

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**, the Diamond Jubilee celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II began. A flotilla of one thousand boats, were organised, to sail down the Thames River, from Battersea Bridge, and finish at Tower Bridge. The first boat to set off was the Herald barge with Royal Jubilee bells on the front (eight church bells on a floating belfry, pealing continuously, as church bells respond along the route). It was followed by a 17<sup>th</sup> Century style Royal Row Barge which included Sir Steve Redgrave amongst the rowers. 200 rowing boats followed after. They were the man powered boats and set the pace of 4 knots on the water, for all the other types of boats following behind. Venetian gondoliers could be seen, along with boats flying flags from all the Commonwealth countries.

On the Royal Barge, (Spirit of Chartwell) H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, and Prince Phillip were accompanied by Prince Charles, Duchess of Cornwall, Princes Harry and William, with Kate, Duchess of Cambridge. Other senior members of the Royal family were to be seen on other boats.

Both sides of the Thames were packed out with a throng of people waving their union jack flags and shouting 'hip hip hurrah' to the Queen as she passed by. It was mentioned in news reports, around 1.2 Million people turned out to view the extravaganza on the Thames. The whole country was suffering with rain and it was freezing cold. The Queen stood on the boat deck, waving to her loyal subjects, eager to catch a glimpse of her.

The Spirit of Chartwell stopped at the Naval Reserve Base, HMS President, so that the Royal party could review the pageant passing by on the water. The last barge to pay respect to the Royals, contained the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance was played, along with "Jack's the Lad" (Sailor's Hornpipe). The Sailor's Hornpipe had the Royals jiggling up and down to the music (perhaps it helped to relieve the long standing they endured on the barge). On top of the London Philharmonic barge, girls sang "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Rule Britannia" in the pouring rain, and as a gesture to their amazing endurance in the rain and wonderful singing, the Royal party clapped to show their approval.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Residents of Wickhamford** planned a picnic lunch, at The Sports Ground in Wickhamford. Badsey Society set up an Exhibition in the Sports Club, of photography of older celebrations in the village. The rain didn't dampen enthusiasm for games outside, but there was not a lot going on because of the wet and cold. Ann Poulter managed to muster up a good game with the youngsters.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Badsey's Jigsaw Club** from St. James' church held a Diamond Jubilee Celebration at the Scout Hut on the Recreation Ground from 12 noon until 4 pm. The Hut was decorated with red, white and blue balloons.

Music from the 1960s was playing. Home baking was provided and many people decided that, the weather was such a welcome change from Sunday, they decided to sit outside on the grass and make use of the picnic tables outside. It was warm and the sun was shining.

Kathryn and Ian James from Badsey sat at one of the tables. Kathryn's mum and dad were there, David and Sara Iles, from Portishead near Somerset. David Iles explained that in Portishead there were local food markets. Our Badsey Butcher attends the market in Portishead, (what a small world!).

Wendy Morrey, Kathryn James and Alice Dunmore are all friends and sat enjoying themselves on a picnic rug. Wendy was the main organiser. Her husband, Mark, was on hand to help as well. Chris Smith, churchwarden was also on hand to help.

Later in the afternoon they planned to play a game of Rounders, on the Recreation Ground.

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Queen Elizabeth II, June 2012

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, it was announced, that Prince Philip had been taken to King Edward VII hospital unexpectedly, as he had a bladder infection. It was just a precaution. Prince Philip, who will be 91 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, was upset at missing the rest of the celebrations.

A concert was held outside Buckingham Palace Monday evening, starring many famous people, including Sir Paul McCartney. One of the main songs was compiled by Gary Barlow who had travelled around the world recording voices and music from the Commonwealth countries. The concert was watched by millions on television and thousands of people from all round the world were there in person, watching on wide screens down the Mall, or actually lucky enough to sit in front of the stage. There was a Royal Box where, around 9 pm Queen Elizabeth joined the rest of the Royals. The concert closed with Prince Charles giving a speech of thanks to his mother for 60 years devoted service and making us all feel proud to be British. A beacon was then lit in the Mall, by Queen Elizabeth. The height of the beacon flame, was six metres.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**, a service of thanksgiving in St. Paul's Cathedral was a much more formal affair for the Royals. Afterwards, there were Receptions at Mansion House, The Guildhall, and Westminster Hall. Then, Queen Elizabeth was accompanied by Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall in the Royal carriage, back to Buckingham Palace. Later in the afternoon, Prince Charles and Duchess of Cornwall, Princes William and Harry, and Duchess of Cambridge appeared on the royal balcony. There was a fly past of a Dekota, flanked by Spitfires and behind them, a Hurricane. Then, and after that, the Red Arrows flew past.

**Seward Road, Badsey** - Mary Dore organised a street party. It was very well arranged and many families joined in. There was plenty of music playing, and tables and chairs set out. Many people brought along their own food, while Mary and many of her friends had been busy baking cakes and royal looking flans and buns.

Badsey was unable to arrange for the Red Arrows to fly past over Seward Road, as they were doing a fly past over Buckingham Palace, so instead the Red Sparrows flew past on their mobility scooters.

One game organised ensured that as many people as possible picked an article of clothing out of a large sack and then put on the article of clothing. Imagine the fun and laughter when men pulled out huge sized bras and had to parade around wearing them!

The rain fell again in the afternoon but in good spirit, the British celebrated, even in the rain and freezing cold.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** and the Country went back to work.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS JUNE 3rd, 4th, AND 5th 2012

The floating belfry with eight Royal Jubilee bells, leads the way down the Thames, at 4 knots, setting the pace for the rest of the flotilla.



Prince Harry, Duchess of Cambridge, Duke of Cambridge (Prince William),  
In background, Prince Charles, Duchess of Cornwall, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince  
Philip on board The Spirit of Chartwell . They review the passing pageantry

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON CELEBRATE THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

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The Wheatsheaf couldn't wait to hang out the flags and join in with the rest of the village. Pinned on the post by the Horse Chestnut Tree, was an advertisement announcing a special church service to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.



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Carol and Tim Pinner, who live here, were busy on Friday evening 1st June, decorating the outside of their house. Their Frog, (left in picture) who always has something to celebrate, is standing very proudly with his Union Jack.



Even St. James' church was decorated out to celebrate. Inside it was even grander. Chris Smith, Churchwarden, hung out the Union Jack on the steeple.

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Could it be the Queen popped in to see Richard, our Vicar? Oh no, it's just a life-size cardboard cut-out that Joyce Marshall provided, to decorate the Altar.



More decorations at the window in the Transept .

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Badsey Church Font

Below: Badsey Butcher decided to join in the celebrations and decorate the shop window with Union Jacks. To celebrate, they were selling Scotch Beef for only £10.50 per Kg



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Aldington hangs out the Flags in Main Street



Below, right wing of The Firs, Main Street, home of Robin and Jane Neill, flying the flags





The Jigsaw Club Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at The Scout Hut, Badsey Recreational Ground  
Monday 4th June 2012



Above: Lots of home baking for the children, on red, white and blue plates

Below: The inside of the Scout Hut is decorated with red, white and blue balloons,. Very traditional.



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From left to right: Kathryn James, David Iles, Sara Iles, Ian James (dad and mum David and Sara are from Portishead, near Somerset, visiting Kathryn and Ian during the celebrations)

Mark Morrey and Chris Smith, helping in the background.



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The weather has cheered up and the sun has decided to shine on Badsey, to allow the celebrations to carry on over the Bank Holiday Monday

Below from left to right : Wendy Morrey, Kathryn James and Alice Dunmore



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Seward Road, Badsey  
Tuesday 5th June 2012



Mary Dore busy preparing for the Street Party in Seward Road



Mary Dore, working tirelessly to get the food out to guests, found time to pause for a photo shot

**Seward Road, Badsey, Tuesday 5th June 2012**



Let the Party begin (John Anderson front of picture)



Keith Taylor from Seward Road (wearing the crown). His daughter Julie (right) and Julie's sister Sharon (left), both wearing red, white and blue wigs.

**Seward Road, Badsey, Tuesday 5th June 2012**



The Red Arrows were already booked to fly past Buckingham Palace, so instead, the Red Sparrows flew past Seward Road. Wendy Neill (front), Joan Hewlett (right). Rest: Dennis Hughes, Janet Norledge, Kathleen Walker, Cloe Westmacott



The Road was closed to allow a smooth fly past

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Sandra Stanley and her daughter Emily enjoy sitting in the midst of it all. Sandra's mother, Joan Hewlett, was one of the Red Sparrows



Inside Mary's house everything is seemingly under control. Nina Ward is carrying a tray of food, while John Anderson helps himself. Below the trifles and scones are all lined up, ready to be shipped out to the Street



**Seward Road, Badsey, Tuesday 5th June 2012**



Everyone is settling down to enjoy the music, laughter and celebrations in Seward Road



Michelle, Joan Hewlett, and Ann Wilson (former employee of the village Spar shop when Lucy Meadows was the owner. Then, we knew her as "Scotch Ann")



Seward Road, Badsey, Tuesday 5th June 2012



Barbara Bennett and Daphne Cleaver (left) pause for a photo. Daphne and Barbara baked and decorated the Union Jack flans below.



The secret Flan base recipe included yoghurt, and ground almonds. Blueberries, strawberries and raspberries completed the decoration on a layer of whipped cream.



Daphne Cleaver and Mary Dore take a quiet break to have a cup of tea

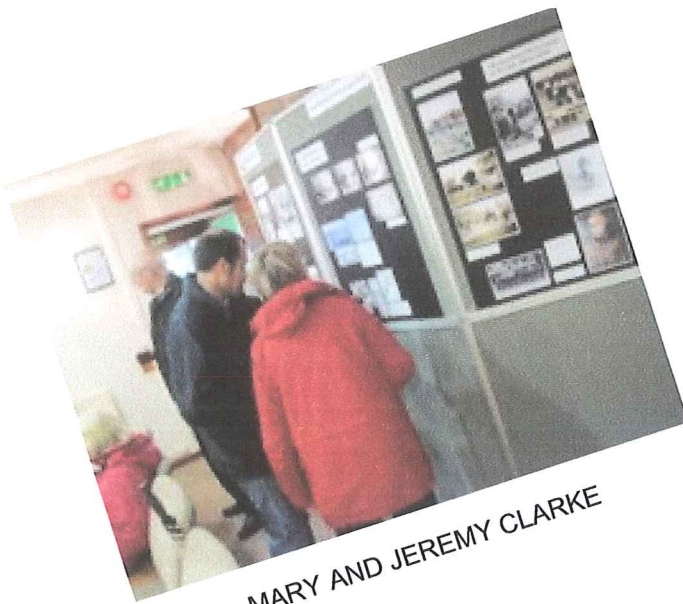


From left to right: Daphne Cleaver, Mary Knight, Jessie Cresswell, Rita Basford, Muriel Morcambe, Margaret Fancutt, and Dennis Knight

WICKHAMFORD CELEBRATES IN THE RAIN AND COLD



DIAMOND JUBILEE MUGS



MARY AND JEREMY CLARKE



ANN POULTER AND THE CHILDREN



HIGH SPIRITS, DESPITE THE COLD AND RAIN