

Happy Mothers Day!

Community News

Badsey and Aldington March 2014

The Early Days of Market Gardening

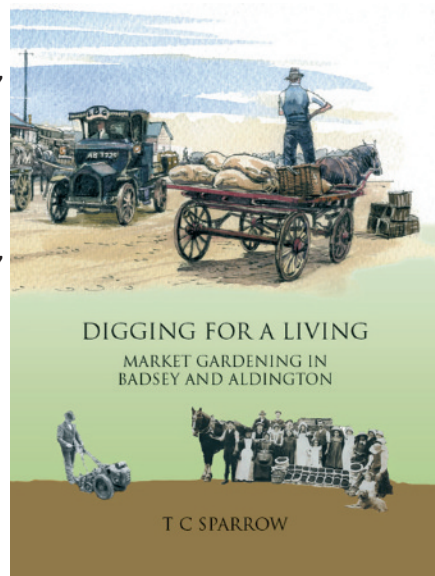


The Badsey Society

Until the third quarter of the 19th century, Badsey was a poor farming community. One particular reference of the time, although possibly somewhat exaggerated, tells us that “as there is no particular attraction at Badsey, it must be repulsion from some other unfit place which will send them here” (Karl Marx – *Das Kapital*, 1867). But that rather depressing situation was soon to change. Slowly at first, but then gaining momentum during the last two decades of the 19th century, a new market gardening industry replaced farming as the chief occupation of the Badsey people. Here, farms were divided into small plots, rarely more than five acres in size and sometimes no more than an acre, thus giving an opportunity whereby men, many of whom had been farm labourers, could set up as self-employed market gardeners. It says much for the dedication and strength of character of these men, many with little in the way of formal education, that they were willing to take on these new ventures; certainly it was a journey into the unknown. By 1900, most of Badsey’s farmland had been split up in this way. The detailed reasons for the transition are outside the scope of this short article, but the great agricultural depression of the late 19th century, which rendered traditional farming largely unprofitable, the coming to the Vale of Evesham of the railway network with its fast transport of perishable produce to distant markets, and the rather peculiar system of land tenure known as the Evesham Custom, all played a part. The earliest reference to a market a gardener in the Badsey parish registers occurs on 23rd March 1870, whilst an examination of the 1871 census of population

reveals nine men so described – George Addis, William Bennett, Henry Bradford, Thomas Canning, Henry Keen, John Keen, Lot New, John Pethard and Richard Sadler. By 1881, this figure had increased to 28, then about 100 after a further ten years, rising to over 200 at the end of the century. This was growth on a remarkable scale. As the industry grew, so too did the population of the village, from 487 in 1871 to 574 in 1891 and 1127 in 1911, an increase of 96% in the space of 20 years. This was a quite different scenario from many villages across the whole country, where a rural depopulation happened, as farm labourers left their homes to seek alternative work in large towns and cities or even to emigrate. In 1911 about 78% of Badsey’s male population above school-leaving age earned their living from market gardening. At Aldington, with a much smaller and fairly static population, it was 61%. By the time that war came in 1914, Badsey’s market gardening industry was in good shape and by then it had probably reached its peak, bringing prosperity to the village and its inhabitants. Whilst this brief review gives some idea of the development of the new industry, the full story of its growth, as well as its eventual decline, may be found in the book, *Digging for a Living*, which was published by The Badsey Society in 2011. Copies may be obtained from the Spar price £6.

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2 Letter For The Month



Dear All

Does God Exist? Is there any evidence for a God who loves us? Two questions a great many of us ask.

Some say there is no God.

Some say they believe in something but they are not sure there is a God.

Some say there is a God but they don't believe in Jesus Christ.

Christians say Jesus is the evidence of a loving God.

What do you say? Do you want to find out more?

This year we are running a benefice Lent Course in the Wheatsheaf Pub, Badsey (see elsewhere in the magazine for details) giving Christians and anyone else who is interested the opportunity to gather together to hear, discuss and reflect.

The course entitled "Build on the Rock" starts by looking at faith and doubt. Is it wrong – or is it normal and healthy – for a Christian to have doubts? Is there any evidence for a God who loves us? We will hear from a

from The Revd Anne Potter

number of witnesses. At the heart of a Christian answer stands Jesus himself. In the course of the five weeks there will be the opportunity to consider Jesus' strange and beautiful story' and reflect upon his teaching, his death, his resurrection and his continuing significance.

The course is called "Build on the Rock" since this is what the wise man does who wants his house to stand strong and firm. A foolish man builds on shifting sand and before he knows it his house will "come tumbling down". Some of you may even remember this song from your Sunday School days!

During Lent many people still give up something, such as alcohol, chocolate, crisps, computer games, because of tradition rather than for any religious purpose. Perhaps this year you might like to consider taking something up like engaging with "Build on the Rock" and discover – or re-discover – a firm foundation for a faith in Jesus Christ. Perhaps I'll see you during March in the Wheatsheaf.....

Anne

From The Parish Registers

Baptisms

26th January - James Dean Edwin Davies
2nd February - Samuel Joseph Arthur Irvine
9th February - Steven Bott
9th February - Evelyn Jayne Bott

Funeral Services

15 January - Dorothy Mary Wilson

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1st Sunday - Julie & Barbara

No further flowers during Lent

Ladies thank you for the flowers during February. It is the start of Lent the second Sunday in March, no flowers in church during that time.

Any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me.
Hazel Stewart 832007

The Editor apologies for moving the Flower Rota to the back page in the February Edition. This was due the unexpected length of the pastoral letter.

The flower rota has been integrated with the other church rotas which in church porch and found online at www.ourbenefice.org.uk.

Editor

Church Services

Sunday 2

10.30 am ten30@stjames
6.30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 5

7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
with imposition of Ashes

Sunday 9

11.00 am Praise and Worship
6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 16

11.00 am Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 23

9.30 am Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 30

11.00 am Mothering Sunday

Sunday 6 April

10.30 am ten30@st.james
6.30 pm 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



As many are aware the Diocese has recommitted to the partnership we share with the Diocese of Magdeburg. The new agreement was signed at Holland House on 18 January by Bishop John and Bishop Ilse Junkermann. The agreement can be found on our website www.ourbenefice.org.uk click on Partnership, and then January Newsletter. There are also pictures of past visits and a short history of our partnership.

It was Bishop Ilse's first visit to the Diocese so a social evening was held in Stourport to allow her to meet with representatives from all Diocesan partnerships. The evening was attended by over fifty people which included nine from our Benefice, which has a link to churches in villages around Kroppenstedt.in Halberstad East deanery.

It is hoped that we can arrange a visit from our friends in Germany later this year. Being part of the partnership is open to all, there is no need to be a German speaker all that is needed is wanting to engage with fellow Christians from another country where they have many of the same issues as we have.

So if you wish to be involved in hosting or just coming along to meet with them please watch the magazine for further details or contact me.

More information from Alex Christison 830367
partnership@ourbenefice.org.uk

Funds raised from our Lent Lunches this year will be given to the Mothers' Union Wheels Appeal. This fund support Mothers' Union workers across the world. It pays their salary and expenses including their transport costs to remote villages. The workers provide support for poor communities providing literacy projects, health education and care for families. They also encourage women to set up their own projects.

Lent Lunches all begin at 12 noon

March 11. Offenham Church

March 25 Bretforton Church

April. 8. Badsey Church

Please come join us for some homemade soup and rolls and support this worthwhile cause.

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: **11th March**

Members meeting at Offenham Church
 A time to share stories and poems

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

Tower News



March will see the celebration of 'Ash Wednesday' which hopefully there will be enough ringers for the 7.30pm Eucharist Service.

