

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington July 2012

## Celebrating The Diamond Jubilee



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### Surprise Visitors To Seward Road Street Party

Residents and friends were delighted when an appearance of the RED SPARROWS roared into the street to the musical strains of "The Dambusters". The formation lead by Group Captain Wendy Neale and her intrepid crew roared down the runway in the famous arrow formation doing a roll at the end of the runway and returning with flags flying, their distinctive red wings outstretched and very broad smiles. This intrepid group risked bad weather conditions for this very dangerous but exciting display much to the delight and appreciation of the spectators.

The weather did not mar our day. After a fantastic and dry start when much food and drink was consumed the rain did come down but did not diminish the fun in any way. There was apple bobbing, face painting, long rope skipping and various other games with the adults joining in the skipping and the "dressing up" game. The street was adorned with flags and bunting, music was played and all had a wonderful time. Many people wore fancy dress and red, white and blue was everywhere.

Many thanks must go to the main organisers Mary Dore, Mike and Wendy Neale who did a fantastic job and of course all their friends and families that helped in so many ways. An absolutely super day many thanks to all who did their bit to make it so.  
*Yvonne Haynes*

A very big Thank You for all the hard work taken by Mary, Wendy, Mike and the committee of the Badsey Friendship club and their helpers in organising the Jubilee Celebrations in Seward Road on Tuesday 5th June 2012. What a marvellous event it turned out to be especially as someone heard the weather forecast and had the foresight to start the celebrations earlier and missed most of the rain.

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*Val Taylor*

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Joyce Terry and Family would like to say a huge thank you to Mary, Wendy and Mike for all their hard work in organising our Jubilee street party. What a success! We all had a brilliant time despite the rain.

Well done and thank you.

*Joyce Terry*

### 1st Badsey Brownies

Badsey Brownies joined over 1000 other Brownies and Guides at Three Counties Showground, Malvern to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

We visited all the Queen's Royal Residences. We learnt Scottish Dancing at Balmoral, had our photos taken with the Queen at Buckingham Palace, followed trails at Sandringham and played deck games on HMS Britannia and we joined the carnival and had a good sing song.

*Sue Cole*

### Jigsaw & Friends

The picnic in the rec to celebrate the Queens diamond jubilee was a great success. During the afternoon around 50 people joined the group to have a drink and share a picnic. We shared a very relaxing afternoon and two games of rounders enjoyed by the adults and children.

Thank you to all who organised this event I believe the children will remember the Jubilee for many years to come and that was the objective.

Thank you to the families who have given a donation to help the scouts in their endeavours to extend and upgrade the scout hut.

Should anyone still feel they would like to make a donation please give your donation to Wendy Morrey at 19 Chapel Street, Badsey or to the vicar at the vicarage.

## Letter For The Month

## FROM The Revd Richard Court 3

Dear All,

In her letter last month Anne mentioned the unpredictability of the weather and the preparations being made for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, as we all now know, things didn't improve, but as the rain poured down the celebrations continued, luckily the rain stopped long enough to light the beacons and it was good to stand on Bennett's Hill and look around the surrounding hills to watch the other beacons being lit and the firework displays take place.

Beacons have been used for centuries as a means of communication, often to warn of impending danger or invasion, thankfully these were lit in celebration rather than as a warning. To be a beacon is to shine out and to communicate, something we all need to do at times, it has been suggested that at certain times in our lives we communicate better than at other times. A newborn child for example has very little power of speech, but can communicate with those around them without the need to talk. Sometimes, as all parents will know, it is by crying or screaming (the problem then is to work out why they are crying -

which is usually that they need either feeding or changing). Other times it is by a smile (yes you can tell the difference between a smile and wind), a smile that conveys love and happiness; something to be shared and enjoyed by all around. As we grow older our ability to communicate increases and develops, that is until we reach our teenage years when quite often the power of speech for some reason appears to disappear completely only to be replaced by a series of grunts and groans. Thankfully this phase does not last too long and normal speech soon returns (with apologies to my teenage readers - but we have all been though it)!

Sometimes as we grow older our ability to communicate sadly begins to deteriorate which can be frustrating for all concerned, the person who knows their memory is failing for example can get annoyed because they realize they are repeating themselves or they are infuriated because they know your face but cannot remember who you are or why they should know you, and there are those who have unfortunately

lost all power of recollection and do not even recognise their closest family and friends. In such circumstances there can however be times when there is a sudden moment of recollection as if a beacon shines out in the dark, I have been lucky enough to witness this on several occasions when someone is in the final stages of their life on this earth, something is said that results in either a smile or the squeeze of a hand, again like a beacon shining out amongst the gloom, a form of communication that certainly does not rely on conversation or words of any kind. The art of communication can therefore be verbal or non-verbal and just as we communicate with each other in many different ways so God communicates with us on different levels. If we happen to be looking in the opposite direction when the beacon is alight or when the baby smiles we will miss the significance of the signal, if we never try to communicate with God or to watch out for His signals to us how can we be surprised if we miss what He is trying to tell us.

*Richard*

## Church Ministry Team

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	Badsey	
Assistant Curate:		
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	Mrs Sue Cole	831260
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	Mrs Margaret Pye	833537

## Church Services

### July

#### Sunday 1

10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Bretforton  
6.30 pm Evensong

#### Sunday 8

11.00 am Praise & Worship  
6.30 pm Eucharist

#### Sunday 15

11.00 am Family Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong

#### Sunday 22

9.30 am Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong

#### Sunday 29

6.30 pm Evensong



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

## From The Parish Registers

### Baptisms:

13 May Blake Cobie James-Carter

### Funeral Services:

22 May Irene Edith Allen

28 May Lucy May Watson

6 June Joyce Watkin

6 June Jean Wheatley

8 June Irene Else Marie Tyszkow

### Holy Matrimony:

12 May Ian Kenneth Maycock and Emily May Owens

9 June Ben Robert Clarke and Denika Olivia Watt

# St James' Flower Guild

## 4 July Rota

- 1st Sunday: Annette & Sheila
- 2nd Sunday: Julie, Eleanor & Barbara
- 3rd Sunday: Hazel & Hazel
- 4th Sunday: Yvonne & Stephanie
- 5th Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane

Ladies, thank you for the wonderful displays in church for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Several people have thanked us for decorating the Church so splendidly.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me. Hazel Stewart 832007



## Badsey Mothers' Union The Badsey Group

Mary Hudson told us about her visit to Ethiopia as a VSO volunteer. Mary showed us photographs of medieval castles and strange 16th century monuments (a bit like The Cenotaph in London). They were built to commemorate kings, each one taller than the last until one fell down shortly after it was built, then they began building tombs. Muslim and Christian religions operate peacefully side by side, often having both church and mosque in the same town. There are 13 months in each year so it is 2004 there now! Rural areas are still poor and cut off from the modern world but Ethiopian cities are growing fast where the average age is 17 years (ours is 40). Mary worked in a youth project that is developing primary education especially for girls. They help women to understand the problems that early marriage brings to young people, in some cases it can lead to child abuse. Jamie, Mary's husband worked at a teacher's Training College, graduates went out to primary schools in rural areas. Mary bought jewellery and gifts for us to buy to support these projects. The talk was an excellent insight into a country we have seen on television news.

Next meeting on 10th July, an outing to Redhill Christian Centre between Stratford and Warwick. Meet at The Lych-gate at 2 pm. There are a few spaces if you would like to join us. Please contact Penny 830367

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## Round Robin

There was no June meeting due to being on holiday, and I was unable to find anyone able to take it in my absence.



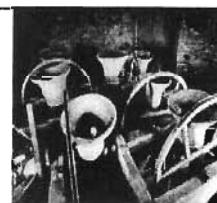
I hope to have something planned for July, but at the time of going to press I am unable to confirm; but will put the notice in the church porch when it is confirmed. If what I have in mind does not come off for some reason I will arrange something else on my return from holiday, so there will be something!

We are hoping to go for a meal in August destination to be discussed at the next meeting. I have something arranged for September and thoughts for October are also in my mind. I try to keep a varied programme, some leisure and some informative, to keep us all on our toes and for a reminder of what is out there to tap into. All are welcome to the meeting in July, I keep an open house.

Cheryl Mitchell

## Tower News

Sincere apologies to those who were expecting the bells to ring out at 3.00pm, scheduled for Sunday 3rd June.



Due to incapacity, illness and holidays and not being able to borrow from other Towers as they were in the same boat. We did manage to ring for the Service of Thanksgiving in the morning when we were able to gather helpers and beginners together. Well done Stef and Christina. It was an honour to be able to list who rang in the 'Celebration' card put out for everyone to sign. We all felt privileged to be there on such an occasion.

Our next wedding cover will not be until 14th July. In the meantime we wish Doug, one of our stalwart ringers a very happy retirement.

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## Badsey W.I

What a wonderful weekend of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations; both in London with Her Majesty, the Queen and here at home in the village of Badsey. Her Majesty is a member of the Women's Institute so it was fitting that we sent her a special handmade card. Judy Foster designed it, Jane Bayes did two beautiful embroidered figures of 60 which were very delicate with the tiniest of rosebuds and seed pearls embroidered on top of the figures. Angela Gash did a beautiful water-colour of The Queen Elizabeth Rose and also the letters E R. These were then incorporated by Judy into five cameos and mounted on floral decorated card. A verse to Her Majesty was written in lovely writing by Judy and sent to the palace.

Our jubilee gift to the Village was to completely overhaul the water fountain in the High Street. This fountain was erected with public subscriptions to commemorate the coronation of King George V on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1911. Over the past two or three years the fountain had become completely overgrown and looked very sad and neglected. With much hard work by Sheila Taylor helped by her husband Keith and with some help from our President Elizabeth Cudd and Jill Heyden the fountain is now weed and bramble free and has been planted with various shrubs and flowers and was done in time for the Jubilee week-end. Other members have helped to keep it watered (though they haven't had to do too much of that!!) and it is our aim to continue to keep it in the state it is now in.

Unfortunately the memorial itself is in disrepair and really needs a complete refurbishment. Perhaps this is a project the Parish Council could use some of the community money on as it is a lovely monument and is part of Badsey's history and is of course of historical interest to all who visit Badsey.

In July, at our monthly meeting; the speaker will be Mrs Soko-Warne, who will be displaying and talking about Kimonos. The competition is for a Red Flower. Do come along and join us, all are welcome.

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We meet at the Village Hall and the meeting starts at 7.15pm and there is a small charge of £3.00.

Unfortunately, although we reached the skittles semi-final played at Lower Broad heath, Worcester we didn't win our match so didn't get through to the finals, but there is always another year!

Yvonne Haynes

## Badsey Over Sixties Friendship Club

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. June our street party combined our over 60's club with street residents, family and friends. Although the weather did its best to dampen spirits the celebrations were a joyous affair with games and dancing to music supplied by Alan and family. The event was opened by our own red sparrows, as unfortunately the Red Arrows were unavailable.

We would like to thank all the volunteer helpers who did a wonderful job both before the event and on the day itself serving food and teas. The raffle, in aid of The Birmingham Children's Hospital, raised £172 on the day this was later made up to £200 by donations. Many thanks to all who kindly donated the prizes.

Our recent club outing was to the Cotswold town of Cirencester and then on to Dobbies garden centre on the outskirts of the town.

Next meeting is the garden party on Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. at Mary's, weather permitting, if wet indoors at the Legion. On Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup>. our next outing is to Gloucester Docks, with a tea and cake boat trip in the afternoon on the Gloucester Ship Canal. The coach leaves Poplars and Legion at 10.30 am.  
Wendy



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# 6 Jigsaw



The meeting in May was based on Pentecost. We talked about Pentecost and how we could share the word of Jesus. We played games and sang songs about sharing Jesus' message. We made a

banner to depict the Jigsaw group, to hang at the Jigsaw Jubilee picnic in the rec. This banner will spread the word about Jigsaw.

Thank you to everyone who has helped at jigsaw have a safe and happy summer.

The next meeting will be in September.

## Mini Fete



## Dates For Your Diary Wickhamford Gardening Club

The July meeting of the Club on Wednesday 25th July 2012 at 7.30 pm is a visit to Sue & Paul Carpenter's garden at the Owl and Pussycat Cattery, Offenham for Cheese and Wine.

For further details please contact Dorothy Turpitt  
01386 830834

I am sorry but I got the wrong meeting noted for the June magazine. The above is the correct meeting for July.

Many thanks as always.  
Sue Stayt

## Afternoon Tea

July 6th 2 pm to 4 pm  
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## Did You Know?

July is the seventh month of the year according to the Gregorian calendar. It was the fifth month in the early calendar of the early romans. The romans called the month 'Quintilius' which means fifth. A roman senate renamed the month to 'Julius' (July), in honour of Julius Caesar, who was born on 20th July.

The Anglo-Saxon names for the month included 'Haymonath' or 'Maed Monath' referring respectively to haymaking and the flowering of the meadows.

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# Parish Council News

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## NEW CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

The new clerk to the Council is Mrs Andrea Evans, whose contact details are to be found at the end of the Parish Council News section. Mrs Evans is also clerk to Bretforton Parish Council and therefore has a great deal of experience to bring to the role. If you have any matters to raise with the Council in future please do not hesitate to contact her.

## NEW HOMES BONUS

The New Homes Bonus meeting took place at the Wheatsheaf on 6th June and was well attended by a number of local organisations with suggestions for possible projects. If you have any suggestions for a project which would benefit the Parish please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk who can give you further information and an application form and/or put you in touch with one of the Councillors dealing with this matter so that you can discuss your suggestion further. Application forms need to be with the Clerk by 31st August 2012 so that the Council can consider them at the September meeting.

## MESSAGE FROM LOCAL POLICE ABOUT PARKING AND OTHER ISSUES

Some residents may be aware that PC Gail Greenhouse is no longer dealing with our local issues and that PC Emma Burrows has now joined our Community Support Officer, Phil Schoenrock, as part of our rural policing team. The Council wishes her well and hopes she will continue to enjoy her new role. Emma has asked the Clerk to pass on the following message:

"A number of Badsey residents have raised some parking issues with us both and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of your responsibility as road users. If people choose to park on the double yellow lines they are liable to a Fixed Penalty Notice issued by the local authority. The police do not have authority to enforce the double yellow lines but we work closely with the council and will request that these are enforced if we continue to receive complaints. Our second concern is over restricting the width of the highway by double parking. The fundamental issue I hope is obvious to us all, the width of the road must be sufficient to allow access for emergency vehicles. The cost of this could be

someone's life and as such the police can either remove the vehicle, at the cost of the owner, or issue a £150 fine. I would also like to use this forum to remind all parents and guardians of their responsibilities for their children. As we are at last beginning to see the sunshine please ensure that they are conscious of their surroundings and are looking after one another. I have been very impressed by the tricks on the scooters and the way in which such a wide age range are playing together. I hope that this will continue and that the older children will carry on looking after the younger members of the village."

## MAY MEETINGS

At the annual meeting of the Parish Council Councillor Mary Campbell was re-elected as Chairman of the Council, with Councillor Ian Browning as Vice-Chairman. At the May meeting the Council received a presentation on behalf of the Badsey Community and Sports Club (formerly the Recreation Club) outlining the Club's restructuring and hopes for the future as a centre for both sport and other community activities. The Council also approved the account statements for 2010-11, considered the New Homes Bonus and approved the purchase of replacement seats for Birmingham Road. At the Planning Committee meeting in April the Committee considered the proposed works to the Midgley Dene Sewage Pumping Station and asked the Clerk to ask for confirmation that those works would reduce the current risk of flooding. The Clerk was able to report back to the Committee's meeting on May 30th that that does appear to be the case, with the works including both larger storage facilities and better pumps.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 18th July 2012. Please note that there will be no Council meeting in August but there may be a Planning Committee meeting which will be advertised in the usual way.

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## Badsey Flower Show 2012 Entry Reminder

Your annual village show takes place on Saturday 21st July on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane, Badsey, near Evesham.

The highlight of the show this year will be a fly past display by an original WWII Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. Gates open at 1pm and the show runs until 5pm.

It's now time to decide what you are going to enter and exhibit, so visit [www.badseyflowershow.co.uk](http://www.badseyflowershow.co.uk) and see the wide range of entry categories many of which are ideal for children. You can also pick up a schedule with all the category details from the Spar village shop.

To register your entries please come along to Badsey First School between 6pm and 9pm on Tuesday 17th July. You then bring your actual entries along to place in the marquee on show morning between 8am and 10.30am. If you've not entered before, why not have a go this year?

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

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## Young Good Citizen Award

We have recently launched the search for Young Good Citizens 2012: An opportunity to recognise and publicise the great work done by many young people in our communities. The event allows us to deliver a positive message about our youth to the wider public and strengthens the relationship between police and young people.

We want to hear about those aged 18 or under who have displayed great spirit and are making a real difference. We are particularly keen to receive nominations about young people who have overcome challenges in their own lives and have still been able to make a difference to others in their community. We are also inviting nominations from schools, youth leaders, members of the public and any West Mercia employee or volunteer.

All nominees meeting the criteria will receive a Young Good Citizen Certificate from their local policing team. Ten of these (two from each territory) along with their proposers, will be invited to a final awards ceremony at Police HQ on 4th October 2012, hosted by the Chief Constable.

Chief Constable David Shaw, who has personally championed the awards, says: "These awards are given in recognition of young people making the difference in their communities. Too often our society focuses on the negative issues associated with young people, such as under-age drinking and anti-social behaviour, but the reality is that the positive contributions made by numerous young people far outweigh the problems caused by the few."

Do you know someone that deserves recognition? If so, download the application form via the following link:

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Chris Smith

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Soren Kierkegaard

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