

# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington

### February 2011

#### **THE SHEPHERDS**

We heard the story of the Shepherds at the Christingle Service and again on Christmas morning at St. James in Badsey. What intrigues me, is why the gospel writer Luke, who having "perfect understanding" would want us to know "the certainty" of the story? Why were these Shepherds chosen, and what was the significance of a birth of a Saviour to these Shepherds? Why were they prepared to take their flock across hazardous country to Bethlehem to check out what the angel had said?

The land round Jerusalem was royal land and sheep could not be grazed on the land except for the "lambs without blemish" destined for the temple sacrifice. The Shepherds who tended this flock had been brought up to know the Law which exposing their hearts, revealed their sin and their need for a sacrifice to restore them into a right relationship with a Holy God. They knew that the lamb sacrifice, was but a shadow; that the prophets foretold of a perfect sacrifice that would bring a permanent peace with God. To them the news of a Saviour being born in Bethlehem had great significance for them. They wanted to be sure so they set out to check out what the angel had said.

If I examine my every thought, deed and word, I know without a moment's hesitation I have failed to live up to God's perfect standard. When I see my reflection in the Holy Law of God – the 10 Commandments, I see a picture of a man in need of Grace. I cannot stand before a Just and Holy God unless I have a Saviour; someone to be that perfect "lamb without blemish", that perfect sacrifice to cover my sin. I am in need of someone to take the punishment I deserve upon themselves – who is willing to become sin for me. The news of a Saviour being born in Bethlehem has great significance for me. Many years ago I checked out for myself what the angel had said.

Why am I talking about this story two months after Christmas?

Soon we'll be thinking of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross at Calvary. Jesus was born to be that perfect sacrifice. He fulfilled the Law, perfectly keeping the 10 Commandments; living a perfect life without blemish. The Shepherds looked forward to the birth of the Saviour foretold by the prophets. I look forward remembering Jesus' incredible work of salvation on my behalf that enables me to be saved from the consequence of my sin.

I hope you will be willing to check out what the angel had said.

*This was sent in by Trevor Burton who has recently moved into the village.*


#### **BADSEY FLOWER SHOW**

Please join the **Badsey Flower Show** team as we prepare for the 2011 event which takes place on **Saturday 23 July**. If you'd like to get involved in our main village event of the year please join us at the **BFS Annual General Meeting**. This takes place at **The Wheatsheaf Inn, Badsey** on **Tuesday February 15 at 8pm (please note - revised date)**.

Come and get involved. Your help would be very much appreciated to ensure another successful event for 2011. We need helpers on the day and more people to get involved in the planning and organising of the event. For more details call 01386 830036.

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## 2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All,



I don't know why I should be surprised or why it should annoy me so much, perhaps I'm turning into a 'grumpy old man', but why is it that we had hardly had time to settle the wise men in the Christmas crib on the 6 January and there were already Easter Eggs in the shops? Easter is not until the 24 April which is months away, that said I do remember Christmas carols being played in the shops months before Christmas, so why, as I say, should I be so surprised?

As we start February, in the church calendar, we begin the weeks before Lent, a time when we will be looking at Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. It will be a time of learning before we enter our season of Lent. Things we will be hearing about are not to hide our light under a basket. In other words stand up for what you think is right if you have skills use them and be proud of them. There is also teaching about the need to follow the law – we may not always agree with all of them, but most

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### CHURCH SERVICES

#### FEBRUARY

Wed 2nd	10.00 am	Eucharist followed by coffee
Sun 6th	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 13th	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 20th	11.00 am	Family Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 27th	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

of the time laws are there for everyone's protection. There are times however when we need to stand up against unjust laws and that is part of our Christian duty and calling. Another thing we will be reminded of is the need to turn the other cheek and not to react harshly when things do not go the way we want them to. Finally there is a lesson about worrying too much about material things. God provides all we need (although I know it does not necessarily feel like that all the time) and we should not worry about what we eat or drink or how we are clothed (easier said than done when we really want the latest trainers or handbag). The central part of Jesus' teaching is not to worry about the unnecessary matters, perhaps like having Easter Eggs in the shops just after Christmas – yes we can all learn something from Jesus' teaching, much of it very practical when it comes to how to live our lives. For me I shall still try to resist the temptation of buying a Cadburys Cream Egg (other makes are available I'm told) until Easter.

