

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

January 2011



MINI FETE



The school choir sang beautifully from their repertoire to get us underway. The photograph shows brownies selling 50p badges and Christmas decorations. Lots of tea and tasty cakes were sold for £1. The church stalls of jams and pickle, raffle, tombola, hot dogs and bric a brac were joined by the volunteer centre and a stall supporting Great Ormond Street Hospital, who raised funds for themselves in return for giving the church a donation. Making decorated lanterns and a fishing game kept the children entertained. The church was full of happy people and there was a general feel of hustle and bustle. In addition we made a total of £395 which was shared equally between the Poppy Appeal and Church Funds. A big thank you goes to all who helped to make this a success on the day also to Badsey Butcher for their beautiful sausages, Mrs Jones and Badsey School Choir and to The Plant Centre, Tesco and Morrisons for giving us raffle prizes. Look out in the February magazine for a date in May of another mini fete where any organisation or individual can join us to raise funds for themselves in return for a donation to our funds.

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All,



It seems no time at all since we were looking at the start of a New Year ten years after the Millennium, and here we now are at the beginning of 2011. So many things change in what appears to be a short period of time, and I (along with many of you I imagine) wonder what 2011 will bring. Local government departments are shedding jobs to meet the latest cuts and many people in all walks of life are fearful of their prospects for the coming year.

As I write this letter we have just witnessed what can only be described as riots on the streets of London (as a result of the increase in tuition fees) involving the Prince of Wales on his way to the theatre with The Duchess of Cornwall. There is nothing wrong with peaceful protest and I am glad that people in this country are allowed to protest – which is a far cry from the winner of the 2010 Peace Prize Liu Xiaobo who is in jail in China.

Our liberty came at a price and some demonstrators would do well to reflect on that for a while, but I suspect

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CHURCH SERVICES

JANUARY

Sun 02 Jan	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed 05 Jan	10.00 am	Eucharist followed by coffee
Sun 09 Jan	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 16 Jan	11.00 am	Family Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 23 Jan	9.30 am	Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 30 Jan	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

that the people who caused the trouble were not students' legitimately reacting to what they felt was unfair, but by other activists who saw it as an opportunity to further their own ends, and as the year progresses I am sure that there will be more protests. All of this is a bit depressing for the start of a New Year but that is unfortunately where we are. From a Christian perspective we live in the world as it is; but we look forward in hope; - not wishing for something nice to happen or hoping that all the bad things will disappear, but in Christian Hope, which is the knowledge that God will provide for all our needs in amongst all the difficulties and hardships that life throws at us.

Christ came into the world at a time of unrest and upheaval, something we celebrate during the Christmas season. With this knowledge we can start 2011 in hope and expectation, knowing that God is there alongside us whatever may happen.

With love and blessings for the New Year

Richard

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: None

Funerals: 13 November 2010 Donna Kaplan
07 December 2010 David Francis Kneath Shaw

Weddings None:

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

JANUARY ROTA

1st Sunday	}	All the Guild to tend and clear their own arrangements
2nd Sunday		
3rd Sunday		Hazel & Hazel
4th Sunday		Stephanie & Yvonne
5th Sunday		Mary & Avril

Ladies, thank you for all your lovely flowers in Church during 2010, especially the festivals when you excel yourselves.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart.

May I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Hazel Stewart 832007

ROUND ROBIN GROUP

At our November meeting Hilary Bolton led us in handbell ringing. However, there were 24 people at the meeting and this too many to do it justice. A lot of members enjoy this activity and would love to be able to do it on a regular basis. Perhaps, and if ever, Hilary retires then she may have the time to set up a group especially for this.



We are coming to the end of our second year. The year will end this month with our usual fish and chip lunch at Jean and Jim's house. This is usually a very enjoyable event with delicious deserts courtesy of Jean Ives.

The next meeting is at 2.00 pm on 20 January with Marianne on the accordion and in February Julia Routledge will talk to us on her trip to New Zealand, with slides.

I thank you all for your support and wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Sheila Lancaster

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES AND CHILDREN

Great truths that little children have learned:

1. No matter how hard you try, you can't baptise cats.
2. When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
3. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
4. Never ask your three year old brother to hold a tomato
5. You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
6. Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
7. Never hold a hamster and a cat at the same time.
8. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
9. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
10. The best place when your'e sad is on Grandad's lap.

JIGSAW

The Jigsaw group met on 28 November 2010. Our story this time was the story of the birth of Jesus. It was a funny story, from the view point of the inn-keeper; which the children enjoyed. They then made the Nativity scene that can be seen in the church transept window and practiced singing away in a manger. The Jigsaw group along with the junior church choir sang this during the nativity story at the Christmas carol service.



