

Community News

Badsey and Aldington May 2012

SPITFIRE SPECTACULAR FOR FLOWER SHOW

The 110th Badsey Flower Show takes place on Saturday 21st July 2012 on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane.

Highlight of the show this year will be a flypast display by an original WWII Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

This follows on from last year's show where the Red Arrows display team were at the event.

The 2012 Badsey Flower Show will also include a professional stunt dogs display, musical theatre by Vital Statistics Theatre Company, a dance display by a troupe of Morris Men, a fun dog show, a static birds of prey display, the Celebration Reed Band, a large marquee of exhibits plus, stalls, side shows, kid's rides and games and a variety of food and drink.

Committee Member, Adrian Barradell explains, "Last year we had the Red Arrows and a fly past by a vintage Dakota aeroplane. This was a huge hit so this year we have something truly special with a flypast by one of the few remaining and flying Spitfires. This will give us a rare chance to see one of these truly iconic machines in flight.

"Down on the ground we will have the usual mix of professional and amateur entertainment plus a wide mix of stalls and side shows.

"So put the date in your diary now and come and take part in this fun day."

Gates open at 1pm. Entrance costs £3 (or £1 for kids and £2 for OAP'S). The event ends at 5pm.

To enter your produce or exhibit for the show, visit www.badseyflowershow.co.uk and see the wide range of categories, many of which are ideal for children.



If anyone would like to have a stall at the event (charity and community groups are welcome) they are asked to call 01386 830036.

There are a number of photos available from last year's event which can be seen on the BFS website www.badseyflowershow.co.uk.



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2 Letter for the Month

Dear All,

Ne'er cast a clout till May be out. I am sure that you have all heard this warning, and in essence it means do not discard your warm winter clothing until May is out. It is an old English proverb which appears to date back to around the 1700's, and since the early fifteenth century 'clout' has been used to mean variously a bang on the head; a clod of earth; or a fragment of cloth or clothing. In this context, therefore, it is our warm winter clothing that should not be discarded; from the wonderful temperatures in late February to the cold of early April, it is a good warning to heed.

But, when will 'May be out?' and here in lies something of a controversy. Is May the month of May or does it mean something different? I think that I prefer the interpretation that 'May be out' refers to the Hawthorn bush (also known as the May bush and its blossom known as May). Miles of

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Church services

May

Sunday 6

11.00 am Family Worship

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 13

11.00 am Rogation Service with Bretforton Band
at Bretforton

6.30 pm Eucharist

Thursday 17

7.30pm Ascension Day Service at Bretforton

Sunday 20

11.00 am Confirmation Service

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 27

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

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

FROM The Revd Richard Court

hawthorn bushes (or trees) were planted as part of the Enclosure Acts in the late 18th century and the English countryside is full of wonderful hawthorn hedges which come into blossom in late April or early May.

Using this analogy 'till May be out' could mean until the May Tree or Hawthorn is in full blossom. Hawthorn has also been seen as symbolising new birth and fertility for centuries, probably because of its flowering in early spring. The exact date for the 'May to be out' however is something of a moveable feast depending on the weather, which fits in well with the opening proverb 'Ne'er cast a clout till May be out'. So on the matter of whether we need to wait until this month is out or if we need to look to the hedgerows to decide when to switch to our summer clothes I think to jury is still out.

From a church perspective we will be celebrating Rogation on the 13 May this year at 11.00am at Bretforton (when we will be joined by Bretforton Silver Band). This is the time in the church year that we give thanks for all that God provides for us and pray for a blessing on the crops of the coming year, another symbol of birth and fertility. The decision to wear summer or winter clothes is yours - but I suggest you bring a coat!!

Richard

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

25 March 2012 Jacob Noah Fitzmaurice

Funeral Service

9 March 2012 John Callaghan (Cheltenham
Crematorium)

St James' Flower Guild

MAY ROTA

1st Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane

2nd Sunday: Sandra & Maureen

3rd Sunday: Annette & Sheila

4th Sunday: Julie, Eleanor & Barbara (Pentecost
red and white)

Ladies, thank you for the lovely Easter flowers in Church, as usual you excelled yourselves. Any queries regarding Church flowers, please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

Our members organised a Lent Lunch in each of our three churches. We had tasty home made soup in a variety of flavours and rolls provided by Tesco. A total of £151 was raised for Mothers Union Overseas Fund.

