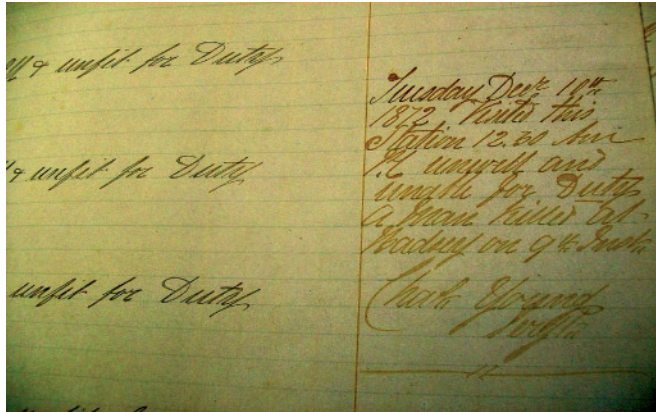


Happy Halloween!

Community News

Badsey and Aldington October 2013

Drunk in Charge of a Horse



Left page: PC Surrell's journal entry "Unfit for Duty"
 Right Page: Sgt Young's comment that a man was killed in Badsey

hastened to Mr. Blythe at Aldington Manor, and both men hurried back to the scene of the accident. Their attempts at first aid though, were nothing more than one trying to pour brandy down George's throat whilst the other held an oil lamp to get some light on everything. Noticing he was alive but insensible and quite unable to swallow brandy, George was then hoisted up into the dog cart and hastily driven to the Royal Oak (today's "Round of Gras"). A surgeon from Evesham was contacted most urgently. He immediately hurried out to Badsey, and also tried to revive the dying man with yet more brandy. George's pupils were dilated, he had a lacerated wound of the scalp, bleeding from both ears and barely had a pulse. Needless to say, he died quite soon after the surgeon arrived. An inquest was held at the Royal Oak premises two days later, and the jurymen included William Byrd, and Joseph Taylor (owner of the Royal Oak). Witnesses were called from the New Inn at Bengeworth ; the farmer who found him was also present. Although it was established that George had been drinking, in his summing up, the Coroner said it would be foolish to ask witnesses to define a state of drunkenness – a point on which he never found any agreement, so returned a verdict of "accidental death".

PC James Surrell of Bretforton, fell ill on 6th December 1872 and was unable to work. Whatever had befallen him, he had ill health until February 1873. Sergeant Young frequently visited him in Bretforton, and made note in PC Surrell's daily journal that on 9th December 1872 a man had been killed at Badsey. It was George Tomlinson, 43 years old, a brick maker from Pebworth who was returning home from Evesham Fair. George had visited Evesham twice that day: once to transact some business, in the course of which he had the occasion to call at one or two public houses; the second time was to pay his debt at Bengeworth turnpike gate (he had only paid twopence on his first visit, instead of 3-1/2d and promised to return again with the correct money). His journeys were in pitch black, on horseback, with neither saddle nor bridle, using only a halter between the horse's teeth, to steer the horse. Each journey enticed him into the New Inn at Bengeworth where he was supplied with ale the first time, and the second visit saw him drinking two three-penny worths of rum and water. On his return home, around 7 pm, George fell from his horse, at the bottom of Horsebridge Hill, right opposite the Aldington turning. A farmer from Weston Subedge, on his way home from attending the annual livestock and produce Christmas Fair at Evesham, was in his dog cart, following behind George. Realising the seriousness of the man's fall, he

Valerie Morgan
 The Badsey Society



The Royal Oak before it became The Round O' Gras

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2 Letter For The Month



We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand.

