

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

March 2010

BURNS NIGHT

The hall looked lovely and all the tables adorned with 2 different coloured tartan napkins and table decorations on each.

In the distance we would hear the skirl of a bagpipe. The doors opened and there was our own Piper Revd. Richard Court in his full regalia (and good he looked too) ready to pipe in the Haggis.

After Alex said the Selkirk Grace, we all sat down for our wonderful Burns Supper. First course was Haggis with Neeps and Tatties with a lovely Cranberry & Wine based sauce and a wee dram of Whisky. Second course – Roast Beef with all the trimmings and to finish the meal we had a Scottish sweet called Apples Alloway (cooked apples topped with toasted oats and sugar) which was topped with thick cream mixed with an 8 year old Whisky – delicious!

To complete the evening, we had The Revd. Canon Robert Jones (Chair of the Magdeburg Task Group) who recited some of Robbie Burns Poetry and also Michael Elden who accompanied by playing the accordion for us to sing Scottish songs.

I am sure I can say everyone had a wonderful evening (I know David and myself did). Lastly, a very big thank-you to Hugh and Sally Mitchell and team for all their hard work spending many hours preparing and cooking such a wonderful feast.

The evening raised £675.00 to be shared between The German Partnership and Helping Hands.



On behalf of the German Partnership, thank you to all who attended and those who worked so hard to make the evening an enjoyable success. The total raised was £675.

Alex Christison



A wonderful evening was spent at Badsey Village Hall with people across the benefice and beyond. An excellent meal was served and the Ode to the Haggis performed by our vicar most surely entitle him to an Equity Card! Our MC for the evening was Chris Smith who showed wit and humour we didn't know he had. This occasion certainly used everyone's talents to the full – well done to the organisers.

Angela Grey

Sandra Cockram

23rd January we all celebrated the life of Robbie Burns. My Mum is Scottish and 96 years old, so I decided to have her to stay for the weekend so that she could join in. Did we all enjoy it! The tables were very attractively decorated with tartan ribbon bows but that was just the beginning. Richard, the Vicar, was very elegant in his kilt and full highland dress, his bag pipe playing was a revelation and his address to the haggis was superb. Yes, the Vic did us proud – well done Richard. Then the food. The last time I had a haggis was in the garden of a pub off Princes Street in Edinburgh, Graham had his haggis on a pizza with our American visitors, but this time it was haggis with neeps and tatties and a dram of whisky. This was followed by superb roast beef with lovely vegetables and then apple with a crumble topping and lashing of cream. We had the toasts to Robbie Burns, to the lassies by Chris Smith – his reasons why God made Eve were hilarious and true! and the reply by Gill Armstrong to the ladies. Then we sang the lovely old and some new Scottish songs accompanied by the accordion. We arrived home at 10.45pm having had a truly marvellous evening.

Liz Cudd



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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear Friends,

I have been to several meetings recently where the discussion has centred the around the contact which the Parish Church has with the people it serves. This has been particularly in connection with what the Church calls 'The occasional Offices' this phrase comes from the need to hold these services (or offices) as the occasion demands; they are Baptisms (or Christenings), Holy Matrimony (Weddings), and Funerals. The national statistics available regarding weddings shows that between 1972 and 2006 (latest figures available) there has been a steady decline in overall weddings and that the number of 'church' weddings has declined even more rapidly. The decline in overall weddings I think is a reflection of the society in which we now live, where people are happy to live together rather than to 'tie the knot' and the decline in church weddings must be seen in the context of the increased availability of other licensed wedding venues such as local hotels and golf clubs. The research also suggests that people are reluctant to opt for a Church service if they are

FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

not 'church goers' because they feel it would be hypocritical.

Although the Church no longer plays the same role in village life as it did a generation or two ago, as your parish Priest I feel that the occasional offices are the ones which mark the great family milestones. They are some of the happiest and the saddest moments that families share together and therefore a cause for celebration. This may seem a strange word to use, particularly regarding the death of a loved one, but it is an opportunity to celebrate the life of someone held very dear. Seen in this context what better place than the parish Church to celebrate these life events; my hope and prayer is that no one should feel either excluded or discouraged from using the Church, and that our parish Church may be seen to go against the national trend so that everyone feels welcome to celebrate and to give thanks to Almighty God in celebration of these great events. In this way the Church will remain at the heart of the community it is there to serve.

