

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

June 2017

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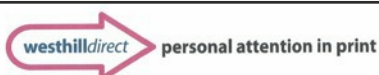


All market gardeners in Badsey during the heyday years of growing asparagus relished in perfecting its growing this increasing everyone's pleasure in eating it. One of the champions doing this was Buster Mustoe Landlord of the Royal Oak later to become The Round of Gras. His advice to teenager was when cooking don't forget the mint.

My sketch is a tribute to Buster a great friend who put me on the right path to enjoying the eating of asparagus. All you do he said was 'head back-open your mouth,-down the hatch and ohhhh what a wonderful taste.

Thank you Buster for this advice - 88 years on and I still remember those few minutes I your pub kitchen all those years ago. Wonderful memories.

Michael Barnard



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The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Friday 2nd June	7:00pm	Badsey Prayer Service	Badsey	Stan & Diana Condliffe
Saturday 3rd June	9:00am	Badsey Prayer Breakfast	Badsey	Penny Christison
Sunday 4th June <i>Pentecost</i>	8:00am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm 7:00pm	Eucharist Family service Family service Eucharist Family service Eucharist Asparagus Service	Offenham South Littleton Offenham Badsey Cleeve Prior North & Middle Littleton Bretforton	Philip Morton Joyce & Alan Bache Margaret Pye Philip Morton Joyce & Alan Bache Philip Morton Philip Morton
Wednesday 7th June	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Sunday 11th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm	Eucharist Morning praise Family service Eucharist Family service Evening worship	Offenham South Littleton Bretforton Cleeve Prior Badsey North & Middle Littleton	Philip Morton Margaret Pye Joyce Bache Philip Morton Joyce Bache Philip Morton
Saturday 17th June	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 18th June	9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Eucharist Morning praise Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Evensong	South Littleton Offenham Badsey Cleeve Prior North & Middle Littleton Bretforton Badsey	Philip Morton Sue Cole Philip Morton Clive Leech Philip Morton Philip Morton Margaret Pye
Sunday 25th June	9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm	Eucharist Morning praise Morning praise Eucharist Morning praise Evening worship	Offenham South Littleton Bretforton Cleeve Prior Badsey North & Middle Littleton	Philip Morton Sue Cole Joyce Bache Philip Morton Sue Cole Philip Morton

Morning Prayer 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey
Morning Prayer 7.45 am each Monday at Bretforton



1st Sunday - Yvonne, Mary, Jane
2nd Sunday - Hazel and Hazel
3rd Sunday - Julie and Barbara
4th Sunday - Sheila and Annette

Ladies of the flower guild - thank you for your flowers in church during May. Any queries regarding the church flowers please contact me (details on back page).

Hazel Stewart



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Thought For The Month From

Revd. Fr. Philip Morton

Dear friends

Last month I did something for the first time, that I have never done before: I wrote a letter to a newspaper. I'm not sure why I've never done this before, perhaps I've never encountered an appropriate occasion before, but this was different. I'm sure you've all heard now about the reports of the Blessing of the Asparagus at Worcester Cathedral, and the subsequent criticism that came from various Anglican on-line bloggers and commentators, and even vicars from other parishes around the country. Some of the comments were unnecessary, in my view, and failed to understand the context of the Asparagus Festival – just why it is so important to the people of this area. I didn't mean to write to the papers – I actually just wrote to Canon Michael at the Cathedral because I thought he might like some support from the Vale as the reports came in. But things snowballed from there, as they often do, and my comments ended up in the Telegraph.

Since then I've thought quite a lot about how I think Christian ministry really finds its true meaning in local communities. There is a very good reason why the Church of England has decided to retain the parish model of ministry, rather than do what a lot of other churches have done and have large churches in population centres which people then travel to. The Church of England has decided to keep this ideal of having a presence in almost every community. There are problems with this model - we can sometimes find ourselves struggling to maintain all our buildings - but the fact that there is a church in nearly every community in this country means that the message of the Gospel really is here for everyone.

Another result of this local model is that the issues that matter to a particular community, the memories and customs, the traditions and values, are part of the church's life in that area too. The Asparagus Festival is one example among many within this benefice alone. The Church of England has decided to keep the parish model not just because of nostalgic or heritage reasons either – there are good theological reasons for doing this too.

