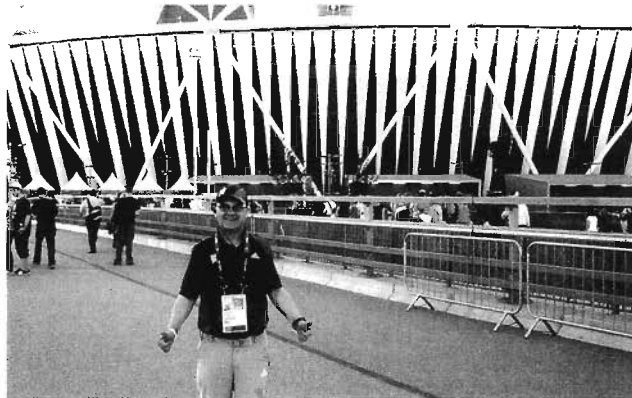


# Community News

Badsey and Aldington October 2012

## My Paralympic Journey



So after an interview at Warwick nearly two years ago and countless trips to London for training sessions, my Paralympic Journey has finally finished. I was selected to be a Team Leader for Event Services at the superb Olympic Stadium. My role was to look after the welfare and manage a group of Gamesmakers in certain roles. (Basically I had a clipboard and a radio)! I'd get to the stadium each day for my shift and after a briefing I would be allocated an area to supervise...which could be the Information booths, concourse, entrance bridges (lots of scanning of tickets) or the Seating areas (most sought after). I would then go to my area and would meet my cheery band of Gamesmakers for that day. I'd allocate them their jobs and then supervise them and look after their welfare, and help them with any problems.

Every day it was new faces with whom you had to build up a rapport and trust very quickly, and they were all superb and up for some fun as well as hard work. Luckily I had seating area for the last two nights, so watched Oscar Pistorius win the 400m on the Saturday night (I was right behind the flags as they were being raised) and watched a Coldplay concert, I mean the Closing Ceremony as well! That night when the crowd gave us a standing ovation was just too emotional for words. I was at the top entrance with two gamesmakers, a 70 year old London lady (they come in all ages)

and a 24 year old student nurse...and we just hugged and sobbed as about 7500 people in our sector applauded us... truly humbling. None of us did it for recognition or to watch the sport. We did it because we wanted to be involved in something very special, and it was something that I will never see in my lifetime again and I feel proud to have done it. I now have one used uniform but endless memories of a wonderful time that I will never forget.

Bring on Rio!!

Clive Richards

### Host

London 2012 brought talented people to Britain. But did you know this happens every year? Thousands of bright young men and women come to study at our universities. Sadly, most have no contact with British people outside the campus. Some miss their families; many are curious about the real life of Britain. That's why HOST arranges for them to spend a day, weekend or 3 days at Christmas as guests in hospitable homes. This is a great opportunity to get to know someone from another country, and help them to feel welcome. As a volunteer host, you could enjoy introducing a student of your choice to your way of life and perhaps to their very first Christmas. Please call Lynette on 029 2069 3903 or see [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org).

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## 2 Letter For The Month

Dear All,

At the end of this summer Britain is basking in sporting success with lots of medals having been won at both the Olympics and the Paralympics. At the time of writing the icing on the sporting cake was Andy Murray finally winning a Grand Slam title. It was a pity he didn't join Virginia Wade, who won the Ladies Singles at Wimbledon in the Queen's Silver Jubilee year, in the history books by winning the Men's Singles in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year but one cannot take away his great win in the US.

In the aftermath of such a sizzling sporting summer politicians and various other commentators are talking about how to develop and maintain the sporting prowess of the children of today. Whilst it is important to offer opportunities to those who are talented in the sporting field, we must not forget all those others who are gifted in other ways for example in art and music, and ensure they too have the openings offered to them to reach their potential.

### Church Ministry Team

Vicar: The Revd Richard Court 834550  
The Vicarage  
High Street  
Badsey

Assistant Curate:

The Revd Anne Potter 424429

Churchwardens: Mr Chris Smith 830217  
Mrs Sue Cole 831260

Readers: Mrs Penny Christison 830367  
Mrs Sue Cole 831260  
Mrs Margaret Pye 833537

### Church Services

Sunday 7

11.00 am Family Harvest  
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 14

11.00 am Praise & Worship  
6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 21

11.00 am Family Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 28

9.30 am Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 4 November

11.00 am Family Service  
6.30 pm All Souls Service

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

## From The Revd Anne Potter

However, most of us are not high achievers plodding along day to day simply getting on with living. But God has given each one of us a gift or two. It may be the gift of the gab enabling us to communicate with others, for some it may be the gift of making cakes or sewing or flower arranging bringing pleasure to others, whilst many are gifted in the use of their hands others are gifted in the use of their minds. Your gift may be simply listening, offering a kind hand or just being there for someone else – such valuable gifts in this selfish world of me.

God though gave us the greatest gift of all and it was not a great sportsman or a talented musician or an astounding artist. Through the humble birth, teachings, preaching and finally the death and resurrection of his beloved son Jesus Christ he revealed his amazing love for each of us. What a gift, the gift of love – a gift we can all share with each other.

Anne

### From The Parish Registers

#### Baptisms

12 August Leyla Iris Moore  
19 August Evie Maria Medcroft  
26 August Seb Henry Fredrick Anderson

#### Funeral Services

13 August Dennis Arthur Hampton  
14 August Oliver Thomas Hampton (Ollie)  
21 August Timothy Lloyd Andrews

### St James' Flower Guild

#### Rota

1st Sunday: Harvest Festival - all the guild  
2nd Sunday: All the guild to tend their own  
3rd Sunday: Hazel & Hazel  
4th Sunday: Yvonne & Stephanie

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in Church during September. We will be arranging the flowers/fruit & veg for harvest on Saturday 6th October from 9.30am. We would be very grateful for any donations of flowers or produce with thanks. Any queries regarding Church flowers, please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

How do you make milk shake?

*Give it a good scare!*

Where do lions get their clothes?

*In jungle sales!*

## Badsey W.I.

This year Badsey W.I. celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday. To celebrate members sat down to a four course meal at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Members were greeted with Bucks Fizz and the delicious lunch consisted of Melon Trio, Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding or Salmon with Hollandaise Sauce followed by delicious White Chocolate and Hazelnut Meringue Roulade or Fresh Fruit Salad with cream and to finish, Cheeseboard and Tea or Coffee. The lunch was supplied, cooked, and served by Cobwebs of Evesham and was done beautifully. A beautiful birthday cake was made by Wendy Such.

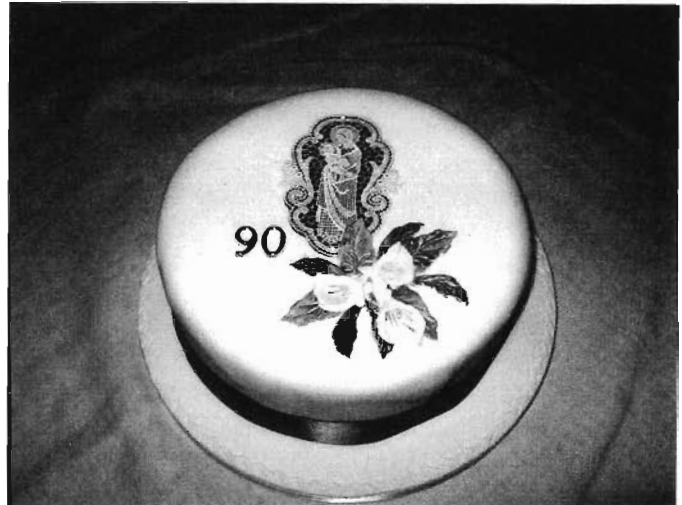
Guest of Honour was Mrs Sheila Knight. Sheila joined the W.I. when she was just 16 years old though had appeared in the W.I. Drama Group as a child when her mother, who was a member of the group, "persuaded" her reluctant daughter to take the part of one of the children required in the play. The Drama Group was a very popular Group and when Sheila joined the W.I. she joined it as a member rather than a 'child actor'. In one play a scene called for a chicken to be plucked and in true W.I. style a real chicken was actually plucked on the stage! Sheila was a member of the W.I. for 61 years, serving on the committee for 25 years and during some of that time was Vice President. As her son said to her at the time "trust you to be something in VICE mum". *On that note I remember Sheila being the "Madam" on one of our more 'risqué' Carnival Floats.* So perhaps Sheila's son had a point after all! Sheila had to retire from the W.I. 10 years ago, due to the ill health of her husband Lionel who sadly died last year, but has kept a keen interest in the W.I. Sheila was invited to cut the cake and we were all very pleased to welcome her as our special guest. An exhibition of Badsey W.I. past and present was on show in the back room of the Remembrance Hall evoking happy memories and causing much merriment. A really enjoyable celebration.

Badsey W.I. meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Remembrance Hall and we are always pleased to welcome visitors to any of our meetings which begin at 7.15.p.m.

