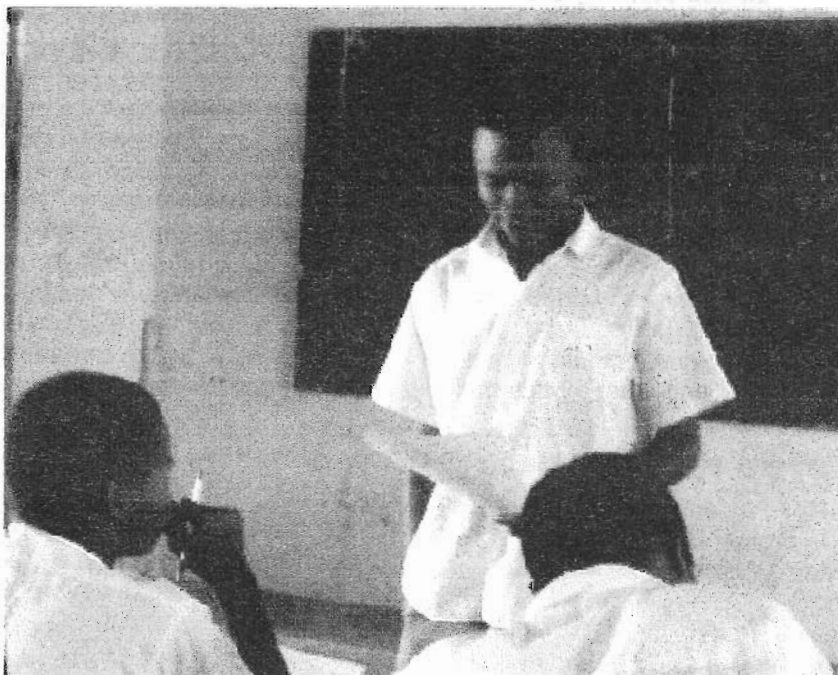


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Badsey and Aldington

December 2009



As an elected member of the Diocesan Board for Mission I was invited recently to attend an evening celebration of Africa and the diocese's links with that country held at Bishop Perone School in Worcester. The school is twinned with Rondo Junior School in Tanzania as part of a government sponsored link through 'Global School Partnerships'. Funding is available to help teachers and pupils to be actively involved at secondary level in exchanges and at primary level there is financial encouragement too. The aim of this link and ones like it, be they school, church or other organisation; is to link people together, to offer a chance for first hand experiences and to enhance our understanding of each other's lives. Global Partnerships particularly believes in trying to link "the majority world" with those in the "minority world" in the hope that both can learn a lot from each other. From a Christian perspective I hope and know these links lead to friendships, greater understanding and hopefully may also promote peace, encourage us to be more

willing to offer sympathetic help (better targeted aid, advice, education), or to campaign for justice and a more equal world through Fairtrade for example.

The joy of the people of Africa was felt by all who attended; as the teachers from the Tanzanian School danced and sang to African rhythms; music being provided by enthusiastic drummers from both Tanzania and Bishop Perone's own pupils. As a backdrop to the dancing, photos of the African School and the surrounding area were projected. The school pictured here is so much more basic than any in this county.

The religious service was in English and Swahili. The Bishop of Worcester spoke of his experience of the joy of Africa and also of the pain of Africa. He gave thanks "for the fruit of these links" and explained "that we were all richer under God for them". He was accompanied by Bishop Jonathan from Malawi; who is visiting as part of a diocesan link.

Chris Smith

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH



Dear All,

I am sure that you are not the least bit interested in the leaves on my lawn that I mentioned last month in my letter – but for those who eagerly await the news – they are still on the lawn and now soaking wet

and I suspect that is where they will remain as my thoughts now start to head towards Christmas.

I am not sure how many people still make their own Christmas puddings and Christmas cake, but I am pleased to say that we still do and that they are both done and maturing nicely (only the mince meat to go !!). The recipe we use for the Christmas puddings is a bit of a combination from cook books and made up over the years, and the amount of ingredients used often changes a bit to what 'looks about right'. It is essentially suet, bread crumbs, nutmeg, mixed spice, cinnamon, brown sugar, sultanas, raisins, currents, mixed peel, apples, almonds, barley wine and stout, with flour and eggs to bind it all together (I think we missed the barley wine out this year and added extra stout instead – it is never good to get too set in your ways). By now perhaps you are wondering if the vicar has lost his marbles completely and what all this has got to do with a Christmas letter.