Best Wishes

*Richard*

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Baptisms:** None

<b>Funerals:</b>	21 December 2010	Hilda May Knight
	04 January 2011	Winifred Olive Laight
	06 January 2011	Kenneth William Portman
	07 January 2011	Raymond Brown

**Weddings:** None

### PCC MEETINGS

The next PCC Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 01 March at the vicarage.

If you have anything you would like brought up please ask the secretary or one of the committee members, a list of which is on the porch notice board.

### ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

#### FEBRUARY ROTA

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

Ladies, thank you for your flowers in Church during January.

If there is anyone who would like to join our team of flower arrangers please contact me or a member of the Guild.

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me.

.Hazel Stewart 832007

## ROUND ROBIN GROUP

We are now entering our third year of the Round Robin Group. We started with about a dozen people but have now doubled that number. I only had a call this week from someone else who wanted to join so we must be doing something right.

On 20 January we shall be singing along with Marianne on the Accordion and on 17 February Julia Routledge will talk and show slides of her visit to New Zealand. The beauty of the group is that it is informal.

If anyone would like to come along please contact Sheila Lancaster on 833929 and you'll be very welcome.

## SIGN UP FOR SINGING IN 2011

The award-winning a cappella chorus who won - for the fourth time - the Open Class at last year's Worcester Music Festival, specialise in singing in close four-part harmony.

Their wide-ranging repertoire includes fun, up-beat numbers by Abba, Cyndi Lauper and the Beatles, to the more traditional harmonies of artists such as Cole Porter. And this year, they're looking to strengthen their numbers by recruiting more musically-minded ladies.

Eddie Howell, who is Vale Connection's Musical Director, is quick to point out that you don't have to be able to read music to join in. "We'll provide everything you need to get started so just pop in and join us at one of our rehearsals one Thursday evening - all you need to bring is your voice! We have a great new rehearsal venue this year right in the heart of Evesham at St Mary and Egwin Church and there's plenty of free parking for everyone."

Singing a cappella means singing without musical backing and it's a style that's growing in popularity thanks to reality TV shows like Don't Stop Believing which a ladies a cappella chorus won in spectacular style. The ladies of Vale Connection are currently practicing a range of exciting new songs for their May Charity Concert, 'One Heart in Harmony', with all the profits going to The Birmingham Children's Hospital Heart Appeal. Eddie Howell says, "We'd love as many people as possible to become involved in what we do so if you love singing, do come and see us soon."

## JIGSAW

During December the Jigsaw group joined with the junior choir to act out the Nativity play at the Carol service. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful performance, the children did fantastically well.



**Our next meeting is on**

23 January 2011

11.00 – 12.00

Do come along and join the fun.

It's free

## Candlemas Craft workshop

Saturday 05 February 2011

2.30 – 4.00pm

£1.00 per child

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## BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION



### Celebrations and Elections

Badsey Mothers' Union celebrated 2010, a variety of excellent speakers, an outing to The House of the Open Door for afternoon tea, Deanery and Diocesan Festivals and a lovely Garden Meeting at The Vicarage in July. Thanks were expressed to Sandra and the committee for their hard work. A special thank you was given to Sandra for her 10 year leadership. Penny Christison was elected as the new leader and we hold her and the new committee in our prayers as we begin another year.

*Sue Cole*

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## LENT COURSE 2011

Theme: Belonging

Dr Austen Ivereigh: belong in the community

Dr Robert Beckford: belong in the nation

Dr Paula Gooder; belonging in the primitive Christian church

Canon Dr Phil Groves: belong in a diverse worldwide church

Clare Short: belonging as a nation in the new world order

*These will be held at All Saints Church, Evesham*

## QUEENS GUIDE AWARD

Mandy Young the Leader of Badsey Guides and Badsey Senior Section, was invited to the Palace of Westminster in December, to be congratulated by Baroness Benjamin of the 'House of Lords' and Jenny Leach the Chief Guide for Girlguiding UK, for achieving the Queen's Guide Award. The full report of Mandy's achievement was reported in the August edition.



(the photo shows Mandy with Baroness Benjamin)

*Elizabeth Bolland (PR Adviser for Girlguiding Evesham Division)*

## DONATIONS

Badsey Butcher's shop collected £65.30, designated to be used for the upkeep of the churchyard, from a jar put on the counter. It was on 17 May 2007 when it was last emptied and contained £66.59.

Apparently next year the Butcher's shop will be 50 years old and hopefully they will write a short article to commemorate this.

## WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

The Programme for the Wheatsheaf Film Club in 2011 is as follows:

The first Saturdays in every month...back room bookings and weddings/parties permitting:

February....Lives of Others

March.....District 9

April.....Cassablanca

May.....Stardust

Annual subs will be due in April.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2011. Let us hope this dreadful snow has gone by then - I expect you are as fed up with it as I am. Thanks anyway for your support during 2010 - it has been much appreciated, and you are always welcome to come to our meetings which are entertaining, informative, and most of all friendly.



The February meeting takes place on Wednesday

23 February 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. This month the speaker is Tony Hamblin and his talk is entitled "Wildlife through the Seasons". The monthly competition is "Flower of the Month". Guests and prospective new members will be given a warm welcome. For further information please contact Dorothy

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## BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

On 07 December 2010 some of our members travelled to Pershore for a Group Meeting, hosted by the Pershore Branch. Representatives from other branches also attended. There were seventy seven members present, on a bitterly cold night. After the initial business was over, there followed a very enjoyable time. Food and drink was served and everyone had a Christmas gift. Entertainment was provided by the Salvation Army Band, with their stirring music. Carols were sung and the audience was invited to take part in appropriate readings. The last Branch Meeting of the year, held at the R.B.L. Club, was on 15 December It was 'Party Night'. Everyone brought food to share. The table was spread with a wide selection of savouries and sweets. Jackie had organised a 'Tombola' and for £1.00 a gift could be obtained. Members had also brought wrapped presents for the 'Lucky Dip' sack. For 50p a random present was yours. The evening was made especially lively by Roland and his electronic piano. He played a medley of old tunes, including 'Moonlight & Roses', 'I'll see you in my dreams', 'We'll meet again' and many more. We had been given song sheets, so we were able to enjoy a Singalong even more. We ended by singing carols. Roland and the two other people with him are part of the 'Pershore & District Older Peoples' Forum'. They were asked to judge this month's Alphabet Competition, the letter 'L'. They chose the children's letters brought by Wendy Beasley. When they were very young, Wendy's daughters had written to her in hospital following the birth of their baby brother, David. Wendy had kept these letters for a long time. What lovely childhood mementoes to have kept!

We ended the meeting on a festive note, wishing each other, 'A Happy Christmas' and to all 'A Rewarding and Healthy New Year'.

Pat Gorin

## LOST AND FOUND

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Sue England 01386832272

## ST JAMES SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Here's the date you have been waiting for – **SATURDAY 26th MARCH – AVONBANK BRASS BAND IN CONCERT.** Having had to cancel the Christmas Concert due to snow, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding a 'Spring Concert' on 26<sup>th</sup> March at St. James Church at 7.30pm. Wine and mince pies (or similar) will be served and tickets will be £7.00 and £3.50 for children. We hope you will all come along and spend a delightful evening with us. The band is entering the Midland Area Qualifying Championship in early March so they have much preparation and practise to do before such an event and we wish them every success.

## TOWER NEWS

This year is getting away so fast. As I write this February is galloping towards me. What can I say!

A very big thank you to all the ringers that braved the snow and ice, to ring for the Christmas Services. This was very much appreciated. Unfortunately some of us were struck down by the dreaded 'Bug' including myself. New Year was much the same, but with a little help from outside the year was marked again at mid-day, followed with ringing for the evening service the following day.

As yet we have not been given a 'commitment table' for 2011 so will continue to ring for the evening services as usual.



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### Snow damage

As day follows night, potholes inevitably follow the snow! If you are aware of any problems please either report them directly to Worcestershire County Council using the online facility or the Worcestershire Hub on 0845 607 2005 or contact the Clerk. Please try to be as clear as possible about where the offending hole is. Any water leaks or suspected waterleaks should be reported directly to Severn Trent Water either online (<http://www.stwater.co.uk>) or by telephone on 0800 783 4444.

### Updates on Council Elections

Thank you to all those who asked for further information following the January newsletter. There is a poster on the noticeboards concerning seminars which Wychavon District Council is running for anyone who is interested in standing for the Parish or District Council. These seminars will take place on the following dates: Wednesday, 9th February: Committee Rooms, Civic Centre, Pershore at

6pm; Thursday, 10th February: Avon Suite, Northwick Hotel, Evesham at 6pm; and Thursday, 17th February: St Andrews Suite, St Andrews Hotel, Droitwich at 6pm.

Although the cut off date for notifying WDC of attendance was Wednesday 26th January 2011 anyone who missed that date and would like to attend should contact Electoral Services on 01386 565437 or email [elections@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:elections@wychavon.gov.uk).

### Recreation Ground

In order to minimise the period the Rec. will be unavailable the Contractors are busy constructing/acquiring the necessary equipment and materials off site and aim to be on site in the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The completion date is 31<sup>st</sup> March. Remember: if you have any concerns about safety during the period of the works please telephone Rob Wickens at HFN Landscapes on 01386 555354.

### Village Pride

At their meeting in December the Parish Council discussed how to encourage everyone to take a pride in the Parish, keeping it looking at its best. Aldington Residents Association already does a lot in this respect for Aldington but there is lots that could be done elsewhere. One possibility is a litter pick either throughout the Parish or in particular areas on different days. If you would like to get involved please contact the Clerk.

**Gentle Reminders** Please would all house/landowners take the opportunity before the nesting season recommences to check that their hedges and trees are not overhanging/encroaching on various footpaths in the Parish (both public rights of way and at the side of roads). Remember to think about how your hedges/trees will affect the paths once they are back in full leaf. As pointed out in the September edition of the Community News if an owner fails to keep the footpath clear the County Council does have power to do the necessary work, and will then charge the landowner. Also would all landowners who have responsibility for drainage ditches take some time to check that they are cleared out to minimise any risk of flooding.

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## LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN

### Replies from Partnerships to October 2010 And Bishop John's visit

#### *Bishop of Worcester*

A few days ago I attended the burial of one of the oldest members of our Royal Family - about a thousand years after she had died. Queen Eadyth, or Edith, was the grand-daughter of King Alfred the Great. She went to Magdeburg in Germany in 929 at the age of nineteen to marry the Holy Roman Emperor Otto I, Otto the Great. She was buried in Magdeburg when she died seventeen years later in 946. Her remains were moved in 1510 and it was thought that her tomb was empty but they were unexpectedly discovered during archaeological works at Magdeburg Cathedral in 2008 in a lead casket with the name "Eagdyth" inscribed on it. They were reinterred - this time in a titanium casket - in the service which I attended. I was there because the Diocese of Worcester has a link with the Lutheran Diocese of Magdeburg. What the whole experience brought home to me was how old and deep are the links between this country and Germany - especially Saxony where Edith lived and was buried. It was pointed out at the service that when she went there she and Otto would have been able to understand each other in their native tongue since she was Anglo- Saxon. Our histories - and with them our Christian history - are inextricably entwined.