By the time you are reading this the farmers will have finished harvesting and the nights will be drawing in. Autumn will be upon us and the lovely summer days we have had this year will be a distant memory. However it is harvest festival season in our parishes in early October and many of you, no doubt, will be singing, or remember singing, this famous harvest hymn. A couple of years ago I was asked if we could sing this hymn at a baptism. It was one of those occasions – we all have them – when it could have been a disaster. It was in Bretforton Church and basically I could not open the safe which meant there were no candles on the altar, there was no water jug to tip the water into the font and there was no sound system to play the accompanying music. Fortunately we had access to the kitchen and I had a lighter so we were able to light the Easter Candle and use the

from The Revd Anne Potter

kettle from the kitchen to pour the water into the font. We had two of the most important symbols of baptism – water and light. Next problem was the music – but no. I warned the family and friends gathered together in church, to celebrate the baptism of the newest member of Christ's church, that we had no music and because one of my gifts was not singing I could not lead. Therefore I was relying on them to sing with gusto and in full voice this well-known harvest hymn. Wow it was great. I have never heard such an impromptu joyful sound from a group of people who did not usually sing hymns. Recalling the words of the chorus reverberating around the church I am reminded of the greatness of our creator God, whose immeasurable love for each of us was revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Those of us fortunate to be living in the Vale of Evesham are continually reminded that

*All good things around us are sent from Heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord, for all his love*

Anne

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	Mrs Sue Cole	831260
	Mrs Margaret Pye	833537

Church Services

Sunday 6

10.30 am Celebrating Harvest with the School

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 13

11.00 am Praise and Worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 20

11.00 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 27

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 3 November

10.30 am ten30@st.james

6.30 pm All Souls Service

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

8 September Max John Dashfield-Ormrod

Funeral Services

3 September Elizabeth Edith Sadler

Holy Matrimony

None in September

St James' Flower Guild

Rota

1st Sunday: All the Guild (Harvest Festival)

2nd Sunday: Sandra & Maureen

3rd Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane

4th Sunday: Yvonne & Stephanie

Thank you ladies, for the flowers in church during September.

We will be decorating the church for Harvest Festival in Saturday 5th October from 9.30am. Any donations of flowers, fruit or veg. would be thankfully received on the Saturday morning. Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007



Do you have a couple of hours to spare on a third Thursday of a month? Would you welcome a bit of companionship, time to chatter over tea and biscuits? We have the odd diversions and put the world to rights and it adds spice into our gatherings. The group meets in my home, a family environment at 16 Binyon Close Badsey at 2.30p.m the next meeting being 21st November.

At our last meeting we had a little brain power in thinking of words that are one, but can be split into two choosing just one letter of the alphabet. It is amazing once one has started what comes to mind, something we have done before, and proved great fun. We try to do something different each month, but always end up socialising over a cup of tea and biscuits. Would like to join us, just sit and listen to the banter even; it could brighten up a dull day and put a smile on your face.

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

Tower News



Hope you all enjoyed the 'Ride and Stride weekend to include our Display of Ringing & Tower items from yesteryear to today. Visiting teams from Thurcaston, Leicester and Oxford have requested to enjoy our Bells. Harvest will soon be upon us with a continuation of the nice weather we hope. Ringing for ARMISTICE will see the return of our Vale of Evesham friends attempting a half muffled full Peal for the fallen, on Saturday 9th November around 9-30am start.

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

Avril Donovan spoke movingly about the children in Laos, whose education she supports through her charity. There are eleven children who are sponsored through regular donation, bicycles are provided for children who live a distance from school. They built decent toilets for the school. Her aim now is to raise enough money to build some new schools. Members bought cards and cookery books in support.

The teddies for the children of inmates at Hewel Grange, blankets for local residential homes, fish and chip jumpers for Africa and small baby clothes for special care baby unit at The Alexandra Hospital are on their way. A big thank you to our knitting group. Look out for their new ideas.

Four new members have joined our group, visitors always welcome at our meetings.

Sue Cole

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

Our next meeting will be: **8th October**

The Speaker will be: Mrs Margaret Penn

The topic will be: "The Way Forward...."

More information from Penny Christison 830367
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Where would you see a display of knitted items in Badsey on a Sunday morning, well at the ten30@st.james service where else!

The service in September was brilliantly put together to show off the work of our MU ladies

who knit but also learn how these items and wool related things in our benefice are used in our area and further afield.

