

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

February 2012

TEN YEARS OF THE BADSEY SOCIETY

This February, The Badsey Society celebrates its tenth birthday. At a public meeting held on 28 February 2002 in St James' Church, Badsey, 19 people met to discuss a proposal to form "The Badsey Society", with the intention of publishing a second edition of *A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington*. A Society was duly formed with Tony Jerram as the first Chairman, and the second edition of *A Brief History* was duly published in September 2002. Since then, the Society has gone from strength to strength. We have received four grants, published four books and two DVDs, won awards for our website and our Enclosure Map project and our "Last Market Gardener" Project is still on-going. In 2011, we had 227 paid-up members. Our tenth Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday 17 February at 7.30 pm in Badsey Church. After the business part of the meeting there will be tea/coffee and a birthday cake, which will then be followed by a slide show of the highlights of the last ten years. Please come and join us on the evening. If you are not a member, you can join on the night, just £2 per person.

Maureen Spinks

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's theme

LET JUSTICE PREVAIL

written by the women of Malaysia

Friday 02 March 7.30 pm
St James Church
Badsey

Speaker

Lynda from the House of the Open Door

Penny Christison

BADSEY BROWNIES

Three new members joined the pack this term. I am writing this at the beginning of January while the blankets are being sewn together. A big thank you to everyone who knitted squares, we had a terrific response. When you read this the Brownies will have been to Caring Hands in the Vale and taken the blankets made from squares so kindly knitted for us. Look for photos in the next magazine. Thank you again.

Sue Cole 831260

GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

Dear All

I know that June is a long way off but as we have learnt in the past the cost of the fare rises towards departure date. Therefore if you are thinking of coming and can make an early decision it might be worth booking early. So far we have 6 coming.

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It would also help me if you could let me know if you are not able to come as I can then not send you anymore e-mails for this visit.

Also do try and encourage others who have not been to join the party.

Alex Christison

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2 LETTER FOR THE MONTH

Dear All,

I was recently deliberating (or possible even meditating) on life the universe and everything. I started with something we are all familiar with – the stages of life, or human development. I came up with five stages: childhood; adolescence; young adulthood; mid-life; older age. Other people use eight and Shakespeare famously came up with the poem of the Seven Ages of Man (a monologue from As You Like It). *"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players, they have their exits and entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages. At first the infant, mewling and puking in the nurse's arms. Then, the whining schoolboy with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like snail unwillingly to school. And then the lover, sighing like furnace with a woeful ballad made to his mistress' eyebrow. . . ."* (There isn't room to print it all – but its well worth a read).

However many stages we choose to use, they are well known headings or outlines in which we try to make sense of life. No two people experience these stages in the same way and the passage from one to the other is very blurred. In fact sometimes it is difficult to know exactly where we are on the path and at times we seem to be going backwards. At one time (for example) we may think we have achieved mid-life only to find that we are making decisions as if we were still in the adolescence stage. Conversely there are some children and adolescents who, because of their circumstances, have to

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CHURCH SERVICES

FEBRUARY

Wed 1st	10.00 am	Eucharist followed by coffee
Sun 5th	11.00 am	Family Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 12th	11.00 am	Praise & Worship
	6.30 pm	Eucharist
Sun 19th	11.00 am	Family Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sun 26th	9.30 am	Eucharist
	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

make decisions for themselves (or on behalf of 'dependant parents') way beyond their life experience. The length of time we spend in each of these categories differs for each of us, but I cannot help thinking that the stage of childhood is an ever decreasing one. Children are no longer allowed to be children – to develop and explore at their own pace; there is a 'norm' into which they need to fit, everyone needs to be 'above average'. This of course is impossible; because 'average' by definition means that some are above it and some are below it. I wonder at times if we are trying to turn everyone into a clone or carbon copy of Mr(s) Average. What has happened to individuality and eccentricity? Having got this far in my musings I then tried to move on and to map these stages of life into a religious context – but that of course is almost impossible because, although the vast majority of people go through all the 'stages of life' not everyone has a religious experience. However, for those who do, perhaps the start is Baptism (or Christening) which maps onto childhood; Confirmation possibly maps onto adolescence or young adulthood – but, I wonder if any of us ever gets past the 'mid-life' stage on our Christian Pilgrimage? – I think I need some more time to meditate on the answer to that one! Our whole life is a pilgrimage and we learn something new every day, as we move into the second month of a New Year I wonder where our journey will take us and pray that we will be open to learning something new in all aspects of our lives.

Richard

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: 08 Jan 12 Tommy-Lee Smith

Funerals: None

Weddings: None

STORIES OF FAITHFULNESS

As part of our celebrations around the Queen's Jubilee later this year I am looking for stories of faithfulness. If you have any further examples of people who might tell their story, please email me. Thanks,
Sam Setchell, Communications Officer, Diocese of Worcester

ST JAMES' FLOWER GUILD

FEBRUARY ROTA

1st Sunday	Sandra & Maureen
2nd Sunday	Annette & Sheila
3rd Sunday	Julie, Eleanor & Barbara
4th Sunday	No flowers in Church (Lent)

I hope over the Christmas period that some of you found time to go into Church and enjoy the nativity scene, the lovely Christmas tree and beautiful flowers and had a quiet moment to reflect in the peaceful surroundings. Ladies thank you for all the flowers you arrange in Church during the year. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

BADSEY W.I.

Welcome to 2012 and to Badsey W.I. We have started the year off with a New Year Lunch at Dumbleton Hall which was thoroughly enjoyed by the 40 members who attended. Set in a beautiful landscape this lovely and imposing Hall welcomed us with log fires, beautiful rooms and a superb lunch. The setting was perfect for the dry and sunny, though cold, day and we were able to enjoy the views whilst we ate and even walk in the grounds if inclined to do so. The dining room and service was excellent as was the food and the lunch started 2012 off on a high. Apart from the Olympics and The Queen's Jubilee, it will be Badsey W.I.'s 85th Birthday which I am sure we will celebrate in some grand way. We also hope to have our fill of theatre trips, holidays and other outings. We will be going to see South Pacific in Birmingham in February. We shall also be having our weekly walks under the leadership of Maureen Davies, art classes with Angela and Bernice, skittles with Captain Anne Ellender and we hope to start other craft groups or day courses. Our speakers and demonstrators will be varied and interesting as will our competitions. Our membership is increasing all the time and we have been pleased to welcome quite a few new members in 2011 and hope to welcome more in 2012 – perhaps one of them will be **YOU**.

We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at the Remembrance Hall and the meeting starts at 7.15 pm. In February our meeting will host the Ladies Barber Shop Chorus so do come along and hear these talented singers and find out what we are all about. Membership to the W.I. is £31.50 per annum which equates to under £3.00 per meeting. For this small amount you get a speaker or demonstrator, free tea and cakes, access to all sorts of sports and interests but most of all fun and friendship, so do come along one month and see if you would like to join us. No obligation whatsoever but you can expect a warm welcome and an enjoyable evening. Visitors pay a small fee on the night and can visit more than once to "sus" us out, so do come along.

For more information contact President Elizabeth Cudd on 01386 831233 or Secretary Yvonne Haynes on 01386 830063.



ROUND ROBIN

15 of us enjoyed lunch at the Round of Gras in December. Unfortunately Hilda Farr was too ill to join us and gave her place up to someone else. She was a lovely lady and very generous. She was a founder member of the group when it was hymn singing group at the British Legion. She will be missed. Everyone I have spoken to looked forward to Marianne on the accordion and we enjoyed a good sing song. The next meeting will be on Thursday 16 February at 2.00 pm. Some members are now not well enough to come but we look forward to seeing those of you who can make it.



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Sunday 26 February
between
11.00 am – 12.00 noon
Do come along and join the fun.



Any child between 4 and 10 years will be very welcome.

We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month at
St James Church Badsey.

We sing a song, listen to a bible story make a craft and
play games.