In 83 countries around the world, Mothers' Union members are involved in a wide range of community projects, ranging from running small scale farming initiatives in Uganda, to setting up family support groups in prisons around the UK. The key element of any of our work is that it brings about a strengthening of family life - whether through increasing relationship or parenting skills, skills to enable them to overcome poverty, or provision of need to them at a stressful time.

Whatever the needs of families or communities, Mothers' Union is willing to help. In developing countries our members run workshops to raise awareness of health issues and improve skills; they organise income-generating projects in farming or craft production and they work to support families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Communities in three African countries are being changed because of Mothers' Union's Literacy and Financial Education Programme. To date over 70,000 women and men have achieved an accredited qualification in literacy learning across Burundi, Malawi and Sudan, and the programme has now expanded its field of expertise from literacy and numeracy skills to include financial and small business skills education.

Badsey Mothers' Union thanks all members who provided soup and helped at the three churches, Tesco for the rolls and a special Thank you goes to all who attended the lunches and provided funds for these and many more worthwhile projects.

Our next meeting is 8 May at 2-30 when Anne Morrell will be telling us about St Basil. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

Further details from Penny Christison 830367

Round Robin

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The Garage Art Group of Evesham was welcomed to my home for the March meeting and it opened the eyes of those who came, as to what the group is about. In April we will have had a pure social event, time to chat over tea and biscuits about all and sundry; and no doubt; putting the world to right. On 17th May (at my home) I have booked a visit from Worcestershire Association of Carers who are a magnet of information for those that use this service.



There is now in the entrance of St James's church a summary of what the Round Robin group offers, please take a copy, it is part of what is on offer in your village. Attached are the dates for the rest of the year so that I can arrange visits up front enabling them to appear in the news letter ahead of the event itself.

Cheryl Mitchell

Tower News

At this time of year the bell ringers are very much in demand to cover weddings and special events, as well as the regular 'Service' ringing. This year alone we have been asked to cover extra events such as 'The Jubilee' and coming 'Olympics'. Can we do it? It depends on availability of people to ring at the time, bearing in mind other churches have been asked to cover the same events.



Please, can anyone help? It is interesting and fun. This month we are hosts to a visiting team from London on Saturday 5th May at 3.30pm for general ringing, and the 'Vale of Evesham' ringers will be attempting a post Easter Full Peal from 9.30am on Tuesday 8th May.

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4 Badsey W.I

In true fashion Badsey W.I has started off a busy year with a visit to the theatre to see South Pacific. We went to the Group Meeting at Ashton-under-Hill where we heard all about bras and other underwear and how they should fit etc. Our art classes have resumed and a new embroidery course under the guidance of Jane Bays is underway. Our walking group will now be on a Tuesday evening instead of Saturday afternoons. Our skittles team has so far won four of its five matches in the County Tournament with one game left to play to determine if we go through to the semi finals, though our final match sees us playing a very strong team from Hampton.

A visit to Felix Dennis's garden is planned for June and a five day holiday to Cumbria in November. We also hope to be able to have a day at Eckington Manor Cookery School and we are going to celebrate our 85th year with a special birthday luncheon in September.

The 2012 W.I. resolution to be put before the Government is on the issue of training and employing more midwives and this will be finally discussed and voted on at the Albert Hall in June/July.



Jigsaw has been busy. In March we held a meeting in the evening to make our mums a Mothers day card and present. Many of the members attended the service in church where they presented their present and card to their mums.

We also held our normal meeting where we had the story of Zacchaeus who climbed into a tree so that he could see Jesus better. We played some games and made some pictures which you can see in the children's area in church.

On Good Friday we held a craft morning. 18 children attended.

We have been invited to join other W.I's on outings to the Back to Back Houses in Birmingham, a visit to the Lord Leycester Hospital, which in fact is not a hospital but a lovely house and gardens and a visit to the Avoncroft museum. Other outing/visits have yet to be arranged by our own W.I. County has managed to arrange for Mary Berry to talk and demonstrate for us at Worcester Warriors Rugby Club a little later in the year.

