

Community News

Badsey and Aldington March 2015

Retirement: Revd. Richard Court

Having been appointed as Vicar of Badsey with Aldington, and Offenham and Bretforton in February 2005 the time has come for me to retire from full time Ministry. My last Sunday will be on 26 April after which time Avril and I will be moving back to Suffolk where we spent 18 years before coming to 'The Vale'. My ministry here has been varied, enriching and enjoyable and we will miss the many friends we have made over the past 10 years. We wish you all the best for the future

With love
Avril & Richard



**Women's World Day of Prayer
Will be held at Badsey Church
6th March at 2.30pm.
All welcome**

Community Cafe



**Badsey Remembrance Hall
29th March 2015
3.00 to 5.00 PM**

*free refreshments provided
All members of the family are
welcome.*

**Contact phone number:
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Monthly Quiz True or False

Auther Roald Dahl turned down the role of villinous Dr No in the first James Bond film.

Last Months Answer:

TRUE: Doctor Who travels in a TARDIS because there was an old blue police box lying round the BBC props room. How splendid that such an iconic image came about by accident rather than any stroke of creative genius.



German Partnership

There will be a meeting of the German Partnership on 15 March at 7.30pm at the Vicarage. To look back on the last visit and discuss the future plans.

Alex Christison
partnership@ourbenefice.org.uk

Badsey Society Events

At the Badsey Community Sports and Social Club:

A "Waterloo Talk"
on Friday 13th March
at 7.30 pm

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2 Thought For The Month From The Revd Anne Potter

Dear All

This is my last letter to the parishes of Badsey with Aldington, Bretforton and Offenham. I have really enjoyed my time serving the parishes as Curate and then more recently as the Associate Priest. Mike and I miss being "Offenham Post Office and Stores" as we loved serving the community of Offenham but it is time for new beginnings. We have been in the area for nine years which is the longest I have ever lived in one place and we are looking forward to the challenge of serving other communities having moved from the "banks of the Avon" to the other side of the Severn.

In the cycle of the Christian year Lent is a time of reflection prior to Easter when new life is celebrated. My Licensing service takes place at Leigh Church on March 24th and so for me this year Lent will be a time of transition. It will also be a time to reflect on my relationship with God as I prepare to take up my new role. My Christian journey has taken many twists and turns, including a period of time when I did not go to church or believe in the Christian message of love and hope. Gradually I came back to church and in doing so my faith grew and I found spiritual feeding in regular worship. In time I felt God was calling me and I answered the call by training as a reader. One of the most significant mo-

ments in discerning God's calling was one Easter Sunday when I was taking a service in Binton Church – the church where Scott went just before he set off on his fatal expedition to the South Pole. I had chosen to talk about butterflies emerging from chrysalis illustrating new life. I cannot remember some twelve odd years ago exactly what the adult sermon contained but I do remember looking round the congregation as I was speaking thinking "I can't do this" – everyone was looking up at the windows and didn't appear to be listening to a word I was saying. At the end of the service all became clear- during my sermon butterflies were flying around the windows reflecting the theme I had chosen of using butterflies to illustrate how Jesus offers believers new life. The butterflies must have been chrysalis in the plant growth and the warmth of the church heating encouraged them to come out. It was a truly special moment. Just one of the many I shall be focussing on in this lent period. Perhaps you would like to reflect on special moments allowing God to enter your life during the Lent period, alongside anything you may have given up. God bless you and keep you during the Lent period as you prepare for the Easter Season.

And so it is goodbye from me and it is goodbye from him.

Anne

From The Parish Registers

Baptisms

18 January Natasha Frascona
18 January Franshesca Frascona

Funeral Services

12 January Anne Bennett
20 January Ivy Joan Osgood
6 February Keith Anthony Underhill

Church Services

Sunday 1

10.30 am ten30@st.james w/ 1st Badsey Beavers

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 8

11.00 am Praise and worship

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 15

11.00am Mothering Sunday

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 22

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 29

No Morning Service

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 5th April

10.30 am Easter Morning Worship

6.30pm Evensong

Morning Prayer is said at 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday, which is Eucharist.

There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the first Wednesday in the Month at 10.00 am



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No flowers in church during Lent

Ladies, thank you for all your flowers in Church during February. 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 keep 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:

- **19th March**
- **16th April**
- **19th May**

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

Home Group

There will be NO meeting in March
Next Meeting 21st April 2015
Time: 7.30pm

We will be continuing our journey through the bible in a year. **Everyone welcome.**

More information from John Cole 831260 or
home@ourbenefice.org.uk

Are you part of a group based in one of our villages that does not feature in Community New?

Why not get in touch with the Editor and find out how you can have a regular column.

Jigsaw



The next meetings are:
13th March
27th March

We meet in Badsey Church
between 6 - 7pm

If you would like to join us please contact us to book your child's place. **It's free and fun.**

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

Mothers' UNION

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Christian care for families

We have a good programme for this year so please come and join our meetings at 2.30 on the second Tuesday in Badsey Church.

Next meeting. **10th March - A members afternoon of story and poetry sharing**

Future Dates

14th April - Joyce Bush - Just an Old Table

(Please note the April meeting will be held in Bretforton Church)

12th May - Martin Grinell - My Work

9th June - Revd. Alma Organ - My Journey to Ordination

16th June - Diocesan Festival - details to follow

14th July - An Outing - details to follow

28th July - Garden Party

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

Tower News



The last day of February we will have rung for our 1st wedding of the year.

Lent will have begun and Christina will be back in the fold following her trip to Australia.

A few weeks ago one more person came forward and is now in training. Hopefully she will be able to join with us for Easter. If there is anyone else thinking of having a go, do please come and see us - Monday night is practise night at 7.30pm. you will be most welcome.

Why not give it a try for Lent. The only thing you have to give up is a little time to suit you.

Friday March 27th will be the next Wedding. Followed by Palm Sunday - the start of Holy Week when the Bells will fall silent until the glory of Easter morning.

Hilary & John Bolton

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

More information from Hilary Bolton 830246
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Battle of Waterloo

On June 18th, 1815, the Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon Bonaparte on the battlefield of Waterloo.

The country is celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the battle and searching for descendants of the soldiers who fought that day.

We have our own veteran, George Smith, born in Aldington in 1789. A tailor by trade, he enlisted for unlimited service in the Royal Artillery as a private gunner/driver at Wolverhampton on March 13th, 1812. His discharge papers state he was 5ft 7 & a half ins tall, dark brown hair, hazel eyes with a fair complexion. He survived the Battle and is listed in the Roll of Medals. The Allies had 156 cannon to the French 300 cannon. On the 31st December, 1829, George Smith was invalided out of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Artillery with a lame left leg from a fracture and placed on the pension list. He received 7/4d being 11 days marching money to carry him from Woolwich Barracks to Evesham near where he intended to reside.

Badsey resident, Lizzie Noyes, has an ancestor who was in the Battle of Waterloo. His name was Septimus Noyes, born in Burbage, Wiltshire, the 7th son of a family of 17 children. He is recorded in the Roll of Medals as Private Septimus Noyes in Captain Wallace's 1st Troop, Kings Own Dragoon Guards. He was lucky to survive the Battle; three-quarters of the Guards were killed that day.

On March 13th, 7.30p.m. at the Recreation and Social Club, Brewers Lane, Badsey, the Worcester Re-enactment Group are giving a talk on the Battle of Waterloo for the Badsey Society in uniform and costume of 1812.

by Jane Neill

Over 60'S Friendship Club Jottings

Mary opened our February meeting, which was attended by 44 members and introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Mrs Joan Bomford, who spoke about the trials and tribulations of being a farmers wife, of the long days and short nights, with the many happy and memorable times, and more recently of the of the sheer pettiness on occasions of the Health and safety brigade, then the continuous battle against T B and the suppressive prices imposed by the supermarkets on the price of milk. On a personal note I would willingly pay extra for milk and other dairy products if it was being paid to British farmers and not the middlemen and supermarkets. We then had our afternoon refreshments during which time many of us spoke to Joan and her Daughter.

