

Badsey Society Presents:



If you happened to be walking past the church on the evening of Friday 15th February, you might have been amazed at the hoots of laughter emanating from within. What had happened? Had the Vicar suddenly turned his sermon into a comedy act, or had the Churchwardens decided to rent out the church to a rowdy group? No, it was neither of those things. It was just The Badsey Society holding its Annual General Meeting.

AGMs are not normally renowned for their hilarity, but this one was a bit different as it was rounded off with a 20-minute film produced by Will and John Dallimore called "A Journey Through Asum Grammar", featuring the intrepid local adventurer, Doug Deep. The 62 members present were in stitches as they watched and listened to Doug taking a flying tour of the Vale.

In the business section of the meeting, Maureen Spinks was re-elected as Chairman and Valerie Magan as Secretary. Tony Wood was elected Treasurer, taking on the role after Terry Sparrow stepped down after ten years in the job. Will Dallimore, Ian Gibson, Tom Locke, Jane Neill, Richard Phillips and Neil Thould were re-elected as Committee members; Gill Woods was also elected to the Committee for the first time. The annual Tony Jerram Award, which is given each year to someone who

has contributed greatly to the community of Badsey or Aldington, was this year presented to Jean Dyke for her many years of running the Coronation Street Club for Disabled People. The club used to operate in Evesham but, for about the last ten years, it meets weekly at the Badsey Royal British Legion. The Chairman commented that many people may not know this year's winner because she is one of those unsung heroines who does not shout about her work. As the Mayor of Evesham wrote in his diary last year: "Jean is one of those wonderful people who will just get on with it, quietly working away and making a real difference to people who need it." One of her nominators wrote: "You never hear her moan or have a negative opinion on anything. She is a wonderful selfless person who I think wholeheartedly deserves some recognition for what she has done and is still doing." The trophy was presented to Jean by a previous winner, Elizabeth Bolland MBE.

After a break for tea or coffee and biscuits there were short talks by Terry Sparrow and Maureen Spinks before concluding with the aforesaid Doug Deep film. Badsey Society membership fees for 2013 are now due; once again the fee is only £2 per member (please give to Tony Wood, 16 Badsey Fields Lane).



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2 Letter For The Month

Dear Friends

We are now well into the period of Lent, and I know that many of you will have given up chocolate, alcohol, or something that you enjoy as part of a period of preparation for the celebration of Easter at the end of the month. Others may well have taken the opportunity to 'give something up' not necessarily as part of any religious conviction but as an opportunity to 'detox' - the process to remove toxins from the body; if you are one of those who have given something up (for whatever reason) I wish you well with your endeavours and to say (by way of encouragement) that it is only a few more weeks to go!! Other people rather than 'give something up' may have 'taken something on' as part of preparation for Easter, perhaps reading a book, visiting people you haven't seen for some time, or even going to the gym more regularly.

Whether you see yourself as 'religious' or not, it is always good to take time every now and them to take stock of life, the universe, and everything; to

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Church Services

Sunday 3

10.30 am ten30@st.james

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 10 - Mothering Sunday

11.00 am Family Worship For Mothering Sunday

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 17

11.00 am Family Eucharist

3.00 pm Dedication Of New RBL Standard

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 24 - Palm Sunday

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 31-Easter Day

11.00 am Family Worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Morning Prayer is said at 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday, which is a Eucharist. No Eucharist on Tuesday after Easter.

There will NOT be a monthly Eucharist service on the FIRST Wednesday in the March at 10.00 am at Badsey.

From The Revd Richard Court

pause in the frenetic pace of life and take some time out, and to reflect, something Anne wrote about in her 'Contemplations from the Curate' in last months magazine. March brings with it the hint of what lays before us in the glimpses of new life in the garden, the thought of the clocks going forward at the end of the month which brings lighter evenings and longer days. The darkness of autumn and winter is cast off and the warmth of spring and summer is in prospect. At times of darkness and despair either in the weather and the seasons, or in our own lives, we always need to have something to look forward to. This month we can therefore look forward not only to the coming of spring but also, from a Christian perspective to Easter and the celebration of the Risen Christ who can bring his marvellous light into in our lives, and although we may still have a little way to go, let us all look forward to a Happy and Blessed Easter and may God Bless you all.

