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Community News

Badsey and Aldington September 2013



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Badsey Church and Village History

September 14th 2013 - 10:00am - 5:00pm

September 15th 2013 - 12.30pm - 5:00pm

Badsey, St James

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If you would like to help with this event or have an interesting collection or display or would like to give a local history talk please contact Chris Smith.

More information on this event or sponsorship forms for Ride and Stride please contact Chris Smith 830217 st.james@ourbenefice.org.uk



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2 Letter For The Month From The Revd Richard Court



Dear All,
September is already upon us and summer holidays are just a distant memory for most of us, I wonder where the time goes (or is that just my age?)! A new academic year is here and all of our youngsters will have to undergone a major change in their lives. For some it will be the first time at a new school, college or university; for others a new class and different teacher; every year brings a new start and a new challenge. It is only as we grow in years that this constant change normally starts to slow down and for many there is a feeling that there is no longer any change in life at all – everything, every day, is much the same as yesterday. For others there is a feeling that the world is changing quicker than they can cope with and they long for things to 'slow down'.

Life is different for everyone, and I thank God for that, what a dull and dreary place the world would be if life was the same for everyone, There is however always the temptation especially when things do not go the way we want them to, to imagine that we have the 'weight of the world' on our shoulders and that no one else understands our problems or our situation – which is of course true – no one can ever fully understand our problems and concerns. It would be trite and insensitive to say 'cheer up there is always someone worse off

than you' because we are the ones who have to deal with our own problems and concerns on a daily basis. It is in Matthew Chapter 6 (in what is known as The Sermon on the Mount) that Jesus teaches his disciples to pray what we now know as The Lord's Prayer, and a little further on in the same chapter Jesus tells them not to worry when he says "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" He goes on to say that your heavenly Father knows all the things you need. If prayer is not your thing and I know many find it difficult to pray, it is not difficult - honestly – it doesn't need to be clever or articulate; in fact Jesus tells us elsewhere not to try to outdo one another in prayer but to pray silently and tell God the things that are on your heart and mind. So whatever lies ahead of you this coming month, whether it is a new challenge, or it is an issue which is difficult, try offering it to God in prayer. It is something as Christians we can do and while you are offering prayer for your own needs, give thanks for the good things in life – because even at the darkest moments there is always something that we can give thanks for. I will certainly be praying for all those who face challenges this coming month.

Richard

Church Ministry Team

Vicar:	The Revd Richard Court	834550
	The Vicarage	
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	Badsey	
Assistant Curate:	The Revd Anne Potter	424429
Churchwardens:	Mr Chris Smith	830217
	Vacancy	
Readers:	Mrs Penny Christison	830367
	Mrs Sue Cole	831260
	Mrs Margaret Pye	833537

Church Services

Sunday 1

10.30 am ten30@st.james
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 8

11.00 am Praise and Worship
6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 15

11.00 am Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 22

9.30 am Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 29

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 6 October

10.30 Harvest Service with School
6.30 Evensong

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

There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the first Wednesday in the Month at 10.00 am



From The Parish Registers

Baptisms

21 July 2013 Michael Jamie Thomas

Funeral Services

1 August 2013 William Henry Ernest Bennett
(Cheltenham Crematorium)

Holy Matrimony

NONE

St James' Flower Guild

Rota

1st Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane
2nd Sunday: Yvonne & Stephanie
3rd Sunday: Annette & Sheila
4th Sunday: Julie & Barbara

Thank you ladies for the flowers in Church during July, also for the lovely display of the flowers at the Flower Show. I have received many complimentary comments about them. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Thank you ladies,

Hazel Stewart 832007



Our last meeting took place at my home, and we put our minds to what we could feel in a bag. They were well disguised so our thinking caps were on and I

managed to come up with an assortment. It was a bit of fun, something different and rounded off with tea and biscuits and general chatter of the day.

The next meeting on 19th September at 2.30pm will be thinking of words that we can split up into two and making two individual words. We have done something like this before, it was enjoyed by all, it certainly made us think, if nothing else and amazing what we came up with. We welcome others who would like to join us, the group offers companionship, someone to talk to, and brighten up your day.

More information from Cheryl Mitchell 832436
roundrobin@ourbenefice.org.uk

Tower News



Saturday 27th July set out to be a fourfold Celebration. Our very best thanks go to The 'Vale of Evesham Ringers' who did their very best to mark 'St. James and The Flower Show' along with a welcome to the newly born prince George of Cambridge and our own daughters birthday - despite the very humid weather conditions- Although a full Peal could not be achieved due to two ringers being overcome with the heat they did manage over an hour of very nice ringing

August ringing for services etc. will be a bit hit and miss the same as July, with holidays. We really could do with at least one or two more interested people to come forward. We cannot function by just pulling someone from the street - Training is very necessary over a period of time. Monday night is reserved for this purpose. Male or Female. Access is very easy via the main church door.

We look forward to your enquiry or just turn up.

More information from Hilary Bolton 830246
bellringing@ourbenefice.org.uk

Mothers' UNION
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Our summer Garden Meeting was held in Penny's garden, the afternoon was fine. We started with prayers and then tucked into a beautiful tea supplied by our members. Afterwards we remembered our prayer partners with a small gift. This is always a happy time when we find out who has been praying for us during the year. We also remembered with fondness Jean Ives and Jessie Reeves who have died during the year.

The members of our knitting group continue to be busy making squares for blankets, bears for children of prisoners, fish and chip jumpers and matinee jackets for premature babies. These will be on display in church on 1st September at the ten30@stjames service, when we will find out where these items are being sent and celebrate with those who have been busy knitting. Refreshments to be served beforehand. These items will also be on display 6.30 Eucharist on 8th September. At this service the knitting will be blessed by Richard before being sent away.

Sue Cole

Our meetings are held in church on 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30 pm and visitors are always welcome.

Our next meeting will be: **10th September**

The Speaker will be: **Avryl Donovan**

The topic will be: **"Children in the poor villages in Laos"**

More information from Penny Christison 830367
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THANK YOU

To an Anonymous GOOD SAMARITAN.

Can I say an enormous thank you to the kind person, (I've no idea who you are), who found my spectacles in their blue case somewhere on the road in High Street and took them to the Spar Shop and thank you for them keeping them safe at the Spar and returning them to me.

My brand new specs I wasn't supposed to drive with for a few days so I accidentally put them on the bonnet of my car and drove off. I didn't realise till I reached my destination what a fool I had been and was so amazed and thankful to get them back in one piece.

Chris Smith (The Firs)

1st Badsey Scout Group

When the Parish Council New Homes Bonus list was published, Badsey Scouts had a figure of £30,000.00 deferred to 2013.

In communication with the Parish Council and Wychavon District Council we have now been informed that the government has announced significant changes to the NHB allocations to Parish Councils. Therefore it looks very much that no grant will be awarded to Badsey Scout Group.

To carry out the necessary extensions to the Badsey Scout Hut we need to raise £150,000. (For details see our website

www.google.com/site/badseyhutextension)

We are looking for support from the wider community to help us reach our target.

We would love to hear from you if you can help us with any of the following:

- Experience with completing grant applications.
- Help with fundraising.
- Ideas for fundraising.
- Donations, small or large.
- Does the company that you work for give charitable donations?

Please contact either

Nichol Brown, Group Scout Leader.

gslbadsey@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 01386 882350

or

Ralph Bolland, Group Executive Committee Chairman.

lizral.bolland@btinternet.com Tel. 01386 830638

Monthly Quiz

All answers begin with the first letter of the current month.

In Chess, what term is given when there are no moves left?

Answer in next months edition.



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**THE GROUND
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The monthly meeting of the Royal British Legion Women's section, Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch took place on Wed 24th July 2013. Possible due to the intense heat the number of ladies who attended was on the low side.

The chairman welcomed June Wildman Chairman and Jackie Taylor secretary of Worcestershire County to the meeting.

After the official 'Legion Business' June presented Val Taylor branch secretary of Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch with a Gold Award badge for the work done on behalf of the branch.

Then came the entertainment which was Jill Price with Pacify Exercises, when everyone took part in and enjoyed. Besides lots of muscles used the one that was used most was 'the chuckle muscle' The ladies from 'County' also took part and if anything were the ones who enjoyed it most particular June with the 'soft ball' exercise

Then came the judging of the Anniversary competition when once again the ladies from County were asked if they would do. The item was SILK... yes some one did bring along silk knickers... They found it very difficult just to choose one but the eventual winner was Evelyn Keen with silk embroidered handkerchiefs.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on 28th August when the entertainment is Lisa with her Goats Milk Soap.

Although we do 'Legion Business' it is also a very social evening out, so why not come along and see for yourself. There is definitely no age limit or need to have any connection with the armed forces.

Val Taylor

Jigsaw



We're back after the holidays.

Come along and have some fun.

A story, a craft, games and meet some new friends

Our next meeting is on 22nd September 2013

11.00am - 12.00pm

at

St James Church, Badsey.

Do come along and join the fun.

Any child 4 years upwards are welcome

We would love to see some new faces to join our existing members

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6 Parish Council News

New Homes Bonus.

Badsey Parish Council has now received confirmation from Wychavon that New Homes Bonus has been put on hold until at least the Autumn when more information will be issued. A copy of the information received to date is on the noticeboard outside The Spar, Badsey.

Chapel Street-Badsey.

Work has been carried out on the bench at the bus stop on Chapel Street to make the bench more comfortable and weed free to users.

Horsebridge Avenue-Play Area.

Plans are being shown at Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue for the proposed new play area for all residents to look at on Wednesday 4th September 2013 including a visit from the Youth Bus. Details can be obtained from Parish Clerk.

Parish Plan.

All households in Badsey, Aldington and Blackminster should have received their copy of the Parish Plan during August 2013. If you have not received a copy for any reason, please contact The Clerk, details below.

Parish Council Meeting-September 2013.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th October 2013 at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey at 7.30pm with a 10 minute Public Forum until 7.40pm.

Parish Clerk: Andrea Evans (Mrs),
Ty Gwen, Church Street, Offenham, WR11 8RW.
Tel: 760332 Email: badseyipc@yahoo.co.uk

United Church Choir

In the olden days when young men were still being drafted for National Service they were asked to state their religion. I answered smartly "Christian Corporal!" only to be told in no uncertain terms that in the Army there was no such category. This question was asked, I soon realised, merely for the organisation of Sunday Church Parades into C of E, R.C, Methodist, etc. this list also included "other".

I was reminded of this on Sunday 12th May when a Christian service, devised by a Methodist Minister, held in an Anglican Church (All Saints) with music led by a choir from all local Christian denominations, marked the beginning of Christian Aid Week. We sang a traditional praise song from Africa, an arrangement of Carter's 'When I needed a neighbour' and an anthem by the current organist of Worcester Cathedral, Peter Nardone, 'I give to you a new commandment' which wove in the ancient text and plain song tune of 'Ubi Caritas'.

We Christians may sometimes differ with our heads but when we sing together our emotional conviction is one. Evesham is unusual, possibly unique, in having a churches' choir which crosses denominational barriers. It meets for periods of three to four weeks at a time to prepare for two or three occasions per year. These in the past usually have been ecumenical events organised by the Churches Together in Evesham and District (CTED). In October we shall be singing an Anglican Evensong in St. Leonards Church, Bretforton. Further in the future we may celebrate John and Charles Wesley or sing a mass. We unite in singing Christian music and together learn respect and better understanding of each other's traditions. At least we have stopped killing each other!

New members of the choir will be welcome and enquires should be made to our very enthusiastic Irish Presbyterian Secretary, Stanley Richardson. Tel: 761009 or email: audreyandstanley@hotmail.co.uk

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Badsey Society

When Clive Payne asked the Badsey Society for help in solving a mystery from his past, little did he envisage the journey of discovery he would take. Clive, who lives at Redditch, is a descendant of the local Stewart family. He remembered a story of when his father and mother were courting they had carved their initials onto a bridge near Aldington. They were staying at the time with Clive's father's uncle and aunt, Percy and Evelyn Harrison at Blackminster. Clive sought out the help of the Badsey Society. And so started the search of every bridge in the area for a trace of the initials. Clive, assisted by Richard Phillips and Will Dallimore, narrowed the search down to 'Cuckoo High Bridge', a railway bridge between Aldington and Offenham. This tall blue-brick built structure, well known by locals, sadly yielded no answer to Clive's quest, and the search goes on.

Clive's involvement with the Badsey Society was not totally without some good news, as Clive was presented with a DVD containing photos and documents outlining the history and ancestry of the local Stewart family from the 16th century. This DVD having been compiled by one of the Society's many genealogists, Peter Stewart.

Clive was not the only one to seek help from the Society, as the BBC contacted them in connection with their 'Who do you think you are?' programme. As a celebrity from the next series is related to the Crisp family of Badsey.

This autumn the Badsey Society is offering every parishioner the opportunity to trace their ancestors. With talks, and workshops, the Society will help them get started on putting down roots to their own family tree. (See forthcoming events).

Will Dallimore
will@badsey.net

NEW EDITOR

As you may have seen from last month's copy of Community News we have a new Editor this month – welcome to John and thanks to Alice who has edited Community News since April 2012 and we wish her well in her studies at university.

Rev. Richard Court

Bretforton Show

Saturday 14th September
2.00p.m.

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Forthcoming Events

Friday 1st November

'Vicars, Virginia and Wickhamford'

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Friday 29th November

'Family History Workshop'

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"RUMBLE IN THE JUMBLE"

Evesham Volunteer Centre is holding another of it's famous Jumble Sales on Saturday, October 19th, at Badsey Remembrance Hall. Doors open at 2pm until 4pm. Entry charge is 30p(children free). Refreshments available.

Come along to find good bargains whilst supporting your local Charity.

Please phone 831104 if you have any suitable clothes, household goods, toys, books, games and we will arrange to collect. No electrical items or furniture, thank you.

"CHRISTMAS FAYRE & TABLE TOP"

On Saturday, November 23rd, Evesham Volunteer Centre will be holding a pre-Christmas Fayre and Table Top, at the Remembrance Hall, which will commence at 10am until 12noon. If you would like to book a Table (£6.00) please call Mavis Harris on 831104 .

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Hi Luvvies

Our future presentations:

Saturday 7th September The Impossible

Saturday 5th October Hyde Park on the Hudson

Saturday 2nd November Rocky Horror Picture Show

Saturday 7th December Life of Pi

The New Equipment is now in place and is blooming good!!

Clivey

x

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 25th September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This month Chris Tolkein is giving a demonstration on Winter Baskets. For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834.

Just A Thought

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

- C. S. Lewis