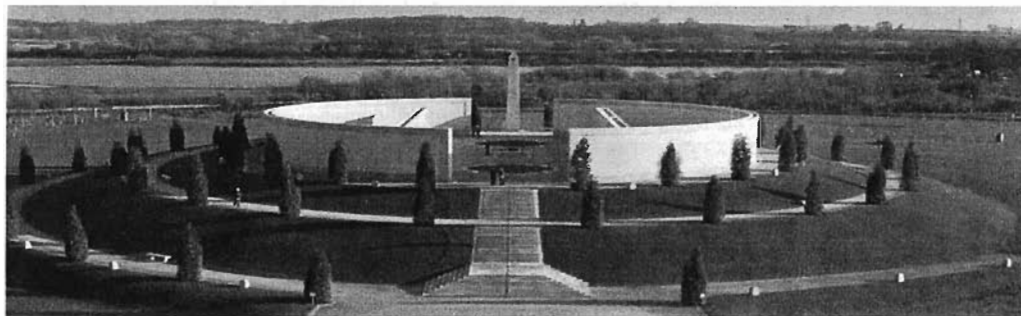


Community News

Badsey and Aldington

July 2010

A MEMORABLE VISIT TO THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM



On Wednesday 2nd June Members of Badsey W.I had a memorable visit to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire. This wonderful memorial to the men and women of this country, who lost their lives during the Second World War and are still sacrificing their lives for peace and freedom in different parts of the world today, is a wonderful tribute to these people. The peace and beauty of the arboretum are tangible and the memorials wonderful works of art. Having reached our destination just before 11.00a.m., thanks to our driver Alex, we were able to go straight to the Millennium Chapel where every day they have a small service of remembrance followed by a very interesting talk on the arboretum which we were able to take part in. There are some very moving memorials including one to the tens of thousands who lost their lives in the Far East building railways, roads and bridges in horrendous conditions. There you can see the original gateway to the graveyard at the notorious Changi Prison Camp, see parts of rails and sleepers from the railway which thousands lost their lives building for the Japanese only it was never used as the war ended on the day it was completed. Then there is the memorial entitled 'Shot at Dawn', in remembrance of those who were shot for "desertion", some only 18 and who must have been so affected by the horrors they encountered that it turned their minds. On a lighter note, there is a lovely, but touching, memorial garden to Stillbirth and Neonatal Deaths and more memorial gardens to organisations such as The Fire Service, RNLI, Police etc. The memorial of most interest to us was the lovely Cotswold Stone 'S' shaped seat for the W.I., who played their part in the war in many ways, including bottling and canning foods for the government; helping with evacuees and even some prisoners of war as well as knitting and sewing for the men fighting overseas and helping to man centres for those who were bombed and left homeless. There are over 1600 memorials and more will be added. The most outstanding one is the memorial wall which holds the names of all the servicemen who lost their lives in the Second World War up until today when names are still being added at an increasing rate because of lives lost in Iraq and Afghanistan. There has only been one year since the Second World War that Britain has not lost a serviceman or woman in battle, somewhere in the world. A very sobering thought. If you haven't been already and you get the chance, do visit this wonderful arboretum. It is only just over an hour away, entrance is free and the facilities are excellent (good food!!). Most of the work at the Arboretum is done by volunteers and the Royal British Legion. It is funded by donations and monies from the Legion who also organise most of the services and ceremonies there. It is important that we all support the RBL as their work is as important today as it has been for the last years as their ongoing work for ex-servicemen is now needed and vital for the service people in Afghanistan today. Every donation helps support the work the RBL are doing to help and care for those so horrifically injured and maimed. No-one can visit the Arboretum and not be moved by the heroism and sacrifices made. In October of last year over 7,500 bikers from all over the country rode to the arboretum, held a special service there and raised over £29,000.00 for this memorial. So do visit it and do support the Royal British Legion in all the wonderful work it does.

