

# Growers Gear Up For Popular Village Show

**Badsey Flower Show Announces 2013 Date** 



One of the Vale's most popular village shows has announced the date of this year's event.

The 111th Badsey Flower Show will take place on Saturday 27th July 2013 on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane, Badsey near Evesham.

This traditional, family-focused village event attracts around 2,000 people and last year it starred in the UK TV show 'My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham'.

Not only did TV and stage star Lynda spend the whole day filming at the show (and getting involved with lots of the events and attractions) programme producers proclaimed Badsey Flower Show as 'one of the best events of its kind.'

A key highlight of the 2012 show was a fly past by a WWII Spitfire.

Attractions and entertainment for this year will be announced later in the spring but a fun-filled, family day with show ground attractions, a large

marquee of exhibits, stalls, side shows, kid's rides and a variety of food and drink is guaranteed.

Badsey Flower Show Committee Member, Adrian Barradell said,

'Put the date in your diary or on your kitchen calendar now and do not miss one of the best known and best-value summer shows in the area. Our aim is always to provide the best possible mix of professional and amateur entertainment plus, lots to look at and get involved in. We also are encouraging local amateur growers to have a look now at the entry categories and start planning and growing their show exhibits.'

To enter your exhibit, visit www.badseyflowershow.co.uk and see the wide range of show categories, many of which are ideal for children.

To book a stall at this year's event call 01386 830036.



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### **2 Letter For The Month**

### From The Revd Anne Potter

### Count your blessings...

During Lent this was Christian Aid's theme. There are many people in this country who have been hit hard by the economic situation and perhaps do not have the lifestyle they had previously. Folk are strugaling to find work which can be very demoralising let alone putting a strain on the household budget. But thanks to the benefit system in this country and to others setting up food banks, in response to the needs of those who are strugaling to feed their families, no-one in this country is starving - they may be hungry but not starving to death. Unfortunately this is not the case in other parts of the world where people are totally dependent on the food they grow themselves. When the harvests fail there is no food and no supermarket where they can go and purchase imported food from other parts of the world. In the UK less than 15% of average household expenditure goes on food and non-alcoholic drinks. In developing countries, people spend 60-80% of their income on food. As we all know food prices hit the poorest hardest. In Malawi (a place close to my heart having been born and having my childhood there) between 2011 and 2012

maize prices (maize being the staple food) rose by 174%. There is enough food in the world to feed everyone but almost a billion people go to bed hungry each night and two million children die from malnutrition every year. This year the UK is hosting the annual G8 summit in June. (The G8 is a forum that brings together 8 global leaders to address global issues and tackle the most pressing alobal challenges). Progress has been made in many other areas but hunger is still the biggest problem of our age. All around the world, even in UK, people are struggling to feed their families. The G8 Summit is the best opportunity we have to alobally tackle hunger. There is an 'Enough Food For Everyone IF' campaign to which, behind the scenes, over 150 organisations are giving their support. If millions of us tell the world leaders they need to take action 2013 could mark the beginning of the end for global hunger... If you are able check it out on the enoughfoodif.org website. I realise some of you do not have computer access but you can still pray for the end of global hunger.

Anne

### **Church Ministry Team**

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### **Church Services**

Sunday 7

10.30 am ten30@st.james

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 14

11.00 am Praise and Worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 21

11.00 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 28

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 5 May

11.00 am Rogation Service at The Fleece with Bretforton Band

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6.30 pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 0745 each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday, which is a Eucharist. No Eucharist on Tuesday after Easter

There will not be a monthly Eucharist service on the first Wednesday in April at 10.00 at Badsey

### From The Parish Registers

### Baptisms

None this month

#### **Funeral Services**

22 February Velma Blanche Bailey

1 March Irene May Phillips (Worcester Crematorium)

11 March Vivienne Bowler

15 March Jean Ives

#### **Holy Matrimony**

None this month

### **St James' Flower Guild**

### Rota

1st Sunday: Guild to tend their own 2nd Sunday: Hazel & Hazel 3rd Sunday: Sandra & Maureen 4th Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane

Thank you ladies, for the flowers in Church. They look wonderful as always. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

### Did You Know?

The first Sunday in April is called 'Daffodil Sunday'. In Victorian times, families picked daffodils from their gardens and took them to local hospitals to give to the sick.