### **BADSEY WITH ALDINGTON, OFFENHAM & BRETORTON**

#### *KROPENSTEDT (AND OTHERS IN HALBERSTADT EAST)*

Nine of us visited Germany in 2009, with a memorable farewell service at Halberstadt Cathedral saying farewell to Christoph Hackbeil who was leaving to become Propst.

In 2010 we agreed a gap year as they visit their partners in the Netherlands and we went to Oberammergau.

There is to be a visit to UK by our partners in June 2011.

*Alex Christison*

Cooperation between academics in the two countries was needed in our own day in order to identify her: scientists from the University of Bristol and the University of Mainz worked in partnership using cutting-edge technologies including micro- sampling to verify the origin of the bones. The twentieth Century was a terrible aberration as far as this long lasting friendship and cooperation are concerned. It was an aberration keenly felt in Magdeburg. The city was bombed almost out of existence by the Allies in January 1945 during the closing stages of the Second World War. Whilst there I attended a service of reconciliation which takes place at 12 noon every Friday at the same time as an identical one which happens at Coventry Cathedral. As we approach Remembrance Day and give thanks for those whose ultimate sacrifice ensured our freedom, particularly in the fight against the horrors of Nazism, I pray that the longer lasting friendship which has characterised the relationship between England and Germany will prevail in the Twenty-first Century and beyond.

*Bishop John  
October 2010*

## **DEAR GOD, SO FAR TODAY I'VE DONE ALRIGHT**

So far today I've done alright.

I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't criticised or moaned. I haven't been snappy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over indulgent.

I'm very thankful for that.

But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

Amen

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## BADSEY W.I.

Following our special Christmas meeting in December, we have started the New Year off with a lovely meal at the Broadway Hotel and are now looking forward to 2011 and the various things arranged so far.



Art Classes and the Walks will resume and we will continue playing skittle matches in the County Tournament. We are entering the collective class in the Spring Rally which will be held at Malvern on 23 March, with the proverb title "All that Glitters is not Gold" being the theme. We are to visit the Royal Chelsea Hospital, London and we will host the Autumn Group Meeting in October. A Pancake race on 08 March with a lunch is being organised with other institutes invited to take part. We will organise further outings and maybe a holiday during the year. Three of our members are celebrating 'special birthdays' in January and February so a very Happy Birthday to Shirley Chuter, Hazel Stewart and Anne Ellender. Our meeting this month is Jill Frazer on 'Why did that Baby want Myrrh?' the competition is for a baby's bonnet. Tea hostesses – Avril Court, Maureen Davies, Anne Ellender and Angela Gash. Extra cake – Liz Cudd. Do come along to any of our meetings and see if you like us enough to join. We meet at the Remembrance Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and start at 7.15pm. You will be made very welcome and we have two hostesses who will look after you and try to answer any questions you may have so don't worry about coming along on your own.

## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

**Monday Morning:** Pilate's and over 50's Pilates Chair Exercise with 'K' Fitness

**Monday Evening:** Bio Danza with C. Shepherd

**Tuesday Evening:** Pilate's with 'K' Fitness

**Wednesday Morning:** Rhythm Time (under 5's music)

**Wednesday 4.30-5.30 pm:** Ballet  
(Vital Statistics Theatre Company)

2nd Wednesday in Each Month: W.I.

3rd Wednesday in Each Month: Parish Council

Thursday Evening: Pole Pixies (Back Room) with Lucy  
Thursday Back Room: Martial Arts with George, Spar

**Friday Evenings:** Sequence Dancing

The hall is also used by Apple Vale Children's Centre, the Vital Statistics Theatre Group and is available for weddings, parties, etc.

If you would like to book the hall please telephone:  
Sue England on 01386 832272

## ST RICHARD'S HOSPICE NEWS

**Are you celebrating a special occasion in 2011?  
Invite your guests to Celebrate and Donate!**

Why not ask family and friends to make a donation to St Richard's in lieu of presents on your special occasion? If you would like to order Celebrate and Donate cards to send to family and friends with your celebration invitations please speak to the St Richard's Hospice Fundraising team on 01905 763963 or e-mail [appeals@strichards.org.uk](mailto:appeals@strichards.org.uk) You can also set up a fund for donations in lieu of gifts on line at [www.justgiving.com/strichards](http://www.justgiving.com/strichards)

Your gift will help us provide free specialist palliative care for patients living with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and support their families. Each year the hospice team supports over 2,100 patients and family members in Worcestershire.

