

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

November 2010

WHO ARE THESE MEN?

A second poem by Julie Johnson, aged 11, written 2 years after her first poem

Who are these men
Who march so proud
Who quietly weep
Eyes closed, heads bowed?
These are the men
Who once were boys
Who missed out on youth
And all of its joys.

Who are these men
With aged faces
Who silently count
The empty spaces?
These are the men
Who gave their all
Who fought for their country
For freedom for all.

Who are these men
With sorrowful look
Who still can remember
The lives that were took?



These are the men
Who saw young men die
The price of peace
Is always high.



Who are these men
Who in the midst of pain
Whispered comfort to those
They would not see again?
These are the men
Whose hands held tomorrow
Who brought back our future
With blood, tears and sorrow.

Who are these men
Who promise to keep
Alive in their hearts
The ones God holds asleep
These are the men
To whom I promise again
Veterans, my friends,
I WILL REMEMBER THEM

Editor's note: On behalf of us all **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

MINI FETE

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OVERHEARD

The Bishop had preached at Harvest Festival and as he stood at the door, people were very complimentary about his sermon. 'Splendid', said one. 'Thank you for the wonderful message', said another, and so it went on. However, one rather shabbily dressed man took the Bishop's hand and said 'Pathetic', before moving out. The compliments started again, but after a few minutes the strange man was back in the queue. This time he said to the Bishop, 'Very, very boring' and again went through the door. The pattern repeated itself yet again. This time the message was, 'Hope it will be a long time before we see you again'. Soon everyone had gone except the churchwarden. 'Who was that strange man?' Asked the Bishop. 'He said very peculiar things'. 'Don't worry about him,' came the reply 'He's a bit simple and he just wanders round repeating what he hears other people saying.

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All



Sunday 14 November this year sees our annual Remembrance Sunday service organised by members of the Royal British Legion, which was formed in 1921 to support the veterans of the Great War. But since then, Britain has been involved in many other wars and fields of Service, creating a continuous supply of Service men and women, and their families, who need our support and assistance. 'The Legion' are recognised as the Nation's custodians of Remembrance, and the Cenotaph in Whitehall and numerous war memorials around the country commemorate those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in World Wars I and II. To commemorate those that have lost their lives in the Service of their country since 1945, the Armed Forces Memorial was opened in 2007 in the grounds of the National Memorial Arboretum and the names are updated in June of each year. There was a time not too long ago when the service personnel remembered at Remembrance Services were mainly those who gave their lives during the First and Second World Wars, this is now no longer the case; at the time of writing this letter ninety-five service personnel have given their lives in the service of others this year alone (and by the time 14 November arrives that number I fear will have risen even more). There is therefore a new generation for whom the Service of

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	19 August	James Edward Fair
	12 September	Nianh Charlotte Guyl
	19 September	Oscar Tom Biltcliffe
	10 October	Lucy Louise Ross

Funerals:	24 September	Stephen Thomas
		Crisp (Burial of Ashes)
	24 September	Floreny May Crisp
		(Burial of Ashes)

Weddings None:

CHURCH SERVICES

NOVEMBER

Wed 3rd	10.00 am	Communion followed by coffee
Sun 7th	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 14th	10.45 am	Remembrance Service
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 21st	11.00 am	Family Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 28th	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.

FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

Remembrance will be a time for remembering loved ones; as well as remembering grandparents (and in some cases great grandparents) many young people will be remembering their own mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, brothers or sisters. Silence plays huge part in the Service of Remembrance and at 11.00 am on the 14 November the country will fall silent for two minutes as a tribute to the fallen, it will be a time of remembrance and quiet reflection for past and present generations. Silence is something there is very little of these days; we are constantly bombarded with noise, be it in the supermarket while we are shopping (and I am dreading the beginning of the Christmas music to shop by!) or from someone's iPod or mobile phone as we walk down the street. It is in silence that we can collect our thoughts and be still, from a Christian perspective it is often easier to find God in silence. It was the Prophet Elijah in the Old Testament who went to meet God on a mountain; while he was there he encountered first a great wind, then an earthquake and then a fire, these were followed by silence. It was not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire that Elijah met God but in the sound of sheer silence. Perhaps during our two minutes silence, not only will we remember the fallen but we may also feel the presence of God with whom they now rest.