### **Pound Pobin**

It is with great sadness that we hear of Jean Ives' death. She

played a big part in the early days of Round Robin, often holding meetings in her own home. Our thoughts are with the family she has left behind.

At the group meeting last month we talked about Jean and the things she organised for the group, such as the fish and chip meal, hard to imagine so many of us sitting at a table to eat them but we did.

She will be remembered often, by so many people; whose lives she has touched and inspired during her lifetime.

Next month we will have music and a sing song, plus time out for tea and biscuits with the normal banter of putting things to right. All are welcome.

Cheryl Mitchell -Tel 01386 832 436

### **Badsey Mothers' Union**

### The Badsey Group

The Revd Anne Potter spoke about Mothering Sunday in March. She began by asking if we had seen 'Lincoln.' In the film, Lincoln said, that he remembered his mother's prayers.

Anne shared her experiences in Africa, and talked about her role as a mother. It was interesting to hear another view of the subject.

We were able to see some of the teddies our members are knitting for children whose parents are in prison.

We were joined by a new member, visitors are welcome at our meetings.

Next meeting Tuesday 9 April 2.30 pm in Badsey Church it will be a members afternoon when we will be entertaining ourselves. Anything could happen!

Details from Penny 830367

## Tower News



Church Bell ringing holds many traditions - it is primarily used for church services and requested forms of commemoration. May it be

gladness or sadness. Often visiting teams of ringers pay to come and ring our lovely bells.

We have the only set with a ring of six cast by a founder from Evesham in 1706. It is our heritage to preserve and enjoy. To be rung each bell needs a person to handle it, and it is people such as yourselves that we are short of.

Can you help? We meet on Monday nights with elementary training from 7.00 pm.

Hilary Bolton Tel: 830246 or just turn up.

### R.B.L.W.S

Wednesday evening 20th February 2013 was the first meeting of the year that the Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch of The royal British Legion Women's section met.

This was due to the January meeting being cancelled due to weather conditions, we didn't want our ladies falling on the ice!

Although the evening was a cold one there were 30 members who braved it and as it turned out I think they had a very enjoyable social evening. During the business it was mentioned that our Vice President Jess Reeves, due to ill health was now in Avon Court Care Centre at Stratford on Avon, a card had been sent to say 'we think of her'.

After the official Legion business came refreshments. I know some of our ladies come for these as there are always numerous selection of sandwiches that our Chairman makes and donates. It was during this time that more of our 'entertainment' arrived the actual speaker coming at the start of our meeting. They caused quite a stir! Being members of The Legion Bikers, mostly male but one female with them. Due to the cold

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weather not all of them had arrived on their Bikes. Their leader Jim then gave an interesting talk on the role of The Bikers in the Legion. As we have a competition each month and this time it was 'wool' we asked them to judge it for us, much more a task as it took some time as they couldn't all agree! But they eventually came up with the woollen Red Riding hood who when turned upside down was Granny brought by Wendy Neal as the winner. The squares competition was won by Joan Hewlett.

Membership is, like most clubs, on the decline - it would be great if a few more ladies, no matter what your age joined us. Why not come along to a meeting and see if we are what you want, no obligation to join then. A good social night out once a month.

Val Taylor

### **Badsey Rangers**

February was a great month for Badsey Rangers u9's. The lads managed to get their first win of the season, and went from strength to strength from there on, beating Welford away 3-1. Next game was Inkberrow Eagles away and won in style with a 5-0 victory, with Harvey Cockerton scoring a hattrick and Thomas Stone grabbing two goals for himself.

Next game was Littleton away which the Rangers boys played their hearts out and took a 6-2 victory with another hat-trick coming from Harvey Cockerton. Kai Urbanski managed to find the back of the net with his first goal of the season followed closely by team captain Lewis Richardson also scoring his first goal, and yet again another goal for Thomas Stone.

Next game was home against Crowle Searchers with lads unfortunately loosing 6-2. Played some good football with goals coming from Stanley Kirby netting his first of the season and another from

Harvey Cockerton.

Looking forward to next month's matches. Boys are training hard and looking forward to all your support. Big thanks to sponsors Subway and Listers for all your help and support.

