

# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington

## September 2014



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## From the Editor

This August we have seen many events taking place to

commemorate 100 years of Britain entering the First World War. As part of these commemorations the Royal British Legion ran a project that encouraged as many people as possible to plant poppy seeds. **This November we are producing 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. All submissions MUST be with editor by 10th October 2014** (Any items you would like returned please include a self addressed envelope - no stamp required). So why don't you us, as we echo the British Legion in saying, 'we will remember them'.

More information about the the national celebrations from [www.1914.org](http://www.1914.org) and [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)



## Festival of Churches - World War 1 Exhibition and talks 6-7th & 13-14th September in Badsey Church

I and members of the Badsey Society have been busy this summer researching and preparing for the first two weekends in September, when we hope to try and tell some of the story of what the Great War was like for those who lived through it, whether they served or stayed at home. Most if not all families were in some way affected by the war. Some of you who live in our village have ancestors whose remarkable stories only you know, please come along and share these stories with us. (You don't have to be Badsey people through and through to do this either). Have you an old photograph of the period, a letter, a poem, a clipping from a newspaper? We would love to see it.

During the weekends there will be accounts of life in the trenches, poetry from the period and we hope you will join with us to sing some popular songs of the period.

For further details please contact me: Chris Smith  
[st.james@ourbenefice.org.uk](mailto:st.james@ourbenefice.org.uk) or 01386 830217

## German Partnership

Our friends from Germany will be visiting our parishes from late evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> until late afternoon on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November this year. We are expecting fifteen people including one 13 year old boy. If anyone would like to host, or be involved in anyway please contact me. More details of the visit to follow.

More information from: Alex Christison 830367  
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Dear All  
Count your blessings....  
Even though I am not a regular Facebook follower, and am still struggling with how to use Twitter, let alone any other social media, I spent some time "catching up" on Facebook whilst on holiday with my two daughters. Some of my "friends" were focussing on positive thinking and listing good things that had happened that day. It was lovely reading what people thought were positive events and many were simple activities such as going for a walk with a loved one. Counting our blessings is not an easy thing to do when we find ourselves in a dark place but it really is a truly positive action. Counting our blessings can open our eyes to what is good in this world. Counting our blessings is about helping us to feel better about ourselves and what we have rather than what we don't have. Why not try feeling rich

by counting all the things you have that money cannot buy? So often it is the smallest things we miss in the commotion all around us. A simple action or word such as a smile or a "good morning/afternoon/evening" can so often lift the spirits of someone who is feeling down.

With so much turmoil in the world today alongside the fast pace of life when no one has time for others it reminded me of some words from a very old hymn -

***When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,***

***And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.  
Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!***

Stop now - count your blessings and give thanks to God.

Anne

## From The Parish Registers

### Baptism

30th July William Hugh Rice  
3rd August Annabelle McGuire

### Funeral Services

15th July Patricia Anne Tomkins  
17th July Joyce Mary Heritage

## Church Services

### Sunday 7

10.30 am ten30@stjames  
6.30 pm Evensong

### Sunday 14

11.00 am Praise and worship  
6.30 pm Eucharist

### Sunday 21

11.00 am Family Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong

### Sunday 28

9.30 am Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong

### Sunday 5 October

10.30 am Harvest Festival  
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

## Church Ministry Team

Incumbent: The Revd Richard Court 834550  
The Vicarage  
High Street  
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The Vicar's day off is: **Thursday**

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Mrs Margaret Pye

833537

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1st Sunday - **Sandra & Maureen**

2nd Sunday - **Annette & Sheila**

3rd Sunday - **Mary & Avril**

4th Sunday - **Yvonne, Jane & Stephanie**

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in church during August and thanks to those who helped with the display at Badsey Flower Show, they looked lovely and were much admired.

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:

- 18th September 2014
- 20th November 2014
- 18th December 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.

## Home Group

Tuesday 23rd September 7.30pm

All Welcome

14 St Milburgh Close, Offenham

More information from Clare Crew 424438 or  
home@ourbenefice.org.uk

## Monthly Quiz

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

The fish that swim up stream as part of their migration.

Last Months Answer: **Athletics**

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Badsey Church Speaker Revd Richard Court

### Further Dates

**Wednesday 10 September** Quiet Evening led by Revd Fran Battin at St Andrew's Parish Centre Pershore

**Wednesday 17 September 2:30 pm** Diocesan Festival Worcester Cathedral  
Speaker Lynne Tembey. MU Worldwide President

Visitors always welcome to join our afternoons

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

## Tower News



Regretfully the Full Peal for St. James and The Flower Show was cancelled at the last minute due to lack of Ringers.

Monday August 4th - WW1 COMMEMORATION  
In respect, the Bells remained SILENT with the Clock Chimes disabled, in line with the British Legion quiet time. Monday night is normally a practise night except for Bank holidays.

Thursday September 18th a team from Essex will be attempting a Quarter Peal around 9.30am - this should take about an hour.

Hilary Bolton

Practise every **Monday** (except Bank Holidays)  
7.30pm - 9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

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

## 4 Parish Council News

### New Homes Bonus.

Applications for New Homes Bonus funding will be considered at the Parish Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The closing date for applications has now passed.

### Village Hedges.

Work has recently been completed by the lengthsman on the footpath opposite The Wheatsheaf, Monks Path, path from Badsey Fields Lane to Badsey Recreation Ground and pathway between Old Post Office Lane and Brewers Lane. Please can you ensure that if your property is next to a footpath, that you keep it well trimmed for the benefit of all residents.

### Badsey Flower Show.

Thank you to all the residents of Badsey who came to the PC stand to raise issues/concerns about the village. Hopefully, we have actioned all of them. What a glorious day and event!

### Police Report.

"Since 15th June, West Mercia Police has received 46 calls from residents with Badsey and Aldington which has resulted in 5 offences being recorded for:-

- 1 theft,
- 1 theft from motor vehicle,
- 1 theft of motor vehicle which is deemed a dubious report and
- 2 criminal damage.

There have been a number of thefts of Catalytic Converters from Motor Vehicles, 1 in Badsey and several in surrounding villages. If residents have concerns or information, can they please contact West Mercia Police."

### Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

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

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 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

## Lights Out

On Monday 4th August an evening from 8.00 pm until 9.00 pm saw some of the residents of Badsey join The Legion in the large lounge of the club to commemorate the start of WW1.

It was very encouraging to see so many people attend. The evening commenced with the Chairman Mr Les Grinnel of RBL Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford men's branch saying the exhalation. At the conclusion of the hour in candle light the vicar of Badsey Richard Court said a couple of prayers. A very worth while hour spent to mark this historic event.

Val Taylor



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**THE GROUND  
FORCE TEAM** 



The July meeting of the Royal British Legion Women's section, Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford took place on Wednesday the 23rd.

There was a change of format for the evening as normally the Legion business is discussed first followed by the entertainment but this month we had the entertainment first.

This was Ginnie Meaken of Cherry Tree Farm, Sedgeberrow talking about her herd of Alpaca, the breeding, grooming and general well being of the animals. She had brought some fleece along and demonstrated how to spin it.

One of the ladies said "We thought you might have brought one of the animals?" only joking of course. To which Ginnie replied "You can see them at the Badsey Flower Show on Saturday July 26th and I'm sure those who went to the show will have seen them. Refreshments were then taken followed by the monthly business. It was during this time that the ladies decided to commemorate the start of WW1 on 4th August by holding a Lights Out from 8.00 till 9.00 pm on Monday 4th August 2014 at the Legion Club Badsey. Posters were put up in the village so that anyone could join us.

The alphabet competition which was B this month was won by.....Wendy Beasley with the bible she was given when she got married.

The squares competition was won by Iris Syril. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th August when anyone can come along and see what we get up to and will be made most welcome.

Val Taylor

From September there will be a chance for people to come together to meet on a regular basis with others from the village in a friendly atmosphere as Community Cafe starts again on the third Sunday of each month at Badsey village hall. There will be teas, coffees and cakes etc. all provided free of charge. Usual times will be from 3.00 to 5.00 in the afternoon. Three 'cafes' have already taken place this summer and each time has seen new people come along.

The initial idea started when several of the villagers met at this year's lent group in the back of the Wheatsheaf pub for regular chats and decided it would be good to start something that brought the local community together. Eventually after a few planning meetings Community café was born.

It is planned to have occasional 'one off' special events at the Community Cafes. For example for the November date it is hoped to hold a Community Lunch, starting a bit earlier than normal, where locals can join together over a shared meal. It will be on a 'potluck' basis where people bring a hot dish and a friend and everyone shares together. It is hoped that members of the community who find it difficult to get out of the house for one reason or another will be offered a lift to any of the events.

We would like to see 'Community Café' become a regular and much loved feature of village life as people come along and join in.