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All,

As some of you will know Avril and I were lucky enough to spend ten days on pilgrimage in the Holy Land with Bishop John and 66 people from across the diocese. The object was to be "..... in search of Jesus Christ amongst the towns and villages, and holy places of present day Israel-Palestine". We were to visit not only the "stones" – the buildings, towns and physical features, but also the "living stones". As Bishop John put it: 'We shall join our sisters and brothers in Christ who live and worship in the Holy Land today, often under great hardship. These "living stones" who continue the presence of the body of Christ in the holy places desperately need to feel the support of fellow Christians'.

Our first five days were based by the Sea of Galilee, followed by five days based in West Jerusalem. Our visits to Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem and many places in Jerusalem itself – were all fascinating and wonderful. But the most important message to bring back is that of those "living stones". One day, we were granted the privilege of meeting the Archbishop of Galilee, Elias Chacour. He told us of the events of his childhood; his family were Palestinians, having lived for countless generations in a Palestinian village. His father considered that Palestinians and Jews were "blood brothers" as they were all descended from Abraham. One day (in the late 1940s) he gathered the children of the village and told them of the horrors suffered by their Jewish cousins in Europe; many would be coming to Palestine and must

FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

be made welcome in their homes. His father prepared a welcome feast for them and they shared their home with them. Eventually, some Israeli soldiers told his father and the other men of the village that their homes would be needed for two weeks. At the end of two weeks, they could return (they had a written promise of this), young Elias had the pleasure of sleeping out in his father's orchard at the far end of the village. At the end of the two weeks when they went to reclaim their homes, they were loaded on to lorries and taken to refugee camps. They were told that if they ever set foot in Israel again they would be shot.

Elias and his family were left homeless and destitute. As winter approached, they decided to seek shelter in a neighbouring Palestinian village. When they arrived it was deserted. Although puzzled as to what had happened to their friends they decided to occupy the empty houses. One day, as Elias and his friends were playing, the surface of the ground was scuffed up and they saw something strange. Tugging at a piece of cloth, a decomposing hand and arm emerged; thus the mystery was solved of the strange disappearance of that village's former occupants. A similar story was told to us by the Dean of Students at the Bethlehem Bible College – except that his father was simply shot.

Please spare a thought for the people of the Middle East, Israeli and Palestinian, Jewish, Christian and Muslim – particularly in the light of the recent reports regarding the Gaza Strip.

Richard

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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23 May Vanessa Grace Carey

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4th Sunday Mary & Avril

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

Hazel Stewart 832007

CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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CHURCH SERVICES

JULY

Sun 4th	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed 7th	10.00 am	Communion followed by coffee
Sun 11th	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 18th	11.00am	Morris Men Service at Bretforton
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sun 25th	9.30 am	Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong

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

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

On Saturday 03 July there is a Deanery Coffee Morning at St. Andrews Parish Church in Pershore. It is in aid of Uganda and runs between 10 am and noon. On Wednesday 07 July we meet at 10 am for a Communion Service in Badsey Church followed by coffee. Then at 2 pm on Monday 12 July we meet the Ugandan Ladies at a tea party in Pershore Vicarage Gardens. On Tuesday 13 July our speaker is Gill Armstrong at 2.30 pm. On the same day between 2.30 pm and 4 pm there is a Strawberry Tea Party at Hampton Vicarage. To finish a busy month we are holding a Garden Meeting on Tuesday 27 at 6.30 pm at Badsey Vicarage.



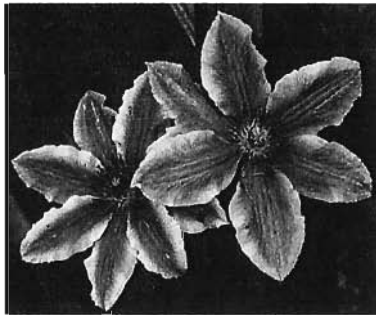
Sandra Sparrow

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WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

The July meeting of the Wickhamford Gardening Club is a garden visit to Diane Cole's Hardy Plant Nursery and Garden at Feckenham at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th July, 2010. Members and guests are asked to make their own way there, sharing cars where possible. The charge for this is £3.00 per person, but includes refreshments. Directions can be obtained from committee members, but maps will have been available at the June meeting. For further information in the first instance contact Dorothy Turpitt, 01386 830834



When your Dad is cross and asks 'Do I look stupid?' Don't answer.

JIGSAW

Our May meeting saw our group celebrating Pentecost. We lit candles on a Birthday cake and sang Happy Birthday to the Church. We remembered how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit on his friends so they would be filled with God's love and power. A story of when the wind blew helped us to understand how this happened. We made kites, and the children ran up and down the church yard to get them to fly. We also blew bubbles and saw who could blow the biggest and the most bubbles. We had lots of fun.



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This will be the last meeting before the summer holidays.
Thank you to everyone who has supported Jigsaw and to all the children and helpers.

Have a lovely summer Holiday.

5 THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

1. My mother taught me **GENETICS**
You're just like your father
2. My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM**
Just look at that dirt on the back of your neck
3. My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION**
Just wait until I get you home my lad!
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CHURCH COMMUNITY



Church Fair

The School Choir sang to open the fair; their rendering of the Abba song "I dreamed a dream" got us all in the right mood. A number of local organisations took the opportunity to raise funds for themselves in return for a donation to Church funds. The church was able to run a few stalls with the help of some new volunteers, and a big thank you goes to them all. The total raised so far is £373 -19. Everyone who came had an enjoyable time, especially the children having their faces painted and racing the hobby horses. Thank you again to those who helped in any way and to those who came and spent their money.

Sue Cole

The Church and the Community

During the last year the Church Council has been looking at ways of using the building. A question asked in a previous newsletter got some positive responses so now we would like to start opening it to local organisations or to people who need a space to fulfil an idea. We have agreed to charge £10 a session (Morning, afternoon or evening) to begin with. If you would like to be part of this new venture please contact me and we can have a discussion.

Sue Cole (8312600)

ROUND ROBIN GROUP



We met on Thursday 20 May for a talk by Rosemary Davies who read one of her own stories. Rosemary belongs to a Creative Story Writing course and enjoys experimenting with different kinds of writing. She read for us her first story. She warned us beforehand that it contained some swear words but we had all led too sheltered a life to recognise them. One of the story's main characters was a woman named Sheila Blige which, as the story progressed, became She'll oblige. Rosemary assured me that it was not based on any real life characters. A very enjoyable afternoon. Our next meeting is on 17 June at 2.00 pm. If you would like to join us call Sheila Lancaster on 833929

CELEBRATIONS



1st Badsey Rainbows attended the special centenary service at Badsey church on the



16/05/10. We all had a brilliant time, we sang happy birthday to guiding around a beautiful cake which was especially made



for the service by Sheila Young. Most of the Rainbows, Brownies & Guides dressed up in all the old uniforms dating back to 1910's. Liz Bolland told the congregation the history of guiding. Rainbows sang our welcome song; Brownies sang an ace action song with which everyone joined in. Guides did readings & even the Leaders said prayers. At the end the service we all had a glass of juice & a piece of the birthday cake.

Sarah Crump (Rainbow Leader)

Dear Resident,

I am writing to alert you to upcoming maintenance work to Port Lympe Wild Animal Park which may affect you. You will be informed in due course by the highways authority about an upcoming road closure which will occur when Port Lympe replaces the footbridge spanning the road from the customer car park to the gatehouse. Aldington Road will be affected throughout the day on Monday 21 June in the area of the footbridge. From 8.00 am traffic will be managed on a stop-and-go sign while trees are cut back around the footbridge. The road will then be closed from 7.00 pm on Monday 21 June until 7.00 am on the 22 June to take down the old bridge and install the new bridge. Diversion signs will be put in place before closure. The Park hopes that you will not be inconvenienced by these operations, and thank you in advance for your patience.

