

Community News

Badsey and Aldington August 2012

Visit To Germany



It was time again for our visit to Germany and on Thursday 21st of June seven of us travelled from Birmingham to Hannover. After which, we had a 2 hour drive to Wegeleben, where our friends were waiting for us with tea and cakes. We had a short church service to begin our visit, finished with singing :now thank we all our God. Afterwards some of us had a little walk round the village and then it was time to get back to the hall for our supper of various soups and salads and sausages, etc. Eventually it was time for us all to say goodnight and to go to our respective hosts .

The next day we met again this time in Goslar, a very interesting town with a big history of silver mining out of the mountain by which the town stands. It is now a world heritage town, with amazing architecture. We had a picnic in the park, followed by a walk around .

In the evening we had a BBQ at Hausneindorf vicarage ,where the men also had to watch the football, the weather was kind to us and we had a thoroughly nice evening .

Saturday was a free day and the hosts and guests

could decide how to spend the day, a chance to relax and perhaps for some of us to get to know our hosts a little better.

In the evening, we had a church service with a brass band, with some of our hosts being members of this band. In Kroppenstedt, which was followed by another evening together with gorgeous food, drink and lovely company again.

On Sunday morning we all had to get up very early. We were meeting in Schönebeck at 08.30 for a boat trip on the Elbe ,one of the largest river in Germany. We sailed past Magdeburg (even saw a stork's nest on the church roof), sailed through a very large lock and on the viaduct over the Elbe .

This was a great day, with nice weather, but quite tiring, the evening was spent with our own hosts and guess what :football again!

There was another very early start on Monday as it was time to say goodbye to everyone, we all agreed we had a lovely time and are looking forward to keeping the contact going.

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Dear All

This is my first letter as a newly ordained Priest in the Church of England, having been ordained by Bishop John of Worcester in Worcester Cathedral on July 1st. I am also entering my second year as Assistant Curate to the benefice of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton. But what does this actually mean? Richard Court is the Vicar of the Benefice and has overall responsibility for the three parish churches and the "cure of the souls" of those who live in the parishes. In other words he is "The Vicar" and I am training under his excellent guidance. This training, as Assistant Curate, is for a minimum of three years. In addition to working and learning alongside Richard, my training incumbent, I am expected to attend Curates training once a month and a weekend once a year.

The clerical structure within the Church of England can be seen as quite complex but there are only three levels of ordination: deacon, priest and bishop. Normally a newly ordained deacon serves for a year during which time they prepare themselves for priesthood with a particular emphasis on presiding at the Eucharist or Holy Communion when

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Mrs Sue Cole 831260

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Mrs Sue Cole 831260
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Church Services

Sunday 5

11.00 am Family Worship

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 12

11.00 am Praise & Worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 19

11.00 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 26

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 2 September

11.00 am Family Worship

6.30 pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 07.45 am each weekday except Tuesday, which is a Eucharist.

There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the first Wednesday in the Month at 10.00 am at Badsey



THIS IS MY PEW
THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY PEW

FROM The Revd Anne Potter

Christians come to the Lord's table to remember how and why Jesus gave his body to be broken on the cross and shed his blood for the forgiveness of sin. Deacons however can baptise and take funerals.

When someone is ordained priest they can then carry out all the duties authorised to them by the Church of England including presiding at Eucharist, marrying couples, absolving people of their sins after confession and blessing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The majority of clergy remain as priests but a chosen few go on to become Bishops who have authority to ordain deacons and priests as well as authorising other ministries, as well as confirming new Christians who choose to come to Christ through confirmation.

As a female priest I am fully in favour of women becoming Bishops since it is a natural progression from the acceptance of ordaining women priests. However there is a minority within the Church of England who cannot accept such ministry and in true Christian style the Church is trying to find a way forward to accommodate them. Whilst the majority, are feeling very frustrated, and in some cases quite angry, that the whole process has been put on hold for a few more months Richard and I recognise we still need to hold the significant minorities thoughts and feelings in prayer. I am sure that in due course we will see God at work in the ordination of our first woman Bishop.

Thank you for all your love and support. I feel a very blessed priest.

Anne

From The Parish Registers

Baptisms

17 June Alistair James Slade

Funeral Services

15 June Margaret Mabel Merriman

St James' Flower Guild

Rota

1st Sunday: Sandra & Maureen

2nd Sunday: Annette & Sheila

3rd Sunday: Julie, Eleanor & Barbara

4th Sunday: Hazel & Hazel

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in Church during July. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me,

Hazel Stewart 832007

Diamond Jubilee Bibles

Each child who attends school at Badsey, Offenham, Bretforton and Blackminster was presented with a Jubilee Bible by the three village churches. This was to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Round Robin

We meet on the third Thursday of each month in Badsey, at my home (16 Binyon Close) where all are welcome.



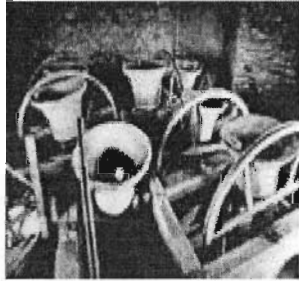
Last month we asked the community police to visit us, barring emergencies of course, to give us an idea of the role they play in our village and community, what part we can play to help them and how we can keep ourselves safe.

Next month the group is hoping to have a meal out, of which the venue is to be decided by the group at the next meeting. The following month a sing song is on the agenda. I try to vary what we do, it makes things more interesting and adds to the fun.

Cheryl Mitchell

Tower News

By the time you receive this, the 'Full Peal' marking the annual Flower Show will have been rung, with recognition that the feast of St James is prominent and that the Olympic Games will be well under way.



A request will have been made to every ringable tower to ring their bells for 8.00 am - Here at Badsey we will aim to ring sometime during the day to mark the occasion, at a time to suit when we can muster enough ringers.

We have 8 lovely bells which require 8 people at one time to ring - we can get away with just ringing 6 bells (requiring 6 people) as more often than not we do, sometimes we only have 4 or 5 which is not very satisfactory.

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Mothers' Union 3

The Badsey Group

On Tuesday 10 July we visited The Red Hill Christian Centre, at Snitterfield, near Stratford. We took one of three set out walks to see the beautiful countryside, on the way we passed a prayer hut and a wooden cross in the grounds. On our return there set out for us was afternoon tea, a variety of tasty sandwiches, and homemade cakes and many cups of tea. A good time was had by all.

Information re Mothers Union Contact Penny 830367

ACES Afternoon Tea

The ACES Afternoon tea at 58 Seward Road was a great success; despite it raining all day on the 6th of July.

ACES (Aid For Children in EL Salvador) provides care for street children in that country and is a tremendous help with accommodation and education in the Hostel provide there by the Charity. These children are so much less fortunate than our own.

It was certainly very cosy having to hold the event indoors instead of in the garden but everyone enjoyed this social event and helped to raise the excellent sum of £495.

Many thanks to all who attended and also those who gave generous donations.

Mary Rose Eames

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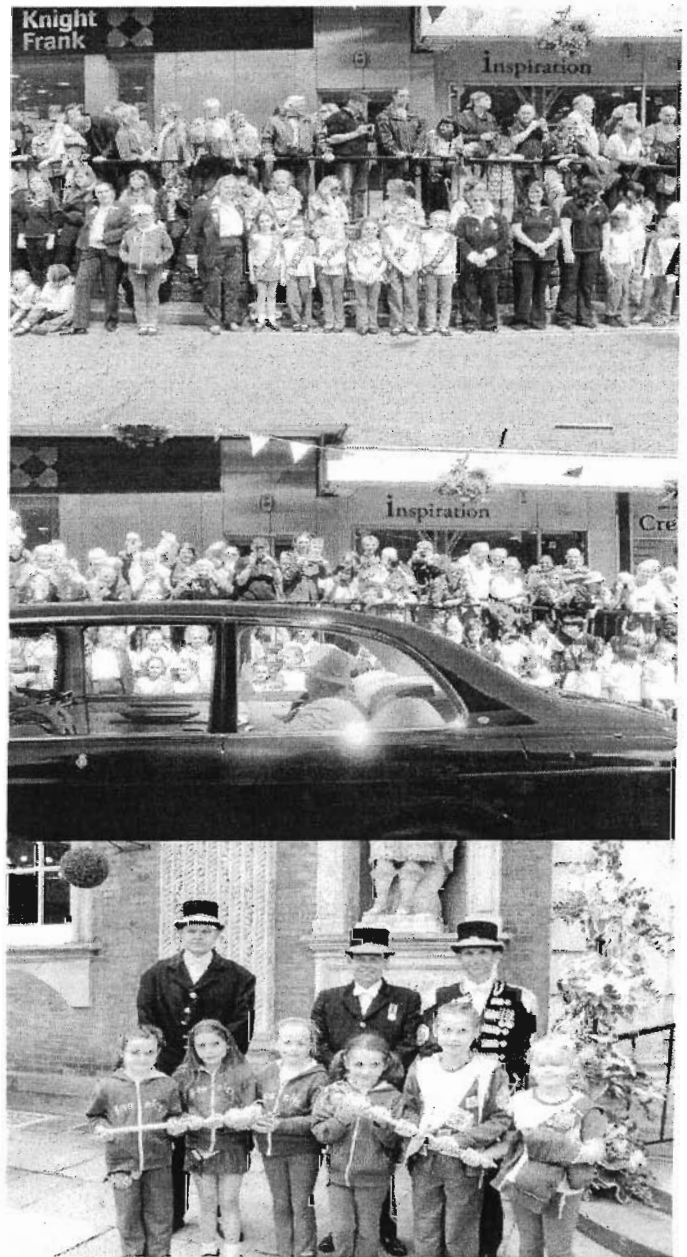
This term the Brownies worked towards the "On Your Marks" Badge which was divided into 4 sections dealing with different aspects of the Olympics - Warm Up, Values, Culture and Sport. This included them making a promise torch, taking part in a recycling walk, preparing a funky fruit salad, designing enhancements for sports wear, and an Olympic fact challenge wide game. When the Brownie had completed each challenge, a different coloured Olympic ring was painted onto their hand or cheek. We also held a mini games evening where the Brownies took part in Goal/Bell Ball, Sit Volleyball, Synchronised Swimming (on grass!), Welly Throwing and a Mini Marathon. Toy mascots supported the sixes and winners medals made by the Brownies were given out to everyone after they had completed their cheer leading routine.

The term culminated in a chip shop walk down at Abbey Park, Evesham. We actually managed to eat our chips before the heavens opened but unfortunately it was too wet to go on the adventure playground. Right at the end of the walk, the Brownies met up with Fran Webb who was involved in organising the Evesham Festival of Sport. The unit had taken part in the poster competition and three of the Brownies were lucky enough to win a session each on the climbing wall at Evesham Leisure Centre.

Julia Routledge (Eagle Owl)

Queen's Visit

1st Badsey Brownies also took part in the official line ups for the Queen's Jubilee visit to Worcester.



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On the 19th June an incident occurred in Bretforton Church between 08:00 and 17:15hrs where a cash box was accessed. If anyone has any information please quote 217N 190612.

Between 18:30 on 21st and 13:30 on 23rd June three catalytic converters have been removed from vehicles in a compound in Bretforton. If anyone has any information please quote 183N 230612.

We are once again receiving reports of callers who are requesting personal information over the phone. The latest incident involved a company by the name of ITC Development Corporation who rang an elderly lady offering a gadget to place on her electricity meter which would reduce the cost of her electric. The caller stated they had the first 4 numbers of the lady's card and requested the other 12. Once again can we remind you not to disclose any personal information over the phone, especially dates of birth and bank account details. If in doubt refuse the call.

For more practical home security tips, visit:
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To register valuable items of property such as bikes and mobile phones etc, visit:
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For more information on the property marking system 'Smartwater' please contact your local NHW co-ordinator or Sharon Summers at SASFreeSpirit@aol.com

Shed alarms are available at the Contact Centre, Abbey Road, Evesham. They cost £3.58 and can be adapted for many uses by lengthening the cord the pin is attached to. They emit a loud alarm once the pin is removed and can be quite disorientating.

