

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington October 2015

Friday 16th October 2015

St James' Church, Badsey, 7.30 pm

## AN EVENING WITH THE SLADDEN FAMILY OF SEWARD HOUSE LETTERS FROM A BADSEY FAMILY IN 1915

The Badsey Society is delighted to announce that it has received £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a project entitled, "Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford – a rural community's view of the Great War". Awarded through HLF's "First World War: then and now" programme, the project will focus on all aspects of life for the villagers of the market gardening communities of Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford during the First World War, whether at home or overseas.

A major part of the project is the transcription of the vast quantity of letters written by the Sladden family of Seward House, Badsey, during the First World War; these letters are now held at The Hive in Worcester and the Imperial War Museum in London. The letters, written by Sir Julius Sladden and his wife, Eugénie, and their eight children, provide a first-hand account of events as they were unfolding. Juxtaposed between monumental international events are the relatively mundane events happening at home in Badsey. Last year we had a very successful evening when we heard some of the letters written by the family in 1914. We are repeating the exercise this year with letters written in 1915, with members of The Badsey Society playing the parts of the Sladden family.

So please come and join us for an evening with the Sladdens and learn about the events of 1915.

Tea and coffee will be served in the interval.

Entrance fee: **£2.50 members, £5 non-members.**

Profits will go to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and The British Red Cross.

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Date	Time	Service	Place
03 Oct Saturday	8:30am	Morning Prayer	Offenham
04 October 2015 18th Sunday after Trinity Green	8:00am	Eucharist	Offenham
	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton
	9.30 am	Eucharist	Bretforton
	9.30 am	HARVEST	S Littleton
	11.00 am	HARVEST	Badsey
	11.00 am	CofE	Offenham
	11.00 am	Harvest	Cleeve P
6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey	
7 October Wednesday	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey
11 October 2015 19th Sunday after Trinity Green	9:30am	HARVEST	North Littleton
	9.30 am	Eucharist	Bretforton
	9.30 am	Eucharist	S Littleton
	11.00 am	Eucharist	Offenham
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Cleeve P
	11.00 am	Praise and Worship	Badsey
	6.30 pm	Eucharist	Badsey
6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bretforton	
17 October Saturday	8:30am	Morning Prayer	Offenham
	1:00pm	Wedding	Badsey
18 October 20th Sunday after Trinity Green	9.30 am	Eucharist	S Littleton
	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton
	11.00 am	Family Eucharist	Badsey
	11.00 am	Eucharist	Cleeve P
	6.30 pm	HARVEST with band	Bretforton
	6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey
Wednesday 21 October	9.00am	School HARVEST	Bretforton
25 October 2015 Last Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Eucharist	North Littleton
	9.30 am	Eucharist	Badsey
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	S Littleton

Morning Prayer 7.45am Each Weekday at Badsey Morning  
Prayer 7.45am each Monday at Bretforton



**1st Sunday - All Guild (Harvest)**  
**2nd Sunday - Sandra & Maureen**  
**3rd Sunday - Julie & Barbara**  
**4th Sunday - Yvonne & Jane**

Ladies - thank you for the flowers in Church during September.

For Harvest Festival we will be decorating the Church on Saturday 3rd October from 9.30am. Anyone who has gifts of vegetables, fruit or flowers we are always very pleased to accept them with thanks at Church on the Saturday. Any queries regard Church flowers please contact me - Hazel Stewart 832007



Our meetings for October are as follows:-  
Jesus the Friend  
Friday 9th October - A Fresh Start  
Friday 23rd October - Helping hand  
Jigsaw is at St James Church between 6 - 7pm.

Please remember to let me know if you cannot make any of the meetings.

