

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

July 2011

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

SWOOP ON DOWN TO THIS YEAR'S FLOWER SHOW

Badsey Flower Show announces 2011 line up

The 109th Badsey Flower Show takes place on **Saturday 23rd July** on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane, Badsey near Evesham.

This key event in the village year attracts around 2,000 people and the highlight this year will be a professional bird of prey display by The Cotswold Falconry Centre.



Other attractions include, musical theatre and dance by Vital Statistics Theatre Company, a flypast by a vintage Dakota aeroplane, a fun Dog Show, the Celebration Reed Band, a large marquee of exhibits, stalls, side shows, kids, rides and games and a variety of food and drink.

In addition, the show will be officially opened at 2.00 pm by popular local entertainer The Rev. Elvis – Andy Kelso. Andy Kelso is Chaplain to Worcester Warriors Rugby Club and also performs an Elvis Presley tribute act complete with 1970s Las Vegas costumes.

Badsey Flower Show Committee Member, Adrian Barradell said, "We are really pleased with the line up this year. Our aim is always to provide the best possible mix of professional and local amateur entertainment plus, lots to look at and get involved in on the day. Entrance costs £3 (or £1 for kids and £2 for OAPs). Event ends at 5.00 pm.

To enter visit www.badseyflowershow.co.uk and see the wide range of show categories, many of which are ideal for children. You can also pick up a show (entries) schedule in the Spar village shop.

For more details about the Badsey Flower Show or to book a stall, call 01386 830036.

NB : Planned flypast by a vintage Dakota aeroplane depends upon availability.

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All

I heard a lovely joke in Offenham shop about three vicars who had a problem with bats in their churches. The first vicar gathered up his bats and took them to the seaside thinking that they might stay. No such luck when he got back to his church so had his bats. The second vicar decided to try doping his bats thinking they would become disorientated and when they went out at night would lose their way and not return. No such luck. The third vicar said I cracked it. I baptised and confirmed all my bats and guess what they left and have never returned. This is just the sort of joke I can imagine Geraldine Grainger, Vicar of Dibley, telling Alice, her verger, and in true Alice style trying to work out why the baptised and confirmed bats left the church.

After two years training to become a Vicar and the amazing acts of worship and people with whom I have shared my time at college I find myself a little like Alice wondering why people do not go to church. Is it because they have got out of the habit? Is it because Church is boring? Is it because they don't feel welcome? Is it because they feel uncomfortable in church? Has secularism taken

CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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CHURCH SERVICES

JULY

Sun 03rd	No Morning Service Ordination in Cathedral for The Revd Anne Potter 10.30 am 6.30 pm Evensong
Wed 06th	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 6.30 pm Evensong
Sun 24th	9.30 am Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong
Sun 31st	6.30 pm Evensong

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

FROM THE REVD ANNE POTTER

over from Christendom? Do people believe in a Christian God as revealed by Jesus Christ? These are the sorts of questions a new, enthusiastic, not so young, assistant curate is asking herself. Answers on a postcard and deliver to your local church!

On a more serious note I am thrilled to have been asked to serve my Curacy in this benefice with Richard as my training incumbent. I would like to thank all those who have supported me practically, spiritually and prayerfully throughout my training, especially Mike, my husband and my shop staff particularly Tina Jury and Liz Pollard without whom I could not have got through my studies. This has involved travelling to the Queens Foundation for Ecumenical Studies behind the Q.E. hospital in Edgbaston, Birmingham every Tuesday for evening lectures, three daytime (morning or afternoon) six week modules, 11 residential weekends, 2 residential weeks and 45,000 words in assignments.

Feeling very blessed and privileged to have been chosen by God to serve him and his people in the local community I look forward to putting into action my choice to get used to wearing and being seen in a 'dog collar' following my Ordination as a Deacon on 03 July

Anne

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	15 May 11	Cade Arran Churchill
	5 Jun 11	Jay Sidney Warren
	5 Jun 11	Imogen Valerie Hope Dawe
	5 Jun 11	Caleb James Remekie
	5 Jun 11	Nihle Patrick Remekie
Funerals:	16 May 11	Douglas Charles Dennis
	17 May 11	Irene Grose-Hodge
	18 May 11	Ivor Powell
	27 May 11	Jennifer Ann Idiens (Ashes)

Weddings:	14 May 11	Jamie Thomas and Julie Patricia Dunwell
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ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

JULY ROTA

1st Sunday	Annette & Sheila
2nd Sunday	Julie, Eleanor & Barbara
3rd Sunday	Hazel & Hazel
4th Sunday	Yvonne & Stephanie
5th Sunday	Sandra & Maureen

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during June. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

Don't forget to enter the flowers at the Flower Show.

BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY

HOLD A BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY AND RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL MARIE CURIE NURSES

This summer Marie Curie Cancer Care is calling on all tea lovers in Worcestershire to put the kettle on in support of local Marie Curie Nurses.

This year alone Marie Curie's specialised local nurses look to provide free care and support to 186 terminally ill patients and their families in Worcestershire – yet there are more and more who need this support.

By getting together with friends, family or neighbours and holding a Blooming Great Tea Party of your own you can ensure this care can continue in Worcestershire.

TV actress and baking enthusiast Fay Ripley is supporting The Blooming Great Tea Party and said: 'I'm planning to hold a children's tea party and get the kids involved but it can be as simple or as extravagant as you like, from a builder's cuppa with colleagues to getting the whole family round for a gathering in the garden, so what are you waiting for?'

Please register today online at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty or call 08700 340 040 for your free Tea Party fundraising pack.

BROWNIE NEWS

We began the term celebrating the Royal Wedding, making decorations, souvenirs, dressing up and having a party. Road Safety was our next challenge, a safety walk around the village, and games and activities before all girls gained the Road Safety Badge. We are looking forward to both a quiz around the village and one in Evesham. This term has whizzed by and we are all looking forward to our summer holidays.

Sue Cole

WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

The first Saturday in every month (start time 7.30 pm, main film 8.00pm)

July **Cat on a Hot Tin Roof** (a homage to Elizabeth Taylor)

August: **True Grit** (the new version)

Note: July Film - Cat on a Hot Tin Roof will be on Friday 01 July

POLE PIXIES

I have this week been very disappointed in how quick some people are to make assumptions about our young people and what they do in the village, before finding out what it is about.

My daughter who is 24 a lifeguard, swimming teacher, and children's sports coach is well aware of safe guarding and child protection issues after attending several courses within her work and home life and as a pole dance/fitness teacher.

Some people heard the words pole dance and assumed this to be sleazy and degrading to young girls before either researching or even asking about what is being taught. Pole fitness is a recognised form of exercise and is taught in many leisure centres and gyms across the country. It is an athletic, safe, effective form of exercise that anyone of any shape, size and age can enjoy.

If she were to be teaching young girls raunchy dance moves wearing very little I would be concerned. As it is the girls/ladies that go to her classes have a good fun workout and keep coming back time after time.

I would like to think in this changing world that all our young people should be congratulated, encouraged and applauded for their achievements.

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TOWER NEWS

At the beginning of last month the bells were rung for the Benefice Ascension Day Service at Badsey. All three towers came together enabling the ringing of all eight bells. The following Sunday some of us joined Brefforton in celebration of 'The Gras' harvest Service also for 'The Wake' at Offenham the following Saturday. Again we joined forces to ring for the commemoration of the placing of the 'Fountain' in High St Badsey. There were also several weddings to cover. So all in all you could say we were kept busy. One of the nicest pleasures is that we can join together in harmony. Without the help of each other many things would not be possible.



JULY appears to be another busy month, starting with Anne Potter's Ordination. More weddings, and visiting teams, one from Mickleton on 20th and The Vale of Evesham ringers will be ringing a Full Peal for St James and the Annual Flower Show on the morning of 23rd. The evening of 30th The Four Shires Guild of which we are all paid up members, will be meeting here for one of their collective practices. This is an annual opportunity to ring with other members to improve ourselves in our own tower.

Hilary Bolton

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 27th July 2011 and is a visit to Fibrex Nurseries, Honeybourne Road, Pebworth. Please make your own way there arriving for 7.30pm, the cost being £3.50 which includes refreshments. Please let Dorothy Turpitt know (01386 830834) if you wish to come or if you wish to obtain a lift. We hope as many members and their guests will be able to come and look forward to seeing you all.

JIGSAW

On the 22 May, Jigsaw members met at 11.00 am in the church. The theme of the meeting was based upon one of the most important events in the bible, Ascension. The children learnt that Ascension Day was when Jesus went up to heaven to go back to God. It happened forty days after Easter.



We made a dove to symbolise Jesus' ascension to heaven as well as the message of love he wanted his disciples to spread around the world. We made a 'whipper whopper' that moved in the air like a helicopter to make us think about the wind and the sky. We played a Holy Spirit true or false game and then closed the meeting with an active prayer to remind us of the stages of Jesus life.

Our next meeting is on
Sunday 24 July 11.00 am – 12.00 pm

Do come along and join us and have some fun, it is free.

COMMUNITY NEWS

We would like to thank all who help to deliver the Community News each month; it is good that we can reach every home in the villages. **We urgently need additional deliverers, to cover someone who is injured also it would be helpful to have the names of people who would deliver a round in an emergency.** Roads we need a deliverer for now are Badsey Fields Lane, Chapel Street and Church End. If you are able to help or willing to be on a reserve list, please contact our coordinator.