If you wish to report any new non emergency incidents please call 101 at the time of the incident occurring. In an emergency always call 999.

Diocesan Lending Libraries

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For those preparing to take on new challenges in September, the diocesan libraries could be very useful.

Based at the diocesan office in Worcester and New Road Methodist church in Stourbridge, the libraries have a wide range of theological books – both old and new!

Director of Development, Robert Jones said: "Whether you are training for a particular form of ministry, are researching a sermon or simply looking for an interesting theology book to read, the diocesan libraries could provide the perfect text. Anyone can borrow books and our librarians are often on hand to recommend books."

The catalogues of both libraries can be found via the diocesan website:
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The library at the diocesan office in Worcester is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 5pm and can be emailed on:
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The Robin Woods Library at New Road Methodist Church Centre in Stourbridge is generally open Monday to Friday from 10am until 2pm and can be emailed on:
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Please pray for the Revd Robin Walter, honorary librarian in Worcester and Sue Amer, out-going honorary librarian in Stourbridge and their teams of volunteers and for all those who make use of this valuable resource.

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6 Jigsaw



The meeting on the 24th June was about our strengths and how God has made us all for a reason. Although we may not be perfect we were given a gift and we should learn and

grow with what we have.

The story was Samson and Delilah, we heard how Delilah betrayed Samson and when his hair was cut off his strength was gone. When Samson's hair grew back so did his strength. He then defeated the philistines and freed the Israelites by pushing down the pillars of the temple.

We made a Samson and planted cress seeds in his head to watch the hair grow. We played a game of 'Samson Snap' and talked about what helped different people do their jobs such as police, firemen, builders and doctors and if they needed strength. We then played a game to see if we could pretend to cut a sleeping Samson's hair without waking him. We also played a game of 'Samson Said' - rather than 'Simon Said'.

The next meeting
of
Jigsaw
is on
Sunday 23rd September 2012
11am - 12pm
in
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Dates For Your Diary

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd August 2012 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This month is our Summer Show, schedules have been distributed but please contact committee members if a further copy is needed. We look forward to having as many entries as possible and look forward to welcoming current and new members.

Summer Life Drawing

Following the success of my art lessons in Badsey Remembrance Hall, I have arranged two new life drawing workshops which will take place at the hall on Tuesday July 31st and Tuesday September 4th. They will both run from 2 - 5pm and will cost £15 each. I will need to restrict student numbers, so please book your place as quickly as possible!

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PLANNING.

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JUNE MEETING.

The Planning Committee were re-elected. The members are David Badham, Mary Campbell, Ian Browning, Philip Cordell, Elizabeth Cudd, Patrick McKeivitt and Margaret Tyszkow. The Chairperson will be elected at the next Planning Committee Meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS.

There will be no meeting in August except for a Planning Committee Meeting if required. This will be advertised in the usual way. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th September at 7.30pm at the Remembrance Hall.

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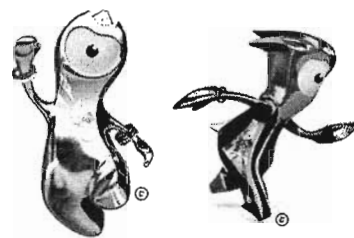


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Badsey Game Makers



Badsey residents, Clive Richards and Maureen Spinks, have been selected as "Games Maker" volunteers for the Olympics. They have both attended orientation and role-specific training in London and will shortly be attending venue-specific training. Maureen will be busy scanning tickets as visitors arrive for the Beach Volleyball at Horse Guards Parade and Clive is to be a Team

Leader for the Paralympics at the Olympic Park. Maureen will be on duty from 28th July to 8th August and will report on her experience of being an Olympic volunteer in the September issue of Community News. Clive will be in London from 29th August to 9th September and will write for the October issue.

Game Makers

After many months of planning, Games Maker recruitment began in September 2010. The Olympic Committee received more than 240,000 applications and interviewed 100,000 people at selection centres across the UK. Successful applicants are attending at least three training sessions to make sure they are as prepared as possible for their role. Many volunteers have also been taking part in the London Prepares series test events: an invaluable opportunity to gain experience and a greater understanding of how a large sporting event is staged.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson