

Community News

Badsey and Aldington August 2014

AN EVENING WITH THE SLADDEN FAMILY OF SEWARD HOUSE LETTERS FROM A BADSEY FAMILY IN 1914

Early in 1879, a recently-married couple arrived at Seward House, Badsey, with their young son, Jack. Julius and Eugénie Sladden had married in December 1877 at the British Embassy in Paris and their son, Jack, was born the following year in Chipping Norton. Julius was in business at Sladden & Collier's Brewery in Evesham. Seven more children followed, all born at Seward House. The family quickly became involved in village life and were to remain a major influence in Badsey for over a hundred years until the death of the youngest in the family, Miss Juliet Sladden, in October 1984 at the age of 86.

After the death of Juliet, Seward House was sold and a huge archive of letters was deposited at Worcestershire Record Office. Many of these letters span the years of the First World War. On Friday 12th September at 7.30 pm in St James' Church, Badsey, members of The Badsey Society will play the parts of the Sladden family of Seward House and read from their letters written in 1914. We shall hear from them in the weeks leading up to the war and in the first few months of the war.

On 28th June 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, was assassinated in Sarajevo. The Sladdens, along with the rest of the country, did not appreciate it at the time, but they were just weeks away from war. Life carried on as normal: games of tennis were played, Badsey Flower Show was a success, and the Sladdens were busy planning a family holiday in Newport, Pembrokeshire. Then on 28th July, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. This seemingly small conflict between two countries spread rapidly: soon, Germany, Russia, Great Britain, and France were all drawn into the war, largely because they were involved in treaties that obligated them to defend certain other nations.

Monday 3rd August was a Bank Holiday in Britain and the nation was on holiday. Mrs Eugénie Sladden was on holiday at Craig-y-Mor in the village of Parrog near New-

port with her four daughters. Julius was with their youngest son, Cyril, staying with his sister, Charlotte Hayward, in Folkestone. The other three sons had been unable to get to Newport because of the events which were unfolding.

Eugénie wrote to her husband saying: "Kathleen arrived this afternoon bringing us the latest London news. We knew last night that the Naval Reserve had been called out. The Territorials were turned back on their way to camp and George had to start off again in a few hours. She does not know where he is likely to be sent, but he will try and send us an address as soon as he can. Should England really go to war, he will volunteer for active service. I feel very sad about it though I suppose it is quite right that he should do so. Of course he will not now be able to come down here and there is some uncertainty about Jack as they will probably be short of clerks and may have to lend some to the War Office. Kathleen says if doctors are wanted, Arthur may also volunteer, and in that case, Mary would offer herself as nurse, so it seems as if there may be a time of great anxiety before us. I am so thankful that if we fight we shall be with the French and not against them, but it is all very terrible."

At 11 pm on 4th August, Britain declared war on Germany. Two days later, Arthur Sladden wrote to his mother to say that he had joined the Royal Army Medical Corps. He concluded by saying: "Goodbye, Mother dear, keep up a stout heart in all these troubles and we'll hope for a speedy end to the war."

Please come and join us on 12th September to find out about the events of 1914 through the eyes of a Badsey family.

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2 Thought For The Month from The Revd Richard Court



Dear All,
As you will all be aware the 4 August 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the day Britain entered one of the costliest conflicts in history – the First World War – with fighting

continuing until the 11th of November 1918, Armistice Day, and although 82% of those who put on a uniform between 1914 and 1918 survived many returned with terrible wounds either physical or emotional or both. It was the war that was to end all wars which we sadly know was not the case and fighting continues across the world.

In all three churches in the Benefice of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton, some form of Commemoration will be (or has already been) held. Offenham held its 'Hats Off to our Boys' Flower Festival at the beginning of July with my thanks to Offenham Floral Art and all those organisations in the village which were involved. Bretforton will be

holding a Commemoration Service in Church at 6.30 on Sunday 3 August and Badsey Church as part of the Festival of Churches will be hosting displays over the first two weekends in September with thanks to The Badsey Society and others who are organising the event.

It is important that these events are not seen as a celebration in any way, but they are very much a way of remembering and commemorating the event and paying tribute to those who gave so much, and it must also be remembered that people on both sides of the conflict were affected.

War, I fear, will be with us as long as human kind exists but I pray for a time when it will be no more and that God's Kingdom will be seen here on earth in the nature of Love, Compassion, Justice and Freedom.

From The Parish Registers

Baptism

6th July Daisy Sharon Leanne Clements

Funeral Services

5th July Louise Dawn Emslie

9th July John Stanley Mansell

Church Services

Sunday 3

10.30 am ten30@stjames

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 10

11.00 am Praise and worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 17

11.00 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 24

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 31

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 7 September

10.30 am ten30@stjames

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



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1st Sunday - **Annette & Sheila**

2nd Sunday - **Mary & Avril**

3rd Sunday - **Yvonne, Jane & Stephanie**

4th Sunday - **Hazel & Hazel**

5th Sunday - **Julie & Barbara**

Ladies, thank you for the flowers during July.

Any queries regarding Church Flowers please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 832007



Round Robin is a house group for the elderly and bereaved to get together socially and enjoy each others company. There will be the opportunity for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee, an activity to your brain active, quizzes and, dare I say, games.

We meet the third Thursday of each month at 16 Binyon Close at 2.30pm.

Our next meetings are:

- 21st August 2014
- 18th September 2014
- 20th November 2014

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

As you will all be aware The Revd Anne Potter has been with us as a Curate for the past three years, I am pleased to report that Anne has now completed her training and has been appointed as an Associate Priest and will continue to work alongside me as a colleague until such time as she is appointed to another Parish.

Richard

Tower News

August appears to be very quiet - with only one wedding booked for FRIDAY the 15th.



We hope to keep the ringing going, but lack of support is hampering this situation at the moment with holidays and illness taking the toll.

We would still like more to take an interest. Why not come and watch for a while. Just turn up.

Hilary Bolton

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Due to heavy rain our Garden Meeting had to be moved into Penny's conservatory. Nevertheless the afternoon was enjoyable, plenty of lovely food and chatter. Everyone enjoyed finding out who had been their prayer partner and some lovely gifts were exchanged.

Next meeting Tuesday 9th September, 2.30, Badsey Church Speaker Revd Richard Court Visitors always welcome to join our afternoons

Sue Cole

More information from Penny Christison 830367
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Our meeting in June was about Gideons army. We watched a video depicting the story while the children made torches. There were no batteries in those days so the torches were made to look like flames coming out of a cup (representing a clay jar). We then re-told the story using props, water, party blowers and the torches made by the children. We used strawberries to represent the different parts of Gideons army to show the small number that actually fought. We then enjoyed eating them. We had two teams of children who competed in a balloon game that represented the dream the midianites had of a bread roll knocking the tent down. we asked God to help us with the difficult things we may face in the weeks to come.

Back in September

Watch this space for details

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080
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4 Parish Council News

New Homes Bonus.

The amount for this year is £18654 up to April 2015. Applications forms are still available from Parish Clerk or at the Parish Council stand at Badsey Flower Show on 26th July 2014. The closing date is 31st August 2014 with applications being considered at the PC meeting September 2014.

Village Defibrillator.

The Parish Council has purchased a defibrillator for Badsey to be situated outside Badsey Spar. Delivery should be at the end of June 2014. It is hoped that training can be arranged for users and residents will come forward to become First Responders. If you are interested, you can contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Village Hedges.

Worcs County Highways have been contacted to cut the grass at either side of the junction of Village Street, Aldington onto B4035. They have also been asked to cut the hedges on the left hand 's' bend near Birmingham Road. If there is an area that requires attention, it can either be reported to Parish Clerk or at www.worcestershire.gov.uk and then click onto report it. If you are a resident that has a property adjacent to a village footpath, please ensure that your hedge does not encroach onto the footpath at this time of year.

Chapel Street-Manhole Cover.

A number of residents have reported this manhole cover between the Dance Hall and Blacksmiths. This has been reported to Highways on a number of occasions and is on the job sheet to be done. There is no definite date for completion at this time.

Bus Shelter-Horsebridge Avenue.

A number of complaints have been made by residents about someone regularly urinating in the bus shelter. CSO Schoenrock will be regularly patrolling the area but anyone who sees this happening should contact either CSO Schoenrock, Parish Clerk or Crimestoppers 101.

Name Badges.

Following on from a suggestion made by a resident at the meeting on 6th June 2014 regarding, planning the Parish Clerk and Councillors for Badsey PC now have name badges to identify them at village events and meetings.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

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

- No meeting will be held in August 2014.
- Wednesday 17th September 2014.
- Wednesday 15th October 2014.

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**THE GROUND
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Over 60 Friendship Club Jottings 5

There was a different format for refreshments tonight, each table had their own personal teapot with cups and a plate of cakes, a little more sophisticated than the usual mugs. The entertainment was Penny Turner who made up her own poems and then illustrated them, a number of these were read to the ladies on various subjects and proved quite amusing. A little like Pam Ayres but without her accent.

Penny then had the task that we ask most of our speakers to do and that is to judge our Alphabet competition. This month it was A there were many interesting items beginning with the letter A but the one she chose was Wendy Beasley's Ant Powder. It was 'Wendy's night as she also won the squares competition.

Our next meeting will be on Wed 23rd July when the speaker will be from Sedgeberrow talking about Alpacas. If you are interested or just want a pleasant evening out why not join us, start at 7.30 pm at the small lounge in the Legion Club. Ladies of all ages are made most welcome.

Val Taylor

Our meeting on July 1st. was attended by 35 members and was opened by Wendy in the absence of Mary who was on holiday, Wendy then informed us that Marion Begley, who gave us a talk on Japanese Customs at our May meeting, had phoned us the following day wishing to thank all at the meeting for the collection of £58.73, this with the £30 donated by the club for her talk had raised the sum of £88.73 for her 'Holidays for Chernobyl children's charity. After reminding everyone that names and deposits for the afternoon Tea outing on July 17th. were due for payment at this meeting, Wendy gave out the birthday cards and then introduced Mr Alan Houghton who gave a talk and reminisced about the 40s. and 50s., this was well received as his memories were also ours. After the talk we enjoyed our tea and cakes and Doris and Wendy did the raffle.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday August 5th. at 14.30hrs, all welcome and we would be delighted to welcome any new members.

Mike.

Monthly Quiz

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

Track and field sports events.

Last Months Answer: **Johannesburg**

Editor: Last month the quiz should have asked which is the largest city NOT the capital of South Africa. Well done to those who spotted this mistake.

p. s. While on the subject of the 1940s., we all remember the snow of '47, as a 7 year old in Lincolnshire we had about 4 foot of snow over 3 days, which drifted into high snowdrifts, and not one day throughout that winter did we have off school, 4 inches of snow now and schools close at the drop of a hat.

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Badsey Brownies enjoying chips after their boat trip



Brownies Take Over Badsey Church



The Big Brownie Birthday

To celebrate the centenary of Brownie Guides, Badsey Brownies led a service. They narrated a presentation which showed the history of Brownies with some history of Badsey. They played games and sang songs, and thanked God for their special Brownie memories. The service ended with singing Happy Birthday and blowing out cake candles.



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A lovely June evening saw members of Badsey W.I. enjoying an evening in the lovely garden of Paul and Angela Gash.

After the business of the meeting, chaired by our new President Jane Thompson, a superb American Supper was enjoyed by all. As usual the food was a vast variety of sweet and savoury items which were delicious and plentiful. A Garden Quiz was organised by Eileen Goodall and really tested member's knowledge. A big thank you to Angela and Paul for the use of their garden which was offered to us at the last minute due to Marianne Beddis being unwell and whose garden we were going to use. A delightful summer's evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Also in June on typical English summers day members enjoyed an outing to Longstock Water Gardens in Hampshire, owned by the John Lewis/Waitrose Group. The gardens were a sheer joy and so beautifully peaceful and calming. All the acres of garden and lakes are maintained by hand and this means that 2½ miles of lawn edging is done by hand shears. No mechanical aids used here!!

A visit to the nearby Nursery and Café completed a beautiful day out.

In July our speaker for the evening was Diana Raphael on 'Tales of the Riverbank'. What a superb speaker and so interesting. Diana told how her mother, who lived in Birmingham, used to CYCLE from Birmingham to Evesham and back again every week-end to see her husband to be. Diana said when her mother came to live in Evesham once she was married she had only seen the Ferry House

from the other side of the river. She had never been right up to it or inside it but it looked idyllic sitting there on the river bank. When she eventually went inside the idyll soon turned to horror when she found there was no electric, no water, no bathroom and no inside toilet. The water had to be obtained from a tap outside which only 'trickled' water and the toilet was a small wooden shed up the garden. There were flagstones on the floor which were always wet and had grass and weeds growing between them. When she made up her mind to have them removed and Marley tiles fitted the builder was up in arms as the Ferry had once been the 'wine cellar' belonging to the Abbey and the monks grew their grapes behind the winery to make the wine. Not able to throw the flagstones away the builder gave them to the Almonry and they now adorn the entrance lobby of the museum. Diana had so many tales and information to impart that we could have listened to her all night.

In September we are to visit Bletchley Park and in October a 5 day visit to the Peak District.

Our speaker on Wednesday 13th August is Ruth Lowe on Mary Quant and members have been asked to wear black and white and if possible 60's gear. So dig out those mini-skirts and long white boots and come along to our meeting. It is held in the Remembrance Hall and begins at 7.15. Visitors are always welcome

Yvonne Haynes

This Month's Big Question:

Did World War 1 change Britain for the better?

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WW1 Commemorations

In August 2014 the world will mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Please write and tell us the story of one of your ancestors at the time of the Great War, wherever they lived and whatever role they played, whether in battle or on the home front.

Entries should not exceed 1000 words; photographs may be used to illustrate the article. Please submit your entry either via email to maureen.spinks@btopenworld.com or send to Maureen Spinks, The Willows, 8A High Street, Badsey, WR11 7EW by 24th August 2014. All entries will be included in the Festival of Churches exhibition in September and then subsequently deposited in the Badsey Society Archive. The best entry will be included in the November issue of Community News.

Maureen Spinks

Commemorating World War 1

Badsey Village and Church History
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Saturday 6th & 13th September
10.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 7th & 14th September
12.30pm - 5.00pm

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Special Event on Friday 12th September
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Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

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

2nd August Rush

16th August Oh What a Lovely War

See you there
Clivey x

Wickhamford Gardening Club

The Club's August meeting scheduled for Wednesday 27th at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall is our Summer Show. Our last two shows have proved most successful with more members entering each class, which makes for an entertaining and competitive evening. We hope the many new members who have joined the Club this year will enter into the spirit of friendly competition and we look forward to another wonderful evening. Show schedules if required can be obtained from committee members. For further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt, 01386 830834.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

Summer will end soon enough, and childhood as well.

George R.R. Martin, A Game of Thrones

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