

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

May 2011

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15-21 MAY

There is a Christian Aid envelope in this magazine. If you would like to contribute to the work of CA please fill the envelope and post it into the box at the Spar shop, deliver it to the vicarage or 45 Bretforton Road, Middlebank Aldington, or give it to any church member. Sue Cole 831260

THE BADSEY SOCIETY'S TONY JERRAM AWARD PRESENTED TO LES GRINNELL

A record number of nearly 60 members of The Badsey Society, representing almost a third of the membership, turned up for the ninth Annual General Meeting on Friday evening. The same officers were returned – Mike Lovatt, Chairman; Terry Sparrow, Treasurer; Maureen Spinks, Secretary – and the six existing members, Will Dallimore, Ian Gibson, Jane Neill, Richard Phillips, Valerie Magan and Neil Thould were re-elected.

At the end of the business section of the meeting, the annual Tony Jerram Award was presented to Les Grinnell. It is almost three years since the untimely death of Tony Jerram who was the first Chairman of the Badsey Society. The Committee decided it would like to remember Tony by donating an award which was to be given annually to someone who has contributed greatly to the community of Badsey or Aldington. Nominations were invited from the membership and six names were put forward. It was the Committee's decision to make the award to Les Grinnell. Les, who is Badsey born and bred, went to work for the Littleton & Badsey Growers after leaving school. He remained with them for his working life, apart from a spell in the Armed Forces during the war. He was initially involved with the tractor side of the business but moved on to herb growing. He has been involved with the running of the Royal British Legion for over 30 years, and for the last 17 years has been the local organiser of the British Legion Poppy appeal, commandeering volunteers and distributing



collection tins etc. The award was presented to Les by Mrs Barbara Jerram.

After the break, Valerie Magan gave an entertaining talk about Evesham Gaol and the police force in the surrounding villages.

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All,

Over the past few months there seems to have been one disaster after another, all of which very quickly disappear from the newspapers and television reports as another

story hits the headlines.

First it was the earthquake in New Zealand; this was followed almost immediately by the earthquake and Tsunami in Japan and the resultant problems with the nuclear reactors. Both of these disasters are now all but forgotten, that is, apart from those who have relatives or friends who were affected. The media (on the whole) do a relatively good job in bringing these things to our attention but, as I said, as soon as a 'better story' comes along the headlines change. While these disasters are in the headlines we are all encouraged to give generously to the various relief agencies to bring much needed aid to those affected, needless to say the donations of cash stop once the initial horror of the situation is forgotten. The government of the day (irrespective of party political views) also send aid at such times and I have heard it reported that people sometimes question "why should the government give money to 'x' while our own country is in such financial difficulties?" The answer from a Christian perspective is that we are all part of God's creation, all

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CHURCH SERVICES

MAY

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| Sun 1st | 11.00 am | Family Worship |
| | 6.30 pm | Evensong |
| Wed 4th | 10.00 am | Eucharist followed by coffee |
| Sun 8th | 11.00 am | Praise & Worship |
| | 6.30 pm | Eucharist |
| Sun 15th | 11.00 am | Family Eucharist |
| | 6.30 pm | Evensong |
| Sun 22nd | 9.30 am | Eucharist |
| | 6.30 pm | Evensong |
| Sun 29th | 6.30 pm | Evensong |
| Rogation | | |

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

FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

made in the image of God, and as St Paul reminds us we are all part of the body of Christ – when one suffers we all suffer, it is therefore our Christian duty to be mindful of the plight of others less fortunate than ourselves and to help when and how we can. One organisation which does this as an ongoing commitment is Christian Aid – they not only do this for disaster relief but also for many other situations. For one week each year they have a focus on giving to those less fortunate; this year Christian Aid Week is 15 – 21 May. Inside this edition of the Parish Magazine is a Christian Aid envelope with the hope that you can donate whatever you can to help others; I know that for many at this time money is a scarce commodity with hardly enough to pay for all the necessities in life, but just before you put the Christian Aid envelope in the bin, reflect for a moment on what are the necessities in life, and is that the same for other people. I am sure that (along with other countless thousands across the world) the people in New Zealand and Japan still suffering from the result of earthquakes have a completely different set of necessities that we do; for some it will be a basic necessity such as clean drinking water. Perhaps on reflection we can all spare a little so that Christian Aid can help those who are less fortunate.

