

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

February 2010

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Over the years many parishioners have sat on the hexagonal plinth of the cross in the churchyard, or used it as a vantage point for photographing newly-weds leaving the church. Some believe it to have been erected as a war memorial. But this year, the cross celebrates its centenary. Its story begins on January 24th 1910 with a letter from Julius Sladden to the vicar, Rev. W.C. Allsebrook. "My dear Vicar, in October next we shall reach, the 25th anniversary of the re-opening of our Parish Church after restoration and enlargement. It seems to me a fitting period to erect some permanent memorial to the then Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Hunt, for the conspicuous part he took in that great work. I think the re-erection of our Churchyard Cross would be a fitting monument and if you concur, as I believe you do, would you take an early opportunity of calling a meeting of all those interested in the matter to discuss what can be done?"

The Vicar was in hearty agreement with Mr. Sladden's suggestion, and arranged a meeting in the Parish Room to discuss his proposal on Valentine's Day in the hope that there would be a good muster, not only of Mr. Hunt's old friends, but also of others who are today reaping the benefit of Mr. Hunt's zeal and liberality. (The Parish Room was a large stone-flagged room with fixed benches around its walls. It was part of the old vicarage which stood on the site now occupied by Allsebrook Gardens.)

The meeting cordially endorsed the proposal to restore the ancient Churchyard Cross in memory of the Rev. T. H. Hunt. A committee was appointed, consisting of Miss M. Byrd, Miss E. Sladden, and Messrs. E. Crisp, A. Dore, A. E. Jones, J. W. Mason and W. Mustoe, to act with the Vicar and Churchwardens with a view to giving effect to such proposal. Miss E. Sladden was appointed secretary and the Vicar was asked to act as treasurer. Subscriptions amounting to nearly £10 were promised, and Mr. A. E. Jones said he hoped the sum collected would provide not only for the restoration of the old cross but also for the erection of a memorial tablet in the church. This will mean the expenditure of between £40

and £50 at least, contributions towards which may be sent either to the treasurer or the secretary. Mr. T. Graham Jackson, R.A., was asked to prepare a suitable design.



So on the afternoon of Saturday 15th October the graceful Churchyard Cross, erected to the memory of the late Rev. T. H. Hunt, was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Warwick with simple but impressive ceremonial. The dedication was preceded by evensong, with special lessons and psalms. Captains Cecil and Charles Hunt were both in the choir, the former reading the first lesson and the Rural Dean the second. "O Saviour of the world," was sung by the choir without accompaniment before the choir and clergy led the way to the cross. The service in the churchyard was conducted by the Archdeacon, and after the dedication the hymn "When I survey" was sung as all stood round the cross. On returning to the church the Archdeacon preached an appropriate sermon, and the service concluded with the singing of "Abide with me" and the blessing.

In the evening there was a Social Gathering in the Old School, at which Capts. Cecil and Chas. Hunt and Mrs. Chas. Hunt were accorded a most hearty reception. The big room was packed and everybody seemed in the best of good humour with everybody else. The Vicar, in welcoming the principal guests, said how deeply he appreciated all that Mr. Hunt had done for the village and people of Badsey, and he was glad that the gratitude of Badsey had at length taken a practical turn. A musical programme kept the company entertained to a late hour and, but for the fact that Sunday was so near, it would probably have been a case of an "all-night sitting"

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All,



I know that Christmas is but a distant memory in most of our minds and some may be hard pressed to remember what presents they either gave or received.

One thing however, has been praying on my mind during January, it is the fact that just before Christmas there have been Easter Eggs on sale in many of our shops (not all shops succumbed to the commercial pressure I am glad to say). It seems that if we are not careful religious feasts will be completely overtaken by commercialism. Christmas decorations seem to go up in late November and come down before the Wise Men have even arrived at the crib on the 6 January, and as I say Easter eggs are on sale as 'good stocking fillers' for Christmas.

For many people Church is an archaic institution that 'other people' attend, apart that is from when there is a wedding, funeral or baptism to go to. I am not in any way having a dig at those who do not attend regularly that is their right and I don't expect everyone to attend every

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CHURCH SERVICES

FEBRUARY

Wed 3rd	10.00 am	Communion followed by coffee
Sun 7th	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 14th	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 21st	11.00 am	Experimental Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 28th	9.30 am	Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong

There will be a Eucharist service for Ash Wednesday (with imposition of ashes) at 7.30 pm on 17 February 2010 at St James Church Badsey

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

FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

week. The Church of England is what is known as the 'Established Church'; everyone lives in a Parish and is therefore part of the wider congregation and a member of the Church (the Church being the people not the building) people are therefore free to attend services as and when they want to and all are welcome.

Perhaps I am wrong, but whether or not you attend services regularly, occasionally, or not at all I think that most people have a view on the celebration of major religious festivals such as Christmas and Easter and that the sale of Easter Eggs before Christmas just doesn't seem right. The reason for writing this now is that we all have an opportunity to do something about it; February sees the period in the Church calendar called Lent, another period that most people are aware of and we are often encouraged to 'give something up' for Lent. Perhaps this year we could all give up eating Easter Eggs during Lent and to wait until Easter Day. They are, after all, a symbol of Easter and not a Christmas Stocking Filler.

With love and prayers

Richard

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: None

Funerals:
21 December 09 Gladys Georgina Dovey
(Cheltenham Crematorium)
11 January 2010 Norman Eric Cyril (Ashes)

Weddings: None

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

On Wednesday 03 February we meet at Badsey Church for a Communion Service at 10am, followed by coffee.



Our guest speaker on Tuesday 09 February is John Callaghan who will give one of his excellent talks at 2.30pm.

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

FEBRUARY ROTA

1st Sunday	Annette & Sheila
2nd Sunday	Julie & Eleanor
3rd Sunday	Lent - no flowers
4th Sunday	Lent - no flowers

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during January, Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS CHALLENGE

David and I are Friends of Pax Lodge - a world centre run by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, whose members in 148 countries help raise money and change lives. In the lead up to 100 years of Girl Guiding UK, you will have been reading in the village magazine how the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section and Leaders in Badsey and its surrounds have been helping to "Change the World and Make a Difference."

The challenge sheet was shown to the Church Council, and it was agreed that it would be used during Lent to help raise money for WaterAid. This had been one of the Brownies chosen charities, whose mission is to overcome poverty by enabling the world's poorest people to gain access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene education.

The 40 days preceding Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ are known as Lent and hold significant meaning in the Christian faith. Preparation may include prayer, fasting, almsgiving or other sacrifices. This year Lent starts on Wednesday 17 February through to Saturday 03 April 2010.

You don't need to be a member of St James to take part.

The challenge sheet only asks you to count your blessings during a 28 day period of your choice during Lent.

For example:

Day 1 - Think about how you may use your time wisely today. Give 1p for every clock in your home.

Day 2 - Many people around the world need to collect and burn wood for energy. Give 1p for every gas/electric appliance in your kitchen.

Day 3 - Even candles are a luxury for some people. Give 1p for every light switch in your house.

At the end of the period, count up your blessings, and give the amount of money you have raised to the church who will forward it to WaterAid. It can be given to any church member or contact the vicar or Sue Cole for details. If lots of us take part, it will be surprising how quickly all those pennies will add up to help make a difference. So why don't you give the challenge a go! You can collect your challenge sheets from the back of church or from the Spar Shop

Julia Routledge

Eagle Owl - 1st Badsey Brownies



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LENT COURSE 2010

I encourage you all to join this year's Lent Course at All Saint's Evesham, it will be held at All Saints on Monday evenings during Lent at 7.30 pm starting 22 February. The title is "On earth, as it is in heaven", and explores how we express our relationship to the world and to the sacred through ritual.

Dr Margaret Barker will take us through how her temple rites reflected Israel's place in Creation.

Dr Michael Lakey will be taking us through the world seen through some of our New Testament writers.

Mark Townsend will be looking at the social and political background of indigenous pagan and druidic ritual.

Sheila Rosenthal will examine the worlds of hope opened by rites around the care of the terminally ill.

Cole Moreton will be identifying what has emerged from the demise of Britain as a Christian nation.

BADSEY BRITISH LEGION

WOMEN'S SECTION

The December meeting was 'Party Night', when members bring in food for everyone to enjoy. The table was laden with an impressive variety of goodies. Christmas gifts were brought and put into a large sack so that, later the ladies could pay 50p and select, at random, a different gift. This means everyone goes home with a present. Jackie Emms organised a tombola and buying a ticket meant a prize every time. The highlight of the evening was Mandy Davies who came for a singalong with her dulcimer (You may know Mandy as the 'Lady Thatcher'. A dulcimer is a musical

Photos of the Round Robin Christmas Fish and Chip lunch, although this description does not do it justice. There was crusty bread and butter, sherry trifle which made us all tipsy, fresh fruit salad and a lemon gâteau. This was followed by coffee and cream and After Eight Mints, a real feast. Sixteen people crowded into Jim and Jean Ives house and their table laid with silver and china would have been at home in any top class hotel. All it cost each member was £3.50. We are very lucky, On average there are 20 members and the underlying ethos of the group is friendship and support for each other and for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 25 February at 45 Bretforton Road (Sue Cole's house)



instrument with a sounding board or box over which strings of graduated length are stretched, played by striking the strings with hand-held hammers. Mandy entertained us with her music and even provided us with the words to well-known carols. This month's competition was to bring objects starting with the letter 'B'. These ranged from a banana to box of Bisto!! Mandy was asked to judge. She chose the brooch which Muriel Morecombe brought for sentimental reasons. A very pleasant evening ended with us wishing each other a 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.



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Saturday 6th March Rock n Rolla
Saturday 3rd April Milk

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from about 7.30pm
New Members Welcome

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday February 24th at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. The speaker is Peter Ralph, who will be talking about Flowers, Fruit and Insects of the Royal Forest of Dean.

You may remember Peter gave a talk in 2008 which was very well received and we are pleased to invite him back again. The monthly competition is "Flower or Plant of the Month". We look forward to seeing you all.

For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt (01386 830834) or any other committee member.

photo by Clare Paxford



JIGSAW

Jigsaw, (Our Sunday School) meets in Badsey Church from 11 – 12 noon on the fourth Sunday of the month. Spring Term dates are:-



28th February

28th March

Please come and join us for fun, games, craft activities, singing and to listen to some Bible stories

Further details Wendy Morrey 831080

TOWER NEWS

Despite having no heating in the church due to the boiler breaking down, and a thick carpet of snow, a full compliment of ringers turned out for the Service and Practise night, where everyone enjoyed a 'hot fruit toddy'.



Amongst the methods rung a course of Stedman Doubles was achieved by our own team, later followed by an attempted course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, well struck by four of Badsey ringers boosted by two visitors. Well done. Both methods can be very difficult.

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BADSEY W.I.

We finished 2009 with our usual Christmas Celebratory Meeting and will begin 2010 with our New Year Lunch at Three ways Hotel, Mickleton on Saturday 30 January, if we are all sober by then after experiencing Alan Hogan and 'Cider Making' at our January meeting!

Though at the time of writing we are experiencing the coldest winter for many, many years the snow and ice are laying on the ground and the country has come to a virtual standstill. We had to cancel our committee meeting and it is possible that our January meeting will have to be cancelled. The children, with the schools closed, are having a wonderful time and I have seen some wonderful snowmen in people's gardens. At the other end of the scale the elderly are experiencing the bitter coldness and the isolation of being unable to get out of their homes. Though here in the village of Badsey I am sure everyone is looking out for those who need help in any way.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We started the Christmas celebrations off with a rousing concert by the Avonbank Band. This popular band always give us a wonderful evening and everyone who comes along remark on what a good time they have had and ask if it will be the same next year. We hope so, though we are thinking of altering the date as each year we try to have the concert as close to Christmas as possible but come up against other Christmas events on in the town and surrounding areas and the finals of the X Factor and Strictly Come Dancing!!! If anyone has a particular event or performers they would like to see in the Church please let us know by giving a ring on 830063, 833283, 831236 or speak to Yvonne, Chris, Maureen, Hazel or Wendy. Alternatively you can mention it to any of the PCC or the Vicar who will pass your comments on to us. Many thanks for all those who supported the Christmas Concert and have given us your support throughout the year. Our main event this year is on 12th June when we will be having the pleasure of hosting a concert by the Aber Valley Male Voice Choir. Other events will be publicised in the magazine and on Notice Boards.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Our President, Elizabeth Cudd is in Solihull, Birmingham where her daughter has given birth to a baby boy, some ten to fourteen days early. Whether the snow influenced her birth in any way we do not yet know but we send our congratulations to parents and grandparents.

We have a year planned with interesting speakers and demonstrators and there are outings and holidays being planned. If you would like to come along and see for yourself what we do and what a great time we always have then do come along to one of our meetings.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7.15pm. You will be made most welcome and will be well looked after by Sandra and Pauline who will guide you through the evening and answer any questions you may have on the W.I.

BADSEY SOCIETY

The Badsey Society are holding their Annual General Meeting on Friday 12 February at the Remembrance Hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome, and new members can join on the night. The Society has simplified its types of membership for 2010. The family membership has disappeared and there will now be just an 'individual membership which will cost £2 per year. The Society is also hoping to increase the number of members on its committee which meets bi-monthly. The current committee of eight is five short of its maximum number. A change in the venue for the committee meetings means that a larger committee can now be accommodated.

After the main business of the AGM, and a break for coffee and biscuits, there will be the presentation of the Tony Jerram Trophy. This prestigious award is handed out annually to a member of the villages by the Society for service to the community. The evening will end with a talk on the history of Badsey's piped water supply

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Half Marathon - Join our half marathon at Top Barn, Holt Heath, near Worcester, for the second year of this event on Sunday, 5th September.

Marathons - If you have a place in the London Marathon or other endurance events, please consider raising funds for St Richard's Hospice.

More info contact tcavell@strichards.org.uk or call 01905 763963.

Watch this space for future events.
Editor

'K' FITNESS - MOTIVATION

Yes it's so true - exercise should be for life, not just a NEW YEARS resolution. It is a well known fact that a large percentage of people start an exercise programme with great enthusiasm and verve but a few weeks down the line, they give up. WHY? Lots and lots of reasons but for many it is simply that the motivation isn't there. You have to have a lot of determination to work out on your own in a facility or to go out running or cycling and that is where classes have the biggest advantage. It's so much more fun working out with others and it helps you to find your fitness level by comparing yourself to others in your session. See someone able to do more than yourself should help you to push yourself a little more, see that you are in the fittest group should make you want to stay there.



So many of you come VERY regularly which is fantastic but there must be times when your motivation takes a dip and it becomes a bit of an effort to come out to class so, since it is NEW YEAR I thought I'd set some challenges for us to complete by the end of this month:

1. Most of us and I appreciate not everyone, puts on a little weight over Xmas so let's lose 4lbs
2. Completely cut out one of your 'naughty' food treats
3. Take a walk in the fresh air at least once a week
4. Do one exercise from your class every day.
5. Smile at someone at least once a day
6. Push your work rate up at your class

Ok, not that hard really but worth the effort! Let me know how it goes won't you?



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DOWN YOUR WAY

Horsebridge Avenue was built in the late 1940s and has been home to many well-known Badsey families. Now however, you can probably count on one hand the number of residents who have lived there since the estate was built by Evesham Rural District Council. The poem opposite is by Will Dallimore who recalls some of the families who were living up Horsebridge during the fifties.

With the help of former residents, including Bob, Bet and Ann Butler, a list was compiled, and from this list Will has written the poem. Will has lived in Horsebridge Avenue for over fifty years but was not one of the original's. Will, an exponent of Asum grammar, can be heard reciting the poem on the Badsey village website, badsey.net.



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We Just Dussn't Know Their Names by Will Dallimore

I've lived up Horsebridge fifty year
Man and boy you'd say
I knew everybody's name then
But I can't say that today

There aren't many of them left you
They've gone their different ways
Some went down Australia
And some went down Green Leys

I've drawn up a list of some of them
With the help of one or two
And I've alphabetized it
From 'A' to 'W'

Ackroyd, Arnold, Anderson
Beasley, Brooks and Bott
Butler, Byrd and Chamberlain
Two of them we'd got

Churchley, Dennick, Dallimore
Davies, Clark and Crane
Cull and Dore and Ellison
Then Ford, and Ford again

Greening, Gresty, Grinnell
Halling, Hartwell, Hay
Guard and Hatch and Heritage
Were not even half way!

Hewlett, Hemming, Johnson
Jones and Jelfs and Kite
Keen and Lake and Meadows
Major, Knight - and Knight

Morecombe, Mitchell, Owens
Padfield, Plant and Murray
Pipkin, Porter, Pratley
Were really in a hurry

Redgewell, Sandford, Southern
Silvester, Salter, Smith
Sadler - One, Two, Three and Four
Not one of them we'll miss

Syril, Reeves and Sullivan
Thomas, Taylor, Tustin
Vale, Webb, Welch and Whiting
Williams, Willett, Wyatt ...

Just in time to end my poem
And admit were all to blame
We know all our neighbours business
We just dussn't know their names