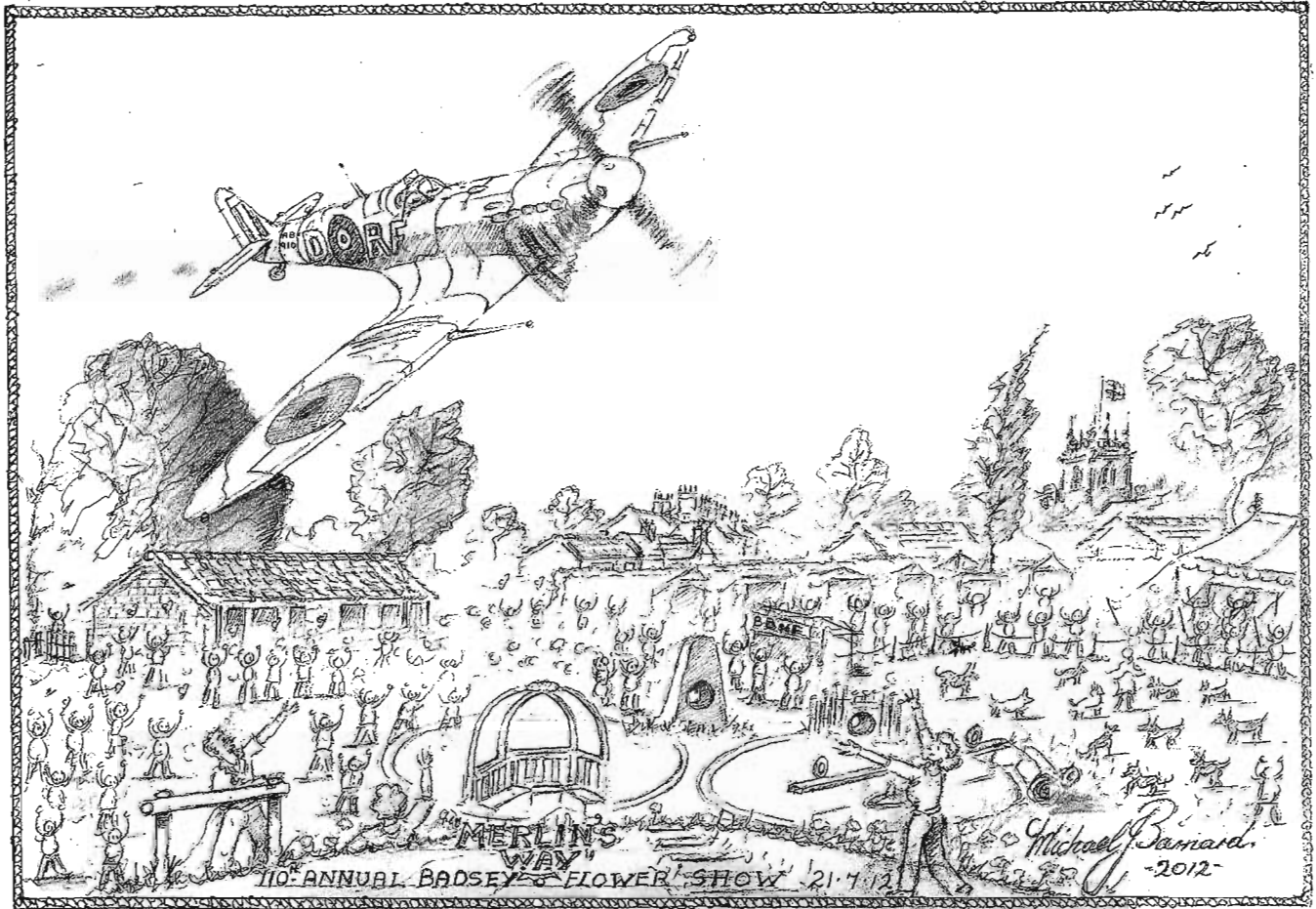


# Community News

Badsey and Aldington September 2012

## 110th Annual Badsey Flower Show



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The Spitfire that thrilled us all at our Flower Show on Saturday 21st July was this very same original aircraft that was built in 1941.

AB910 did us all proud, thanks for the memory.  
Michael J. Barnard

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## 2 Letter For The Month

Dear All,

As I write this letter for the magazine we have exceeded our Medal total at the Olympic Games over the Medals won at Beijing in 2008 a target set by Team GB before the Olympics started something truly to be celebrated.

Over the past few months we have seen the Queen travelling round the country in celebration of her Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Torch make its way around the country. I was lucky enough to see the torch in Wickhamford and I know many others saw it locally (and some further afield), this was followed with, what for me, was a wonderful opening ceremony of the Olympic Games. All of these events had elements of a pilgrimage in them – the Queens Jubilee and the Olympic Torch are easy to understand as a pilgrimage because they both travelled around the country very much like we would expect of a pilgrimage – or a journey. The Opening Ceremony of the Olympics may be less obvious – but it was nevertheless a journey – or pilgrimage through British history. The Olympics cannot by any stretch

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### Church Services

Sunday 2

11.00 am Family Worship

6.30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 5

10.00 am Eucharist

Sunday 9

11.00 am Praise And Worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 16

11.00 am Family Worship

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 23

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 30

4.30 pm Tea and cakes followed at 5.30 pm by a

Big Sing

Sunday 7 October

11.00 am Family Harvest

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

a 'religious event' but there was an exploration of our spiritual roots during the opening ceremony with the singing of 'Jerusalem', 'Danny Boy' 'Flower of Scotland' and 'Guide me O thou Great Redeemer' - not the mention all eight verses of 'Abide with Me'. Pilgrimage is something practised or recommended by most of the major world faiths and Christians for centuries have made pilgrimages – following in the steps of saints before them. As I mentioned earlier the Games cannot in any way be seen as a 'religious event', but there are interesting connections that can be made. Did you know for instance The Olympic Motto - Swifter (or faster), Higher, Stronger, came originally from a Dominican French Priest who promoted sport as the main principal of his Church School (he used it in a slightly different order faster, stronger, higher); and the phrase about 'not the winning but the taking part' came from a sermon by the then Bishop of Central Pennsylvania at St Paul's Cathedral during the first week of the games in July 1908 while there was great tension between the Americans and British during the first week of the games in London. Perhaps there is therefore a bigger connection between the games and religion than you first think and that perhaps we are not such a 'secular society' as some would have you believe.

Each of our Olympians (and those from around the globe) are on their own journey (or pilgrimage) striving to do the best they can do, part of our Christian heritage is that we too always need to strive to do the best we can; let us hope and pray that one legacy of the Olympics is our continual striving to do the best we can.

*Richard*

## From The Parish Registers

### Baptisms

15 July Jennifer Colleen McGuire

15 July Matilda Emilia Atkins

22 July Quinton Richard Andrew Legge-Geuter

29 July James Paul England

### Funeral Services

6 August Denis Raymond Grinnell

10 August Joyce (Joy) Haynes

### Holy Matrimony

14 July Ashley Roy Wall & Kathryn Brooks

11 August Matthew Peter Babbage & Suzanne Jane Aldren

## St James' Flower Guild

### Rota

1st Sunday: Yvonne & Stephanie

2nd Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane

3rd Sunday: Sandra & Maureen

4th Sunday: Annette & Sheila

5th Sunday: Julie, Eleanor & Barbara

Ladies, thank you for the wonderful displays in church this month. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me. Hazel Stewart 832007

# Badsey Mothers' Union

## The Badsey Group

We met in Penny's Garden for our annual Garden Meeting. We had tiny sandwiches, strawberries and cream and home made cakes. It was a relaxing afternoon and we had lots of time for a good natter.

At our next meeting a former Diocesan President Joyce Bush will join us, the title of her talk is "Happiness is the greatest gift." We look forward to seeing Joyce again. This meeting will be in church on 11 September at 2-30 pm. Visitors are always welcome at meetings.

## Tower News

We all enjoyed reading the letter of appreciation sent from Buckingham Palace for our efforts on Jubilee Day.



It has given us great pleasure over the last few weeks to incorporate our beginner ringers in some very nice Call Changes to celebrate not only the Jubilee but also The Flower Show and The Olympic Opening. September 8th at 2.30 pm we will be hosting a visiting team from Plymouth.

## Caring People Of Badsey

Dianne Bennett of 'Caring Hands in the Vale' has asked for her gratitude and thanks to be passed on to the "wonderful people of Badsey" who have answered the request of Badsey Church to donate goods in the form of foodstuffs, toiletries and other items to this very worthwhile charity. The box in the Church and on many occasions the pew too, has been filled almost weekly with donated goods which I have taken into Dianne and which have been received with much gratitude. In this present economic climate the call for help has increased greatly and every little item is of value to those much less fortunate than ourselves. Please, please keep donating and if you wish to know more about this cause there are leaflets in the Church alongside the donation box. Many thanks.