At the end of the month we will also try to cover 'Mothering Sunday'. As several of our ringers double up to help other towers for morning ringing it is often a struggle to cover the times.

Hilary Bolton

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

To ponder:

If you have been part of any organisation for more than 6 months and you have never been offended, then you're clinically dead!

Pastor Jeff Lucas
 Timberline Church, Colorado

Home Group

Tuesday 25th March 7.30pm

Topic: Beatitudes

All Welcome

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More information from Clare Crew 424438
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4 Over 60's Friendship Club

At our February meeting we were entertained by Paddy O'Brien from Broadway who gave a very interesting talk on Moths and Butterflies,

while at the same time showed us some examples of Moths with a wing span of up to eight inches with some wonderful colouring and camouflage. Afterwards we enjoyed our usual afternoon tea and refreshments and a good old natter. Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 4th. at 2.30pm when the entertainment for the afternoon will be a talk on Chinese Costumes. The next club out is our annual lunch at Dimmock which is scheduled for Wednesday 19th March, departing from the Legion at 11.00 hrs.

A reminder to all members that the A G M is Tuesday April 1st. at the usual time of 2.30pm. Any nominations for Chairperson, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary should be forwarded in writing to the Secretary before 31st March.

New members are always welcome and may contact Mary (830879) or Wendy (832306) or just turn up on the day. Annual fees are £2.00 and 50p per attended meeting.

Wendy Neal

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First World War Memories Sought – Play your part in documenting history

August 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Whatever your views on the war, without doubt, it was a pivotal point, not just in Badsey's history, but the whole nation's. The war reached out and touched almost everyone's life in some way or other. Life changed forever; nothing was ever the same again. Men enlisted, or were called up, being sent to fight in places that many had never heard of. The families left behind had to carry on with their lives as best they could.

A hundred years ago, the majority of the men who went off to war from Badsey were from the village or nearby. Today, Badsey is a melting-pot, with residents whose forebears have come from all over the country and, indeed the world. We all have very different stories to tell of our family history and would love to hear about one of your ancestors at the time of the Great War, wherever he/she lived. It does not need to be the story of someone who went off to battle. Just as interesting would be tales of people on the home front, those in the medical profession or those who did not fight, for whatever reason.

Articles should not exceed 1000 words; photographs may be used as illustrations. Please submit your article either via email to history@badsey.net or send to Maureen Spinks, The Willows, 8A High Street, Badsey, WR11 7EW by 24th August 2014. If still at school, please include your age. All articles will be included in the Festival of Churches exhibition in September and subsequently deposited in the Badsey Society Archive. The best entry will be included in the November issue of Community News.

Maureen Spinks

If you would like to join The Badsey Society, please send cheque for £5 (payable to The Badsey Society) to Tony Wood, 16 Badsey Fields Lane, WR11 7EX, or pay by Paypal at <http://www.badsey.net/bsp/subs.htm>.



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**THE GROUND
FORCE TEAM**



The start of 2014 and the first meeting of The Royal British Legion Women's section, Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch was held on Wed the 22nd January. The official business of the Legion is always dealt with first followed by refreshments which I might add the ladies really enjoy, a cuppa and a selection of freshly made sandwiches

The speaker/entertainment then followed. We had invited Mary Campbell from Wizpan but wasn't quite sure what she was going to do. It turned out to be a great start to the year as she brought along articles for us to name date and price, a quiz We all took part and found it most interesting especially when we were told the answers, she had even provided a prize for the winner who was Pat Gorin. We then asked Mary if she would judge our anniversary competition which was PEARL, yes lots of Jewry but the most striking and the one that she chose as the winner was a string of Black Pearls which Shirley Smith had brought along. The winner of the squares competition was Jackie Emms. February meeting was a week earlier than usual on Wed 19th as it was the Annual Dinner evening out on our normal meeting night on the 26th.

It was very encouraging to see two 'new' ladies join us this evening, they are in the process of moving into the village, sure there must be other ladies who would enjoy an evening out once a month, why not come along and give us a try.

