

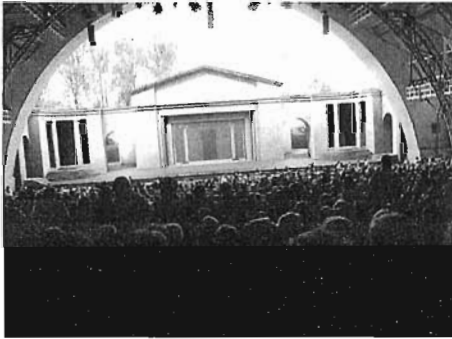
Community News

Badsey and Aldington

October 2010

OBERAMMERGAU AND BEYOND

The people of Oberammergau were amazing, they welcomed us into shops, restaurants, directed us when we were lost, and became the cast of the passion play, the choir and the orchestra. The only outsider was the director. If he wanted any changes in the century old script the villagers needed to be consulted. This unity of the locals made us feel truly welcome at this amazing production. The play was in German but the story is well known and I was easily swept along with emotions of the story. I felt part of the crowd following Jesus from the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, to Mary and Martha's house



in Bethany, the fellowship at the last supper, the betrayal by Judas, the arrest, the so unfair trial and the full horror of the crucifixion. The sky was black just as the bible says it was when Jesus uttered his last words. The resurrection was something to be remembered, Mary Magdalene hears from the Angel that her Lord is alive and she shouts for joy "He is with us all the days until the end of the world! Hallelujah! He is risen!" As a sign of Jesus being alive and with us, a fire was left burning centre stage as everyone left. The play was ended.

The rest of our holiday was spent in Switzerland staying in Thun and visiting fairy tale castles, having a two hour boat trip to admire the beautiful scenery, visiting Interlaken, Lucerne which is certainly worth a return visit. We ate our lunch

overlooking the city from the top of the ancient city walls and seeing the bears and huge clock and having beautiful cakes and tea in the capital city of Berne.



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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All,



There has been a lot of coverage in the press recently following the awaited publication of a new book by Professor Stephen Hawking entitled *The Grand Design*. My copy has not yet arrived in the post (as it has not been officially published at the time of writing this letter) and so my comments are based on the extracts I have read in the papers. Newspaper headlines are important and *The Daily Mirror* headlined 'The Universe was created by itself – not by God' *The Sun*: 'God didn't create Universe', while *The Times*' headline was 'Hawking: God did not create Universe'. I am sure that some of you reading this will switch off at this point with a thought going through your mind, does it really matter and do I care. Well in a sense no it doesn't matter, and truth be told we will never know (at least not this side of eternity – but that is a different discussion altogether). There has always been a debate between science and religion, with some hardliners (on both sides) dismissing the arguments of the other out of hand. It is interesting that in his previous book *A Brief History of Time* (which I have read) Hawking wrote about an ever expanding universe; the forces of nature and Black Holes; it concludes with the words 'if we discover a complete theory. . . [of why we (and the universe) exist] – it would be the ultimate triumph of human reason – for then we would know the mind of God.' In

FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

his latest book (at least from the extracts) he is trying to unravel how the universe came into being and suggests that because of the laws of physics and the forces of gravity the universe could have just created itself; this was of course disputed by other eminent scientists as well as religious leaders. I feel that one of the more helpful comments made was by Jonathan Sacks the Chief Rabbi, quoted as saying 'Science is about explanation, religion is about interpretation'. I think that faith and belief is more about trying to answer the question *why* we are here rather than the mechanics of *how* we came to be here. The debate within the church regarding if it took literally seven days to create the universe will no doubt continue for years to come with some believing 'literally' in the biblical accounts while others of us see them as 'myth or explanation' rather than literal fact; and the debate between science and religion will also continue. The fact that God has made it onto the front page of the newspapers in the twenty first century shows us that religious debate is very much alive even if we are no nearer to answering questions such as who created the universe and why are we all here.

Just as a postscript - if the Universe did create itself by the forces of gravity and the Laws of Physics try to explain it, who created gravity? If the answer to that is, 'some vast unknown and inexplicable external force', then I rest my case - for me that is God.