Yvonne Haynes

## Round Robin



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Our group will have had an enjoyable meal out in August at The Round of Gras. A ring round at the last minute for numbers so that we can all be seated at one table, but whatever the weather; we will have good food and plenty of conversation. A different social event at my home next month; we will all need to be of good voice, as someone is coming to sing for us, and we will have a sing song for all. Something is already set up for October as well, an informative occasion so watch this space. Keep an eye on the noticeboard in the porchway of the church; of dates, times and events themselves. That takes us to Christmas, which is not that far off, perhaps warm mince pies and a natter rather than something set. All are welcome through my door, no appointment required just turn up, room will be found, far better than being on your own.

Cheryl Mitchell

## Badsey Junior Choir

On Sunday 5th August Badsey church junior choir had the marvellous opportunity of singing for the elderly people at Pitchill Nursing Home, Salford Priors at their fete. The children sang four of the songs that they had recently practised. This included actions, and movement which the residents enjoyed seeing very much. They were also enchanted to see them all wearing their proper choir gowns! Medals were awarded by staff, to the children, similar to the Olympic medals, for singing so well. After their performance ended they were given more prizes when they entered the homes fancy dress competition, entering collectively as 'the choir'! They were given joint 1st prize! To end what had been a very successful afternoon, all the children were thrilled to be given yet more prizes on a duck game at the fete! Well done to all who were able to join in and for singing so well.

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In July we had the great pleasure of welcoming Mrs Soko-Warne to our meeting who talked on and demonstrated Kimonos and the art of wearing them. With Angela Gash as her model Mrs Soko-Warne demonstrated the intricacies of dressing in the famous kimono and told the history of it. Mrs Soko-Warne was a superb speaker and everyone thoroughly enjoyed her talk and demonstration. We were also visited by a fellow W.I. Member, Her Majesty the Queen together with the Duke of Edinburgh who were en-route home after visiting the City of Worcester. Her Majesty was presented with flowers and everyone was rather overawed with the visitors (aka Judy Foster and Avril Court). In August we welcomed John Clews from the RSPB who gave an interesting talk on what the RSPB does to protect birds and the natural wildlife needed to maintain their numbers. He also gave us advice on feeding and looking after our garden birds. The RSPB buys land for reserves and other properties to cultivate the natural habitat needed to protect some of our declining species. RSPB also runs courses and days for young people encouraging them to look after the natural habitats of birds. On September 8<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Badsey W.I. with a celebratory Lunch at the Remembrance Hall together with a display of our W.I through the years. Later in September we will be hosting the Autumn Group meeting when members from the other 10 institutes in our Group will join us for a meeting. Our teas and cakes went down extremely well at this year's Flower Show which we all agreed was a very good show indeed and congratulations must go to all who organised it and helped in any way. President Elizabeth Cudd also helped with the W.I. stand at the Three Counties Show. Members going on the holiday to Cumbria were reminded that the final payment was due to be paid at the September meeting. At this meeting, to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15, our speaker will be Meg Farmer on 101 Children. Anyone is welcome, so do come along and enjoy an evening with us. *Details of the W.I. can be obtained from President Elizabeth Cudd on 01386 831233 or secretary Yvonne Haynes on 01386 830063.*

## Royal British Legion

### Women's Section

The Royal British Legion Women's section Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch held a Fashion Show on Wednesday 1st August instead of their usual monthly meeting.

Numerous ladies from other branches of group2, also the County Chairman and secretary of the Women's section which when added to our own branch members saw a full house.

The garments were modelled by branch members who were different sizes and shapes, which made the clothes from Bon Marche of Evesham more attractive than going into the store and seeing them on a rail. The commentary was by Angie Humpston, the manager of the store who had brought along a selection of goods that were available to buy with no obligation. This didn't seem to deter the ladies, as while refreshments of white Chardonnay wine and nibbles were being served there was a queue waiting to make their purchases!

As this has proved to be a great success, it has been decided to hold another Fashion Show in the winter and include 'some Christmas sparkly'. This will be held at the beginning of December. Watch this space, as any one interested is invited to come along. As we say no one is under any obligation, just a pleasant evening out.