Richard

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ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

NOVEMBER ROTA

1st Sunday	Sheila & Annette
2nd Sunday	Julie & Eleanor
3rd Sunday	Hazel & Hazel
4th Sunday	Advent - no flowers

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church last month and especially thank you for the lovely Harvest Festival flowers.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We had a very enjoyable meeting in October when Terry Sparrow was the speaker. We all wished Jean Hughes a very happy 94th birthday.



Our next meeting is at 2.00 pm on Thursday 18 November at 45 Brewers Lane when Hilda Farr will be celebrating her 90th birthday and Hilary Bolton will bring her handbells for us all to practice on.

If you would like to join us at one of our meetings call Sheila Lancaster on 833929.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Hello everyone, I am sorry I have not been in contact with you for a few weeks, but my hotmail account was hacked into by fraudsters a while ago, and we chose to have our complete computer system checked out and new security installed, which caused one or two problems, and as a result we were without internet access for a couple of weeks. I apologise for those of you who received requests for money which I hope you realised was fraudulent, as I was here in Evesham all the time and not Nigeria! Please can you therefore note my new email address for any contact. I have closed down my hotmail account as the IT nerds who sorted us out recommended GMX is much more secure!

(I have printed this from Sue because I was one of the people who received an e-mail asking for money to get Sue home and its very tempting to get caught out when its a name you know)

I know some of you don't print a magazine over the Christmas period, so I am including dates for the November and January 2011 meetings for our members and the public at large to note. Thank you so much for your help, we as a club do appreciate it, and our membership has grown. The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 24th November 2010, at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This month it is the Club's Social Evening, and once again we are looking forward to being entertained by Roland Sandalls and his keyboard. We look forward to seeing you all for what promises to be an entertaining evening. The first meeting for 2011 is scheduled for Wednesday 26th January, 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, the speaker will be confirmed at the November meeting.

JIGSAW

On 26 September the Jigsaw group met to enjoy an hour learning about the story of Jonah and the Whale. We made a colourful fish and put Jonah in its tummy. Have a look in church to see if you can spot Jonah. We had fun playing a fishing game to see who could catch the most fish.

Our next meeting is on
28 November 2010
11.00 am – 12.00 noon
In
St James Church



Do come along and join the fun.
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OVER SIXTIES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our September meeting the speaker, Anne Hartwright, gave a talk on Osteoporosis awareness. This was informative and helpful to many of our members and we hope she will come again next year. After the club business we held a raffle, followed by tea and cakes. On 11 September members went to Eastbourne for their annual holiday. On Sunday we went to Brighton for a most pleasant sunny day with some spending much of the day on the beach. An added attraction was the last motor cyclists meeting where an estimated 10,000 bikers gathered along the promenade. With nightly entertainment in the hotel, a night at the theatre and another day's outing to Hastings and Rye, the week passed all too quickly. Entertainment for the October meeting was provided by Billy Davis with music and a sing-a-long. We all congratulated Mike and Wendy Neal on 47 Years of marriage and Cecil and Joan Jones for 66 years.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 02 November and new members will be most welcome.