If you would like to join our group please contact

More information from Wendy Morrey 831080  
jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk  
Check out the Jigsaw Facebook page  
www.ourbenefice.org.uk/jigsaw

# Thought For The Month From The Venerable Robert Jones

It is rare for people to comment to me about *Thought for the Day* on the radio. But one broadcast obviously hit the spot in the sense that several people mentioned it to me, and indeed I'd heard it myself. The presenter was speaking about prayer and he quoted two former Archbishops of Canterbury. The one, Rowan Williams, likened prayer to sunbathing - the sense that you just put yourself in the place where you let the sun do its work on you. The other was Michael Ramsay, who, when asked about praying, simply said, 'I get down on my knees, and wait to see what happens.' It is this same Michael Ramsay, when asked how long he prayed for each day replied, 'About a minute, but it takes me an hour to get there.'

These are striking images of prayer, because they are almost passive, certainly receptive. My praying has often seemed like a long shopping list or worse still a 'to do' list (and I'm never quite sure whether mine or God's!). They are striking because although you have to put yourself in the place of prayer, when you are there you leave it up to God. You see, prayer is a gift, not a work. It is all about God's grace and not at all about my achievement. 'My grace is sufficient for you.' So

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## From The Parish Registers

### Baptism

16 August Abigail Catherin Distill  
23 August Ruby Ellen Thompson

### Holy Matrimony

22 August Paul Clement  
& Rayna Grinnell

### Funerals

1 September Olive Goddard

Cardinal Hume used to say that even wanting to pray was already prayer.

God wants to bless us. I believe that God wants the Church to be a community of blessing too, a sign of delight on the side of humanity. That is a calling stretching right back to Abraham in the Old Testament: 'I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.' No wonder we end every act of worship with a blessing, and are then sent out to be that blessing.

The contemplative monk Thomas Merton was, unusually, out of his monastery in a neighbouring town. Seeing the people about their business he said to his companion, 'who is going to tell these people they are shining like the sun?' 'Shining like the sun' - a powerful image of people reflecting the love of God because they know they are loved by God and made in God's image and likeness. If prayer is a long, loving look at what is real, then let's get down on our knees and wait to see what happens when we bask in the warmth of God's love.

*Robert*

Archdeacon of Worcester

## Church Ministry Team

Incumbent: Vacancy

**We are currently in an interregnum all enquiries to the Parish Administrator or Churchwardens.**

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Mr Chris Smith 830217

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

Our next meetings are:

- **15th October**
- **19th November**
- **17th December**

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

### QUIZ WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER

A big thank you to all of you who came and supported this lively and most enjoyable event on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. It was a superb evening with 19 teams taking part in a very lively and friendly manner and a supper of lovely fish & chips from 'The Rainbow Chippy' who did us proud.

Of course you cannot have a quiz without a good quizmaster and we had a first class one. Eileen Goodall. There is an awful lot of work goes into preparing a quiz and getting the balance of questions right and Eileen had been putting it together for some weeks. She also prepared all the papers and picture quizzes and did a superb job. So a very big thank you to Eileen. Also thank you to Sue and Mary for doing the scoring, Angela for the raffle and Wendy and David for fetching a delivering the fish & chips and of course all those who came along and helped us raise over £200.00 which with other fundraising we have done will enable us to purchase a bench for outside the Church in commemoration of 100 years of the W.I. Movement. **THANK YOU!**

Members of Badsey W.I

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With the help of other towers around we were able to ring for our Queen on the 9th of last month. This will be recorded along with other towers in the ringing news featured on the net and in various News Letters.

To date we are still struggling with a skeleton band.

Hopefully by this month of October we will be back to strength in time for the Harvest celebrations.

Hilary & John Bolton

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

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

## **Mothers' UNION**

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- 13 October** - Helen Gray  
"Volunteer Centre"
- 10 November** - Margaret Pye  
"Northern Saints"
- 8 December** - Carol Service

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

## Home Group

**There will no meeting in August.**  
**Next Meeting 22nd October 2015**  
**Time: 7.30pm**  
**At 12 Myatt Road, Offenham**

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Before the start of the August meeting there was a little episode in the car park. Due to being blinded by the

evening sun Wendy managed to land her car on the small wall, fortunately no one was hurt.

After the Legion business had been dealt with the ladies enjoyed an excellent talk and slide show by Adrian James called "Through the Garden Gate", really good photographs of famous gardens. It was quite a surprise to see and hear about the roof garden 9 stories high in Kensington High Street.

