

# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington

### April 2011

#### **PANCAKE RACE 08 MARCH 2011**

Members of Littletons WI joined with Badsey WI members for an enjoyable Pancake Race. It was felt that running on the road might be a little dangerous so members walked a circuit briskly and safely on the grass, around the Remembrance Hall. Pancakes had to be 'tossed' at least 12 times on the way to the end post. It was a beautiful sunny, if chilly, lunch time event which was enjoyed by those who watched as much as by those who took part. The business of 'the race' being over the ladies had a buffet lunch, followed of course by pancakes with optional lemon and sugar, syrup or even cherry jam. A traditional event on Shrove Tuesday, to remind us of the origin of Lent which ends on Easter Sunday.



#### **MINI FETE FRIDAY 13 MAY 5 - 7 PM BADSEY CHURCH**

Would you or your organisation like to raise some cash?  
In return for a donation towards the running costs our church building,  
you could raise funds for yourselves at the fete.

We shall have refreshments, tombola, raffle, and attractions for children.

The school choir will sing to start the proceedings  
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## 2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All,



Easter is one of those strange Christian Festivals which does not fall on the same date each year (it is all to do with the phase of the moon), this year it falls on 24

April and we seem to have gone from one extreme to the other; in 2008 it was the earliest date since 1913 when it fell on 23 March and this year it is almost as late as it can be (which last happened in 1943). We are therefore still in the period of Lent with Mothering Sunday this year on the 3 April. Elsewhere in the magazine you will find details of the different services and their times, and I do encourage you to join us at one of our services during this coming month in the lead up to Easter.

Easter is arguably the most important festival in the church calendar and celebrates the Risen Christ on Easter Day; however before we can celebrate Easter we need to have gone through the pain of Good Friday. For many, the thought of Good Friday is not something they want to contemplate, this was brought home to for me in 2004 with the release of the film *The Passion of Christ*

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### CHURCH SERVICES

#### APRIL

|             |          |                                     |
|-------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Sun 3rd     | 11.00 am | Family Worship for Mothering Sunday |
|             | 6.30 pm  | Eucharist                           |
| Wed 6th     | 10.00 am | Eucharist followed by coffee        |
| Sun 10th    | 11.00 am | Praise & Worship                    |
|             | 6.30 pm  | Eucharist                           |
| Sun 17th    | 11.00 am | Family Eucharist                    |
| Palm Sunday | 6.30 pm  | Evensong                            |
| Sun 24th    | 11.00 am | Family Worship for Easter           |
| Easter Day  | 6.30 pm  | Eucharist                           |

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

### FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

directed by Mel Gibson. Many complained that it was too realistic – they didn't want to see all the blood and gore – they appeared to prefer the 'sanitised' version of Easter with daffodils, cute bunny rabbits and Easter Eggs. In one way I can understand that, but until we accept the fact that Christ was brutally beaten and flogged before being crucified by being nailed to a cross (a common form of execution at the time for criminals) we cannot hope to understand the pain and suffering which Christ endured on our behalf. We all have 'Good Friday experiences' in our own lives, times of darkness, sadness and sometimes depression more often than not it can be connected with the breakdown of a relationship, loss of home or employment, or the death of a loved one. It can be as a result of such experiences and in the pain and anguish of the moment that we sometimes glimpse something of the love that God has for us; it is that love which we celebrate on Easter Day. It is only after we have gone through the pain of Good Friday that we can really celebrate Easter and enjoy the chocolate Easter Eggs

May I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter.

