

# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington

### January 2012

#### **SANTA'S SLEIGH**

Girls from Badsey Guides Senior Section joined with members of the Rotary Club to sing carols around Badsey to raise funds for their subscriptions.



About 130 children took home with them a decorated orange from the Christingle Service. The Brownies formed a human Christingle. The collection at the service raised £352 for the Children's Society..

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## 2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

'Dear All,  
The New Year is upon us, and I'm not quite sure what happened to the old one! Time seems to rush on evermore quickly, and we tend to only ever have time to rush from one thing to the next, trying our hardest just to survive the challenges that everyday life throws at us. The tasks that appear to be set before us as individuals are our need of companionship, but also the need for each of us to establish an identity, a career, a home, relationships, friends, community, security, and to build a secure platform for our lives and that of our family.

There are many factors that play a part in all of these issues, some helpful, others definitely not so. Lack of employment, particularly for the young school/college leaver has a major impact on our ability to establish our identity and build a career. The lack of affordable housing limits our choice in building a home, and relationships can be the hardest thing of all to get right, whilst the cost of bringing up a family seems to be ever increasing.

As we leave the festivities of Christmas and the 'New Year' parties behind, our thoughts naturally turn to the year that stands before us. The thoughts of those of a sporting nature may well be leaping forward to the Olympics and the excitement it will bring. While for those who cannot abide sport in any form whatsoever (yes I am told there are some) the thought of nothing on TV or in the papers all summer long but sport must be mind numbingly boring.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### MONTH

Sun 1st	11.00 am Family Worship 6.30 pm Evensong
Wed 4th	10.00 am Eucharist followed by coffee
Sun 8th	11.00 am Praise & Worship 6.30 pm Eucharist
Sun 15th	11.00 am Family Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong
Sun 22nd	9.30 am Eucharist 6.30 pm Evensong
Sun 29th	6.30 pm Evensong

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

## FROM THE REVD RICHARD COURT

However we approach the 'New Year' it will contain for us all periods of joy and times of sadness and sorrow – that much is guaranteed. It is also true that as the year progresses we will each do things that will fail – because that is the way of life – we cannot always get things right (although at times it does feel that everything we do seems to go wrong). People say that it is out of failure that we learn, however we do need a few good successes to give us the ego and the self-confidence to see that we can achieve something. Some have called the principle that 'success comes from failure' a 'spirituality of imperfection'. Let me try to explain, St Francis of Assisi called it the way of poverty or simplicity (at a basic level it is to acknowledge all the good things we have in life and not to strive for possessions we do not need). St Paul in his letter to the people in Corinth wrote that 'it is when I am weak that I am strong'. Richard Rohr a Franciscan Friar likens it to ice skating 'we move forward by actually moving from side to side'.

We are imperfect and we move forwards only by lurching from side to side, so as we step out into the uncharted waters of 2012 let us all acknowledge that we will make mistakes along the way, but that there is an ever-loving God who is watching over us; a God who knows the pain of hurt and agony; a God of love and understanding. We may not be perfect, but we are made in the image of God, may God bless all that you do this coming year.

A Happy and Blessed New Year to you all.

*Richard*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: None

Funerals: 23 Nov 11 James Leslie Steven  
28 Nov 11 Winifred Betty Goldstraw

Weddings: None

## TOWER NEWS



We extend our 'Greetings' and a welcome to everyone to embrace what 2012 has to offer. Hopefully not a repeat of extreme weather conditions like last year - but who knows what will meet and greet us. 50 years ago John and I braved the January weather to embrace our own wedding, with snow lying under the hedgerows.

By the time you receive this the wedding list will already be waiting for us. It looks as if we are going to be quite busy throughout the year. Thankfully one new ringer came forward to be trained and is now becoming a great help to the team.

## JANUARY ROTA

1st Sunday	All the Guild to tend their own
2nd Sunday	All the Guild to tend their own
3rd Sunday	Hazel & Hazel
4th Sunday	Stephanie & Yvonne
5th Sunday	Mary, Avril & Jane

Thank you for the lovely Christmas flowers. A warm welcome to Jane who is joining our group. I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

## BADSEY W.I.

When you read this we will be in the New Year of 2012 and Badsey W.I look forward to another interesting and successful year and wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.