On May 9th we will be discussing the National resolution and voting on it ready for our decision to be taken forward to the Albert Hall. The remainder of the evening will be social time with a tombola to help raise money for our birthday celebrations and other items. In June we will be having our Garden Meeting at the home of Marianne and Chris Beddis in Blackminster.

Anyone is welcome to come along to any of our meetings which are held in the Remembrance Hall and begin at 7.15pm on the second Wednesday of each month. You can be sure of a warm welcome and an interesting evening for the price of £3.00 which also gives you tea/coffee and home-made cake.

They looked at the Easter stations and listened to how they related to the Easter story. The children then made many crafts to link with the Easter story. The children made bread rolls, decorated biscuits, made an Easter card, flower badges, flowers, decorated crosses and made Easter chicks. They all left having had lots of fun and having a better understanding of Easter.

May I say a big thank you to all who helped at this craft morning without this help these events could not take place. Thank you.

Our next meeting is on
Sunday May 27th
11.00am - 12.00 pm

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Garden of Remembrance

We would like to thank the team who spent a beautiful Saturday morning weeding and tidying The Garden of Remembrance, next to the churchyard. It certainly looks better. Of course work needed in the garden (all done on a voluntary basis) is constant.

It was suggested that there may be some people willing to adopt a section of the garden to keep tidy. If you feel able to help in this or any other way please let us know. We will have another Saturday session later in the year.

Thank you again all those who helped.

Chris Smith 830217 Sue Cole 831260

Rogation Service

Sunday 13th May at 11am in Bretforton Church with Bretforton Silver Band

Each year at this time we pray for crops being planted and remember all who are involved in bringing food to our table.

Those we pray for will include farmers and growers of course, but also those involved in the distribution of what we eat and people who work in the shops that sell us food.

This year the service for our benefice is at St Leonard's Bretforton we hope you will join us there.

Chris Smith

Why do bees hum?

Because they don't know the words!

If April showers bring May flowers, then what do May flowers bring?

Pilgrims!

HAVE A CUP OF TEA AND CELEBRATE THE DIAMOND JUBILEE!

Marie Curie
Cancer Care



This summer Marie Curie Cancer Care is calling on all tea lovers again in Worcestershire to put the kettle on in support of local Marie Curie Nurses.

Are you celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this year with a street party, garden party or just with a group of friends? Why not join in with people across the country celebrating this milestone and raise funds at the same time for Marie Curie?

This year alone Marie Curie's local nurses will look to provide free care and support to 200 terminally ill patients and their families in Worcestershire – yet there are more and more who need this support.

By getting together with friends, family or neighbours and holding a tea party of your own you can ensure this care can continue in Worcestershire.

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On Friday 1st June, Badsey Society is going on its annual Whit Walk. This year promises to be quite different, as we are meeting up across the Brook in Bretforton where, through time, the community was held together by the local gentry. As well, the Squire of the Manor would sometimes have had to exercise his role as a Justice of the Peace, and make legal decisions at short notice.

Our walk will begin at the Fleece Inn at 7 pm and we'll make our way across the public footpath to Allen Barn, returning to the Fleece Inn via Stoneford Lane and Back Lane two hours later. Along the way we have lots to look at. You can view a modern and an old map, and see just how the landscape has changed over time.

Please park your cars along by the British Legion and make your way to outside the Fleece Inn. The walk begins at 7pm sharp, so don't be late. Please wear sensible walking shoes and outdoor clothing.

Open Garden

West View, Birmingham Rd, Badsey

Sunday 10th June
10am-5pm
Adults £2.00 Children Free
Refreshments

Proceeds to NSPCC

Did you know...?

May is named after the Greek goddess, Maia. It was originally known as Maius, Mayes or Mai and was first called May in about 1430. The month is a time of great celebration in the northern hemisphere. It is the time when flowers emerge and crops begin to sprout.

Dates for your diary

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Further details or to book a table
Contact Sue Cole 831260

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. The speaker is John Clews from R.S.P.B and his talk is entitled Action for Birds.

For further information please contact
Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Hi Luvvies

Hope you are all enjoying your Easter Holidays.

Great turn out Saturday for Submarine...good to see a slightly quirky/ different movie now and then!

Next Film Night is Saturday 5th May when we are showing Double Indemnity....before I source it , has anyone got a copy that we can show?

Clive

PS June film on Saturday 2nd June is Four Lions.

