

Happy New Year!

Community News

Badsey and Aldington January 2014

Celebrating 100 years



In 2009, 1st Badsey Brownies celebrated forty years since their unit was opened in 1969. In 2014, the Brownies will be celebrating 100 years since Brownies was first formed in the UK. Look out for articles from them over the coming months about what they have been doing. They would also like to thank the community for their support since they were formed and look forward to sharing the fun they have with you. Until then, here are some facts about the Brownies over the last 100 years. Perhaps some of you remember taking part when you were a Rosebud or Brownie.

1914 A section for girls, aged under 11, called Rosebuds, was formed so that young girls could share the fun and excitement that their older sisters were having at Guides.

1915 Rosebuds were renamed Brownies. Brownie patrols were given the names of British trees and the Brownie motto "Lend a Hand" appeared. As part of the war effort, Brownies crocheted woollen mittens and knitted neck wraps for the soldiers.

1917 Interest badges were introduced and divided into 4 groups: character and intelligence, skill and handicraft, service for others and physical health.

1918 Brownie patrols were renamed sixes with each six named after a mythical woodland creature.

1922 A ceremony for the "Taking of Wings" or "Flying Up" was published for Brownies moving up to Guides.

1927 The Brownie First Class test was rewritten. This was the highest award a Brownie could achieve before she went to Guides.

1932 Brownies celebrated the 21st birthday of guiding. They held gift services, donated flowers and eggs to hospitals and gave grocery parcels to poor families.

1939 At the beginning of the Second World War, Brownies living in towns were evacuated. Many of them joined new units in the countryside and leaders kept in touch by writing letters.

1953 The Golden Hand test was introduced.

1957 Baden-Powell centenary year where Brownies did 6 world good turns on the theme of "Houses of Today and Tomorrow."

1964 Brownies turned 50 years old. To celebrate they carried out flower good turns by adopting church gardens, planting bushes, weeding gardens, "de-daisyng" lawns and sending flowers to those who were sick.



1968 Brownies had a new Promise and Law. The previous Brownie tests were replaced by the 8 point programme.

1970 Brownies took part in the 3 cheers challenge to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of guiding – cheer themselves up, cheer someone else up and cheer up a place.

1979 In International Year of the Child, Brownies were challenged to find out what it was like to be a child in a different country and get to know children in their own areas.

1984 During the Brownie 70th anniversary, there was a national Brownie tea-making fortnight where each Brownie aimed to make 30 cups of tea for the public.

2003 The Brownie Adventure was launched with Brownie Adventure and Adventure on books along with new interest badges.

2010 Girlguiding celebrated its centenary with 1st Badsey Brownies joining the rest of Girlguiding Evesham at 2010 (8.20pm) 2010 (20th October) 2010 (year) held at Twyford country park.

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Happy New Year

Dear All

The end of one year and the beginning of another is a good time to reflect whilst looking forward.

Looking back over 2013 two significant events come to mind - two new beginnings. The first was the birth of our country's baby Prince George, the Queen's first great-grandchild. The nation celebrated along with rest of the commonwealth. The second was the earthly death of Mandela but the beginning of his new life with God. South Africa along with the rest of the world mourns the death of this great man but what a life to be celebrated. He leaves a legacy of great leadership, a man who went from being a terrorist to a peacemaker. *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"*

Looking forward who knows what 2014 will bring - joys and sorrows, achievements and failures, celebrations and tragedies. However we do know that this coming year is the hundredth anniversary of the First World War, which broke out in August 1914. Not something to celebrate but an event to remember and reflect on.

From The Parish Registers

Baptisms

None this month

Funeral Services

15th November 2013 Robert Oliver (Bob) Gregory

Holy Matrimony

None this month

Church Services

Sunday 5

10.30 am Bridge too Far
(at The Bridge Pub, Offenham)
- See back page for details

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 12

11.00 am Praise and Worship
6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 19

11.00 am Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 26

9.30 am Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 2 February

10.30 am ten30@st.james

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 Revd Anne Potter

Luther King, Gandhi, Mandela to name but three are very special leaders who have influenced the world's thinking. They have worked towards bringing peace into a world full of violence and strife. Ideally we would all like to live in an environment where no harsh words are spoken, no injuries are inflicted, where love, kindness and care rather than hate, anger or indifference underpin relationships. The Gandhi's and Mandela's of this world have not solved these issues but they have left an example to follow. They were not perfect, in fact Mandela is known to have had quite a temper, but they knew about overriding love and compassion for humanity to go about trying to create a peaceful, harmonious world.

Sadly relationships breakdown in families and communities but by following the examples of the greatest leader of all time Jesus Christ and Mandela's quest for truth and reconciliation bridges can be built. We can all do that if we can find it in our hearts to want to bring the Kingdom of God here on earth, where love reigns and tears are no more. What a challenge for 2014!!