All the items that were displayed are put to good use – The Premature baby ward in Redditch receives the matinee jackets, hats and booties, the 2 prisons in our area have a stack of Trauma teddies for children to cuddle whilst visiting a parent or relative, the blankets go to the care homes nearby but it is the jumpers for the ‘fish and chip’ babies that bring a lump to your throat, these go out to Africa to be used with babies whose parents have no clothes for their new born babies so wrap them in newspaper, hence the name.

The service showed us how wool was made from a fleece and there was the opportunity to spin wool with a hands-on demonstration from the vicar showing how to spin wool using a potato.

We heard how the Bretforton children’s group had made the most wonderful banner depicting the Creation using felt they had made. Do go and see it hanging in St Leonards.

We listened to 3 readings from the bible that illustrated the morning service, we sang and prayed and went away better informed, but even richer knowing that the talents of the knitting group are helping others less fortunate as ourselves.

Margaret Pye



Wendy Morrey under the watchful eye of Avril Court having a go at spinning wool

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Monthly Quiz

No. 2

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

In music, what is the name given to the interval between one pitch and another?

Answer in next months edition.

September’s Answer: **Stalemate**

Our next ten30@stjames service will be: **6th October**

Celebrating Harvest

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Women's Section

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The Royal British Legion Women's section, Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch held their monthly meeting on Wednesday 28th August 2013 at the Legion Club. Due to the chairman attending

another Legion meeting the chair was taken by Jackie Emms vice chairman.

After the Legion business had been dealt with came the evenings entertainment which was Lisa Tanner on Goats Milk Soap. Unfortunately the 'model goat' which she normally brings with her to see how they are milked had 'udder trouble' so she was unable to bring it along. After her enthusiastic talk the ladies were able to purchase some of her products. It was then time for refreshments being the usual assortment of sandwiches provided by the chairman and tea.

Lisa and her daughters were then asked to judge our anniversary competition which once again proved difficult as there was such a varied assortment of items brought. This month it being LACE so many underskirts, handkerchiefs, tablecloths and even a lacy suspender belt bought from Ann Summers a long time ago... won't tell you who brought it and you just wouldn't guess who!! The eventual winner was Wendy Beasley with lace from her daughters wedding bouquet. Winner of the squares competition was Bet Westmacott.

Last month September was our Harvest Festival when a service was conducted by Richard Court and the ladies brought along harvest produce which was auctioned at the end of the evening. Refreshments were very appropriately was a Ploughman's Supper.

23rd October will be our Annual General Meeting, everyone welcome. We are a very friendly (if slightly eccentric group of ladies) who are always looking for new members to join us. Why not come along to one of our meetings and see for yourselves... no obligation and NO connection to the armed forces are required these days.

Val Taylor

Thoughts for Halloween

A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween. ~Erma Bombeck

Witch and ghost make merry on this last of dear October's days. ~Author Unknown



Come along and have some fun.

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

Our next meeting is on 27th October

11.00am - 12.00pm

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Over 60s Friendship Club

41 members joined us for our August meeting, where we enjoyed a talk entitled "My Mother was a Cockney" by Marion Begley. During the talk Marion handing out some button adorned jackets and hats which were surprisingly heavy. Wendy and Doris did the raffle and Mary handed out the birthday cards.

38 members were at our September meeting where Emma from "Little Soap Company" came and spoke to us about making soap and how she was able to turn it into the business she has today. She also talked us through the differences and advantages in the quality of pure organic soap and the commercial varieties.

Wendy

We usually meet first Tuesday of the month from 2.30pm at the British Legion. Annual membership is £2.00, and a 50p fee is charged for each meeting attended to cover the cost of refreshments and room hire.

Our next meeting will be: 1st October 2013

Where our speaker will be: Mr Dallimore

More information from: Mrs Mary Dore, 830879 or Mrs Wendy Neal 832306.

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.