## Badsey Mothers' Union



### The Badsey Group



We celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 9<sup>th</sup> with a Eucharist celebrated by our Curate Rev. Anne Potter. We were joined by members from other branches in the Evesham and Pershore Deanery. Birthday cake and wine was served after the service. Members shared many happy memories, although no one present remembered Mothers Union in 1922!

Joyce Bush, a former Diocesan President spoke at our monthly meeting, the title of her talk "Happiness is our greatest gift." She spoke about her hero Ken Dodd who is still making people laugh at his stage shows. Joyce had us singing happy songs from across the decades. Members certainly came out with smiles on their faces after listening to Joyce.

The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2.30 pm at Badsey Church with Margaret Penn on "Breaking the Rules."

We welcome visitors to our meeting, please come and have a happy afternoon.

*Details Penny Christison 830367*

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The monthly meeting of the Royal British Legion Women's section Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch took place on Wednesday evening the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012. Names were taken for those ladies wishing to attend the Group 2 meeting at Fladbury Women's section and arrangements were made to travel in cars as getting a minibus had proved difficult.

Entertainment this evening, was two for the price of one in the form of Councillors John and Frances Smith. They brought along a very interesting DVD of the time John received his OBE from the queen. It was very interesting to hear of the lead up to the actual ceremony. The actual medal was brought along with photos taken at the time all done by professional photographers as no cameras or mobile phones allowed in the palace. The DVD taken when the Queen visited Worcester Cathedral was also brought along for us to see. It was interesting to know that Frances actually 'had words' with the queen on this occasion being Friends of Evesham Hospital.

If you are interested in a social evening out once a month why not come along and join us. You do not need to have any connection with the armed forces

*Val Taylor.*

## Charity Quiz at Bretforton

Thank you to everyone for your generous support at this event. We raised over £500 to be shared between Great Ormond Street Hospital and Molly's mission2walk. Thank you also to those who cooked lasagne and to everyone who brought a pudding and helped to set up and clear away.

With grateful thanks from Margaret and George  
Pye

## Lost



My 90 year old disabled mum moved in with us recently and brought her cat Misty with her. Unfortunately mum has spent quite a lot of time in hospital since moving up here from Wiltshire and Misty has now gone missing.

Misty is a 5 year old silver tabby and was quite large when she left with a beautiful silver and black striped coat. She doesn't have a collar but is micro-chipped with her new address. She went missing on 15th August and we have searched and put posters up round the village and notified the RSPCA and various animal refuges with no success.

We are all very upset but my mum is obviously more so and misses Misty terribly.

Thank you very much for your help.

*Sally Squires*  
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# Jams For Church

It is just a year ago when someone had the idea of putting a box containing jam, chutney and marmalade in Church. The hope was that it would sell and that it would bring people who normally do not attend regular Church services into Church to buy it. The extra money would be useful but it was more important that people felt comfortable popping into Church.

Hilary Bolton provided the first batch of jams, and spicy sauces and marmalade and chutney were added so a good selection was maintained in the very eye-catching box.

The idea has proved very successful and so this article is a big 'thank you' not only to the people who made the jams but even more to the people who supported the idea and bought the goodies, and were then kind enough to return the empty jars to Church for re-use. Someone even donated a couple of packs of the cellophane tops which was gratefully received as every little helps. Thank you all very much.

Last year we had plenty of fruit to use but harvests do not look so good this year thanks to the very wet weather and the late frost in the Spring so apples are going to be in short supply along with other crops, but please continue to support the idea, and if anyone would like to be a contributor to the box anything would be welcome such as pickled onions, pickled cabbage, whatever you like – the more the merrier and ready for Christmas!

## Beetroot & Ginger Chutney

### Ingredients

- 500g/1lb 2oz fresh beetroot, peeled, finely chopped
- 1kg/2lb 2oz cooking apples, peeled, quartered, cored, roughly chopped
- 275g/10oz red onion, finely chopped
- 2.5cm/1in piece fresh ginger, peeled, grated
- 75g/2½oz crystallised stem ginger, finely chopped
- 350g/12oz soft light brown sugar

- 2 tsp Maldon salt, or 1 tsp table salt
- 1 tsp ground allspice
- 750ml/1 pint 7fl oz red wine vinegar

### Preparation method

Place the beetroot, apple and red onion into a large pan.

Add the fresh ginger, crystallised ginger, brown sugar, salt and ground allspice.

Add the vinegar and stir to mix well.

Bring to the boil, then turn down the heat and simmer for approximately one hour, stirring every now and again, until the beetroot pieces are tender. Spoon into sterilised jars and seal. Keep refrigerated and use within four weeks.