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AN EVENING WITH THE SLADDENS OF  
SEWARD HOUSE

6 LETTERS FROM A BADSEY FAMILY IN  
1914

On Friday 12th September at 7.30 pm in St James' Church, members of The Badsey Society will read letters written in 1914 by the Sladden family of Seward House. The entrance fee is £2.50 for members and £5 for non-members; proceeds will be split between The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and The British Red Cross Society.

At 11 pm on Tuesday 4th August 1914, Britain declared war on Germany. None of the Sladden family were in Badsey at the time. Julius Sladden was with his youngest son, Cyril, visiting his sister in Folkestone, Eugenie Sladden was on holiday in Wales with her daughters, and the other three sons were in London. George Sladden, a civil servant, was a member of the Territorials and was actually at training camp when war was imminent and was recalled to London. On the day after the outbreak of war, Julius wrote to his wife:

*My dearest wife*

*I am rather in hopes we may hear of George's whereabouts in the morning. I can quite understand that you are perturbed at the thought of possible dangers ahead for him and perhaps others, but cheer up, little wife, it is well that our children should be ready to play a part for their country in the face of grave danger and whatever may befall; we could not wish it otherwise. The attitude of the country seems admirable.*

He continued with the letter the next day, saying:

*I heard from Jack this morning and am glad to learn that he hopes to join you after all. It seems that George is encamped at Somerset House but the*

*battalion is likely to go on to St Albans soon. With respect to your suggestion about laying in coal and flour, I do not think it right in the national interest to join in the rush for stores, neither do I anticipate that we shall pay much, if any more, a little later. Much love to you dear and to all the others. I am sure you will all keep brave though anxious hearts.*

On 6th August, Arthur joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and a few days later, Cyril joined an Officer Training Corps camp prior to enlisting with the Worcestershire Regiment. Jack remained in his job at the Civil Service but enrolled with a volunteer Rifle Corps. Mrs Sladden and her daughters returned to Badsey towards the end of August and immediately began contributing to the war effort. By October, Ethel, the third daughter, had become a Voluntary Aid Detachment at Abbey Manor Hospital in Evesham, and May, the eldest daughter, wrote to her sister, Kathleen, in London:

*I have had a lot of children coming and asking for wool to make scarves, socks and belts since Ethel left. They have been making things in the village school it seems, but have now finished them, so they are coming now for materials which we buy with the Red Cross money we have collected. I have had to get a lot more wool, our stock was nearly exhausted. I must go out presently and do about half a dozen village errands. Mother does a good many each day, but that still leaves some for me. What with Red Cross, Soldiers' Wives, Girls' Friendly Society, old women and other sundries, there is no end to it.*

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

Maureen Spinks  
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Again crowds flocked into Badsey "Rec" to enjoy another Flower Show. To say the weather was hot I feel is an understatement but the entertainment was first class. For me it was sitting beneath one of the lovely trees that gave me the opportunity to look back on my 86 years, living up Sands Lane, and remembering the lovely times I have spent on the "Rec," enjoying the Flower Show. The early shows for me in the 1930's are memories of Billy Kimberley's steam engines, cables and flashing lights and that smell of diesel oil from his tractor nearby which always dented the main gates on the way in. Our school sports days and running for the tape bring back so many memories. Recent memories include last year's fly past by The Battle of Britain's Memorial flights "DAKOTA." My picture shows this exciting fly past that will always be remembered. Thanks to everyone for such a super Flower Show.

Michael J Barnard



Dear All

The above is an illustrative plan of a proposed development in Badsey. The developer, Landform Estates, will be attending the public forum of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. This is your opportunity to discuss the proposal with him. Please note that this is not the final proposal and it has not yet been submitted for planning approval. I would hope that our District and County councillors will also attend. Please come and offer your opinion.

Kind regards

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Sunday 7th & 14th September  
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**Special Event** on Friday 12th September  
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## USEFUL NUMBERS

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## This Month's Big Question:

Is there life after death?

## Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

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

6th September      The Lone Ranger

20th September      The Big Sleep

See you there  
Clivey x

## Wickhamford Gardening Club

The Club enjoyed a wonderful evening on July 23rd, visiting Conderton Manor, courtesy of Mr and Mrs W Carr. The weather was beautiful and the garden stunning. Our thanks must go to Mrs Carr for her hospitality which 35 members of the Club thoroughly enjoyed. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 24th September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, when our speaker is Julie Ritchie, and she is discussing Hardy Geraniums. We continue to welcome new members, and for further information please contact Dorothy Turpitt, 01386 830834.

Sue Stayt

## Just A Thought

Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion.

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel