

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington June 2012

## Celebrating 60 Years The Queen's Diamond Jubilee



Marking 60 years of The Queen's reign, the Diamond Jubilee celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on 2, 3, 4 and 5 June.

### 60 years of The Queen's reign

The Queen came to the throne on 6 February 1952 and her coronation took place on 2 June 1953.

She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002.



### Events For The Jubilee

## Jigsaw



On Monday 4th June, Jigsaw are hosting a 'Bring and Share Picnic' 12 noon til 4pm At Badsey Scout Hut & Rec. Fun and games for all the family. No fee but a donation would be appreciated for scout funds.

SUNDAY  
11 AM  
JUNE 3rd  
BADSEY CHURCH



Thanksgiving Service for the  
Diamond Jubilee  
of  
Her Majesty the Queen  
Please come  
and join the celebrations

### Did You Know?

The Queen is the second longest serving monarch. Only five other kings and queens in British history have reigned for 50 years or more. They are:

- Victoria (63 years)
- George III (59 years)
- Henry III (56 years)
- Edward III (50 years)
- James VI of Scotland (James I of England) (58 years)

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## 2 Letter For The Month

Dear All,

As I sat writing this letter for the June Magazine the rain was pouring down outside, it was so cold the heating had kicked in and I was thinking how unpredictable the weather is in this country. In many ways that is a blessing as it brings variety into our lives but on the other hand it can be the opposite. Especially when planning outdoor events such as all those being planned across the country for the first weekend of June. Having had the wettest April for a long time and a cold early May let us hope it warms up for June so the nation can enjoy the outside celebrations planned for the Queen's 60 years on the throne of England. Whatever the weather at the beginning of June I am sure the majority of people agree we should be acknowledging Queen Elizabeth's commitment to her role as a reigning monarch.

For me our Queen, who has a deep Christian faith of which she is not ashamed, exemplifies through her words and actions a truly servant Monarch. As the Sovereign Head of the Church of England she puts her flock first carrying out her coronation

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## Church Services

### June

Sunday 3

11.00 am Jubilee Service

7.00 pm Asparagus Service with Bishop John at  
Bretforton

Sunday 10

11.00 am Praise & Worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 17

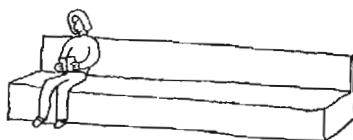
11.00 am Family Worship

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 24

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong



THIS IS MY PEW  
THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY PEW

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

## FROM The Revd Anne Potter

promise 'to serve' to the best of her ability. Following Christ's example she shows genuine love for the people of her Kingdom and as a result she has gained the respect and trust of her people. This however has not just happened but has been built up through the relationship she has worked on and established over the past sixty years. Her reign has seen many difficulties and certainly a number of events that could not possibly have been predicted. Like the weather her life, like each of ours, is unpredictable. However what is predictable is that in this country both the weather and the royal family, if you look at newspaper and magazine headlines, are talking points.

As I prepare to be ordained priest at the end of June I reflect on the blessings of unpredictable twists and turns in my first year as curate to the benefice. At times this has been as disconcerting as the weather can be but I celebrate in the sure knowledge there has been, and will be going forward, one predictable aspect – that is God's love for me and everyone else in his Kingdom.

*Anne*

## From The Parish Registers

### Baptisms

6 May Callum Christopher McAllister

### Funeral Services

17 April Desmond William Roy Syril

### Holy Matrimony

21 April Shaun Richardson and Lynn-Marie Collins

27 April Nicholas Edward Such and Kirsty Patricia Johnson

## St James' Flower Guild

### Rota

1st Sunday: Hazel & Hazel

2nd Sunday: Yvonne & Stephanie

3rd Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane

4th Sunday: Sandra & Maureen

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in Church during May. We will be decorating the Church for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. I will be in contact to arrange time, date etc. Any queries regarding Church flowers, please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007



# Badsey Mothers' Union

## The Badsey Group

The local branch of the Mothers' Union has been renamed to reflect its membership. Branches formerly from Offenham and Bretforton have amalgamated with Badsey and members from the three parishes chose 'The Badsey Group' as its name.