In December we started the Christmas festivities off with the Group Carol Service (there are 11 W.I.s in our Group) which we hosted at our Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Well supported by our fellow W.I.s we had a series of readings, some humorous, some biblical and some more serious and Carols all chosen by W.I. members. This was followed by Tea and Mince Pies. We are lucky that within our W.I we have two Church Readers, Penny Christison and Margaret Pye, Church organist and Choir Leader, Marlene Atkinson and a number of the Church Choir are also W.I. members. Our President Elizabeth Cudd hosted the service with Penny and Margaret actually taking it. On Monday 12 December we visited Birmingham Town Hall where we joined in lunchtime Carol Singing and musical entertainment with Cambrian Brass Ensemble and the famous Town Hall mighty organ. This was coupled with lunch and a visit to the German Street Market. Our Christmas meeting on 14 December was an American Supper, Carols by Candlelight and some entertainment. We also collected gifts for Caring Hands in the Vale.

We then begin the New Year with our annual lunch which this year takes place at Dumbleton Hall.

Our first meeting of 2012 takes place on Wednesday 11 January and we will be having a social Beetle Drive. Anyone wishing to come along will be made very welcome. There is a small charge, tea/coffee and cakes and guaranteed fun and friendship. The meeting takes place at 7.15.pm at the Remembrance Hall.

## NEW YEAR BINGO

Please note a new year bingo will be held at Badsey Remembrance Hall on 14 January 2012 at 7.30 pm

## ROUND ROBIN



Our next meeting is on Thursday 19 January 2012 at 2.00 pm in the transept in Church. Marianne will entertain us on the accordion and we will be able to relax with a sing-a-long. If you would like to come along you will be most welcome.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our last social event was a Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper on 19 November which once again was a huge success due to YOU, the people who supported this event and helped raise £188.00 for badly needed Church Funds. Many thanks to all those who came along and used their brainpower and, as usual, helped clear up after the quiz. We usually have a Christmas Carol Concert with the Avonbank Band but last year this was cancelled due to the snow. We then held it in the following Spring which many people enjoyed and so we decided to do that again this year if possible. However, many people are disappointed we are not having the Carol Concert with Avonbank and we are therefore in a quandary as to what the majority of people would prefer – Christmas or Spring. If you do have a preference can you please let one of the Social Committee, Yvonne Haynes, Maureen Davies, Chris Print, Wendy Such and Hazel Smith, or you can speak to the Vicar, Churchwardens or anyone else in the Choir. Your comments would be very much appreciated as would any suggestions of any events you would like to see put on.

Meanwhile the Social Committee thank you for all your help and support during 2011 and wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2012.

## WHEATSHEAF FILM CLUB

- Jan 2012 The Italian Job (original)
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- Apr 2012 Submarine
- May 2012 Double Indemnity
- June 2012 Four Lions

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## BADSEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The monthly branch meeting of the Royal British Legion Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford took place on Wednesday 23 November 2011

After the Legion business had been dealt with and refreshments taken David Folkes of Broadway gave the ladies an insight on why he was awarded the MBE and the actual ceremony when he went to London to receive it.

The chairman welcomed a new prospective member to the meeting and hoped she would have an enjoyable evening.

The County Conference on Saturday 19 November had been attended by Jackie Emms taking the standard, Val Taylor as delegate Bet Westmacott and Sarah Crump as visitors.

Once again the branch won the Syril Shield which is given to a large branch for Service to the Community. Also there were 4 County Certificates awarded and there was no one more surprised when two went to your own Val Taylor and Bet Westmacott.

The alphabet competition, which was the letter 'V' produced some very unusual and interesting articles. The winner was Wendy Beasley with a piece of Volcanic Rock and as an encore 'the vowels'

Badsey acted as hosts to Group 2 Worcestershire Women's Section on Wednesday 07 December at the Legion Club, Badsey. Entertainment that evening was Roland and Doreen Sandells.