**Are you ready for a challenge?**

Do you want to challenge yourself in 2011? Whether it's to get yourself kick started into more physical activity or push yourself outside your usual comfort zone - St Richard's has something to fit the bill. We can offer you a variety of wonderful walks, including some new challenges, bike rides, running events and all sorts of activities to get the adrenalin racing!

**On your bike**

**Bikeathon** - Sunday, 17 April. Set off on either a 15, 30, 45 or NEW 60 mile route, starting and finishing at St Richard's Hospice. The route heads out through beautiful south Worcestershire countryside mainly on cycle routes towards Defford, Ashton Under Hill and Pershore. For more information please get in touch with [appeals@strichards.org.uk](mailto:appeals@strichards.org.uk) or call 01905 763963.

## USEFUL NUMBERS

PETER LUFF, MP for Mid Worcestershire holds regular surgeries in Droitwich and Evesham.

Tel: 01905 763952

E-mail: [luffpj@parliament.uk](mailto:luffpj@parliament.uk)

Website: [www.peterluff.org.uk](http://www.peterluff.org.uk)

or write to: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Badsey Remembrance Hall 01386 832272

Police (non emergency) 0300 333 3000

Pressure Point(Local Drugs Helpline)0800 652 9664

FRANK (National Drugs Helpline) 0800 77 66 00

Victim Support 0845 3030 900  
(helping people cope with crime)

Domestic Violence Helpline 0800 980 2946

Childline 0800 11 11  
(Children and young people helpline)

Crimestoppers 0800 555111  
(Report information about crime, anonymously)

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



## LENT COURSE 2011

Theme: Belonging

Dr Austen Ivereigh: belong in the community

Dr Robert Beckford: belong in the nation

Dr Paula Gooder; belonging in the primitive Christian church

Canon Dr Phil Groves: belong in a diverse worldwide church

Clare Short: belonging as a nation in the new world order

These will be held at All Saints Church, Evesham

## QUEENS GUIDE AWARD

Mandy Young the Leader of Badsey Guides and Badsey Senior Section, was invited to the Palace of Westminster in December, to be congratulated by Baroness Benjamin of the 'House of Lords' and Jenny Leach the Chief Guide for Girlguiding UK, for achieving the Queen's Guide Award. The full report of Mandy's achievement was reported in the August edition.



(the photo shows Mandy with Baroness Benjamin)

*Elizabeth Bolland (PR Adviser for Girlguiding Evesham Division)*

## DONATIONS

Badsey Butcher's shop collected £65.30, designated to be used for the upkeep of the churchyard, from a jar put on the counter. It was on 17 May 2007 when it was last emptied and contained £66.59.

Apparently next year the Butcher's shop will be 50 years old and hopefully they will write a short article to commemorate this.

## WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

The Programme for the Wheatsheaf Film Club in 2011 is as follows:

The first Saturdays in every month...back room bookings and weddings/parties permitting:

February....Lives of Others

March.....District 9

April.....Cassablanca

May.....Stardust

Annual subs will be due in April.

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING

Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2011. Let us hope this dreadful snow has gone by then - I expect you are as fed up with it as I am. Thanks anyway for your support during 2010 - it has been much appreciated, and you are always welcome to come to our meetings which are entertaining, informative, and most of all friendly.



The February meeting takes place on Wednesday

23 February 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. This month the speaker is Tony Hamblin and his talk is entitled "Wildlife through the Seasons". The monthly competition is "Flower of the Month". Guests and prospective new members will be given a warm welcome. For further information please contact Dorothy

## MATURING

I told my wife that a husband is like a fine wine - he gets better with age. The next day she locked me in the cellar.

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