

Spring Is Here!

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington May 2013

## Gardener's World Comes To Badsey Church



Last month Badsey Church had a very special visitor! Carol Kline, filming *Gardeners' World* in Badsey Churchyard. She was there to talk about Celandine, a plant that carpets the Churchyard during the spring. She also visited Bob Brown's, where she explored his extensive collection of this lovely plant.

The programme was aired on Friday 19th April, so if you missed it, check it out on BBC iPlayer. See if you can spot the areas she visited!

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**Information about  
Christian Aid Week  
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## Letter For The Month

Dear All,

As I sit writing this letter the news from around the world seems rather depressing, we have just had reports of a bombing at the Boston Marathon with several people being killed and many others injured – this in the light of the upcoming London Marathon (which will have taken place by the time you read this); the fire at a fertiliser plant in Texas which turned into an explosion killing a number of people; it has also been a week when we have seen the funeral of Baroness Thatcher as well as several funerals in our local villages, as I say all this makes rather depressing reading. By the time May comes along most people will have forgotten Easter as a distant memory, whereas in the Church calendar the Easter Season does not conclude until the middle of May and we will, at the beginning of May, be celebrating Rogation Sunday – a time when we give thanks for the crops that grow in the fields – something particularly relevant to us here in the Vale of Evesham famous as we are as a growing region of the country. It is easy at times to feel depressed with all that is happening around us, but just as the Easter Season continues longer than we may think, so God's love for us all continues longer than we can either know

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### Church Services

Sunday 5

11.00 am Rogation Service with Bretforton Band  
At Bretforton

6.30 pm Evensong

Thursday 9

7.30 pm Ascension Day Service at Offenham

Sunday 12

11.00 am Praise & Worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 19

9.30 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 26

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 2 June

10.30 am ten30@st.james

7.00 pm Asparagus Service at Bretforton

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

There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the first  
Wednesday in the Month at 10.00 am



## From The Revd

or hope for (or dare I even say deserve). At one of the funerals I took last month we had a Bible reading that is not used that often and comes from what is called the 'Apocrypha' (from the Greek word meaning hidden) which is part of the Bible not found in all versions, the passage came from what is called 'The Wisdom of Solomon' and starts with the words 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God and no torment will ever touch them'. (Wisdom 3:1) The passage reminds us that our loved ones departed this world are in the hands of Almighty God and nothing can harm them, but the passage also reminds us that living or departed God is there for each one of us, something we all need to hold on to in times of despair and bewilderment. It is difficult at times to see God at work around us, and thinking of growers and all those who work the land, this is particularly true with the weather over the past twelve months, therefore our Rogation prayers this year will be all the more heart-felt as we shall, hopefully, by then be seeing the signs of new growth ready to be harvested later in the year. A thought for this month is don't give up on God, because he won't give up on you.

*Richard*

### From The Parish Registers

#### Baptisms

None This Month

#### Funeral Services

26 March	Grace Beryl Osborne
18 April	Charles Ivor Walker
19 April	Kathleen Margaret Pratley

#### Holy Matrimony

None This Month

### St James' Flower Guild

#### Rota

- 1st Sunday: Yvonne & Stephanie
- 2nd Sunday: Annette & Sheila
- 3rd Sunday: Julie & Barbara (Pentecost)  
(Red/White)
- 4th Sunday: Hazel & Hazel

Ladies, thank you for the beautiful Easter flowers in Church and April's flowers. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

*Hazel Stewart 832007*

# Christian Aid Week

12-18 May

**Bite Back At Hunger**



Christian Aid Week was first held in 1957 and is Britain and Ireland's longest-running fundraising week. It is famous for its distinctive red envelope that drops through the letterboxes of millions of homes every May, and for the thousands of volunteers who dedicate their time to raising vital funds to help poor communities around the world build a better future for themselves.

This year, Christian Aid Week is highlighting the fact that tonight 1 in 8 people will go to bed hungry, but there is enough food for all to eat and have their fill if certain changes are made. Christian Aid works in partnership with communities and organisations in 48 countries, supporting innovative projects to help people transform their own lives from barely surviving to truly thriving. In drought-prone southern Zimbabwe, Christian Aid partner Dabane Trust worked with local communities to access the clean, naturally filtered water that is stored, hidden, beneath sand-bed rivers, ensuring people have a supply of clean water. Now they can water their gardens all year round, meaning they can grow a variety of vegetables to eat and to sell. Husband and wife Jabulisa Ndlovu and Zuzeni Nyathi used to struggle to find enough for their children to eat, but Zuzeni says: 'We [can] now eat every day at any time - we are always full.'

This Christian Aid Week, bite back at hunger and give a gift that will help people living in poverty

out of poverty. £1.85 could pay for 1kg of sugar bean seeds for a family like Jabulisa and Zuzeni's, giving them a crop of 20kg of beans. £2,000 could pay for a sand dam for one whole community like Jabulisa and Zuzeni's, helping them to have a constant supply of water.

A Christian Aid envelope is delivered with your Community News. Please put the envelope in the collecting box at the Spar Shop. They can also be delivered to The Vicarage, Badsey, 27 High Street Badsey, Middlebank Aldington, 45 Bretforton Road, or left in church. Please give me a ring if you would like me to collect your envelope.

Thank you  
Sue Cole 831260

## Round Robin



It was with regret that I had to cancel our last meeting in March, due to health issues; but hopefully most people were told before the event. If anyone was missed out I apologise now. It was sad going to Jean Ives funeral many of the group attended, we will miss her and thoughts remain with the family she left behind.

Our next meeting in May we will be entertained with music and a little sing song no doubt, prior to our normal tea and biscuits. All are welcome, an open door to any one that wants company for a couple of hours on the third Thursday of the month, its informal, no dressing up just come as you are.

Cheryl Mitchell

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*I'll meet you at the corner.*

What did the paper say to the pencil?  
*Write on!*

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# Badsey Mothers' Union

## The Badsey Group

The Mothers Union Members were saddened to hear of the death of Jean Ives. We remembered her with a minutes silence at the March meeting. Jean was a member for over 50 years, and was both a committee member and Branch Leader. We enjoyed many happy summertime meetings in her beautiful garden. Jean was a gentle lady whose life was encompassed by prayer. Our love and prayers go to her husband Jim.

We had fun at the April meeting. After the business was finished, we were entertained very well by Sandra who shared many tales of her visit to Malaysia. Sandra told us of the different customs that she had seen including the separation of men and women at a wedding reception, Sandra also said as soon as the food was eaten everyone went home. Sandra was surprised by the poor quality of shanty houses where local families lived quite close to her brothers house. I think she was most surprised at being woken on her first morning at 5.30 am by the call to prayer from the local Mosque.

We heard again about the amazing work being done by our knitting group, more teddies for children of prisoners, blankets made from squares to be given local nursing homes and special friends of our branch. Their latest project is to knit jumpers for fish and chip babies in Africa. They are called by this name because their families are so poor they use newspaper to wrap their babies in. The afternoon ended with a funny poem read by Gill Armstrong, about the trials of buying a swimming costume when you reach a certain age. It had us all in stitches of laughter, a wonderful way to end the afternoon.

We love to see visitors at all our meetings, come and meet us. Next meeting 2.30 14 May in Badsey Church, Liz Bolland, MBE will talk about her Investiture at Windsor Castle, maybe there will be a few pictures to see.

*Further details Penny Christison 830367*

# Badsey W.I

Despite the awful cold weather we have been experiencing our meetings have been well supported by our stalwart members. Hoping for sunnier times we have booked a visit to Buckingham Palace on August 21st to see the Coronation Robes and the state rooms. We were hoping to visit the garden as well but the group guided tours of these are fully booked for this year. However, individuals will still be able to visit the gardens as well as the palace. At least 22 members are going on a week-end away to York in November which we are all looking forward to.

Unfortunately our walks have been a bit hit and miss, depending on the weather but again a few stalwart members have ventured out regularly even though it has meant a little more road walking than we usually do. Our skittles team have won two of the three matches they have played so far in the County Tournament and our embroidery group are busy sewing some beautiful pieces. Our art group resumes classes on 11th April where, under the guidance of Angela Gash and Bernice Simms, some lovely works of art will be produced.

We have had two very good speakers since our last report. Rob Hemming gave a very interesting talk on the old Picture Palaces which included our own Regal Cinema, both as it was and as it is now. Rob gave a very interesting talk and like most of us is extremely proud of our own unique cinema. Sue Johnson, local author from Pershore, gave us a good insight into the world of writing novels, dismissing the myth some of us held about sitting at a computer and waiting for inspiration. An awful lot of research is needed and a lot of time taken to write a novel which can take two to three years. Also having more than one on the go as well as writing articles for magazines and newspapers to keep the pennies coming in whilst writing the novels. Sue also holds workshops on writing at No. 8 in Pershore. A very talented and interesting lady.

Sheila Taylor has been looking after the water fountain in the High Street despite the weather and



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## W.I Continued

we and the villagers are very grateful to her.

We are holding our Annual General Meeting in May when new committee members will be elected and also a new President. We like most people are hoping and praying for better weather so that outside events and outings can be arranged.

We have been pleased to welcome several new members, and visitors to our meetings are always welcome. We hold them on the second Wednesday of every month, beginning at 7.15.pm. so do come along and see what you think of us.

## Littleton Bowling Club

Littleton Bowling Club is all set for the new outdoor season and is now recruiting new members.

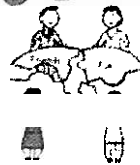
Anyone over the age of 9 is invited to come and try the game any Wednesday from 6-8pm, with ladies and youngsters particularly welcome. The club is in the Recreation Field off Long Hyde Road in South Littleton near to the children's play area. All we ask is that you bring some flat soled shoes to wear and we will supply other equipment and give you free tuition.

Last season we were runners-up in both the Concorde League and the Vernon Turner Cup which is a competition played by every club in the county and we are looking to go one step further this season.

The highlight of the year and main fund raiser for the club is the Gala Tournament in early July when 20/24 teams come to Littleton to compete for cash prizes. The games are very competitive but friendly and we are looking for support from sponsors.

You can find out more from Mike or Jeanette on 01386 831328, look on our website at [www.littletonbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.littletonbowlingclub.co.uk) or email [littletonbowls@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:littletonbowls@hotmail.co.uk)

## Jigsaw



April 28th was Palm Sunday so our meeting was about what happened on this day. The children watched a video on Jesus, entering Jerusalem on a donkey. They also listened to a story. We made donkey hand puppets.

Jigsaw also held a Good Friday craft morning, 20 children came along and made various crafts hoping to remind them of the stages of Easter. They made donkey hand puppets for the journey Jesus made. The children shaped bread dough which was baked so that they each took home some bread to eat for lunch and remember Jesus sharing a meal with the disciples. Prayers were written on leaves and glued onto a picture of an olive branch to show how Jesus had prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Easter cards that looked like cockerels were made to remind us that Jesus had predicted that when the cockerel crowed at Dawn he would have been disowned three times. Crosses were decorated to represent the cross Jesus was nailed to. Little chicks were made and Easter egg shapes decorated to show new life that Jesus represents when he rises from the tomb.

Thank you to everyone that helped at the Good Friday craft morning I hope all the children had a good time. Our next meeting will be on May 26th  
11.00am - 12.00pm

at

St James Church, Badsey.

Do come along and join the fun.

It's free

## Did You Know?

May is named after the Greek Goddess, Maia. The month is a time of great celebration in the Northern hemisphere. It is the time when flowers emerge and crops begin to sprout.

It was first called May in about 1430. Before then it was called Maius, Mayes or Mai.

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## R.B.L.W.S

I don't think Badsey village actually knew what was going on 17th March 2013 when proceeded by a Pipe band there was a parade of standards, escorts and dignitaries from the Legion club to St James' Church for the laying up of an old and dedication of a new Women's section standard of the Royal British Legion, Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch. Weather wise a better day couldn't have been chosen. Thanks goes to all those people and organisations who donated cash for the purchase of the Standard and made this day possible. The last dedication of a standard we believe, was over forty years ago.

Our March monthly meeting was short on numbers possibly due to the very cold weather. This being the one nearest Easter we had our Easter treat, a cream tea - scones, jam and cream - was very much enjoyed by the ladies. Anne Newbon then gave us a craft demonstration using a lot of recycled items and heat either from an iron or heat gun. Some things were one offs, while others were for sale. She was asked to judge our anniversary competition and she chose a pottery duck made by Margaret Bramell's granddaughter some time ago. Winner of the squares competition was Lynne Clarke.

We meet every month and besides dealing with the Legion business, have a good social evening. Not sure why more people don't come along as you don't even have to have any connection with the armed forces these days.

Most of the people who come to speak or entertain us always seem to have a good time and enjoy themselves, just ask the vicar!

The next meeting is 22nd May when we will hold a Fete either in the car park of the Legion or if wet in the small lounge where our meets normally take place. We start these evenings at 7.30 pm and as said previously all ladies are welcome, why not give us a try at least!

Val Taylor

## Parish Council News

### Dog Bin - Aldington.

A new dog bin has been erected in Aldington near Parish noticeboard. Please use the bins provided.

### Bench - Manor Close, Badsey.

A memorial bench has been erected at Manor Close, Badsey for the benefit of all elderly residents in that area. Concerns have been raised that the bench may be used improperly. If you see anything, please report it immediately to the Police by ringing 101. Regular patrols of this area will be carried out as a matter of routine.

### Footpaths.

The Parish Lengthsman has been instructed to clear the path between Old Post Office Lane and Brewers Lane of rubbish and vegetation and to trim the hedges if required. The footpath officer is to inspect the path near The Parks, Aldington to see if more signs are required to ensure walkers stay on the paths. Worcs CC will be inspecting The Furrows path, Aldington to assess if the path can be widened to benefit users.

### Parish Councillors.

Mrs Helen Burrows and Mr Steven Sumpter were co-opted at the Parish Council Meeting on 20th March 2013. They will take up position at the meeting on 17th April 2013. Cllr Gary Bailey was voted in as Vice-Chairman at the Parish Council meeting on 20th February 2013.

### Parish Council Meeting - May 2013.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May 2013 at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey at 7.30 pm with a 10 minute Public Forum until 7.40 pm.

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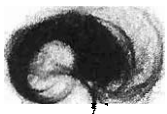
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## A Lock Of Hair?

In the Badsey Society Archive we have a box of papers relating to Rev.

W.C.Allsebrook, Vicar of Badsey (1903-1945). In this box we found this lock of hair belonging to Mr. A.H. Savory.



Arthur Herbert Savory (1851-1921) was born in London. His father was a wealthy goldsmith of Huguenot descent. As a small boy, the

family moved out to Chertsey, Surrey. His first school was in Rottingdean, E.Sussex and then he went to Harrow School. In the 1871 census he was listed as a student at Cirencester Agricultural College. He arrived at Aldington Manor in 1873, just 22 years old, to farm for the first time. He left the farm in 1901 and moved to Burley in Hampshire. In 1920, Mr. Savory wrote a book called 'Grain & Chaff from an English Manor' about his farming experiences in Aldington. He was inspired by Gilbert White's eighteenth century book on life in the small village of Selbourne. Mr. Savory writes about the people on the farm, customs, language, farming practises & the history of Aldington and the surrounding villages. It is a wonderful resource for anyone living in the villages today that are interested in the country way of life. He involved himself in all matters concerning the Parish of Aldington, Badsey & Wickhamford. Mr. Savory personally helped to fund the building of the present Badsey School. He supported the Church & the successive Vicars. As a friend, Rev. Allsebrook, hearing Mr. Savory was ill, requested this lock of hair. Sadly, Mr. Savory died the following month. It seems a strange request to us now but then it was common practice to keep such a memento.

The Badsey Society has modern copies of 'Grain & Chaff from an English Manor' for sale at £8 each.

Please contact Richard Phillips at [Phillips@badsey.net](mailto:Phillips@badsey.net) or for more information on the Badsey Society website:

<http://www.badsey.net/bsp/op09.htm>

The Badsey Society forthcoming events:

Friday 31st May – Whit Walk meet at the 'Wheatsheaf' (2 miles) followed by wine & cheese in the garden of "The Willows", 8a, High Street, Badsey for refreshments.

Saturday 1st/ Sunday 2nd June – Asparafest ([www.asparafest.co.uk](http://www.asparafest.co.uk)) Ashdown Farm, Badsey Road; The Badsey Society will be having a stand at this new asparagus festival.

Membership – 2013 subscription now due, still only £2 per person. Please give to our new Treasurer, Tony Wood, 16, Badsey Fields Lane.

New Members always welcome.

Jane Neill

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### Tuesday Lunches

Arrive from 12.30 to enjoy a drink from the bar, a set two course lunch at 1.00 pm followed by a talk from our speaker of the day.  
21st May - A Novel's Journey  
25th June - Street Kids  
Available to book on line

[www.hollandhouse.org](http://www.hollandhouse.org)

## Wickhamford Gardening Club

The May meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Wickhamford. The speaker is Richard Cook and his topic 'Pruning Fruit Trees and Bushes', the competition is Flower of the Month.

For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834, or other committee members.

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## Badsey Flower Show 2013 Call For Helpers

The 111th Badsey Flower Show takes place on Saturday 27th July 2013 on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane, Badsey.

To ensure our village shows goes ahead this year, more volunteer helpers are required on the day. If you can spare a couple of hours to help with things such as - setting up and/or taking down the show, selling raffle tickets, selling ice creams and helping out on the car park, please call Lizzie Noyes on 01386 831112.

More details and show entry categories at [www.badseyflowershow.co.uk](http://www.badseyflowershow.co.uk)

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

## Quiz Night With Fish & Chip Supper



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Wendy 832283, Maureen 832492, Chris 831236 or  
Hazel 832623 know.

## Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

Great line up of films coming up:

Saturday 11th May SKYFALL ( FREE ice cream for all Bond dressed people)

Saturday 1st June ARGO

Saturday 6th July THE HELP

Follow the club on Facebook for full information of these offerings!!

Clivey  
xx

## Just A Thought

'To love or to have loved, that is enough. Ask nothing further. There is no other pearl to be found in the dark folds of life.'

Les Misérables  
Victor Hugo

A rolling diary of local events can be found under Fridge Dates at [www.ourbenefice.org.uk](http://www.ourbenefice.org.uk)