

Community News

Badsey and Aldington December 2014

Garden Model Railway Santa Specials

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St James Church, Badsey

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Wednesday 3rd December

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Friday 5th December

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Walkers can access through the back gate in Fields Close (but no cars to be parked there, please). **Car parking available in Binyon Close**

From the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL our deliverers this years. The time you put in to ensure that every house in the parish has a copy of Community News is invaluable to us. Please can all deliverers confirm to either Wendy Morrey or myself any extra's/shortfalls for their rounds, so we can continue to deliver a newsletter to WHOLE community.

We are looking for people who would like to deliver to the **new estates** around the village, this is a once a month job. If you are interested then please contact me at the email address at the bottom of the page. As editor I would like to thank Wendy Morrey for counting and sorting the magazines each month and Liz Cudd for looking after the adverts.

A huge thank you goes to **EVERYONE** who has contributed to the magazine this year, again Community News relies on your contributions to make it a community newsletter.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and very peaceful New Year.

John Cole
Community News Editor



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2 Thought For The Month from The Revd Richard Court



Dear All,
There seems to be a growing tradition of Christmas starting earlier each year, the shops have been gearing up for Christmas from about October and there are all sorts of adverts on television and radio as to what can be

delivered before Christmas if you 'order it now!', I even spotted the Christmas Coca Cola advert (other soft drinks are available!) on the television the other day! All of this is part of the drive for businesses to make money and for many Christmas is their best time of year for sales. For a lot of the smaller retailers if they do not have a good run up to Christmas they will struggle to meet their end of financial year targets.

Don't get me wrong it is good to prepare well for Christmas and the beginning of December is definitely time to do it – it is called Advent, but now I can feel something else starting to niggle at the back of my mind as I write – Advent Calendars (I think I must be starting to turn into a 'Grumpy Old Man') – what I wonder has

opening a window onto a different colour of nail varnish each day got to do with Advent? It appears that one of the most popular Advent Calendars this year is filled with 24 different colours of nail varnish with not even a nod towards Christmas at all. What we think about Christmas and how we prepare for it is of course a personal choice, but for me it is about the coming of Christ into the world (which after all is where the word Christmas comes from). As a church one of our ways of preparing for Christmas this year is to hold an Advent Course during the four weeks of Advent when we will be exploring the themes of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. Details can be found elsewhere in the magazine but it is on Tuesday evenings in St James Church Badsey and all are welcome. It will be an opportunity to really get ready for Christmas.

May I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Advent and Christmas (when it comes).

Richard

From The Parish Registers

Baptism

12 October Niah Cecelia Eden Dolphin-Smith
12 October Connie Elizabeth Atkinson
19 October Martha Rose Maycock

Funeral Services

21 October Michael (Mick) Harry Clements

Holy Matrimony

1st November Christian Hugh Lawrence Geuter
Hannah Ellen Legge

Church Services

Sunday 7

4.00 pm Christingle

Sunday 14

11.00 am Praise and worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 21

3.30 pm Carol Service

Wednesday 24 (Christmas Eve)

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25 (Christmas Day)

10.30 am Family Worship

Sunday 28

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 4 January 2015

10.30 am ten30@st.james (Bring your newspapers!)

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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There will be no flowers in church during Advent

Ladies thank you for your flowers in church during November.

Can we have a meeting in Church on Saturday 13 December at 2pm to discuss Christmas flowers.

Week after Christmas, all flower guild members to look after their own arrangements please.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

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 activitiy 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 December 2014
- 15th January 2015
- 19th February 2015

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

Home Group

The Home Group meets one evening a month of the month in Offenham, with a time of worship and prayer. This is followed by a discussion, looking at different topics. The evening finishes with coffee and fellowship.

Our final meeting of 2014 will be a social at the Round O' Gras Badsey. The new programme will be available on the church website soon, everyone is invited to join us, please contact Clare Crew for details.

