

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

December 2011

AFRICA & ASIA VENTURE CELEBRATING ITS 18TH BIRTHDAY

Eighteen-year-old Jonathan Spinks of High Street, Badsey, is having the time of his life. Jon left Prince Henry's High School in the summer and will start at Nottingham University next September but, in the meantime, he is volunteering in a primary school in Kenya. Kitumbe Primary School is a large primary school of 800 pupils, 9 km outside Kericho in western Kenya, situated on the James Finlay tea plantation. Jon is primarily coaching sports, but also teaches a little bit of Maths, History and Geography. Football tournaments against other schools on the tea plantation are arranged from time to time. Term finishes at the end of November and Jon and the other volunteers will have a chance for independent travel in East Africa (climbing Kilimanjaro is top of the agenda) before returning to England just in time for Christmas. Jon has gone with the Gap Year company, Africa & Asia Venture, www.aventure.co.uk.



Photo above left:
Jon demonstrating football
skills.

Photo above right:
Jon with fellow volunteers, Ed and
Jake, and some of the Kitumbe
pupils (the balloons are because
Africa & Asia Venture, AV for short,
was celebrating its 18th birthday).



Photo left:
Football practice at Kitumbe.

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All,

As I sit in the study deliberating over my letter for December's magazine the world headlines seem to be dominated by the problems in the Euro; George Papandreou the Greek Prime Minister's decision (or not, as he appears to have changed his mind) to hold a referendum on the Euro; and the Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's resignation. This has left other world leaders scrambling to find different ways to keep the Euro afloat. Many of you may wonder 'what has all this got to do with us' as we are not in the Euro. However, it will no doubt have some effect on our already frail economy which must be a concern to us all, particularly as we approach the Festive Season.

Not being a financier or a politician I do not intend to comment further on the rights and wrongs of the various situations, it does however raise thoughts in my mind regarding the wisdom of it all. If you look up wisdom in a dictionary it will say something like 'being wise; possession of experience and knowledge together with the power of applying them; common sense' and so on. In church recently we had a reading from a book in the Bible known as 'The Wisdom of Solomon' in it King Solomon says he values *Wisdom* more than his sceptre or throne, compared to *Wisdom* he held riches as nothing; Gold in comparison was like grains of sand and silver ranked as mud. I wonder what response the Greek or Italian Prime Ministers would make? Come to that I wonder what some of the 'City

FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

Bankers' would say regarding his comments on the worth of Gold and Silver?

As a World Community, we seem to be fixated with wealth and possessions (that is those of us numbered amongst the riches nations of the world). I am not sure of the current figures but only a couple of year ago if you earned £5,000 a year that would put you in the top 13% of global earners and an annual income of £26,000 would put you amongst the richest 1% in the world. How then do we see our riches compared to *Wisdom*? Could we, like King Solomon, rank our wealth as sand or mud compared to *Wisdom*? What then is *Wisdom*? It is not necessarily intelligence – some people who are highly intelligent could certainly not be thought of as being wise. Perhaps it is something to do with being thoughtful and thinking before we speak; maybe it about using our practical skills and showing acumen or insight and good judgement. From a Christian perspective *Wisdom* is a gift from God, something to be sought in prayer and with understanding. As we approach the Festive Season we all need to apply a little wisdom regarding the amount we spend and how we celebrate the Birth of Christ. By the time you read this perhaps the problems with the world economy will have been fixed – but I fear not. In the mean time may I wish you all the joy of the Angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the *Wisdom* of the Magi and peace of the Christ Child.

Richard

CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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	Mrs Sue Cole	831260
	Mrs Sheila Lancaster	833929
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CHURCH SERVICES

DECEMBER

Sun 04th	11.00 am	Christingle
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed 07th	10.00 am	Eucharist followed by coffee
Sun 11th	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 18th	11.00 am	No Service
	3.30 pm	Carol Service
Sat 24th	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
Sun 25th	10.30 am	Family Worship

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: 16 Oct 11 Georgie Jane Welch

Funerals: 21 Oct 11 Emmeline Clara Hughes
26 Oct 11 Bryan Robert Lancaster
(Bob)
08 Nov 11 John Harry Tombs

Weddings: None

BADSEY FIRST SCHOOL

A Gold Star For Badsey First School I just want to congratulate the children and staff of Badsey school for their wonderful production of their play entitled "Evacuees". The story as you can imagine by the title was about how the children were sent to Wales for their safety during the war, very sad and moving at times but also very funny. I just want to say WELL DONE and thank you for such an enjoyable afternoon from a very proud grandparent.
Joyce Mitchell

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD DECEMBER ROTA

No flowers in Church during Advent.

