

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington June 2014

COME AND PUT YOUR QUESTIONS FORWARD ON THE RECENT PLANNING DECISIONS IN BADSEY AND ALDINGTON THAT HAVE INCREASED HOUSING BY 25% IN THE LAST 3 YEARS AT AN OPEN MEETING ON

FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014

A number of representatives from Wychavon District Council and other parties, who have input to planning applications, have been invited to attend to discuss the current over-development of rural Worcestershire. Badsey and Aldington Parish Council have gained the support of 25+ Parishes in the county and therefore represent in excess of 50,000 residents throughout Worcestershire.

Those invited include:

Sir Peter Luff MP and Badsey and Aldington District Councillor Reg Jakeman , who have confirmed their attendance as well as Chair of the Wychavon Planning Committee – Mrs L Robinson, Head of Planning @ Wychavon and County Councillor Alistair Adams. Also representatives from Severn Trent Water, Worcs County Highways, Worcs County Environmental Services and Councillors from the other supporting parishes together with the local and national press.

**Badsey and Aldington Parish Council would urge you to show your support and attend.**

**Your attendance is vital, come and make people listen to the views of the residents of Badsey & Aldington.**

The meeting will commence at 6.30pm at Badsey Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey.

Further details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

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# 2 Thought For The Month from The Revd Richard Court



Dear All,

As I sit in my study writing this letter in the middle of what is Christian Aid week, the sun is shining (make a note of that as we may need to look back later in the year and realise that this 'is summer' !!), the birds wake us up at the crack of dawn, God is in heaven and all is well with the world. That is until we look at the television or read the newspaper and realise what else is happening around us; the plight of refugees in Syria; the unrest in Ukraine; the breakdown of talks in the Middle East; the kidnap of hundreds of school girls in Nigeria. These of course are just the headlines that readily spring to mind and there are many more that could be mentioned with just a moment's thought. We might think that these issues are all far away and do not directly affect us, and then I look at the headlines of the Journal to see headlines of 'fury as shop is forced to shut'; 'latest foodbank due to open tomorrow' – these local issues are not on the same scale as the devastation around the world and the millions starving in Africa, but behind every headline there is a personal story – a person or a family directly affected and they will go on suffering long after they have dropped out of the headlines. Meanwhile as I sip my coffee and continue to look out of the window at the robin perched on the fence I wonder how to make sense of these

extremes; where God is in all of this; and what as a church are we doing or can we do? There are no trite or easy answers I can offer, all I can say is that my faith tells me that God is there, alongside those in the midst of the devastation and heartache whether it is globally or locally. My prayers are that relief agencies such as Christian Aid and all the others around the world will be able to bring relief where it is needed, and those left will be helped to rebuild something of their ruined lives. At times, all we can do is trust in a God who created us and loves us, I realise that by the time you read this in the Parish Magazine, the probability is that some of these issues will have fallen from the headlines but believe me the plight of the individuals will still remain. What then can we do? If for whatever reason you didn't get round to giving something to Christian Aid this year – it is not too late - donations can always be made, or perhaps next time you are shopping buy an extra tin of something to donate to one of our local food banks – donations can be left in church. If nothing else please think of one particular area and remember them in your prayers. If you don't pray, perhaps I could ask you just pause for a moment, think, and remember.

With my love and prayers

*Richard*

## From The Parish Registers Baptisms

4 May Imogen Grace Dore

## Funeral Services

23 April Sarah Brown  
9 May John Brian Salter  
12 May Jean Aston

## Church Services

### Sunday 1

10.30 am ten30@stjames

7.00 pm Aparagus Service (Bretforton)

### Sunday 8

11.00 am Praise and worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

### Sunday 15

11.00 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

### Sunday 22

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

### Sunday 29

6.30 pm Songs of Praise (see page 7 for details)

### Sunday 6 July

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



## Church Ministry Team

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1st Sunday - Hazel and Hazel

2nd Sunday - Julie and Barbara

3rd Sunday - Sandra and Maureen

4th Sunday - Annette and Sheila

5th Sunday - Mary, Avril and Jane

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

Hazel Stewart 832007



Round Robin is a house group for the elderly and bereaved to get together socially and enjoy each others company. There will be the opportunity for a chat over a cup of tea or

coffee, an activity to 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 meeting are:

- 19th June 2014
- 17th July 2014
- 21st August 2014

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

## Over 60's Friendship Club

Mary opened the meeting at 14.30 hrs. and welcomed new member Chris.

Due to an oversight by the Legion the room had been double booked and we agreed to have a shorter meeting to accommodate the bookings.

Fortunately our speaker for the afternoon was able to change her plans at the last minute and will be giving her demonstration at the next meeting

Our next outing is a mystery tour with afternoon cream tea on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. July, leaving at 2pm.

Mary read out some poetry, before we had a couple of games of o.i.k before enjoying our afternoon tea and cakes, followed by a raffle.

Next meeting is on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. At 14.30 hrs. and the entertainment is a talk on Chinese Costumes.

The meeting closed at 16.00 hrs.