Wendy Morrey 831080.
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BADSEY CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD

I was walking through the churchyard last week, when I was stopped and told that the churchyard was lovely – A typical country churchyard. To maintain this standard we need help. Our grass is cut well, regularly in the growing season. But trees need maintaining, the wall needs being kept free of ivy and repaired in places. The church building also needs to be maintained; gullies have to be cleared, gutters checked, repaired and again cleared. To offer help please ring Chris 830217 or Sue 831260

ASPARAGUS SERVICE AND AUCTION

A photograph of asparagus that was blessed at the special service held at The Cross, Bretforton. The other photograph is of the ministry team and the congregation from



Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton. The Bretforton Silver Band played for us, we sang familiar hymns, and prayed for the crops and for a better use of the world's resources. After the service the Asparagus was auctioned to raise funds for Bretforton Church



A young man entered a jewellery store and bought an expensive engagement ring. The jeweller asked him 'What name do you wish to be engraved in it. From John to Elaine whispered the embarrassed young man. The jeweller looked from the ring to the young man and smiled. 'Take my advice, young fellow,' he said. 'Have it inscribed simply From John.

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

The speaker at our June meeting was Mavis Furkin who gave us an interesting talk "Faith in the early church." We heard of many ideas, many of which might be applied to the church today. Mavis has swapped sessions with Sue Giles and her hats because Sue could not come but will come in October so keep your hats handy. Everyone is welcome to join us, in church on second Tuesday of the month at 2-30. pm In July we will be going to Holland House. Details from Penny Christison 830367



BABY SENSORY CLASSES

NEW

Baby Sensory Classes coming to Badsey Remembrance Hall

Award winning baby development classes for babies from **Birth to 13 Months** are starting on 8th July and will run as one hour classes weekly from 10 am till 11 am.

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ELVIS LIVES?

On May 7th it was a privilege to listen to Andy Kelso pay tribute to the music of Elvis Presley at Badsey Remembrance Hall. The hall was full as Andy sang a full selection of Elvis' hits and many of his gospel numbers.

Throughout Presley's life, gospel music was the constant element of solace to man who was burning the candle at both ends in the fast lane of international celebrity. The only Grammy Awards that Elvis earned were with his gospel records. To many fans, he is as well known for "How Great Thou Art" as he is for "Blue Suede Shoes."

Andy related that on the day before Presley died, Rick Stanley, Elvis' stepbrother, told Elvis that a friend of his was telling him about Jesus and how she was praying for him. "Elvis Presley, at 42 years old, looked at me and said, 'Ricky, she's telling you the truth.' Then he said, 'People who talk to you about Jesus really care.' I talked with Elvis for a while ... then left to run an errand." When Rick returned to Graceland, Elvis was dead.

On the night of his death, Elvis prayed, "Dear Lord, please show me a way. I'm tired and confused, and I need your help." A few minutes later, he looked at Stanley and said, "Rick, we should all begin to live for Christ." On the previous day, Stanley heard Elvis praying, "God, forgive me for my sins. Let... people... have compassion and understanding of the things I have done."

When he died, Elvis had 14 different drugs active in his system. Presley was tempted and was not able to resist the lures of the flesh. Throughout his career, Elvis did seek God, but sadly sometimes that journey led him into more confusion, but he hungered to know God and experience his love. He prayed with contrition.

There are plenty of lessons to be gleaned from Elvis's tragic life but they should be absorbed through the prism of sorrow and grace. God only knows whether Elvis truly repented and asked for God's mercy with his dying breath. If that is the case then we can truly say "Elvis Lives", for the promise of God is that if one should truly repents and ask for forgiveness we can live in "Grace Land".

Jesus says in John 14 vs 1 "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you".

BADSEY OVER 60S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Hello all,

I am pleased to report that our holiday this year was again a great success, even the Welsh weather in and around Llandudno was in the main fine and dry, although somewhat 'breezy' at times.

Days out gave us visits to Betws-y-coed, a drive through Sowdonia to Caernarfon and a coastal drive to Anglesey. Evening entertainment consisted of floor shows of music, dancers, singing acts and bingo all in the ballroom, whilst on the 1st floor the resident organist was accompanied on the last night by the best entertainer of the week, our very own Pam, who was presented with a bottle of champagne

at the end of the night. At our June meeting we were treated to a slide show on the history of the Isle of Man, followed by tea and cakes.

For our July meeting our speaker is from the Almonry Museum and on 13 July a trip out is to the Needle Museum and Redditch followed by a visit to the nearby Jinny Ring Centre.

Finally an important event takes place on 09 July in the form of the 60th wedding anniversary of Des and Iris Syril, who were congratuated by all members present.

