

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington April 2015

## New volunteers save our summer show!

The Badsey Flower Show - one of the Vale's most popular village shows is all set for success this summer after a number of volunteers stepped forward to help.

The event has been running for well over a century but in recent years the number of people organising and running the show diminished.

Without new helpers for 2015 this much-loved traditional event was very likely to close down.

In late 2014 committee called on local people to get involved.

An open meeting last November invited people from the village and surrounding area to come and find out more.

The meeting was a great success with well over 30 new potential helpers attending – more than enough to save the show.

Committee Chair, Gordon Boon explains, "Badsey Flower Show is a not for profit event, run by community volunteers for the village and for the community.

"Over recent years a number of our committee members and helpers had grown old and less able and one or two had left. We were therefore, very keen to attract some new people.

"We were absolutely delighted that at our annual AGM in January we were able to welcome seven new committee members and a number of helpers. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has come forward. We are very grateful for the response."

"We are delighted to announce therefore, the date of the 2015 Badsey Flower Show - which is **Saturday 25th July**.

Put the date in your diary or on your kitchen calendar now.

New Badsey Flower Show committee member Jenny Davenport said, "I noticed the recent call for help in the local media and, as a new villager, I was keen to find a way to get involved in the community. I also thought it would be a great shame if the show closed so I was very happy to ask 'what can I do to help' and now I've joined the committee."

This summer's show as in previous years, will take place on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane.

Event organisers promise the usual mix of great live entertainment along with an array of stalls and sideshows.

[www.badseyflowershow.co.uk](http://www.badseyflowershow.co.uk)

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

And

a meeting for the election of churchwardens

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# 2 Thought For The Month From The Revd Richard Court



Dear All,  
Easter is upon us and it is a time for celebrating new starts (as well as eating Easter Eggs!). The Easter Egg represents new life which is why there are invariably eggs and chicks associated with Easter Cards. I am not sure where the Easter Bunny originates but according to Wikipedia it is a folklore

figure originating in Germany and if that's what it says in Wikipedia I suppose it must be true !!??!! Back however to the Easter Egg and chicks; Easter Sunday follows on from Good Friday and a time when we in the church remember the pain and the suffering that Christ went through on our behalf and it is important to reflect that however much we may like to sanitise Easter by forgetting the pain and despair there can never be an Easter Day without the crucifixion and the pain of Good Friday. Talking of new starts or new beginnings you will have seen from the magazine last month that I will be retiring this year and that my last Sunday will be the 26 April on that day there will be two services in the Benefice a 9.30am Eucharist at Badsey and a 4.00pm Evening Service at Bretforton. There will also be refreshments available in a marquee at The Fleece Inn Bretforton from around 5.00pm.

We have been in The Vale for just over ten years which we have enjoyed immensely and made some good friends; the attraction of the Suffolk coastline was howev-

er too much to overcome and Avril and I will be moving to Suffolk during the beginning of May for our own 'new beginning' in retirement. The Parishes of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton, in association with the Parishes of South Littleton and Cleeve Prior, will then start the process to appoint my successor. This too will be a new beginning and just like the relationship between Good Friday and Easter Day there will be pain within the Parishes just as there will be pain for Avril and I when we leave.

However with every new beginning come new opportunities and I encourage you to take full advantages of the opportunities which present themselves in the coming months. A church that is static will eventually die but a church which is active and forward thinking and prepared to take a risk will not only survive but it will grow. Bishop David once said that if everything you do is a success then you are not trying hard enough or pushing the boundaries, because if you push at the boundaries some things will fail – but that is okay, in fact not only okay but it is good.

It will be sad to leave but I wish you all success for the future, safe in the knowledge that God's will be done – it may be painful at times but as I said at the beginning of my letter there can be no Easter Day without the pain of Good Friday.

With all my love and Blessings

## From The Parish Registers

### Baptisms

22 February Mason Alexander David Clarke

### Holy Matrimony

28 February Scott Davis & Louise Sparrow

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## Church Services

### Sunday 5

11.00 am Easter Family Service

6.30 pm Evensong

### Sunday 12

11.00 am Praise and worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

### Sunday 19

11.00am Family Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

### Sunday 26

9.30am Eucharist

4.30pm Farewell service for Revd. Richard Court @ Breforton Church

### Sunday 2 May

10.30am ten30@stjames

6.30pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday, which is 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 - Easter, All Guild  
2nd Sunday - Hazel and Hazel  
3rd Sunday - Sandra and Maureen  
4th Sunday - Julie and Barbara

After the plainness of Lent, I look forward to joining the ladies of the Guild in decorating the church on Saturday 4 April from 10am for the Easter celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Avril, for flower arranging with us, the Guild and I wish Avril and Richard happiness in their retirement.