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CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER

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| Wed 2nd | 10.00 am | Communion followed by coffee |
| Sun 6th | 11.00 am | Christingle |
| | 6.30 pm | Evensong |
| Sun 13th | 11.00 am | Praise & Worship |
| | 6.30 pm | Eucharist |
| Sun 20th | 11.00 am | NO SERVICE |
| | 3.30 pm | Carol Service |
| Thu 24th | 11.30 pm | Midnight Mass |
| Fri 25th | 10.30 am | Family Worship |
| Sun 27th | 9.30 am | Eucharist |
| | 6.30 pm | Evensong |

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

FROM THE REVd RICHARD COURT

Imagine for a moment that you are one of the ingredients in the Christmas pudding – you may feel a bit spicy or sweet or even a bit of a nut, but just like the ingredients we are all different. Each of us has our own abilities and add something special to the mix that makes up our human existence, we are each unique – but mixed together we become greater than the individual parts. However well the ingredients are mixed they will 'only ever hold together if there is something to bind them together, in the Christmas pud that is the flour and the eggs; in life, for me it my Christian faith, a believe that God holds everything together in tension, all the odd ingredients that go together to make up our world; each one of us in our different measures bound together by the love of God. It is because of the love that God has for us that he sent his son into the world as a fragile new-born baby, something we celebrate at Christmas.

So as you tuck into your Christmas pudding, whether home-made or shop bought, enjoy and celebrate not only God's gift to us in Jesus Christ but celebrate the diversity of human existence separate ingredients bound together by the love of God.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all.

Richard

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

18 Oct Taegan Levarie Rollinson

Funerals: None

Weddings: None

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in Church during November. There will be no flowers during Advent.

We are having a meeting of the guild on Saturday 05 December at 2.00 pm to discuss the decorating of the Church for Christmas. So could I please ask for as many members to attend as possible.

Any queries regarding the Church flowers please contact Hazel Stewart on 832007.

May I wish everyone a happy Christmas.

THANK YOU DELIVERERS

The editorial staff of the Community News would like to thank all of the deliverers, old and new, for the past year. It is your dedication to the task of ensuring that the publication is delivered to every house in the parish that is much appreciated.

CHRISTINGLE

Join us for a special Christingle celebration – it's the service everyone wants to be part of.

6 DECEMBER

11.00 am



BADSEY CHURCH

Cash collected at Christingle goes directly to the work of the Children's Society.

The Children's Society supports many projects one is the national network of Children's Centres. Services

provided include early integration and childcare, support for parents, group activities, child and family health services and helping parents into work. £10 could help hire premises for a youth club session, helping children make friends and increase their sense of belonging.

Sue Cole

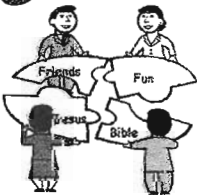
EDITOR'S NOTE

I hope you have enjoyed the newsletter over the past year. A big thank you to all who have sent me articles. Especial thanks to the advertisers without whom we would not have a newsletter. I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year. Sheila Lancaster

FISH AND CHIP WALK

On Wednesday 21.09.09 we walked to Littleton fish and chip shop. It was about two miles, which seemed a long way, but it was fun. When we got there Andrea and the other helpers went to buy chips, I think it was about twenty portions. The chips were really nice, we had ketchup and salt and vinegar to go on our chips. We walked back it was dark and cold. We had to walk in twos and I walked with Jessica. It was a great night and thank you to the Brownie leaders for taking us. I really enjoyed it.

Jigsaw



Jigsaw news

Children Miss Out!

Badsey children are missing out on exciting activities at **JIGSAW**.

Last month, lots of fun was had learning about the creation story.

The children, who did attend, made creation wheels, sang songs, played games and learnt all about how God made the world.

Jigsaw usually takes place on the 4th Sunday of each month at St James Church, Badsey, between 11am and 12 pm.

It's free to join in, so come along.

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If that sounds like fun, why doesn't your child try our **JIGSAW** Christmas workshop?



This is taking place on Saturday 12th December at St James Church, Badsey. It starts at 2pm and finishes at 4 pm. There will be a small charge of £1 per child to cover costs.



We will be making lots of lovely Christmas based crafts and learning about the Christmas story using songs and games.



The next **JIGSAW** meeting is on 24th January 2010. See you there!



TOWER NEWS

Nearly Christmas, where has time gone This time last year I was in hospital just waiting for the days to go by, they were so slow!! At the beginning of November when I am writing this there is little to say other than we hope to repeat the usual round of Christmas ringing and wish everyone a lovely time. If there is any special ringing taking place, a notice will be pinned to the church door at the time.