Wendy Neal

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The September meeting of the Royal British Legion Women's Section, Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch took place on Wednesday 22 September which naturally at this time of year the meeting took on the form of a Harvest Festival. After the official business had been dealt with the chairman introduced the vicar Richard Court and said how pleased the branch were that he had been able to come along and conduct the Harvest Service, as in the past he had been invited but due to other commitments had been unable to attend. The ladies were in fine voice keeping in key with Pat Gorin who played the piano. After the service, which was short, but to the point, the ladies partook of refreshments. What could be more suitable than a ploughman's platter, prepared beforehand by Jackie Emms who even made the tea and managed the washing up afterwards, ably assisted by Lynne Clarke. The vicar was then asked if he would judge the alphabet competition, yes like most of our judges he found it difficult to choose a winner. The letter was 'I' and produced quite a variety of articles from the ladies. In the end he chose a small Imp brought by Wendy Neal. The squares competition was won by Janet Walsh. The remainder of the evening was taken up by the auctioning of the produce brought by the ladies. The centre table was well laden and the chairman once again thanked the ladies for raising to the occasion and providing the 'Harvest'. The money raised will be split between a donation to the church and Legion funds. The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 27 October which is the AGM when membership subs are due. They are £5.00 to join the Women's Section and an extra £1.00 if ladies want to join the Legion Club. We are a small friendly group who are always looking for new members, if you would like a social evening out once a month, with refreshments (we know some only come for Bets sandwiches) why not give us a try. We meet in the small comfortable lounge at 7.30 pm. It is quite interesting to see what the ladies come up with for the alphabet competition next month's letter is 'J'. No one minds if you don't join in you just pay a forfeit 10p.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER IN AID OF ARMY OF ANGELS

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BADSEY W.I.

October is our AGM when President and Committee were elected by the members with a Federation W.I. Advisor, Mrs Wendy Booth, overseeing the proceedings. As this goes to press we have not yet had our meeting, however, details will be in the December issue.

Our Group Skittles competition will also start in October under the guidance of our Skittles Captain Anne Ellender who will be encouraging us along. Our Tuesday evening walks have now come to an end and we have started our Saturday afternoon walks under the guidance of Maureen Davies. We are looking forward to our visit to see Hairspray in Birmingham and to going to the Birmingham Town Hall to sing carols with the City Organist. Twenty members completed the WFWI Triathlon which included 20 miles walking, 10 miles cycling and 5 miles swimming. We have also received notice of a road scam which has been taking place where a baby seat, or similar is put in the road or on the side of the road which encourages drivers to stop and check that all is OK and while they are checking someone hiding nearby jumps in the car and drives it off. The advice from the police, who warned of this scam, no instances reported in this area, YET, is to not stop but to keep going and when free DIAL 999 and report to police who will check on the baby seat etc. and deal with the matter. In November we will have a speaker on 'Mistletoe Miscellany' and the competition will be for a 'last rose of summer' so check your roses then and bring any left from summer with you. Anyone who would like to come along to one of meetings to see what we are all about will be made more than welcome. We meet at the Remembrance Hall on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.15pm.

BRAS Many thanks for all those who have been leaving bras on my doorstep – keep them coming please!

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WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE!! The members of the W.I. Walking Group led by Maureen Davies can read maps very well even we have difficulty doing this when it is almost dark. Also by a freak of nature the river seemed to have changed course and we didn't have our inflatable dinghy with us! The map reading difficulty has now been remedied as we have obtained a head lamp for Maureen to enable her to read maps and signs in the dark. Women can't read maps – whatever next. At least we will ask for directions (if we see anyone) which is more than a man will do!

Press Secretary Badsey W.I.

HOME START

Home-Start is a voluntary organisation that supports local families with children under the age of 5 who are going through a period of stress whether it be loneliness, depression, coping with multiple births, etc. Volunteers visit families once a week for 2-3 hours to offer a listening ear, advice and friendship. We are seeking to recruit volunteers in the Evesham area so if you understand the pressures of bringing up a young family and would like to make a difference then contact Sandra or Louise on 01386 49476 for more information.

TOWER NEWS

First of all a very big Thank you to Don Hartwell for his very generous donation to mark his 90 Birthday.

With the wedding season well behind us in the benefice, we can now begin to think of what lies ahead.

As a benefice we rely on each other to make up the teams which often leaves one church service without the call of the bells. We could all ring independently if enough people came forward.