We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Our next meeting is on
Sunday 23 January 11 am – 12.00 noon
Do come along and enjoy the fun
It's Free!

We will also be holding a
Candlemas craft afternoon on
Saturday 05 February 2011
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
£1.00 per child

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The Church was packed to the rafters, the children looked angelic holding their lit Christingles, again thank you to the school choir for singing traditional carols. The total raised for The Children's Society was £300. This will go towards the work they do with runaways and other disadvantaged children. Thank you for your generosity.

Sue Cole

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

I would just like to make a comment about Remembrance Sunday. What a lovely lot of Badsey people turned out for this event. Once again it was particularly noticed that the younger ones were there in force, on parade and taking part in the actual church service. In addition to the 2 wreathes that were laid by the Legion it was encouraging to see the Parish Council joined in and laid their own. So much is made in the local press about Evesham but I think just as much is done in the villages to celebrate this day for which they do not get any recognition It may have been noticed that the escorts to the women's section standard which was carried by Jackie Emms, were younger members. Clare Cook and Sarah Crump (see picture) as usual the parade was headed with the Men's branch and Angie Humpston carrying their standard (see picture).



LETTERS TO SOLDIERS

Dear my great great great Grand daughter, thank you for risking and losing your life in the war. If you had not done that I wouldn't be here right now. THANK YOU from Holly

Dear Soldier I want to thank you for risking your life for our country. Many people feel the same way. From Natasha

Dear Soldiers Thank you for everything you have done for our country. We will always remember your courage and dauntlessness. Thank you for the living, dying and dead for all that you have done for us so far and everything you will do in the future. Love Martha.

Dear Great Granddad, thank you for risking your life to save millions of people, you are so brave. You are not forgotten. I'm still remembering you, I've got a poppy to prove it. Love from Sarah Jane.

Dear Soldier, I thank you for risking you life and we are really grateful, we are still alive now. From Millie.

Dear Soldiers and all members of the armed forces. I can't thank you enough. THANK YOU! For what you have done. Thank you for risking your lives for us.

Dear Soldiers I thank you for being so brave and fighting for the freedom of our country. Thank you also for for risking your life for the lives of others. May God bring you luck and hope in the times when you need it. From Niamh.

Dear Soldiers, Thank you for risking your lives for future operations. I know some people have died whilst they fought for our freedom. Now we are safe. We are really thankful and appreciate you. Kind regards Chloe

Dear Soldiers of the Royal Air force. Thank you for all the things you have done for our country and all of the hard work for our country too. Thank you very very much.

Dear Soldier, I thank you for risking your life for me and my family From Isabel

Dear Soldiers, thank you for risking your lives for us we are grateful and appreciate your help. India

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BADSEY OVER 60S CLUB

In spite of the extreme weather conditions, 44 members attended the December meeting and were delightfully entertained by the Badsey First School Choir. The children performed a variety of numbers and ended their performance with some traditional Carols. Their enthusiasm was reflected in their performance, obviously the result of many hours of patience and dedication by the teachers, and was much appreciated by their slightly older audience. Tea, orange juice, biscuits and cakes were then consumed by all to complete a most pleasant afternoon. This type of event epitomises the closeness and quality of village and rural life, and long may it continue.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 04 January at 2,00 pm, and in the meantime we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Wendy Neal

HOUSING & HOME CHOICE PLUS

Are you, or is a friend or family member, looking for social/affordable housing in the Badsey & Aldington area? You may think that because of personal circumstances you (or they) will have no chance of successfully applying for a suitable property and therefore may not have registered. However, registering an interest doesn't just get you the opportunity of finding the right home but also helps the District and Parish Council plan for the future. It is believed that many single people or childless couples don't register because they think that only families stand a chance: but if singles/couples don't register their need then that need can't be taken into account in planning for the future.

If you are interested in housing in any of the areas covered by Bromsgrove District Council, Malvern Hills District Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Worcester City Council, Wychavon District Council or Wyre Forest District Council then there is a single point of registration through Home Choice Plus. Once you are registered then you can search the housing available in all those areas on a weekly basis.

If you have internet access then simply go to <http://www.homechoiceplus.org.uk> and register on line or download a registration form. However, don't despair

if you don't have internet access or don't feel comfortable using a computer, you can phone Wychavon housing on 01386 565020 and either ask for a paper application form to be sent to you or register over the phone. Alternatively, go into the Evesham Community Contact Centre at Abbey Road, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 4SB where you should find someone who has been trained to help with questions about Home Choice Plus and who will also be able help you with registration. Once you are registered then you can check for available housing each week either on-line or by telephone. Again staff at Evesham Community Contact Centre will be able to help you if you have any difficulty accessing the service.

There are already three sites in Badsey which will provide some 'for rent' housing over the next few years: Badsey Fields Lane (in development), Brewers Lane (detailed planning application awaited, to include a substantial portion of affordable housing) and Banks Road (planning permission granted). If you want to have a chance of occupying that housing then register now!

TOWER NEWS

Welcome to 2011: Looking back on 2010, on the positive side many aims have been achieved with surprising results.

Bellringing is an on going learning curve within the strength and ability of the band at the time, this can vary from week to week. We have three



beginners in training at the moment which is good. Cover for weddings can be a concern if other churches have them at the same time as ourselves, as we try to help each other, we will do our very best not to let anyone down. December was a bit of a scramble as well as fun, as the aim was to cover as many of the special Services (Christingle, Crib, Carol and Christmas Day) as was possible. Bretforton were especially pleased to take part. Unfortunately, ringing for Midnight Mass was a lottery with not enough ringers to go round, so ringing took place at Badsey only. We were the lucky one's. Caught up in all this was a wedding at Offenham and visiting teams for Bretforton and Badsey.

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FINANCIAL HELP FOR YOU HOME IN DIFFICULT TIMES

The scheme described in the article is a legitimate scheme run by the Malvern based Festival Housing Group. We have a pot of money from the government which we need to make home owners aware of as there is concern that many people live in houses which don't meet the Government's Decent Home Standards

(<http://www.decenthomesstandard.co.uk/about/standard>). Care & Repair is part of Festival Housing Group and is based at Wychavon Council offices. They are administering the scheme to interested parties.

As expressed in the article there is an application process to make sure the Kick Start scheme is suitable, plus they have an appointment with an Independent Financial Advisor, who has no ties to us, to make sure the product is right for them (paid for by the scheme).

As a home owner it can be difficult to keep up with the household bills and keep your home in good repair. This is where a new scheme called Kick Start might be able to help. Kick Start is funded by the Government and administered locally by Pershore based Care & Repair Worcestershire.

The idea behind the scheme is to help home owners by offering affordable loans which can be used to:

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- Make repairs to your home i.e. if the roof is leaking
- Adapt your home to suit a disability or difficulty

The emphasis is on affordability for you, the customer, and there are a range of payback options to suit most people. The application process will include an appointment with an Independent Financial Advisor so you can be sure you are getting the best deal.


For more information contact Care & Repair on 01386 565272 or email care&repairinfo@festivalhousing.org quoting KS/04

You can also visit our website www.festivalhousing.org/careandrepair



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GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

On the 07 February at 7.30pm at 68 Seward Road  Badsey there will be a meeting to discuss plans for the visit to us of our friends from Germany from 23 to 28 June. If you wish to help organise or host please come along.

Alex Christison

BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

At the time of writing we are looking to the Mothers' Union Carol Service. This really sets the tone for Christmas.

The next meeting is at 2.30 pm on 11 January 2011 when it will be the AGM.

On behalf of the MU I thank you for your support and look forward to a happy and successful new year.



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BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Our monthly meeting was on Wed 24 November 2010. Despite the very cold conditions 24 members turned out this evening. Due to the weather the order of the meeting was changed so that the entertainment could leave early as they had a distance to travel. Rob & Jean make doorstops in the form of animals and they had brought a variety along so that the ladies could purchase for gifts and a raffle ticket for an Air Ambulance draw. Tickets could also be had without making a purchase which was just as well as the door stops proved very popular and were soon sold out. As Rob & Jean so enjoyed judging our Alphabet competition on their last visit we decided to indulge them and let them judge the competition again, which began with the letter K. After much enjoyment they narrowed it down to 3 with the winner being a Kaleidoscope brought by Wendy Beasley. After their departure the meeting followed its normal course during which names were taken to go to the Group meeting at Pershore on 07 December, the Community minibus being laid on to transport the ladies there. At a previous meeting it had been suggested to have the Annual dinner at Bridges and take in Mother Goose pantomime this being in January, but when it was found to be in the daytime not many were interested, but we will still pursue the idea. It was then decided to have a meal locally at our regular time, the meeting date in February. This seemed more agreeable and it was decided to do both. Sat 20 November saw the Standard being taken by Jackie Emms to the County Conference at County Hall, Worcester along with Val Taylor as delegate and Bet Westmacott. Once again we came back with trophies; The Syril Shield for service to the community and The Coventry Cup for progress and efficiency. Bet and Val were quite taken aback as they are retiring from County Committee but didn't expect to be presented with bouquets of flowers they thought to themselves that "they wanted to get rid of us"

The December meeting was earlier than usual on Wed 15 December which was Party Nite. Even if you aren't a member yet, why not come along and see how we enjoy ourselves, we've even got entertainment!

