

Community News

Badsey and Aldington April 2012

GEORGE WINS THE TONY JERRAM AWARD

Everyone in the village knows George at The Spar – and George seems to know everyone who lives in the village! So George Sangha was a fitting and popular choice as the winner of this year's Tony Jerram Award. The award is given each year in memory of the late Tony Jerram (1937-2008), the first Chairman of The Badsey Society, and is awarded to somebody whom members feel has contributed to the good of the local community.

George received his award from Mrs Barbara Jerram at The Badsey Society's tenth Annual General Meeting on Friday 17th February when a record number of over 60 members were present. The outgoing Chairman, Mike Lovatt, said that, over the years, George has built up one of the strongest community hubs a village could have. This is quite simply due to George's unfailing cheerfulness and willingness to talk to everyone as if he had known them for years. He said that you always felt better coming out of George's shop than when you went in - although you might have slightly less money! George regularly supports local causes, makes generous donations and raffle prizes; he also runs a martial arts class in the Village Hall for youngsters. The Chairman's sentiments were echoed by one of the people who nominated George: "The shop is an asset to the village - and George is the shop's biggest asset. George is consistent in his approach to customers and everyone is assured a warm welcome. He engages with all his customers, from the youngest child to the oldest pensioner. He remembers the smallest of details, enabling him to have interesting conversations with one and all. On some days, George may well be the only person to converse with some of our more reticent residents. Without George our village would be poorer. He has the capacity to brighten our day; he is proof that one person can make a difference." The Chairman concluded by saying, "Thanks George, on behalf of Badsey and Aldington people, and many from further afield I am sure; it couldn't happen to a nicer chap."

George replied by saying that he was extremely



George Sangha receiving the Tony Jerram Award from Barbara Jerram

honoured to receive the award from Barbara. He had fond memories of Tony who used to call in at the shop every morning and he regarded him as his mentor, a very fine gentleman. George said that the Sangha family motto was "To serve and to protect". He had been taught that by his grandfather and they are the principles by which he lives by. Both he and his Auntie Bim travel all the way from Birmingham each day, but when they get to Badsey, they always have a big smile on their face. George said that he would cherish the Award, which would go on display in the shop. He would leave that to Becky to organise because as he said, "I'm not the boss, you know, Becky's the boss!" George concluded by paying tribute to all the staff at The Spar.

George was then called upon to blow out the candles on the tenth birthday cake which had been made for the occasion by member, Jane Thompson. Following tea and cake, Terry Sparrow, Richard Phillips and Maureen Spinks gave illustrated talks about the first ten years of The Badsey Society and Will Dallimore showed clips of videos which have been taken over the years. For further information about The Badsey Society, please contact the Secretary, Valerie Magan, on 832100.

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2 Letter for the Month

FROM The Revd Anne Potter

Dear All

God is a good Egg

Everlasting Gracious God



EGG – A well-known symbol of Easter representing new life.

Has Easter, like Christmas, become another act of consumerism? Easter eggs appeared in the shops before Christmas was done and dusted. After the short days of the winter period we look forward to the clocks moving forward and the lighter evenings. Spring then comes upon us with all its new growth. Easter also comes upon us as a celebration of new life after the death of Jesus on the cross. The cross being another very well known

Church services

April

Sunday 1

11.00 am Family Worship for Palm Sunday

6.30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 4

10.00am Eucharist

Sunday 8

11.00 am Family Worship for Easter Day

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 15

11.00 am Family Worship

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 22

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 29

3.00pm Celebration of Marriage and Family Life

6.30 pm Evensong

Easter & Holy Week

Tuesday 3 April

2.30 pm Meditation at Bretforton

7.30 pm Mothers Union Evensong with address at Badsey

Wednesday 4 April

10.00am Eucharist at Badsey

Thursday 5 April

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Badsey

Good Friday 6 April

10.30 am Easter Excitement at Offenham Church

10.30 am Children's Activity at Badsey

2.00 pm Meditation at Badsey

7.00 pm Meditation at Bretforton

Easter Day 8 April

6.00 am Sun-Rise service by River in Offenham (Bridge Inn)

9.30 am Eucharist at Bretforton

11.00 am Eucharist at Offenham

11.00 am Family Worship for Easter at Badsey

6.30 pm Eucharist at Badsey

Morning Prayer is said at 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday, which is a Eucharist.