Richard

CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Vicar:	The Revd Richard Court	834550
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CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH

Wed 3rd	10.00 am	Communion followed by coffee
Sun 7th	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 14th	11.00 am	Family Service
		Mothering Sunday
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 21st	11.00 am	Experimental Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 28th	11.00 am	Family Service for Palm Sunday
	6.30 pm	Eucharist

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: None

Funerals:
 25 January 2010 Michael David Hewlett
 25 January 2010 Sydney Philip Cull (ashes)
 5 February 2010 Eric Donald Hall

Weddings: None

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2010

Tuesday 30 Mar	7.30 pm	Evensong with address at Badsey
Wednesday 31 Mar	7.00 pm	Compline with meditation at Offenham
Thursday 1 April	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Washing of Feet at Badsey
Good Friday 2 April	10.00 am	Children's workshop at Offenham School
	2.00 pm	Meditation at Badsey
	7.00 pm	Meditation at Bretforton
Saturday 3 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

OUT OF THE ARCHIVES



Have you ever thought when or why our piped water came to the village. It's not something we think about really but by the time you've read to the end of these notes, you'll know a little more about Badsey's village history. From the 1800s onwards, cholera and typhoid epidemics were rampant all over the country. No-one knew why until a Royal Commission reported most adversely on the country's water supplies. Drains were inadequate, and rivers were polluted. A few Public Health Acts were passed but they were never taken seriously. In the 1870s house building increased. Something had to be done. Local Authorities were encouraged to provide public water supplies and public sewers, in the hope of improving sanitation and controlling disease. Engineers from Evesham searched many years for a reliable water source, as an alternative to the town's polluted wells. An ideal spring on Middle Hill estate above Broadway was found in 1881. The owner of Middle Hill was entrepreneur and business man Edgar Flower, co-owner of the Flowers Brewery in Stratford upon Avon. Edgar sold the rights of his spring water to Evesham Borough council and in 1883, Childswickham Reservoir was constructed where water off the hill gravitated down to it. Pipework was laid alongside the main Broadway/Evesham road to supply Evesham Town with a piped water supply. On 1st January 1884 Evesham Borough Corporation Water Works was officially opened with great pomp and ceremony in the town that day. December 1887, almost four years after the opening of Evesham's Water Works, an Agreement was drawn up between Evesham Borough Council and "The Rural Sanitary Authority" (today it would be called Wychavon District Council), to provide piped water for

Badsey and Wickhamford. The start date would be March 1888. The Rural Sanitary Authority would buy water off Evesham Borough Council, paying 1s 4d for each 1000 gallons supplied. The run of the mill price would be twopence per week to ratepayers. When word spread to Badsey they were to receive a piped water supply, ratepayers demonstrated unwillingness to accept change and dug their heels in right to the last at a meeting in the National School. They objected to an imported water supply and felt their spring water was in general, "ample as to quantity and pure as to quality throughout the village". The meeting was held in vain, piped water was supplied to the village in 1888. Gradually, by 1897 many more vale villages had received a public water supply. Today we are no longer supplied with water from springs above Broadway. The supplies became too unreliable for today's unprecedented demand for water. The Water Treatment Works at The Mythe Tewkesbury, and Strensham, supply us today with water, all maintained by Severn Trent Water. If you are interested in your village history, why not join Badsey Society. Visit the Badsey website and look at The Badsey Society section, or just ask around in the village for a contact.

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BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

On Wednesday 03 March we meet for a Communion Service in Badsey Church followed by coffee. George, from the Spar Shop, is the guest speaker at our meeting on Tuesday 09 March starting at 2.30pm. On Thursday 25 March our members will be attending the Deanary Festival at 7.00pm in Hampton Church, before rounding off the month with a Holy Week Service at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th March.



SPRING WORKSHOP

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4 ROUND ROBIN GROUP

Nina Ward will be talking to us at our next meeting on 18 March 2.00 pm, at Jim and Jean's house 45 Brewers Lane. If you would like to come along just let me know. There is no obligation to join on a regular basis. We are a group of people meeting in love and fellowship and support.



RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

The Badsey and Aldington Relief in Need Charity are once again reminding parishioners that help is available for those suffering hardship or distress. All requests for loans and donations, within the scope of the charity, will be considered by the trustees, who guarantee all claims remain private and confidential. The charity, originally known as the Bread Charity, was set up in 1730, and is overseen by a group of trustees representing various village organisations. Recently one of these, the Parish Council, appointed Mary Campbell as one of their nominees. Mary replaced Sue Cole, who had stepped down after many years of service to the charity. You can contact the charity through any of the following trustees, Richard Court (834550), Mary Campbell (831033), Sandra Sparrow (833368) and Pete Smith (831862) or have a quiet word with Becky Stanley at Badsey Post Office.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

7.30 pm 05 March
Offenham Church
Speaker Margaret Pye

BADSEY BRITISH LEGION

WOMEN'S SECTION

The first meeting of 2010 was on 03 February. Maureen Spinks and other members of the Badsey Society brought photographs, old and new, of Badsey and surrounding area. Some of the photos were a hundred years old. Those of Aldington showed scenes featuring the same quaintly dressed children within. They surely must have had some incentive to appear in each picture! It was easy to recognise the buildings, whose structure had not changed much. The Society had decided to take a new set of pictures in 2008 and compare them with those from 1968. Most of the ladies present had either been born in Badsey or had lived in the village for a long time so were able to add to the talk with interesting comments. It was good to take a journey back to forty years ago and reminisce on how things used to be.