'Party Night' when members provide their own food was on Wednesday 14 December and they were entertained by Billy Davis.

The Women's section would like to say a very big thank you to the junior section of the community who were on parade on Remembrance Sunday. What a good turn out every year.

It is so encouraging to see that the youngsters are being taught what Remembrance Sunday is all about. That goes equally the same for Badsey First school who had a project leading up to the day and then a service at the school at which the Legion was invited and felt honoured to attend (especially as they fed us with drinks and homemade biscuits).

We aren't a bad lot of women, and you do not have to have any connection with the armed forces to join so why not come along for a pleasant evening once a month

## MORE THAN GOLD

### On your Marks for the 2012 Games....

Next summer's games might still feel like a long time away, but there are lots of things that churches can be doing to prepare for the Olympic Games, planning some community involvement around them. Over recent years, churches have been involved in over one hundred programmes associated with major sporting events.

London can seem quite distant from Worcestershire and Dudley (particularly the east side where the Olympic village is). However, the 2012 games will be enjoyed by people throughout the UK and is a great opportunity for churches to connect with the community, perhaps through showing key events on a big screen or by hosting a 'pub quiz' which will be sent out earlier in the year by the diocesan Evangelism and Church Growth group.

**There are also other opportunities set out on the 'More Than Gold' website.** *More than Gold* is an ecumenical organisation set up to try and help churches make the most of the opportunities that the 2012 Olympic Games can offer and has a tried and tested programme of outreach, hospitality and service to meet the needs of every church - whatever your size, location or make up.

**'More than Gold' suggests that in order to prepare your church for the 2012 opportunities you:**

*Start early* with talking, praying, planning

*Involve every section of the church* - youth and children, evangelism coordinators, teachers, mission committees, social responsibility activists, and more.

*Start with what is there already* - what is the church already doing that can be given an Olympic overlay? Alpha? Holiday clubs? Schools outreach?

*Identify how the local community is engaging* - and look for ways to join in rather than compete

*Join with other churches* to plan major initiatives for the community like Community Festivals with a big screen, children's holiday clubs, etc

*Appointing a Gold Champion* - who will receive their own dedicated eNews update, *On Track*, and invitations to special briefings and link with Gold Champions in their area to share ideas, plans and opportunities

There is lots of help and information on the 'More than Gold' website: [www.morethangold.org.uk/](http://www.morethangold.org.uk/) and help and resources will also be distributed by the Evangelism and Church Growth group in the new year



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## THE DREAMER BY DAVID COX

My name is Flix, I'm an alley cat,  
A lean, mean, fighting machine  
I'm fed on Sheeba, so no ounce of fat  
Disturbs my black and white sheen.

The reason I fight is quite simple,  
I'm not just defending my ground,  
It's my lady, the woman I live with,  
When she shouts me, catcalls abound.

Flix, wixy woo-hoo, come on then.  
Flix, wixy, woo-hoo/  
That starts all m pals howling,  
And rolling around in glee,  
In cat language they start caterwauling  
Flix woo's got to go home for his tea.

Flix, wixy, woo-hoo, come on then.,  
Flix, wixy woo-hoo.  
My pals are by now in hysterics,  
Rolling around rapturously,  
Flix woo, Flix woo, Flix woo-hoo,  
Has got to go home for his tea.

That's when my hackles start rising,  
My tail begins to get fat,  
I spit and growl out a warning,  
Then dive in and not for a chat.

Six cats roll round yowling and cursing  
Fur flies through the air like hot fat,  
The last whisker goes twang from my eyebrow,  
And I think, that's enough for this cat.

I run up the tree by our back gate,  
Jump on to the garden wall,  
Pick my way round the Pyracantha,  
As my lady once more starts to call.

I dash through her legs to my food dish,  
The smell rises sweet in my nose  
Game and liver, my favourite,  
The taste goes right down to my toes.

My name is Flix, I'm a fireside cat,  
I'm no mean fighting machine,  
But curled up here in my lady's lap,  
A cat can always dream.