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CARING HANDS IN THE VALE

This wonderful outreach project from the Evesham Christian Centre was 8 years old in June. Its aim is to support individuals and families in need in Evesham and the Vale in practical ways. Community Worker Diane Bennett is in charge of this project and she and her team, all volunteers, work tirelessly to achieve their aim. Individuals and families are referred to Caring Hands through a network of almost 70 referral agencies including, Social Services, Youth and Children's services, NHS, local community groups, doctors, police, Mental Health Organisations and many, many more charities, agencies and the like. Everyone receiving help from caring Hands receives the help unconditionally, non-judgementally and totally free of charge. At the moment 8 to 12 referrals are made every week and sometimes there can be as many as 18 to 20. In addition the diner, which is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, provides a free 2 course hot meal for between 40 and 60 people referred each week. The diner has recently been refurbished and looks lovely with smaller tables with new cloths and flowers on them. The ultimate aim of this project is to open a drop-in Centre which will be called the Lighthouse Drop-in Centre. The diner also provides a Christmas dinner on

Christmas day with the help of volunteers from people mainly from Evesham Churches.

HOW YOU CAN HELP – always needed are food items such as tinned goods, dried foodstuffs, pastas etc., to keep in store to make up food parcels for those in need of them. The food parcels are sometimes adapted for people without cooking facilities and as such are made up of tinned items etc., which can be eaten without cooking. Fresh veg etc. is always useful for the diner.

Back packs are supplied to the homeless and therefore goods like toiletries, torches, plastic food ware (cups, cutlery plates etc), socks, scarf and gloves, wind up torches, sleeping bags, blankets, ground rolls, treats such as chocolate, flannels, tin openers. Second hand clothing such as warm jackets, trousers, fleeces, coats shoes/trainers, shirts, jumpers and even tents. Smart clothing is always welcome so they can be handed out to those who need smarter clothing for job interviews.

Foodstuffs, toiletries (no sprays), clothing and bedding are always needed to help families who have had to give up their houses due to financial or personal circumstances. In this present climate we can expect more people than ever to be in need of some kind of help be it a food parcel to see them through a bad period or help in a new home. If you can help in any way please do so. Help is need all through the year not just at Christmas. Items donated can be taken to the Christian Centre, back entrance is through the car park behind the fire station and probably diner days would be certain to find someone there, though there is usually someone at all times. Items can also be left in All Saints Church, who have a regular collection point in the Church. For further information you can contact me, Yvonne on 01386 830063 and I will be able to put you in touch with Diane.

Some figures for you. Last year Caring hands provided a total of 2243 Food Parcels, 943 toiletry packs, 116 sleeping bags, 121 items of bedding, 141 backpacks, Clothing to 217 people, 183 Christmas hampers. As well as meals and other practical help and advice where asked for.

This project is funded through donations but money, tobacco and alcohol are never given out. So when you are having a kitchen clear out or clothing sort through please think of CARING HANDS



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now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BADSEY BRITISH LEGION

It was Badsey's turn to host the Group Meeting on 07 December. Members from Bretforton, Fladbury, Offenham, Pershore and Sedgeberrow attended. There were more than seventy people present. After the initial business there was a surprise for the Badsey Chairman, Bet Westmacott. She received a Merit Award for service to the R.B.L. Congratulations to Bet, who has been a member for forty-three years!

The meeting had a Christmas theme. Turkey baps and mincepies were served and everybody was given a Christmas present, delivered by Mr and Mrs Christmas. (The Chairman and the Secretary.) Entertainment was provided by Roland and Doreen Sandalls.

On 14 December the last Branch Meeting of the year took place. The table was laid with an assortment of food, as everyone had made a contribution. Billy Davies and his friend entertained us with music and jokes. They made the evening very enjoyable and members joined in with singing and even dancing. Billy was asked to judge the Alphabet Competition- letter W. There was no problem choosing the winning item- a 'Willy-Warmer' brought by Mary Dore.