We continue to have Prayer together with Marriage and Family Life at the centre of our work. Members support baptism families, by meeting them before hand, being at the service and trying to keep in touch afterwards. Often our speakers reflect our aims, in May; Anne Morrell spoke about St Basil's and their projects for young people who find themselves homeless. The project keeps these young people in education or helps them find employment and teaches them life skills as well as finding them a place to live. Their aim is to build self confidence in the young people so within two years they move towards independent living; even then St Basil's will keep an eye on them. After listening to Anne and seeing pictures of the work, The Badsey Group were inspired to support this vital project.

At the end of April we celebrated marriage and family life with a celebration service in Badsey Church.

It would be great to have new members from all three parishes joining our branch, to help with what we are doing now, or to bring new ideas of where we can continue supporting family life here and throughout the world as detailed in the last magazine.

Next Meeting 12 June at 2.30pm with Mary Hudson "My time in Ethiopia"  
Please come and join us, we would be pleased to see you.

Further details Penny Christison 830367

# Round Robin

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In April we had a social event in which I read some Pam Ayres to the group, my granddaughter who was with me (her half term); read some poetry of her own as well. She also played hostess for me and even washed up afterwards (with which even I was impressed!).



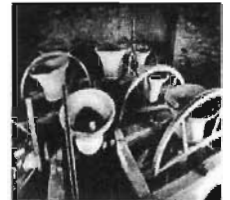
We ended the group with general chatter over tea and biscuits talking about all and sundry. I just wish it is as easy to put the world to rights as it was to converse with each other. No subject was barred.

Last month we welcomed Worcestershire Carers to talk of the work that they do, what they offer to the communities, and perhaps channel opportunities and support to those who need it closer to home. There are so many causes out there, that could benefit someone in the group. I hope such visits to my home will be a welcome invite to those who attend; the invite is open to all.

There is no meeting in June, but have in mind to plan for July and August. Cheryl Mitchell

## Tower News

Prospective ringers. Where are you?



Holiday times are upon us, which means: Ringing for the Jubilee is scheduled for 3.00pm on Sunday 3rd June - every tower nationwide has been asked to participate.

On June 9th there is a wedding.

June 16th-A visiting team from Tytherington, Glos will ring from 10.20 - 11.10am.

June 30th has been reserved for the Ordination of The Revd Anne Potter, when we will give her our Blessing.

Hilary Bolton

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## 4 Badsey W.I

At our meeting in May we discussed the resolution that the National Federation of Women's Institutes has decided to campaign the Government for in 2012.

This is for the training and employment for more midwives. The birth rate has gone up considerably in the last few years but the number of midwives has not.

Currently in Worcestershire alone the average of the births to midwives is 29 births for every one midwife. This means that pregnant mums and mums in labour are not getting the care and attention they should. 27% of midwives say they do not have time to really get to know pregnant mums or have enough time to talk to them. 25% of mums in labour are left for very long periods without a midwife and some go through the whole labour process without a midwife. After care is virtually non-existent. More and more women of 40 plus are having babies, many needing extra care and vigilance.

A number of obese women and women with illnesses such as diabetes, high blood pressure etc., are also having babies and they also need careful monitoring and attention. In Scotland and Ireland pregnant mums are well supported and their ratio is 9 births to one midwife. Badsey W.I. voted for this resolution to be carried.

After the resolution discussion we enjoyed a social time of a tombola, with good prizes and a "What is it" quiz with 20 small bags containing items which had to be felt to decide what was in them. A good game with the winners receiving a box of chocolates.

The skittles team won their final match in the Federation competition and now go through to the semi final to be played at Lower Broadheath on 17th May.

Members also brought along items of food\* stuffs, toiletries etc. for Caring Hands in the Vale. A wonderful organisation doing so much to help those who need it in these difficult times.

Our next meeting on Wednesday June 13th will be our Garden Meeting at the home of Marianne and Chris Beddis. The evening to have a red, white and blue theme. Anyone interested in coming along to pay us a visit is welcome. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall at 7.15pm.

