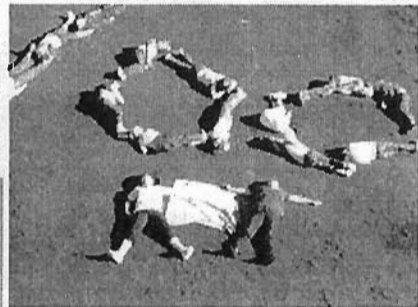


# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington

### August 2010



Badsey Brownies have been busy over the last few weeks. They have cleared a patch of ground at Briar Lea Care Home, planting up a sensory garden with herbs and flowers. They have climbed up Broadway Tower, taking part in a quiz on the various floors. They answered questions on local history, William Morris and local geographical features as well as identified what places they could see from the top. They then went down to form the figures "100" so that an aerial photo could be taken to celebrate their participation in the Adventure 100 Challenge. The Brownies also took part in a walk over Dover Hill, with the rain managing to keep off. Lots of sheep "baaing" whilst the girls were singing. At the end of the walk, the Brownies were presented with their badges - a big well done for all their work and fun they have had over the past nine months!

#### Our Outing to Broadway Tower

On the 16th June we went to Broadway Tower. When we got there we all got a sheet of paper and it had a quiz on it. When we got right next to it we had to stay next to the tower because we needed to let some people out. Once they all went out we could go into Broadway tower. The lady who worked there told us what to do. After, we needed to go upstairs and downstairs to find the answers to the quiz. After all that we went outside and made the shape of 100 with our bodies to celebrate 100 years of Guiding. Next we all went down to the car park to wait until our guardians and parents picked us up to take us home. We all had a lovely time.

*Charlotte M*

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## 2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All,

I was reading an article the other day about the decline in the British butterfly population. There are 71 species that have been regarded as British butterflies since 1634; of these eight are rare very rare and five have over recent years become extinct. One success is the re-introduction of the Adonis Blue, which is now growing in numbers; the other species unfortunately are all declining. The reason for this decline appears to be man-made. At one time there were many forests and woodlands which on the whole managed themselves; trees would die and fall down creating a clearing which would encourage butterflies and other insects to thrive. With so many of these habitats disappearing, those that remain need careful management; if places are left to become overgrown it creates too much shade for insects and the like to flourish. With careful management the Adonis Blue in one area has grown in number by some 60% while the White Admiral is in decline by 62%. Many people think that conservation is all about planting trees, and there has been, rightly, an upsurge in the planting of trees to replace those lost and also to off-set the amount of carbon we burn. The devastation caused in the Gulf

## FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

of Mexico by the oil leak is another example of what can go wrong if we do not carefully manage our use of the earth's resources. Conservation however is more than just planting, at times trees need to be cut down, and woodlands need to be coppiced to allow light in and the number of butterflies and insects are often pointers to the ecological balance of that place. We inhabit the earth, often without a second thought for the creatures we share it with; we use the earth's resources as though they were inexhaustible. It can be the same in our own lives, if we continually try to do more and more and expect more and more from other people we will only exhaust ourselves and lose the goodwill of those who support us. At times we need to do some drastic pruning in our own lives. We need to look at what is really essential – there is a great difference between what we want and what we need. Just as the butterflies can be a pointer to the well being of a woodland, we need to look for the pointers that tell us about the sustainability of our own life styles. In the gospel of Luke Jesus talks about being the vine and God being the gardener, the good fruit is a symbol of a godly life and at times there needs to be a good punning so that the good fruit will grow. Perhaps we all need to look at what needs a good hard punning in our own lives.