Wayne Neale

# Badsey Over 60's Friendship Club

At our March meeting we were entertained by the Badsey 1st. School children's Choir, who sang extremely well and delighted their senior audience. We then all enjoyed afternoon refreshments before the children returned to school.

Mary then handed out birthday cards and welcomed our new members, she then asked for all who was going to Dimmock on the 20th March to put their choice of meals on the forms provided, and also reminded all who were going to Scarborough in September that the deposit is due on the April meeting and that the April meeting is also the AGM, Mary also asked for nominations and/or volunteers for the committee.

We then held our usual raffle and the meeting closed at 16.00.

Mike Neal

### Life Membership Given To Former Chairmen Of The Badsey Society

Two former Chairmen of The Badsey Society have recently been honoured with lifetime membership.

At an event in October at The Wheatsheaf, Terry Sparrow received his membership scroll from Maureen Spinks.

Mike Lovatt received his scroll from Valerie Magan at the AGM this February.



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### **Badsey Society**

Badsey Society holds events throughout the year for all its members. On Friday 19th April, at the Back of the Wheatsheaf, Valerie Magan is giving a history talk and slide show, entitled 'Tales from the Worcestershire Courts'. It embraces the medieval Assize court system, how it was run, and we've found some cases that came up in our local courts during the 1600's, 1700's and 1800's. Punishment then, was pretty severe compared with court punishment today, but don't be put off, it was all part of our history.

If you wish to join Badsey Society, membership fees are just £2 per year, so why not pop along to the history talk on Friday 19th April, to get a flavour of our entertainment.

We research all sorts of local history of Badsey and nearby. The story below happened at Knowle Hill in 1916 and portrays the phenomenal strength and courage a desperate mother finds when, in an unsupervised moment, her child fell into a market gardener's artesian well. Part of the report stems from the Evesham Journal.

An extraordinary incident occurred at Badsey on 22nd May 1916. Mrs. Florence Alice Bott, wife of Mr. Henry Bott, a market aardener's labourer was at work in some garden ground near Knowle Hill. She had with her, her little child, a boy aged two years. The child was playing near a well on the ground; the well is eighteen feet deep and there are nine feet of water in it. The covering of the well gave way and the child fell into the water. The mother heard a splash, missed the child, and at once realised what had happened. She screamed for help but no-one came. The covering of the well had fallen on top of the child who was thus kept below the surface of the water. In desperation the mother herself jumped into the well, and luckily alighted on the cover in such a way that she tipped it aside and the child's head appeared. The mother caught hold of the child and they were more or less supported by the floating cover. The mother shouted for help but no-one heard her and

so she attempted to climb up the sides of the well, by means of the joints in the brickwork, and after a hard struggle she got to the top and out onto the surface of the ground. The mother and the child went to Mr. Horsfield's house at Knowle Hill, where they were attended to and given dry clothing and we are alad to say that beyond a few bruises sustained by the mother, neither is any the worse for the immersion in the well. Reverend Allsebrook, vicar of Badsey, recommended to the Royal Humane Society, that Florence Bott be awarded a medal for her bravery. A bronze medal for Florence was posted to 'The Vicar of Badsey' on 25th July 1916, who presumably made an appropriate presentation to a very brave mother.

Valerie Magan



The Good Samaritan was the theme 19504, of our February meeting. A short video was shown of the bible version of this story and then a story was read that could have happened today to show the children how the parable relates to things they do now. The children

made magnets to take home as a reminder to be a good neighbour. They also put together first aid envelopes to give to the congregation of the ten30@stjames service. We also played hopscotch using letters in each square and making the word compassion. Many of the children came to the 10.30@stjames service to help present what we had done in the jigsaw meeting. We hope any one that came enjoyed what we do. If you would like to join us,

Our next meeting will be on April 28th

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Hundreds of people are expected to attend the Hidden Treasures Roadshow and Family Fun Day between 11.30am and 5pm. Those who bring along their treasures – from books and porcelain to pictures, jewellery and toys – can meet a host of experts who will value the items and reveal more about their hidden history. Valuations, including by experts Henry Sandon and Philip Serrell, will be available from midday. The event will raise funds for St Richard's Hospice towards the charity's care of patients and their families.

The historic venue will also host a range of family activities to ensure a great day out. Face painting, maypole dancing, live music and traditional afternoon teas will be on site alongside Thai food, barbecue and a Pimms and licensed bar. Tickets are £10 per person in advance or £12 on the door, free for children under 12.