From The Parish Registers

Baptisms

3 Feb Carmen Amelia Green 3 Feb Poppy Clare Green

Funeral Services

16 Jan Rachel Owena Morrall

Services For Holy Week And Easter

Tuesday 26 March

7.30 pm Evensong with address at Badsey Thursday 28 March

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Badsey Good Friday 29 March

10.30 am Children's Workshop at Badsey

- 12.00 pm

2.00 pm Meditation at Badsey Meditation at Bretforton 7.00 pm

EASTER DAY

Sun-Rise service by River in 6.00 am

Offenham (Bridge Inn)

Eucharist at Bretforton 9.30 am 11.00 am Eucharist at Offenham

11.00 am Family Worship for Easter at Badsey

Eucharist at Badsey 6.30 pm

Did You Know?

In medieval times a festival of egg-throwing was held in church, during which the priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choir boys. It was then tossed from one choir boy to the next and whoever held the egg when the clock struck 12 was the winner and retained the egg.

Update Of Toilets And Kitchen Facilities In Church

A public meeting ('the meeting') was held on 23 Jan 13 at which a draft plan was made available; 39 people were present and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) wish to thank all those who attended. As well as members of the public and members of the PCC the Architect and a colleague were also on hand to answer questions and to give advice.

Following the public meeting the PCC held a meeting ('the PCC meeting') to discuss the issues raised, I will highlight the major issues raised at 'the meeting' and the decisions taken by the PCC as a result of 'the PCC meeting' and consultation with the Architect and English Heritage.

Porch - the PCC had proposed to reduce the step into church and to install a ramp to allow for disabled access into church; it was highlighted by a substantial number of people at 'the meeting' that although they agreed with reduction of the step, several people raised objections to installing a ramp as this made access more difficult for the elderly and people who used a walking stick. It was agreed at 'the PCC meeting' that the step would be reduced but that the ramp would not be installed (an option was agreed that this could be reassessed in the future if it was felt to be necessary).

Oak Panelling - the PCC had proposed to remove the oak panelling in the transept when the new storage cupboards were fitted; the issue was raised that this should be used during the works if possible. It was agreed at 'the PCC meeting' that the Oak Panelling should be used in the construction of the new toilet area wherever possible.

Kitchen - the kitchen layout was felt to be acceptable, however the following points were raised at 'the meeting' 1) do we need two Belfast sinks particularly at the expense of storage space, 2) depth of storage cupboards make it difficult to access the rear of shelves (particularly for flower

arranging materials), 3) the cost of tailor made cabinets was thought to be expensive. It was agreed at the 'PCC meeting' that 1) only one sink be installed thus giving extra storage space, 2) sliding baskets be fitted to some of the base storage units for easier access, 3) although the cost was high the units need to be of a high quality to fit in with the Grade II* status of the church and any handmade cabinets will be expensive.

Boiler room - no major issues were raised at the meeting regarding the reduction in height of the boiler room. Noise factor of moving the boiler into the church was raised. At 'the PCC meeting' the issue of noise from the boiler was discussed – it was felt that other churches have boilers in a similar position (South Littleton for example) and cannot be heard running it was therefore not felt to be a major concern.

Pews - concerns were raised at 'the meeting' regarding the proposal to remove the front pew on either side of the church and that other options should be investigated. These included moving the steps to the pulpit to allow better access, or moving the pulpit to the other side of the church, it has to be noted that although there were several people who voiced concern about removal of the pews there were others who were in favour. At 'the PCC meeting' all of the above options were discussed at great length with advantages and disadvantages of each option being explored. It was agreed (with one vote against and one abstention) that the front pew on both sides would be removed as part of the planned work (as shown in draft plan).

Toilets - positioning of the toilet was discussed at 'the meeting' it was suggested that the toilet would be better positioned outside the church, although a formal vote was not taken by a show of hands only a small number of people felt this was a major concern. It was highlighted that the church at Dymock had installed a toilet outside the church for a much lower cost and that this (Cont. Page 4)

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Should be explored rather than installing one inside the church. At 'the PCC meeting' it was reported that expert advice had been sought since 'the meeting' from the Architect and from English Heritage (EH). The EH preferred option for a toilet is inside the church as it would be of minimal impact to the church building and EH would only consider a building attached to outside of the church if internal construction was not possible. The church at Dymock had been investigated and found that this was some way away from the church (and very similar to plans the PCC had already discounted last year) it was therefore felt not to be representative of what was proposed at Badsey. Having considered all the available advice the PCC gareed to continue to install a toilet according to the draft plan available at 'the meeting'.