We never let our evenings entertainers get away scott free as we then ask them to judge our alphabet competition, not an easy task. The letter was L and the Laughter bag brought by Pam Cresswell took the prize, once again it is always amazing what items the ladies come up with.

The squares competition was won by Barbara.

September 23rd monthly meeting is our Harvest Festival when harvest produce is brought and auctioned off at the end of the evening. We also hold a small Harvest service, naturally refreshments this evening will be a 'Ploughmans' costing £1.00 a head.

Come on you ladies of Badsey who would like an evening out socially once a month in good company and pleasant surrounds come along and join us. NO need to have any connection with the armed forces.

This month we saw the death of one of our older members Annie Jelfs she will be remembered for her very dry sense of humour

Val Taylor

October is nature's funeral month. Nature glories in death more than in life. The month of departure is more beautiful than the month of coming - October than May. Every green thing loves to die in bright colours."

- Henry Ward Beecher

Our children have returned back from their summer holidays refreshed and raring to start a new academic year. We also at this time of the year welcome new children and families to our school community as they continue their learning journey here at Badsey First School.



The autumn term is well underway now but at the beginning of the summer holidays we had a very exciting event happen. We were visited by the celebrity chef Brian Turner, of Ready Steady Cook fame, and Alistair McGowan who is an ex pupil of ours. The BBC are filming a programme about the food memories of a selection of celebrities and Alistair is one of them featured in the series. The film crew arrived early on Monday 27th July to set up the 'kitchen' in the school hall. Mrs Wright, our school cook, was on hand to deal with any extra requirements that they needed and was even interviewed as part of the programme! Alistair McGowan had a wander around school and shared his memories of his time here before he sampled the delights of Brian Turner's cooking. It was all very hectic but exciting at the same time. The BBC initially told me that the series would be broadcast in the autumn but I have had no confirmation of this. We'll all be keeping an eye on the BBC viewing schedule!

The application process is already underway for children starting school in September 2016. If this applies to you, or anyone that you know, please be aware the closing date for applications is 15th January 2016. Details about the application process can be found on [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or from the school office.

Julie Jones  
Head Teacher

### Maypole Bears

The latest designed, handmade Teddy Bears, all sizes, by Jean will be on show at my home on Wednesday, 21st Oct. from 10am and through the day at Gibbs Lane by the Maypole. Everyone is welcome, do come, enjoy the Bears and coffee, tea, cakes and a natter. I look forward to your company. Jean Jephcott.

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The W.I. Movement was 100 years old on 16<sup>th</sup> September. The first W.I. in the UK was formed on the Isle of Anglesey. Many celebrations have been taking place with the two

most prestigious being a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace for W.I. members only and hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall joined by The Countess of Wessex, The Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra. 8000 W.I. members were invited and we were lucky to have one of our members, Janie Lashford, attend. The Annual Council Meeting was this year held at the Royal Albert Hall in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, the Princess Royal and the Countess of Wessex, all three are W.I. members. Her Majesty is President of Sandringham W.I. and she opened this auspicious meeting and also cut the birthday cake which most members who attended the ACM had a very small piece of. Again we were lucky to have a member attend, Elizabeth Cudd, who found it a wonderful and moving experience.

Badsey W.I. was founded in March 1927 and so is 88 years old and still going very strong like a lot of its stalwart members. Our celebration of the W.I. Centenary will consist of Afternoon Tea and the Three Ways House Hotel, Mickleton and also a presentation of a bench to the village which will be sited outside the Church in High Street, replacing the very dilapidated unusable bench that is there at the moment.

Badsey W.I. has seen and been part of village history for all of its 88 years. Assisting in canning and food production during the war, taking in and helping with evacuees, helping in the recuperation of members of the armed forces and also helping with German Prisoners of War who were sent to Badsey.