Who knows what the surprise will be at this show, as at the August one the closing numbers were 'nightwear' modelled by 'the dynamic duo'!

The next meeting of the branch will be held on Wednesday evening 7.30 pm on 22nd August in the lounge of the Legion Club where 'The Councillors Smiths' are billed as entertainment. We are a fun ladies group and always on the lookout for new members, why not come along and give us a try.

Nearly forgot a very important mention and that was the two standard bearers of Badsey branch, Jackie Emms for the women and Angie Humpston for the men were among the guard of Honour at Worcester Cathedral for the visit of the Queen 11th July 2012.



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# BADSEY GUIDE LEADER RECEIVES MBE

Elizabeth Bolland of Binyon Close was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Elizabeth, or Captain to many of us in Badsey and the surrounding area, has devoted most of her life, or nearly 60 years of it, to the Girl Guiding movement. From being a Brownie at the age of seven, then a Girl Guide, Elizabeth has been Guide Leader of Badsey for over 34 years, Guide District Commissioner, Guide Division Commissioner, Ranger Leader and Rainbows Leader as well as many other roles within the Guiding movement. Unfortunately, due to the rules of guiding, Elizabeth had to retire from being a Leader of Badsey Guides when she reached the young age of 65. This must have been very disappointing for her and was certainly a loss to Badsey Girl Guides. However, not withstanding, Elizabeth has taken on other roles within the movement that are allowed after the age of 65 and is Division Guiding Development Adviser, District Assistant, County Mentor to new Leaders in training, Mentor to new Commissioners both for the Division and the District and is involved in many other aspects of Guiding. Elizabeth started the Trefoil Guild for the Evesham and Pershore area of which she is Chairman. Several of us who have been with "Captain" in the past are proud to be members of this Guild under her leadership which makes it just 'like old times'. Many, many tales could be told of the fun, laughter, mishaps, adventures etc., we have had with Elizabeth as Guide Captain and I am sure many of you reading this article would have a tale to tell, especially 'camping stories'. Many of us will also be more than grateful for her enthusiasm; drive and imagination which have helped shape the characters of so many of our daughters and other girls. Asked how she felt being awarded the MBE, she replied "Honoured, very surprised, totally unexpected but absolutely delighted that Girl guiding has been recognised". Then asked what she liked best about guiding and what she gets out of it replied 'To be able to give girls and young women the opportunity to learn new skills, enjoy a diverse



range of activities, have fun and to see them develop into useful members of the community. After nearly 60 years since I became a Brownie, I still enjoy organising and participating in events for all ages, thoroughly enjoying mentoring new Leaders and I appreciate the way Girl guiding UK has moved forward to meet the needs of new generations'. We applaud and thank you Elizabeth not just for your MBE but for your devotion, dedication and enthusiasm for the youth of yesterday and today.

Carry on Guiding Elizabeth. (actually we could make a really good and funny carry on film – watch out Barbara Windsor, Captains on her way!) (note: Elizabeth is awaiting the date from the Palace for the actual award ceremony)

Yvonne Hayes



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## Voix d'été Concert

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Voix d'été are: **Emily Brinson** – Soprano  
**Sarah Brooks** – Mezzo – Soprano  
**Patrick Carr** – Baritone **David Wiltshire** – Baritone  
**Christopher Wiltshire** - Accompanist

### Big Sing

30th September  
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## Dates For Your Diary

### Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies  
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 Saturday 8th September...note...2nd Saturday due to event at the Sheaf.....Salmon Fishing in the Yemen  
 First Saturdays in:  
 October Paul  
 November Best Exotic Marigold Hotel  
 December How to train your dragon  
 January Moonrise Kingdom  
 Clive  
 x

### Wickhamford Gardening Club

The September meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 26th September, 2012 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This month's speaker is Pat Atkins, her talk entitled "Herbs and Vegetables from the Elizabethan Garden. The competition is Flower of the Month. For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834

Sue Stayt

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Tickets are £25 for a two course lunch. Call 01905763963 or visit [www.strichards.org.uk/events](http://www.strichards.org.uk/events) to book.

## Parish Council News

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRANTS.

Councillor Tom Bean has funds available to anyone with an idea or project that will benefit residents of Badsey. He has a total of £10k up until 31st March 2013 to allocate to local projects so make sure you get your application in.

### CLERKS UPDATE.

Two new benches have been ordered for positioning in Blackminster at the foot of Station Road and Birmingham Road, Badsey near B4035.

An inspection of Village Street, Aldington is to be carried out by Highways after several residents complained about the poor state of the road surface. Also to be inspected are the drains in relation to level of road surface on a number of roads including Bretforton Road and Birmingham Road.

The bus shelter on Chapel Street, Badsey and surrounding area has been cleared of weeds and rubbish. The noticeboards around Badsey, Aldington and Blackminster have been re-varnished and repaired.

### BADSEY FLOWER SHOW.

Thank you to everyone who came and spoke to the Clerk and Councillors at the Badsey Flower Show and raising any points to the PC.

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### FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 19th September 2012. Roy Fullee, County Highways has agreed to attend the meeting on 17th October 2012 to answer any queries.

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## Games Maker: Maureen Spinks

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August – I have just returned to Badsey from a most amazing fortnight in London. Since the start of the Olympic Games, I have been working at Horse Guards Parade as a "Games Maker" volunteer. As many of you will know, Horse Guards Parade has been transformed into a beach volleyball arena for the duration of the Games. Located almost on the Prime Minister's doorstep in central London, it provides an iconic location for the competition, and certainly has the "Wow!" factor when spectators arrive for the first time. From the arena, you can see the London Eye, Big Ben, The Shard, and just about every government building of importance. I've lost count of the number of times I have been asked by people to take photos of them set against the magnificent backdrop of Whitehall. A bonus one evening was the sight of a full moon rising through the London Eye.

Dressed in our distinctive regal purple and poppy red uniform (inspired by the Grenadier Guards uniform), the aim was for volunteers to stand out in the crowd. My main duties were either scanning tickets or showing people to their seats. It was amazing how late some people arrived, and I was normally showing people to their seats for at least a good hour after the game had started. It was a

long way up to some of the seats and, on one occasion, I had a lady who suffered from vertigo, so I had to arrange for her to be reseated. Prince Harry was there for the women's final, as was David Beckham, but I only caught fleeting glances of them.

The shifts were long and tiring, but exhilarating. During the first week, when there were preliminary round beach volleyball sessions at 9 am, 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm, I worked either from 6.15am–4pm or 2.30pm–12.30am. By the second week, when the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals were on, the shifts were not so long as there were not so many sessions. I was fortunate that I was able to stay with my sister who lives in West Kensington, which was only seven stops on the tube.

It wasn't all work, though, as we were given days off. The Spinks family had been lucky enough to get tickets to basketball, beach volleyball and table tennis, so Tony and Jonathan joined me in London for a few days. We very much enjoyed our visit to the Olympic Park and the Excel Arena, and I also appreciated being able to attend Horse Guards Parade as a spectator. There were also free events to go to: I joined the crowds lining Hyde Park to watch the triathletes whizz past on their bikes, and

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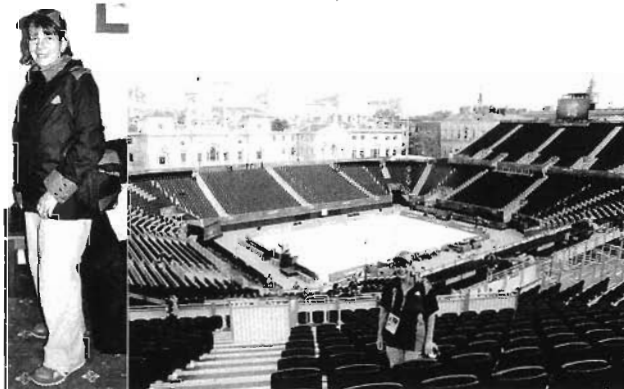
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then next day went to the Serpentine to watch the 10 km swim. Plus there are also several exhibitions to go to relating to the Olympics.

There has been a real buzz in London during the course of the Games. People talk to each other in the tube, in queues, in restaurants, and everyone has taken great pride in being British and celebrating our athletes' pride in being British and celebrating our athletes' successes. If you haven't had a chance to soak up some of the Olympics atmosphere, it is well worth considering trying to get some tickets for the Paralympic Games, if still available.

It was hard work, but I am very glad that I had the opportunity to participate in London 2012. Next month, Clive Richards will tell you about his role as a Games Maker at Olympic Park for the Paralympics.

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