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 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:

- **16th April**
- **19th May**
- **21st June**

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

## Home Group

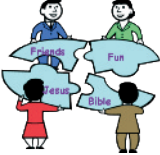
Next Meeting: **21st April 2015**  
Time: **7.30pm**

**12 Myatt Road, Offenham**

We will be continuing our journey through the bible in a year. **Everyone welcome.**

More information from John Cole 831260 or  
home@ourbenefice.org.uk

## Jigsaw



We have a busy time with Easter on the horizon.

Our meetings are as follows:-

**Friday 3rd April** - Good Friday craft morning 10.30-12.00noon.  
**£1.00** per child.

*(Please let me know if your child is*

*going to attend it will help greatly in the organisation.)*

**Sunday 5th April** Easter service at **11am**.

Please come along with all the family.

**Friday 17th April** - walk to Emmaus.

Jigsaw is at St James Church between 6 - 7pm.

Please remember to let me know if you cannot make

If you would like to join us please contact us to book your child's place. It's free and fun.

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## We are ready to start!!

The 1<sup>st</sup> Badsey Scout Group has now secured sufficient funds to commence some of the alterations to the Scout HQ.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to our fundraising.

Ralph Bolland

Chairman 1<sup>st</sup> Badsey Scout Group

## Tower News



Many special activities will be taking place during Holy Week EASTER morning will have arrived and the Bells will be sending forth their message of welcome.

On the morning of April 14th @ 9.30 'The Vale of Evesham Ringers' will be attempting a full peal of 5040 changes scheduled to finish around 12.45 mid day. This will be rung in THANKSGIVING for the 10 years of Richard Court's Leadership to Badsey and The Benefice. Sadly Richard's last Service at Badsey will take place on the 26th of April.

Richard, we wish you well in your retirement to Suffolk.  
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## ARTHUR PLANT WINS TONY JERRAM AWARD



He thought he was going to a Quiz Night but, when 87-year-old Arthur Plant accompanied his daughter, Linda, to Badsey Community Sports & Social Club one Friday evening, he found

a room full of Badsey Society members waiting for him. It might have been unlucky for some on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, but it was lucky for Arthur who was this year's winner of the annual Tony Jerram Award. The award is given each year to someone who has contributed greatly to the community of Badsey or Aldington.

Arthur has helped with many charity events during his life, including calling bingo at the village hall, but it is primarily for the extremely successful quizzes he organized for over 20 years at The Round of Gras, raising over £35,000 for the Air Ambulance. He was also an active member of the Round of Gras Friday Club. In the 1970s, Arthur ran the local ladies' football team, winning both league and cup.

With the exception of two years in the Royal Navy on National Service, Arthur has lived all his life in the Vale. He was born on Old Post Office Lane, Badsey, moving to Wickhamford when he was ten days old, and then back to Badsey. He attended Badsey Council School and Prince Henry's Grammar school.

He and his wife, Dolly, recently celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, having married at St Leonard's Church, Bretforton, on 7th January 1950. Arthur and Dolly moved to Aldington in 1951 where they still reside to this day.

The Tony Jerram Award was presented at the end of the Annual General Meeting of The Badsey Society,

at which Maureen Spinks was re-elected as Chairman, Valerie Magan as Secretary and Tony Wood as Treasurer. Will Dallimore, Ian Gibson, Tom Locke, Jane Neill and Gill Woods were re-elected as Committee members; Alan and Shirley Tutton were elected to the Committee for the first time. Retiring Committee member, Richard Phillips, was presented with lifetime membership of the Society. After a break for drinks from the bar, there were short talks by Terry Sparrow, Valerie Magan, Tom Locke and Will Dallimore.

Photo caption: Terry Sparrow (left), winner of last year's Tony Jerram Award, presents the trophy to this year's winner, Arthur Plant.

New members of The Badsey Society welcome, £5 per person; contact Tony Wood, Treasurer, 16 Badsey Fields Lane (01386 834768).

Next event: **Midsummer walk, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.**

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Are you part of a group based in one of our villages that does not feature in Community New?

Why not get in touch with the Editor and find out how you can have a regular column.

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## Monthly Quiz True or False

In 1999, it was proposed that the British National Anthem be replaced by a European anthem sung in German. The BBC was inundated with calls of protest.