## OVER 60'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

There was a good turn out for the November meeting. The speaker for the day was Rosemary Prosser, who told us about her early life and upon joining the West Mercia Constabulary which included a short spell at Evesham.

On 14 November many of our members enjoyed a short break to Weston Super Mare to see the famous Carnival. It was a sight well worth seeing, with some floats up to 100 ft long, 11ft wide and 17ft 6ins high, using thousands of light bulbs to illuminate. They made the two hour long procession a true night to remember.

Our December meeting started with singing by the Badsey First School Choir, consisting of traditional carols and some delightful melodies of their own. This was followed by refreshments for both young and old. We then held our monthly raffle and after club business held the Xmas draw. Many thanks to all who donated prizes for both draws.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the very best for 2012 from all at the over 60's club.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 03 January 2012, looking forward to seeing everyone.

Wendy Neal

## NOTICE BOARD

A new notice board outside the church in Chapel Street is now in place. Our thanks go to Chris Helm for the work he did in memory of his parents.

## NEW STUDY COURSE

We will be discovering the Christian faith together at Church House, All Saints, Evesham on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, beginning on 26 January 2012. Completion of the course will lead to The Diocese of Worcester, Bishop's Certificate  
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## JAM, CHUTNEY AND MARMALADE

Hilary Bolton, the leader of the bell ringers, is an expert chutney and jam maker. Last year she had her own stall at the Church Mini fete where she sold, for Church funds, lots of her yummy things, some very interesting and different recipes. Hilary was busy all Summer because she expected to do the same again but because we had the wonderful weekend celebrating 400 years of the King James Bible, it was decided that this year we would not have the mini-fete.

The idea of selling them to visitors to Church was suggested and Hilary supplied the eye-catching box and so the jams, jellies, chutneys and marmalades were put out and we waited to see what would happen. All are at very reasonable prices, enough to cover the cost of ingredients because although some are free from the garden, some ingredients, like sugar and vinegar, have to be purchased. All are made with fresh produce, no e-numbers or additives. All proceeds of sale are donated to the Church, no expenses being taken.

Items are left in Church for the occasional visitor hopefully to buy, as well as people attending services, and it seems as if this is happening and people are buying them and putting the money in the donation box in the wall by the Church door.

During Hilary's recent illness Liz Cudd has been keeping the box supplied as far as possible but without the great variety of Hilary's produce.

A bag of empty jam jars has been left in Church following my urgent appeal for jars, so thank you for those. But with the marmalade making season after Christmas when the new Seville oranges will be in the shops, more empty jam jars would be most welcome.

Just to let you know, we had this idea at a meeting in September and so far £75.00 has been made from the sales towards the up-keep of our beautiful Church, and several people have probably enjoyed something tasty. If you have supported us, then thank you very much – what was in your favourite jar?

If anyone else would like to add something to the box you would be most welcome – pickled onions, pickled cabbage, whatever.. Please put a note in the box of what you have added so that I can keep a record of what is put in the box and then sold.

## DAFFODIL APPEAL

As some of you may know, our Great Daffodil Appeal is our flagship appeal and takes place in February and March. This year, we want to make the appeal the most successful yet in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire and to do this we need your help.

We need to recruit an army of volunteers and we are hoping that you can maybe print this article calling for volunteers to come forward for their local collection. I hope you are able to be of assistance. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes

*Richard Scott*

*Community Fundraiser - Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire*

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## PARTNERSHIP INVITE



We have been invited to Germany next year, the dates for the visit are Thursday 21 June to Monday 25 June 2012.

Assuming that Flybe does not change its flights, we would fly out on the 10.05 flight from Birmingham to allow us to arrive around 17.00 at our hosts. The return flight on the Monday would get us back to Birmingham at 14.30.

