

# Happy St James' Day!

# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington July 2013

## Sheepdog Skills Will Be Summer Show Highlight

### Badsey Flower Show Announces 2013 Line-Up



One of the Vale's most popular village shows – described by ITV television as 'one of the best of its kind' – has announced the line up for this year's event.

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

Highlight of the show will be a professional sheepdog display by David Seamark which examples the skill, commitment and the capability of working farm dogs. The performance will include the dogs skilfully driving a flock of geese and it will also give children an opportunity to get involved. The show will also include a flypast by a vintage Dakota aeroplane from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (weather and RAF commitments permitting).

The 2013 Badsey Flower Show will also feature musical theatre from Vital Statistics Theatre Company, a fun dog show, the Shirley Pipe Band, outdoor go-carting for kids and a large marquee of exhibits from local amateur growers and producers – something that is always a popular event highlight.

In addition, the traditional mix of stalls, side-shows, children's games, and a variety of food and drink will all be in place.

Committee Member, Adrian Barradell explains, "Last year we had a stunning Spitfire flypast and the show was also featured on the ITV programme, 'My Tasty Travels with Linda Bellingham'.

"This year we will be showing yet again how the Badsey show really is one of the best of its kind with the usual mix of professional and amateur entertainment plus a wide mix of stalls and side shows.

"So put the date in your diary or on your kitchen calendar now".

Gates open at 1pm. Entrance costs £3 (or £1 for kids and £2 for OAP'S) and the event ends at 5pm.

To enter your produce or exhibit for the show, visit [www.badseyflowershow.co.uk](http://www.badseyflowershow.co.uk) and see the wide range of categories, many of which are ideal for children.

You do not have to live in the village to enter.



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## Letter For The Month

Dear All,

The news over the past few weeks has seen continued tension following the murder of Lee Rigby in Woolwich, riots on the streets in Turkey, and a continuation of the troubles in Syria. It has also seen the meeting of the G8 in Ireland. At the time of writing my letter news has also come to us that the Bishop of Worcester's wife Denise Inge has recently been diagnosed with what appears to be an inoperable abdominal sarcoma, leaving them facing a very bleak if not utterly hopeless prognosis. It raises the questions where is God in all of this? And why doesn't He (or She) intervene? This is of course a long standing question which scholars have debated over many centuries without coming to a satisfactory answer, and a reason that many have ceased to believe in a God at all. The past few weeks have also been a time when in the cycle of bible readings to be read on a daily basis we have been reading from the prophet Job. If you know little about the Prophet Job the main subject is the perennial problem of innocent suffering. Job rejects the (then) traditional view that suffering is as a result of sin, and throughout all his trials Job remains faithful to God and realises that, just as he accepts the good things from God, so must he also accept the bad. He does however at one stage come to curse the day that he had

## From The Revd Richard Court

been born. His 'friends' come to try to console him and sit with him in silence, but in the end they do little more than 'kick a man while he is down' (and then get rebuked by God). Perhaps their sitting in silence was what was required and the best they could offer. At times all that we can do in such circumstances is to sit in silence alongside the person concerned; at times words only make things worse.

In such circumstances we all feel inadequate and don't know what to do or to say, and as Job's friends remind us, it is often better to say nothing but just be there for someone. Being silent doesn't necessarily mean doing nothing – at times all we can do is offer silent prayer for a person or a situation. That I feel is all we can do at this present moment as we silently pray for all those caught up in violence throughout the world, for the people of Syria and Turkey, for the world leaders and particularly for Denise Inge. Bishop John closes one of his recent letters with these words: *Pray, too, for grace and strength, courage and hope for both of us, and particularly for our beautiful young daughters, through this dreadful time. . . We keep faith in God's goodness and throw ourselves on his mercy.* Amen to that

*Richard*

## Church Ministry Team

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## Church Services

Sunday 7

10.30 am [ten30@st.james](mailto: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 4 August

10.30 am [ten30@st.james](mailto:ten30@st.james)

6.30 pm Evensong



Morning Prayer is said at 7.15 am each weekaay 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 Parish Registers

### Baptisms

26 May Olivia Grace Anderson

9 June Kayden Quinn Herbst

### Funeral Services

7 June Joyce (Joy) May Buck

### Holy Matrimony

None

## St James' Flower Guild

### Rota

1st Sunday: Hazel & Hazel

2nd Sunday: Sandra & Maureen

3rd Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane

4th Sunday: Yvonne & Stephanie

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in Church during June. Any queries regarding Church flowers, please contact me.