February meeting and the speaker was David Casswell a well known, local man, and in March Maureen Spinks from Badsey Historic Society will entertain us.

Val Taylor

Gardening Tips

To kill ants, mixed caster sugar with the ant crystals.

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



Children between the ages of 4 - 10 years

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Our next meeting will be on
March 23rd 2014

11.00am - 12.00pm

We will be making something special for Mothers Day.

Come along and join the fun.

Our meeting in January was about following Jesus. We had a treasure hunt and found some lovely sweets that the children thought were definitely tasty treasure. We then talked about how there are many clues to lead us to follow Jesus. We also discussed Candlemas and heard the story of Jesus being presented in the temple and how Simeon said that Jesus was the light of the world and that he would be the saviour. The children made a lovely collage of Jesus and made prints of their footprints which we put around Jesus to show Jigsaw members follow Jesus.

Wendy Morrey

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080
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Wychavon Community Grants.

The above grants upto £50k are available from 6th January 2014 until the deadline of noon, Friday 28 March 2014. For more information and an application form contact Tracy Grubb, T: 01386 565168 or email tracy.grubb@wychavon.gov.uk.

Police News.

Summary- since 13/12/13-Two thefts of oil, one from Briarlea care home and one from a nursery, plus one theft of gas bottles. One burglary non dwelling i.e. shed where a pedal cycle went. Some thefts around the village, lead stolen, a solar powered light! And some stainless steel from a nursery. There have been 4 reported assaults, two of which were domestic related. Two harassment incidents. Two road traffic collisions. Other areas have had a number of house burglaries, but as ever we need the parishioners to remain vigilant, particularly during the dark nights.

Parish Councillor Resignation.

Badsey PC has accepted the resignation of Steven Sumpter and displayed the correct notification. A vacancy has therefore arisen for a Parish Councillor. The closing date is 12th February 2014 with applications being considered at PC meeting on 19th February 2014.

Badsey Information File.

An information file has been produced by Opportunity Vale of Evesham. This provides useful information including leaflets and phone numbers for local services and services in Wychavon. These will be located in three locations in the village over the next few weeks at The Wheatsheaf, The Round of Gras and The Spar.

Section 106 Funding.

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council are likely to receive section 106 monies as a result of the new housing being built in Badsey. Section 106 funding falls into four categories as follows:

- Public Open Space- Formal Pitch Provision.
Play Provision.
Open Space.
- Built Leisure Facilities.
- Community Buildings
- Public Art and Culture.

If you think that you have any idea or project that could be considered under these headings, please contact the Parish Clerk, in writing, so that your suggestion can be considered at the PC meeting on 19th March 2014. All projects will then be submitted to Wychavon to assess eligibility.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

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

- Wednesday 19th March 2014.
- Wednesday 16th April 2014.
- Wednesday 21st May 2014.

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a public forum for 10 minutes from 7.30pm until 7.40pm and are held at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey.

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

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.

Monthly Quiz

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

According to the 1994 film, what happened on 34th Street?

Last Months Answer: **Fever**



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Pebworth First and Blackminster Middle Schools Federation News

I am proud to introduce myself to the community as the new Headteacher at the Pebworth First and Blackminster Middle Schools Federation. I regard myself as privileged to lead a talented and dedicated staff and to work with such wonderful children within two beautiful, rural settings.

It is my aim to achieve an outstanding judgement for both schools in the near future because I am passionate about providing the best possible education for the young people in our community to ensure that every single child experiences success. Blackminster was judged to be a 'Good' school by Ofsted in November 2013 and we were delighted to achieve this under the new, even tougher framework: however we can do better – and we will!

This year, Blackminster Middle School is counting down to an important landmark in its history as it will be seventy five years since the school opened in September 1939. We are planning a series of events to celebrate seventy five years of service to our community over the whole year, culminating in a garden party at the school. The details will be shared later in the year.

We would like to produce a commemorative book to include the history of the school alongside anecdotes and memories from ex staff and pupils. So if you or a relative spent some of your school days or working life at Blackminster and have something to share, please get in touch by phone on 01386 830311 or by email at office@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk.

We will also be saying goodbye to Assistant Headteacher Phil Nosworthy in February. Phil has been an integral part of Blackminster for 39 years and will be a huge loss. His departure will mark the end of an era in many ways. We wish him a long and happy retirement and, if you are an ex pupil or colleague and would like to send him a message, please contact us in the usual way and we will pass this on.

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Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to visit either school to see what we can offer. Just get in touch to arrange an appointment; we are always pleased to receive visitors.

Lorna Button
Executive Headteacher

"Build on the Rock"

Benefice Lent Course

Wheatsheaf Pub, Badsey
in the back room

March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

7.15 for 7.30 pm to 9 pm

Come and listen to Bishop Richard Chatres, Bishop of London, Revd Joel Edwards, regular BBC broadcaster, Paula Gooder, leading theologian, Revd David Gamble, President of Methodist Conference 09/10, and Dr David Hope, Archbishop of York for ten years and now retired.

There will be time for discussion and reflection.



We began the term learning circus skills including juggling scarves, bouncing one, two, three and four balls and balancing beanbags on various parts of our body. The

evening ended with free play, stilt walking, riding tiny bikes and balancing ball boards. Everyone achieved their circus skills badge. We spent the following weeks making sock puppets, writing puppet shows and designing scenery. Then after a couple of rehearsal the Brownies performed their show for their parents. This was a very entertaining evening which earned us all our craft badge. Now we are looking forward to a stay away to celebrate the the centenary of Brownies.



Sue Cole

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Woman's World Day of Prayer

7th March at 2pm
at St. Andrew's Church, Cleeve Prior.
This year the service has been written by the Women of Egypt. The Theme is "STREAMS IN THE DESERT"
Speaker is Diane Bennet from "Caring Hands"



Next Meeting will be:
20th March
2.30pm at 16 Binyon Close.

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

Useful Numbers

If your organisation or club appears in the box below please check details are correct and let the editor know of any errors.

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Mothers Union (Penny Christison) 01386 830367
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Round Robin (Cheryl Mitchell) 01386 832436
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Sports, Clubs and Groups

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Autogras (Tony Badfield) 01386 830127

Badsey Cricket Club (David Powell) 01386 833122

Badsey Rangers FC (Mick Loram) 01386 832040

Badsey United FC (Steve Bradley) 01386 831982

Bridge Club (Colin Payne) 01386 833887

Ladies Hockey (Jane Rickey) 01386 833947

Model Engineering Club (Peter Merris) 01386 831782

Round Of Gras Cricket Club (Clive Richards) 01386 833825

Over 60's Friendship Club (Wendy Neal) 01386 832306

From Fridge Dates

Local dates for your diary
14th March

The Badsey Society presents:
a talk by Henry Sandom
7.30pm at St. James Church, Badsey
(Members free, non-members £2.50)

17th May

Aber Valley Male Choir
Guest Artiste - Deborah Rose
at St. James Church, Badsey
Tickets £12 (to includes wine)

26th July

Badsey Flower Show
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The Answer to last month's Teaser

The Teaser: What can be found in: 'our village', 'a pub in Beckford' and 'Bricklehampton church'?

The Answer: The five vowels, only once

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

Don't forget its Film Club this month and we are showing (8pm starts):

1st Mar Four Weddings and a Funeral

15th Mar The Forbidden Planet

See you there
Clivey x

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The March meeting is our Spring Show, scheduled to take place on Wednesday 26th March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. We hope all our members will enter as many classes as possible. Show schedules are available from committee members, or contact Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834 for further details.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

Mothers are the people who love us for no good reason. And those of us who are mothers know it's the most exquisite love of all.

Maggie Gallagher

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