Ticket price will also cover entrance to the ground floor of the Bishop's House, Castle State Rooms including the magnificent medieval Great Hall and the beautiful Georgian Saloon, as well as the carriage circle and grounds.

The main sponsors of the day are Andrew Grant and Shire Insurance and Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust have donated the venue.

Visitors on the day can also enjoy half price admission to the County Museum in the north wing of Hartlebury Castle. From March this year the amazing Bredon Hill Hoard, the largest ever find of Roman coins in the county, will be on display.

For more information or to buy tickets please call 01905 763963 or email appeals@strichards.org.uk



Rosalie Dawes, Henry Sandon Anne Carter

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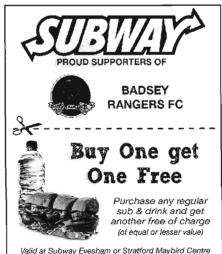
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Entrance: £1 will include coffee, tea or soft drinks and a light bite plus the Marie Curie Daffodil Grand Raffle and Maypole Bears

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What do you get if you cross a centipede with a parrot?

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What stars wear glasses? Film stars!

What do you call a deer with no eyes?

No eye deer!

How do you make a sausage roll?

Push it down a hill!

### Quiet Garden Event

The Quiet Garden Movement is a world-wide Christian ministry of hospitality and prayer which promotes reflection and contemplation in the context of God's love. It fosters the provision of quiet spaces, large and small, creating sanctuaries of stillness and refreshment in private homes or public places such as a church, school or hospital. We have a Gathering each year for anyone interested in our ministry. This year we are coming to Worcester for our meeting on Saturday 18 May 2013. We would be especially delighted to welcome those from the area to join us. I would be most grateful if you could mention the details in any diocesan newsletters or publications and pass them on to others who may be interested.

The details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 18th May 2013 10am for 10.30 start

to 4pm

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### Garden of Remembrance

### Saturday 20 April

Last year we had a successful day tidying, weeding and planting in the Garden of Remembrance. Some people have continued to do this regularly and we would like to thank them all. We are asking again for you join another working party on the above date from about 9.30 am. As well as tidying the garden we also have a number of slabs to lay by the gate. If you can help, just turn up with tools and rubbish bags. We will provide refreshments.

If this date is not convenient, please feel free to tidy at another time. I know families who have ashes of family members there enjoy visiting the Garden of Remembrance.

Thank you in anticipation.

Sue Cole

### **2013 Barnados Big Toddle**.

Don't let your toddlers miss out on the Barnardo's Big Toddle.

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Anyone can hold a Big Toddle - from nurseries and childminders to parents. It's simple to organise and we'll provide a free pack with all the information you need to make it a day to remember.

This year's theme is nursery rhymes and fairytales so Toddlers are invited to dress up as their favourite characters and sing rhymes as they Toddle.

Find out how you can get involved at www.bigtoddle.org.uk

### **Chorus Open Evening**

Vale Connection Ladies Chorus are holding an open evening on Thursday 25th April, from 8-10 pm.

Come along to sing with this friendly group of ladies. We meet at St. Mary and St. Egwins Parish Hall, High Street Evesham, every Thursday from 8.00. We sing A Capella, four part harmony and barbershop style music, with a wide repertoire, music for all tastes!

We'd love you to come and join us to develop your singing skills, learn new techniques, help raise money for charity, sing for special occasions and mostly to make new friends! All ages and singing abilities welcome, no experience needed!

We have a brand new musical director.

So come along and give it a go, we would love to see you!

Call 831870 for enquiries... Or just turn up any Thursday!

### **Rumble In The Jumble**

Evesham Volunteer Centre is holding another of it's now famous Jumble Sales on Saturday, April 13th, at Badsey Remembrance Hall. Doors open at 2 pm until 4 pm. Entry charge 30p (children are free). Refreshments available.

Do come along and find some good bargains whilst supporting your local Charity.

Please phone 831104 if you have suitable clothes, household goods, toys, books, games and we will arrange to collect. No electrical items or furniture, thank you.

### **Just A Thought**

'Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.'

Abraham Lincoln

A rolling diary of local events can be found under Fridge Dates at www.ourbenefice.org.uk