We have been instrumental in helping to keep our village clean and tidy, looking after the Memorial Drinks Fountain in High Street, which is cared for so beautifully by member Sheila Taylor and her husband. We have supported and taken part in the village carnivals, shows

at the Village Hall and of course providing teas and cakes at our local Flower Show. We have also raised monies for village projects like the Scout Headquarters and other projects and have supported and helped in our Church in very many ways.

Most of all we have offered to the village women the hand of friendship, together with fun, education and many opportunities to accomplish many things. We also have been able to provide outings, holidays, visits to different places, shows etc. and of course support in times of need. You are never alone when you are a member of the W.I.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE WOMENS' INSTITUTE AND LIKE HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN LONG MAY IT REIGN!

Yvonne Haynes

Thank you to Sheila and Keith Taylor who plant and maintain such beautiful flowers on the Fountain Memorial on High Street, Badsey



## Monthly Quiz

### True or False

Arsenal tube station got its name because the station was built on the site of an unoccupied ordinance factory.

### Last Months Answer:

**True:** The People of Gibraltar speak a hybrid of English

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# Parish Council News

## Village Christmas Tree.

A Christmas tree will be erected outside The Wheatsheaf from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 with carols nearer to Christmas (details to follow). Residents are being given the opportunity to purchase a bauble which will be hung on the tree this year and in future years at a cost of £5. This can be in memory of someone if wished and a list will be displayed of these requests. If you would like to purchase a bauble, please contact the Parish Clerk (details below) for a pro-forma. If you signed up at Badsey Flower Show, please can you contact the Clerk so that a form can be sent out to you. Trees will also be located in Aldington and at Badsey Remembrance Hall.

## Badsey Village walk/cycle Event.

A cycle and walk took place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in perfect weather conditions. A big thank you to all the residents that attended.

## Noticeboard

The new noticeboard for near the Round of Gras has now been made and is ready for installation. This can be used for anyone to advertise events or to provide information.

## Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2015

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

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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, **7**  
Badsey.

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

## Over 60s Friendship Club

47 members attended our September meeting on Tues. 1st. September.

Our speaker for the day was Mr. Taylor from the Shakespeare Morris Group, unfortunately he couldn't connect his video link to the large screen, but nevertheless he gave an interesting talk on the history of Morris Dancing and in particular the Bidford Morris Group. However he has promised to return next year and bring along some props and costumes.

After the talk he was happy to answer any questions while we all enjoyed tea and cakes.

We then held our monthly raffle and the meeting closed at 16.10hrs.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 6th. at 14.30hrs.  
Wendy Neal

## Community Cafe



**Badsey Remembrance Hall**

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Tuesday 17th 6pm, The Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8AZ

Wednesday 25th 2.15pm, Pershore Abbey, WR10 1DT

December

Tuesday 1st 6pm, The Great Malvern Priory, WR14 1DT

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## Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

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

10th October Mr Turner (Note new date)

17th October Late Quartet

7th November The Kingsman

See you there  
Clivey x

## Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Club is our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 28th October 2015 at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Our factual but brief AGM will be followed by a talk by Heather Goddard Keys on Mediterranean Plants. How quickly we have reached this part of our club year, which has seen more members joining throughout the year and constantly interesting talks making 2015 our most successful in recent years. We hope this will continue in 2016. Further information can be obtained from Dorothy Turpitt - 01386 830834.

Members wishing to become involved as Committee members will be very welcome. We look forward to a good turn out once again.

Sue Stayt

## Just A Thought

"I saw old Autumn in the misty morn  
Stand, shadowless like Silence, listening  
To Silence."

- Thomas Hood

### USEFUL NUMBERS

#### Venues

Badsey Remembrance Hall (Rebecca Bomford) 01386 300354

Badsey Sports and Social Club (Sue Evans) 01386 830867

#### Historical Societies

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1st Badsey Guides www.girlguiding.org.uk

Jigsaw (Wendy Morrey) 01386 831080

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#### Sports, Clubs and Groups

Air Rifle Club (Ashley Green) 01386 832296

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

Badsey United FC (Steve Bradley) 01386 831982

Coronation Street Disabled Club (Jean Dyke) 01386 830714

Ladies Hockey (Jane Rickey) 01386 833947

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

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