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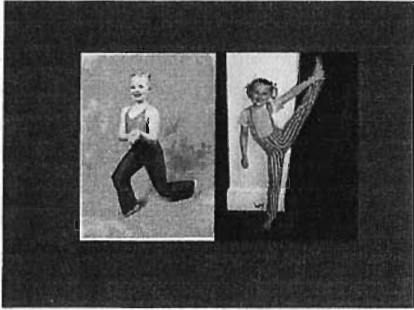
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The 84th Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts was held at the Town Hall in Cheltenham during May. Hundreds of children compete in this festival from all over the surrounding counties. They dance, sing, recite poetry, play instruments, act scenes from Shakespeare and there is even a section entitled 'Prepared Reading from the Bible!' Abbie James aged 10 and Lily James aged 7 from Chapel Street in Badsey took part in this festival and danced in many categories: Abbie danced a modern and a tap solo. She danced a Swedish duet which took the form of an Easter Egg hunt and also performed a tap duet. Lily danced a modern, tap, ballet and French national solo. She danced a modern duet and a character duet with her friend in which they had to act and dance as naughty mice! She also danced in a trio dressed as a fly!! They also danced in tap, modern and ballet groups with other

members of the dancing school. The girls did extremely well, for even to get up on that big stage at the town hall is a daunting experience. When all the children have danced in each category they all line up on the stage holding their numbers waiting for the adjudicator to make her choice and hand out the medals. Sometimes there are as many as twenty girls or boys competing in one section. It is a nerve wracking moment for mums, teachers and competitors. Abbie was absolutely thrilled to win a gold medal in her modern solo (age 9 years) and a bronze medal in her national duet. Lily won a gold medal in her modern solo and her tap solo, (both age 7 & 8 years), a silver in her trio (9 years and under) and a bronze in her naughty mice duet (under 9 years) The girls dance at The Janet Marshall Dance Studios in Cheltenham where mum, Kathryn, is a teacher and teaches them tap. While the festival is not all about winning medals it is very satisfying that the girls' hard work has been rewarded. In these days where youngsters are often criticised for watching too much tv or endlessly playing computer games, how lovely it is to witness children achieving great things at such a young age. We left the festival with two happy but tired girls and one very proud mum!!

'K' FITNESS 45 MINUTE FAT BLASTER

Are you trying or would you like to lose some weight? Has your weight loss come to a halt? If the answer is YES then come along and join this session on Mondays 10.55am at Badsey Remembrance Hall. The focus is on blasting fat away with intervals of aerobic agility and muscle tightening training. Kick start your metabolism and get on track for a lighter, happier you. It only cost £4.00 a week so give me a ring or just turn up. If you would like to try **Fitness Pilates** then you can take your first class FREE by quoting 'Fposter' and come to the hall on Mondays at 9.45am. It's a wonderful workout using controlled exercise with a modern touch. It's sometimes an effort to go and take exercise but these classes are right on your doorstep. We work hard but do it with a sense of fun and everyone is welcome. Make fitness part of your day!

Barbara Kay

THE CENTENARY CARNIVAL

The first thing we did when we got to Drayton Manor was to change into our carnival clothes. Being part of the carnival parade was great fun; we marched all around the park, under and around the rides. The finale of the carnival was a band playing, which we all listened to and one of the Brownies even bought a CD. After the carnival we had lunch and then we had to queue for ages to use the toilets, but finally we were able to return to our coach and change into our Brownie uniforms. Then we were allowed to go on one of the rides with an adult, I went with Sarah. One of the rides I went on was The Rapids, where I got really wet! After The Rapids I bought some candy floss and a cup with a curly straw. I then went on the Pirate ships which made my tummy feel funny. I also went on a mini drop tower and I loved the day! I hope I go there again.

Thank you to all the leaders.

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RBL WOMEN'S SECTION

There was no report in the last issue of the 'Community News', therefore this account will make up for that omission. Every year, in April, the R.B.L.W.S. National Conference is held. Branches are invited to send members; usually a Standard Bearer, a Delegate and a number of visitors. Four of us travelled to Blackpool, where the Conference was held in the Winter Gardens. Much of the business is lengthy and formal, but the most important thing one learns is how the R.B.L.W.S. promotes the well-being of and gives assistance to Ex-Service Personnel and their dependants and how the President's Award Scheme reaches out to younger people with its scholarship. After the first day's Conference was over everyone was invited, later that evening, to a Variety Performance at the Opera House. Two acts, in particular, a comedian and a ventriloquist, were very good. They raised lots of laughs. Having found a really good hotel in Blackpool we learned that the future Conference venue will be in Llandudno instead of Blackpool! The branch meeting, at the Club, on April 28th, took the form of a late 'Easter Treat' when members enjoyed sausage & chips and a game of skittles. On May 26th we welcomed George of the Spar Shop to entertain us at the meeting; what a lively evening we had! George has been at the shop for around twelve years. His family came from India in the 1950's, settling eventually in Birmingham. Grandfather had aspirations and an ethos which involved hard work. He believed in enjoying life too. George recalls being bullied at school. His father taught him to box which gave him the confidence to stand up for himself. He is now an enthusiast of martial arts. When first coming to Badsey, being a city boy, he loved the feeling of village community. He has, however, seen changes. As in many other places, people's property is not as safe as it used to be. George always has time to talk and listen and is well-liked. The Alphabet Competition this month was the letter 'F'. George chose the flannel brought by Sheila Knight. As Sheila said, "You need it George to wipe yourself down!" He was thanked for coming and giving us an entertaining evening.

Pat Gorin

CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to all who contributed to Christian Aid. A special thank you goes to George for allowing the collecting box to be in the shop. The total raised was £178-62. I have been asked if the envelopes could again be collected door to door. My answer is if someone is willing to organise this kind of collection it can happen. I would be quite happy to help a new organiser. Thank you again Sue Cole (831260)

TOWER NEWS

A late booking has just come in for a visiting team on the morning of 26th June, and on the 30th June between 6-8 pm we hope to gather enough ringers together to ring a Quarter Peal in Celebration of the 'Girl Guides' 100th Anniversary whilst they gather at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 03 June.. We would also like to include Mrs. Elisabeth Bolland in this tribute, who we understand is now retiring, and wish her well, for all the hard work she has put into holding the troupe together. On 3rd July we have two weddings on the same day then nothing till September. During the unpredictable weather of the last three weeks like London buses, four of the bell ropes broke leaving the other four looking quite fragile. John has been kept very busy splicing them back together with two more left to do. Hopefully this will give them another two - three years wear. At the same time Bretforton have had new ropes on order for over twelve months, with John keeping busy splicing their old ones in the hope of keeping the bells ringing until the new ones arrive.

Hilary Bolton



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STRONG MAN ACT LIFTS FLOWER SHOW LINE UP!

A strong man show which includes amazing displays of strength and endurance will be the high-light of the 2010 Badsey Flower Show. It takes place on **Saturday 24th July** on the Recreation ground at the top of Sands Lane, Badsey, near Evesham. This year, strong man 'The Mighty Smith' will entertain the crowds.

Committee member, Adrian Barradell explains, "This really popular, family day is one of the biggest and best-regarded village shows in the area. We always aim to programme the very best entertainments we can, and a mix of professional acts, plus the best of local talent, always makes a memorable day."

The Mighty Smith is three times winner of The UK's Strongest Man title and rated fifth in the world. His show involves many impressive feats. How about tearing up catalogues, bending six inch nails in his teeth, walking on a bed of broken glass, holding a chair with a seated lady on it in his teeth! "It's a great show geared for family fun with visual humour and plenty of audience participation."

Other show attractions on the day include – a Punch and Judy show, a fun dog show (bring your pooch along), a display by young fire fighters, a Caribbean steel band, a large marquee of exhibits, stalls and side shows, air-gun shooting range, bar-b-que, licensed bar, teas and coffees and ice-creams and cakes. The Badsey Flower Show 2010 runs from 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm with the official opening at 2.00 pm, so pop the date into your diary now.

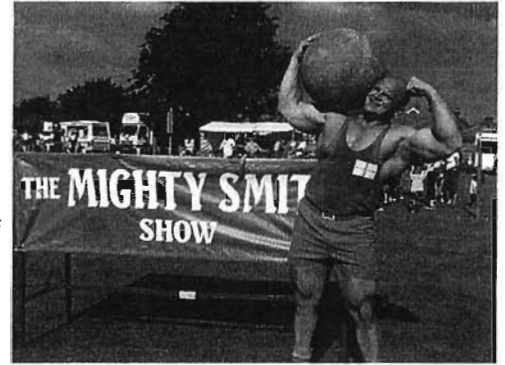
The full schedule is now available to pick up in the village (Spar) shop and is free to collect.

Entry night is Tuesday 20 July at the Village School between 6.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

The Flower Show organisers are still looking for volunteer helpers for the show. If you can help with either set up on the day before, or on the day, or take down after the show, please come along to the Friend's (Volunteer's) Night meeting on Tuesday 13 July in the Wheatsheaf pub starting at 8.00 pm. Your help at our village event, even for a couple of hours, would be very much appreciated.

For more details call committee member, Adrian Barradell on 01386 830036 (m) 07827017919.

Visit - <http://www.badsey.org.uk/flowershow/index.htm>



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

26- SEPTEMBER 2010

When Marion was invited to church by her friend Anne she thought 'Why not?' "I don't think I have ever been to a church service where I have laughed so much." Attending Back to Church Sunday changed the way she thought of church. "Churches to me were always cold, severe places in many ways, where you went and got preached at and told off on a Sunday - it wasn't much fun. Now it's different. There's a variety of speakers and approaches. It's very welcoming. I don't remember church being like that in my youth." Marion encourages those who've also stopped going to church or have never been to church to 'give it a try and go with an open mind'. "There are many different

forms of church. If you don't like the first one you go to, go to another one. If you go with a friend it's likely that if your friend likes it you will too." Marion continues to attend her local church and encourages other Christians to continue inviting friends to church. "What is the worst that can happen - they say 'no thank you.' I don't think there is any reason to be fearful of asking friends to go along. There must be a hundred and one things you invite friends to that for some reason or another they can't or don't attend. Don't just put BTCS down as a one off event - if they've come the first time, invite them back."

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What? You cry. Nothing's free! Well, live and learn! How? Lonely? Don't do anything with the kids? Are they bored? Meet other people. Get away from the television/computer. How?

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This is a game which is endlessly fascinating, which will enable you to make new friends, get you away from the TV and/or the computer, give you something you can share indoors with your kids – remember them? It will stimulate teamwork and communication skills for youngsters

This game is easy. We will teach you to play in half an hour! No age limit. All you need is a pack of cards; and we will even give you them (it's that word "free" again. Where will it end?)

I'm afraid it will end!

We are offering 4 sessions at no cost. After that, if you just want to play at home that's the end. If you want to come and play that little bit better and get out of the house we would charge you the exorbitant sum of £1.50 (the room has to be paid for somehow!)

We have a reputation for how friendly we are. We have ample safe parking – no charge, cheap beer if you want (I'm afraid you do have to pay for that!)

We start at 7.00 but, if you can't arrive by then, come when you can. What a remarkable deal!

Like the idea but want to know more?

Phone Colin Payne on 01386 833887 - you won't regret it

What have you got to lose?

PS We would like advance notice of your intentions please. We can't do this with less than 4 people.

TRADITIONAL IDEAS

A vicar was experimenting in the village church with a new order of wedding service.

A local farmer was getting married, and on the day he was all dressed up to go to the wedding, when suddenly a message came through that one of his cows had escaped from a field.

Hurriedly he rolled up his trousers, kicked off his polished shoes and pulled on his wellies. Out he went to recapture the cow and get it back into a safe enclosure.

Arriving back rather breathless, he hastily donned his shoes but forgot to roll down his trouser legs.

As he arrived at the church the vicar greeted him, and in a whisper told him to pull his trousers down. The farmer stared back blankly.

So the vicar repeated his words, 'Pull your trousers down!'

'Look 'ere, Vicar,' the farmer replied. 'Oi hen't never been to 'appy about these 'ere modern sarvices. Oi think, arter orl, Oi'd rather we used the ole version.'

COMMITTEES

A committee is a group of people who individually can do nothing, but together decide that nothing can be done.

Fred Allen

If Moses had been a committee, the Israelites would still be in Egypt.

A committee is a group of the unwilling, picked from the unfit, to do the unnecessary.

Richard Harkness

USEFUL NUMBERS

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