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

Tower News

Sadly one of our most reliable ringers is about to leave us for pastures new. Tim we wish you and Carol a very happy and enjoyable stay in your new home. We will miss you.



The Christmas period is nearly upon us. With many celebrations ahead for the churches calendar. Our ringing for Service will be such as the occasion ahead demands, starting with Christingle.

Monday nights will still remain as usual for practise .

Hilary Bolton

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We met on November 11, because of the significance of the date Revd Anne Potter shared a number of poems, some set in 1914-18 and others reflecting on more recent conflicts. Most poignant were those from a mother's viewpoint.

Members also brought items to fill shoe boxes that will be sent to underprivileged children around the world.

Tuesday 9 December 2.30 Mothers Union Carol Service in Badsey Church Please come and join our celebration you will be most welcome.

Sue Cole

More information from Penny Christison 830367
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Monthly Quiz

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

The surname of the creator of 'Bah, Humbug'

Last Months Answer: The **Neverending** Story



Jigsaw has been having lots of fun. We have been meeting in the church every two weeks to share a bible story, make a craft and play games. In November we heard about David the good shepherd and had fun with a food muddle to show that we should not always judge a book by its cover. We also had a story about the angel Gabriel visiting Mary.

We will meet in December on:

Friday 5th December 6 - 7pm

Friday 12th December 4.30 - 6.30pm

On the 12th, we will share a picnic in church followed by a Christmas story and crafts. £1 donation would be appreciated for this session.

Wendy Morrey

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080
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www.ourbenefice.org.uk/jigsaw

Parish Council News

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A number of residents have recently reported incidents within Badsey which they would like to make all residents aware of. Power tools have been taken out of sheds, even though the sheds were locked. A van appears to have been cruising around the village looking at houses to see if residents are in. PLEASE make sure that your cars and sheds are secure.

Footpath-B4035

A Badsey Parish Councillor has managed through providing evidence and liaising with County Cllr Alistair Adams, to secure the repair and widening of a stretch of footpath between Village Street, Aldington along B4035 towards Horsebridge Avenue. A date will be advised in due course.

Highways Meeting

Representatives from Badsey PC met with Worcs CC Highways on 10th November 2014 to put forward their concerns regarding a proposed traffic light system as part of a proposed Development on B4035 at junction with Birmingham Road. Please check minutes of meeting on 19th November 2014 to see comments and outcome.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Pete Grinnall from Badsey PC, a position is available on Badsey PC. Please check Spar noticeboard for details and closing date.

Noticeboard.

A new noticeboard is to be provided by Badsey PC near the Round of Gras in replacement of the existing board.

The exact positioning is still to be confirmed.

Litter Awareness

Badsey & Aldington Parish Clerk launched the litter poster competition on Friday 24th October 2014 at Blackminster Middle School. Students are invited within their art lessons to design a poster for display around the villages to remind people to take litter home and dispose of it sensibly or put in bins provided around the villages. First prize will be a £15 voucher with two runner up prizes of £5 each. The 10 final designs will be judged by the PC and presented before Christmas.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2014

The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council Meetings are as follows

- Wednesday 17th December 2014.
- Wednesday 21st January 2015.
- Wednesday 18th February 2015.

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),
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Community Café

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The October meeting of the RBLWS Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch was the AGM. This took place on Wednesday 22nd.

Although our President Muriel Morcombe now resides in Briar Lea Care home she came along accompanied by her daughter Ann.

Since the death of Bet Westmacott in March the chair has been taken by Jackie Emms who during the months have gained more confidence which meant that when she was proposed to be Chairman she accepted.

This left the position of Vice Chairman; Lynne Clarke was proposed and was honored to accept.

The remaining positions were 'the same' Treasurer....Pat Gorin, Secretary....Val Taylor. Sick Visitor...Joyce Marshall. Standard Bearer... Jackie Emms

The committee of Wendy Beasley, Shirley Smith and Ann Wilson said they would stand for re election but it was thought we needed at least 2 others.