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*Alex Christison*

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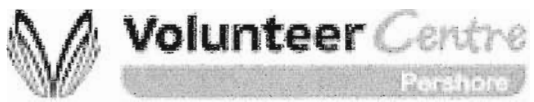
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We have a range of exciting and interesting volunteering opportunities with many local and national charities and organisations:

- Administrative Support** – fundraising, finance, secretarial, committee work
- Community Outreach** – promoting and organising events, visitor centres
- Practical Work** – environmental, gardening, catering, driving, retail
- Residential Placements** – in social and healthcare in UK, and development projects overseas
- Caring & Support** – helping elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged; mentoring and befriending
- Youth Work** – projects and activities with children and young people

Most organisations offer training and pay travel expenses. Please visit the national volunteering website, [www.do-it.org](http://www.do-it.org), for full details.

Here are some of our most recent opportunities:

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**Interested in music?** This national organisation is one of the leading support organisations for amateur and voluntary musical activity in the UK, with a diverse range of musical styles. They currently need someone to provide face-to-face support for local volunteers and offer them a productive and rewarding experience.

**ARTS ADMINISTRATOR**

An artists' group is urgently seeking a volunteer to assist with local arts events in 2012, take minutes at monthly meetings and be responsible for basic financial matters. Can you help?

**COLLECTION BOX and LEAFLET DISTRIBUTORS**

Do you enjoy being part of your local community and getting out and about to meet people? Several national charities need volunteers to assist with the management of collection boxes, either ongoing or for a specific one-off campaign. You will help with the distribution and collection of boxes to local businesses. Volunteers are also needed to visit local shops, churches, community centres and libraries to display posters and leaflets, visiting regularly to ensure materials are on display and up to date.

**Please 'phone or email me to discuss volunteering – I look forward to hearing from you!**

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## COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

As noted in the December edition of the Community News and advertised on the Badsey (Spar Shop wall), Blackminster and Aldington noticeboards there are currently two vacancies for councillors. Applications to be considered for co-option must be received by the Clerk no later than 5pm on Tuesday, 10 January 2012. Application forms and further information can be obtained from the Clerk and forms can also be downloaded from the:

'My Parish' Website

(<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish>) where they are filed under Publications.

## GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

The 2009-2011 contract to cut the grass on the Recreation Ground has now expired and the Council is seeking tenders from experienced contractors for the new contract for the period 2012-14, to include some landscape maintenance work. Anyone interested should contact the clerk before 30 January. Tender documents must be returned to the Clerk on or before 10 February for consideration at the February meeting of the Council.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

### USEFUL NUMBERS

PETER LUFF, MP for Mid Worcestershire holds regular surgeries in Droitwich and Evesham.

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(Advice and information on a range of issues, including housing, benefits, consumer, employment, money and debt)

Amongst matters discussed at the November meeting was the approval of the Council's response to the South Worcestershire Development Plan Preferred Options document. As previously promised the Council's response can be found on the My Parish website (see above) under 'Consultation Papers'. The Council also set the Precept for 2012-3 and considered a request for parking restrictions around the junction of Old Post Office Lane and the High Street. It was agreed that the request should be supported and forwarded to the County Council.

## LOCALISM BILL/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REGULATIONS

The Localism Bill has now become the Localism Act 2011 and it is understood that the changes it makes in relation to Parish Council powers will come into force over the course of 2012. The Localism Act includes significant changes to the planning and planning enforcement process including provisions as to Neighbourhood Plans. There is currently a government consultation on Neighbourhood Planning Regulations which closes on 5 January. The Parish Council will have discussed this at their meeting on 21 December and any response will be filed on the 'My Parish' website.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 18 January 2011. It is anticipated that there will be a Planning Committee meeting on the same day.

## AND FINALLY ...

Good wishes for 2012 to all those who live and/or work in the Parish.

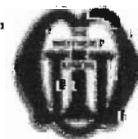
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## BADSEY MOTHERS' UNION

At our annual carol service on 13 December, members were joined by our friends from other branches. There were both serious and light hearted readings and many favourite carols. Afterwards we had a wonderful spread of sandwiches, scones, sausage rolls and mince pies. Then Penny gave us a slice of the wonderful Christmas cake she had made. Bookings were taken for our Christmas meal to be held at Holland House on 24 January. We meet next for our AGM on 10 January at 2.30 pm. We welcome visitors to our meetings, please come and see us.



Penny 830367