*Richard*

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### AUGUST

<b>Sun 01</b>	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
<b>Wed 04</b>	10.00 am	Communion followed by coffee
<b>Sun 08</b>	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
<b>Sun 15</b>	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
<b>Sun 22</b>	9.30 am	Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
<b>Sun 29</b>	11.00 am	This week we worship with Bishop David at Big Church Little Church at Three Counties Showground, Malvern

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

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

<b>Baptisms:</b>	20 June	Amelia Elizabeth Bright
	20 June	Freya Elizabeth Weller
	27 June	Ruby Grace Ackerman
<b>Funerals:</b>	18 June	Francis John (Frank) Ramm
	20 June	Richard Graham Legge (Ashes)
	02 July	Robert Rodel (Bob) Ackworth
	07 July	Terence Trevor Hartland
<b>Weddings:</b>	03 July	Owen George Floodgate and Laura Claire Small
	03 July	Robert Andrew Dartnell and Amanda Jane Fegan

## ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

### AUGUST ROTA

1st Sunday	Maureen & Sandra
2nd Sunday	Annette & Sheila
3rd Sunday	Julie & Eleanor
4th Sunday	Hazel & Hazel
5th Sunday	Yvonne & Stephanie

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

Hazel Stewart 832007

## ROUND ROBIN GROUP



We had a lovely time at our June meeting. Anne Potter gave a very interesting talk with slides on her time living in Malawi. The weather was so good that we were able to sit outside in Rosemary Davis' garden for refreshments.

On 15 July 3.00 pm we are going to Twyford Garden Centre for a cream tea which we are all looking forward to. If you would like to join the Round Robin Group call Sheila Lancaster 833929, or Jean Ives 830132.

## ALDINGTON ROAD WORKS

*The following is a reply to the letter we published on the proposed road works in Aldington village. Editor*

The villagers of Aldington  
Were completely in the dark.  
A belated road closure warning?  
A footbridge? WILD ANIMAL PARK!!..?  
Then suddenly the penny dropped.  
The notice, it was meant  
Not for Aldington in Worcestershire  
But Aldington in Kent!  
Red faces, Editorial Team?  
Or, was it done in jest?  
At least it caused a smile or two.  
You can only do your best!

*Brian Smith, Aldington (Worcs)*

## DO YOU NEED A SPACE?



Two young men are using the church on Wednesday evenings playing their guitars. We have this large space not being used during the week and will allow groups to use it at a rate of £10 a session (morning, afternoon or evening). This fee is to cover lighting, heating and insurance costs. It would be suitable for music, exercises; art exhibitions, drama etc just ask if we can accommodate you.

*Sue Cole 831260*

## JIGSAW

On June 27, the Jigsaw group gathered together. We all sang 'the wise man built his house upon the rock'.



The story was about sand, rock and two builders. Jesus was telling a story to explain what it means to listen to him, and to do as he asks.

We built houses and put them on "the rock" in the transept window.

Jenga was played by some of the children, others built walls with some model bricks.

We also held a summer workshop on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, but unfortunately this was very poorly attended. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your child's enjoyment of these activities better. I will leave a suggestion box in church and would be grateful for any suggestions you may wish to leave.

We will meet again in September.

Do come along and join the fun.

Watch the newsletter for dates.

*Wendy Morrey 831080*

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 25th August, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Wickhamford. This month sees our Autumn Show taking place. Show schedules are available from committee members. Following the judging and awarding the prizes, Andy



Pedrick is giving a talk. For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt- 01386 830834.

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## BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The June meeting of the Royal British Legion Women's Section, Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford, took the form of our annual fete. This was held in the car park of the Legion Club and for once the weather was kind to us being sunny and warm.

Members and guests soon took advantage of the stalls among which were bags in Legion colours, with a verse on the front and a gift all at 50p. Peg bags were also on this table which we called 'Pat's bags' managed by Wendy Beasley. Alongside this was a decorated dustbin with strings dangling down the sides. For £1 you could pull a string and was rewarded with the gift on the end of it. In charge were Joyce and Sarah. Jackie once again manned the tombola table which was £1 a go with a prize each time. During the evening it was announced that Jackie had a birthday - 50- and was presented with strawberries in cream and a bottle champagne. Unfortunately although the bottle was a large one, it was also just an inflatable one. To compensate along with birthday cards Jackie was given a bottle port.

The door and raffle table were manned by Ann Wilson and Doris Harris. A book table took the place of the usual bric-a-brac stall and was looked after by Bet Westmacott. This just left Val to sell the beautiful strong plants that were donated.