Richard

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: None

Funerals: 04 April 11 Lionel George Guise
01 April 11 Horace Lionel Knight
08 April 11 Graham Edward Allen
11 April 11 Alexander Corbet Ogg

Weddings: None

ST JAMES' FLOWERGUILD

MAY ROTA

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| 1st Sunday | Please could all the Guild clear their own |
| 2nd Sunday | Mary & Avril |
| 3rd Sunday | Sandra & Maureen |
| 4th Sunday | Annette & Sheila |
| 5th Sunday | Julie, Eleanor & Barbara |

Ladies this goes in the newsletter before Easter, so thank you in advance for the Easter flowers that I know will be lovely. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

We had the pleasure of inviting Emma Kearsley to the meeting on 23 March 2011. Emma used to be Standard Bearer for the Sedgberrow R.B.L. Branch and is now a Parade Marshal. She also takes classes so that Standard Bearers can perfect their skills.

Emma called her talk 'Poppy Tales', experiences of 'selling' poppies prior to Remembrance Sunday. She does the 'Poppy Round' every year and has got to know the idiosyncrasies of certain people. She is often greeted with, "Is it that time of year again?" Some have their money ready and if Emma is later than usual, sometimes determined by the weather, she hears, "You're late. Where have you been?" She has to be wary of dogs, namely two Great Danes. Some contributions may be very generous. Very few say they have no change. She needs to know which door to knock. The bell does not always work. Then there will be, "Come in. Wait a minute. I'll just find my handbag." On leaving Emma will say, "See you next year." The reply will be, "I hope so!" Then there's the person who wants a Car Poppy, but there is no car! Another house is being modernised, but doesn't seem to be any better than last year! Smells of Sunday Roasts become stronger as the round progresses. Until next year then and Emma will be ready to do it all over again. She is always a lively speaker and very welcome at Badsey.

Emma chose Wendy Beasley's children's game of 'Operation' as the winner of the Alphabet Competition.

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 25 May at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Wickhamford when our speaker will be Roger Umpleby. His talk this evening is entitled "Beneficial Creatures in the Garden". We welcome all our members and their guests for what promises to be an informative and entertaining evening. For further information please contact
Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834.



ALDINGTON AND BADSEY RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Is there someone willing to be a trustee member (one of five) to help run this Charity. We usually meet twice a year for approximately one hour. The position is not too difficult. If you are interested, or wish to know more please contact Pete Smith, 19 Bretforton Road, Badsey, phone 01386 831862. The vacancy has occurred due to Mrs Sandra Sparrow wishing to step down after twenty years of service to the charity. It is wished to show appreciation to Sandra for the loyal assistance she has given me and the Charity (I believe not one meeting has been missed). Appreciation is extended to her husband Terry for auditing the Charity's accounts annually, Thank you both for everything you have done.

Pete Smith (Chairman)

WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

The first Saturday in every month (start time 7.30pm, main film 8pm)

May **Stardust** (2007) In a countryside town bordering on a magical land, a young man makes a promise to his beloved that he'll retrieve a fallen star by venturing into the magical realm. Starring Claire Danes, Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert De Niro.

June **The Kings Speech** (Oscar Winner)

July **Cat On A Hot Tin Roof** (A homage to Elizabeth Taylor)

August **True Grit** (The new version)

Note the July Film...Cat on a Hot Tin Roof...will be on Friday 1st July!!

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OVER 60S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our annual trip to Dymock to see the Daffodil display, followed by lunch & then a visit to the cider mill in March was a popular day out enjoyed by all.

