hartley Elizabeth Cudd, all the ladies who kindly baked delicious apple pies for us and an anonymous benefactor for his kindness. Thank you to all those who helped clear the hall and the kitchen at the end of the evening, to the Vicar and Churchwarden. The evening was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came. Many thanks to everyone and as an added bonus the evening raised over £300.00 for Church funds. **THANK YOU ALL.**

LOOKING BACK - 100 YEARS

An extract from the village Parish Magazine of October 1909.

Choir Outing to Weston:

We had glorious weather all day, which was a great deal to be thankful for in this cheerless summer of dripping skies. We were thirty-one in all when we were marshalled on the platform of the Midland Station at Evesham. What a joy travelling by train is! First seeing the old familiar landmarks gliding by, then the swift advance into unknown regions, with the occasional station whizzing by, varied by the shooting past of bridges, and, best joy of all, the headlong plunge into the tunnel, and the eager watch to see the first glimmering of returning day. All this we enjoyed to the full. We didn't miss much of what was to be seen. We glimpsed Gloucester Cathedral Tower, the Wellington Monument, and Clifton Suspension, Bridge, as well as the less pretentious but none the less interesting coal mines, gasworks and ironworks round Bristol. We admired, too; some magnificent specimens of engines, both Midland and Great Western. Then, at Weston, what a pleasure it was walking down unfamiliar streets, with strange unknown names staring at us from the shops. But, alas! one great disappointment awaited us—the tide was out, very much out, in fact almost out of sight. And we had made up our minds that if we could not bathe, at least we would paddle; but this was denied us. A splendid dinner, however, cheered us up, and we went back to the sands determined to make the best of things and have a good time. And what with pierrots, fearsome rides on donkeys, football (that never-failing source of joy to the boys of Badsey) and kite-flying, we were quite ready for tea, The tea, consisting of bread and butter, jam, shrimps, cakes and swiss rolls. After tea Mrs. Allsebrook gave us sixpence each, and off we went in a body to the Old Pier, and had about two hours of fierce dissipation with Houpla (whence we won prizes galore), bicycle racing, shooting, and other wondrous delights. We made our way back to the station in plenty of time, and soon were speeding home, singing until we could sing no longer. We marched home from Evesham together, escorted by Mr. G. E. Jones's bicycle lamp, with a merry whistle and, scattering, were soon safe in bed.

LOOKING FURTHER BACK

**The Badsey Society
present
A Talk by Richard Phillips on
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Many people have begun tracing their family history but few have used DNA testing to discover more about their ancestry. This talk will explain, in simple language, how DNA testing works and how it can be used to answer all sorts of questions about family history. Open to all, but contributions to The Badsey Society welcomed if not a member.

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Let's take a look at the knee bend. You'll see that we have been changing the feet from closed to open, to open oblique, pivoting back to plie, all mimicking directions we use during our day. We add to that

QUIZ EVENING WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

What a fun evening we had. Fourteen teams took part and laughter and brains were the order of the evening, though I think the 'brains' were lacking for many of us. The quiz was arranged and conducted by Eileen Goodall, to whom we give a big thank you, ably assisted by her scorer Mary. Fish and chips, piping hot, from the Rainbow Fish and Chip shop were served in the interval and were delicious. Teams supplied their own drinks and came from Badsey, Offenham,

different uses of the arms: up, down, across, opposition, forwards, backwards etc so that the mind has to quickly co-ordinate with the body as we do all the time, every day. We can also apply this to knee lifts, lunges, rises, walking, leg lifts and lots more. By performing these moves, your body is training itself through more natural movements and is toning and strengthening the muscles we need to function well.

Many, many people don't have good balance. How many times do you stand on one leg? Not many really, so when it is necessary it can be a difficult move to do and so again during the Functional training your stabilising muscles are taking a good work out.

It's quite a subtle form of exercise in that you are perhaps unaware of just how many ways you are moving and how many muscles are working.

Babara Kay

Evesham and other villages and had their knowledge severely tested. The winners were the team JAPAN with High Society, a team from Badsey coming second. The evening raised approximately £200.00 which was shared between Badsey Junior Cricket Club and St. James Church. Many thanks to all who came and supported the evening and a big thank you to Sue and Chris for collecting the fish and chips. We hope to hold another such evening in the near future.

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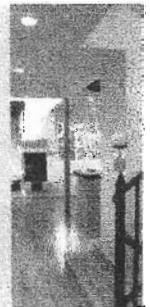
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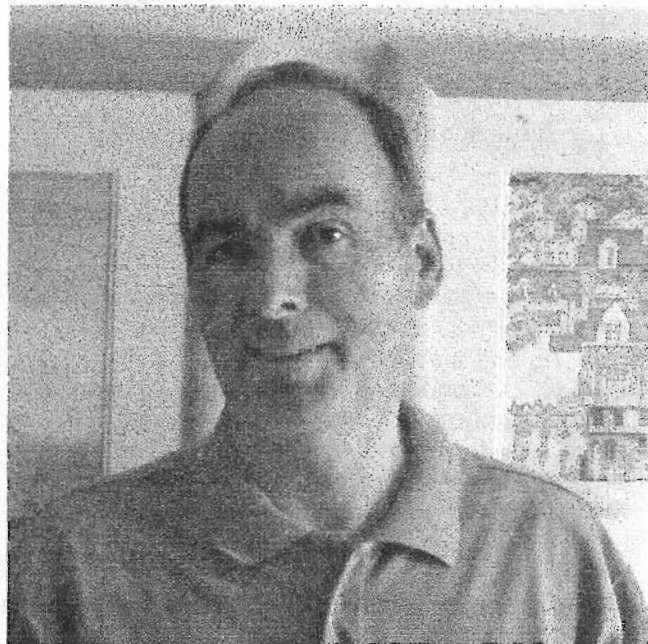
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PEOPLE PROFILE - IAN GIBSON

Ian has always been interested in drawing and obtained good exam results in art at the schools he attended on the South Coast. Ian was encouraged to study science and gained a degree in Zoology before taking a place at Portsmouth College of Art aiming for a career in natural history illustration. After leaving Art College his subject matter developed from specifically natural history into all sorts of commission work, mainly portraits and landscapes which he still does today. Later Ian started a small business producing local view prints and these are sold in shops and galleries in Hampshire. He has also painted many Artist's Impressions for builders and architects. Since marrying Lynn and settling in Badsey he has enjoyed living in a village in the countryside instead of in a crowded coastal town, although occasionally he does miss the sea. Although not a native of this area Ian has found it very absorbing learning about the history and natural resources of the Vale which led to him joining the Badsey Society. Ian is now on the committee and involved in the production of the artwork for the Society, such as the Enclosure Map tea towel, the Society banner, illustrations and design work for its publications. Living here has inspired Ian to try new ideas in his painting. Recently he has been experimenting with detailed watercolour producing imaginative paintings which are surreal in nature, based on the local landscape. Ian is particularly

interested in the interaction between geology, landscape and traditional architectural styles, representing these themes in a way that is thought provoking but often also amusing. These paintings are being exhibited around the region such as in The Stone Gallery, Burford and Number 8, in Pershore



USEFUL NUMBERS

PETER LUFF, MP for Mid Worcestershire holds regular surgeries in Droitwich and Evesham.

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