Once again a very enjoyable evening which was finished off with sandwiches, cakes and a cup - sorry mug (saves on the washing up) of tea. Thanks to all who made donations and for attending. Next monthly branch meeting will be at 7.30 on Wednesday 28 July. Even if you are not a member why not come along for a social evening out.

## TOMBOLA

The Social Committee would welcome donations for the Tombola stall. At the Cheese & Wine Evening. If you have any items between now and then please would you give them to Yvonne, Chris, Maureen, Wendy or Hazel, anyone in the Choir or leave them in the Church by the font from where we will collect them on a regular basis. Many thanks. Do come along and have an enjoyable evening with good **food**, good wine and good company.

## GREENBELT

With 21,000 people, music, campers and traders aplenty, Greenbelt might look like any other Festival. But scratch beneath the surface and you find something special.

This year's Festival, takes place at **Cheltenham Racecourse from 27th – 30th August.**

Former MP **Clare Short**, activist **Peter Tatchell**, actor and director **David Morrissey**, theologian Stanley Hauerwas and Radio 4 favourite **Canon Lucy Winkett** headline the talks programme, whilst elsewhere festivalgoers will enjoy poet and national treasure **Roger McGough** CBE and comedians Milton Jones, Robin Ince, Jeremy Hardy and Jude Simpson.

Music is also central to the Greenbelt experience. This year's eclectic programme incorporates the inspirational sound of Gil Scott-Heron; UK soul's leading lady **Beverley Knight**; jazz legend **Courtney Pine**; the powerful and spiritual **London Community Gospel Choir**; political punkers The King Blues; the runaway smash of Greenbelt 2009 Foy Vance; and the mighty Dodge Brothers headlining the Keep Monday Special ball.

There's literally something for everyone, with rap, metal, pop, folk and dance; spiritual and secular; acoustic and electric; and those unclassifiable acts that will make your festival magical...

Its 37-year history is firmly rooted within a Christian tradition which is world-affirming, politically and culturally engaged. The Festival is family-friendly celebration, inclusive and accepting of all, regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexuality, background or belief.

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## BRAGGING ABOUT DAD

Three small boys in the school playground were bragging about their fathers. On of them boasted, 'My Dad just scribbles a few lines on the back of an envelope and calls it a poem. They give him £50 for it!'

The second boy chipped in: 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles some words on a piece of paper and calls it a song. They give him £100 for it.'

'Well, my Dad does better than that' said the third. 'He scribbles down a few words and calls it a sermon, and after that it takes eight people to collect up all the money!'

(JC)

## NEWS FROM 'K' FITNESS

I recently abseiled 161ft down Abberley Clock Tower to raise money for Children Today, a wonderful organisation helping to supply equipment to children and young adults with disabilities. Thanks to all my wonderful members and friends who sponsored me, we raised a whopping £740.50

Exercise classes will re-open at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> and will include 2 new sessions. SUPER SENIORS (age 50+) Mondays 10.55am and PROGRESSIVE FITNESS PILATES for MEN AND WOMEN Tuesdays 8.00pm (contact me 01386 833133 or see website [www.k-fitnessclasses.com](http://www.k-fitnessclasses.com) for more details)

Fusion in Fitness was a great success on a very hot day so we melted as we danced through routines of Aerobic, Salsa, Bollywood and Jive. We'll be holding another one 16 Oct so keep your eye open for details of that and if you feel like a morning of Dance Fitness and fun, please come along with your friends.

Enjoy the summer

Barbara Kay

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## BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

At the time of writing we are looking forward our Garden Meeting. We are hoping for good weather. There is no meeting in August. The next meeting is 14 September when Sue Price will talk on *Our Hidden Treasures*



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A very nice 'Thank you' has been received from Elizabeth Bolland for the Quarter Peal rung by the Sunday Service band, to Celebrate 100 years of Girlguiding. It is a privilege to be able to say we took part.