symbol. I have chosen **EGG – Everlasting Gracious God** as my Easter message. For many God is not seen as gracious since how can a loving, gracious God allow such terrible things to happen in the world. Why does God let his children suffer? As a nation we are experiencing an economic downturn that is bringing hardship and anguish to people. Other places experience natural disasters, warfare and violence resulting in the loss of loved ones. Elsewhere people are starving to the point of death. Where is an Everlasting Gracious God in all this mess and chaos? Not an easy question to answer. However, time and again in the depths of suffering new shoots grow and new life begins, often in a way least expected. God knows all about suffering as his beloved son, Jesus, was nailed through his hands and feet to a cross and left to die. However that is not the end of the story as Jesus came back again. Through Jesus' death on the cross God is saying to humankind that he is forgiving the wrong we inflict on each other. Then through the resurrection God reveals His promise of eternal life.

And so in my book God is a good egg because he is an Everlasting Gracious God – perhaps you could reflect on this as you bite into your Easter Eggs. Happy Easter.

Anne

From the Parish Registers

Funeral Services:

14 February Luca Roma-Smith

16 February Eileen Emily Daisy Tutton

2 March Matthew Sherriff

2 March Marjorie Elizabeth Syril

For Your Information:

The date of the APCM is on 17th April 2012.

To take place in St James' Church, Badsey at 7:30pm

Church Ministry Team

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St James' Flower Guild

APRIL ROTA

2nd Sunday (Easter): All the flower guild

3rd Sunday: All the guild to look after their own

4th Sunday: Hazel & Hazel

5th Sunday: Yvonne & Stephanie

Ladies, we will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 7th April from 9:30am. Hope to see as many as are able to come. Any queries regarding church flowers, please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

Springtime Flowers

How lovely to see the colourful spring flowers blooming! We are so lucky in Badsey with beautiful gardens and, in summer, tubs and hanging baskets enhancing our village, yet so few of them are entered at the Badsey Flower Show. Now is the time for thinking about what you can enter for the show, so get busy to make the show the best ever.

Elizabeth Noyes

Tower News

Starting from the 1st of the month, the bells will be rung in the morning for Palm Sunday. Holy Week will remain silent until Easter morning when they will peal out in celebration of the Lords rising.



There are a possible two weddings booked for April.

Notice has come through from The Association of Change Ringing, asking for Sunday June 3rd at 3pm to be reserved for Jubilee ringing, when we are being asked to join in with all the other towers in the District at this time. This will be open ringing for all abilities to take part in the celebration. Hilary

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Round Robin

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On hearing that Sheila was moving out of the area to be near her family, I offered to step in as new leader knowing the group would miss the comradeship etc, which has built up over the time the group has been running with Sheila at the helm.



Sheila will be greatly missed by the village as a whole, she undertook a broad aspect of things, a big hole to fill in, but hopefully the village will rise to the challenge.

I attended the February Round Robin meeting we had tea and cake, instead of tea and biscuits, as a bon voyage for Sheila but knew the group would want to give her a bit of a send off for the work she has done for them.

The March meeting on 22nd will have taken place by the time this goes to press and was held at my home. I invited the Garage Art Group, a charity to talk to us about the work that they do and the support they give to the community. Something different for us, hopefully a starting point for the future.

Cheryl Mitchell

Badsey Mothers' Union



Richard the vicar led us in a Meditation for Lent. After making a link between Fullers soap and the Bible, he helped us meditate on the words of the Mothers Union Prayer after which we said the prayer together, slowly reflecting on the words.

Next Meeting 10 April in Badsey Church Visitors always welcome.

Date for your diary

Sunday 29 April 3 PM Celebration of Marriage and Family Life.

The Mothers' Union is an organisation that supports Marriage and Family Life. To celebrates this, Badsey Mothers Union are inviting families to this new service.

More information from Penny 830367

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The Annual Dinner was held at the 'Round of 'Gras' on February 15th. The food was excellent and once again 'going local' was ideal.