Love and blessings

Anne

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1st Sunday - Please can all guild tend there own

2nd Sunday - Hazel & Hazel

3rd Sunday - Julie & Barbara

4th Sunday - Sandra & Maureen

Thank you ladies, for the flowers in church for Christmas. I know there will look lovely as always. (This went to print before we arranged them.)

May I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007

The Xample Conference

The Xample Conference will take place on 25th January from 10am - 4.30pm at St Helens church, Fish Street, Worcester.

This conference was thought of by the children's council and planned by them, for children around the diocese to learn new things and meet new children.

During the conference children from around the diocese will worship together as a large group, be able to take away answers to questions - some they may personally have and others such as: who is God? Why do I need God in my life? Where does Jesus come in? Do you have to be religious to believe in God? All these questions the children's council have thought of themselves and there will be lots of great people answering them. Everyone will then eat together and take part in some teaching and craft. In the afternoon all the children will be able to learn two new skills which they could use in their churches from playing with the Trinity, writing intercessory prayers, juggling, balloon modeling etc.... Should be a fun day it costs £5 for a group of 10 children and 2 adults, everyone needs to bring their own packed lunch. Refreshments will be provided.

Summer Holiday Destinations

What is your favourite holiday destination - home or abroad? Email: badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk - we will produce a list of the top 10 in the July Edition of Community News.

Tower News

Happy New Year every one



REQUEST, REQUEST, REQUEST

To keep the bells ringing for Celebrations and your enjoyment, we are in need of new people. We look forward to 1 or 2, male or female showing an interest in having a go. Practise night Monday 7.30pm. Just turn up to see how it is done.

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

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We all enjoyed our Carol Service in December. We heard a variety of readings some very funny and sang familiar carols. Tea and Christmas cake followed, thanks to the members who contributed to the tea. As usual it was a lovely way to begin the Christmas season.

Our next meeting will be in 2014 on January 14th at 2.30 we will be holding our AGM in church. Visitors are welcome at our meeting.

The Mothers Union wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

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: **14th January 2014**

Our Annual General Meeting

Also **28th January 2014**
New Year Meal at The Wheatsheaf

More information from Penny 830367
mu@ourbenefice.org.uk

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What is it?

A list of events happening in the local area.

Where can it be found?

Currently Fridge Dates can be downloaded from: ourbenefice.org.uk and badsey.org.uk

Can I have my event listed on Fridge Dates?

Yes, any organisation or person in the Vale of Evesham can have their event listed on Fridge Dates.

How much does it cost to list my event?

It is free, to list events simply send the details of your event, plus a contact name, number and email address to fridgeupdates@ourbenefice.org.uk.

How far ahead can I place my event onto Fridge Dates?

As soon as you know about it! You can send events up to a year in advance. However, your event may not show on Fridge Dates until a month or 2 before as we only display 1 or 2 pages at any one time.

Can I update my listing once it is published?

Yes, especially if your event is sold out or cancelled, all listings can be updated simply by emailing fridgeupdates@ourbenefice.org.uk, updates may take up to 48 hours to appear on Fridge Dates.

Can I print Fridge Dates to display on my organisation's noticeboard?

Yes, however please be aware that Fridge Dates is updated daily, so printed copies may go out of date quickly.

Can I put a link to Fridge Dates on our organisation's website?

Yes, if you email us at webmaster@ourbenefice.org.uk, we can provide you with the full script for Fridge Dates and button.

From the Editor

Do you have artistic skills? Would you like to show them off to the parish?

Community News is looking for someone to create images and graphics for

publication both in the magazine and online.

This is a voluntary position for more details contact the editor at badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk

In the Badsey with Aldington & Wickhamford Parochial Magazine in January 1914 the following article appeared:

January 30 is the Commemoration of King Charles the Matyr.

There will be Holy Communion at Badsey at 8 o'clock

Feedback

This is **YOUR** magazine, so it is really important that we get things right. Your feedback is vital to the provision of Community News.

So let us know what you think, by talking to the vicar, churchwarden or email your feedback to badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk, we would love to hear what you think is good and not so good, what works and doesn't. So get in touch!

Before we start

We turn a page that's empty,
Unblemished, snowy white,
Brand new, crisp and clear and clean,-
Until we start to write.

Some try so hard to keep it neat,
Some scripts are like scrawl,
Untidy, sprawling, illegible,-
Some don't care at all.

There's crossings out. There thoughtless words'
There's error and omission,
The ink uneven dark, with blot's-
In scarcely worth submission.

What can we do before we start,
With haste upon this page,
Let's pray for guidance, wisdom, love,
And start a golden age.

Sally Mitchell

Monthly Quiz

No. 6

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

The surname of the pop idol who sang about Delilah?

Last Months Answer: **Damascus**



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**THE GROUND
FORCE TEAM** 



November is a busy month for the ladies of the Royal British Legion Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch beginning with the Remembrance day parade. The parade led by the men's section is then followed by the ladies with Jackie Emms carry the standard for the ladies and the wreath bearer this year behind her was Beryl Redgewell.

On these occasions it is such a pleasure to see the youth of the village out in force from various organisations each with their own standards.

Although the weather had been very wet and windy days previously it turned out to be dry and only slight wind on the actual day to everyone's delight.

Once again the standard was taken; by Jackie again; to the Worcestershire County Conference at County Hall Worcester on Saturday 16th November 2013. The opening service this year was led by Revd Richard Court, After the business and speaker came the cup presentation. Jackie had once again filled in the forms and we won 1st Smedley Crooke cup for increased membership, 1st Lyster cup for best average attendance at branch meetings, runners up certificate for progress and efficiency and runners up certificate for service to the community. Jackie was also presented with a County Certificate for her work in the Legion.

Our monthly meeting on the 27th and the ladies were given a demonstration on how to make wreathes and Christmas arrangements with dried flowers by the manager of BHGS which they all enjoyed.

Next came the anniversary competition and we ask our demonstrator to choose the one they think best, as there were 2 ladies from BHGS the task fell on the assistant who like many before her found it quite a difficult task. The article was SILVER and she eventually chose Evelyn Keen's Christening mug.

Badsey held the Group 2 meeting which took place on Wed 18th December 2013.

Val Taylor



Come along and have some fun

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

Our next meeting is on 26th January

11.00am - 12.00pm

at St James Church, Badsey.

Do come along and join the fun.

Any child 4 years upwards are welcome

IT'S FREE, give it a go!

We both enjoy going to jigsaw because we get to draw and make things. There are lots of interesting things to do each time we go and we always do something different. We have a story, then a short film about the story and then we make something to do with the story and after that we get to play a game! My favourite part is making things sitting on the cushions and my brother's favourite part is playing games!

Stanley and Arthur

Our December Christmas workshop was enjoyed by several children, they listened to a story about the true meaning of Christmas and then made many things to take home as a reminder.

Wendy Morrey

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080
jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk

Gardening Tips

If you have a clump of rhubarb in the garden, cover some now to provide a supply of forced stems that are always so much more succulent and appetising than unblanched stems.

Do you have a tip for the garden that you would like to share with the village? Email: badseyeditorial@ourbenefice.org.uk

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Woodland Trust Trees.

105 trees of varying species have now been planted in Recreation Ground. Special thanks go out to Badsey First School who spent an afternoon planting and to Badsey Scouts who made the task their own by planting in the dark with torches! Well done to both groups.

Wychavon Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Awards 2013.

Nominations for this award need to be submitted to Wychavon by 5th January 2013. Badsey PC will consider nominations at the PC meeting on 18th December 2013.

Have your say.....

Evesham Town Steering Group attended the PC meeting in November to raise the profile of a project that is running in Evesham. It gives residents in the town and outlying villages the opportunity to have their say on the future of the town. Flyers are in the following locations detailing how you can comment on what you think should happen:

- Badsey Spar.
- Badsey church
- British Legion.
- Badsey Remembrance Hall.
- The Wheatsheaf Inn.

Public consultation of the future of subsidised buses

Worcestershire County Council has just started its public consultation on the future of subsidies for the buses. 80% of the buses routes in Worcestershire do not need any subsidy so most bus services will not be affected but for more information or to comment on the subsidies, go to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/busservicereview.

Wheelie Bin Stickers.

The new wheelie bin stickers are now in Badsey Spar for anyone who wishes to use them. There are two types, 'slow down' and '30mph'. Please only take the '30mph' stickers if you live in a 30mph area.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council Meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday 15th January 2014.
- Wednesday 19th February 2014.
- Wednesday 19th March 2014.

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a public forum for 10 minutes from 7.30pm until 7.40pm.

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

Get Involved!

The **Badsey Flower Show AGM** takes place on **Monday 27th January 2014** in the Wheatcheaf Inn, Badsey at 8pm.

At the meeting, committee members would very pleased to see old friends and helpers once again and also welcome along anyone new who'd like to know more about the event and /or get involved.

You can either put your name down to help out for a few hours on the day (next year's event takes place on Saturday 26th July) or you can get involved with the committee and attend a few evening event planning meetings which take place just once a month (usually on a Monday night).

The Badsey Flower Show is a not for profit community event, run on a volunteer basis by local people for local people.

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Letter from The Bishop of Worcester

The new year is a time for new beginnings and this new year is very much marked by new beginnings in the Diocese of Worcester. At 4pm on 5th January the Revd Nikki Groarke will be licensed as the new Archdeacon of Dudley at Evensong at St Thomas's Church, Stourbridge; she will be installed as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral at Evensong two weeks later - 19th January, St Wulfstan's Day.

Nikki comes to us from London where she was Vicar of St. Stephen's Church in Canonbury, Islington. It is a vibrant inner-city church with two large social action projects supporting marginalised adults and young people. She grew up in Worcestershire, and was a pupil at Flyford Flavell Primary and Pershore High schools. Then, after gaining a degree in modern languages, she worked as a Marketing Manager in the publishing industry in Oxford for ten years, and as the Bereavement Service Co-ordinator for an Oxford hospice. She has been involved in training and development of clergy in various diocesan roles, and has worked with the mission organisation CPAS and New Wine network of churches.

As I said when her appointment was announced, Nikki is an exceptionally gifted priest with a wealth of experience both within and beyond the church. She has the added advantage of having grown up in this part of the world and this is, in a sense, a homecoming.

By the time you read this an announcement will also have been made from Downing St about a new Bishop of Dudley. I can't reveal his identity at present - it might be considered an act of High Treason. However, I can say that I am equally delighted about this appointment. He will be consecrated Bishop at St Paul's Cathedral on the Feast of the Annunciation, 25th March, and be formally welcomed into the Diocese at a service at St Thomas's Dudley at 4pm on Saturday 3rd May. He will be installed as an Honorary Canon in the Cathedral at Evensong the following day, Sunday 4th

May at 4pm.

These appointments come as a relief to me personally as life is more than usually demanding without either a Bishop or Archdeacon of Dudley. I might add that I am very grateful to all those, particularly the Archdeacon of Worcester and the Assistant Bishops of the Diocese, for helping with an exceptional burden during these vacancies.

However, these appointments are not just a relief, they are exciting. I believe that God has called two exceptionally gifted people to this Diocese in order to help us to fulfil our vocation to become Kingdom People. The Kingdom People Vision which we are now embracing is another new beginning and it is a crucial one. Formulated after extensive consultation it seeks to enable us to become people whose every breath and action proclaim the Kingdom of God where Kingdom values of love, compassion, justice and freedom reign. I look forward greatly to working with the new Archdeacon and Bishop - and with all of you - to see that vision realised so that we may see what we pray for, that God's Kingdom would come here on earth as it is in heaven.

+Bishop John

Did you know...

2014 is International Year of Family Farming.

The 2014 **International Year of Family Farming (IYFF)** aims to raise the profile of family farming and smallholder farming by focusing world attention on its significant role in alleviating hunger and poverty, providing food security and nutrition, improving livelihoods, managing natural resources, protecting the environment, and achieving sustainable development, in particular in rural areas.

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A Bridge too Far

For the past couple of years we have celebrated Easter with a sunrise service at The Bridge Pub in Offenham, why not join us on 5th Jan 2014 at the start of the New Year for a coffee and a chat over the news of the day, or perhaps that is a 'Bridge too Far' 10.30am and bring your newspaper !!

Help at Home Is a local support agency opening for business in January 2014. Set up by long term Badsey resident, Nick Sellick, Help at Home aims to offer help and support to anyone that needs it in a variety of areas. Whether it is a small job in or around your house and garden, or a regular requirement for a task that you can no longer manage, Help at Home can help.

Following ten years in the building industry, Nick then went in to customer service with an onus on the elderly, disabled and anyone else that needed that little extra support.

Whether you need help preparing a meal, filling in a form, looking after your pet, tidying a room, de-cluttering, mending that wobbly table, doing laundry, running an errand, ordering shopping, or you just want some companionship, Help at Home can help.

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From the Editor

This year marks 100 years of the outbreak of the



First World War. There will be many events taking place up and down the country. As part of the celebrations the Royal British Legion are running a project to encourage as many people as possible to plant poppy seeds. This November we would like to produce a special edition of Community News, so we would love to hear from you, maybe you have a story or a memory, or a poem you would like to share. But don't wait until November to send them, send them as soon as you can. So why don't you join in, let us turn Badsey and Aldington red as we join the British Legion in saying, 'we will remember them'.



More information about the the national celebrations from www.1914.org and www.britishlegion.org.uk

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Here are the planned future presentations.

All 8pm start in the backroom of the Wheatsheaf

4th Jan	The Hunger Games
1st Feb	Behind the Candelabra
1st Mar	Four Weddings and a Funeral
5th Apr	Le Weekend
3rd May	Captain Phillips
7th Jun	Philomena

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Clivey
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Model Railway Santa Specials Fund Raiser

With thanks to those who helped, visited or gave donations, the grand total raised was **£907.79** to be shared equally between St James Church, Badsey and the 1st Badsey Scout Group HQ Extension fund.

Elizabeth and Ralph Bolland

Just A Thought

Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.

- Nido Qubein

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