The A.G.M. this year took place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 05 April 2011 at 13.30 hrs. The day's business was followed by refreshments and then entertainment presented by members of the club, based on their experience during a day out on last year's holiday at Eastbourne, the event proved to be quite popular and the show was videoed. Unfortunately while trying to view the video two of our members accidentally deleted all images, the last we heard was that while Dotty may have left the building, Wendy and Mary have left the country.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 03 May at the normal time, entertainment for the afternoon will be provided by Jean who will demonstrate the art of making doll doorstops, of which samples will be available for purchase.

Wendy Neal

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Our Spring Concert by the Avonbank Band, which replaced our cancelled December Christmas Concert due to bad weather, was a most enjoyable evening. The music played, which ranged from Queen to Mozart and Andrew Lloyd Webber to arrangements by a band member of popular tunes was a joy. The music was varied and the band played as they usually do, perfectly! Owing to their usual conductor, Nick Smith, being ill we welcomed a visiting Conductor who has ties with both Evesham and Avonbank and Bretforton Silver Bands. The wine and mince pies went down extremely well, especially the mince pies which seemed to be enjoyed more than at Christmas, probably because we have so many then. Over £240.00 was raised for Church Funds. Thank you for all those who came along, Chris Smith for being on the door, Elizabeth and Graham Cudd for doing the raffle and of course our vicar Richard for being MC and a very big thank you to Avonbank Band for a delightful evening.

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 11 June

Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper
(with Guest Quiz Master)

Saturday 08 October

Harvest Supper with entertainment

Saturday 19 November

Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper.

December (DTBA) Annual Christmas Concert

Do come along and enjoy these events, meet up with friends, have some fun and at the same time help raise money for your Church.

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

The Revd Peter Burch, told us about his recent visit to Uganda. It was good to hear of Mothers' Union projects in Kigezi and East Ankole which are linked to the Mothers' Union of Worcester.



Peter showed photos of training centres where women

to help their communities. The women gain confidence to speak out for better conditions. The Mothers Union also fund transport to get medical aid to remote villages.

Our next meeting is 2-30 pm on 10 May in Church when we will have a speaker from The House of the Open Door, Childswickham. Please join us if you can. Further details from Penny Christison 831260

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BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

Organisers of the Badsey Flower Show are encouraging villagers to think ahead and get seeding, planting and growing ready for this year's event.

The Badsey Flower Show takes place on The Recreation Ground, Sands Lane, Badsey on Saturday 23rd July and this year, organisers are keen to see more people entering produce to exhibit.

Vice Chair of the flower show committee, Adrian Barradell explains, "This year, we'd like to encourage as many people as possible to think about growing and entering produce to display.

If you've not done this before, why not have a go for 2011? And please don't be put off by thinking that this is a highly competitive event and not for the amateur or fun grower. This really is a show that everyone can get involved in; especially children and young people.

It really is nice to see your produce on display in the main marquee on the day and even better when it has a winner or runner-up card next to it!

Plant and flower categories include roses and potted plants. Vegetables categories include pods of peas, dwarf French beans, dressed onions, beets, carrots, courgettes, tomatoes, cucumbers and marrow and even fresh herbs

Fruit categories include raspberries, gooseberries and rhubarb.

Full category details at www.badseyflowershow.co.uk have a look, and you will be able to enter on-line from 01 June onwards.

You do not have to live in Badsey to be able to enter.

For village residents, there is also a category for the most attractive garden, plus 'hanging basket visible from the road' and 'garden tub'.

If anyone would like a stall or stand at the show, they are asked to call 01386 830036. Volunteer helpers on the day are also needed.



BEGINNERS SEQUENCE DANCING

Every Friday evening in the village hall from 8-10pm we hold a beginners sequence dance class, (set number of steps repeated in a circle). If you would like to come along, learn to dance and make new friends, all are welcome. We have a break halfway through the evening for a drink, cake and a chat.

