

Have a lovely summer!

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

August 2013

Old Times, Old Friends At Badsey's 111th Flower Show



‘Just Memories’

The years have changed so much in my eighty-five years living up Sands Lane but the excitement of the coming of its yearly flower show will never be dimmed, whatever the changes.

My picture is some of my most memorable years, when Billy Kimberley's fair powered its way up Sands Lane.

Fried onion smells, air full of burning fumes,
Endless lengths of cables, loud music tunes,

Dodgem cars, swings and switch-back thrills,
So much fun to cure any ills,
That pretty girl in her fancy hat,
Airgun pops and friendly chat,
Parts, rolling coins and candy floss,
Goldfish bowls and orange squash,

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Michael J. Barnard



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2 Letter For The Month



Someone came into Offenham shop the other day and mentioned about sprinkling poppies to mark the centenary of the First World War. In doing some research I found the following on 'The old contemptibles' website...

'One small but very easy way you can play a part in the upcoming Centenary of the Great War is by taking the Poppy Pledge. It is very simple: all you have to do is sprinkle some poppy seeds. If every one takes one or two packets of seeds and sprinkles them anywhere. Your local park, outside the front of your house, in your garden, at school, at work, anywhere they can be seen. As a reminder of all the servicemen and women who lost their lives in the Great War and all conflicts since. It is an act that will serve as your personal act of remembrance and will serve as a permanent reminder that we have not and will not forget the sacrifices of our servicemen and women. But...How do I know what poppy seeds to plant? Papaver rhoeas - Red Field Poppy Corn Poppy, Field Poppy, Flanders Poppy, or Red Poppy Single red flowers - the common field poppy. Once a common sight in cornfields, this brilliant red field

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Church Services

Sunday 4

10.30 am ten30@st.james
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 11

11.00 am Praise and Worship
6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 18

11.00 am Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 25

9.30 am Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 1 September

10.30 am ten30@st.james
6.30 pm Evensong

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 Anne Potter

poppy is perfect for a sunny wildflower garden or meadow, where it will self-seed freely. The four petals are vivid red, most commonly with a black spot at their base. It is a variable annual plant that can germinate when the soil is disturbed. The corn poppy has become associated with wartime remembrance in the 20th century, especially during Remembrance day.'

However I am reliably informed by an expert (as mentioned above) it is not just a matter of sprinkling a few poppy seeds...the soil really does need to be turned. Hence why we see poppies growing in cornfields as the land is cultivated in readiness for planting and the odd poppy seed takes root. So why not take the pledge and either you (the reader of my letter) or perhaps encourage a child to sprinkle/plant a packet of poppy seeds in readiness for next year?

Sprinkling seeds reminds me of the story in the Bible of the sower scattering the bible seeds. Some fall on stony ground and do not take root. Others start growing and are choked by weeds whilst others fall onto good soil, take root and grow. In this case Jesus is talking about seeds of faith being scattered... some fall on stony ground, others are choked by bad things that happen, but those that fall on good ground, and are nurtured, bear fruit.

Anne

From The Parish Registers

Baptisms

23 June Jacob Russell Andrews
23 June Hollie Mae Andrews
30 June Nieve Grace Hiatt

Funeral Services

2 July Violet Jessie Reeves
8 July Frederick Henry Roberts

Holy Matrimony

29 June Stephen Brian Johns and Jennifer Ann Jeans
13 July James Ronald Michael Burvill and Catherine Rebecca Tallis

St James' Flower Guild

Rota

1st Sunday: Annette & Sheila
2nd Sunday: Julie & Barbara
3rd Sunday: Hazel & Hazel
4th Sunday: Sandra & Maureen

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

Hazel Stewart 832007

Round Robin

The sun and heat of this last month took its toll. Our numbers are low and it seems health issues and heat are working hand in hand, there is little one can do. Our next meeting on 15th August (16 Binyon Close at 2.30 pm) I will have made something up to entertain us a little, and have some fun amongst the normal banter we have each month, of putting things to right within our world. Tea and biscuits on offer although if the heat persists cold drinks can be scheduled in. We need to remember to keep our liquid intake up, something that is easily forgotten. A gentle reminder to us all.



Cheryl Mitchell
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Tower News

Saturday 10th August we will be hosting The Four Shires Guild practise - 7.00 - 8.30 pm.



By the time you read this, weddings will have been covered for this year. Ringing for St. James Festival and the Flower Show specially organised for this day will have taken place. The year is going so fast. Although these things have to be in the diary and ready for action in advance.

We are still ever hopeful of finding new recruits!
Hilary Bolton

What goes up and down but does not move?
Stairs!

Why did the picture go to jail?
Because it was framed!

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

What did one wall say to the other wall?
I'll meet you at the corner!

Badsey Mothers' Union



The Badsey Group

Jessie Reeves 1921-2013

We were saddened to hear of the death of long standing member (over 50 years) Jessie Reeves. When I first joined the branch, Jessie was media rep for the diocese, she asked John, David and I to watch certain TV programmes and comment on their content. Jessie used the information to write reports for the diocese. As part of their concern for family life the MU lobbied the government to censure what was being screened during family viewing time. I also remember Jessie with her husband Les packing harvest gifts into shoe boxes and helping to deliver them around the village. When Jessie became housebound she loved our visits and having a laugh. We send our love and prayers to Jessie's children Alan and Wendy and their families.

Two of our recent events have been blessed with glorious sunshine, in June we had a scrumptious afternoon tea in Annette and Chris's beautiful garden, enjoying home made scones and jam with cream and strawberries. We were joined by MU members from Pershore and Evesham. Thanks to Annette and Chris for having us and the excellent waitresses who made sure that we did not have to leave our seats. I think they must have been trained by Lyon's Corner House!

The weather again was fantastic for our outing to Dumbleton Hall, where we had a delicious lunch, afterwards we sat on the terrace to drink our coffee. We walked around the glorious gardens where we saw beautifully coloured flowers which attracted many butterflies. After our walk we sat around listening to many holiday tales from members which made us all laugh.

Sue Cole
Further information from Penny 830367

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The National Federation of Women's Institutes had this year adopted the 'Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres' as its resolution and campaign for this year. This means W.I.'s throughout the country will be lobbying ministers, councils and other bodies to really do something about this decline which is so evident in our own town of Evesham. We all know the reasons for most of this decline, internet shopping, larger stores now out of town centres and in retail parks, car parking charges, higher rent and rates of properties, the ability to do all your shopping under one roof at the out of town stores who offer pharmacies, opticians, photography services, dry cleaning, clothing, electrical goods etc. Each W.I. has been urged to do their share of lobbying to help turn the tide of obliterating our town centres. Sheila Taylor was our delegate at the AGM held in Cardiff and took the views of Badsey and three other local villages with her to be presented to the assembly.

On a lighter note Badsey W.I. has enjoyed a 'Garden Meeting' in June, which should have been held at the home of Chris and Marianne Beddis but due to the 'decline of our British Summers', had to be held in the Village Hall. However, with a delicious and varied buffet, Sheila's interesting and amusing report on the AGM in Cardiff and the company of good friends a lovely evening was had despite the weather. In July we were visited by Maggs Gregory who is a beautician and has her own salon in Evesham. Maggs talked to us about skincare and we all learnt quite a lot of things we thought we knew. Maggs also demonstrated eyelash tinting on member Rosemary Cook and there was a raffle for a mini facial demonstration which Wendy Such won but kindly gave to Yvonne Haynes, who was delighted to be the 'guinea pig' despite being bombarded by mobile phone cameras when she was at her most 'vulnerable' on the beauticians bed!

Our embroidery group are busy doing canvas work whilst our art group is producing some very good work and discovering some hidden talents.

Look out for exhibitions in your local art galleries! Our walking group are having there walks despite the weather and our skittles group are awaiting the autumn for their next competition. Jane Thompson is willing to give baking lessons and names are being taken for these when members are hoping to learn some of Jane's secrets for her wonderful cakes.

Our outing to Buckingham Palace on 21st August is all arranged and 50 members and friends will be attending. Our weekend in York, organised by Angela Gash, is also all in hand and Angela hopes to book a 'Ghost Walk' in York whilst we are there. Our membership keeps increasing and we are always pleased to welcome visitors to any of our meetings. On August 14th our speaker will be reminding us of the '40's and 50's' and on September 11th we have Jill Frasier on 'Kissing it Better'.

Do come along and enjoy an evening of fun and friendship. We meet at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month and the meeting begins at 7.15pm.

If you have any queries or want further information then please contact our new President Stephanie Hartley on 01386860938 or Secretary Yvonne Haynes on 01386830063.

Did You Know?

In ancient Rome, August was the sixth month of the year. The month was originally named Sextilis which means six in Latin. When the Gregorian calendar was adopted, it became the eighth month of the year and was renamed in honor of Augustus Caesar. August is one of the seven months with thirty one days.

Leo and Virgo are the astrological signs for August. Birthdays from August 1st through the 22nd fall under the sign of Leo. August 23rd through the 31st birthdays fall under the sign of Virgo.



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The Royal British Legion Women's section, Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch met on Wed 26th June 2013. After the exhortation, fire exits explained and apologies given the minutes of the previous meeting was read. These were from April as May meeting was the 'Fete' once again plenty of games to play and goods to buy, making a healthy profit for branch funds.

Our sick visitor Joyce Marshal has been busy visiting Barbara, who fell and broke her arm, Shirley, problem with her head. Val visited Sue Preston one of our Broadway ladies who is in Bricklehampton Hall recovering from a serious foot operation. Notices from County were read and also those from headquarters, and dealt with. Members attended the laying up and dedication of a new standard at Offenham on Sun 16th June, on this occasion the weather proved alright.

The entertainment this evening was 'billed' as belly dancing but was corrected by Zoe who demonstrated the dances as Mid Eastern dancing. After a few demonstration dances the ladies were invited to 'take part'. Basically from a static position, which is why some of them could be seen either 'walking in a peculiar way or with different arm movements' around the village practising.

Competition time saw Anne Wilson as the winner of the squares, then onto the more interesting one called Anniversaries. This month it was STEEL. The ladies are so enthusiastic that some even ask their husbands to help. This was the case of the winner, Joan Hewlett, who brought along a steel micrometer with written information about what it was from her husband Bernard.

After a very enjoyable evening the meeting was brought to a close but not before the members were reminded that Jessie Reeves a past president of Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford Women's section had died and her funeral was on Tuesday 2nd July 2013.

On Tuesday 2nd July 2013 a guard of honour was formed at the Lynch Gate by 16 members of the women's section of Badsey Legion in honour of Jessie Reeves. The standard carried by Jackie Emms proceeded the coffin into church which was full of family and friends. Jessie was 92 years old and recently resided at Avon Croft Care Home Stratford on Avon. She was born and spent the early part of her life in Chipping Campden before joining the Army in 1942 where she remained until 1946. She married Leslie in 1946 and lived in Bretforton before moving to Badsey where she lived until moving to Stratford on Avon. Jessie was a very active member of the Royal British Legion Women's section and took on many posts up to the status of President of the branch. She was also active in village life, helping with the Cubs, Welfare, looking after small children & babies and a regular church goer until her health prevented her from attending. She was also a member of the Mothers Union, and their standard was also present at Jessie's funeral.

I could write more but expect space is restricted for other village news so will leave it at that!

Val Taylor

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6 Parish Council News

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 27th July 2013. Closing date for applications is likely to be November 2013 but this will be confirmed.

Below is a summary of the projects that were applied for in 2012 and the amount of funding that they received.

Organisation	Project	Amount	Amount Approved
Parish Council	Horsebridge	20,000	20,000
Remembrance	New Roof	35,000	35,000
Cricket Club	Mobile	5,000	5,000
	Bowling	1,500	1,500
	Junior	500	500
Badsey Guides	Tent, container & equipment	8,788	8,788
Parent & Toddlers	New equipment	1,500	1,500
Community Club	Changing Rooms	25,000	25,000
	Furniture	10,792	deferred
St James	Disabled	15,000	5,000
Badsey Film Club	Projector	2,600	2,600
Badsey Rangers	Awning	2,000	2,000
	New goals	1,244	1,244
	Storage	1,500	1,500
Badsey Scouts	New Build	30,000	deferred

Woodland Trust Trees

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council is hoping to apply for trees/shrubs to enhance the village. The

closing date for applications is September 2013 for delivery in the Autumn. If you are interested in helping to plant or have any suggestions as to where they could be planted, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Police Report

Speeding enforcement has been carried out by the police on Brefforton Road with most speeding cars being local to Badsey.

Horsebridge Avenue

Badsey PC is looking at the possibility in conjunction with Rooftop to provide a play area at Horsebridge Avenue for under 9's. There are no firm plans at this time but more information will be issued to residents hopefully in the next few months.

County Councillor Report

Councillor Adams did not make the meeting in June 2013 in time but he responded as follows to the questions put forward to him. (His responses are in capitals).

What will you responsible for? I AM HOPING TO HELP YOU WITH ANYTHING TO DO WITH COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS. IE HIGHWAYS, ETC

How often can you/will you attend our meetings? I WILL TRY AND ATTEND EACH MONTH BUT N&M LITTLETON PC IS ON THE SAME NIGHT.

Are you intending to do a regular surgery for residents issues. NO, I AM NOT PLANNING ON DOING SURGERIES (NOT ENOUGH TIME IN THE 24 HOURS A DAY) BUT IF RESIDENTS HAVE AN ISSUE WITH WCC THEY CAN EMAIL ME ON adams.pebworth@gmail.com

What do you see as the main issues for Badsey and how will you address them. I AM HOPING YOU WILL TELL ME.

It was agreed with Roy Fullee that a traffic survey would be carried out on Brefforton Road B4035 through Badsey measuring vehicle type and speeds at several locations to ascertain which vehicles turn to Blackminster and which continue to Brefforton, can you chase progress? PLEASE FORWARD ALL CORRESPONDENCE SO THAT I CAN DEAL WITH THE MATTER.

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Parish Council Meeting July 2013

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th September 2013 at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey at 7.30 pm with a 10 minute Public Forum until 7.40 pm. Please note that there will be NO meeting in August 2013.

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The Badsey Society

Reverend Jeffrey Graham Jeffreys

On the list of Vicars of Badsey in St James' Church is Jeffrey Graham Jeffreys (1945-1947), who was the incumbent for the shortest time and may easily be overlooked. However, he had a very interesting career and deserves more attention.

He was born in Adelaide in 1893 and his early professional life was as a teacher in Sydney and then Melbourne. He was eventually allowed to enlist in the Australian Army Corps in 1917 and joined the Field Artillery, seeing service in France. He suffered from shell-shock and was sent to hospital in England for nine months. Towards the end of the Great War he transferred to the Australian Flying Corps, receiving his commission just before the Armistice. He returned to Australia to take a B.Sc. degree at the University of Melbourne and then came back to England to teach chemistry at Westminster School. He left there to take a second degree at Christ Church, Oxford and then taught biology at Radley School. The Aberdeen Journal of 26th March 1927 reported on him as being one of the judges at a Women's Boat Race at Oxford. The University beat Cambridge, but because of the rules at that time the crews

rowed the short course independently, against the clock. In 1928 he founded Bryanston School in Dorset, becoming the first Headmaster. The school used the American Dalton Plan system of education, developing a child's natural strengths. He departed in 1931, resigning after a dispute with the Governors, and then founded Ottershaw College in Surrey, again becoming Headmaster. He left there at the outbreak of World War II to become Vicar of Tottenham, his church narrowly escaping demolition by a flying bomb.

Rev. Jeffreys came as Vicar of Badsey with Aldington and of Wickhamford on 27th October 1945, but he suffered from asthma and the climate in the Vale did not agree with his health, so he left in late 1947. He went on to be Curate at Richmond, Surrey (1948-50) and then he went to St Margaret's, Oxford (1950-53) and was Vicar at Chesterton with Wendlebury, Oxfordshire (1953-59).

He seems to have retired to the South Coast, living in Dorset, where his wife died in Weymouth in early 1969. Jeffrey Graham Jeffreys died in Bournemouth, Dorset in 1977, aged 84. A more detailed account of Rev. Jeffreys' life can be found on the badsey.net website, in an article on him in the Wickhamford section of the site.

The Badsey Society forthcoming events:
Saturday 27th July – stand at Badsey Flower Show, Recreation Ground, 1-5 pm
Monday 30th September – Visit to The Hive at Worcester
Friday 1st November – Ian Gibson, "Vicars, Virginia and Wickhamford", Wheatsheaf
Friday 29th November – Family History Workshop, The Wheatsheaf, 7.30 pm

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Tom Locke

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The Badsey Society

Coronation Mug Postscript

In our July issue, Gill Woods asked if anyone still had a Coronation mug. Wendy Beasley was quick to contact The Badsey Society to say that, not only did she have her own mug from 1953, but she also had her grandfather's Coronation mug dating back to the coronation of George V in 1911.



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29th October

Reverend Ian Spencer

Wickhamford Gardening Club

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This month is our Summer Show, and we hope all members will join in. Show Schedules were given out at the July meeting but if required further copies can be obtained from Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834

Just A Thought

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

John F. Kennedy

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