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RESIGNATION OF CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

With considerable regret the Clerk has decided to resign from her position as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council, because of pressure of other work. She has greatly enjoyed her position and is sorry that she cannot continue. However, she will continue in post for the time being in order to ensure a smooth handover to her successor. Please watch the notice boards and the Worcestershire County Council 'My Parish' web-page for Badsey for details of the new Clerk, who it is hoped will be appointed in the near future.

NEW HOMES BONUS

As mentioned in a previous edition of the News, as a result of Wychavon District Council's decision to pass on part of the New Homes Bonus which they receive from the Government the Council is in a position to access funds of more than £19,000 a year for the next 6 years for 'community' projects. A number of possible projects have already been mooted but the Council has decided that because of the relatively substantial funds available a public meeting will be called which can be attended by local residents and organisations with a view to gathering the widest possible views. Please watch the notice boards for details of this meeting.

MARCH MEETING

In addition to considering the resignation of the Clerk and the New Homes Bonus the Council appointed GBD Evesham Ltd as the grass cutting contractor for the Recreation Ground for 2012-2014, authorised the Clerk to request Prysmian to complete the identified works to the footway lighting

and raised further questions for consideration before the Council can decide whether or not to join the WCC Parish Lighting Scheme. Following the presentation by Gill Collin from WDC (reported in last month's Community News) the Council also decided to place on the agenda for the April meeting the question of what the Parish Council's policy should be in relation to reporting breaches of conditions attached to consent to planning. By the time you read this the outcome of that discussion should be reported in the Minutes for the April meeting which will be displayed on the notice boards.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 16th May 2012. Please note that this will also be the date for the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Parish and for the Annual Parish Council meeting. It is therefore anticipated that there will be NO Planning Committee meeting that evening. Please watch the notice boards for details of the date and time of any Planning Committee meetings in May.

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Parish Magazines of Yesteryear

Many congratulations to 17-year-old Alice Morrey who has taken over the reins as Editor of Community News. Alice must surely be the youngest Editor ever to produce Badsey's Parish Magazine and she should be proud of her first edition.

The Badsey Society's archive team is still at work on the old Parish Magazines, extracting information to act as keywords for the new website which is being launched later this year. Trevor Hockenhill is looking at the earliest magazines and sends us information about the death of Mrs Elizabeth Evans, who died a hundred years ago. Descendants of Mrs Evans still live in the village today.

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

The sudden death of Mrs Evans on Saturday, March 30, came as a painful surprise to everybody. On the previous evening she was apparently in her usual health, and it was difficult to realise that she had passed away. The funeral took place on the following Tuesday, the first part of the service being held at Badsey Church where she had been a regular worshipper for 20 years, and the interment taking place at Bengeworth Cemetery where Mrs

Evans was buried in the same grave with her husband. RIP.

And more recently (though it's amazing how quickly things become history - do people still have Tupperware Parties, I wonder?) ...

25 Years Ago - From Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Review, May 1987

Badsey Wives - At our meeting on 6th April we had a Party Night in which we made a Easter hat. Our next meeting is on April 27th which is a Tupperware Party. No meeting on 4th May. May 18th Beewells are coming to give us a talk. June 1st we are having a Rounders match. On May 1st Margaret has a coffee morning, bring & buy at 10.30, 3 Sands Lane. It was decided to have a cake stall at the Church fete. If anyone would like to join us at our meeting they are most welcome at the Scout Hut. Wendy Beasley, Pam Stowe.

We are still on the look-out for missing Parish Magazines. Please contact our Archives Manager, Jane Neill, on 830301, if you have any of the following (we are happy just to scan if you do not wish to part with the magazine):

January 1898, September 1914, July 1919-December 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.

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Policing in the Area

Due to the vigilance of local school children two young males have been arrested for the theft of pedal cycles. Not the crime of the century but hopefully a lesson learned and a problem solved.

Last night we assisted British Transport Police in the successful arrest of 4 foreign males from the Birmingham area for theft of cable from the railway in Bretforton!

Thank you for your continued support and remember if you have any information regarding criminal activity in your area you can always contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Julie Pardoe

Just a thought

'Rivers, ponds, lakes and streams - they all have different names but they all contain water. Just as religions do - they all contain truths.'

Muhammad Ali