*Richard*

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: None

Funerals: 15 February Joan Mary Bellingham  
18 February George William Philip Brown

Weddings: None

#### SERVICES for HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2011

##### Tuesday 19 April

7.30 pm Mothers Union Evensong with address at Badsey

##### Thursday 21 April

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Washing of Feet at Badsey

##### Good Friday 22 April

9.45 am Children's workshop at Offenham School  
2.00 pm Meditation at Badsey  
7.00 pm Meditation at Bretforton

##### EASTER DAY

9.30 am Eucharist at Bretforton  
11.00 am Eucharist at Offenham  
11.00 am Family Worship for Easter at Badsey  
6.30 pm Eucharist at Badsey  
6.30 pm Evensong at Bretforton

May I thank everyone who came and participated in the Service. A Cheque for £62.30 has been sent to the WWDP. Thank you so very much. *Penny Christison*

## CHERNOBYL PROJECT

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As many of you will remember, in 1986 a nuclear reactor at Chernobyl melted down, releasing radiation for hundreds of miles around. In some places radiation levels are still 100 times above normal contaminating the air and everything that grows. Imagine living in an area such as Minsk where everything you eat is likely to be contaminated and every child born is at high risk of various radiation cancers, or illnesses which are life threatening because those born have very low immunity. Every year the Chernobyl project brings mothers and children from affected areas in Belarus to the U K for two to three weeks holiday away from the contamination. All the children have cancer or are in remission from it; the time spent in an uncontaminated environment is believed to boost their immune systems considerably. The Evesham Group brings over 5 mothers and their children between 4 and 8 years old to stay with local families or individuals in surrounding villages.

For the last 2 years some of the group have each hosted a mother and her child, this being a very rewarding experience. We organize a daily programme of activities, which includes West Midland Safari Park, Hatton Country Park and Evesham Park.

Hosts commit themselves to providing accommodation, breakfast, packed lunches and evening meals.

People willing to give hosts a hand may invite the guests to an evening meal or occasionally provide help with transport.

Hosts and helpers are urgently needed between the dates of 11th July and 1st of August for from 7 to 10 days; exact dates are not yet known. If anyone is interested in hosting or helping, even if only for one or two days, I would be delighted to hear from them and provide more detailed information

**Marianne Beddis Tel 01386 830018**

## COMMUNITY NEWS ONLINE

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## JIGSAW

### THE HOLE IN THE ROOF



On 27 February the Jigsaw group met. We heard a story about a paralysed man who had four very special friends, who took him to see Jesus. The house where Jesus was had so many people there that they made a hole in the roof of the house and lowered the friend down to see Jesus. The friends knew that Jesus could do amazing things. Jesus forgave the man for all the wrong things that he had done and the man was able to walk again. We talked about whom we could help this week and made a book mark with the person's name on so that we would remember to help them. We also made friendship bracelets. We used three colours one to remember God, one for ourselves and one for our friend. We also made a moving picture of the man picking up his bed.

Please come along to  
Church for the Easter day service  
On Sunday 24 April  
At 11.00 am

There is no Jigsaw meeting in April

Our next meeting is on  
22 May 2011  
11.00 – 12.00

Do come along and join the fun.

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## TRIP TO THE ROYAL HOSPITAL, CHELSEA

Badsey WI have a coach trip organised to the Royal Hospital Chelsea on Monday 09 May. We have several seats left on the coach and would be delighted to have anyone join us for what should be a very interesting visit.. The coach will leave Badsey at 9.0 am. There will be a guided tour around the Hospital led by a Chelsea Pensioner at 1.30 pm for about 2 hours and the coach home will leave at about 4.30 pm or 5.00pm depending on what people want. The National Army Museum is on the same site and food/drinks/snacks can be purchased there. There is also, of course, the opportunity to visit the Museum or Chelsea Physic Garden close by. The cost of the coach and tour is £16.00 each. Should you wish to join us, or for more details please phone Liz Cudd on 831233.

## BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The February Meeting was a week earlier than usual, on the 16th. Members could then make their choices of food for the Annual Dinner, which would be held the following week.

As there was no Speaker this evening, two short games of Bingo were played. The Alphabet Competition, letter N, was judged by Mrs Syril. Objects brought, ranged from nails to Noddy! Muriel Morecombe was the winner with a needle case made at First School by her daughter Anne.

On 23 February thirty ladies, including a few guests, went to 'The Round of 'Gras' for the Annual Dinner. There was a wide variety of dishes on the Menu. The Carvery happened to be the most popular. The evening was very enjoyable, with good food and easy conversation. It was agreed that it was a good idea to go 'local'.

Pat Gorin

## ROUND ROBIN GROUP



Julia Routledge gave a talk with slides on her visit to New Zealand. It was very interesting especially when she showed many slides on Christchurch and

just afterwards New Zealand suffered from an earthquake and many of the buildings we saw on the slides were destroyed.

In the March meeting we are looking forward to hearing from the community policeman. We will then split into smaller groups for the April meeting coming together again in May and June for a talk by Jill Armstrong and the Salvation Army.

Sheila Lancaster



## QUIET DROP IN

A chance to meet and find some quiet time is rare these days. How to find this space and where to go? This is sometimes a problem at home or in public places. Having thought about our busy lives and how difficult it is to find this time and space. I am starting a 'Quiet Drop In'. I will be there in church from 2:30, and you can stay 5 mins or 30 mins, and just enjoy the time and quiet in a wonderful building but at 3pm I will lead a short structured reflection if people wish to stay.

Starting : 03 May and every first Tuesday in the month  
Time 2:30pm

Where: St Leonard's Bretforton

I do hope you will join me to explore a short quiet time together. If anyone is unsure and wants to ask me about this please do give me a ring.

Margaret Pye - 833537

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## BADSEY SOCIETY CENSUS WALKS

As our thoughts turn to completing the 2011 census, information about who lived in our village in 1911 has now been made available on the Badsey website ([www.badsey.net](http://www.badsey.net)) – and, for the first time, we are also including records from Wickhamford. The official “go-live” date is Friday 25th March. Huge thanks to the 24 people who took part in the transcription project. To complement the census launch, an exhibition is being held in the churchyard on Saturday 26th March and short census walks will take place (26/3/11 - 11 am and 2.30, meet at Badsey Church door; 27/3/11 – 10.30, Aldington, meet Main Street by Lokos sign; 2.30, Wickhamford, meet by church).

In addition, we are providing a transcription of the 1910 Valuation Survey. Between the years 1910 and 1915, a comprehensive survey of land ownership in England and Wales was undertaken, the like of which had not been seen since the Domesday Book of 1086. The reason for this comprehensive mapping and valuation exercise was because of concerns about unequal ownership of land. Thanks to a team of willing local volunteers we are able to provide you with information about every piece of land and every building in Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford 100 years ago.

*Maureen Spinks*

## WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

The programme for the Wheatsheaf Film Club in 2011 is as follows. The first Saturday in every month (start time 7.30pm, main film 8pm)

April **Casablanca** (1942 b/w) Rick's Cafe in Casablanca is a centre for war refugees awaiting visas for America. Rick abandons his cynicism to help an old love escape the Nazis with her underground leader husband. Oscar winning film starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.

May Stardust

Annual subs now due.

## BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

We were privileged to welcome Mrs Elizabeth Kearney, from Pershore Mothers' Union to our meeting. Elizabeth led a Lent meditation which she illustrated with slides from her visit to the Passion play in Ommeramagau in 1970. Her talk reminded us of the events of Holy Week, and helped us to prepare for the season of Lent.

At our next meeting on 12 April Rev Peter Burch will talk about about mission work in Africa. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

Further details from Penny Christison 830367.

## SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

On the 9th May at 7.30pm at 68 Seward Road Badsey there will be a meeting to finalise plans for the visit to us of our friends from Germany from 23rd to 27th June. If you wish to help organise or host please come along.

*Alex Christison*

## TOWER NEWS

Quarter peals within the Southern Branch area of the Worcestershire & Districts Association are being rung in celebration of the 'Centenary'. Badsey was host to the ringers on 2nd March when a lovely quarter of Double Norwich Court Major was scored. The following Sunday the local ringers provided a call of welcome to the morning service in celebration of those 'Baptised' throughout the year. The start of lent was heralded with ringing for the evening Eucharist on Ash Wednesday.

All three beginners are now feeling more confident and are able to handle the bell rope unaided, it will not be long now before they gradually join us in service ringing. Well Done



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## BISHOP'S DAVID LETTER FOR EASTER

In my days as a young vicar, a senior colleague asked me a direct and tricky question. "Suppose", he said, "that the pub on the High Street were to be turned into a lap-dancing establishment, would you want to protest outside with a placard, or go in and offer yourself as Chaplain?" Fortunately it was a purely hypothetical question, but it came back to me recently as I listened to a presentation on ethical investment.

The Church of England, through the Church Commissioners and the Pensions Board, invests money in a range of shares and assets. Like any other shareholder both bodies want the best return for their investment. But they do want that investment to aid and support the mission of the Church, not to undermine it. The church institutions have long refused to invest in companies producing certain types of armaments, and in those that derive significant incomes from tobacco, alcohol, doorstep lending, or "adult" entertainment.

Refusing to hold stocks in certain parts of the market is a vital part of being an ethical investor. But on its own it's a pretty blunt weapon. It can feel a bit like Pontius Pilate - washing our hands of the evil going on, but doing nothing to stop it.

So alongside disinvestment an even more important aspect of how the church institutions use their capital wisely is the practice of constructive and active engagement with companies. A big shareholder can ask awkward questions, and can challenge directors over their policies and practices. Does this company take its

environmental responsibilities seriously? Does that one treat its workforce with dignity? Whilst disinvestment allows us to feel morally superior, constructive engagement gives us a chance of actually making a difference or persuading someone to change.

And that takes us back to the heart of what living a Christian life is all about. All too often we set ourselves up as people who don't do certain things - usually things that wider society considers not to be a problem. All too rarely are we seen as people constructively engaged in making the world around us a better place. The irony is that we claim to follow a man who was never criticised for staying aloof and apart but was regularly challenged for spending time with disreputable company, challenging them through his constructive engagement to become what God had created them to be.

Twenty five years ago I ducked the question my colleague asked me, but maybe a better response, then and now, would be to say "I'd be with Jesus".

Heavenly Father,

Whose son was held to the cross not by nails but by love,  
Grant that we may know in our hearts your love for us;  
And, knowing that love, may persevere in time of trial,  
That, for love's sake  
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And your name may be glorified throughout the earth.

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### APRIL ROTA

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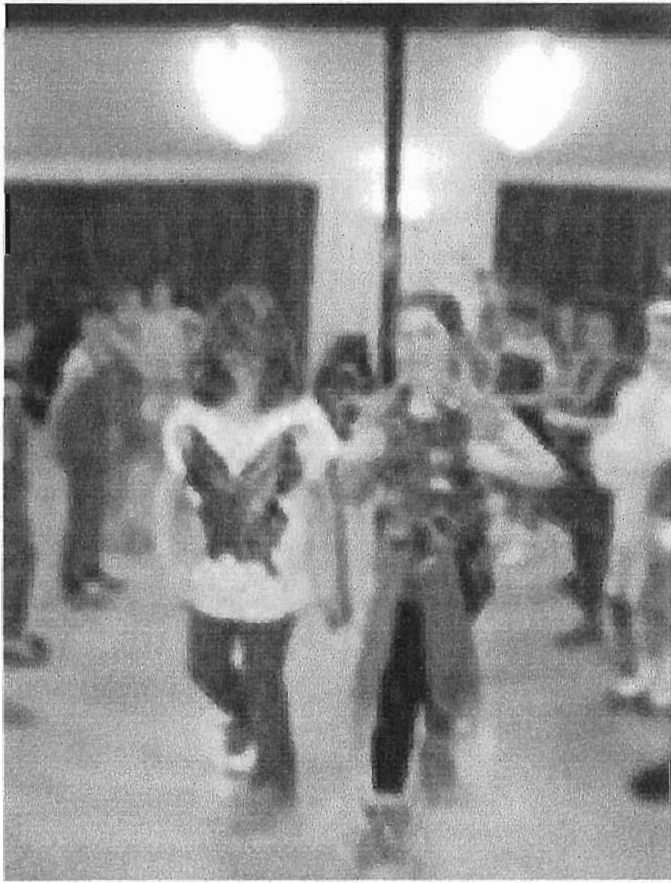
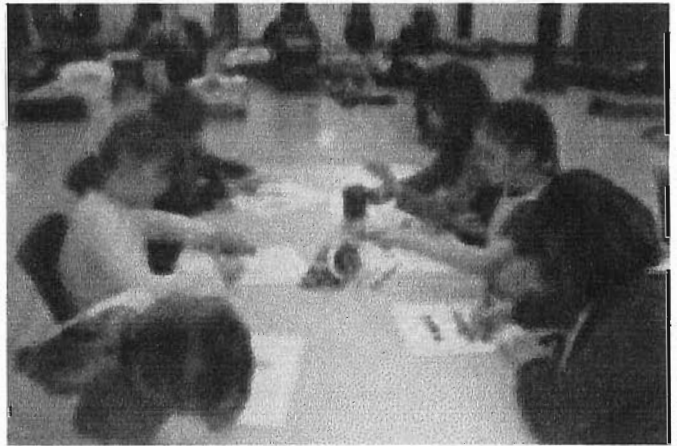
## BADSEY BROWNIES - SLEEP OVER

We played games, I had hot chocolate, sausages for tea, and chocolate cake. I went to bed at ten, but got to sleep at 12-30 because we were all talking and giggling, so we couldn't go to sleep.

Saturday morning for breakfast we had German food to eat. 9-30 Saturday morning we all went home we also had juice and water to drink we all slept in our own sleeping bag.

The sleep over was in Norton Village Hall. We slept in the hall.

*Emily Rushton*



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### Update on Council Elections

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### Horsebridge Play Area

As has previously been mentioned the Parish Council are looking into the possibility of providing a play space in the Horsebridge area of Badsey. Obviously it is important to know what local residents think about this and therefore the Council is starting a consultation exercise on what sort of play area, if any, would best suit the local community. Copies of a questionnaire will be available to residents shortly and the Council would be grateful if you would complete one. If you would be willing to join a steering group to help raise funds and do the work necessary to get a new play space in the Horsebridge area please give your contact details to the Clerk.

### Street Lighting

The Parish Council is also reviewing its position on street lighting. The budget for electricity and maintenance of street lighting in Badsey is £8,000 and there are also questions of carbon emissions and light pollution to be considered. Please do not panic: there is NO plan to switch off any lights at present and the Council would certainly not consider such a step without full consultation. A questionnaire will be circulated next month about this.

### Government Consultation Exercises

If you are interested in the many changes which the Government is proposing in relation to the rights of communities you may wish to take a look at the following proposals - both consultation periods end on May 3rd.

Community Right to Challenge:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/righttochallengeconsultation>

Community Right to Buy:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/righttobuyconsultation>

Notes from the Council meeting on 16th February:

### Affordable Housing Update:

Banks Road - Rooftop is still pursuing this site and continuing negotiations with the vendor's agent. Manor Close - Planning permission secured. Homes and Communities Agency capital grant funding has been approved. Rooftop has possession of site and will handover site to the Contractor at the end of January 2011. Rooftop will be contacting the neighbouring residents of the site to inform them of the impending works which will be taking place shortly.

### Doctors' Surgery:

District Councillor Reg Jakeman indicated that he was exploring the possibility of a Doctors' surgery in Badsey. The Parish Council will be discussing this on 16th March.

### Road Surfacing Update

Resurfacing of the B4035 Bretforton Road is one of the items on the Worcestershire County Council Highway's maintenance budget for 2011-12 and resurfacing/patching works are also scheduled for Village Street, Aldington and the Willersey Road under the Rural Roads initiative. An update will be provided as and when further information becomes available.

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