Richard

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: 22 August Henry Evan Lake
05 September William Henry Whitby

Funerals: None

Weddings: None

Legacy in memory of The Late Muriel Williams

I am sure that many of you will remember Muriel and Francis Williams, Muriel (or Mu as she was known by everyone) was a great supporter of the church and a Sunday School teacher for many years, her father Arthur, a Market Gardener was also a keen bell ringer. It was Mu's wish that a legacy be made to the church in her memory, for which we are very grateful and remember Mu with great fondness. *Richard Court*

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

OCTOBER ROTA

1st Sunday Harvest Festival
2nd Sunday Yvonne & Stephanie
3rd Sunday Avril & Mary
4th Sunday Pat & Sue
5th Sunday Maureen & Sandra

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during September.

The first Sunday in October is Harvest Festival and we will be decorating the church on Saturday 02 October from 9.30 am. As many of the Guild as possible please. If anyone has spare flowers or veg that they would like to donate, we would very much appreciate them with thanks. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me. *Hazel Steward 832007*

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CHURCH SERVICES

OCTOBER

Sun 3rd 11.00 am Family Harvest
6.30 pm Harvest Evensong
Wed 6th 10.00 am Communion
followed by coffee
Sun 10th 11.00 am Praise & Worship
6.30 pm Eucharist
Sun 17th 11.00 am Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong
Sun 24th 9.30 am Eucharist
6.30 pm The Big Sing
Sun 31st 6.30 pm All Souls Service

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

ROUND ROBIN GROUP



SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY



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7.00 pm SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER

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Wendy Such (832283) Maureen Davies (832492)

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Don Hartwell celebrated his 90th birthday on 29 August. The Round Robin group gave him their own celebration with a cake and singing Happy Birthday. Don gave a little speech and the main item of the meeting was a visit by Diane Bennett of Caring Hands in the Vale. She told us of the work Caring Hands does and we gave her a hamper and a donation from the group. I think all agreed it was a very enjoyable meeting. We are now looking forward to a meeting at the vicarage to hear the vicar talk on his visit to Israel.

BROWNIES

After a busy term we all had a well earned rest in August, now we are looking forward to an exciting few months finishing the centenary year. We especially look forward to the finale at 10 past 8 on 20 October (20:10, 20:10, 2010). We will be linking up with guides around the UK and looking to our vision for Guiding UK in the future. We have a big thank you to say to The Yorkshire Building Society for donating £100 to our Brownie Pack. We will be using the money to treat the girls later in the year,

Sue Cole

A comment from our proof reader which made me smile:

I really loved reading the report in the WI section on their evening walk at Pershore. It was very amusing. It supports the theory regarding the map reading capabilities of women.

COMMUNITY NEWS ONLINE

You can now read the Community News on-line. A pdf version of the monthly publication, can be downloaded from www.badsey.org.uk

Book early to avoid disappointment

Tel: 830063, 832492, or 831236.

If anyone has any small tables or can bring one along please say when booking team in as Village Hall only has large ones which means we cannot have as many teams as we could with smaller tables.

SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER only 7 days until Christmas Day.

Take time out and come and start the Christmas Celebrations with fun, rousing music, a good sing song, a glass of wine and a mince pie with AVONBANK BRASS BAND IN CONCERT at ST JAMES CHURCH at 7.30 pm. Full details in next issue of Magazine.

Please come and join us at Jigsaw
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Further details from Wendy Morrey 831080



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BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

At the meeting held on Wednesday 25 August 2010 the members who braved the wind and rain were rewarded with an enjoyable evening with slides and a talk by Jean & Rob Baston on their holiday cruise in Norway.

Once again the alphabet competition raised many a laugh with the items brought beginning with the letter 'H' everything from Haemorrhoid ointment to Handbags. The eventual winner was 'Harriets Hair' a memento from Joyce Marshall's grand daughter

At our last two meetings the persons supplying the entertainment arrived early and decided to 'sit in' at our meetings, at the end of which they both said how much they had enjoyed it and what a pleasant evening they had had. This just goes to show that The Legion; Badsey Ladies, at least, aren't the 'old fuddy duddies' that everyone thinks we are. So come on ladies how about a social evening out once a month and see for yourselves. We usually meet the 4th Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm. Our next meeting is our Harvest Festival on 22 September with a ploughmans platter supper to follow.

Annual subscriptions, if you decide to join and you don't need to have any connection with the services become due in October at the AGM.

Wow only **£6.00** and this includes membership to the Legion club, if you visit other Legion Clubs your membership is honoured there.