A PEACEFUL AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
YOU ALL

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 22 February 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. The speaker this month is Frank Hardy and his talk is entitled "All our Yesterdays- Changes in Horticulture". For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt: 01386 830834. New members very welcome.

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The Mothers' Union invite you to our Lent Lunches. They will be held:



Tuesday 28 February 12 noon at Badsey Church
Thursday 15 March 12 noon at Bretforton Church
Tuesday 27 March 12 noon at Offenham Church

We will be serving soup and a roll for £2
proceeds will go to Mothers' Union Overseas Fund
Please come and support us.

Contact Penny 830367

REMEMBRANCE HALL

Just a quick note to mention the sterling work the Remembrance Hall Committee do. They have raised funds to redecorate and it looks lovely!

The committee are all volunteers and have kept the hall in good condition and the rental rates down to an affordable level. The hall is fully booked seven days a week and remains a valuable village asset.

Mary Campbell
Chairman – Parish Council

TOWER NEWS

The wedding season has already begun; much earlier this year and going by the list we have, it will be going through to the end of November. Bearing in mind we are a Benefice (Badsey, Bretforton and Offenham) and rely upon each other to make up the team numbers. Without the help from each other we are stuck due to lack of support. Very often we have to borrow help from other towers, but if they have weddings on the same day as us it does make life a little difficult. Please is there anyone out there interested in learning - without your help age is getting the better of us. Please contact Hilary Bolton on 830246 or just turn up on Practise night (Monday) 7.30 - 9.00 pm



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St Richard's Fundraising Director Tricia Cavell said, "We've done the research and found a variety of challenges, UK based or abroad over a range of different time scales. With experienced providers you can join these challenges alone or with friends or family and be sure to have a fantastic and memorable time. We will give you all the advice and support you need along the way."

St Richard's Hospice Challenges and Events

New for 2012 is the Worcester Full and Half Marathon. Sign up now for this new event on **Sunday, 15th April**. Starting and finishing at Worcester Warriors Rugby Ground, Sixways, runners will race around some beautiful rural villages. St Richard's is the chosen charity partner for the event. To book your place call Sara Fernie on 01905 763963 or email sfernie@strichards.org.uk

Take on the Great Wall of China

Considered one of the greatest wonders of the world, the Great Wall snakes 6000km across China. Spend 7 days trekking this historic route, with varied sections encompassing the old and the new. This challenging trek takes you through woodland and terraced farmland, beautiful hills and remote areas offering fabulous scenery and a fascinating insight into a rich culture and history. **11-21 Oct 2012**. For more info contact Sara Fernie on 01905 763963 email sfernie@strichards.org.uk

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Join the Nightrider

St Richard's has ten places for the Nightrider challenge – a 100km moonlit cycle across London taking in the iconic skyline as the sun comes up. This national event will be held overnight on the **9th/10th June**. For more information go to <http://www.nightrider.org.uk> and call Sara Fernie on 01905 763963 or email sfernie@strichards.org.uk to book your place for St Richard's.

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BISHOP DAVID'S LETTER

For something like 150 years the majority of the population of the UK have enjoyed a better standard of living than their parents. It's become ingrained in our culture that those of us who are parents can anticipate our children exceeding our own accomplishments. When a pattern like this becomes established over such a long period it moves from being something we hope for, and are grateful if it happens, to something we expect, as of right, and are frustrated, angry or resentful if it does not come about. Every year on year, with occasional exceptions, we expect things to improve – so that what we have afforded one year becomes part of our expectations every year: consumer goods, fancier cars; bigger homes; more foreign holidays or whatever.

It wasn't of course true of the world in which Jesus grew up. Things often did get worse, steadily worse. Indeed, the Bible is framed in a world view of decline – from the Garden of Eden to the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. And you and I may now be entering a prolonged period when it won't be true in our society either. Whilst overall the world economy can and will continue to grow, the greatest beneficiaries of that growth will not be in Europe or North America, and for some years the present economic crisis may well more than offset the modest growth we might otherwise achieve. The question for 2012 is whether as a society we can adapt to that, learn to make do without the expectations of growth, and continue to play a full part in reducing the environmental impact of our lifestyles, for the sake of those who will follow. For Christians, who hold to a higher value than the accumulation of wealth and possessions, there will be a vital part to play; not least because when the cake gets smaller the squabbles over the sizes of the pieces get harder. Recent research has shown attitudes in the country hardening against the poor. Paradoxically the fewer jobs there are, the more we seem inclined to blame those without work for their own plight. At the same time, the rhetoric of the debate on the welfare benefits suggests we would rather see ten innocent people impoverished and humiliated than allow one to milk the system.

I believe that we are called to stand up to this harshness, to be a people who look to see that neither the poorest in our society, nor generations yet to come, are made to bear the brunt of our failure to recognise that, unlike the song, it isn't always the case that "things can only get better".

Bishop David

FLOWER SHOW TEAM PLANS TO GROW FOR 2012

The 2012 Badsey Flower Show takes place on Saturday 21st July on the Recreation Ground, Sands Lane, Badsey near Evesham.

Our show attracts around 2,000 people each year and it is one of the biggest and best events of its kind in the area.

Committee member, Adrian Barradell explains; "By its nature, The Badsey Flower Show is 100 percent reliant on volunteers to both plan and run the day and this year we want more people to come forward and get involved.

"We'd like more people to help out on the day and also join the show's Committee which plans the event during the spring and early summer.

"Getting involved is very rewarding and anyone who'd like to find out more is asked to come along and join us at the Badsey Flower Show 2012 AGM. This takes place at The Wheatsheaf Inn, High Street, Badsey on Monday February 6th at 8pm."

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NEW HOMES BONUS

As a result of the new homes built in the District over the year to October 2011 Wychavon District Council has received a grant from the Government. Wychavon is making 40% of the grant referable to new housing in each Parish available to that Parish for community purposes and the amount available for Badsey & Aldington is in the region of £19,000. The Parish Council has to apply for the money, which does not form part of the monies available to the Parish Council for normal expenditure, and will be starting to consider possible projects at the January meeting. However, if you have any proposals or would like further details please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Clerk.

COMPOSTING

You may have noticed some posters on the notice-boards last year about special offers of compost bins. Worcestershire County Council is keen that as many Worcestershire residents as possible should get composting in 2012 and has recently sent a reminder that the current offer is due to expire on 31 March. Compost bins are available from as little as £8 (+£5 delivery) for residents of Herefordshire & Worcestershire and more

details can be found at www.hw.getcomposting.com or call 0844 571 4444.

DECEMBER MEETING

PC Greenhouse was able to attend and gave a very positive report as to the amount of crime/anti-social behaviour in the Village. It was however of some concern to hear that as a result of financial cuts the police will be more thinly spread and the priority will have to be crime investigation rather than community policing. The Council was also pleased to hear from the Chairman and Treasurer of the Badsey & Aldington Remembrance Hall Committee. The Hall has recently received a 'make-over' with the help of Rooftop Housing and a number of willing and hard-working volunteers and as a result is looking in a much better decorative state with improved kitchen facilities. The next step is the Roof! Amongst other matters discussed was the approval of the Council's response to the consultation on Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. The Council's response can be found on the My Parish website under 'Consultation Papers' together with a briefing note.

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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 15 February 2012. It is anticipated that there will be a Planning Committee meeting on the same evening.

**Clerk's contact details: Alexandra Owen (Mrs), White House, Main Street, Aldington WR11 7XB.
Tel: (01386) 830083. Mob: 07824440380.
e-mail: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk**

The Church Buildings Division of the Archbishop's Council has launched a competition for design students, leading designers, manufacturers and contractors to design new church seating!

The competition has two categories:

1. Design a chair under £100 - open to students and recent graduates (cash prize and opportunity to pitch to manufacturers).
2. Design a seat (chair or bench) for churches open to all

For further information and guidance on church seating, see Church Care website: churchcare.co.uk/contents/php

USEFUL NUMBERS

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