



Community News

Badsey & Aldington

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Friends of Badsey Church

SKITTLES AND GAMES EVENING



14th September

7.30 pm

The Pub Inn The Club,

Badsey

Tickets £5.00

Include Ploughman's Supper

From

Alex Christison 830367

Diana Condliffe 833964

Anne McCombie 640801

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Big Birthdays and Bread Puddings

I have just returned from a birthday party for Henry Sandon MBE, ninety years young and still going strong. When the letter arrived nominating him for a MBE he was sure it was from the brewers, Mitchells and Butlers. Henry, who we all know and love, regularly appears on the BBC Antiques Roadshow, being their most respected porcelain and ceramics expert.

On one programme a lady arrived and proudly unwrapped a plate to be valued telling Henry, "It's the oldest plate known, dating back to 1066."

"Have you looked at the back?" asked Henry.

"Of course I have, the date is printed there - 1066, you must have made a mistake," she replied.

"Did you read all the print, the part that says 'dishwasher safe'?" enquired Henry.

Goodbye 1066 and all that!

Another lady unwrapped a teapot telling Henry it won't be worth a lot. Henry casually asked if she had brought it in on the bus? It proved very rare and was later sold at auction, the proceeds enabled her to buy her council house and pay a taxi to take her and the teapot home.

The BBC arranged a surprise party for Henry's ninetieth birthday at Wrest Park in Bedfordshire. Fiona Bruce arrived bearing a cake, cameras poised, and the singing of Happy Birthday in full flow, only to be interrupted by the sound of smashing plates descending from an insecure table to the floor. Henry was unconcerned, munching his cake amid peals of laughter.

His great culinary delight is bread pudding, made by yours truly. It soon gets stashed away under the table away from the eager eyes of the crew poised with a knife ready to slice and share. He soon dispatches them with a wave of his stick. "Go away! It's my bread pudding."

Bless you Henry, long may you continue.

Linda Core

PRAYERS OF HEALING AFTER COMMUNION

There will be a communion service on Wednesday, **5th September at 10am** at Badsey church, and afterwards, there will be a short service with **prayers of healing** for anyone who would like to receive prayer. This is open to anyone and all will be welcome.

Hot Weather brings a lot of us out in the sun

Have you noticed the wildlife round about you in this hot weather? Reports of grass snakes slithering along the road have been made. On the other hand, frogs and toads are hiding away right now, finding nice damp areas to wait for cooler temperatures at night. Bats flying around at dusk, swooping back and forth catching moths. Herons have been seen in the afternoons, searching for food in dried up fields.

Sands Lane has seen a lot of grass snakes. The snakes have laid eggs in compost heaps, and in heaped up piles of horse poo. The youngsters, as they grew, have shed their outer skins in neighbouring polythene tunnels. Whilst the hot weather continues, the grass snakes have been seen in July, basking in the sun, so that their body temperatures stay comfortably warm enough to keep themselves very mobile when needed.



FOOD PARCELS FOR CARING HANDS IN THE VALE

St. James Church Badsey with Aldington

We are collecting foodstuffs for Caring Hands to make up food parcels for the needy in the Vale of Evesham.

Contrary to many beliefs the need for these has grown and with the school holidays and no free dinners etc more will be needed during the summer school holidays. Please would you help and give to those who are in need.

The food parcels are not available by just walking into the centre and requesting one. Each recipient has been referred to Caring Hands by such bodies as Social Services, Doctors, Police, Rooftop and other community based organisations.

As you enter Church, on the right, there is a box on the back pew for you to leave your foodstuffs and goods. There are also leaflets explaining how Caring Hands help and support the needy. Please do not leave any aerosols, alcohol, razors or out of date products.

If you wish to know more about the work of Caring Hands in the Vale please pick up a leaflet from Church. It contains contact numbers, along with full details of their work and how you can help in other ways.