This really is an AGM to be remembered as we had 2 new members join and they both said they would like to be on the committee. Fantastic to have 'new young blood with different ideas' Thank you Mary Allard and Pam Cresswell.

Pam was soon put to work as judge of the monthly alphabet competition which was E she chose Beryl, no it was Barbara, (you know how I always get muddled) with some very attractive decorated wooden eggs.

In November which was a 'busy month with Remembrance Sunday.

Before the Sunday a party visited the Royal Albert Hall for their annual visit to see the Festival of Remembrance on the Saturday

Sunday and it's parade to church led by the men's branch their standard being carried by Angie Humpston of the women's section, then came Jackie Emms carrying the Women's section branch standard accompanied by 2 escorts Joyce Marshall and Wendy Beasley. The Women's section wreath was carried by Clare Cooke and laid on behalf of her late mother Bet.

As normal the church was full to over flowing with all the youth groups of the village I think I counted 7 standards which meant at least 7 groups were there doing the village proud.

We are now on the count down to Christmas. The November meeting of the Women' section took place on Wed 26th when we are had Jan Brant talking about the fire service.

December will see a number of members attend the group 2 meeting at Sedgeberrow on Wed 3rd December with our own monthly meeting being a week earlier than normal on **Wed 17th at 7.30 pm** This takes the format of a social evening and Party Night, ladies why not come along and see what we 'get up to' you might even decide to join.

Val Taylor

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Badsey Church
7 December

4.00 pm



Please come and help support The Children's Society who support disadvantaged children

Coronation Street Disabled Club

The Coronation street Disabled Club is desperately looking for more drivers to bring members into the Club on a Friday morning and return them home in the afternoon.

Please can you help with this very worthwhile local task? For many of the disabled members this is the only time they get out and their club means so much to them.

A mileage allowance is paid and you will find we are all a very happy friendly group.

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Jean Dyke

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Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper which took place on 11th October at the Village Hall was, as usual, a sell-out.

It was also a huge success, with a superb combination of lovely food and great entertainment. There were a lot of smiling faces at the end and that is what it is all about. After the meal, Richard thanked the kitchen staff for putting on the lovely selection of food.

The entertainment, this year a bit of a mystery due to Anne Potter saying "Just leave it all to me", turned out to be brilliant. We hope that she is still around to do it again next year.

A local lady, Veronica Pinkerton of Badsey Fields Lane had performed in clubs 'up North' some years ago, combining singing and comedy. She went down very well, it became obvious that she had previous experience in 'the business'. How Anne found her we don't know but she is a gem and held the audience in the palm of her hand.

Anne herself also gave a polished performance, doing a well-known monologue once performed by the incomparable ('til now) Joyce Grenfell. It took the form of a school mistress reading to a group of young children – hilarious! There is a rumour going round that Anne will be appearing in the next St. Trinians re-make, Joyce played a dotty policewoman in one of the originals!

After all the polish, a bit of rougher stuff! Anne had somehow persuaded Brian Smith to read one of his poems, he even wrote one especially for the event. We found out how she did this as he read it! Brian has helped in the kitchen at Harvest Supper for some years. His poem gave away a lot of secrets about past problems and near disasters at past suppers. Everyone was well amused, even the Social Committee ladies.

Back then, to Veronica for the finale, all were by then in the mood for a bit of community singing, Veronica lead it with songs of the same vintage as the audience! Everybody joined in, even the 'growlers'!

Many thanks to all involved, an unforgettable night of food, wine and entertainment, all for eight quid! The 'eight quids' combined to raise an impressive sum of £375 for church funds (after expenses.)

Well done, everybody!



As always the school term continues apace. The children have been visited by the St. James Church 'Open the Book' group. The group visits school on a regular basis to present Bible stories to the children. This month the children learnt about

'The Lost Coin' and 'The Lost Son'.