Saturday morning of 13 November, Mr Geoffrey Brewin will be bringing a team from the Bromyard area to ring the half muffled 'Memorial' Peal in memory of the fallen. He has been doing this for us for a number of years now. Whereupon we will pass on the fee he pays us to the British Legion 'Poppy Fund'. Hopefully we will have enough ringers for the Remembrance Service the following day. Next time we will be thinking about how to cover all the Christmas events.



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BROWNIES

We enjoyed watching James and The Giant Peach.
I liked seeing the play because it was very funny.
I liked it when the peach blew up.
I enjoyed it when we saw the way the Aunts talked to James - really funny.
The performance was absolutely amazing - brilliant atmosphere.
I like playing on the adventure playground - we could go on whatever we wanted to, it was very, very good fun, playing in the park for so long. We made necklaces out of wood - I thought it was very creative. It was cool - I liked the spiders. I liked the animals - a tarantula touched my hand. it was big and hairy. The parrots were funny.
I liked planting the bulbs and putting sand on top so you could tell where they were.



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Badsey Guiders Mandy Young and Andrea Arrandale, with the help of several others in Evesham District, arranged a fantastic party for Elizabeth Bolland to

celebrate her 65th birthday and who sadly finished as a guide leader with 1st Badsey Guides and as Evesham Division

Commissioner. It was known as the "Secret Squirrel" as

everyone wanted to keep it as a surprise, which was particularly difficult for her husband Ralph. There were plenty of balloons and party poppers, plus a wonderful buffet and cake followed by entertainment - in true guiding style reminiscing on Elizabeth and camp. We would all like

to thank Elizabeth for everything she has done for the guide movement in Badsey and throughout the district and division - we know she will continue to



provide support and guidance to the girls, young women as well as leaders within the area and we look forward to her continuing to be involved in other ways including PR, marketing and communication as well as Trefoil Guild.

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The amended plans have been drawn up and the costings received. However, as a result of changes which have been made at the request of the District Council the Recreation Ground Trust will be doing some more fund raising over the next few months, so please support their efforts to ensure Badsey gets the recreation ground which our children and young people, and their parents/grandparents/carers, deserve.

Parish Council agendas and minutes can now be accessed on the web through the 'My Parish' section of the Worcestershire County Council website. Go to <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish> and then select either Badsey or Aldington and simply follow the links. Agendas and minutes for both Council meetings and Planning Committee meetings can be found under Parish Council Meetings. Please let the Clerk know of any suggestions for links to be added (non-commercial please).

Localism, Localism, Localism!

Some of you may be aware that local authorities in other countries often seem to have a much greater influence on local affairs than local authorities in the United Kingdom. One of the present Government's major policy proposals is to move more decisions down to local government, including Parish Councils. We won't know the details until the Government publishes the Localism Bill (due in November). However, according to Eric Pickles this Bill will "shift power from the central state back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils. It will empower local people giving them more power over local government. It will free local government from central and regional control so that they can ensure services are

delivered according to local needs." There have already been indications that we are likely to see local Councils being given power to act generally for the benefit of their community and changes to planning law. This makes it a very interesting time to be involved in local government and the local community.

Budgeting

The Parish Council has to budget just like everyone else and this is the time of year when the Council puts together its budget for the next financial year. The Council looks at what has been spent over the past few years and estimates what will be required for the future (offers of crystal balls gratefully received!). The request for funds then goes through to Wychavon District Council and the resulting sum is added to Council Tax Bills for properties in the Parish. If you are interested the Budget will be discussed at the meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 17 November.

September Meeting

Amongst matters discussed at the September meeting of the Council were:

- The state of Bretforton Road (B4035): there has been a meeting with the Highways Liaison officer and the Council is pushing for the road to be resurfaced at the earliest possible opportunity.
- Funding: the Council is establishing a working party to identify and investigate funding opportunities to help the Council help the Parish.
- Trees on the Recreation Ground: an inspection has been undertaken and quotes are being sought for work to be done.