*Hazel Stewart 832007*

## R.B.L.W.S

The Royal British Legion Women's section, Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch held a Fete on their meeting night on Wed 22nd May 2013.

Although the weather was sunny there was a bit of a wind so it was decided to hold the event indoors in the lounge of the Legion Club. Where the ladies were able to take part in a tombola, once again organised by Jackie and meant a prize every time. It is always more interesting as the 'prize' is wrapped. Another 'prize every time' was Joyce with her dustbin and prizes on a string. An addition this year was the sale of produce donated by Ferry fresh and consisted of Asparagus, Rhubarb, small tomatoes and peaches, these were left to Pat to sell. The door and raffle were named by Doris and Anne while Lynne, helped by Wendy, made an excellent cup, sorry, mug of tea and plate of sandwiches and cake which they served to the ladies.

Where was Val? Well in her usual place outside selling the plants which once again had been kindly donated by Bordon Hill Nurseries of Offenham. At the end of the fete it was decided to continue with the Anniversary competition this month it was TIN. There were numerous commemorative tins and even a small tin bath but the winner which was chosen by our judge David Folkes, member Gill's husband to be a tin of matches for the Queens silver wedding brought by Pat Gorin. An extremely enjoyable evening was then brought to a close. Although this is a Legion promotion it was very encouraging to see the one or two 'village folk' with us.

Our next meeting will be on Wed 26th June 2013 when anyone can come along and enjoy a social evening.  
Val Taylor

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Boo who?  
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## Jigsaw



Our meeting in May was the story of the walls of Jericho. We heard the story and watched a short video. We then made horns to which we blew at the walls of cushions we made in church. We walked around the church blowing the horns but luckily the walls did not come tumbling down!

We will not hold a meeting in July. Please have a lovely and safe summer holiday see you again in September.

Our next meeting is on  
22nd September 2013  
11.00 am - 12.00 pm  
at

St James Church, Badsey.  
Do come along and join the fun.  
Any child 4 years upwards are welcome  
It's free

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Jean Dyke, who was presented with a civic award by the outgoing Mayor Of Evesham Councillor Raphael, in recognition of her twenty-five years of service to Coronation Street Disabled Club.

Well Done Jean

### Many Thanks

Many thanks to Chris Tolkien of Blackminster Nurseries for his kind donation of plants, enabling us to keep the village fountain looking colourful and bright.

Keith Taylor

## Tower News

We are still looking to recruit more people. So far only one person has come forward. We are now into the wedding season and looking to borrow rings from other towers. Please contact me if you would be interested in learning a new hobby which is free and interesting.

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## 4 **Badsey Over 60's Friendship Club**

At our May meeting was Rosie Callaghan who enlightened us on the history of Eveshams Hospitals, from Briar Close to the present day, afterwards we had our usual refreshments and raffle.

Our outing for May was to Hillers garden centre for afternoon cream tea and a run round part of the blossom trail. the coach was provided for out of club funds to make a very reasonably priced afternoon.

The June meeting was a Coronation Diamond Jubilee event, with entertainment by members of the club, Mary presented a reading from our childhood days that would give the good old 'Elf & Safety' brigade palpitations, Daphne ( Dotty ) with help from Mary performed her version of 'there's a hole in my bucket', and Mike's quiz, 'How well do you know our Queen' was won by Nappy (Sir) Knight and his team, with 9 out of 10 correct. Mike then presented a short story about a young Badsey maiden from the 1950's.

Our afternoons refreshments consisted of a finger buffet of sandwiches, sausage roll and various iced buns, with a good old cup of tea. Many thanks to all who supplied and helped with refreshments on the afternoon.

Our next outing is to Banbury on Wednesday July 10th. Coach fare is £6 and anyone wishing to join us for the day would be most welcome, contact Mary on 830879.