4th Sunday Christmas all the Guild

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during November.

I would like a meeting in Church on Monday 05 December at 7.00 p.m. regarding Christmas flowers. Please as many of the Guild as possible. May I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.
Hazel Stewart 832007

BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The monthly meeting which was the AGM was held on Wednesday 26 October 2011. Address by Branch President is first on the agenda but unfortunately due to increasing ill health Jess Reeves has not been able to attend meetings and sent a note to say that she felt she would like to resign from the position but wished the branch every success in the future. The minutes of 2010 AGM were read and signed and there were no matters arising.

A well laid out and presented, balance sheet of the annual accounts was circulated to all members, which were accepted. Sue Cole then said that she thought Pat Gorin needed a vote of thanks for doing such a 'good job' The secretary's report was next. After these reports the Chairman then thanked the standard bearers for their part in keeping the Women's section noticed by attending numerous events, the committee and all members who always come up 'trumps' when asked for donations etc. Next came the Officers and as Jess had resigned Marje Syril was asked if she would do us the honour of being our President to which she replied she would. It was decided that we didn't really want to "lose Jess" and a less demanding position would be president of 'vice' sorry you know I really meant Vice President!! Next was the committee Chairman...Bet Westmacott,unopposed Treasurer..Pat Gorin..unopposed Secretary..Val Taylor..unaopposed Standard bearer..Jackie Emms ..unaopposed Deputy standard bearer..Sarah Crump..unaopposed. Sheila Lancaster has resigned as sick visitor The post has been filled by Sarah Crump. The committee were once again elected en bloc and apart from the officers were, Wendy Beasley, Lynne Clarke, Doris Harris and Ann Wilson. Annual membership fees were taken.

A.O.B. The chairman and secretary attended the Laying up of the Worcestershire County old standard at Sedgeberrow on 02 October 2011 where they acted as escorts to the standard. We wouldn't have said we would if we realised how far we had to parade from the village hall to the church was the Chairman's comment 16 members will be attending the Remembrance Festival at the Royal Albert hall on Saturday 12 November 2011. The annual presentation of the Rose Bowl was presented by the Chairman to 3 winners and they decided to have the bowl for 4 months each. The alphabet competition was won by Pat Gorin with a Unique book,the letter being U. Once again a difficult competition to judge with so many interesting items but Pam Brunt made a good job,eventually. At the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13 November 2011 Sheila Knight laid the Women's section wreath.

During refreshments a collection was made to cover the cost of the wreath. Do come along even if you aren't a member you could enjoy our company and eventually join. Only £5.50 for an annual membership!!!

ROUND ROBIN

Our next meeting is on Thursday 15 December 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm when we will celebrate Christmas with our annual Christmas Lunch.



Please note:
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BADSEY SOCIETY ARCHIVE

Peter Stewart is currently engaged in copying past copies of the Badsey Parish Magazines & Newsletters which are to form part of the Badsey Society Archive. Unfortunately there are gaps and he is seeking copies of Magazines published during the years 1920 to 1947, and 1997 to 2000. There are one or two months missing from other years and Peter would like to hear from anyone who may have earlier copies of any years in order for him to complete the task. He can be contacted by e-mail at peter.stewart2@talktalk.net or phone 48091.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEAS

Badsey Recreation Club is holding a relaxing and fun evening on Friday 09 Dec. starting at 8.00pm for the ladies to come and purchase designer bags and shoes at reasonable prices. We also have scarves, fragrance soaps, candles, phoenix cards and wrapping paper, jewellery, nail art ready for the Christmas parties and lots more ideas for the festive season.

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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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SUPPORT WORKER – COMMUNITY-BASED

Would you like to help support elderly people, living in their own homes? This can be in the form of befriending or in the provision of a sitting service to give family members a break, or accompanying someone on shopping trips, and to medical appointments.