Wishing you all a trouble free New Year

BADSEY W.I.

First we would like to wish you all a Happy, Healthy and peaceful New Year.

December – a cold, frosty and foggy night outside. Inside a warm hall, lovely decorations, hot mulled wine, yummy food and great company. This was Badsey W.I.'s Christmas meeting. After the normal business members enjoyed a quiz on adverts followed by a "Christmas Bingo" which was different and much fun, though at least 6 people shouted "house" on the full paper. Members then entertained. Judy Foster was our "Christmas Fairy" sort of dressed for the part, as only Judy can and gave a funny rendition of what it was like to be a fairy on top of a Christmas Tree. Yvonne Haynes gave a Joyce Grenfell monologue of "The Nursery School's Nativity Play" which like her monologue went horribly wrong. Marlene Atkinson then read, in her best Yorkshire accent (which she believes she has completely lost – not!) about "A Wayne In a Manger" a very funny story about a Vicar and a young lad discussing the Nativity". Then to the best part of the meeting – a delicious American Supper with everything you could wish for. Various cheeses and pates, smoked salmon, quiches, sandwiches, sausage rolls, dips, just to name but a few. Then the sweets! Various trifles, éclairs, cheesecakes, meringues – all very fattening but so yummy no-one cared. Marlene then played and led us in carol singing by candlelight which was a fitting end to a lovely meeting. Prizes to winners of the quizzes and bingo were given out and the raffle in aid of ACWW was drawn. ACWW is an organisation the W.I. supports and helps women worldwide to be independent by teaching them crafts etc. they can do at home or in groups to make money to feed their families and also supports educational and community projects such as fresh water wells, health and hygiene and many others. Members also brought along, by the sack full, goods for Caring Hands in The Vale. These consisted of foodstuffs, toiletries, gifts and warm clothing. We now look forward to our New Year lunch at The Broadway Hotel and to another year with the W.I.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

A housewife was helping her aged mother to get up the stairs on the new electric stair lift when the vicar telephoned her. He was horrified to hear her say 'I'm so sorry Vicar, but I'll have to ring you back. I can't talk right now because I've got mother in the electric chair and she's just waiting for me to press the switch

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YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Welcome to a new year in the life of Badsey & Aldington Parish Council. Could this be the year when YOU get involved in the Council? At the time of writing the Localism Bill had still not been published but according to the Department for Communities and Local Government the Bill "will help place councillors centre stage in their communities with more clout than ever before to get things done for the people they serve on a whole range of issues". Rumours abound to the effect that Parish and Town Councils may be taking on a lot of the work currently done at District/County level which might include planning, social housing, highways and even education. If you are interested in the environment in which we live and want to make a real difference to the lives of those around you, then consider putting yourself forward for a seat on the Council.

Elections will be held on May 5th for the 13 seats on Badsey & Aldington Parish Council. A leaflet outlining the role of a Councillor and eligibility to stand can be obtained from the Clerk.

RECREATION GROUND NOTES

By the time you read this the refurbishment should be underway. Unfortunately this will mean no play

equipment being available until probably the end of March but this should be a great summer for our younger parishioners. Remember: if you have any concerns about safety during the period of the works please telephone Rob Wickens at HFN Landscapes on 01386 555354.

LITTER

A local resident is paid by the Council to help keep the Recreation Ground clean and the District Council removes the Recreation Ground rubbish and empties the dog and litter bins around the Parish. However, please don't leave household rubbish or bags of dog mess from home by the bins as they may not be collected and, if they are, the Council may be charged extra. On a more unpleasant, and upsetting, note: it appears that someone may be using the bus shelter by Horsebridge Avenue as a public toilet. The Police have been informed, so if you have any information about this please let them know: it is sad to see people having to stand outside the shelter because of the anti-social behaviour of others.

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If you would like to donate any goods or offer help you can contact the Centre on 01386 765946 The Vale of Evesham Christian Centre is in Evesham town centre. The car park is at the rear of the building near the Old Brewery Car Park. The Address is Vale of Evesham Christian Centre, Bewdley Street Evesham WR11 4AD. The community worker for Caring Hands is Diane Bennett is a truly lovely, sympathetic and hard working lady.

If the shoe fits, buy it in every colour!

Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

Most of go to our graves with our music still inside us.