'K' FITNESS - COMMUNITY VENTURES

Twelve years ago I started instructing in the fitness world and steadily built up very successful classes in Stow on the Wold and then just over two years ago I opened classes in Badsey at the Remembrance Hall. It's taken patience and time but clients are now coming in through recommendations which is fantastic.

I don't think many people realise how hard it is to get a business off the ground in the local village hall and whilst

I have been using the hall in Badsey, I have seen ventures come and go, why?, because no-one or not enough people have turned up to warrant

the continuation of the business.

How disappointing is that for the person who

had an idea and wanted to bring it to you, the local community! I'm sure there would be talk if the village hall wasn't used. Many villages have lost their halls through lack of support and therefore lack of finance to keep the hall in good repair, heated and clean. Yes it's in my own interest that the hall is well supported so that I can continue my classes but please keep an eye on the local notice boards around the village and in the shop, adverts in the local papers and see if there is something you would like to do or perhaps you could send in an idea of what you would like to have in the hall.

So yes I guess there is an ulterior motive to this, how about joining in your local exercise class, I still have places in the Tues 7pm Legs, Bums and Turns class and the Mon 9.45am Fitness Pilates.

Get Fit/Keep Fit

Barbara Kay



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BROWNIES BURNS NIGHT

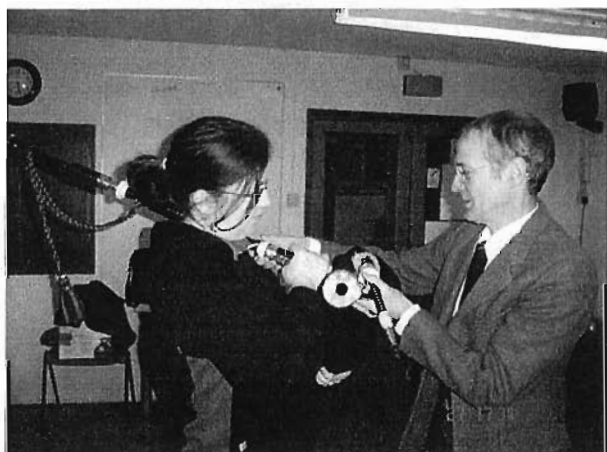


On the left a Brownie colouring in a picture of Robbie Burns



On the right the vicar is explaining his Scottish attire.

Below the bagpipes being explained to Brown Owl.



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The next meeting of Wickhamford Gardening Club will take place on Wednesday 24th March 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. This month it is the Spring Show and all members are encouraged to take part. Show schedules will be available from the Committee Members but further details can be obtained from Dorothy Turpitt - Club Secretary - 01386 830834



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The planet offers us so much it is easy to bask in its generosity and forget that in this same world there is terrible suffering. Because it is not enough just to live your own life if it is within your power to lessen another's pain, then there is no question. Sure it is worth it if you can ease the pain of just one person. Think about it.
From the scrapbook of Gladys Hampton

Jean Jephcott is holding a Grand Sale of her Maypole Bears. She is offering them at 25% to 50% reduction. She loves creating her bears but cannot buy any more materials until she has cleared some of her stock. She is therefore giving her customers the opportunity to purchase these bears at this special price.
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TOWER NEWS

On March 14th, 'Mothering Sunday', the bells will be rung for the Morning Service. It does not seem that long since Christmas!!



Now with Easter approaching the year seems to be getting away fast, with all the 'Membership' subs collected and paid for another year. Up till now the Calendar appeared to be very bleak with only two weddings booked, but thankfully we have had a request from a visiting team to ring on Saturday 20th, from 3pm. The proceeds from these will help go towards paying our forthcoming commitments, so saving the village from further fund raising.



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BADSEY W.I.

SKITTLES – We have once again entered the County Skittles Tournament and to date have won one of the two rounds played. This tournament consists of teams from all over Worcestershire numbering up to 100 teams. Badsey has a fine record with the County having won the tournament many times. Our Captain Anne Ellender who took over from Maureen Davies, drives us on with much encouragement and we do get an awful lot of fun out of it and do not probably take it as serious as we should until we reach the semi-final and final if we are lucky.

NEW YEAR – we have started 2010 by having to cancel our January meeting because of SNOW but had a lovely New Year lunch at Three ways Hotel, Mickleton on 31st January. Jane Thompson who is our treasurer is hoping to organise a holiday on the Isle of Wight at the end of April and with the better weather more outings and holidays will be organised. Several members are celebrating 2010 with special birthdays, some their 60th and one or two 70ths with our oldest member, Joan

BROWNIE REFLECTIONS

On Wednesday 27th January Basey 1st Brownies learnt all about Robert Burns. He is famous for his poetry and he made up a prayer. Richard the Badsey Vicar very kindly came along to our evening wearing a kilt and playing the bagpipes for us. It was very loud! We said the Burns prayer and tried some Scottish shortbread which was delicious. Then we coloured in a picture of Robbie Burns and designed our own checked design on the back. All the brownies would like to thank the vicar and our leaders for putting it all on. *Annie Green*

On the 27th January Badsey Brownies celebrated Burns Night. The Vicar of Badsey Church came to the Scout Hut and talked to us about Burns Night. We learnt that Burns Night is celebrated in Scotland each year on 25th January; a man named Robert Burns was a very famous poet who was Scottish. The Scottish people celebrated with food parties and have haggis and loads of lovely Scottish food. To help celebrate the vicar was wearing a kilt and played the bagpipes we also had Scottish shortbread and it was delicious! When the vicar played the bagpipes he was excellent and we all enjoyed listening to him. *Chloe Hall*

Butcher celebrating her 90th birthday later in the year. We have already had two new babies delivered to daughters of our members. Our President, Elizabeth Cudd, had a grandson early in January and Wendy Such had a granddaughter on 31st January. We are awaiting two imminent arrivals, one grandchild for Gill Heyden and another grandchild for Wendy Such. Both will hopefully have arrived by the time this publication reaches you.

THIS YEAR – we will continue to support our Village Community and our Church in any way that we can. Our meetings will have interesting and varied speakers and demonstrators and we will continue to support the National Federation in their fights for betterment of National Issues that are raised. We are a friendly, fun loving W.I. and seem to have the mix between fun and learning just right. If you are interested to see what we are all about do come along to two or three of our meetings, one is not always enough to get a full picture, and if you like us, join us. You won't regret it.

RUMBLE IN THE JUMBLE

Please come along to Badsey Remembrance Hall on Saturday, 27 March to support your local charity, the Evesham Volunteer Centre. We will start selling at 2.00 pm. Lots of bargains as usual. Refreshments available. If you have any goods (not electrical) to donate, please telephone 831104 and we will collect.

Mavis Harris

This is such a help towards the publicity of this fund-raising event for the Evesham Volunteer Centre, which like all charities these days, is in need of funds!!

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

MARCH ROTA

1st Sunday	Lent - no flowers
2nd Sunday	Lent - no flowers
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Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during February, Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me. *Hazel Stewart 832007*

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A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

The fascinating article on last month's front page of the Community News told the story of the restoration of our churchyard cross and the erection of a permanent memorial to the Revd T Hunt. It mentioned Mr T Graham Jackson RA was responsible for the design. He had been the architect responsible for the restoration and enlargement of St James in 1885.

For many visitors the Victorian additions to St James are almost overlooked and possibly viewed as less worthy; compared to the older mediaeval parts. This is a great shame.

Sir Thomas Graham Jackson Bart. Was one of the foremost architects of the Victorian/Edwardian period.

He was born December 21st 1835 in Hampstead London; the son of a solicitor. He was educated at Brighton College and then Wadham College Oxford where he became a fellow. For 3 years he trained under Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. In 1862 he established his own architectural practice and was still working at his death in 1924.

Many of his projects involved building schools and colleges; he also worked on numerous churches in this country and abroad. Examples of his work can be found in the buildings of Giggleswick School, Brighton College, Radley; numerous Oxford Colleges; including Brasenose, Lincoln, Hertford and Balliol; The University of Lampeter Chapel, restoration of Winchester Cathedral. He is best remembered for Oxford's "Bridge of Sighs" and for the Examination Schools building. He earned the nickname "Oxford" Jackson. In 2006 Oxford University Press published a biography.