Saturday morning, 24 July the bells will be rung again to Celebrate St. James and the village Flower show. The Vale of Evesham Society headed by Geoffrey Brewin from Bromyard are preparing to attempt a Full Peal of 5040 changes. 07 August The 'Four Shires' Guild will be holding an area practise from 7.00 pm - 8.30pm The new ropes for Bretforton have been received, blessed and hung ready and tried out, just in time for the start of all the forthcoming weddings having been booked. Bought as pre-stretched - this hot weather had seen them stretch by another 2 feet 6 inches with weights attached.

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## BADSEY W.I. AND THEIR BRAS

We are still collecting unwanted bras, in any condition, for the new Breast Cancer Hospital in Worcester appeal. At the moment I have two chock-a-block black bags full of them and will only be collecting them until end of August so please ask friends, relatives or any groups you may belong to, to donate their old bras and leave them either at 4, Seward Close or give them to anyone you know who is in Badsey W.I. Thank you to all those who have left carriers on my door handle containing bras. I don't know who you all are but thank you. (Yvonne Haynes).

June – a lovely summer month - unless you have arranged your annual Garden Party, which we had! For the past two or three years we have had to cancel our annual Garden Meeting due to inclement weather. This year was no exception. We were due to hold our meeting in the lovely garden of Bernice and Eric Simms, preparations were made, hard work done by Bernice and Eric to get the garden just perfect, lots of culinary skills employed by members for the food, games arranged and speaker booked. But as usual BAD WEATHER!! Our meeting was instead held in the Remembrance Hall but in stoical fashion a good time was had by all. The food was superb, the speaker on Cider Making interesting and entertaining

(especially the sampling!) and the games still played and enjoyed. Just the beautiful June evening missing. However, Many thanks to Bernice and Eric who had worked tirelessly on their garden and had arranged various games etc. perhaps another year but in a different month.

Our 'Green'stall at the mini Church Fete raised £34.00 which was donated to Church Funds. A big thank you to members who gave Green goods.

Our resolution for Clearer Labelling on Foodstuffs giving countries of origin of contents, especially meat contents, was passed at the AGM held in Cardiff. Did you know that you can buy "English" pies, sausages and other foodstuffs and as long as they have been produced/made in this country the contents can be from other countries, eg 'English Pork Pies' may have been made here but the meat in them could be from China or anywhere!

We meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7.15.p.m. at the Remembrance Hall and everyone is welcome to come along. Our speaker this month will be Ms Gillian Andrews on 'Behind and In Front of the Cameras'.

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## PERSHORE PLUM FESTIVAL



Once again this August Pershore will celebrate its association with the Pershore Plum - the Festival culminating with the Plum Fayre on August Bank Holiday Monday. As part of this celebration the Abbey is to hold its spectacular, five-day **Abbey Ablaze**. Once again, the Abbey will be filled with an exhibition of Flowers and Embroidery from **Thursday 26th August to Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August**.

If previous years are anything to go by, the Bank Holiday Monday will certainly be a busy day and we expect 10,000 visitors to the Town. The Abbey itself is the location for Teddy Bears jumping (with a parachute) from the Tower, children's attractions and a huge display of Vintage Cars in the Abbey Grounds.

We look forward to seeing you at the Abbey during the great Plum Fayre. Entry to Abbey Ablaze is £3, accompanied children free.

We may still be open for displays of flowers or embroidery - an ideal showcase for experts to show their talents and their wares (contact Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293).

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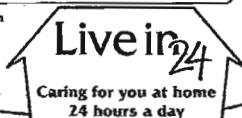
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1. Its summer, so organise a barbeque! Ask each person you invite to contribute towards the cause. Pay all running costs of the event yourself, so people know their money is going straight to the cause itself.
2. We might be out of the world cup, but don't give up on football yet. See if you can organise a small tournament of 5-a-side football. Charge a small amount to take part and to watch. To make extra money, sell homemade or bought refreshments to the crowd.
3. The fallback of any fundraiser is the coffee morning, but there is no reason why it cannot be fun. Have a decorate your own cake stall, and maybe some games for kids, along with some more sophisticated drinks and cakes for the adults. Make the cakes yourself for extra fun.
4. This one is slightly different, but it is still very good fun. Give a few people a smarties tube and ask them to fill it with spare change by the end of the week. That way they get chocolate and you get money! Everyone's happy.
5. Be creative. Make accessories, toys, cards or even clothes out of waste material like bin bags, or scrap material, and sell them to people as novelty items. If you are making clothes, you could hold a catwalk.

The money you raise will go to help people who really need it. One of our main partners in Brazil, Koinonia is working to help train people in HIV awareness so that they can reach others with the message. They mainly work with religious leaders because the community respects them. So far, 200 leaders have been trained and they are reaching out to 20,000 followers about the need for tolerance and safety. However, they are not just preaching. Pai Alessandro keeps a store cupboard full of condoms, to give to those who need them. This and other practical tasks are important in helping those in most danger.

## CHRISTIAN AID WE BELIEVE IN LIFE BEFORE DEATH POVERTY - LET'S END IT

Another project CESE is working to give women a chance to improve their lives with fashion, by teaching them how to make and sell clothes to earn their way out of poverty. They recently held a catwalk to show off their new skills and just have a good time In Brazil, a case of domestic violence takes place every 15 seconds. We want to continue this work, but we can't do it without your help.

### WHAT KINDA TATER ARE YOU?

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Some people never seem motivated to participate but are just content to watch while others do the work.  
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Some people never do anything to help but are gifted at finding fault with the way others work.  
They are called 'Common Taters'.

There are those who say they will help but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help.  
They are called 'Hezza Taters'.

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not.  
They are called 'Emmy Taters'.

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## BADSEY BROWNIES VISIT DOVERS HILL



### 1ST BADSEY GUIDES CELEBRATIONS AND SADNESS

On the 30th June, Badsey Guides celebrated the 100th year of Girlguiding when the Village Hall was filled with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section, Leaders past and present and parents. The audience was entertained by the girls and had the opportunity to view the vast collection of photographs and memorabilia, and the Badsey Church Bell Ringers rang a quarter Peel to mark this Centenary occasion. During the evening it was a great pleasure for me to present Mandy Young with the Queen's Guide Award, which is the ultimate Award that a member

of Girlguiding can work towards and is only open to the age group 16 - 25 year olds.

Mandy is the first to gain this type of Queens Guide Award in the Evesham Central District and will eventually have an invitation to go to London to be congratulated by our President, HR the Countess of Wessex. The compulsory retirement age from Girlguiding has arrived for me, so the evening was tinged with sadness as I said my farewell to Badsey Guides.

*Elizabeth Bolland*

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### ASK AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN

One day, a seamstress sitting by a river dropped her thimble in the water. She cried out and God appeared and asked: 'My dear child, why are you crying?' She told him her thimble had fallen in the water and she needed it to help her husband make a living for their family. The Lord dipped His hand into the water and pulled up a gold thimble set with pearls 'Is this your thimble?' He asked. The seamstress replied 'No'. Then the Lord pulled out a silver thimble ringed with with sapphires. 'Is this your thimble?' Again, she said 'No'. The Lord next came up with a leather thimble. 'Well, is this it?' He asked. The seamstress replied 'Yes'. The Lord was pleased with the woman's honesty and gave her all three thimbles to keep. Some years later, the seamstress was walking with her husband by the river when he fell in. When she cried out, the Lord again appeared. 'Oh Lord, my husband has fallen into the river!' She told him. The Lord went down into the water and came up with George Clooney. 'Is this your husband? The Lord asked. 'Yes!; she cried. The Lord was furious. 'You lied! That is an untruth!' The seamstress replied 'If I had said no to George Clooney, you would have come up with Brad Pitt. Then if I said no to him, you would have come up with my husband. Had I then said yes, you would have given me all three. Lord, I'm not in the best of health and would not be able to take care of all three husbands, so that's why I said yes to George Clooney'. So the Lord let her keep him.

The moral of the story is this: whenever a woman lies, it's for a good and honourable reason, and in others' best interest. Well, that's their story, anyway, and they're sticking to it!

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