Another question asked is, why does someone call - bob or single - this is to alert the ringers that a change in the order of the bells is about to take place, requiring them to act accordingly. Depending on what the Conductor calls and where the bells are within the method, this enables the method to be shortened or lengthened. With the aid of these calls, the required amount of changes for a Quarter peal and Full peal are made. When you hear, for instance 6 to 7, 2 to 3, 4 to 5 and so on and so forth, Bobs and singles are not used or required. The Conductor is calling the bells to change places. Known as Called Changes.

Hilary Bolton

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Tuesday 22nd Irish Christmas Party Night

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Christmas Eve (After St Leonard's Church Service) Father Christmas visits with presents for the children

Christmas Morning (Approx 10.30- after lunch)

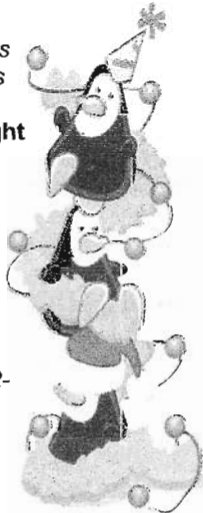
Brettforton Silver Band play Pub is open 12-2pm for drinks

Boxing Day from 12pm

Pebworth Morris Men dance followed by a folk session

New Years Eve 'Desperados'

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St. James Social Committee would like to thank all those who have supported our events throughout the year and all those who have helped in so many ways. Without your support we would not be able to hold such successful events or raise monies for the Church and other Charities. A very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to you all.

The Womens Section of the Badsey and Aldington Royal British Legion travelled in a mini bus tot the Albert Hall, Saturday 7th November for the Festival of Remembrance presented by the Royal British Legion. (an annual festival in honour of those who have given their lives in the Service of their country). Les Grinnell is Chairman of our Branch, and has organised the local Poppy Appeal for the last seventeen years. This year Shirley Agg took over from Les and organised the Poppy Appeal. Bett Westmacott is Chairlady of the Womens section. Sunday morning 8th November began with morning service in Wickhamford Church. Later, a Parade took place along Badsey High Street, headed by Jackie Emms carrying the banner for the Women's section. Angie Humsten carried the banner for the Men's section. It was pouring with rain and many people on their way to church were seen scurrying along the pavement carrying brightly coloured umbrellas as protection against the heavy rain. Despite the weather, the Parade carried on with dignity and the rain eased somewhat as they reached St James church. Also represented within the Parade, were the Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Guides and Scouts, carrying their banners. After the service, the parade walked back to the British Legion, where the children were entertained with coke and crisps. Later there was a raffle, all proceeds going to the Poppy Appeal



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BADSEY W.I.



Our October meeting was our AGM and was taken by President Stephanie Hartley with County Advisor Wendy Booth overseeing the election of President and Committee. Stephanie Hartley stepped down as President after serving four years and Elizabeth Cudd was elected President taking over from Stephanie who becomes Vice President. Judy Foster was elected as Secretary, Yvonne Haynes as Minutes Secretary with Maureen Davies elected as Assistant Secretary. Jane Thompson was re-elected as Treasurer with Joy Payne being Assistant Treasurer. Other offices were taken on. Two members of the committee stepped down, Chris Print and Brenda Osborne and four new members were elected. Stephanie told members in her report that she had enjoyed her term in office and thanked members for their unstinted support. Stephanie also thanked her committee for all their hard work and stated that we had attracted new members and had achieved many things over the past four years which included attending nearly all the County and National events, taken part in most competitions and achieved more skittle championships. Our extra meeting activities included a walking group lead by Maureen Davies, Craft courses under the guidance of Bonnie Hale, and skittles under the Captaincy of Anne Ellender, (who lead her team to victory on October 23 when Badsey won the Group

BADSEY W.I. MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL READERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

Championship). Holidays abroad and at home organised by Jane Thompson and Yvonne Haynes, outings and trips organised by various members to many varied events including Flower Arranging evenings, garden visits, theatre trips and many more. At our Christmas Festive Meeting on Wednesday 09 December we will be having an American Supper, (members are asked to bring a small plate of food, sweet or savoury, for a buffet), singing Carols by Candlelight and, by popular request, Hope Proudfoot will be our speaker/entertainment. Gifts and foodstuffs will be collected for 'Caring Hands in The Vale'. A wonderful organisation which helps the homeless and needy families in the Vale by providing food parcels, clothes and home ware to those who need it and in this time of recession there will be more than usual. Knapsacks, sleeping bags, toiletries, food and clothes are also given out to the homeless and hot meals are provided once or twice a week. Anyone who would like to donate gifts or have backpacks, sleeping bags etc no longer in use can take them to the Christian Centre in Bewdley Street, (using Bewdley Street car park entrance) and a Wednesday lunchtime is probably the best time or you could give them to a W.I. Member before Wednesday 9 December and they will take them with their gifts after their meeting. Shoe Boxes have been filled and sent to Bob James for the Children's Shoe Box Appeal.

ARTHUR "BADSEY" DAVIES – CORN DOLLY MAKER

Does anyone remember someone called Arthur Davies, who was well-known for making corn dollies? This was the question posed to The Badsey Society by Mandy Davies (no relation), who you may know as the Lady Thatcher. She told us that in a WI Home Skills' Guide (published 1979), the following was written about him: "Arthur 'Badsey' Davies, so called because he came from Badsey in Worcestershire, was a great master of the group linked plait. He used to demonstrate this plait with 49 straws, which was no mean achievement. He copied his father making straw plaits and taught the skill to his son and grandchildren. An example of this design can be found in the Museum of Rural Life in Reading." But the question is, who was he? As far as we know, the only person to have lived in Badsey with the name of Arthur Davies was Arthur Edward Davies, who came to Badsey in 1955 with his wife, Jane, and daughter, Rosalind. Long-term residents of Badsey will have known Rosalind Davies as "Nurse Davies" who was district nurse, health visitor and midwife for many years; she died in February 2007, aged 93. Arthur Davies died in 1960. For those of you who knew Rosalind Davies, do you recall if she ever mentioned her father being a master corn dolly maker? Or was there another Arthur Davies who lived in Badsey?

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BADSEY BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal British Legion Womens Section, Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford branch was held at the Legion Club on Wednesday 28 October.

Apologies were received from the President Mrs. Jess Reeves and Vice President Mrs. Marje Syril who were unable to attend due to ill health. The President's report was read by the Chairman in which she thanked the ladies for all their hard work during the year and said that due to ill health was unable to attend as many meetings as she would liked to have. She also thanked the Health Visitor for her visits.

The Treasurer's report was read by Pat Gorin who explained where we make money, and where it goes, also that the auditor pointed out that we are holding too much cash in our current account. As we had not sent any money to H.Q. this year, as we do annually, it was proposed and seconded that £200 should be donated to the benevolent fund.

The Secretary's report was the usual summary of events of the past year. Followed by Chairman's report in which she thanked the ladies for all their support throughout the year, particularly when asked to donate. Jackie Emms received particular praise for the way she carried the standard at the funerals of Pat Lord and Ruby Gailey. Not an easy task at the best of times, but made harder in the fact that you knew the ladies well.

The officers elected for the coming year were, President - Mrs. Jess Reeves, Vice-President - Mrs. Marje Syril, Chairman - Mrs. R.E. Westmacott, Vice Chairman - Mrs. J Emms. Treasuer - Mrs. Pat Gorin, Secretary - Mrs. V Taylor, Sick Visitor - Mrs Sheila Lancaster, and Standard Bearer - Mrs Jackie Emms. The Committee members elected were Doris Harris, Wendy Beasley, Ann Wilson and Lynne Clark.

The escorts to the standard at Remembrance Sunday were Bet Westmacott and Val Taylor who were on parade at Badsey after attending the church service at Wickhamford. The Women's Section poppy wreath was laid by Sheila Lancaster, a collection for which was taken at the meeting. In the any other business the Annual Dinner next February was discussed and it was decided to 'go out' this time instead of holding it at the Legion Club as normal. A couple of venues were suggested and would be investigated.

The alphabet competition which had proved very amusing was started again at the November meeting, which was a week earlier than usual on Wednesday the 18th.

As our numbers are on the decline we really would like some new members. So come on ladies give us a try, you will sure have an interesting evening. We even have a cup of tea and refreshments, including a variety of sandwiches, white and brown bread, and we've even managed to do gluten free on rare occasions. The Legion welcomes everyone, old or young. You aren't required to have any connection with the armed forces, so join today.

YOUR LEGION NEEDS YOU!

THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED

or know someone who is?

Thanks to a new law that came into force in 2008 the requirements to get married in church have been relaxed.

If you live in parish you have always been entitled to be married in the Parish Church and this is still the case. However the new law allows you to be married in the Parish Church if can 'tick' any one of the following boxes.

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- at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months

Or one of the couples parents have

- at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months
- at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months

Or one of the couples parents or grandparents was

- Married in the church

If you can't tick any of the boxes above but would like to be married in church it may still be possible, in which case please get in touch (01386 834550 or email vicarage@ourbenefice.org.uk). A pamphlet regarding marriage in church is available from the church or can be downloaded from our web site www.ourbenefice.org.uk/marriage.pdf

Richard Court

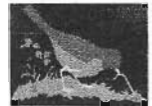
ICE COOL EVENING

On 07 October we had an Ice Cool evening at Brownies. The week before, Brown Owl had told us to bring lots of jumpers. We put a jumper on in between each activity. The activities included drinking a milkshake and eating! By the time we had finished all that, we were warm, cosy, stiff and fat. Tawny Owl gave us some ice creams. Yummy! It was then time to go home. Overall it was a very cool evening.

Siobhan Guyll

ROUND ROBIN

Another successful year for the Round Robin. We have had talks on the Holy Land, the history of past Badsey vicars, a talk on the Antiques Road Show and the vicar's talk on the Franciscans, plus an afternoon of singing to Marianne on the accordion. We had a social time with a quiz, enjoyed afternoon tea at Jean Jephcott's and a summer buffet at Jim and Jean Ives. We are looking forward to the Salvation Army and our annual fish and chip lunch to end the year. Our charity giving has raised £160. I look forward to another happy year.



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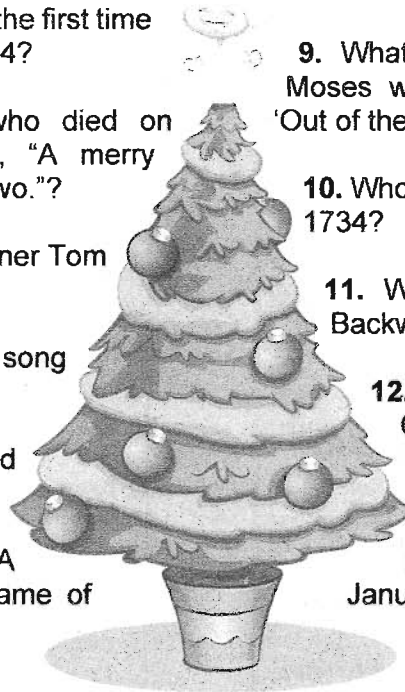


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A CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. What seasonal slogan was adopted by the GPO in 1880?
2. What annual event took place for the first time in Hyde Park on Christmas Day 1864?
3. Which American comedian, who died on Christmas Day 1946, once said, "A merry Christmas to all my friends except two."?
4. What was first made by confectioner Tom Smith in 1841?
5. Which singer had a number one song in 1955 with 'Christmas Alphabet'?
6. 'Christmas Common' can be found in which range of hills in the UK?
7. In the Charles Dickens book 'A Christmas Carol' what is the surname of Tiny Tim?
8. In the 1983 film 'Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence' which actor played Colonel John Lawrence?
9. What was the nickname of Anna Mary Moses who painted winter scenes including 'Out of the Xmas Trees'?
10. Who composed the 'Christmas Oratorio' in 1734?
11. Which comedy group were 'Walking Backwards For Christmas' in 1956?
12. 'Prettig Kerstfeest' is Merry Christmas in which language?



Questions compiled for the Community Newsletter by John Dallimore. Answers will be given in January's Community Newsletter.

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PEOPLE PROFILE - ELOISE HARRIS

Eloise Harris is three-years-old and in May she was diagnosed with a Wilms tumour.

Following discussions between oncologists, radiotherapists, radiologists, pathologists and the consultant paediatric surgeon, Mr. Suran Arul, at Birmingham Children's Hospital, a date was set for surgery in June.

Mention 'surgery' to people and it arouses all sorts of different thoughts and emotions, mention it to a family with a child suffering from cancer and it will often sum up all their hopes and fears for the future in a single word. Even though the parents know full well that it is only one of many hurdles in the complex journey necessary for the treatment of childhood cancer there is something very deeply emotive about surgery that almost sets it apart in people's minds.

Four weeks prior to the operation Eloise received chemotherapy in an attempt to shrink the tumour down. Cancer surgery can't be rushed. It is a slow meticulous process of separating the diseased kidney from the surrounding tissues.

After four hours the parents get the call they have waited for all day, and all of a sudden a sleepy but pain-free Eloise is having a cuddle with her Mummy in the anaesthetic room.

The night after surgery everything may seem very calm but there is a hive of activity in the background that



most people are unaware of, with nurses and doctors monitoring pulse, breathing, and blood pressure. They may be trying to keep everything nice and stable but Eloise is having none of this, she can't see what all the fuss is about and has already pulled out her nasogastric tube and is demanding a drink. The great thing about children is that they haven't yet learnt to feel sorry for themselves so they just see the various tubes and monitors as irritations that stop them from playing. Within a day Eloise was up and drawing pictures, and preparing to going home.

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