We are not professional teachers, we just love to dance and to pass on our experience to others, so that they can enjoy it too. Further information can be given on 01386834792, or just call in on a Friday night and try it.

Colin & Margaret

TOWER NEWS

As mentioned in last month's news, one of the beginners made up the team to ring for the 'Mothering Sunday Service' It was nice to see so many people answering the call.



Well done John. With Easter on our doorstep practise nights will be few and far between with Service ringing as normal, Palm Sunday will be evening and Easter Sunday when we will be calling for the morning service.

As I am compiling this the Banners are waiting to be pressed in readiness to be hung telling us the story of the 'Passion'. There are six in total dressed by Hilary from written material done by a workshop of children several years ago. Starting with Palm Sunday featuring the Donkey.

A Full Peal attempt will be made on Tuesday morning 10 May starting around 9.45 in recognition of Richard our vicar having been made 'Rural Dean' and the coming Ordination of Anne Potter. This will be rung by 'The Vale of Evesham Society'. A group of ringers who help keep the name of the Society going, formed by Gerald Hemming and now active in his memory.

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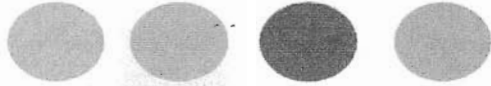
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VISIT TO BADSEY CHURCH

On Monday 07 February I went to Badsey Church. I saw the font. It was a hexagon shape. It was made out of metal and stone. My favourite part was when I saw the gargoyles.

Hannah Wheeler



On Monday 07 February my class went to Badsey Church. My favourite part was seeing the portrait of Jesus, grave stones and gargoyles.

Amy McDermott



JIGSAW



On Sunday 27th March Jigsaw met. Our meeting focused on Mother's Day. We discussed the origins of Mothers day, and various traditions associated with it. We made tissue flowers and decorated jam jars in which to display our creations. A Mother's day card was also made

by each of the members. I hope all the mums had a Happy Mother's Day and liked the gifts the children made.

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We now have 54 members in our W.I. and this number will hopefully increase during the year. With our art class full, our weekly walking group increasing in number, and more people entering County and National Competitions we are going from strength to strength. Our speaker in March was Avril Donovan who told us about the charity she has set up for the Children in the villages of Laos. These children live way out in the wilds of Laos and have very little comfort as we know it and are very poor. They have wonderful communities and each family try to make enough money to send the most intelligent child of their family to school. Family includes parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and any other family members. The school is 3 days walk away, yes they do walk to school with a parent and then they board there. £120.00 pays for a child in Laos to have an education from first school to college, with the hopes they will qualify as a doctor, nurse, teacher or someone who will be able to give something back to their village. Avril was an inspiration to us all as she still goes out to Laos, and I am sure she will not mind me saying she is not a young person, and whilst there she sleeps on the floor of one of the houses, which are built on stilts, eats there very meagre food and uses there non-existent sanitary facilities as we know them. No toilets, running water, sinks, showers etc. A truly remarkable lady. The competition for a floral cuff was won by Yvonne Haynes. Whilst mentioning winning we are proud to say that we did extremely well in the County Spring Competition held at Malvern. We entered six classes and had good marks for each entry. Judging is very strict and entries are of the highest standard. The best news is that Sheila Taylor entered the floral art section and came **FIRST** with a wonderful arrangement interpreting "A rolling stone gathers no moss", the theme of the completion being

Proverbs. The four members who entered the co-operative class came **THIRD** with their interpretation of "All that glitters is not gold". Entries were a miniature flower arrangement done by Annette Robbins and Yvonne Haynes, a handmade card by Bernice Simms, this was a beautiful water colour which was marked very high, a lemon tart made by Patricia Millard and a beautiful piece of gold embroidery done by Hazel Stewart which received a 20 out of 20. All in all a very successful result. Judy Foster entered a photograph, Angela Gash a painting, Elizabeth Cudd bread Joy Payne a jar chutney and Patricia Millard a bottle of homemade fruit cordial, all received high marks. Well done everyone. Our meeting this month is on 13 April at 7.15 at the Remembrance Hall and is Amy Foster speaking on Croome Court with the competition being for a photograph of a tree. Come along and pay us a visit. You will be made most welcome and will be well looked after

Sheila Taylor with her winning entry Co-operative Class



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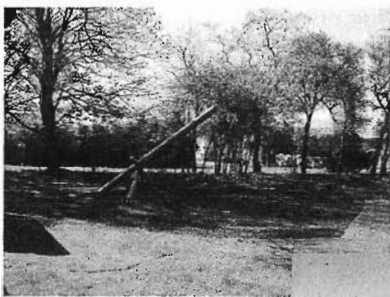
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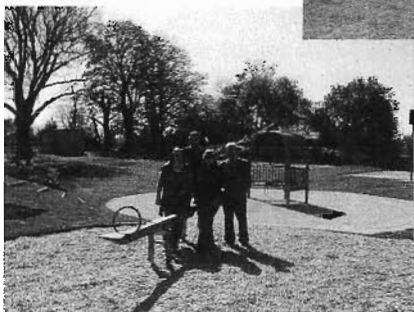
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



RECREATION GROUND GOES LIVE!

The new improved play space on the Recreation Ground was officially handed over on Friday 08 April.

It has been a long time in the making but the Council hopes that it will provide an exciting play area for local



children and young people for many years to come. Although the play ground is already in use a 'grand opening' is being planned to celebrate this

exciting addition to the local amenities so please keep an eye on the notice boards for details.

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MIKE GWYNN, PARISH PATH WARDEN

Mike Gwynn attended the Parish Council meeting on 16 March to explain his role to the Council. Mike is the Parish Path Warden for Badsey and Aldington. He is employed by Worcestershire County Council on a voluntary basis to inspect the 10 km. of footpaths and bridleways in the parish, put up waymarking signs and carry out minor vegetation clearance. He also reports to the County Council instances where paths are obstructed or where major vegetation clearance is required, so that action can be taken, which may involve use of contractors or volunteer groups. Mike will be glad to hear from anyone in the parish who has concerns about a public footpath or bridleway. He can be contacted on 01386 830365 or via the Clerk.

SHARED OWNERSHIP HOUSING

Rooftop Housing is dealing with two x 2 bed houses for sale on a shared ownership basis in Stone Pippin Orchard (off Badsey Fields Lane). These houses should be ready in May/June 2011 and the current price estimate is £63,980 for a 40% share plus a monthly rent of £159.95 plus a small service charge. Initially these houses are reserved for people with a connection to the Parish and who are registered with Wychavon District Council, however if no-one comes forward they will be made available to people from neighbouring parishes. More details can be obtained from Rooftop Housing Group – see their website www.rooftopgroup.org or call 0800 0421 800 and ask to speak to the Property Officer.

NEW COUNCILLORS

There will be no election for parish councillors on 05 May. The following Councillors have been elected unopposed: David Badham, Ian Browning, Mary Campbell, Elizabeth Cudd, George Hillier, David Jack, Valerie Magan, Pat McKeivitt, Terri Penny and Pete Smith and there are three vacancies which the Council will be filling by co-option.

There will be an election for District Councillor: the candidates are Mary Campbell and Reg Jakeman.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER FROM NICARAGUA

Our Father, who is in this our land, may your name be blessed in our incessant search for justice and peace. May your Kingdom come for those who have for centuries awaited a life of dignity.

May your will be done on earth and in heaven and in the church of Central America, a church on the side of the poor.

Give us today our daily bread to build a new society. Forgive us our trespasses, do not let us fall into the temptation of believing ourselves already new men and women.

And deliver us from the evil of forgetting that our lives and the life of this country are in your hands. Amen.