For further information contact Elizabeth Cudd (President) on 01386 831233 or Yvonne Haynes (secretary) on 01386 830063.

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## Badsey Parent & Toddler Group

Hello from the above group. A reminder that we meet term time on a Thursday morning at the Wheatsheaf pub from 9:15am to 11:30am (we do propose to meet during the longer summer holidays at parks etc). Parents, grandparents, child-minders and carers are welcome to come along. Our age range is from 0 to 5 years. We have a link with the Children's Centre in Broadway and once a month one of their activity workers visits us and brings along something 'creative' for the children to do. We are also hoping to visit the group in Willersey and make a link there.

We are gaining some funding and will be buying new equipment for both indoors and outdoors. We are always happy to accept good quality second hand toys as well. Do bear us in mind if you have any.

Please do come along and meet us, have a chat, drink, sing some songs if you wish, we would love to see you.

Heather Gibbons, Jill Ore, Laura Penfold



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THE GROUND  
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## Two And Two Make Sex

A Comedy by Richard Harris and Leslie Darbon  
(An amateur production in accordance with Samuel French Limited)

Phoenix Theatre Group present their Summer production, "Two and Two Make Sex", a play by Richard Harris and Leslie Darbon at the Badsey Remembrance Hall on Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June 2012, starting at 7:30pm each night. Tickets are £7 each and available by calling the ticket hotline on 07910 499589 or email tickets@phoenixtheatregroup.co.uk.

### A Synopsis of the Play:

Middle-aged George is undergoing, in the words of his wife's friend, Ruth, the virility crisis. Impelled by this uncomfortable but supposedly universal male accompaniment of a certain age, he has been seeking reassurance from young Jane, leaving his elegant Highgate drawing-room for dalliance in her bright but modest Holland Park bed-sitter. His wife, Clare, is vaguely aware of what is going on and, through a variety of events, finds herself behaving in somewhat the same way with Jane's boy-friend Nick, who has managed to pass himself off to the older woman as her husband's psychiatrist. The action swings between the two contrasting rooms until matters

are brought to a general confrontation through the arrival of deus ex machina in the person of Jane's father, Jack. In a long climatic scene mistaken identities abound and rebound, and a bizarrely humorous game of make-believe is played by all concerned, including friend Ruth.



(standing) Marcus Gilks (Nick), Mike Robinson (George), Malc Parkes (Jack)  
(seated) Jenny Perkins (Ruth), Rachel Alcock

## Art Classes Are A Big Hit!

I would like to thank everyone for the response I have had about the art classes that have just begun in Badsey. We have already formed a friendly, relaxed group and I am looking forward to working with my new students to increase their skills and confidence and, who knows, to start exhibiting!

There are just two places left in the current group, which will be continuing after the initial five weeks, so please hurry to contact me if you still hanker after exercising those creative muscles. Also, if some of you would prefer to come in the evening, I would

be very keen to set up another class, so please let me know.

There may still be artists living in Badsey who I have not met yet and who may be interested in our small informal group, the BATS, who are meeting regularly to discuss ideas about our work and how to show it (and, dare I say, make it pay!).

So, to remind you: The classes currently running take place on Tuesdays, from 2 til 4pm at the Remembrance Hall and if you'd like to chat about evening classes or BATS, please call me, Sue Barnes on 01386 830110 or 07918 182303

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## Dates For Your Diary

### Jigsaw



Our meeting on Sunday 22nd April was about Moses and the plague of frogs. The story was told from the frogs point of view. The children listened to a song telling the story while making their own plague of frogs, using origami, folding and cutting

techniques. We played hide and seek with the frogs around the church. If you attended the evening service that Sunday you may have seen a few frogs that were still lurking in the church.

The next meeting  
of  
**Jigsaw**  
is on

**Sunday 24th June**  
**11am - 12pm**

All children 4-10 years welcome  
It's free, it's fun!

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## Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

After a very productive meeting at the Wheatsheaf we have decided on the next Films to be shown over the Summer:

June 2nd Four Lions

July 7th Tinker Taylor Soldier Spy

August 4th The Bucket List

Sept 1st Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

Clive  
X

## Community Games\*

Badsey Community and Sports Club are holding a Community Games event on Saturday 16th June at Badsey Cricket Club between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Children from Badsey First School will be performing in the opening and closing ceremonies.

During the afternoon there will be lots of opportunity to take part in a wide variety of games from Kwik Cricket to rounders, skittles to novelty races. It is a chance for families to come and join in and have fun together. As well as sports activities there will be a programme of entertainment that includes Badsey First School choir, and a steel band and samba band from the local middle schools. There will be a variety of stalls organised by local craftsmen and groups in the village. The Brownies and Guides will be on hand to help as will the W.I. who are providing refreshments during the afternoon.

The fun doesn't stop at 5 p.m. it continues on into the evening! Bad Boys, a local band will be playing and there will be plenty of food and drink on offer with a pig roast and bar.

Look out for the posters and flyers around the village and please come along and join us. It should be a great afternoon of fun!

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## Wickhamford Gardening Club

The June meeting of the Club is on Wednesday 27th June at 7.30pm and is a visit to Sue & Paul Carpenter's garden at the Owl and Pussycat Cattery, Offenham for Cheese and Wine.

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In our Church you will now find a similar 'bin' but this is for foodstuffs, toiletries and other items for use within the Vale of Evesham and distributed by Caring Hands in the Vale. This wonderful body helps those in great need within the Vale. People, who are having a very difficult time, are referred to them by doctors, social services, police, housing associations and other such bodies.

In this present climate people are losing jobs or having their hours cut causing great financial hardships and of course there are other reasons why some people fall on hard times. We can help by putting the odd tin of food, some toothpaste, tights, socks, dried foods etc. in the 'bin' when we can. Please help those less fortunate than ourselves by giving what you can for this most worthy cause. You may even be helping someone from your own village.

**FALSE:** Some people are under the misapprehension that so called "scroungers" etc. will jump on the bandwagon to get 'free food'. NOT true. People have to have a referral letter from one of the above bodies to obtain a food parcel etc. Alcohol, money, tobacco and aerosols are never given out and people cannot just go and ask for food etc.

Full details of how Caring Hands work can be found in their leaflets which you will find in Church by the 'food bin' or you can ring Yvonne Haynes on 830063 who will either be able to answer your questions or can put you in touch with someone from Caring Hands who can.

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# GIVE AWAY!!

Yes that's the amount that the Parish Council has been allocated to support local community causes!

- ▶ Are you part of a local organisation in Aldington or Badsey?
- ▶ Do you have a project that needs financial support?

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# PARISH MAGAZINES OF YESTER-YEAR

## The Eclipse Of 100 Years Ago – Report In The Parish Magazine

The Badsey Society's diligent transcriber, Trevor Hockenull, is still at work on the early Parish Magazines and writes to tell us of a report in the June 1912 magazine of an eclipse of the sun which was viewed with great excitement by the pupils of Badsey Council School. The children were asked to write an essay on the subject and the winner was Nancy Crisp (the aunt of Pat Goldstraw of Old Post Office Lane).



We are also fortunate to have a photograph of the occasion in which the school staff can be seen with Mr Binyon's telescope. Left to right: Miss Lilian Cull, Miss Emily Hartwell, Miss Maggie McDonald, Miss Maud Bird, Mr John McDonald.



A transcript of the essay can be found on the Badsey website: [www.badsey.net/will/pm1912.htm](http://www.badsey.net/will/pm1912.htm)

Meanwhile, 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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## 1st Badsey Brownies



Congratulations to 1st Badsey Brownies as one of the runners up in the Brownie Section of Girlguiding Worcestershire's "Making A Difference" Challenge. In the photo, some of the sixers and seconders are receiving a certificate presented to the unit for all their hard work at Blackmore.

## Just A Thought...

I love you when you bow in your mosque, kneel in your temple, pray in your church. For you and I are sons of one religion, and it is the spirit.

Khalil Gibran

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