Wendy Neal

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

YOUR NEW COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE

All newly elected and co-opted Councillors have now signed their Declarations of Acceptance and taken office. At the Annual Parish Council meeting Mary Campbell was re-elected as Chairman with Ian Browning as Vice-Chairman and David Badham as Chairman of the Planning Committee. The full list of Parish Councillors is: David Badham, Ian Browning, Mary Campbell, Elizabeth Cudd, Peter Grinnall, George Hillier, David Jack, Valerie Magan, Pat McKeivitt, Terri Penny, Daisy Richardson, Pete Smith and Margaret Tyszkow. By the time you read this contact details for all Councillors will be on the main noticeboard and the Blackminster and Aldington noticeboards as well as on the 'My Parish' website.

A FAREWELL

New councillors taking office inevitably means saying farewell to others who have voluntarily given of their time, local knowledge and professional expertise to help run the Parish for the benefit of its residents and businesses. The Parish owes a huge thank you therefore to Terry Sparrow, Bob James, Martin Bent, Sindie Sinclair and Kelvin Hughes, who have all been Councillors for many years, and to Emma Tennant and Arthur Southern. It is hoped that the Parish will continue to benefit from their wealth of experience and that they will all continue to play a part in Parish affairs in the years to come.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO ANNUAL MEETING

In her speech at the Annual Parish Meeting on 18th May 2011 the Chairman of the Council (Mary Campbell) referred to the Council's ordinary every day activities, such as street lighting, and its more unusual activities, such as dealing with the bus shelter being used as a toilet, as well as to the main project of the last 12 months: the refurbishment of the play area on the Recreation Ground at Sands Lane, which had been a great success. She recognised that some residents had thought the costs of this were high but stressed that the majority of the funds had come from the Badsey Fields Lane housing development and that these could only be accessed for specific types of project. She also mentioned that similar

funds may become available as a result of the proposed development off Brewers Lane and that the Council would be open to suggestions for how these might be used, although again under the present planning rules there are restrictions on the type of project.

The Chairman also referred to the importance of developing a Parish Plan so that a forward looking policy for Badsey, including housing, business and recreational development, roads and traffic issues and future projects such as the replacement/improvement of the Remembrance Hall (something on which the Remembrance Hall Committee is already at work) can be brought together in a coherent plan to which all residents and business owners within the Parish can contribute. The Chairman also took the opportunity to thank the Clerk, Alex Owen, for her work and to mention the 'My Parish' pages on the Worcestershire County Council website where all minutes and agendas are available for view.

PLANNING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, David Badham, also addressed the meeting. The Chairman explained that the principle objectives of the Council having a formal Planning Committee were to ensure that there was an open and transparent process and a forum where the public could express their observations on and concerns about planning matters. Having dealt with the form of the Committee the Chairman went on to outline the types of applications which the Council had to consider and his responsibilities within the Committee. Councillor Badham expressed the view that 2011 will be a challenging year for the Parish Council Planning Committee because of proposed changes in Government planning rules and regulations but that he had confidence that the Council would be able to meet these challenges.

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THE THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL

The Three Choirs Festival is the world's oldest classical choral festival, rotating annually between the cities of Hereford, Gloucester and Worcester.

It is the turn of Worcester to host the festival this year from 06 to 13 August. The Philharmonia Orchestra, based in London, will be the orchestra in residence for the festival week. 62 events will take place in 16 venues around the City and County supported by a further 40 or more free and ticketed events organized by the annual Worcester Festival who act as our fringe. The City of Worcester will be transformed for festival week into a musical and cultural mecca! The finale is a 'Night at the Opera', with Sir Thomas Allen, a rousing climax to the musical week.

The main festival programme includes: Elgar *Dream of Gerontius*, Mozart *Requiem*, Mahler *Symphony No 3*, Brahms *German Requiem*, Handel *Dixit Dominus*, Vaughan Williams *An Oxford Elegy*, Beethoven *Mass in C*, Bruch *Violin Concerto*, Elgar *Caractacus* and an opera gala evening with Sir Thomas Allen.

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ROUND ROBIN

Jill Armstrong gave a very interesting talk on her visit to Pakistan. She travelled right across the country and told us about the very colourful trucks on the roads. She is pictured holding a model of one of these trucks.



We are looking forward at the time of writing, to our June meeting when Paul Sandford of the Salvation Army will talk to us. He was very popular the last time he came.

In July we will go out for our afternoon tea at Twyford

We have had quite a lot of new members which means asking for ideas as to how we can accommodate these at future meetings.



The group is open to anyone and if you would like to come along to a meeting call Sheila Lancaster on 833929. Transport can usually be arranged for those unable to get to a meeting.

I look forward to seeing you.