Last Months Answer:

**FALSE:** Auther Roald Dahl turned down the role of villainous Dr No in the first James Bond film. He does, however, have a connection with Bond Movies, having written the screenplay for You Only Live Twice. Dahl also adapted Heming's only children's book, Chitty Chitty Bang, Bang for the big screen.

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## INSPIRING WOMEN

We started the year with a very interesting talk by Adrian James, local garden photographer whose photographs are used in magazines and advertising. Our annual New Year Lunch was held at the Three

Ways House Hotel. This was a lovely lunch in a beautiful restaurant with superb service and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the members.

In February we had CID Inspector Carrie Thompson who told us of her career in the West Mercia Police. Carrie told how she had wanted to be in the police from childhood. Carrie joined the police at 19 and worked her way up through the ranks. She became a sergeant at the age of 24 and is now a Detective Inspector with CID at the great age of 32!! Carrie showed us all the kit she had to wear before joining the CID and considering she is a very trim, slight young woman it must have felt like a ton weight. It was a most interesting talk told with some humour but giving us an insight into the work of West Mercia Police. It also dispelled some of the negative ideas people have developed about the work etc of the police. Carrie was a good and interesting speaker and a good advert for the Police. We are certainly safe in their hands with officers like her.

Our holiday to York is all in hand as is a visit to Bath Christmas Markets at the end of the year. Other outings have to be decided on and arranged. It is hoped to visit The Hall at Abbey Cwm Hir, Llandrindod Wells a little later in the year.

Our art, card craft and embroidery classes have all restarted after the Winter break and we have started our skittle matches in the County Tournament.

Ex President Elizabeth Cudd will be representing Badsey W.I. at the 100<sup>th</sup> AGM at the Albert Hall. This meeting is to be streamed to several venues and theatres across the United Kingdom.

Badsey Members have been asked are to think of ways we can commemorate 100 years of the W.I. Both in our own W.I. and in the community.

We were sad to learn that one of our members, Avril Court who is wife to our Vicar Richard, will be leaving the village at the end of April as Richard is retiring and they

are moving to a new home in Suffolk. We wish them much luck, joy and happiness in their new home and we will all miss them.

Our April meeting will be Jean Ford on "A Second Look at Life". All are welcome to our meeting which is held at the Remembrance Hall and starts at 7.15.p.m. Cost is £3.50 per visitor which includes tea and cakes.

If you want any further information please ring Jane on 858944 or Yvonne on 830063.

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our speaker in February was our Mr Terry Sparrow of Badsey. Terry is a very well known villager and is a legend for his knowledge of Badsey. Terry has written and co-written books on the village and is a very active member of the Badsey Society. His talk was on "Old Buildings of Badsey" and he began his talk with 'The Mill'. This in the mid 1700's was a corn mill and the mill was later obtained by a silk manufacturer from Coventry who changed the mill into a Silk Mill in the early 1800s. The Mill is no longer there. Terry went on to talk about, The Stone House, The Seyne House, where the Monks of Evesham were sent to recover from illness or disease, the Old Vicarage and many more. It was a most interesting talk which whetted our appetite for more information on these buildings. Our knitting group are still knitting items for premature and stillborn babies, baby clothes and blankets to be sent to the impoverished people in other countries and for prisoners for their new babies. Our Curate Anne Potter has left us to take on a benefice of her own and is had a farewell service on 1<sup>st</sup> March at Offenham. As an MU member and our Curate, we wish her and her husband Mike much luck and happiness and May God go with them. MU Lenten lunches will take place in Bretforton, Badsey and Offenham.

The Mother's Union meets in Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 2.30. Do come along and enjoy a sociable and interesting hour or two and learn about the work of the MU.

Next Meeting: **14th April - Joyce Bush - Just an Old Table**  
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I shall treasure this gift in the years to come and no doubt each time will remember the happy years Mike and I spent in the Vale. I was also given a cheque which will be put towards something else to use in my ministry as a continual memory of the very happy time when I served the parishes of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton.



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Some of our Y5 children have recently returned from their residential visit to Rue in Northern France. They all had a wonderful time taking part in activities such as the zip wire, crate stacking,

obstacle course and rifle shooting. The children also had the opportunity to walk into the local village to learn the history of the place; they tried out their French conversation skills and even spent some money in the supermarket!

The children this term have enjoyed a visit from a collection of creepy crawlies! Mr and Mrs Churchill, from the Evesham and District Reptile and Exotic Club, brought to school some of the clubs reptiles including snakes to show the children. As the children are learning about the rainforest it was a great opportunity for the children to encounter first-hand the sort of animals that live in those parts of the world. The children thought the experience of seeing live animals in school was fantastic. EDRIC hold sessions at Badsey Recreational Club for anyone who is interested.

I do hope you've seen the 'dog mess' posters around the village. We ran a poster design competition in school in conjunction with the Parish Council and PACT to highlight the need for people to clean up after their dogs. The posters were judged by the Parish Council and the winning design was created by Chloe Whiley with second place being awarded to Evie Wu. Prizes were given to both children during an assembly.

As a school we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Julie Jones  
Head teacher

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# Parish Council News

## Village Amenities

The Parish Council are looking to residents to provide ideas of what amenities they would like to see in Badsey and Aldington to enhance the facilities already there and available. This could be an additional piece of play equipment, more bins or an extra bench. If you have any ideas, please email the Clerk at badseyipc@yahoo.co.uk or telephone on 01386 760332.

## Village Events

### Dates for your diary:

- **Village cycle ride and walk on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Further details will follow.**
- **Village 'BIG PICNIC' at Badsey Community Club. Further details including date to follow.**

## Village Computer Club

Badsey's first computer session is due to start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015. It will take place from 10.30am until 12.30pm in the backroom of The Wheatsheaf pub. This will run for 7 sessions before the school holidays in July and recommence in September. If you are interested in coming along, please telephone the Parish Clerk to express an interest. The club will not have set subjects to cover but will be organised based on the requirements of those that attend so if there is something you want to know/learn, come along!

## Village Defibrillator

The village defibrillator is now 'live' and ready for use. Please read and retain the **important information sheet** on how to use the defibrillator when needed. (Back Page).

## Parish & District Councillor Elections

Notices relating to the forthcoming elections can be found in the noticeboard outside the Spar. Anyone interested in becoming a Councillor can contact either the Parish Clerk or Wychavon District Council's Election team. The closing date for applications is 4pm on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

## Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2015

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

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

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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## Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

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

11th April Maleficent

25th April Psycho

See you there  
Clivey x

## Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Club is on Wednesday 22nd April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, when we welcome back Peter Ralph who is giving a talk entitled "Getting away from it all in the Royal Forest of Dean". It is several years since Peter last visited us, but we look forward to another entertaining evening with an excellent speaker. For further information contact Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834.

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1st Badsey Scouts (Nichol Brown) 01386 882350

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

Jigsaw (Wendy Morrey) 01386 831080

[jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk](mailto:jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk)

Sports, Clubs and Groups

Air Rifle Club (Ashley Green) 01386 832296

Archery Club (Ian Trout) 01386 831509

Autogras (Tony Badfield) 01386 830127

Badsey Cricket Club (David Powell) 01386 833122

Badsey Rangers FC (Mick Loram) 01386 832040

Badsey United FC (Steve Bradley) 01386 831982

Coronation Street Disabled Club (Jean Dyke) 01386 830714

Ladies Hockey (Jane Rickey) 01386 833947

Model Engineering Club (Peter Merris) 01386 831782

Round Of Gras Cricket Club (Clive Richards) 01386 832685

Over 60's Friendship Club (Wendy Neal) 01386 832306

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**EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

In the event of a suspected cardiac arrest, the following procedure should be used:

1. Call 999 and ask for the Ambulance
2. When asked by the operator, please give the telephone number from where you are calling and the location of the cabinet. Which is:

**Cabinet No. 862  
Spar Store  
14-16 High Street  
Badsey  
WORCESTERSHIRE  
WR11 7EW**

3. The operator will ask a series of questions which you will need to answer to the best of your ability. This will only take a moment and will NOT delay the ambulance.

4. The operator will then provide you with the access code to open the cabinet.

5. The defibrillator and resuscitation pack should be removed from the cabinet and the ambulance service will stay on the line and give verbal instructions if required.

6. Switch on the defibrillator and it will then provide you with verbal instructions for use.

7. The defibrillator CANNOT be used incorrectly as it will only deliver a shock to the patient if it detects it is necessary.

8. There are scissors in the resuscitation pack to assist with removal of clothing and a pocket rescue mask for use with ventilations in CPR.

9. If you are unable to unwilling to give ventilation, simply do 'hand only' chest compressions.

Remember THINK safety.

Look around before pushing the button to shock and SHOUT the command SAND CLEAR SHOCKING and check to make sure everyone is clear.

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**Just A Thought**

Be grateful for the good times and keep faith during the bad times. Stay positive when life gives you every reason to be negative.

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