You must be able to relate well to older or disabled people and be a good listener!

INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENT

If you are between 18-22 years old, available from January to March 2012 and are keen to join in the fight against global poverty, this could be for you!

We are looking for dedicated, hard working and conscientious young people who are committed to international development, and want to see real change in the communities of developing countries. You could be working alongside partners working in community action and social transformation projects in either Malawi, El Salvador or Peru.

For full details, please contact us!

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

We are looking for volunteers to support the local ambulance service by becoming community first responders, providing emergency medical care until professional help arrives on the scene.

Full training is with the West Midlands Ambulance Service.

VISITOR CENTRES

Keen on local history and heritage, arts and crafts, design, gardens, National Trust properties? There are many exciting new opportunities coming up in 2012, from Events Assistants, Garden Guides, Museum Stewards and Office Assistants, to Caterers, Animal Assistants, Gardeners, and Wood Choppers! If you are a team player and enjoy meeting people, we have a variety of interesting opportunities available in various centres in the area.

For full details on all our volunteering opportunities, please see www.do-it.org, or contact:

Val Jackman, Volunteer Recruitment Co-ordinator
Pershore Volunteer Centre, Charlotte Offices, New Road, Pershore.

Tel: 01386 554299, Email: valj@pershorevolunteers.org

CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE 101

A new national non-emergency phone number for the police is being rolled out across England and Wales during the next few months. **The 101 number launches in your local force area – West Mercia – on Tuesday 08 November 2011.**

From 08 November, 101 will be the number to call when you want to contact the police – when it's less urgent than 999.

When to use which number:

101 should be used to report less urgent crime or disorder and for general police enquiries. For example:

- if your car has been stolen;
- if your property has been damaged;
- when you suspect drug use or dealing;
- to report a minor traffic collision;
- to give the police information about crime in your area.

999 should still be used in an emergency, where:

- there is danger to life or risk of injury;
- a crime is in progress and the offender is still at the scene or has only just left;
- immediate police attendance is necessary such as when a crime is obviously about to be committed.

To speak to a specific person or department within West Mercia Police, please call the general switchboard **0300 333 3000**.

Useful information:

- The 101 service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your call will be answered by a police operator.
- Calls to 101 from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day and how long you are on the phone.
- If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can textphone 18001 101.
- For more information about 101, visit www.police.uk/101

DID YOU KNOW?

The Corinthian Church was made up of a varied group of people who came to this major city from around the world. Paul hints at this when he addresses them in 2 Corinthians with 'grace', a Greek greeting and 'peace', a Hebrew greeting



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THE ARCHDEACON OF WORCESTER'S LETTER

Some years ago, high above the heaving pavements of London's Oxford Street and surrounded by dazzling Christmas lights (sponsored by Disney) was the message 'Have an Enchanted Christmas'. I wondered what it might mean for someone to have an 'enchanted Christmas.'

Enchantment takes us beyond the physical. It's about the heart and about the soul. It's about realising that the ground on which we are standing is holy. It's about heaven in the ordinary. It's about God being with us.

There are three things that might make this Christmas an enchanted one.

The first is play. Play takes us beyond the physical. It's about the heart and the soul. Sometimes play can help us to imagine a future that is radically different from the present. Christmas 1914 saw British and German soldiers sing carols before leaving their trenches to play football in no-man's land near Armentieres in France. Of course, hostilities resumed shortly afterwards, but that playful encounter helped those soldiers to imagine a time when wars would cease and peace would reign. (Incidentally, Germany won 3-2 - though I don't know if that was after penalties). It really is important to play together; to laugh, to joke, to imagine, to dream, to explore - and to do it together.

Love is another ingredient of an enchanted Christmas. To love and to be loved is perhaps the most enchanting thing of all. We show our love in the exchanging of presents or simply cards but, as Betjeman said, 'the only cards that really count are that extremely small amount from real friends who keep in touch and are not rich but love us much'.

The final ingredient of an enchanted Christmas is worship. On that first Christmas, angels sang of God's glory, the shepherds glorified and praised God for all that they had heard and seen, and wise men from the east knelt down and paid homage to Jesus. But if Christmas is to be an enchanted Christmas then worship must mean more than coming to church. The whole of our festivities must be punctuated with times of thanksgiving and praise. A moment's reflection in the morning, grace before meals, and maybe even a song or two - anything that focuses and refocuses our attention on Jesus.

Have an Enchanted Christmas - all of you.

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

Susan Price spoke about "Our Hidden Treasures." This interesting talk was about the Mothers Union Indoor Members Prayer Circle. When a member can no longer attend monthly meetings, she is kept informed by regular newsletters about what is going on. Greeting cards are also sent to her on her birthday and at Christmas and Easter. The IMPC members pray for the Mothers Union, its members and its work. That is why they are "hidden treasures;" they are a powerhouse of prayer.

Our next meeting is our Carol Service on 13 December at 2.30 pm, in Badsey Church.

Details from Penny Christison 830367



JIGSAW

During October Jigsaw met over the St James Bible weekend. The children listened to a story about Jesus fishing with his friends and also one about Jesus feeding the people with loaves and fishes.



The children decorated fish that hung from the choir vestry doors. They also made baskets with loaves and fishes.

Our next meeting of Jigsaw will be on

22 January 2012

There will be no meeting in December.

Jigsaw members will be performing in the Nativity play at the carol service

This will be on

Sunday 18 December

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More volunteers are needed for local groups meeting weekly in Worcester, Malvern, Evesham and Wyre Forest. They will receive free training towards recognised qualifications in advanced first aid and can progress to gain further enhanced skills and to take on training or leadership roles if they wish.

British Red Cross Event First Aiders cover major occasions at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern as well as at smaller community events throughout the county. Volunteers work as part of a fully equipped and supported team and are reimbursed for their out of pocket expenses.

Would you like to learn new skills and meet people? Are you willing to attend regular group training and first aid events? Do you have a wish to help people who are in crisis? Please speak to Sarah Colloby on 01905 450424 or email VolunteerHSW@redcross.org.uk if you would like to find out more about becoming a British Red Cross Event First Aid volunteer.

BROADCASTING YOUR MESSAGE

As part of their Sunday morning show each week, BBC Hereford and Worcester broadcasts an act of worship between seven and half past seven. The Dioceses of Hereford and Worcester share the opportunity to be part of that broadcast, and churches across the region are asked if they would like the chance to participate. Many do and thoroughly enjoy the experience of both making the broadcast and hearing themselves on the radio (not necessarily at 7am on Sunday, as the 'Listen Again' facility allows a chance to hear the programme for seven days at any time). Listeners of BBC Hereford and Worcester are treated to a range of different types of service, all with interesting themes.

The Acts of Worship which are broadcast on BBC Hereford and Worcester are very well received across the two counties. For some people, it is the only experience of church that they can take part in all week, as they may be housebound or ill. The broadcasts that the Diocese of Worcester offer are recorded either by two or three people in a studio, or by a congregation on location in their own church. In either format, they allow participants to explore themes of their choosing and offer audiences a wide range of interesting themes. If you would like to take part in a broadcast, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please email: ssetchell@cofe-worcester.org.uk

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BADSEY W.I.

October was our AGM and election of committee and President. Mrs Elizabeth Cudd was re-elected as President with Yvonne Haynes as Secretary and Angela Guoite Assistant Secretary. Marianne Beddis was re-elected as Treasurer and the programme will be arranged by Angela Gash and Bernice Simms. Other committee members are Sue Stanley, Gill Heyden, Dee Windle and Carolyn Lawe. Maureen Davies will still be organising our walking group, Anne Ellender our skittles team and Judy Foster will carry on making her hand crafted cards for members with special birthdays. To receive one of Judy's handmade cards is something we all look forward to and are ones to treasure. Following the business of elections conducted by W.I. Advisor Sue Bright, members were able to purchase plants, preserves and other gardening items from our garden stall and books from the book stall.