'K' FITNESS FOR THE OVER 50S

Are you over 50? Would you like to do an exercise class which is not too demanding, which is fun and functional, which has some movement, some flexibility work, some strength work and is targeted at those of you who don't feel able to take part in a more energetic class. If you would like to come and have a go, I am offering a **FREE FIRST CLASS** as an incentive and all you have to do is bring this article with you. I'm sure that once you've tried the class, you'll be hooked! It's so important to keep our joints flexible, our muscles strong and our minds active and if we can do that and have a bit of fun as well, life should be great. Sore muscles, stiff joints and boredom all contribute to a less active lifestyle so start your week with SUPER SENIORS at the Remembrance Hall in Badsey at 10.55am.

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PERSON PROFILE - ALEX OWEN, OUR PARISH CLERK

I moved to Aldington about 5 years ago, shortly after my marriage. Before that I was a lawyer, living and working in London for over 25 years after taking my degree in History and then my legal qualifications. However, commuting was no joke and I thought that having waited a good number of years to acquire a husband I should then actually spend some time with him! So I took the opportunity to change careers, taking a PGCE and getting a post teaching History and Law (and Geography and Citizenship) in Oxfordshire. Did I say that I moved to spend more time with my husband? Well, I was certainly living in the same house but as any of you who have experience of teaching will know in this day and age it is certainly not a 9 to 3.30 job, if it ever was (don't mention the holidays, I spent most of the time working). Furthermore, although I was getting to know the B4035 like the back of my hand I certainly wasn't getting much opportunity to get to know my local area or community. So I decided to take a break. And there it was, as if by fate: the advertisement on the Parish Noticeboard for the position of Clerk to Badsey & Aldington Parish Council. Becoming Parish Clerk is my first introduction to local government, but although I moved to the Parish from London this is not my first experience of rural life. I am a farmer's daughter, brought up in a rural village in North Yorkshire; a village much like Badsey in that it too has retained its school, Church, pubs and one of its shops while expanding considerably from its original core. I attended the village school (one of only 10 in my year

group), became in due course a Brownie and a Guide and a member of my local Young Farmers Club and worked Saturdays and holidays in the village shop. My family still farms, my father was at one time a

member (and later Chairman) of the Parish Council and my mother still is an active member of the W.I.. So although the scenery is different I have in many ways returned to my rural roots in coming to live in this part of the world.

In the three months since I was appointed to the position of Parish Clerk I have started to meet people in the Parish and by the time you read this, or shortly afterwards, I hope to have been accepted as a member of the W.I.. As I am beginning to realise there is no such thing as a typical day in the working life of a Parish Clerk. My favourite morning so far saw me at an arranged meeting with a number of people from the District Council about the Recreation Ground makeover, an unexpected meeting with the men from E-on and cleaning up paint from one of the play area surfaces – all at the same time! There is a huge amount to learn (I am currently coming to grips with street lighting and the budget) and I will no doubt make mistakes (even former lawyers are human) but I am enjoying the job hugely and I hope to continue to support the Council and, through its work, the people of the Parish of Badsey & Aldington for some years to come.



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HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Are you spending Christmas at home this year? Would you consider including an international student from a university in the UK in your plans? There are so many students here from China, India, and many other countries, who are unable to go back at Christmas. They would love to spend two or three days in a real home, rather than an empty hall of residence.

For many, Christmas will be an entirely new experience. Staying with you, they could find out what it is all about, as well as enjoying home-cooked food, joining in with your activities, and seeing a little of the country away from the campus. You do not need to live near a university, as many students are happy to travel to have this opportunity. Your link with a student will be arranged by one of HOST's voluntary regional organisers, who do their best to match hosts and guests who will enjoy one another's company. HOST is a long-established national charity, founded by the British Council. Every HOST visit, whether for Christmas or for a weekend during the year, is a one-off, although sometimes lasting friendships are formed. The cultural exchange, and the contribution to international goodwill, are what make it all worthwhile. If you would like to know more about volunteering as a host, please see www.hostuk.org or call HOST's regional organiser Roger Lowery on 01885 489024.

THOUGHT LINES

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

Dale Carnegie