We have recently been awarded a Silver Sainsbury's Sports Award in recognition of the sports provision we offer. The children get involved in a variety of sports in school and not only compete against each other but other schools too. The school football team have been busy this term with a number of matches and a few wins too!

The school marked Remembrance Day with a dedicated assembly and a two minute silence. The children wore their poppies and were invited to wear something red for the day as a mark of respect.

The children in Key Stage 2 performed in the production 'Time Lord'. All of the children were involved with Year 5 taking the main roles. The production took the audience on a gallop through history from the dinosaurs to World War 2 and into the future. The children performed with enthusiasm to a very appreciative audience who even joined in with the rap!

Preparations are already underway for Christmas!

The PTFA Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 6th December at 2 p.m. in the school hall and the choir will be performing in the Christingle Service at St James Church on Sunday 7th December. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the school, to wish readers a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Julie Jones
Headteacher

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It doesn't seem 12 months ago that we were wishing our members and readers of this magazine "A Happy Christmas". It has been an eventful year with 2014 marking 100



hundred years since the onset of WWI. Wonderful ceramic poppies in the moat surrounding The Tower of London, Duke and Duchess of Cambridge announcing another baby, the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, Andy Murray winning Wimbledon and of course the Withdrawal of our troops from Afghanistan, among many other events.

Badsey W.I. has also had an eventful year with membership still increasing, a new President, Taking part in the baton relay which has been travelling the country ready to end up in London in June 2015 in time to mark 100 years of W.I., entries in competitions in Pershore and Malvern with our new President Jane Thompson winning a first with her lemon Drizzle Cake, visit to Bletchley Park which was absolutely fascinating and a holiday in the Peak District. We have also had the birth of baby Molly to Sally Taylor (nee Browning) who is our youngest member.

Our meeting in October taught us all about herbs and November taught us how to make lovely plaques to go on our Christmas cakes. December will be our Christmas Celebration meeting with a delicious American Supper, Carols by Candlelight and the chance to make a special Christmas Card. We will also be collecting goods for Caring Hands in the Vale.

Our New Year Lunch will be at The Three Ways House Hotel at the end of January.

Anyone is welcome to any of our meetings so do pop along and see for yourself what fun, friendship and, in some cases, learning we can offer. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at the Remembrance Hall in Badsey at 7.00 for 7.15 start.

**BADSEY W.I. WISHES YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY
AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS**

Yvonne Haynes

Fridge Dates 7

Frequently Asked Questions

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 and the Diocese of Worcester can have their event listed on Fridge Dates.

How much does it cost to list my event?

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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. You are also welcome to send us a poster which can be linked to your event on the website.

Can I update my listing once it is published?

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

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

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Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13: 24 - end
Advent 2: **Peace**
Isaiah 40: 1-11 and Mark 1:1-8
Advent 3: **Love**
Isaiah 61: 1-4 and John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Advent 4: **Joy**
2 Samuel 7: 1-11 and Luke 1: 26 -38

If you want any further information please get in touch with
Revd Anne Potter: 01386 834813 or
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This months big question:

How should Christians respond to the War on Christmas?

Your thoughts to: bq@ourbenefice.org.uk

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Wickhamford Gardening Club

2014 has been one of our most successful years for the Gardening Club, with increased membership, interesting talks and demonstrations, but even better two wonderful garden visits during June and July. We therefore hope to continue in the same vein for 2015. There is no meeting in December but we meet again on 28th January in the Memorial Hall, Wickhamford at 7.30pm as usual, to welcome all our existing members and hopefully, more new ones. Our speaker is one of our favourites, Adrian James, whose talk is entitled "Four Seasons and a Festival". We look forward to seeing everyone then, and would like to wish everyone the compliments of the Season.

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

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

6th December Grand Budapest Hotel

20th December Sound Of Music (Sing-a-long version)

See you there
Clivey x

Just A Thought

God gave us memory so that we might have roses in
December.

James M. Barrie