Jackson worked closely with James Powell and Sons whose stained glass can be found in the east window and south chancel windows of St James. Powell's used many of the leading pre-Raphaelite artists including Edward Burne-Jones and Jackson's own friend William Morris. A book of memoirs includes other friends, Norman Shaw, John Everett Millais, Frederick, Lord Leighton, William Holman Hunt, Edward Burne-Jones and John Singer Sargent, among others. T G Jackson was a scholar, an antiquarian, a keen traveller, and a prolific writer. He wrote books on his profession; published notebooks and sketchbooks about his travels, particularly in the Balkans and Near East; he even wrote a book of ghost stories. Copies of his books are still available today and some may be read on the internet and drawings can be seen in the Royal Academy's collection.

Jackson was created a Baronet, of Eagle House in Wimbledon in Surrey, in 1913.

I think Badsey people should be immensely proud of the fine Victorian architecture, the sensitive and essential renovation of the church carried out by Jackson and for our association with such a great man.

By Chris Smith

FIVE TIPS FOR THE LADIES

1. It is important that a man helps you around the house and has a job.
2. It is important that a man makes you laugh.
3. It is important to find a man you can count on and doesn't lie to you.
4. It is important that a man loves you and spoils you.
5. But most important of all these four men must never meet.

Another message from our shy parishioner

JIGSAW

On 24 January Jigsaw met to enjoy an hour learning about how Adam and Eve were tempted and had to leave the Garden of Eden. We sang songs and listened to a story and talked about how the story relates to us today. We talked about who gives us advice and made a tree of knowledge. The children hung labels on their tree to signify who they listen to and who gives them good advice. They played a game called watch the snake. Some of the trees of knowledge can be seen in church. The next meeting is a Spring Workshop (see page 3) on 13 March. Do come along and join the fun. Jigsaw meets also 28 March at 10.00 am in Church to prepared for Palm Sunday Worship. Details from Wendy Morrey 831080



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DOG MESS

We have had an increasing number of complaints about irresponsible dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. The footpath between Brewers Lane and Bretforton Rd is a particular problem, therefore, the dog warden will be undertaking regular patrols in this area and the Recreation Ground. To assist responsible dog owners the Council has purchased a dog waste bin that will be sited on the Victorian lamp post at the bottom of this footpath at the junction of Brewers Lane and Chapel St.

Dog mess in the Recreation Ground is particularly unacceptable as it is hazardous to the people who use the ground for recreational activities. The Council has already provided two large bins for dog mess in the Recreation Ground – please use them. We are aware that there are a number of very responsible dog owners who use the Recreation Ground and we would ask them to be vigilant and report anyone they recognise who allows their dog to foul the Rec. to the Clerk who will notify the dog warden.

Irresponsible dog owners might like to know that the dog warden can issue on the spot fines of £75 – over 30 have been issued so far. In cases of persistent offenders, the Council can prosecute the owner of the dog which can result of a fine of up to £1000.

PLANNING

The Council is supporting the residents of Brewers Lane in their objections to the outline proposal for a housing development of up to 39 houses on the site of 27 Brewers Lane. There are serious concerns regarding the traffic that this would generate and the strain that it would cause to the existing infrastructure of the village – particularly the sewerage system which is fundamentally the same as it was in 1908.

If anyone wishes view the plans or make an objection to the planning application, the details are available on Wychavon District Council's website.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Council is liaising with Wychavon District Council and Rooftop Housing Association to progress plans for more affordable homes for local people to rent in the village. Discussions are ongoing to secure a site on the northern edge of the village.

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(Children and young people helpline)

Crimestoppers 0800 555111
(Report information about crime, anonymously)

CAB 01386 443737
(Advice and information on a range of issues, including housing, benefits, consumer, employment, money and debt)

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

For this year's Fairtrade Fortnight we're asking the nation to join us in The Big Swap. For two whole weeks we'll be asking you to swap your usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff. Your usual bananas for Fairtrade bananas, your usual cotton socks for Fairtrade cotton socks, and your usual cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa. This means that every time you go shopping, you can use your wallet to make a stand.

This then is the home of all things swap, a hub for all your swapping needs. It tells you how to get involved, what you can swap and most importantly, how to register them. Because we need lots of swaps made. One million and one in fact. Every swap will be proof that the people of the UK want producers in the developing world to get a fairer deal.

I can remember, my father as a market gardener moaning about the prices he received for the produce he grew. I am sure many of you also will have shared this concern. Fairtrade gives us as consumers the opportunity to ensure producers all over the world benefit more when they produce goods for us. Please think about joining this campaign and swapping one or more items in your regular shopping basket with ones that are fairly traded.

After our morning church services and at all events organised by St James Church we use Fairtrade tea and coffee, why not call into church and try a cup.

Remember to look out for the Fairtrade logo on the products you buy

Chris Smith