## Toilet And Kitchen Facilities

At its last meeting the Parochial Church Council unanimously agreed to go ahead with plans to provide a toilet and kitchen facilities in church. This has been something that has been ongoing for many years (certainly prior to my coming in 2005). At the moment we are in the process of producing plans to be submitted for approval and as soon as plans are drawn they will be on display for all to see as part of that process. The basis of the proposal so far is for a toilet to be installed in what is currently known as 'the vicar's vestry'; storage cupboards on the left hand side (as you look at the window) of the transept; and a sink and cupboards on the right had side. We also plan to install a new boiler and remove the current boiler house. Our plan is for all of this to be done in sympathy with the current interior of the church and to enhance the facilities we have to offer. Entrance into the transept will be made easier by the removal of the front pew on each side. As a separate proposal we are also planning to reduce the step into the church to make it easier for disabled access. As more information becomes available it will be announced in the Community News and information left in church.

*Richard Court*

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This survey is YOUR chance to make your views known in regards to the development of various services, issues and planning around the village. The results will be analysed and published as soon as practical.

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Please take the time to check that your hedges and trees are not encroaching on the footpaths in the Parish (both public rights of way and footways by the side of roads). Remember this is the landowner's responsibility and if the local authority has to deal with it a charge will be made.

If you spot encroaching vegetation please let the Clerk know so that the landowner can be contacted.

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Sue Cole 831260

### Harvest Supper

St. James Church Badsey with Aldington

At Badsey Remembrance Hall  
On Saturday 13th October  
Commencing at 7.00pm

Admission £8.00  
(children £4.00)

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Haynes (830063) Maureen Davies (832492) Wendy  
Such (832283) Annette & Chris Robbins (831004)

### Quiz Night

We are holding a Quiz Night at the Wheatsheaf Inn  
on Saturday 24th November. 8pm start.

Tickets are £7.50 per head to include a Meat Pie  
and Peas supper.  
Teams of four.  
Grand Raffle.

The aim is to raise approx £300.00 for a new  
professional vacuum cleaner for the church.  
Following discussion with the PCC they have in fact  
now purchased this, so I hope we can raise the  
money.

### The Witches Cauldron



### A Halloween Bazaar

This fabulous event has been organised so all  
we need now is your support. Please come  
along and enjoy the evening where you can  
browse amongst the stalls, play games, enjoy  
a drink, pamper your eyebrows with a fresh  
look, indulge in delicious confectionery,  
choose a new scarf for the coming winter, buy  
some fabulous jewellery and even start your  
Xmas shopping with cards and gifts. The caul-  
dron has stirred up a devilish mix of treats, so  
please put FRIDAY OCT 26th in your diary.

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dress up as your *worst nightmare* and you  
could WIN THE PRIZE

Friday October 26th 7.00pm – 10.00pm

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# Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday October 24th, at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This is the Annual General Meeting followed by a talk about Penstemons from Julie and Joanne, from Green Jjam Nursery. Further information can be obtained from Committee Members.

Sue Stayt



# Quiz Night



With FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Badsey Village Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November

At 7.30pm

Teams of 4 persons.

Bring your own drink

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To enter a team please contact Yvonne 830063; Wendy 832283, Maureen 832492, Chris 831236 or Hazel 832623. If you haven't a full team and you would like to come along please do and we can make up teams from those who only have part teams or who are on their own.

## Mini Fete And Table Top Sale

Friday 9th November

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In and around Badsey Church

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## Worcester Mystery Plays

If you're looking for a new way to view some of the most famous biblical stories, why not consider going to see the Worcester Mystery Plays at Worcester Cathedral in the run up to both Christmas 2012 and Easter 2013.

Mystery plays were the start of our modern theatre. They developed from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century and portrayed key stories from the Bible in a fresh and dramatic way that appealed to people of all ages and backgrounds.

The performances in Worcester will bring the medieval Mystery Plays completely up to date, with scripts in modern English capturing the actions and rhythms of the originals. They will be enhanced by specially commissioned music which will be performed by the Cathedral's Chamber Choir. During the run up to Christmas, the Advent Cycle of plays, will tell a host of stories including, the Creation and the Fall of Man, Noah, and the Nativity.

The Advent performances will take place on the 4, 5 and 6 December 2012.

Tickets cost either £12.50 reserved (under 16 £10.) or £10 unreserved (under 16 £8) and are available from Worcester Live (01905 611427 [www.worcesterlive.co.uk/boxoffice](http://www.worcesterlive.co.uk/boxoffice)).

For more information about the plays, the performers, the author and the musicians have a look at [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk)

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'I give all the glory to God... the glory goes up to Him, and all the blessings fall down on me'

Gabrielle Douglas

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