Wendy

# Mothers' UNION <sup>3</sup>

Christian care for families

May's meeting took place at The Fleece, Brefforton. The landlord, Nigel Smith gave us a potted history of the pub and showed us many of its treasures and pictures.

We are looking forward to our outing to Spetchley Gardens in June and Garden meeting at Penny's in July.

We will meet at 1.45pm on June 10 outside the Lych gate and arrange lifts to Spetchley Gardens.

More information from Penny 830367  
mu@ourbenefice.org.uk

## Tower News



Time for this year is getting away so fast!!"

By the time you receive this, combined services for Rogation, and

Ascension will have come and gone along with the first three weddings of the year.

So far nothing else has been booked for this month other than the week to week practises and services.

Due to pending holidays we are functioning on a skeleton team. Sometimes we have just enough people to cover the services, other times not. It would be good to welcome some more interested people.

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

## Home Group

Tuesday 24th June 7.30pm

**Garden Evening**

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More information from Clare Crew 424438  
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## Police News

Since March 1st to 10th April 2014, West Mercia Police have received 37 calls from residents in Aldington and Badsey. This has resulted in 9 crimes being recorded. They vary from 2 Burglaries of other buildings, three thefts of/from vehicles, 1 theft from open ground and two acts of criminal damage with one theft of a pedal cycle. "South Worcestershire Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) have been experiencing an increase in reports of theft of pedal cycles. Owners are asked to take a photo of their cycle, record it's serial number and request their SNT for a "Traceable Item" sticker to wrap around their frames. The sticker has a space for them to write their post code on and once wrapped around the tamper proof film protects it so there is a possibility if found it can be returned to it's rightful owner. There have also been a spate of theft from motor vehicles in neighbouring SNT areas, again residents are requested not to leave lap tops, Satnavs or wallets in their vehicles overnight. Residents can email me if they require one on philip.schoenrock@westmercia.pnn.police.co.uk

As part of it's PACT role, Badsey PC is supporting an initiative between CSO Schoenrock and Badsey 1st School to design a poster to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs. The winning design will receive a £25 voucher.

## New Homes Bonus

Badsey PC has been awarded £18654 up to 1st April 2015 under the new homes bonus scheme with a further £64620 in subsequent years. An informal evening has been arranged for all residents interested in applying for these funds to come and discuss further with the PC on Thursday 12th June 2014 at 7.00pm. Applications forms will available as well as at Badsey Flower Show. Closing date for applications will

be 31st August 2014 with applications being considered at September meeting. If you are interested and require further information, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Horsebridge Avenue Play Area.

The play area was officially opened on Friday 9th May 2014 by children from Badsey First School. Representatives from Rooftop Housing, Wychavon District Council, Badsey Parish Council and Badsey Remembrance Hall Committee attended to see the children test out the play equipment. The children had entered a competition to name the Parrot and Crocodile with the winning names of 'Snappy' and 'Percy' chosen by Jack Green and Leah Smith. Evesham Journal were in attendance to take photos of the occasion. Pirate cake and gold coins from the treasure chest went down well with the children. Thanks to pupils, teachers and the Headteacher, Julie Jones for making the event a success.

## Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

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

- Wednesday 18th June 2014.
- Wednesday 16th July 2014.
- No meeting will be held in August 2014.
- Wednesday 17th September 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.

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## **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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# A Plurality of Parishes

Up until the incumbency of Rev. Charles Phillott in Badsey (1807-1851), vicars could serve concurrently as many parishes as they wished. As a non-resident vicar he relied on a succession of nine assistant curates to run his Badsey and Wickhamford parishes. Under this arrangement vicars could earn a considerable income. Phillott, as well being vicar of Badsey and of Wickhamford also held Frome in Somerset, Kingston Deverill in Wiltshire and East Teignmouth in Devon, where he spent most of his time. He was also chaplain to H.R.H. Princess Charlotte, the eldest daughter of George III. Although Phillott had an annual income of over £1,000 from his various positions, he died insolvent, probably because of the crash of a family banking business in Bath.

During his period of office Acts of Parliament changed the rules and vicars were only allowed to have two parishes that were no more than three miles apart. After Phillott's time, vicars held Badsey and Wickhamford in plurality until 1996 when the latter parish was joined with Broadway.

The Vicar of Badsey and of Wickhamford immediately before Charles Phillott was Rev. George William Auriol Hay Drummond, a son of the Archbishop of York. In Badsey from 1785, he was concurrently Vicar of Brodsworth and of Doncaster in Yorkshire and Prebendary of York. He wrote a number of works based on his father's writings and also an eclogue (pastoral poem) about Edinburgh. A contemporary in that city called him a "notoriously dissolute clergyman" who wrote "between visits to prostitutes" ! He died in a shipwreck in a fierce storm off of Bideford, Devon, when sailing to Greenock, Scotland in 1807.

The Badsey Society

There are two seasons in Scotland: June and Winter.

Billy Connolly

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The editorial team have become aware that some people do not receive Community News through their doors. If you or you know someone who doesn't then please contact the Editor.

## Jigsaw



Children between the ages of 4 - 10 years

meet at St James Church and have lots of fun.

A bible story, a craft and sometimes a game.

It's free.

Adults may stay and play or leave their child for an hour of fun.

Our next meeting will be on 28th June 2014

11.00am - Noon  
Come along and join the fun.



Our April meeting was our Jigsaw Good Friday. We had a fun morning enjoying a story and then making lots of Easter crafts. Easter bonnets, chicks, flowers and rabbits were carefully made.

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080  
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## Aber Valley Male Voice Choir

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by a large audience at St. James Church on 17th May and impromptu singing at the Wheatsheaf afterwards was special.

Many thanks go to Graham Brown and his staff for their support at this fundraising event.

Social Committee



Brownies all smart on St. Georges Day Parade



Fun with the foam machine at the Big Brownie Birthday disco.

## The Badsey Society

One of the Society's annual events is the Whit Walk. Its origin was to re-enact the ancient custom of 'beating the bounds' when villagers, led by the vicar, would walk around the boundary of the village, blessing the land as they went. In 2008 the Society held their first walk, led by Tony Jerram and Terry Sparrow, around Aldington and Blackminster. The thirty six walkers may not have understood the relevance of the walk, but they did enjoy the specially brewed Wits End Ale that was waiting with a ploughman's supper at the end of the walk. Subsequent years led to other parts of the parish being 'walked'. To avoid repetition the walks moved outside the village, and have included Evesham, Bretforton and Wickhamford. This year's walk is on Friday 20th June, from Willersey church to Saint-bury church. Walkers to meet at Willersey pond at 7pm.

Will Dallimore  
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# Debworth First and Blackminster Middle Schools Bulletin

You may have been surprised to see my deputy and I dressed in sumo outfits in the Evesham Journal last week. It was all in a very good cause which has led to an overall increase in the average reading age of our students, thanks to the avid reading of more than 50,000,000 words in total over the last term. We set the children the challenge of reading 33,000,000 words in one term for the unlikely reward of watching two matronly ladies battle it out in Sumo suits. Amazingly our children were motivated to smash this ambitious target and enjoyed the spectacle on the last day of the spring term.

We are now preparing in earnest for our Summer Fete and Gala Concert to celebrate 75 years of Blackminster Middle School on Saturday 12th July. Please put this date in your diaries now as this promises to be a really spectacular event. There will a traditional fete with stalls in the afternoon from 2pm in the school grounds, with the addition of bouncy castles; a beer tent provided by The Fleece; pig roast and barbeque; candy floss; pony rides; falconry displays and a dog show for starters. The Gala Concert in the evening will feature the famous Bretforton Silver band as well as performances from Blackminster and Pebworth students, culminating in a community sing along.

We would still like to hear from ex pupils who have something to tell us about their time in the school. We are hoping to compile a commemorative booklet of pictures and memories and would welcome contributions. Please pass this on to anyone who may have attended Blackminster over the years and who has a story to tell. Encourage them to get in touch: in person, by phone on 01386 830311 or by email [office@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk)

Finally, if you are a keen runner or even a reluctant one, please come along to support our fun run to raise funds

for Pebworth First School, in Pebworth on Sunday 7 29th June from 10am. We would love to see you there. For further details please contact the school on 01789 720726 or email: [rebecca.pridham@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.pridham@gmail.com)

Lorna Button  
Executive Headteacher

## St. Richard's Hospice

St Richard's will be holding special Sunflower Memory Days on Sunday, 6th July or Sunday, 3rd August in the lovely gardens of the hospice in Wildwood Drive, Worcester. The event will mark St Richard's 30th anniversary and enable people to remember a loved one. For a donation of choice you will receive a wooden sunflower onto which the name of your loved one can be written. You will then be able to 'plant' your sunflower in the hospice garden. All sunflowers will be available to collect and personalise on the day. A time of reflection will be led by the Hospice Chaplain, Revd David Knight, in memory of all those for whom a sunflower has been dedicated. To 'plant' a sunflower please go online to [www.strichards.org.uk/sunflowermemoryday](http://www.strichards.org.uk/sunflowermemoryday) or call the Fundraising Dept for a dedication form.

## Songs of Praise and BBQ

Sunday 29 June  
at 6:30 pm

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## Happy Father's Day

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To be called dad

What Makes a Dad.

God took the strength of mountains,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of eagle's in flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it... Dad.

Anon

(contribution from Gladys Hampton)

## 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](mailto:maureen.spinks@btopenworld.com) or send to Maureen Spinks, The Willows, 8A High Street, Badsey, WR11 7EW by 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Monthly Quiz

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

The famous spy on Her Majesty's Service.

Last Months Answer: **Mandolin**

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## Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

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

7th June Philomena

21st June Zulu

See you there  
Clivey x

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## Wickhamford Gardening Club

The June meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25th June at 7.30pm, and this month is a garden visit to Westview, Birmingham Road, Badsey at the kind invitation of Mr Ian and Mrs Julia Browning. We look forward to seeing all our members and their guests. For further information and directions please contact committee members.

Sue Stayt

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## Just A Thought

It's kind of fun to do the impossible.

Walt Disney

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1st Badsey Guides [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

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Autogras (Tony Badfield) 01386 830127

Badsey Cricket Club (David Powell) 01386 833122

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