During His earthly ministry Jesus did not spend much time with the academics and religious elite of His day. Yes, He taught in the Temple occasionally and there are a few stories of Him sharing a meal with Pharisees, but mostly He spent His time out on the country roads, or in the market places, or down by the lakes with the fishing boats. He taught among the people who spent their time growing crops and tending livestock, He told them stories of wheat and barns, seeds and trees, sheep and birds – the very stuff of life around them. As such, the majority of Jesus' ministry was with the people of the land – it was to them that the Good News of the Kingdom of God was originally entrusted. This is no romantic, chocolate-box image of rural life, but a clear indication that the message of the saving power of God was proclaimed among those with the callused hands and the sore backs of hard labour. Imagine Peter, a simple fisherman, standing up in the public forum of Jerusalem and proclaiming the saving power of the cross of Christ as we heard in our reading from the Book of Acts. Here is a man with limited education, presumably not schooled in the arts of rhetoric, and yet he delivers a speech which cuts to the hearts of those who were listening in the crowd, and we hear that about three thousand of them were baptised as a

result. That is the power of the Holy Spirit to transform a person into someone who can speak with authority, regardless of their background. Jesus called people to be His disciples because He knew they could speak to their communities in ways that the community could understand. That is how the Gospel originally spread.

When I preached this sermon in church I chose the hymn 'Now the Green Blade Riseth' because it contains another theological reason for local ministry: the hymn is about how Jesus is to be found in the world around us, even now. Think back to Easter when the angels spoke to Mary Magdalene at the entrance to the tomb, and they said "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen", because Jesus is alive at the right-hand of God, He is alive through the Holy Spirit in the hearts and minds of those who believe in His name, and He is alive in the world around us because He is the Word of God, that which spoke creation into being at the very beginning. The Christian story is not in the past tense - 'Jesus was alive two thousand years ago' – the Christian story is always in the present tense – Jesus is alive in the world now, present in the communities that meet in our churches and in the world just outside our doors.

When we look back through the stories of the Old Testament, the ones about the Promised Land and the Jewish people, there is a reason why there is such an intimate link between the Land and the People of God; and that is because it is the two things together that form what God created and intended for human flourishing. Christians perhaps have a different understanding of what the Promised Land means – we tend to think about it in terms of when Jesus shall return in glory and His kingdom shall be known in its fullness – but there is something about a Christian community being present in the world here and now, about being a blessing to the communities around us. There is Christian teaching that says we should flee from the world, because it is corrupting and sinful, and Christians should keep themselves apart and pure – a bit like the Pharisees did. I don't agree with this teaching. In his first letter, Peter talks about Christian purity, not by shutting ourselves off from the world, but by living in obedience to Christ's teachings. As Peter says, 'You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God'.

The Church is that imperishable seed bringing life wherever it lands on the ground. But to do that, we must be part of the communities around us – not separated from them, but part of them so that we might all be transformed by the Holy Spirit. Bishop Robert Patterson, in Deanery Chapter recently, described the rural church as 'salt and yeast'. I think he is entirely correct. That is what we are, salt and yeast, making Christ real to the people around us.

The events of last month have helped me to affirm in my own mind just how God is at work in the local places, not just big urban churches. God is here alongside us. So let's be sensitive to those moments when our hearts burn within us, listening to the teachings of Christ and meeting with Christ in the breaking of the bread, because that is God at work in our community, transforming us to bring the love of God to the world around us.

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Parish Games

This year's parish games start on Saturday 24th June with the Bell boating and run through the summer finishing on Sunday 8th October with the junior and senior table tennis

The list of one day events and dates are:

Bell boating	Saturday 24 th June
Ladies Rounders	Sunday 2 nd July
Mens Five a side football	Sunday 9 th July
Cross Country	Monday 17 th July
Petanque	Sunday 23 rd July
Bowls	Sunday 27 th August
Angling	Saturday 16 th September
Junior Table Tennis	Sunday 8 th October
Senior Table Tennis	Sunday 8 th October

The knock out events start at the beginning of September through to end of October and are:

Crib	Ladies Darts
Dominoes	Mens Darts
Pool	Skittle

Our aim is to enter every event which we did last year with the exception of the Ladies rounders
Anyone can take part, the only real criteria is that you have to reside in Badsey and Aldington Parish

Historically we struggle with players for

Crib	Cross Country
Dominoes	Ladies Rounders
And Bowls	

But anyone is welcome to volunteer for any event

Anyone needing more info or interested in taking part can contact Parish Organisers Laraine and Russell Knight on email russell@serk.co.uk or on Facebook @ Badsey Parishgames

Over 60s Jotting

41 members attended our meeting on Tues 2nd. May, Mary opened the meeting at 14.30 hrs. and introduced our local our community officer, Phil, who is a familiar face to most of our members. Phil spoke about his early years as a police officer and what influenced his decision on his retirement to become a community support officer, remaining in the vale area. He also warned us of a roofing scam operating in the area as recent as this very morning.

24 of members enjoyed our recent trip to Dymock for lunch at the Beauchamp Arms. Mike then reminded everyone that our next outing is an afternoon trip for tea and cakes to the Mayfly Cafe on Wed June 16th. payment of £10 for the coach to be paid on the June meeting. After tea and cakes we held our monthly raffle and the meeting closed at 16.15 hrs.

Vicar's Surgeries

In a slight change to the usual pattern of Benefice surgeries, I will now be holding the surgery at the Vicarage in Badsey, on alternate Tuesday evenings from 6pm-8pm. This is for anyone who wants to book baptisms (christenings) and weddings. It's also great for me, as I get to meet to people who want to book a special service early on in the process and get to know them a little bit.

You can book baptisms and weddings for any of the churches in the Benefice. All you have to do is contact our lovely administrator Wendy and she will book you an appointment. Wendy can be contacted on 01386 424728 or admin@eastavaleavon.org.uk

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Baptism

16 April William Henry Wheelhouse



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Preventing doorstep crime

Doorstep crime can include rogue traders offering home improvement or gardening services, or bogus callers who claim to be the council, police, health carers or energy companies.

What should I look out for?

Rogue traders

- May say they are in the area and have spotted a problem with your home or garden.
- May claim to have materials left over from another job, like paving or tarmac.
- May try to pressurise you to buy goods or sign up for services on the spot.
- May offer to carry out work cheaply, but charge an extortionate price after it has been completed.
- May offer to drive you to a bank so you can withdraw money to pay them.
- Provide false names, addresses or telephone numbers.

Pedlars

- A pedlar is someone who calls at your door to sell items that they have on offer. This can often include cleaning or household goods.
- By law, they are required to carry a pedlar's certificate, which are issued by the police force in the area where they live.

Bogus callers

- May claim to be working for the council, water, gas or electric company. They could also say they are a nurse, doctor or from the police.
- May say they need to come into your home, or try to get you to go outside.
- May try to distract you so they can steal your money.
- Can be male, female or even children.

Tips to keep you safe

- If you are not sure who is at the door, don't open it.
- Check the identity of any caller. Confirm who they are by calling the company they work for using number from the telephone directory or a bill.
- Ask a neighbour to come around to check them before you open the door.
- Tell them to come back at a time when someone will be at home with you.
- Keep doors and windows locked and use the door chain every time you answer the door.

TOWER NEWS

Service ringing for the most part will be 10.15am for 11.00am start, except for Special Occasions. Saturday 10th June there will be ringing for a midday wedding.

Tuesday 13th June at approx 9.30am 'The Vale of Evesham' ringers will be attempting a Full Peal of 5040 changes this will take around three hours if successful, finishing around 12.45pm.

Hilary & John Bolton

Monthly Quiz

True or False

While the city of Rome burned, the Emperor Nero was singing and playing violin at wild party, hence 'fiddling while Rome burns'.

False: (And it was going so well with the voice thing.) The Goliath frog, is three feet long, but is entirely mute.

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Badsey PC-Email Service.

The parish council is always looking for ways to communicate better with the villages and their residents and ensure that the important messages get to everyone.

We are setting up a service that when you have registered will send you by email, important information that you may not have seen via other communication routes. The Parish Council is eager to roll out this service to as wide a subscriber as possible in order to:

- Share village news and events
- Reach residents who are not Facebook users but do have access to email
- Reach residents who do not read the community news
- Reach residents who do not read the notice boards in the villages

The Parish Council would be grateful for your help to cascade the subscription details to the residents.

To access the subscribe form, go to: <http://eepurl.com/cEbTEP> or go to the Parish Council Facebook page and select "Newsletter Email Signup" from the left menu

Dates for your Diary-Village Events-2017.

Look out for details about Badsey's Soap Box Derby on 27th August 2017 and Village Barn Dance on 23rd September 2017 at Badsey Remembrance Hall and the first 'Christmas Lights Competition' to coincide with the Christmas Carols.

For all you groovers out there Badsey's 60's and 70's Disco on Saturday 17th June 2017 at Badsey Remembrance Hall, 7.30pm til late, tickets £5 from Andrea Evans, bar and snax available

Smartwater.

The PC is considering the provision of Smartwater to all households in Badsey, Blackminster and Aldington to mark household items so that they are registered to your property. Information will be available from the parish council stand at Badsey Flower Show on Saturday 22nd July 2017 and a Roadshow event in September 2017. Information about Smartwater can be found at www.smartwater.com. There will be NO cost to residents should you be interested in enrolling in the scheme.

Easter Village Treasure Hunt.

Thank you to all those that attended the treasure hunt on Bank Holiday Monday and particular thanks to our winners! It was a good turnout and hopefully, the new questions were a challenge!

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2017

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

- Wednesday 21st June
- Wednesday 19th July
- No AUGUST meeting.
- Wednesday 20th September

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 Merry Month of May was time for our AGM. We were pleased to welcome Sue Bearcroft as our W.I. Advisor who conducted the election of

President and Committee.

Jane Thompson was standing down after completing three years as President and Yvonne Haynes was standing down as Secretary and after 38 years on the Committee decided it was time to sit back and enjoy the monthly meetings facing the table. Yvonne told members that she had thoroughly enjoyed her years on committee and said what a wonderful institution the W.I. was. She went on to say that it had been a joy, a pleasure and life enhancing experience.

Sue took us through the election for a new President and Jane Neill of Aldington was duly elected. Jane will make a really good President and we all wish her well and will do whatever we can to help and support her. Eight members were elected for Committee.

Sue then went on to tell us about the two resolutions the W.I. movement was putting before Parliament this year. They were:

Alleviating loneliness

Calling for every WI and the NFWI to work alongside health and social care providers and their local community to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of loneliness, thus ensuring better identification of lonely people in order to be able to offer them the appropriate assistance and support.

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calls on Government and industry to research and develop innovative solutions to this problem in order to stop the accumulation of microplastic fibres in our oceans which are killing fish.

Two members celebrated special birthdays and Badsey W.I. with celebrate their special 90th Birthday in September with a lunch.

A fruitful and interesting meeting with special congratulations to our new President Jane Neill.

Badsey W.I. meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm at Badsey Memorial Hall. Anyone is welcome to our meetings so do come along and see if you like us. Our next meeting on June 14th is a Garden Meeting being held at the home at Marianne and Chris Beddis at Blackminster. Members to bring food, crockery & cutlery and a chair if possible and hope for a summer warm evening.

Yvonne Haynes

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Badsey Film Club

Luvvies

Here are the Films we are showing this month:

SATURDAY 3rd June Bridget Jones Baby

SATURDAY 24th June Spectre

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Clivey x

Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our June meeting on Wednesday 28th June is a garden visit
to Nafford House Eckington meeting there at 7.00pm.
Contact me or a committee member if you require
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committee member.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

If you find yourself fortunate enough to be travelling
down the right path in life, don't forget to take time to
remember those that cut the path for you to follow.

- Martin Pye

USEFUL NUMBERS

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Archery Club (Ian Trout) 01386 831509

Autogras (Tony Padfield) 01386 830127

Badsey Cricket Club (David Powell) 01386 833122

Badsey Rangers FC (Mick Loram) 01386 832040

Badsey United FC (Martin Schembri) 07804 921353

Ladies Hockey (Jane Rickey) 01386 833947

Model Engineering Club (Peter Merris) 01386 831782

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