Please note this is LADIES membership only as the men pay considerable more

ANOTHER MINI FETE

Following a successful fete in May when we made £300 for Badsey Church, we will be holding another to raise funds to share between Badsey Church and The Poppy Appeal. It will be held Friday 19 May 5-00 till 7-00 pm in and around Badsey Church. Again we ask local organisations to have a stall to raise funds for themselves as well as making a donation to church which as I have said will be shared with the Poppy appeal. The Church will be having a raffle, a tombola stall and serving refreshments. Further details from

Sue Cole 831260

THE KNOTS PRAYER

Dear God:

Please untie the knots
that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.
Remove the have nots
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,
may nots,
might nots that may find
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,
would nots and
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,
Dear God,

I ask that you remove from my mind,
my heart and my life all of the 'am nots'
that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought
that I am not good enough.

Amen

Author Known to God

Please note benefice website is:

www.ourbenefice.org.uk

CELEBRATION

John & Mary Waterhouse of 48 Seward Road celebrated their Golden Wedding with friends and family at a lunch on Saturday 04 September. Other couples celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversaries are Brenda and Derek Osborne and Mavis and Ron Kyte





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'K' FITNESS IN AUTUMN

Classes are in full flow now but it's never too late to start your fitness regime, so have a look at the website www.k-fitnessclasses.com choose your workout and give me a ring or email. You can choose from Progressive Fitness Pilates, Super Seniors, BodyBlast and Legs, Bums & Tums. If you fancy a Dance Based workout, 16 October is DANCE-FIT FUSION at the Lifford Hall in Broadway where we will be doing ZUMBA, FUNKY FEET, MAMBO MADNESS and NEW YORK-NEW YORK.

Over the last years core stability has been the most talked about and the most emphasised phrase in the fitness industry, almost to the extent that it has become the main focus of many classes. Physiotherapists have reported seeing a growing number of back problems due to poor technique. When the tummy is pulled in too much the lower back tends to tighten, breathing almost stops, the pelvic muscles drop and movement is restricted. Yes it is important to engage the stomach muscles but better to think of a soft to medium hold so that it helps with your posture but doesn't restrict your movements or ability to breathe. Functional training is the big word now and rather than the core structure being the centre of attention, the focus is to incorporate it into an overall strength and flexibility programme. That's what we are doing in your classes. Everything in moderation.

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Barbara Kay

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BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

We had a successful and enjoyable Garden Party in the vicarage garden in June.



There was no meeting in August and we started again in September when the vicar gave a talk with slides on his recent trip to the Holy Land. The next meeting is on 12 October at 2.30 pm in Church.

HISTORY PROJECT

My name is Kirsty Cash and I currently work at the Evesham Volunteer Centre on a local history project. This project is an intergenerational one, and is based on the villages that the Evesham Volunteer Centre covers.

As part of this research, I would like to interview village members who have lived in the village the longest and collect their stories and memories. These interviews will be done with myself and my manager Helen Gray. This, along with the other information on the villages, will then be turned into a book. If you are willing to be a part of this and allow me to interview you for this project, and/or if you have any questions about this project please contact me at volunteeradmin@eveshamvolunteers.org.uk or on 01386 40165 and ask for Kirsty Cash or Helen Gray

TOWER NEWS

Since the last newsletter we have had several requests from visiting ringers, some we were able to accommodate at the last moment. The 4th of September a very nice Quarter Peal of



Grandsire Doubles was rung by the Sunday Service Band Conducted by Martin Penny, to celebrate the Baptism of William Whitby. William being the step grandson of Tom Sandham. Unfortunately due to illness we were not able to do the same for Don Hartwells Birthday, but hope to work a belated quarter in at a later date when Don's Grandson and Nephew have recovered. Not to be left out Richard, something similar will take place to mark your Commissioning as Rural Dean for the Evesham Deanery. In the mean time I will be busy making Jam's and Chutney's for the Ringers Stall at the mini Fete Held in November at Church. Otherwise October looks to be a reasonably quiet month.



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We have had an interesting and busy two months. We served tea and cakes at the Annual Flower Show. We have completed a county W.I. Triathlon by walking 50 miles, cycling 25 miles and swimming 5 miles. Have visited Croome Court and went to Littleton W.I. where we met some of the dogs who star in film And TV programmes including the lovely little dog that stars alongside Martin Clunes in 'Doc Martin' and many more. We had a very enjoyable social skittles evening at the New Inn at Willersey with a delicious buffet supper. We look forward to seeing the musical show "Hairspray" and singing carols at Birmingham Town Hall with the City Organist and Cambrian Brass. Our weekly walking group lead by Maureen Davies has proved very popular and the group has certainly grown. It could of course diminish after our final Tuesday evening walk which, as it was our last one and the nights are drawing in, was to be a short one at Wick. However as dusk fell we were still walking through fields and a wooded area where in the gloom we disturbed roosting pheasants who made such a noise and flew all over the place, including very close to us, that it was like a scene from Alfred Hitchcock's 'The Birds'. However, not to be daunted and in the capable hands of Maureen Davies and Angela Gash we hurried along at Olympic pace. At last we could see the lights of Pershore and were by the river near Pershore Leisure Centre, only to find we were the wrong side of the river! Now we could take a chance and get over a barbed wire fence and go across countryside we didn't know or we could retrace our steps. After consultation and at Olympic pace we sprinted (writers licence with the 'sprinted') back through the fast darkening wooded area, where luckily the pheasants hadn't had time

to re-roost, through tracks and pathways with ruts, holes and large puddles which we couldn't see but didn't dare trip over or slow down, until Eureka! We reached a lane which most of us found familiar and knew it would lead us back to the Bridge at Pershore and our cars. It really was quite exciting, if a little worrying for the Leaders and we all really enjoyed it even though our 2 mile walk turned into a 7 mile walk. The only disappointment was that we had to forgo a visit to The New Inn at Cropthorne on our way home due to the lateness of the hour and exhaustion! Maureen and Angela - we all loved it! It was like being a Girl Guide again. Member Joan Butcher was 90 years old at the end of August and was presented with a cake, card and flowers. Joan really is an inspiration to us all. Our speakers have covered In 'Front and Behind the Camera' when Gillian Andrews TV and Radio actress gave us an insight to the not so glamorous side of being an actress. Gillian has appeared in most of the Detective Programmes, such as Wycliffe, Miss Marples, Bergerac and others as well as many of the costume dramas and other programmes such as The Bill, Casualty etc. In September we were treated to the mysteries of Meridian Energy Therapies which again was most interesting and if we are all able to follow it properly and get our 'Chakras' in order will all feel well and in good control of our lives. Wednesday 13 October is our AGM when a new committee will be elected and following that we will be having a mini auction to raise money for our funds. Visitors are always welcome and we meet at 7.15pm at the Remembrance Hall on the second Wednesday of the month. NB: anyone with any unwanted miners lamps can donate them to the Badsey WI Walking Group.

BRA UPDATE

Please keep your old or unwanted bras coming for the Guinness Book of Records challenge to have the largest bra chain in the world (currently held by Australia) in aid of the new Breast Cancer Care Unit which will be built in Worcester. Many thanks for all the bags I find on my door handle. Ask friends, neighbours, and clubs you may belong to and keep them coming. Second Skin of Worcester, which is organising this challenge need 200,000 and at the moment have just over 50,000 so need quite a few more. They can be left at 4, Seward Close or given to anyone you know who is in the W.I.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Badsey Recreation Ground : the makeover latest

As always there's many a slip betwixt cup and lip: hence a slight delay on starting but the scheme is going ahead. Hopefully, some of you took the opportunity to attend the Council meeting on 15th September to view the plans and photographs of the equipment but if not they will also be available at the meeting on 20th October and some local groups will receive personal visits from Councillors to go over the plans.

Memorials

It is hoped that the planting of a tree in memory of Anthony Jerram will go ahead in the very near future. If you would like a lasting memorial in the Parish for a member of your family or someone you think should be commemorated for their work in the Parish there is scope to purchase a seat/bench for public use. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Planning Points

The Planning Authority for the Parish is Wychavon District Council but the Parish Council, and all residents, are entitled to comment on planning applications relevant to the Parish so here is a very general guide to what to do.

How do I find out about local planning applications?

- Notices will be often be posted outside the site – keep an eye as you walk round the Parish
- Agendas for Parish Council Planning Committee meetings are always posted on the Parish noticeboards on the Thursday or Friday before the next planning meeting
- Close neighbours should be notified directly by Wychavon District Council
- The Parish Council Planning Committee tries to notify the applicant and close neighbours of the meeting of the Parish Council Planning Committee at which the application will be considered. Please note that our resources and time are limited so personal notices may only be given to those already notified by Wychavon.