The PCC resolved to progress the plans as outlined above and to apply for a Faculty (church equivalent of planning permission) as soon as possible. As part of the Faculty process there will be the opportunity for anyone in the Parish to raise objections about the proposed plans to the Diocesan Registrar.

Richard Court

New Church Electoral Roll

Should your name be on it?

This year we are required by law to completely renew our Church Electoral Roll. We welcome new members to our church Electoral Roll and congregation. If you were on the previous year's list of names pleased be advised you are required to fill in a new application form and sign the declaration upon it; your name will not appear on it otherwise.

To be eligible you must be baptised and over the

age of 16 years and either live in the parish or be a regular worshipper, full details of requirements can be found on the Church Notice-board in the church porch and on the application forms; copies of which may be picked up from St James.

Please return your forms to St James Church or to myself no later than Monday 1st April 2013. Chris Smith 27 High Street Badsey, Evesham, Worcs WR11 7EJ.

Only those on the Electoral Roll may vote or attend the following meeting or stand for election to office within the church.

The new Roll will come into force on 3rd April 2013.

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16th April in St James Church at 7.30 pm.

St James' Flower Guild Rota

March - Sunday 5th - Easter

All the guild.

A meeting about the Easter flowers on Monday 18th at 7.30 pm. Thank you

April

1st Sunday: Guild to tend their own 2nd Sunday: Hazel & Hazel 3rd Sunday: Sandra & Maureen 4th Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane

Ladies, thank you for the February flowers in Church. We will be decorating the Church on Saturday 30th March. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me,

Hazel Stewart 832007

Did You Know?

The custom of giving eggs at Easter time has been traced back to Egyptians, Persians, Gauls, Greeks and Romans, to whom the egg was a symbol of life.



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Our lovely New Year Lunch at Dumbleton Hall was a delightful occasion. The food was delicious, the room warm and welcoming and the service second to none. Instead of our usual New Year raffle where everyone takes a small raffle prize, usually an unwanted Christmas present, members were able to 'buy' an envelope for a pound, write their name on it and the winner of the envelope drawn out had their lunch paid for. This proved most successful and the winner was Judy Buffey. Our first County Tournament skittles match will take place at Pershore on 12th February when we will play against Defford W.I. Other matches are being arranged by our Captain Anne Ellender. The arrangements for a three day visit to York are in the capable hands of Angela Gash and Elizabeth our President is arranging a visit to Avebury Manor for 3rd June. Elizabeth also hopes to make arrangements for a cookery demonstration with tea at Eckington Cookery School and also a visit to Birmingham to see either the Lion King or the stage production of War Horse, Art Class will re-start after the winter break at the end of February also the embroidery group have started their meetings. Our speaker on March 13th will be Sue Johnson on "A Writers Notebook" and the competition will be an item beginning with the letter C. Unfortunately the speaker due to come and talk on 'Pub Signs' has triple booked so will be coming at a later date. The competition will be judged by the members who will place a penny or any other coin by the item they feel should win and of course the entry with the most coins will be the winner for that month.

Anyone is welcome to come along to any of our meetings and will be made most welcome. The meeting begins at 7.15.pm and is held at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month.

Do come along and have an enjoyable evening. We are Fun and Friendship rather than Jam and Jerusalem. If you want any details or further information on anything to do with the W.I. please ring Elizabeth Cudd (President) on 01386831233 or Yvonne Haynes (Secretary) on 01386830063.

Round Robin

bring back into our daily lives.

My household numbers will have decreased, some of the entertainment we have had lessens, and the group will be back to more normality; than it has been for the last couple of months. The subject of religion will have been covered last month, possibly a new way to approach it, something for us to think about and

March is not confirmed, but I have asked St John's Ambulance to join us, to tell us about their role, and some basic first aid. Things change with time, updating is never a bad idea. Some music entertainment in April and something in mind for May a little more formal but should be informative.

We meet at my home 16 Binyon Close on the third Thursday of each month at 2.30 pm, my door is open to those who just want a little companionship, cup of tea, biscuits and a natter.

> Cheryl Mitchell Tel no. 01386 832 436

Tower News

3 of our regular ringers are out of action at least for the next month, leaving us with 4 which is not enough to run a team, so unfortunately there will not be much ringing for a while.



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6 Hospice Expansion Plans Will See Care Of Third More Patients

St Richard's Hospice has announced plans to redevelop and extend the In-patient Unit at Wildwood Drive, Worcester which will enable the charity to care for over a third more patients there. The changes will also mean St Richard's can improve still further the experiences of patients and their families by offering greater privacy in single rooms.

The plans will see St Richard's build four new bedrooms and change the configuration of existing rooms to give 13 single rooms and two double rooms. They are also building a second family sitting room, therapies room, satellite nurse station, IPU Manager's office, case conference room and doctor's room.

Chief Executive Mark Jackson explained, ""The single bedrooms will enable us to care for more patients. The detailed audit carried out by the clinical staff suggests that we will be able to take up to 74 more admissions each year."

Building work is due to start in June with the bigger In-patient Unit due to be caring for more patients in April 2014.

St Richard's Hospice provides free specialist palliative care for patients living with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and supports their families. Each year the hospice team supports over 2,300 patients and family members in Worcestershire.

Patients are cared for in Day Hospice, the 16-bed In-patient Unit or in their own homes by a specialist professional team as well as many trained volunteers.

In the In-patient Unit specialist staff are on hand 24 hours a day to manage patients' symptoms and where, if they so choose, patients may spend the last few days of life in comfort and dignity. St Richard's is grateful for all donations towards the £6.1m required each year to continue its work. For more information please visit www.strichards.org.uk

Parish Council News Dog Bin - Aldington.

The Parish Council are looking into an extra dog bin in Aldington near to the parish notice board on Main Street. The location has been assessed by Wychavon. More details to follow.

New Homes Bonus.

Peter Luff MP has presented The Parish Council with a cheque from Wychavon for the New Homes Bonus funding. An informal presentation evening will take place on 1st March 2013 for the recipients of the funding within the village. Funding information has been confirmed by Wychavon for this year's allocation. More details to follow.

Parish Councillor Vacancies.

Two vacancies for Parish Councillor's have arisen. Please see Spar notice board for details and how to express an interest.

Parish Council Meeting-March 2013.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th March 2013 at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey at 7.30 pm with a 10 minute Public Forum until 7.40 pm.

Clerk's contact details: Andrea Evans (Mrs), Ty Gwyn, Church Street, Offenham WR11 8RW. Tel: (01386) 760332 E-mail: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

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The traditional act of painting eggs is called Pysanka.





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The first incident reported was in Station Road, South Littleton and happened between 22:00 and 08:00 hrs. Incident 275S 010213.

The second was in Withy Trees Road, South Littleton, incident 468S 010213.

If anyone has any information regarding these or any other incidents please call Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Unsolicited Telephone Calls

Worcestershire Regulatory Services, trading standards team is warning residents in the Evesham area about unsolicited telephone calls. Reports indicate that calls appear to be specifically targeted at older female householders and make claims that residents can reduce their council tax payments. The caller then makes an appointment to visit the householder and does not provide any contact details and withhold their telephone number. Therefore the appointment cannot be cancelled.

Steve Jorden, Head of Regulatory Services said 'It is very concerning when we hear stories that older residents appear to be targeted in this manner. Residents should not provide any personal or bank details to unsolicited callers and should not agree to visits from unknown callers. Local Councils do not call residents in this way.'

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Dates For Your Diary



Our January meeting, involved the children thinking about prayer. Each of the children wrote a prayer using the teaspoon method (tsp) thank you, sorry and please. We then combined those prayers to make one prayer that was to be inserted into the service sheet of the

ten30@stjames.

Many of the children came to the 10.30@stjames service to listen to their prayer they also enjoyed cake, croissants and hot chocolate. At this service we discovered how the church and our homes are very similar. Prayers were written on paper hands and hung on a new prayer tree in church.

Our next meeting will be on March 24th 2013 11.00am - 12.00pm

> St James Church, Badsey. Do come along and join the fun.



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Badsey Mothers' Union The Badsey Group

Hi all.

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12 March 2.30 pm in Badsey Church Rev Anne Potter will talk about Mothering Sunday Visitors always welcome at our meeting.

Also in March

5 March 12 noon in Bretforton Church LENT LUNCH 19 March 12 noon in Offenham Church, LENT LUNCH £2.50 Homemade soup and roll Please come and join us.

26 March 7.30pm Holy Week Service. Further details Penny 830367

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For Show schedules please contact committee members or telephone Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834

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Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

'Who could refrain, that had a heart to love, and in that heart courage to make's love known?' Macbeth, Act 2, Scene 3 William Shakespeare

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