Mike then informed the meeting of proposed outings for the coming year, starting with our annual lunch trip to Dymock on March 11th., with a bit of luck the Daffodils will be in full bloom for the trip, and Weston-super-Mare on August 12th., being in the summer holidays this will enable parents and especially grandparents to take the little ones out for the day, Coach prices for this trip will be £10 adult and £6 per child. Please note that this trip will be open to all villagers and friends and relatives. so members are asked to book their seats early. We will have information on further outings by the March meeting.

The meeting closed at 16.15hrs.

Wendy



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It was very encouraging to see so many ladies 'turn out' on a dark cold night to attend the first meeting in 2015 of the Royal British Legion Women's Section, Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch

Entertainment this evening was Jeff retired from the Fire service after serving with them since the age of 16 years How the job had changed and also about the up dating of uniform since he first started in the job.

As is our normal practice we ask our speaker to judge the Alphabet competition which was G. Always a difficult task but on this occasion we were told why he chose Golly brought in by Beryl Redgewell as he

had for many years a golly on the back of his uniform tie.

The winner of the squares competition was Evelyn Keen.

Yes we still meet at the Pub in the Club which is still Legion Headquarters and we meet as before the 4th Wednesday evening in the month in the small lounge; lovely and cosy to start the meeting at 7.30pm that is except February which is our Annual Dinner night out.

March we shall be meeting on the 25th when our speaker will be Anne Bradford on Haunted pubs in Worcestershire. The nights will be getting lighter and hopefully warmer so ladies why not have a pleasant evening out and join us. We really could do with more new members.

Val Taylor

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NEW PATTERN of SERVICES for the

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Badsey With Aldington	10.30 am Ten30 @St.James	11.00 am Praise and Worship	11.00 am Family Eucharist	9.30 Eucharist	
	6.30 pm Evensong	6.30 pm Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong	6.30 pm Evensong	6.30 pm Evensong
Offenham	8.00 am Holy Communion				
	11.00 am CofE Service	11.00 am Eucharist			
Bretforton	9.30 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist			9.30 am Eucharist
		6.30 pm Evensong	6.30 pm Eucharist	6.30 pm Evensong	
South Littleton	9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist	9.30 am Morning Prayer	
Cleeve Prior	11.00 am Eucharist	11.00am Morning Prayer	11.00 am Eucharist	11.00 am Eucharist	11.00 am Eucharist

Morning Prayer is said at 0745 each weekday at Badsey except Tuesday, which is a Eucharist.
Morning Prayer is said at 0745 on Wednesdays at Offenham and on Mondays at Bretforton.
There is also a monthly Eucharist service on the FIRST Wednesday in the Month at 10.00 at

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The Real Easter Egg is still the only Fairtrade egg with a copy of the Easter story in each box. There is also a charitable donation for every 150g egg sold. More than £140,000 has been donated from sales. It also supports farmers and producers in the developing world by using Fairtrade chocolate.

David Marshall, who heads up the Meaningful Chocolate Company, said; "The Real Easter Egg campaign aims to establish giving a Real Easter Egg as a tradition. We can be found in Tesco, Waitrose and Morrison's. However, we make very little from supermarket sales so we do rely on direct sales from churches and schools. Last year we sent more than 400,000 eggs through the post. This is a very positive example of putting our faith into practice so I hope churches will support this year's Real Easter Egg campaign by visiting www.realeasteregg.co.uk and ordering.

Each year the content of the Real Easter Egg changes. This year blue egg has a unique 3ft storybook/banner, the Premium Peace Edition contains an olive wood key ring made in Bethlehem and there is a dairy free dark chocolate egg.

Sam Setchell

Diocesan Communication Officer

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Parish Council News

Dog bins

New dog bins have been installed at the corner of Banks Road and Birmingham Road and at end of path opposite The Wheatsheaf. The litter bin has been located a little further down High Street.