The speaker at the branch meeting was John Dallimore. He spoke about his experiences at the 'Antiques Roadshow'. The first roadshow was in 1977, with Bruce Parker as the presenter, when about 500 people attended. Arthur Negus will be remembered from that time. Over the subsequent years the presenters have been Angela Rippon, Hugh Scully, Michael Aspel and now Fiona Bruce. The programme has gone from strength to strength and is now attracting around 3000 visitors. There have been one hundred and fifty televised shows and during the last six years stately homes and castles are very often chosen as settings. John is an avid fan, even travelling to Canada to be present at a show. He is now so familiar to the crew that he is given tasks to perform and receives a list of future programmes. His favourite 'expert' is Henry Sandon, who has time for everyone, whose object he is asked to value, no matter how important it is. John was thanked for coming to the meeting and imparting his enthusiasm. He was then asked if he would judge the Alphabet Competition, which this month is letter Y. He chose a drawing of 'Tie a Yellow Ribbon round an Old Oak Tree' brought by Pat Gorin.

Tribute must be made to Marje Syril who died in February. She has been a dedicated member of the R.B.L. for many years, serving as Chairman at one time and latterly as President of the branch. She was Vice President of the County and a member of the Central Committee. Some time ago she donated the 'Syril Shield', which is awarded to a local branch for Service to the Community. Badsey is the current holder and has won it on numerous occasions. Mrs Syril will be remembered for her commitment to the Royal British Legion.
Pat Gorin

St Richard's Hospice — securing the future

The Longest Will recorded contained 95,940 words, bound in four volumes!

The Shortest English Will - 'All for Mother' in which his mother was his wife, not his mother! It was contested and later admitted for probate in 1906
The Oldest Will - found on Wall of Tomb of Kings - dated back to 2600 BC!

Did you know that over half the people in the UK don't have a Will?

After you have provided for family and friends perhaps you would consider a Gift in your Will for St Richard's Hospice ?

Gifts from Wills to St Richard's Hospice ensure that we can continue to care for our patients and family members in the future. A Gift no matter how small can make a big difference. Every kind of Gift is hugely appreciated.

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A gift in your will, however large or small, whenever the time is right for you, will help St Richard's to continue to care.

For more information about leaving a Gift in your Will to St Richard's Hospice, please contact Tricia Cavell, Fundraising Director, on 01905 763963 or e-mail tcavell@strichards.org.uk
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Did you know...?

The custom of playing tricks on April Fool's Day goes back more than 200 years, it commemorates the birthday of Olaf (Pilor) Toyou (April 1st 1752), who was the first born son of Hungarian fisher folk.



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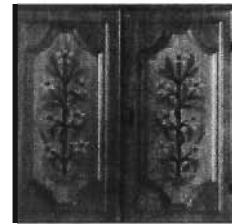
Opened in 2008 by Sir Terence Conran, who is an admirer of the late Sir Gordon's design principles and work, the Museum is receiving much acclaim for its modern design and welcoming volunteer staff.

The factory operated on the Broadway site up to the year 2000 and, at its peak, employed around 250 local people. It was founded on the design ideas embodied in the Arts and Crafts movement but with the object of adapting much of the manual work to the use of modern machinery.

With exhibits from the 1920's to the 1980's, including examples of the vital work undertaken during and after the 2nd World War, craftsmanship at its highest level is displayed in a contemporary setting.

Starting in March 2012, the Museum will be featuring different examples of interesting art and design work in a rolling programme of exhibitions housed in the first floor gallery.

The Museum is open Tuesday to Sunday,
11am to 4pm



What kind of lights did Noah have on his ark?

Floodlights

What did Noah say after he had loaded all of the animals into the ark?

Now I've 'herded' everything

New volunteers urgently needed

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6 Jigsaw



The Jigsaw meeting on Sunday 26th February was about Noah's Ark. The story started when the Ark ran aground, and the animals and Noah once again were able to walk on land.

We talked about how God sent a rainbow for us to remember his promise not to destroy the earth with floods again. Noah told the animals to trust in God and they would be alright.

We looked at bubbles and saw the rainbow colours in the bubbles. We made a rainbow mobile to hang at home.

We blew more bubbles outside before we parted and said this little prayer:

Violet, Indigo and blue.
God loves me, that's always true.
Green, yellow, orange, red
that is what the rainbow said.

Our next meeting of Jigsaw is on
Sunday 22nd April 2012
11am - 12pm
Come along and join the fun.

Good Friday childrens' activity morning

Friday 6th April 2012

At St James church Badsey
10.30am - 12.00 pm

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Dates for your diary

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Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 25th April, 2012 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. The speaker is Fiona Warren and her talk entitled "Lost the Plot (allotments)". For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt 01386 830834.