Where can I find the details of a planning application?

- If you have internet access then all planning documents are available on line through <http://www.wychavon.gov.uk>. Select 'Business & Planning' from the main menu and then select the

big yellow icon 'Search for Planning Applications'. You can then search using the site address or the planning case number. The case number is always shown on the Parish Council planning agendas.

- If you do not have internet access then it is possible to view hard copies of the applications at Pershore Civic Centre or Evesham Community Contact Centre but you will need to make an appointment, giving 4 days notice, so they can obtain copies

How can I comment?

- Attend the relevant Parish Council Planning Committee meeting and raise your concerns in the public forum. The Committee will then take your comments into account but they will make their own decision as to what comments, if any, the Council will make.
- Put your comments on line: when you view the details of an application on-line there is provision for you to add your own comments.
- It is worth remembering that comments can be positive or negative: so if your neighbour is proposing to do something which in your view will enhance the local area then say so.

27 Brewers Lane: following a planning inquiry outline planning permission has now been granted for 39 houses on this site. The planning documents, including the inspector's decision and the conditions attached to the planning consent, can be viewed online. The case number is 09/01690. The developers will have to apply for detailed planning permission in due course and the Parish Council and local residents will then be entitled to comment on issues concerning the design and other details.

Future Council Meetings

There was no meeting in August and you will find a note of what happened in September in your November newsletter. The Council meetings for the remainder of 2010 will be on 20 October, 17 November and 15 December (all Wednesdays). Clerk's contact details: **Alexandra Owen (Mrs) White House Main Street Aldington WR11 7XB.**

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PERSON PROFILE - MARGARET PYE

Moving house is not unusual for me, because of my husband's career we have spent the last 40 years living in Ndola, Zambia, Burton on Trent, Staffs, Chesterfield, Derbyshire (our home county), Flitwick, Bedfordshire, and Oakley, Buckinghamshire. This last move was prompted by my husband's redundancy and it has enabled us to move nearer to our eldest daughter and granddaughter. I have worshiped wherever I have lived but my ministry life began at St Andrew's in Bedfordshire. I was asked to restart the MU, as Branch Leader and later became Dioceses Overseas Representative. The MU allowed me to experience fellowship but when we started the Pram Service it gave me the opportunity to share my Christian beliefs. We moved in Dec 92 and I was quite disappointed to find that St Mary's Oakley was not the same as St Andrew's. I started to look at other churches in the area trying to replicate what I had left. Then one night about 6 months after arriving I woke thinking that if this wasn't what I wanted then I ought to start and do something about it. I became a PCC member, a Foundation Governor, Churchwarden and slowly I took a more involved role leading Family services, running a Sunday Club, leading Lent groups, Advent groups, children's workshops, quiet services, as well as taking assemblies in School. I was encouraged to go forward for Reader selection 2001 and I

was licensed in November 2004.

My last 2 Priests in Charge have allowed me to extend my ministry across the 4 villages of the Benefice taking funerals and Communion by Extension. These 4 congregations have supported me throughout my training and during my ministry in prayer and fellowship as well generously supporting me with travel and training expenses and an annual book allowance. We arrived in Badsey on the 15 Sept 2009 and moved into Bretforton Rd to a house that was 'work in progress', now almost a year later we are settled. I love spending time with the family, and in my garden. I still work p/t at Oxford Brookes University and I am a volunteer at Coughton Court. I have now been relicensed to Worcestershire Diocese and I am looking forward to sharing my ministry with everyone in the Benefice of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton.



Jodie Johnson wrote a further poem two years later when she was 11. If possible I will put this in the November issue for Remembrance.

50 YEARS LATE

This poem was written by Jodie Johnson (aged 9) and is displayed at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire.

USEFUL NUMBERS

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I am only a child
and it's hard to explain,
the feelings I have,
as I sit in the rain
and I think of the men
who went off to war,
knowing they would not
come home anymore.

I cannot say thank you
to the men left in France,
who laid down their lives
to give me a chance,
I cannot say thank you
to the ones who returned,
for thank you is not
what those brave men earned.

I owe them my life
as I live it today
a life lived in freedom
because of that day.
I owe them much more
than I can ever repay.
I owe them the lives
that they gave up that day.
they will live in my heart
for as long as I live,
and my children will learn
of that gift that they give.