

Community News

Badsey and Aldington May 2014



More than half of the world's population are victims to poverty that is more than 1 billion people on less than £2 per day. Did you know, that if you have a job that puts regular money into your bank account, and then you have money in your purse or wallet and some loose change in a dish somewhere, you are in the top 6% of the wealthiest in the world?

Each year we celebrate the work of Christian Aid whose work to fight poverty, stretches more than 60 years both here in the UK and around the world. They work closely with many other organisations and part of the makeup of the rapid response organisation Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

Christian Aid take one week a year, normally in May, to send envelopes to every household in the UK, a tradition that has been going since 1957. These envelopes give every person the chance to donate whatever they can and help make a difference to those who live in poverty. This is one of their main fundraisers of the year and in 2013 it raised more than £12m.

So this year, if you would like to be a part of the Christian Aid week, please put whatever you can spare in the envelope found with this magazine and post in the box in Badsey Spar.

For more information on Christian Aid please visit their website: www.christianaid.org.uk



Round Robin is house group for people to get together socially and enjoy each other's company.

There will be an opportunity for chat over a cup of tea or coffee, an activity to keep your brain active, quizzes and, dare I say, games.

We meet the third Thursday of each month at 16 Binyon Close at 2.30pm.

Our next meetings are:

- 15th May 2014
- 19th June 2014

Why not come along and join the fun.

More information from Cheryl Mitchell 832436
roundrobin@ourbenefice.org.uk

WW1 Commemorations

In August 2014 the world will mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Please write and tell us the story of one of your ancestors at the time of the Great War, wherever they lived and whatever role they played, whether in battle or on the home front.

Entries should not exceed 1000 words; photographs may be used to illustrate the article. Please submit your entry either via email to maureen.spinks@btopenworld.com or send to Maureen Spinks, The Willows, 8A High Street, Badsey, WR11 7EW by 24th August 2014. All entries will be included in the Festival of Churches exhibition in September and then subsequently deposited in the Badsey Society Archive. The best entry will be included in the November issue of Community News.

Maureen Spinks



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Dear All

"Mayday, Mayday, Mayday"

Mayday, apart from being the first of May, is an international emergency procedure word used as a distress signal in voice procedure radio communications derived from the French expression "venez m'aider", meaning "come help me", the last two syllables of which sound similar to "Mayday". It is used to signal a life-threatening emergency primarily by mariners and aviators, but in some countries local organisations such as police forces, firefighters, and transportation organizations also use the term. The call is always given three times in a row to prevent mistaking it for some similar-sounding phrase under noisy conditions, and to distinguish an actual Mayday call from a message about a Mayday call.

How often do we often do we call out to God "come help me"? For many people it is often the only time they pray and perhaps deep down they are looking for some form of divine intervention to help ease the situation.

When I was pondering this letter it was the beginning of Holy Week and the image of Jesus calling out in his pain to his heavenly father came into my mind. God did not take

From The Parish Registers Baptisms

16 March Freya Smith
23 March Greta Nancy Fitzmaurice

Funeral Services

16 March Emily Beryl Ward
22 March Lilian Betty Allchurch
31 March Rita Elizabeth 'Bet' Westmacott

Church Services

Sunday 4

10.30 am ten30@stjames
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

11.00 am Rogation Service
- The Fleece, Bretforton
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 1 June

10.30 am Ten30@stjames
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



away his son's pain but he was there with Jesus in his suffering. In the death of his beloved son on the cross God answered the mayday cry of humankind "come help me" and in the resurrection of Jesus he fulfilled his promise of new life.

When Jesus was challenged in the week before his death about the lack of divine intervention to release him from the pain to come, even right up to the point he was hanging on the cross, he remained steadfast and silent. Why? Because he knew God was responding to a Mayday call from the heart of humanity and it was only through his death and resurrection the message of God's overwhelming love could be revealed. When we are suffering and we call out to God "come help me" our pain may not be taken away. God, though, understands and knows about pain and suffering and, if we turn to him, will be there comforting and sustaining us through the difficult times in our lives.

To quote from the opening verse of Psalm 121 which is one of my favourite Psalms "I lift my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth".

Anne

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1st Sunday - Sandra and Maureen
2nd Sunday - Annette and Sheila
3rd Sunday - Mary, Avril and Jane
4th Sunday - Yvonne and Stephanie

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in church at Easter. I know they will be lovely as usual, a springtime treat after the quiet time of lent. Any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

Christian care for families

The final Lent Lunch was held in Badsey church when over 20 people enjoyed beautiful homemade soup and rolls and made a donation to The Mothers' Union Wheels appeal. The three Lent Lunches raised a total of £204-50

Next meeting 2.30 on 13 May at The Fleece Inn, Bretforton when Nigel Smith will tell us some of the pub's history. (£2 for tea.)

Our outing to Spetchley Gardens will be on 10 June. Meet at Lychgate Badsey Church 1.45. Cost £12 including entrance, tea and cakes. Please bring this money to the meeting at The Fleece. Sue Cole 831260

More information from Penny 830367
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Tower News



April appeared to be a well sort after month for visiting ringers with The Four Shires Guild practise and the lovely full peal of Winchester Delight from the Vale of Evesham Ringers, followed by a Quarter Peal featuring a team from Norfolk.

On our recent trip to family in New Zealand John and I were asked to join the Hamilton Cathedral ringers for Ash Wednesday.

Due to it being an Ecumenical Service - ringing followed this.

It was lovely to join in with people we had befriended several years ago and to be made so welcome.

This month the wedding season is in full swing. Due to alterations in the church we now have a new access to the Ringing chamber. Seems we missed most of the dust being away!!!

More information from Hilary Bolton 830246
bellringing@ourbenefice.org.uk

USEFUL NUMBERS

Venues

Badsey Remembrance Hall (Rebecca Bomford) 01386

Historical Societies

Badsey Society (Valerie Magan) 01386
832100

Organisations

Women's Institute (Stephanie Hartley) 01386

Mothers Union (Penny Christison) 01386
830367

Round Robin (Cheryl Mitchell) 01386
832436

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1st Badsey Scout Group (Nichol Brown) 01386 1st

Badsey Guides www.girlguiding.org.uk

Jigsaw (Wendy Morrey) 01386
831080

Sports, Clubs and Groups

Air Rifle Club (Ashley Green) 01386

Archery Club (Ian Trout) 01386

Autogras (Tony Badfield) 01386

Badsey Cricket Club (David Powell) 01386

Badsey Rangers FC (Mick Loram) 01386

Badsey United FC (Steve Bradley) 01386

Bridge Club (Colin Payne) 01386

Ladies Hockey (Jane Rickey)

Model Engineering Club (Peter Merris) 01386

Round Of Gras Cricket Club (Clive Richards) 01386

Over 60's Friendship Club (Wendy Neal) 01386

Home Group

Tuesday 27th May 7.30pm

Topic: The Bible

All Welcome

12 Myatt Road, Offenham

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We seem to be growing month by month and extend a very warm welcome to all those who have recently become members

In February we had a most interesting and informative talk given by Terry Sparrow, a local gentleman with a vast knowledge of his village of Badsey. His talk was on Badsey's Market Gardening Industry and traced the period from when Badsey was a farming village made up of many small farms to when it became market garden land with many growers having small plots of land. Particularly interesting was learning that in the First World War the land was mainly taken up with herb growing for the use of medicines for the wounded soldiers on the front line. The main crop grown was the deadly Bella Donna which we assumed was used as an anaesthetic and as an antibiotic. Terry went on to tell us how the demise of the market gardening industry slowly happened until today it is no longer the wonderful industry it was, in fact it has been in decline for some years now. A most interesting talk from a most knowledgeable person.

We were pleased to welcome Dr Gillian White in March who gave a most fascinating insight into the life of Mary Queen of Scots. Her talk, accompanied by slides, was given with such enthusiasm and knowledge that she had us all spellbound. Oh for teachers who could bring history to life in such a way as this, we would all really fall in love with the subject. A very inspiring and passionate speaker.

Our skittles team have played three of their five matches in the County Tournament and unfortunately only won one. We have one more to play and will not have to play the fifth as unfortunately the W.I. we should be playing has been closed.

Our embroidery group under the guidance of Jane Bayes have done some wonderful stub work whilst our card making group, run by new member Yvonne Bowen, have also produced some beautiful cards. The art classes resumed at the end of March and members are enjoying doing white on black art work under the guid-

ance of Angela Gash and Bernice Simms.

An outing to Lockwood Park Gardens in Hampshire, owned by

John Lewis, has been arranged for Monday 9th June and we will also be visiting Bletchley Park in September with other members from our group. The 5 day holiday to the Peak District in October is all arranged and members going are really looking forward to it.

Members who went to see and hear Sheila Dibnah on her life with the famous Fred Dibnah found her amusing and full of the life she had shared with him. Sheila had even climbed a 250 foot chimney, without any harnessing when on a date with Fred to watch him dismantle a chimney! Fred was a larger than life character and Sheila said life with him had never been dull.

We shall be taking part in the Group Quiz at Littleton at the end of April and just hope the questions are not too difficult!!

Our meeting in April will see member Jane Thompson giving a baking demonstration when we hope to learn some of her secrets and most important, get to taste them.

Our next meet is on Wednesday 14th May and will be our AGM when a new committee and President will be elected and a resolution urging the Government to take more action on Donor Transplants will be voted on.

In June we shall be having our Garden Meeting, weather permitting. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.15pm and all are welcome. Further details can be obtained from Yvonne Haynes on 01386 830063 or Angela Gash on 01386 443603.

Gardening Tips

Mulch away while you can still see what you are doing and before the herbaceous growth really takes off.

Do you have a gardening tip that you would like to share with the village? Email: badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk

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The meeting of the Royal British Women's section, Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford took place

on Wed 26th March 2014. There was a fair amount of Legion Business' to discuss as it will soon be the National Conference in Llandudno which members will be attending afterwards the ladies enjoyed an interesting talk and slide show about Badsey given by Maureen Spinks a member of Badsey Historic Society. She was also the judge of our Anniversary competition which was Ruby. The winner she chose was Wendy Beasley with a photograph of her Ruby wedding with the cake being made by Ruby Gaily, and Wendy wearing a Ruby dress. It was decided that when this competition comes to an end to go back to the Alphabet one where members had a better choice because it had proved a little difficult at times with the anniversary one.

The squares competition was won by Muriel Morcombe. April meeting was a week earlier than normal on Wed 16th where the refreshments were cream tea and speaker was Liz Stavely of Age UK.

Our normal meeting night on the 23rd saw members visit Bretforton Women's section for a group meeting.

May 28th Badsey ladies will be holding their Annual Fete at the Legion. It would be so nice to see other people from the village besides members. I think we did have one last year!!

Val Taylor

**Royal British Legion Women's section
Badsey Aldington
& Wickhamford branch** 5

Annual Summer Fete

**ON: 28th May
AT: 7.30pm**

Badsey British Legion Car Park
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include refreshments, raffle, produce, tombola, plants and a few 'special attractions'



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Our next meeting will be on
25th May 2014

11.00am - Noon
Come along and join the fun.

The Badsey Society

Bishop Gore visited Badsey in February 1903 and dedicated the new church, clock, and bells, drawing lessons from the bells. He gave an interesting address, saying Christians shouldn't moan and groan about the world, but instead, find great and conspicuous gladness in their lives. Always be cheerful and joyful.

Valarie Magan
history@badsey.net

Our meeting during March was about Mother's Day. The children made cards and flowers to give to Their mums.

Jigsaw presented the 10.30@stjames service on 6th April. The children helped to show what we had Done in the February meeting about the Temptation of Jesus.

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080
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Police News.

"Since February 1st 2014, West Mercia Police have received 39 calls from residents in Aldington and Badsey. This has resulted in 7 crimes being recorded. They vary from 1 Burglary of other building, three thefts from vehicles, 1 theft from open ground and two acts of criminal damage." I would also like to draw to the attention of residents a scam being committed on residents whereby they are contacted by offenders purporting to be Police claiming their credit/bank cards have been compromised and that they should contact their bank. When they do, it is another member of the criminal team who pretends to be from their respective bank. They then request security details and arrange for a courier to collect their cards. Fraud is then committed using those cards. Further information of this scam is on the Police notice boards in Badsey Spar and Broadway Nisa Store. Bibsworth Ave, Broadway.

Horsebridge Avenue-New Play Area.

The grand opening of the new play area at The Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue will take place on Friday 9th May 2014. Children have been invited to try out the equipment from Badsey 1st School and refreshments will be served from 2.00pm at the hall. A competition is being run for the naming of The Parrot and Crocodile and a prize will be given for the most imaginative names. Representations from Rooftop, Wychavon, Remembrance Hall Committee and Badsey Parish Council will be attending and hopefully The Evesham Journal. Please come along and see what you think!

Village Information Folders.

Village Information folders are now situated at The Wheatsheaf, The Round of Gras and Badsey Spar shop. Information is provided about services relevant to Badsey residents and will be updated on a regular basis.

Badsey Flower Show.

Badsey Parish Council will be taking a stand at Badsey Flower Show on 26th July 2014. The Parish Clerk and Parish Councillors will be available to answer questions and provide information together with providing highlights of village achievements for the past year.

Annual Play Inspection.

The annual inspection has recently been carried out. It has been suggested that more bark needs to be put under the play equipment at Badsey Recreation Ground. This will be carried out by the village lengthsman.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council Meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday 21st May 2014.
- Wednesday 18th June 2014.
- Wednesday 16th July 2014.

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a public forum for 10 minutes from 7.30pm until 7.40pm and are held at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey.

Parish Clerk: Andrea Evans (Mrs),
Ty Gwen, Church Street, Offenham, WR11 8RW.
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Monthly Quiz

All Answers begin with the first letter of the current month.

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Last Months Answer: **Aslan**

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On Saturday 5th April I went to The Big Brownie Birthday Bash, where I had a sleepover with 700+ other Brownies! For the first activity we had a ball to pass

under our legs and over our head. The first group finished was the winner, but we had to remember it's not about the winning - it's about the taking part. Next we did the elephant song, and if they landed on you, you had to join the line. Then we copied the first activity but using a balloon instead of a ball. Then we got called in for tea. After tea we played the penguin game. The leaders called out a number, we had to find the number on a sign where we found the penguins name and what they enjoyed eating. Next we played a hoop game, we had to throw the hoops over a wooden stick to win a point. We then played the parachute game trying to keep some balls in the air.. After that we went back inside and set up our beds. Before bed we had two cookies and a cup of hot chocolate. Then we went to sleep while a leader read us a couple of stories. Early next morning we were taught a dance, then we had breakfast then we went home.

Holly



The Big Brownie Birthday

I really enjoyed the Big Brownie Sleepover, which was to celebrate 100 years of Brownies, because I got to know lots of new people, and do fun

activities. Some of the activities were over and under, penguin hunt where you had to find the name of a penguin and what they liked to eat, string ball where you held a piece of string from a ball of string and throw it to someone else in the circle. There were over 700 brownies at the sleepover from different areas: Hagley, Bromsgrove, Malvern, Redditch, Worcester, Kidderminster and Seven and Teme.

At the Big Brownie Sleepover there was no time to hang about because we were always set lots of fun activities, even inside! Just before bed the leaders read us a story and early in the morning we were taught some amazing belly dancing! In the day we were doing all activities outside, and going in for lunch and tea, which were very delicious.

Charlotte

Drama Group looking for a new home

We are a local drama group looking for a new base, without stepping on any toes of any existing Drama Group (if there is an active one) we thought Badsey Village hall would be an ideal venue. We have a full range of lighting, sound and costume we can bring to the venue (with some disco lighting too) all of which we would happy for other groups to use. As we are always on the lookout for new talent (especially younger people) we would welcome past Am Dram members.

Brian Palmer

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Over 60s Friendship Club

On Tuesday 1st. April we held our Annual General Meeting.

37 members attended and there were 11 Apologies.

Mary opened the meeting at 14.30 hrs. and welcomed new members Mr Glover, Lynn and Trisha. A minutes silence was held for member Bet Westmacott who had passed away the previous day.

The last financial years accounts were presented to the meeting and were accepted and passed.

There being no nominations for any positions and committee it was proposed and seconded that if all positions were willing to stand for a further term they should be re-elected en-bloc. This was accepted and was passed unanimously.

Two extra trips out are being arranged, A mystery tour with afternoon tea and an early evening trip with a pub meal.

Mary and Daphne then read out some poetry, before we enjoyed our afternoon tea and cakes, followed by a raffle.

Next meeting is on Tuesday May 6th. At 14.30 hrs and the entertainment is a talk on Chinese Costumes.

The meeting closed at 16.00 hrs.

Wendy.



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3.00 to 5.00 PM

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Luvvies

Don't forget its Film Club this month and we are showing (8pm starts):

3rd May Captain Phillips

17th May Twelve Angry Men

See you there
Clivey x

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The Club's annual Spring Show was held on 26th March and was a huge success with more entries than ever before, with a very high standard of exhibits considering the wet winter we have had. Five new members had joined the club, which seems to be going from strength to strength and we hope more will join us in the near future. The May meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 28th May, at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, and a demonstration will be given by Frank Hardy on Container Gardening. For further information contact Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834. We look forward to welcoming everyone interested.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worse kind of heart trouble.

Bob Hope