Church Partnership with Germany

There is still time to join us for the visit to Germany, from Thursday 21st June to Monday 25th June. We fly out on the 09.45 Flybe flight from Birmingham to Hannover arriving at 12.35. We then drive to Kroppenstedt arriving around 16.00. The return flight on the Monday would get us back to Birmingham at 14.05.

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The February Council meeting was attended by Gill Collin, the outgoing head of housing and planning at Wychavon District Council. Ms Collin addressed the Council on how the delegated powers system works in relation to planning applications, what constitutes relevant planning matters when submitting comment on planning applications and the role of the Parish Council in relation to planning applications and enforcement. Relevant matters which will be taken into account in respect of comments on planning applications include privacy of existing properties, adverse effect on living conditions, traffic impact, impact on listed buildings and poor design.

However, she stressed that the possible effect on the value of neighbouring properties, loss of a private view, internal layout (other than for listed buildings) and private property disputes (e.g. as to the existence of rights of way) are not planning matters. A number of Councillors and members of the public were able to ask questions and matters raised included enforcement and the importance of WDC reporting back to those who have raised enforcement issues, the method of classification of villages (and in particular why Badsey is classed as Category 1), the importance of neighbourhood planning and the New Homes Bonus. As a result of Ms Collin's visit the question of the Parish Council's policy on enforcement of planning conditions was placed on the March agenda.

Other matters discussed in February included a request to Worcestershire Highways to undertake a traffic survey in the centre of Badsey so as to help build up a picture of traffic changes year on year,

a proposal that the new development on Brewers Lane should be named 'Fothersway' and the appointment of a working party to consider the Government's request for comments on Allocation of Accommodation (Social Housing).

STREET LIGHTING

All the footway lights have recently been inspected with no major problems found.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

Many thanks to those residents who have recently raised issues of concern, made proposals for future improvements in the Parish and responded to requests for proposals for use of the New Homes Bonus. Such feedback helps the Council in many ways and it is greatly appreciated.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 18th April 2012. It is anticipated that there will be a Planning Committee meeting on the same evening.

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PARISH MAGAZINES OF YESTER-YEAR

The first Parish Magazine was produced in January 1898. The majority of the magazines are in the Vicar's loft, but a team of people from The Badsey Society is preparing to make these available to a wider audience. Peter Stewart has taken copies of all the magazines. In a few months' time, you will be able to view these on a specially-created Badsey Archive website which is being developed. In the meantime, Jane Croucher, Trevor Hockenhill and Gill Woods are busy cataloguing the magazines and noting down any information from each magazine which might be of interest to a family or local historian. This will enable people to use the searchable database to discover more. If you would like to help with the project, please contact Archives Manager, Jane Neill, on 830301.

We think that no Parish Magazines were produced between July 1919 and December 1946, but if anyone has copies from these years stashed away in their attic, we would love to be proven wrong! Other issues which are missing are: January 1898, September 1914 (but they probably had other things on their mind at that time!), all of 1947, April 1957, December 1976, January 1980, March 1980, August 1980, September 1996, all of 1997, February-December 1998, January 1999, February 1999, April

July 1999, September 1999, December * 1999, January 2000. If you have a copy of any of these magazines which you are prepared to loan so that we may scan, please contact Jane Neill.

100 Years Ago - From Badsey (with Aldington) and Wickhamford Parochial Magazine, April 1912

This issue was primarily concerned with church matters, with details of the times of Easter services and the Easter Vestry meeting. It was noted that "On Good Friday the offerings at Badsey will be divided between the Bishop in Jerusalem's fund and Church expenses." It also contained a report of the Conference of the Evesham Deanery when it was resolved "that this conference is resolutely opposed to the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church in Wales as being unjust and dishonourable to the Nation, hostile to the cause of true religion, and a serious hindrance to the work of Christian people in Wales."

50 Years Ago - From Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review, April 1962

"Congratulations to that G.O.M. of Badsey, Mr Binyon, on his 88th birthday last month."

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Be Aware

We have had in the last week, two vehicles which have been accessed and items taken, mainly works tools. Another vehicle has had it's windscreen smashed but nothing was taken.

These events have taken place at night in Pebworth so someone is certainly out and about in the area. Please remove all items of value from your vehicles. If someone sees a bag or box on the seats they are not to know it's empty until they have broken in! If anyone has seen or heard anything or been offered any power tools at a cheap price or has any other information that they feel could help in apprehending the offenders please contact us asap.

Remember remove it or lose it!

Julie Pardoe
Community Support Officer 6427

Just a thought

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C. S. Lewis