Other Services in the Benefice

St. Leonards, Bretforton
6th October at 6.30pm
Harvest Thanksgiving
with **Bretforton Silver Band**

St. Mary's and St. Milburgh, Offenham
20th October at 6.00pm
Worship Service

St. Leonards, Bretforton
27th October at 6.30pm
**Evensong with Evesham
and District United Choir**

Badsey W.I

We were pleased to do our usual stint of serving tea, coffee and cakes at our annual village Flower Show at the end of July. This year once again the Flower Show was a huge success attracting more and more visitors. The sun shone brilliantly, the stalls were varied and interesting and the arena entertainments were great. The exhibits in the main marquee were varied and numerous despite the recent weather conditions not being too favourable for some produce and flowers. Three of our members won cups for their exhibits, Elizabeth Cudd, Val Padfield and Jane Thompson with other members winning prizes in various classes. Congratulations to them all.

Our meeting in August was a nostalgic journey through the 40's and 50's with Alan Thornton. Members enjoyed the memories his amusing and interesting talk evoked and enjoyed recalling their experiences through the rationing period, schoolyard games and many, many more. The 'We are the Ovaltinies' was sung with gusto with words well remembered.

Out visit to Buckingham Palace was most enjoyable. Again we were blest with a warm sunny day and thoroughly enjoyed our tour through the staterooms and most of all viewing the wonderful Coronation Robes of Her Majesty the Queen and clothes worn by Prince Charles and Princess Anne for that occasion. Here jewels were fabulous but how on earth she managed to wear the beautiful jewel encrusted dress, a very beautiful but extremely long and heavy velvet and ermine train as well as a quite heavy bejewelled crown and walk the long length of Westminster Abbey was something we all pondered on, especially as the dress emphasised just how small the Queen was.

Our meeting in October is an open meeting when we hope to be joined from visitors from other W.I.s and anyone else who would like to come along. The speakers are The Tudor Maydes talking about Tudor Times. Our meeting starts at 7.15pm. and is held in the Village Hall. In November we have Frank Townsend with 'Compliments of the Season'.

Some members are looking forward to their short break in York in November and we are still enjoying our art and craft lessons as well as our walks. Our group skittles competition is looming up and we hope to do well and at least get through to the semi-finals.

Anyone wanting further information about Badsey W.I. can contact the President Stephanie Hartley on 860938.

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Wheatsheaf Inn, 7.30pm

Friday 29th November

'Family History Workshop'

Discover your ancestors

Wheatsheaf Inn, 7.30pm

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What is it?

A list of events happening in the local area.

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Local dates for your diary

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Starting at 6.00pm for 6.30pm

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More details and tickets from

Margaret Pye 833537 or Angela Gray 830329

Email: harvest@ourbenefice.org.uk

16th November

RSCM Worcester Choirs Festival

Worcester Cathedral

www.recmworcester.com

For the full list of events go to:

www.ourbenefice.org.uk



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Local Police

From the 30th September you may notice some changes in your Local Policing Team, which will now be known as the 'Safer Neighbourhood Team'.

Due to the People Movement Plan within West Mercia and Warwickshire Police some local Policing teams have been changed and Evesham Rural North, which includes Badsey and Aldington.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Officer, formerly local Policing Officer, will still be PC Julie de Paris but there will now be two Police Community Support Officers patrolling the area. These officers are PCSO Pete Davey and PCSO Becki Wilkes who have been carrying out the role of Community Support Officers in Evesham for some time.

I have been moved to a new area of Pershore Rural North this therefore means from this date I will regrettably no longer be able to deal with any issues for this area. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support during the last six and a half years.

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Evesham Rural North Policing Team

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

Don't forget its Film Club this coming Saturday 5th October.

We are showing " Hyde Park on the Hudson"

Don't forget your cushions!!

Clivey

x

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The October meeting is the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 23rd October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, followed by Andy Pedrick's Quiz on the Move. We look forward to seeing all our members.

Sue Slayt

Just A Thought

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."

- Elizabeth Lawrence

"RUMBLE IN THE JUMBLE"

Evesham Volunteer Centre is holding another of its 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 (£7.00) please call Mavis Harris on 831104 .

Gardening Tips

October is the ideal time to plant onions and garlic for a good tasty early crop.

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