Finally we then held our raffle and the meeting closed at 16.15 hrs.

Wendy

### **Did You Know?**

The 25th July is St James' Day. It is also known as Grotto Day. Children used to make grottoes and caves and decorate them with sea shells because the scallop shell is supposed to be the emblem of St James.

## **The Badsey Society**

Reading through previous parish magazines (available on [www.archive.badsey.net](http://www.archive.badsey.net)) we can discover what was going on in the village a number of years ago. Exactly 60 years ago this month we can read how Badsey & Aldington celebrated the coronation of the Queen. For Badsey the report reads:

Appropriate to the solemnity of such an outstanding occasion, the two church services in the morning were very well attended. Later the children had sports, a sit-down tea in a large marquee on the recreation ground and various entertainments. More permanent commemorations are the sets of swings on the recreation ground and at Horsebridge Avenue. People over 60 attended a sit-down meal in the schools and gifts were sent to those in hospitals and homes. A buffet was open to all those not otherwise catered for, and a dance in the schools in the evening was well attended.

Clearly the organisers were keen to involve everybody. Unfortunately neither set of swings have lasted as long as the Queen's reign, with the set at Horsebridge Avenue disappearing first.

For Aldington the report reads:

During the morning villagers were able to view the coronation on a television set which had been installed in the Mission Hall. The afternoon celebrations began with an open air service, after which the 'well turned out' fancy dress contestants were judged. Sports for all ages were then held in the Mill Meadow. The children were presented with toffee filled coronation mugs by the oldest resident, Mrs Reeves.

It is easy to forget that many people in those days did not own their own TV set. I doubt if any Badsey or Aldington resident fits into this category now. It would be interesting to know how many 'children' still have their coronation mugs - I know the toffees will have long since disappeared!

Membership: still only £2 a year.

See the back page for upcoming events.

Gill Woods



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# Guardian Angel

I had a dream, a waking dream  
As I journeyed through the night  
I saw a tall dark stranger,  
Circled by golden light.  
Black as the night around him,  
Eyes shining diamond bright,  
Vast the spread of his shoulders  
He filled the fearsome night.

An awful dread filled my heart,  
An icy chill filled my soul,  
But with the dread enlightenment  
As if I'd reached a goal.  
He spread his arms threw back his head  
And stood there as a cross  
And suddenly I knew my fate  
But could not mourn the loss.

A blinding light assailed my eyes,  
Soft voices called to me,  
I felt the love of unknown friends  
And saw eternity.

Peace, such peace, such blissful peace  
Settled all around,  
Peace, such peace, such blissful peace.  
At last true love I've found.

I left my body lying there  
And took the stranger's hand,  
And through the night, towards the light,  
We walked hand held in hand.

I heard a voice from down the years  
And through a dreamy haze,  
I saw a figure beckoning,  
From long lost boyhood days,  
Then down a dusty lane I saw,  
A band of scuffling boys,  
Lost boys I knew from yesteryear,  
With whom I'd shared such joys.

Again the voice called out my name  
I went toward the sound  
And to the figure beckoning  
Across familiar ground.

She smiled and called my name once more,  
Held out her arms to me,  
Such wild elation filled my soul,  
My mother, I could see.

A small boy broke out from the band,  
And limped on bloodied knee,  
Into my mother's outstretched arms  
I felt them circle me,  
I felt their soft protective warmth,  
I felt her smiling face,  
I felt her arms around the boy,  
Safe in her warm embrace.

I heard soft words, but heard no words,  
The dark man smiled at me,  
I saw the words deep in his eyes,  
They set my spirit free.

Hovering on a cloud of dreams,  
Floating above sweet scented streams,  
I hear a sweet voice calling me  
And starting over, life I see.

David Cox

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## Parish Council News

### Police Report.

PC Schoenrock confirmed that since 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013 there had been a theft of a concrete mixer, a theft from a motor vehicle and the theft of a motor vehicle.

### New Homes Bonus.

The public meeting for all residents will take place in early September. Details about the scheme will be available at the Parish Council stand at the Badsey Flower Show on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Closing date for applications is likely to be November 2013 but this will be confirmed.

### Lengthman.

Maurice Parkinson has been confirmed as the village Lengthsman for the next 12 months. He can

carry out works on behalf of Worcs CC around Badsey & Aldington after approval by Parish Council.

### Planning Enforcement- Wychavon.

Badsey Parish Council has requested an officer from Enforcement to attend a future Parish Council meeting to highlight the work of an enforcement officer in the Wychavon area.

### Parish Councillors.

At the Parish Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013, Gary Bailey became the Parish Council Chairman with Pete Grinnall as the Vice-Chairman. The up to date contact details for Councillors are as follows:

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## The Festival Players Present 'The Importance Of Being Earnest'



A few months ago The Festival Players, based in Evesham, set out on their rehearsals for Oscar Wilde's most famous and timeless comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest". Eric Jones, directing this production has done many plays and musicals in his career, and is always pleased to get back to directing a drama, rather than a musical or a pantomime which many local amateur groups tend to stick to.

The Importance of Being Earnest is probably the most famous play ever written by Oscar Wilde, very popular and very funny with some wonderful characters, including the infamous Lady Bracknell who is appalled by the idea that any relative of hers might have been found on a railway station as a baby – in a handbag!

The play involves two elegant young men madly in love with two delightful young ladies, with all the problems of etiquette which got in the way of 'courting' a young girl in the late 1890's, especially if there was a grumpy old aunt in the way! Add to that the butler, the dodderly vicar, an absent minded-governess, the lawyer, the gardener and ... so on ... and you have the perfect recipe for a comic evening, a joy to watch be a part of – in the audience.

Eric Jones, who has directed plays and musicals for many years, has put together the cast of local

enthusiasts for performances of this for July. Most recently, Eric co-produced and directed Singin' in the Rain at Number 8 theatre in Pershore where it is proposed to stage this play in the summer

The Importance of Being Earnest is also going 'On Tour' in July this summer and will play

... at Bidford on Avon in The Crawford Hall, on Friday 19th July,

... at Number 8 in Pershore (20 July for matinee and evening performances, Box Office 01386 555488)

... at Malvern in the little Coach House Theatre on 22 July

... and finally at The Lifford Hall in Broadway on Wednesday 24th July.

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## Badsey Society

### Forthcoming Events

Saturday 27th July  
Badsey Flower Show  
Come and visit us there

Membership: still only £2 a year.

We have many more interesting events coming up  
so why not join us?

Gill Woods

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## Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 24th at 7.00 pm and is a visit to Adrian James Garden in Offenham.

Please note the earlier time for meeting at the venue. For directions please contact Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834. If you wish to arrange to share transport please contact committee members. Visitors are welcome. We look forward to seeing you all.

Sue Stayt

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## Wheatsheaf Film Club

Hi Luvvies

You'll be pleased to hear that the "Selection Committee" met over a few glasses of wine and some Mojitos and have chosen the following films to be shown:

Saturday 13th July The Help

Saturday 3rd August Thelma and Louise

Saturday 7th September The Impossible

Saturday 5th October Hyde Park on the Hudson

Saturday 2nd November Rocky Horror Picture Show... just after Halloween... Let's dress up!

Saturday 7th December Life of Pi

The New Equipment is on order and should be installed shortly to enhance your viewing pleasure (but don't forget your cushions!).

Clivey

x

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## Garden Of Remembrance

As you may be aware we have been doing some work in the Garden of Remembrance in memory of the late Pete Smith, once the weather improves for long enough we will complete the entrance area.

We have also added some new Memorial Stones (for the name Plaques), these are different to the existing ones inasmuch as they are raised at the back (to allow rain and dirt to 'run off' in the hope that this will keep them cleaner) and they are also installed turned through 90 degrees (so that they will be easier to read).

It is the intension of the Parochial Church Council to re-install the existing stones to match the new ones (i.e. turn through 90 degrees and raise the back). If you have any concerns regarding this proposed change to the existing memorials please write to the PCC Secretary 27 High Street, Badsey, Worcestershire WR11 7EW before the 31 July 2013.

Richard Court.

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## Just A Thought

'Cherish your friends, stay true to your principles, live passionately and fully and well. Experience new things, Love and be loved, if you get the chance.'

One Day

David Nicholls

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