Yvonne Haynes

CELEBRATING ONE YEAR

FREEDOM GROUP HELPING WITH GARDENING

IN THE CHURCHYARD

This year is a reason for Freedom Group to celebrate. In July it was one year since the Freedom Day Centre began in Badsey. It's also one year on since Freedom Group began helping to garden in our churchyard. To celebrate, Anne and Graham McCombie felt it would be special if anyone who wanted to come along on 18th July, at the time they had cake and tea or coffee, they would be very welcome.

Beforehand there was lots of tidying up to do. The Lychgate was thoroughly swept out and all the cobwebs and dust were blown and brushed out. Debris from the trees and a lot of weeds were tidied up.

What better way of ending their busy Wednesday morning, than to sit round Reverend Hunt's Memorial and celebrate with a slice of cake and a cup tea or coffee.



ST. JAMES DAY CELEBRATIONS

What a pleasure it was to take part in the celebration of our Patron Saint. Lovely singing, lovely company and lots of lovely food. What more could one ask for. The catering as usual top notch. Thank you everyone

Linda keep them coming, "Notes from a Church Organist", much more amusing than a free flying bell rope!!

Needless to say we are short of news this month. August 2nd a half muffled tribute was rung following the service and internment of Janice Gresty, a great supporter of our church over her lifetime.

Hilary Bolton
Tower Captain

Funeral: 2nd August - Janice Gresty, aged 96



A Message to you all from Reverend Timothy Hupfield, and Margaret Pye, on the subject of Funerals

'Taking Funerals Seriously' was a conference recently held in Worcester. For everyone who went, it made us think about death, dying and funerals - not a subject that many of us feel comfortable talking about. It can be hard to find the answers to questions that we don't want to ask; awkwardness, fear and upset can make it difficult to be able to be fully informed when we find ourselves in the position of attending or organising a funeral. The conference prompted us to write this article as a conversation-starter about this difficult topic.

Anyone living in the parish is entitled to have a Church of England funeral, regardless of whether they ever attended church or not. Whilst a 'church funeral' suggests a certain location, there is a lot of flexibility in where a service takes place; it doesn't have to be in church. It could also take place in a crematorium, at an outdoor woodland or burial site, or in a cemetery.

The clergy and other licensed ministers are experienced and well trained in pastoral ministry. When someone dies we understand how difficult this can be; we are there to support you, and your family and friends, before, during and after the funeral with compassion, fellowship and prayer, understanding your sadness and loss.

We work alongside you to put together the service - each service is unique, and tailored to reflect the life of your loved one. They may include favourite or particularly appropriate tributes, poems, music, hymns and songs. Working closely with the funeral directors, we make sure everything is fitting for this final farewell.

Central to all Church funeral services is a message of hope. Recognising that while death is an end, we speak about God's promise that death is not the end. In death, there is new life in Christ. A new life that is offered to us all; every life is precious to God and, as the Bible says, there is nothing - not our actions in life, nor even death - that can separate us from God's love.

Whilst it is a difficult topic to bring up, it may be helpful to you and your family to talk about what you would like at your own funeral, whatever stage of life you are at. There is a helpful website, www.churchofenglandfunerals.org that might be a useful starting point. Any one of the Ministry team would also be more than happy to discuss things with you.

Rev'd Timothy Hupfield (Assistant curate)
Margaret Pye (Reader)

VOLUNTEERING.....

I always enjoy reading the Community News to find out what is happening locally and was interested in the article on 'volunteering' in August's copy, although I was unsure who had written the piece and therefore who I should contact about it.

I agree wholeheartedly with the points mentioned and have thought for some time about offering to help in the ways suggested. However, the article seemed to stop short of addressing how we actually find out who would welcome some support in our villages and how we link their needs to suitable volunteers? It talks about helping our 'neighbours', with the assumption that we know who is feeling lonely, vulnerable or in need of some support - but I don't! Many of the people who live near me seem to be out and about leading their lives to the full, or have family and friends living close by, but I'm sure there are others in the village who are not so fortunate and I might be walking past their home everyday completely unaware.

**So, how do we make the link between those in need and those wanting to volunteer?
Are there systems within the two villages to do this? Is there a register of interest, for both parties? Or should one be circulated?**

The importance of 'safeguarding' these days means you can't really approach someone without an introduction and vulnerable people should, quite rightly, be wary of anyone they don't know.

Presumably the Evesham Volunteer Centre has all the systems in place for addressing this, e.g arranging DBS checks and making connections between those in need and any potential volunteers? This is one way around the issue - and where I had planned to go before reading the article. However, it would be really nice to be able to support people in the immediate village community who do not have family living nearby. As the final sentence in the piece suggests, it should be a win win situation: providing support and/or friendship for those in need whilst also helping volunteers to get to know their neighbours (in the widest sense), enabling them to feel they belong and can play a small part in improving the lives of others. I look forward to hearing from anyone with information or ideas.

Cheryl Cuthbertson

Please address your thoughts on volunteering, to badseyeditorial@eastvaleavon.org.uk, or hand written notes may be left at Diana Condiliffe, 23 Sands Lane, Badsey, posted through her door.

The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

September 2018

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Saturday 1st September	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 2nd September	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton South	Philip Morton & Timothy Hupfield
	9:30am	Family service	Littleton	Lay led
	9:30am	Morning praise	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton & Timothy Hupfield
	11:00am	Family service	Cleeve Prior N&M	Alan Bache
	4:30pm 6:30pm	Eucharist Evensong	Littleton Badsey	Philip Morton & Timothy Hupfield Diana Condliffe
Wednesday 5th September	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Saturday 8th September				
Sunday 9th September	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham South	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning Praise	Littleton	Sue Cole
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Badsey N&M	Timothy Hupfield
	4:30pm 6:30pm	Evening worship Evensong	Littleton Bretforton	Joyce Bache Timothy Hupfield
Saturday 15th September	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 16th September	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Bretforton	Clive Leech
Saturday 22nd September	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 23rd September	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Rev Len Burn
	4.00pm	Songs of Praise	Bretforton Sports Club	Timothy Hupfield/Margaret Pye
Saturday 29th September <i>St. Michael & All Angels</i>	08:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 30th September	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton

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

Parish Council News

All households in Badsey, Aldington, Blackminster and Bowers Hill should now have received their Parish Council Newsletter, hand delivered by councillors and the clerk, full of up to date information about what is happening in your parish. If you have not received your copy, please email the parish clerk to arrange either a paper or electronic copy.

Village of Culture.

Wychavon District Council have launched a new project called 'Village of Culture', details can be found on Wychavon website, first prize is £5000 with two further prizes of £1000 each. If you have any ideas about Badsey and its groups that you think should be included, please contact the parish clerk. The closing date for our application is Friday 21st September so the information is needed by 12th September 2018 at the latest.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2018

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

- Wednesday 19th September 2018
- Wednesday 17th October 2018
- Wednesday 21st November 2018

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, Horse-bridge Avenue, Badsey.

Clerk's contact details:
Andrea Evans (Mrs),
Ty Gwyn, Church Street,
Offenham WR11 8RW

Tel: (01386) 760332
E-mail: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk



WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Our September meeting on Wednesday 26th September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall welcomes a return visit by Pat Atkins. Her "hands on" demonstration is entitled "Potions" when we all have the opportunity to try them out for ourselves. Pat has had great success as a garden designer at the Malvern shows in the past and her plant knowledge and their uses in skin care is extensive. We look forward to seeing you all for what promises to be another entertaining evening.

Sue Stayte

Film Club

Luvvies
That's it.summers over. Soon be Christmas.
Two great films this month:

Saturday 1st September **THREE BILLBOARDS
OUTSIDE EBBING MISSOURI**

Saturday 15th September **FILM STARS DON'T DIE
IN LIVERPOOL**

Films start at 8pm in the backroom of the Wheatsheaf.
Get there early for a decent seat and bring your 50p's for an
half time ice cream!!