Police Report

"Since December 1st, 2014, West Mercia Police has received 48 calls from residents of Badsey and Aldington. This has resulted in 11 offences being recorded.

- Burglary dwelling x 1.
- Burglary of other building x 3.
- Theft from motor vehicle x 3.
- Theft of Motor Vehicle x 2.
- Assaults x1.
- Theft x 1.

Current trends show a spike in old style 4x4's being targeted, ie pre-implantation. The burglaries of other buildings relate to retail premises or sheds being broken into. Theft from motor vehicles relate to items of equipment, tradesmen's tools being stolen.

Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity to Police in order that resources can be deployed."

Village Amenities

The Parish Council are looking to residents to provide ideas of what amenities they would like to see in Badsey and Aldington to enhance the facilities already there and available. This could be an additional piece of play equipment, more bins or an extra bench. If you have any ideas, please email the Clerk at badseypc@yahoo.co.uk or telephone on 01386 760332.

Parish Councillor.

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Badsey PC welcomes Mike Gwynn as new Parish Councillor with effect from 21st January 2015. Mike is also the village footpath warden.

Street Lighting.

Following a full review of the street lighting in Badsey, the Parish Council has agreed to spend between £3k-£5k for the next four years to upgrade old, inefficient and dim lights around the villages. The works will commence over the next couple of months commencing with the highest priority lights.

A note from the Chairman.

The Parish Council Planning Committee has not met since December 2014 due to there being no large applications for development for consideration and comment since the last one for 10 houses which has now been withdrawn. It is likely that the emerging SWDP and Wychavon satisfying a land supply in excess of 5 years is now having a positive effect on planning applications submitted/approved. We have supported residents and taken their views in opposition to large planning applications and submitted them to Wychavon. Thanks should be given to Wychavon for the hard work that they have given to get to this stage in what has been a very difficult 2 years.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2015

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

- Wednesday 18th March 2015.
- Wednesday 15th April 2015.
- Wednesday 20th May 2015.

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Lent Lunches will be held in church
From 12.00 to 1.15pm

3rd March at Badsey
17th March at Offenham

Everyone Welcome

RUMBLE IN THE JUMBLE

By popular demand, Evesham Volunteer Centre is holding another Jumble Sale on Saturday, 21st March at Badsey Remembrance Hall from 11.30am to 1.00pm. Entry charge is 30p and there will be refreshments available. Come along for good bargains whilst supporting your local Charity. Please phone 831104 if you have suitable clothes, good toys, books, games, household items and we will arrange to collect. No electrical items or furniture, thank you.

Mavis Harris
(Fund Raising Committee)

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This month our very popular Spring Show takes place, when all members are invited to raid their gardens for the beautiful spring flowers we hope are at their best, and also test their baking skills! Entries for each class is 10 pence per item. Judging by our President, Tiny Hadley, and Chairman, Colin Hill, will commence at 8.00 pm. During this time members can enjoy a fun quiz, which in previous years has been the subject of much consultation and laughter. We hope all our members will join in and look forward to seeing you all. For any members who have not got a show schedule, please contact Dorothy Turpitt, 01386 830834, or any other committee member for information.

Sue Stayt

USEFUL NUMBERS

Venues

Badsey Remembrance Hall (Rebecca Bomford) 01386 300354
Badsey Sports and Social Club (Sue Evans) 01386 830867

Historical Societies

Badsey Society (Valerie Magan) 01386 832100
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1st Badsey Guides www.girlguiding.org.uk

Jigsaw (Wendy Morrey) 01386 831080
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Sports, Clubs and Groups

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Archery Club (Ian Trout) 01386 831509

Autogras (Tony Badfield) 01386 830127

Badsey Cricket Club (David Powell) 01386 833122

Badsey Rangers FC (Mick Loram) 01386 832040

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7th March The Monuments Men

21st March The Pink Panther

See you there
Clivey x

Just A Thought

The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size.

- Gertrude S. Wister