In November we were treated to the beautiful delights of Faberge Eggs with Charles Hadwell. The beautiful and intricately made eggs were an absolute work of art and of course worth a king's ransom. Oh to own one or indeed even see one!! Each beautiful egg was made of gold and then usually covered with enamelling and encrusted with diamonds and other wonderful jewels. Each contained a "surprise" usually made of gold and jewel encrusted and made to scale replicating such things as a palace, a carriage, miniature paintings of the Russian family, a jewelled bird and so many other wonderful items. Some of the eggs had musical movements and some had tiny working clocks. It was virtually impossible when the eggs were closed to see where they opened. Sometimes they were opened just by lightly pressing a pearl or other jewel on the egg. A wonderful talk and slide show by a very knowledgeable Mr Hadwell. Anne Ellender also informed members that the skittles team had reached the finals of the group Competition which would be played on 18 November at the New Inn, Willersey. Ten members had had a superb week-end in Manchester, Liverpool and Chester, organised by Angela Gash. Angela even served bucks fizz and cheese delights on the coach! We were well looked after and thoroughly enjoyed both the shopping and the cultural delights of Liverpool and Chester, with Liverpool being everyone's favourite. A city full of culture, cleanliness, friendliness and a thorough delight to visit.

This month we will be holding the Group Carol Service at St. James Church. Visiting Birmingham Town Hall to sing carols and visit the German Market and holding our own Christmas Meeting on 14 December when we will have our usual American Supper and sing Carols by Candlelight and also bring along gifts of food and toiletries etc. for Caring Hands in the Vale.

BADSEY W.I. WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

As is often the case with Parish Councils there continue to be new vacancies. Thanks are due to David Jack and Terri Penny for taking on the responsibilities of Parish Councillors, if only for a short time. However, due to their resignations there are now two vacancies. Assuming that no-one calls for an election it will be open to the Parish Council to co-opt two new members. Notices about this will go on the noticeboard at the beginning of December with a view to co-option at the January meeting. If you would like any further information please contact the Clerk.

MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At the time of writing the Parish Council has been made aware that there are rumours of a number of possible major planning applications in the Parish, i.e. applications for a substantial number of residential units. However, the Parish Council has had no formal notice of any such applications, other than the proposed Banks Road development, and unless and until actual planning applications are made the Parish Council cannot make a decision whether to support or object to them. As soon as the Parish Council is asked for its comments by Wychavon District Council the application is

put on the first available agenda. Because comments may have to be made within a relatively short period this may mean that a Planning Committee meeting takes place other than on the same day as a Parish Council meeting. Where that is the case a copy of the Agenda is put on the main noticeboard outside the Spar shop at least 3 clear days before the meeting. If you are interested please keep an eye out for new agendas.

As has previously been noted in this column the Parish Council can only object, if it thinks right to do so, on valid planning grounds. If you want to know more about this you may find the Council for the Protection of Rural England's new guidance 'How to Respond to Planning Applications: an 8-step guide' very interesting. It can be downloaded from <http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/housing-and-planning/planning/item/1903-how-to-respond-to-planning-applications>. The link is on the Parish Council's section of the 'My Parish' web pages provided by Worcestershire County Council.

OCTOBER MEETING

Amongst matters discussed at the October meeting were the Council's response to the South Worcestershire Development Plan Preferred Options document. The final response will have been approved at the November meeting and by the time you read this should be available on the MyParish website. The Council also considered a proposal to obtain information as to what would be involved in restricting the speed limit through the centre of Badsey and/or imposing a one-way system round the Church. The Council has decided to ask the County Council for further information as to what would be involved in taking a proper look at such proposals. If you have any views please email or write to the Clerk.

STREET LIGHTS

As mentioned in November: if you spot a light which is out, or on at the wrong time, and it has a green number on its pole please contact the Clerk. If it has a yellow number on the pole (principally those on the Bretforton Road / B4035) please contact Worcestershire County Council Highways through the Worcestershire Hub.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 21 December.

AND FINALLY ...The Clerk was mortified that last year she failed to wish all those who live and/or work within the Parish 'Best Wishes' for Christmas so this year she is making amends: she hopes that, no matter what joy or sadness has attended 2011, all those who live or work in the Parish will find something to celebrate over the Christmas period.

USEFUL NUMBERS

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Badsey Remembrance Hall 01386 834852

Police (General Switchboard) 0300 333 3000

Pressure Point(Local Drugs Helpline)0800 652 9664

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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
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