Clivey
Xx

Vicars of Badsey with Aldington, 1525 - 2016

A little book entitled "Vicars of Badsey with Aldington 1525 - 2016" has recently been published. For further information, or to purchase a copy of the book (price £3) please contact TERRY SPARROW, telephone 833368.

TREASURER NEEDED

Badsey Parochial Church Council

Our current Treasurer will soon be standing down due to other commitments and we need a replacement Treasurer.

If you feel you could help with this please contact the PCC Secretary.

You do not need to be a qualified accountant and if you are unsure what the role involves, we are happy to give more details.

PCC Secretary: Diana Condliffe

Tel: 07910 805 831

Email: badsey.sec@eastvaleavon.org.uk

Fouling in Badsey Fields Lane.....

Please, Dog Owners - can you be more careful of where your dog fouls.

Ideally to be picked up and taken home !

Our grass verges are part of our gardens maintained by us.

It is not nice to have to clear up especially if it gets caught in the mower.

Any mess is a health hazard in waiting .

Concerned Residents

Badsey Flower Show

This year's Badsey Flower Show took place on **Saturday 28th July** on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane, Badsey, near Evesham, between 1pm and 5pm. The event was initially well attended until mid afternoon, when heavy rain showers poured down .

The main act was held in the marquee because of the rain. The amazing Bubbleinc created all sorts of bubbles including giant bubbles, clouds of bubbles and even square bubbles. Other entertainment included an agility and skills display by Stunt Dogs, a performance by Evesham's United Dance Academy and the crowning of the Badsey Carnival King and Queen. The hoped for vintage RAF Dakota flypast did not take place, due to the adverse weather.

Adrian Barradell, Committee Member reported that despite some very breezy winds at the beginning and some heavy rain in the latter part of the afternoon, a lot of fun was had at the show this

year. When the heavy rain hit they were able to move some of the entertainments inside, into the main marquee. Awarding of the show cups and prizes and the announcing of the raffle prizes was also held inside.

"The Badsey Flower Show Committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and to all the helpers and volunteers."

Adrian Barradell

Left behind at the show:

An item from the Art Section

A set of keys

Please contact either;
info@badseyflowershow.co.uk

Or

Tel. 0784 0802759



Over 60s Jottings

37 members attended our August meeting on Tuesday 7th. Mary opened the meeting at 12.30, and introduced our entertainment for the afternoon in the form of " The Chord-ites" who played a selection of popular old tunes.

Our outing earlier this month was to the Avon-Croft open air museum, fortunately the weather was not as hot as the previous few days had been and there was plenty of seating and shade. After the entertainment we had our usual refreshments and raffle and the meeting closed at 4 o'clock.



St James Flower Guild - September rota

1st Sunday Sheila and Annette

2nd Sunday Mary, Yvonne and Jane

3rd Sunday Julie, Barbara and Pat

4th Sunday Hazel and Hazel

5th Sunday Maureen and Sandra

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in church during August.

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me.
Hazel Stewart, 832007

PARKING MAD

A lady down Seward Road told me that her neighbour thinks he's a lorry! I told her not to worry about it.

"I know," she replied, "but he keeps parking across my drive!"

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My Surgery is held on alternate Tuesday evenings from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm at The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey. I use this time to meet and get to know the people who have a desire to book a baptism or wedding at any of the wonderful churches in the Benefice.

Our administrator, Wendy Stafford, is available to help you arrange your appointment. Wendy can be contacted on **01386 424728** or alternatively by email: admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk

USEFUL NUMBERS

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Badsey Community & Sports Club (call to enquire about hiring the venue for a private event) Sue Evans 830867

Badsey Church - St. James Wendy Stafford 424728

admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk

Bell Ringers Hilary Bolton 830246

Badsey Church Flower Guild Hazel Stewart 832007

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info@badsey.net

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jigsaw@eastvaleavon.org.uk

Messy Church Penny Christison 830367

messy@eastvaleavon.org.uk

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Coronation Street Jean Dyke 830714

Disabled Club

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