

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

September 2011



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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All,

There are not many months which go by without things to do and without the need for change, but September always seems to be a busy month in a lot of people's lives. For some it is the start of first school (hurray say some parents), a time of change and uncertainty not to mention perhaps a few tears (and that is not just the children) as they leave the security of home to move on to the next phase of life and education. At the other end of the education spectrum some have finished secondary education and are preparing for tertiary education at either university or college and this can have the same feelings as starting at 'First School' – a step into the unknown and leaving the security of home (yet more tears). In our area we have of course two intermediate academic steps that of moving from First School to Middle School and then from Middle to Secondary – each with its own traumas. There are also those who have finished education and are looking for employment and quite often all this occurs around this time of the year as well. This may involve looking locally or embarking on yet another change – that of setting up a new home in a different place. All of these changes affect more than just the person directly involved in the change. There are parents and siblings, grandparents and family members, not to forget friends; there is very little that we do in life that does not affect

FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

someone else in one way or another and it always seems to be the ones closest to us that we tend to neglect the most. Life in all its aspects seems to be ever changing and we wonder at times where the stability is and what we can hold onto that is unchanging?

Some used to say that it was an institution like the Church which never changed, but that is not the case either, the Church changes too - it is just that quite often the speed of change in the Church is so imperceptible that you don't notice it! The Church does change – it is God that doesn't change. God is dependable and unchanging, even Christ in his life on earth had to deal with change, and with the fickle nature of people and organisations; we were reading in church last month (from Matthew's Gospel) of how Jesus' plans for a time of solitude following the death of his cousin John the Baptist had to be changed when he was confronted by a hungry group of five thousand people and a time of privacy turned into a time of public ministry. The role of the church is to help us through the periods of change which we all undergo, and my prayers this month will be very much for those who are undergoing change in their lives.

May God bless you and support you in all the changes that you encounter in life.

Richard

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	Mrs Sheila Lancaster	833929
	Mrs Margaret Pye	833537

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	17 July 11	Theo Michael Donald
		Alsop
	17 July 11	Alfie Jack Sullivan
	24 July 11	Jamie Colin Christopher
		Clements
	07 Aug 11	Abigail Paige Pinkney
Funerals:	13 July 11	Molly Hampton Mackay
		(Ashes)
	20 July 11	Angelina Olender (Burial)
	26 July 11	Peter Michael Smith

Weddings: None

The next meeting of the Round Robin is **Wednesday 21 September** at the vicarage.

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD



SEPTEMBER ROTA

1st Sunday	Stephanie & Yvonne
2nd Sunday	Mary & Avril
3rd Sunday	Sandra & Maureen
4th Sunday	Annette & Sheila

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during August. I would like a meeting of the Guild on Monday 05 September at 7.00 p.m. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

CHURCH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER

Sun 4th	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed 7th	10.00 am	Eucharist followed by coffee
Sun 11th	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 18th	11.00 am	Family Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 25th	5.30 pm	Tea and Cakes
	6.30 pm	The Big Sing

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

BADSEY W.I.



On a lovely summer day Badsey W.I Members served tea, coffee and cakes at the annual Flower Show, which was a first class show drawing so many people. We were kept busy at a rather hectic but enjoyable pace. Fortunately, due to the generosity of our members and their baking skills, we did not run out of cakes and were able to serve a delicious array from start to finish of the show. Congratulations to the Flower Show organisers for a really good day for villagers and visitors alike.

Two of our members, Angela Gash and Elizabeth Cudd spent an afternoon in the Garden of Remembrance helping to keep it well maintained. Again other villagers have also been very busy with the same aim in mind.

Members are looking forward to a visit to the Hop Pocket craft centre and shopping village with a visit to Stockton Bury Gardens following a lunch at the Hop Pocket restaurant. Other visits planned are lunchtime Carol Concert at Birmingham Town Hall in December and perhaps a show in February. A social skittles evening with a supper will take place on 19 August

Maureen Davies, Yvonne Haynes and Sue Leonard with her sister Norah went to Kings warehouse in Worcester on Wednesday 27 July to help hook and count the 'bras for the Guinness Book of Records Challenge on the following Sunday. It was a beautiful day and along with other volunteers we worked outside in the lovely sunshine and had the task of counting ticketing the bras into large builder type bags (the sort they use to put sand etc in). We filled four of them between us, working in pairs, a total of 3,000 bras. Untangling, re-hooking and counting took us nearly all afternoon which left us declaring we never wanted to see another bra again! However, we did enjoy it and even more so when we were presented with glasses of Pimms to try and to "advise" on the strength of the drink as they were going to be selling glasses of Pimms at the Racecourse on the Sunday to make even more money for the Breast Cancer Centre planned for Worcester (mmm! Very nice).

Our speaker booked for July was unable to attend the meeting and we were fortunate once again to get ex-policeman Alan Benjamin who had visited us in February, again at short notice. Alan, affectionately known as Benjie, was a policeman in the 60's and his talk carried on from where he left off in February as a very young policeman in Redditch. Benjie told us about his work in Alcester, Stratford and how he worked with Police Forensics. In August we were treated to a "Hat for Every Occasion" with Catherine Clarke, with an opportunity to try on some beautiful hats. In September we will be having a talk and demonstration on Cushionology with Penny Thompson. The meeting will take place on 07 September at 7.15 pm and anyone is more than welcome to come along.

A LUCKY FIND

A man is walking along a beach in California and finds a bottle. He picks it up and opens it. A genie suddenly appears from it and says, 'Thank you so much for letting me out after all those years. I must reward you. I can grant you just one wish'. The man thinks and says, 'I have always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I can't because I have a phobia about flying and ships make me really sick. I would love it if you would build a bridge from here to Hawaii'. The genie slowly shakes his head. 'That's too much. Just think of all the work involved, the huge pilings we'd need to hold up that highway, and the depths we would have to go in order to reach the bottom of the ocean. Then there's all the cement. Also, with distance involved, we would need petrol stations and rest stops along the way. It really is a bit too much to ask. But I'd still love to help you. Can't you think of something else. The man thinks and says, 'Well! There is one thing I've always wanted to know. I'd really like to be able to understand women. What makes them laugh and cry? Why are they so temperamental? Why are they so difficult to get along with? You ask them what's wrong and they say that nothing is wrong - or they go silent and you have no clue what has upset them. What makes them tick?'

The genie ponders for a long minute, and then asks, 'Do you want two lanes or four?'

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Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The monthly meeting of the Royal British Legion Women's section, Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford took place on Wednesday evening 27 July 2011

After apologies and Legion business, the chairman presented the secretary with a list of the alphabet as the secretary seemed to think that the letter 'U' follows the letter 'Q', but then it had been quite some time since she originally had to learn it. Fortunately the error was seen early enough so that the ladies did bring the correct object for the competition.

Our speaker for the evening was Sue Barnes who told us about her life as a commercial artist and art teacher. She brought samples of her work along and the ladies were most impressed with her samples of Batik and Papier Mache.

Once again Sue had not finished her task for the evening as we asked if she would judge our alphabet competition. She chose Jill Folkes who brought along a RECEIPT, which was a receipt for her first bicycle for 14 shillings and 9 pence.

The squares competition was won by Wendy Beasley.

If there are any ladies who would like an entertaining evening out once a month from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm or sometimes a little later why not come along to the Legion. (No you do not have to have any connection with the armed forces) so come along and see what we have to offer.

JIGSAW

Jigsaw resumes on Sunday 25 September at 11.00 am - 12 noon after its summer break

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WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 28th September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, when our Speaker will be Dick Armitage - his talk being entitled "Beautiful Gardens to visit". For further information please contact :

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talks.

To start each hour there will a reading from The King
James Bible

Everyone is invited to take part.

Use any art medium to illustrate something from the bible.

Write a poem on the theme to read yourself, or for
someone else to read for you.

Take a photograph to illustrate a bible verse.

Read from the King James Bible during the festival.

Further details in October's magazine and from Sue
831260

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

An enjoyable Garden meeting was held at the
vicarage on 25 July. There was plenty of tasty
food and lots of laughter and we thanked our
prayer partners with a small gift. The next
meeting is 13 September at 2-30 in Badsey Church.
Kathryn Kear will talk about "Smells from the
Elizabethan Still Room." I wonder if there will be any
samples! Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.
There is a Quiet Evening also on 13 September at 7-30
pm. It is at St Andrew's Hall in Pershore. If you need a
lift please let Penny know.

Penny Christison 830367



WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

Future films to Christmas:

September The Social Network
October Brassed Off
November The Last King of Scotland
December The Italian Job (the original)

First Saturday of each month unless the Wheatsheaf
tells me otherwise!

Clive

TOWER NEWS

Saturday 13 August was our turn to play host to 'The
Four Shires Guild' of bell ringers
for their weekly practise night. In
turn each tower visited within the
Four Shires and benefited from the
opportunity to improve skills with a
likewise group. All levels from
beginners to advanced are catered for depending on
who turns up. Due to the summer holidays like
everywhere else ringers are in short supply.
This month of September we have a very busy schedule
of weddings with one every Saturday throughout at
Badsey, and a Friday and Saturday at Bretforton to be
covered.



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GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS BRA CHALLENGE

On a lovely sunny day three members of Badsey W.I. Maureen Davies, Yvonne Haynes and Sue Leonard along with Sue's sister Norah joined other volunteers at Worcester to hook and count bras ready for the challenge, (after 3,000 bras we never want to see a bra again!). This challenge took place on Sunday 31st July at Worcester Racecourse. Unfortunately the challenge had to be cancelled after 10 hours as time ran out to get all the bras (100 miles of them) round the racecourse. Work to place the bras round the racecourse started at 6.00.am with a band of lorries, vans and even a fire engine and a vast number of volunteers. The sheer scale of the operation was immense and what with bras getting tangled or coming unhooked (not allowed in the challenge) proved a little too much. Volunteers were still hooking and counting bras up to the last minute as so many people brought them to the racecourse on the day. However, the Guinness Book is willing to take a count of all the bras (I don't envy them the task) for part of the Record to be checked. Australia holds the record of 160,000 bras but we hope to have 200,000. The mileage record will be challenged again and it is hoped will take place within the next six to eight weeks. It was a brilliant day and the volunteers worked so hard and were so disappointed, however more and more people are now aware of the challenge and you can still hand in your bras until the next challenge to make sure we get the 100 mile record. Again you can deliver bras to me at 4 Seward Road or give them to any W.I. member.



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ever end?!! and
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PARISH PLAN – WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2011, REMEMBRANCE HALL, 7.30PM!

THE COUNCIL LOOKS FORWARD TO WELCOMING AS MANY RESIDENTS/BUSINESS OWNERS AS POSSIBLE AT THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING TO GET THE PARISH PLAN UNDERWAY. PLEASE DON'T WASTE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE PARISH.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

As noted in the August edition of the Community News the resignation of Valerie Magan has given rise to a vacancy on the Parish Council for the Badsey' ward. The Parish Council is now in a position to co-opt someone to fill that vacancy. Application forms and further details can be obtained from the Clerk. Application forms can also be downloaded from the Badsey pages of the My Parish website (<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish> -select 'Badsey' and then 'publications'). **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CLERK BY 5 00P.M. ON TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2011.**

The death of Councillor Peter Smith has given rise to a vacancy for Aldington ward. It is anticipated that the Parish Council will also be entitled to co-opt to fill that vacancy but that will not be confirmed until on or about 19th August (after this Community News contribution has been filed). If the Council is entitled to co-opt then there will be a notice on the Parish Noticeboard from 20th August and application forms will be available as noted above.

Applicants can apply for both vacancies but, obviously, can only be co-opted to fill one of them.

ANNUAL REMINDER TO CUT BACK OVERHANGING VEGETATION!

Please take the time to check that your hedges and trees are not encroaching on the footpaths in the Parish (both public rights of way and footways by the side of roads). Remember this is the landowner's responsibility and if the local authority has to deal with it a charge may be made.

If you spot encroaching vegetation please let the Clerk know so that the landowner can be contacted.

JULY MEETING

Items from the July meeting of the Council included:

- A presentation from on behalf of a group of residents campaigning to halt future development in Badsey until a method can be found to reduce HGV use through the centre of the Village. The presentation covered HGVs in Badsey in general and specifically in relation to the current planning application to extend the glasshouses at the end of Badsey Field Lane. The presentation was based on the 187 responses (on behalf of 400 residents) received to the questionnaire distributed by the campaign group earlier this year. During public discussion comments were received both in support of the campaign and in support of the need for HGVs to support local businesses and the local economy. A copy of the presentation has been placed on the Badsey section of the My Parish website.
- A discussion of possible future projects which the Parish Council might undertake, including the provision of allotments and a youth club

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E-mail: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk**

REFUND

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