

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

July 2014

My picture is in memory of a local friend Norman Cleaver who in 1977 wrote this wonderful poem to the celebrate the intrepid spirit of three local lads who climbed the Wellington Tree in Badsey High Street to honour the Queen's Jubilee. This poem having just come to light after some 37 years is a truly marvellous record of an event that has been greatly admired and talked about for many years. Norman's mention of another member of the party who just walked "round and 'round" during the climb was I believe David Caswell who stayed on the ground with his arms around the tree's trunk to keep the tree 'steady'.

Sadly this lovely tree was cut down in November 1980 a well loved landmark we ATC lads used as a 'pointed' in out visual navigation aircraft instruction flights in Wellington Aircraft in the 1940's. Badsey's High Street has never been quite the same since 1980 a well loved tree never to be replaced.

Michael J Barnard



Hosting the Jubilee Jack

The Round of Gras was the place where this climb was planned,
To put the flag on top this fir tree so grand.
"It will never be done" said Buster Mustoe
Lol said "Get us a flag and we'll have a go"

So in the early hours of the seventh of June
With Badsey High Street lit by the silvery moon,
A group of young men came to conquer the tree,
To put a flag on the top for all Badsey to see.

They approached the great fir, dark in the night.
To stand at the bottom is enough to give you a fright
But with one thought in mind, with flag and with stick,
Into the branches spang Lol, Clint and Mick

The wind it did howl and they heard a branch crack,
But not one in the party dared stop or look back.
Hand over hand, they climbed into the night,
Every muscle and nerve pulled taught and stretched tight.

Slowly they climbed towards the tree top,
A few feet from the summit all three had to stop.
Lol said, "I've had enough, lets get back on the ground."
Clint shouted, "Not ruddy likely, we're still heaven bound."

They finally made it and the royal deed was done,
The flag was on high awaiting the sun.
With a look on their faces of real satisfaction,
To reach the ground safely was no Lol's main attraction.

Another of the party just walked 'round and 'round.
They said that his fag butts littered the ground.
The birds in the tree tops all held their breath,
As they watched these three climbers dicing with death.

When reaching the bottom they at last won their bet,
For this was the night they would never forget
The night that they climbed this giant fir tree,
Put a flag on the top for the Queen's Jubilee.

By Norman Cleaver
(1932 – 2005)



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Dear All

"Socrates, one of the greatest thinkers of the ancient times, once said "an unexamined life is not worthy living." As a people we all owe ourselves a duty to expend some considerable time examining our lives; thus, reflecting on where we are coming from, what we have so far gone through, and who are the people that have played a very crucial role for us to be where we are today.

This is the opening paragraph of a "Reflection " from a young 24year old girl in Malawi who is sitting the finals of her Bachelor of Science Degree at Chancellor College, University of Malawi. She looks back on her tough life and giving thanks to a charity, Friends of Malawi Orphans (FOMO), for the love, care and nurture they had given her since the death of her mother at the age of 14. Her father had died when she was 6 years old. Thanks to FOMO instead of getting married or turning to a life of prostitution her love of learning was encouraged, paid for and supported. She went through secondary school and is now just about to graduate. She is hoping to go on and do a Masters.

"School has taught me a lot, but FOMO has been the only place I have gotten the most valuable and essential life education one would ever get in life. At FOMO, I have learnt and embraced that there is great value and satisfaction in serving and helping other people especially those in need like orphans, poor people and the elderly. I have also learnt that developing a community requires a person's commitment, passion and serving without

expecting any gains in return. These, among many other things learnt, are the lessons that I have embraced and I would like to always put them into practice not only at FOMO but also in many other communities across the country and Africa in general."

I have only been able to include, in Gloria's words, the beginning and end of her reflection which I found very moving. It prompted me to reflect on my life (which is only a few years longer than Gloria's!!). Like everyone young and old life is a series of endings and beginnings, right back to school days. We start school, and then our time at first school ends and we move onto bigger school and so on. This is also the time of year when children who are coming to the end of an era are preparing to move on to the next stage.

Mike and I are going through the process of an ending having sold Offenham Village Shop and Post Office to a lovely couple, Peter and Iney who have two children Rhianna and Archie. We are currently living in Bretforton and I am continuing to work with Richard for the coming months as we prepare for a new beginning. Bretforton is also seeing the beginning of their new community shop this month.

Perhaps after reading this you too, would like to reflect on your life, however many years young that maybe, and give thanks to God for the good times, and perhaps see where he may have been supporting you, through others, in the times when life seemed hard.

Love and blessings.

Anne

From The Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony

31 May	Patricia Noelle Compton Graham Lewis Wilkson
7 June	Emma Clare Penny Martin James Dore

Funeral Services

30 May	Audrey Joan Warren
10 June	David John Turner

Church Services

Sunday 6

10.30 am ten30@stjames

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 13

11.00 am Praise and worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 20

11.00 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 27

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 6 August

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 - Yvonne, Stephanie and Jane

2nd Sunday - Hazel and Hazel

3rd Sunday - Julie and Barbara

4th Sunday - Sandra and Maureen

Ladies, thank you for the flowers during June. Please could brides to be get in contact with me about the flowers even if you plan to do them yourselves, so I can adjust my flower rota, thank you. 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 meetings are:

- 17th July 2014
- 21st August 2014
- 18th September 2014

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

Home Group

Tuesday 22nd July 7.30pm

Topic: **The Creed**

All Welcome

14 St Milburgh Close, Offenham

More information from Clare Crew 424438

home@ourbenefice.org.uk

Tower News

As usual the bells will be rung for the annual celebration of 'St James' and The Flower Show.



This will take place from 9.30 am on Saturday 26th when The Vale of Evesham ringers attempt a full peal for the occasion. - A full Peal consists of 5040 changes and takes about 2hrs 50mins.

Hilary Bolton

Pactise every Monday (except Bank Holidays)
7.30pm - 9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

More information from Hilary Bolton 830246
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We enjoyed the scent and beautiful colours of the flowers and shrubs and heard many bird songs during our visit to Spetchley Gardens in June. We celebrated the Fruits of the Spirit as we worshipped in the beautiful church. We reached the tea shop for tea and cakes just as it began to rain where we were well sheltered and looked after at the end of our visit.

Sue Cole

Next Meeting

Garden Meeting at **68 Seward Road** (Penny's House)
8th July at 2:30 pm. Please remember a small gift for your prayer partner. Please would you also bring a small plate of food to share.

Future Dates

Wednesday 10 September Quiet Evening led by Revd Fran Battin at St Andrew's Parish Centre Pershore

Wednesday 17 September 2:30 pm Diocesan Festival Worcester Cathedral
Speaker Lynne Tembey. MU Worldwide President

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



Back in September

Watch this space for details

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080
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Parish Council News

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New Homes Bonus

An informal information evening was held on Thursday 12th June 2014 at The Wheatsheaf Inn for anyone interested in applying for new homes bonus funding. The amount for this year is £18654 upto April 2015. Applications forms are still available from Parish Clerk or at the Parish Council stand at Badsey Flower Show on 26th July 2014. The closing date is 31st August 2014 with applications being considered at the PC meeting September 2014.

Public Meeting-6th June 2014- Planning Issues

114 people attended the meeting on 6th June 2014 in Badsey Remembrance Hall to raise the impetus on local people's objections to the massive increase in housing in South Worcs. The event was attended by Sir Peter Luff MP as the only invited guest that accepted together with residents from Badsey, Evesham and Parish Councillors from 10 local Councils to listen to Peter Luff and to make their points and comments count. This is the first step in Badsey PC's plan to demonstrate the strength of feeling towards the huge increases in housing not just in Badsey but throughout Worcestershire. A report from the evening will be given by Peter Luff at The House of Commons Parliamentary Debate in early June. Information will also be given to the local press. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and to those who expressed their opinions following the event. More details of the next stage will be made available shortly. Please contact the Clerk if you have any questions or points you wish to raise.

Birmingham Road-Midgeley Dene, Blackminster.

New speed limits came into force on 12th June 2014 in both directions on the bend at Midgeley Dene to slow the large amounts of traffic on this road. The VAS will also be used at this location from that date.

Highways.

Many local roads have been surface dressed recently and should now be completed. Cllr Adams has joined other County

and District Councillors in objecting to a speed limit of 60mph along B4510 Offenham Road at Aldington. They are pushing for the limit to be 40mph. Highways have been out recently to look at the parking issues outside Badsey 1st School. They will be make recommendations but residents, school traffic and deliveries should be reminded not to park on zigzag lines and to keep access to the school clear in the interests of safety. A new sign will shortly be installed on B4035 outside new play area at Horsebridge Avenue advising drivers that there is a play area and an increased number of children and to watch speed in this area.

Parish Councillor.

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council elected a new Parish Councillor at the meeting on 21st May 2014. Welcome to Mr Mike Tennant who will attend his first meeting on 18th June 2014.

Lengthsman.

The Parish Lengthsman has been asked to clear a number of paths around the village of debris and weeds including path at Brewers Lane and Old Post Office Lane, Monks Path and path opposite The Wheatsheaf. If there are any issues with footpaths, Badsey has a footpaths warden, Mike Gwynn, who will walk the paths and monitor them, please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

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

- Wednesday 16th July 2014.
- No meeting will be held in August 2014.
- Wednesday 17th September 2014.
- Wednesday 15th October 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),

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**THE GROUND
FORCE TEAM**





I wonder how many people missed the report from the Royal British Legion women's section Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch last edition possible only the actual 'Legion Ladies'

With the sudden passing of our branch chairman Bet Westmacott I was not 'firing on all cilenders'

Bet was a local lady well known, liked and respected by all who knew her. She had a passion for Bingo and the Royal British Legion. The previous year she had the honour to receive a merit award from the Women's section of the Legion for her services.

When ever there was anything going on with the Legion Bet was involved.

I'm sure some will remember the parade and laying up and dedication of a new branch standard when at the end of the parade dressed in her suit with a tight skirt along came a Legion Rider on a Harley Davis motor bike and asked 'Does anyone want a lift?' She certainly needed a lift, but Bet managed to get onto the pillion for that ride.

Harley Davidsons were another of her passions

The countless episodes she was involved in were numerous but always humerous and in good taste.

She will be a very difficult act to follow but Jackie Emms who has been in the branch quite a number of years (as one gets older you never know quite how many) and being Vice chairman has stepped up to chairman....with schooling from the secretary will make the grade and the Women's section will survive particulary as Jackie also carries the women's branch standard which she is extremely proud to do and is so dignefied and correct.

The May meeting took the form of our Annual Fete, yes indoors as one never knows what the weather will be like

of an evening. This one turned out to be one of the worse wind and rain which meant the attendance 5 was down but a good night was had by all who did 'weather the storm'

Yes numbers we certainly could do with more members so ladies if you fancy a night out once a month why not join us and see for yourselves what the Women's section is all about....we really are a social group not cliky?

Our next meeting if you get this news letter in time is Wed 25th June when our speaker is Penny Turner with her Art & Poems at 7.30 pm. Just come into the small lounge at the Legion Club...look forward to seeing you.

Val Taylor



Festival of Churches 2014

Herefordshire - Shropshire - Worcestershire
www.festivalofchurches.co.uk



The Festival of Churches is an opportunity for groups and organisations to **work side by side to combine everyone's efforts** in creating and celebrating a festival of open churches and chapels. The purpose of the festival is to:

- encourage as many buildings of faith as possible to get involved;
- inspire visitors to explore and discover our beautiful buildings;
- excite visitors to take part in specially arranged community events.

This year, St. Jame's church will be celebrating Festival of Churches 6th - 14th September 2014.

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BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

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The **2014 Badsey Flower Show** takes place on **Saturday 26th July** on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane, Badsey near Evesham.

Badsey Flower Show is an annual, not for profit event, run by the community for the community.

This year, more volunteers are required to enable the show to be ready on time and run successfully on the day.

If you can spare a few hours on the 26th July (or even one!) to help with the setting up and taking down of the show, the gate-keeping or the car parking, please call Lizzie Noyes on 01386 831112.

Thank you.



Full details from:- www.badseyflowershow.co.uk



Fridge Dates

Frequently Asked Questions

What is it?

A list of events happening in the local area.

Where can it be found?

Currently Fridge Dates can be downloaded from: ourbenefice.org.uk and badsey.org.uk

Can I have my event listed on Fridge Dates?

Yes, any organisation or person in the Diocese of Worcester can have their event listed on Fridge Dates.

How much does it cost to list my event?

It is free, to list events simply send the details of your event, plus a contact name, number and email address to fridgeupdates@ourbenefice.org.uk.

How far ahead can I place my event onto Fridge Dates?

As soon as you know about it! You can send events up to a year in advance. However, your event may not show on Fridge Dates until a month or before as we only display 1 or 2 pages at any one time.

Can I update my listing once it is published?

Yes, especially if your event is sold out or cancelled, all listings can be updated simply by emailing fridgeupdates@ourbenefice.org.uk, updates may take up to 48 hours to appear on Fridge Dates.

Can I print Fridge Dates to display on my organisation's noticeboard?

Yes, however please be aware that Fridge Dates is updated daily, so printed copies may go out of date quickly.

Can I put a link to Fridge Dates on our organisation's website?

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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

Local Artists

A group of local artists are having a Summer Exhibition at **Cherry House, 83 Bretforton Road**, Badsey over three weekends until the **13th July**. The work shown will be photography, painting and ceramics. The exhibition will be open from 11am until 6pm. Full details from: www.warwickshireopenstudios.org or **01386 834468**

Ian Gibson

Community Café

Badsey Remembrance Hall

20th July

3.00 to 5.00 PM

free refreshments provided

All members of the family are welcome.

**Contact phone number: 01386 832 755 or
01386 424429**



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BLACKMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

75th Anniversary SUMMER FETE & GALA CONCERT

*Saturday, 12th July from 2pm
(concert 6pm)*

Please come and join us.

For further information please contact the school on
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German Partnership

Our friends from Germany will be visiting our parishes from late evening on Thursday 13th until late afternoon on Monday 17th November this year. We are expecting fifteen people including one 13 year old boy. If anyone would like to host, or be involved in anyway please contact me. More details of the visit will be given at a later date.

Alex Christison 830367

partnership@ourbenefice.org.uk

Monthly Quiz

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

The capital of South Africa

Last Months Answer: James Bond



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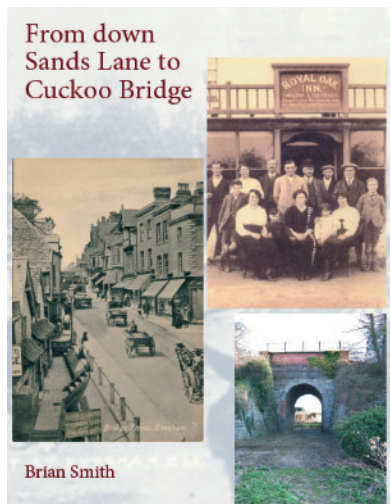
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Book Launch

Aldington's Brian Smith is launching a book of local poems at the Badsey Flower Show on July 26th - "From down Sands Lane to Cuckoo Bridge".

It contains 25 poems recording local characters, places and events, plus a number of illustrations. This is a 'must' buy for anyone interested in bygone Badsey and Aldington. Titles include 'Cunger', 'Badsey Nicknames' (62 of them!) and 'The Green Wooden Shop'.



The book is being sold in aid of Badsey First School and St. James' Church, Badsey, with all profit going to these worthy causes.

To reserve a copy in advance (the cost is £5 payable on delivery), ring Brian or Hazel on (01386) 832623. Free delivery within the parish can be provided.

USEFUL NUMBERS

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Round Of Gras Cricket Club (Clive Richards) 01386 833825
Over 60's Friendship Club (Wendy Neal) 01386 832306

New Directory

I am compiling a directory of clubs, associations, businesses, community groups etc in Badsey, Aldington, Blackminster and Bowers Hill.

This will be available in prominent positions in the village to promote local organisations.

This is a completely non-profit initiative but may need a subscription of £5 maximum just to cover the cost of printing etc.

If you would like your business or organisation to be included please email me at wizpan@chessbroadband.co.uk with the following information:

Business/Organisation Name
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Mary Campbell

This Month's Big Question:

Has man's dominion been good for the planet?

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

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

5th July Saving Mr Banks

19th July The Big Country

See you there
 Clivey x

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The July meeting of the club is an evening visit to Conderton Manor, by kind invitation of the owners, Mr & Mrs W. Carr. Please note that we meet at 7.00 pm at the Manor. If you require transport please contact committee members for assistance.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela