

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington November 2016

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## Over 60s Club Jottings

Our entertainment for the afternoon was a duo from Worcester called Denith and Price who dressing in early 20th century attire. They entertained us with old time music, hall songs, jokes and comedy songs. The act went down extremely well with everyone. All their work is for donations to charity.

Mary reminded all interested parties that the coach fare of £10 for the shopping trip to Swindon was due by the November meeting as well as £28 for the Christmas Lunch and Pantomime at Holm Lacy Hotel on Dec. 8th.

Our August meeting was saddened when Beryl Redgewell was taken ill during the meeting and I am pleased to report that although medics were called she did not go to hospital and is getting on fine.

In September, after a few changes of dates and location, we went for our afternoon tea to Fosse Way Garden Centre, it was well attended.

Wendy Neal

## Scrabble Evening

Thursday 17th November

7.30pm - 9.30pm

£2.50 Entry

(To include tea/coffee)

At Club in a Pub

Everyone Welcome

Contact Sally Mitchell - 834733

or Sue Cole - 831260

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Christmas Scrabble -Thursday 8th December

## Home Group

Next Meeting: 22th November  
Time: 7.30pm

We will meet at: 12 Myatt Road, Offenham

We will be concluding our discussions on Healthy Church

Everyone Welcome.

More information from John Cole  
[home@ourbenefice.org.uk](mailto:home@ourbenefice.org.uk)

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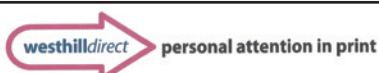
## Monthly Quiz

### True or False

Beatrix Potter, creator of Peter Rabbit and many other fictional animals, never actually kept pets and didn't particularly like animals.

October's Answer:

False: The last execution for witchcraft in Britian took place in 1686, Alice Molland was the last person. Advances in science in the 18th Century meant less evidence was given to accusations of witchcraft.



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Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Wednesday 2nd November	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Saturday 5th November	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 6th November	8:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Eucharist	N&MLittleton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Family Service	South Littleton	Lay led
	9:30am	Family Service	Bretforton	Margeret Pye
	11:00am	Family Service	Badsey	Alan Bache
	11:00am	CofE	Offenham	Joyce Bache
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Sunday 13th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9:30am	Remembrance service	South Littleton	Philip Morton
	10:45am	Remembrance service	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
	10:45am	Remembrance service	Badsey	Alan Bache
	10:45am	Remembrance service	Offenham	British Legion
	10:50am	Remembrance service	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Remembrance service	N&MLittleton	Peter Brown
Saturday 19th November	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 20th November <i>Christ the King</i>	9:30am	Eucharist	N&MLittleton	John Green
	9:30am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
	1.00pm	Baptism	Badsey	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey	Sue Cole
Sunday 27th November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning prayer	South Littleton	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	1.00pm	Baptism	Offenham	Philip Morton
	2.00pm	Bretforton	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Badsey	Sue Cole
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	4:30pm	Evening worship	N&MLittleton	Margaret Pye



Morning Prayer 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey  
Morning Prayer 7.45 am each Monday at Bretforton

- 1st Sunday - Hazel & Hazel
- 2nd Sunday - Julie & Barbara\*
- 3rd Sunday - Sheila & Annette
- 4th Sunday - Advent (No flowers)
- \*Remembrance

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in October, especially the lovely Harvest Festival arrangements. And thank you to everyone who gave gifts of fruits, flowers and vegetables, they were much appreciated.

Any queries regarding the church flowers please contact me (details on back page).

Hazel Stewart

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# Thought For The Month From

# Revd. Philip Morton



When I was eighteen years old my dad and I decided to go to France and visit the places where some of our ancestors are buried after being killed during the First World War. The thing that impressed itself so vividly on my mind was the sheer scale of the military cemeteries.

Then we went to the memorial at Theipval, which records the names of over 72,000 British soldiers who went into battle in the region of the Somme between 1915 - 1918 and were never seen or heard of again. I was completely awed by the magnitude of the sacrifice made, and very deeply moved.

This year we have commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. On the 13<sup>th</sup> November services held all across the country will remember all who have died in war, but no doubt there will be a special thought for those who died in the First World War. Each

of the churches in the Benefice has a special Remembrance service that morning, so please do check in the magazines for start times and further details. The Act of Remembrance quite rightly lends November a solemn air, but there are also some things to celebrate. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November the Bretforton Silver Band is playing a special concert at St. Leonard's, Bretforton, in aid of raising some funds to replace our now rather aged service booklets. Then on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November St. Andrew's, Cleeve Prior, is holding their 'Call My Wine Bluff' evening to raise money for the church. These are just some of the exciting events taking place over the next few weeks, so please do check the magazines for further details.

*Revd. Fr. Philip Morton*

Priest in Charge

## From The Parish Registers

### Funerals

8 Oct Alfred John Haines

### Baptism

25 Sept Frey Careless

2 Oct Florrie Belle Sullivan

## Church Ministry Team

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Mrs Margaret Pye 833537

Mr Alan & Mrs Joyce Bache 839464

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## Vicar's Surgeries

The vicar holds a weekly surgery (Tuesdays) at St. Michael's Church, South Littleton between 6pm-8pm for anyone wanting to arrange a wedding or baptism.

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## Visit 18-22 August 2016

In August eight members of the 'Bridge' English/German Partnership, ranging in age from 15-70+, spent five days with host families in and around Halberstadt, an area which was formally part of East Germany.

Some of the group had been to Germany with the Partnership many times over, but for my 15 year old daughter, Rebekah, and myself this was our first visit. We initially became involved with the Partnership two years ago following a request in the Community News for host families. As a result we had hosted Elke and her teenage grandson, Silas, when the Partnership visited in November 2014. We were therefore delighted to find ourselves staying with Elke and her husband during this August's visit.

Although our visit was comparatively brief, we did manage to cram a lot in. We spent a day in Wittenberg, birthplace of the Reformation, visiting the Castle Church where Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in October 1517. (Next year will be of particular significance as it will be the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary). The following day we travelled to Meissen, famous for its porcelain, and visited both the cathedral there and the palace of Albrechtsburg, one of Germany's oldest castle, which stands on the same site. On the final day we visited the rock dwellings carved into the hillside near Halberstadt; these are very similar to the Holy Austin Rock Houses at Kinver in Staffordshire.

As well as all the trips out, there were meals with our hosts, shared worship and time to socialise. Before leaving, we presented our German friends with a glass plaque depicting a rainbow and a bridge symbolising the 'Bridge' partnership which had been specially made for the occasion by Wendy Stafford, our Benefice Administrator.

For me, the whole trip was very memorable, but three things will always come to mind when I look back: accidentally going into the Gents with another female member of the group whilst we were in Wittenberg (very embarrassing!); seeing a plane at Leipzig airport taxiing over a bridge across the motorway right in front of the coach in which we were travelling (very bizarre!); and wearing humungous slippers to walk on the polished wooden floor at Albrechtsburg (the whole group looked so comical as we half shuffled, half skated along!)

Zoe Legge

## Freedom Disco

Since starting Freedom disco (a disco for people with learning disabilities) in March, I've made a lot of friends. They are genuine, funny and ask for nothing other than be showed respect.

They wanted to raise money for Macmillan so we did a coffee [morning on Friday](#). They baked the cakes, served the drinks and cakes. Organised the raffle and tombola and raised £276.50. They made me so proud and

privileged to work along side them. James, Eddie, Jodie, Chris, Ian, Juliette and Ceileigh you should be so proud of yourselves.

Badsey coffee morning have given them a donation of £100 to go with it.

So we went Monday to Evesham Macmillan ward to hand over the money, where they had their picture taken with the sister of the ward, they made us all feel very welcome. She and her staff will have a chat about what they will spend it on and let us know. Sadly Jodie and Juliette couldn't make this.

I would like to say thank you to Tom Baker of "n-able independence ltd" in supporting the above with the baking and transporting the guys to the event and Sean Oconnell for all the help you give. Mr Padfield, Badsey's lovely veg man and Badsey butchers for always supporting us.

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## An Evening with the Sladdens of Seward House – Letters from a Badsey Family in 1916

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, St James' Church, Badsey, was again the venue for a reading of letters from a family who lived in Badsey a hundred years ago. "An Evening with the Sladdens of Seward House – Letters from a Badsey Family in 1916", followed on from events in 2014 and 2015 covering letters written in 1914 and 1915. The performances form part of The Badsey Society's latest project, "Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford – a rural community's view of the Great War", which has gained funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund through its *First World War: then and now* programme.

Members of The Badsey Society played the parts of the Sladden family. Patsy Miller, who is the great-niece of Julius Sladden, the patriarch, returned to play his wife, Eugénie, and her husband, Anthony, played the part of Julius. Other members of the cast included Will Dallimore, Ross Davies, Martha Morrey, Jane Neill, Robin Neill, Mellangell Roe-Stevens, Chris Smith, Sandra Sparrow, Terry Sparrow and Tony Spinks. The script was written and produced by Maureen Spinks.

This year's event began with Arthur Sladden serving in France with the Royal Army Medical Corps, George Sladden in France with the Civil Service Rifles and Cyril Sladden with the 9<sup>th</sup> Worcestershire Regiment on the Gallipoli peninsula. Several members of the Sladden family (the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Cyril Sladden) were amongst the audience.

An added bonus this year is that all of the letters may now be viewed in their entirety on our new website: [www.badseysociety.uk](http://www.badseysociety.uk).

If you wish to join The Badsey Society, membership is £5 per person (valid until the end of 2017) – please forward to Tony Wood, Treasurer, or pay via Paypal at <http://www.badsey.net/bsp/subs.htm>.

## Avonbank Band Christmas Concert

at  
St. James Church Badsey  
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## GARDEN MODEL RAILWAY SANTA SPECIALS 2016

Fund Raise for  
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## Rwanda 2016 by Katie Richards

In August, I went on a Girl Guiding UK project to Rwanda with 5 other Girl Guide leaders from the UK. We delivered training sessions at the Girl Guiding HQ (AGR) in Kigali and visited schools within the country.

### Troop Leader Training

Our training sessions with Troop Leaders consisted of looking at how to start a troop in their area; which in Rwanda they do within schools during club time along with how to recruit new members into their troops within the schools by positively speaking about Girl Guiding. We then discussed their fundraising ideas and made action plans of how they can successfully put their ideas into fundraising projects in the future. We spent a morning teaching them about safety and first aid within a guide meeting covering aspects of first aid including cpr, the recovery position, bandages, slings, and animal bites.

### Youth Committee

We spent two days with the AGR Youth Committee where we explored small project designs linked with fundraising creating ideas that included putting on talent shows and competitions. We helped them think about recruitment and retention in different aspects such as local, district, regional and national recruitment drives and how to keep a girl within Girl Guiding once she has finished school and no longer has access to Girl Guiding in club time.

### Schools

Over the 3 weeks on project we visited 8 schools in the country. We visited schools of all ages where we spent time teaching them songs and games that we do in our units back home. The numbers in our sessions range from 50 girls to the whole school taking part which consisted of 200 children! That session was a mixture of 'how loud can 6 Guide leaders shout?' and 'Can you spot all 6 Guide members?' but it was successful and they were all so excited. One afternoon we also visited an SOS Children's village which was an amazing experience to see how happy we made them after spending two hours with them leaving smiles on their faces.

### Onward travel

After project, we stayed in Rwanda and went Gorilla trekking in the Volcanoes National Park Mountains where we were 2m away from the Gorillas in their natural habitat. It took us two hours to walk up the Mountain to find them and then we stayed with

them for an hour before hiking back down. We met the Mufunzo Gorilla group who has lots of cheeky juveniles who were very entertaining and cheeky running past us beating their chests to show off! Within the family there were two one-year-olds and a one-month-old baby who we stood 2m away from in his mother's arms.

I had a brilliant time on my Guiding Overseas Linked with Development (GOLD) project working with over 800 Girl Guiding members and local children! If you would like to find out more, you can find us on Facebook under 'GOLD Rwanda 2016' and read our blogs from project

## Tower News

As I write this, Ringing for 'The Wedding' has not yet taken place.

Robin Walker and team will be doing a pre service ring before going on to The Bell Tower Evesham and Tewkesbury.

Bible Sunday 23rd October Terry Sparrow during Evensong, will be giving a short homily on his Uncle Louis who was killed in action on the Somme.

A special piece of Ringing will also be dedicated to him in recognition of his 10 Peals etc.that were rung for the Worcestershire & Districts Society along with a special prayer, all of which will be recorded on the Bell Ringers 'Roll of Honour' list, held and maintained by The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

It has been brought to notice that two other men from the village also lost their lives on the Somme in the October of 1916 as did the Grandfather of Gordon Hill one of our regular ringers. We offer our strength and thanksgiving in the knowledge of their courage which was given for us in the name of Jesus Christ.

Normally a half muffled peal takes place for 'Armistice' on the eve of the Commemoration but due to ill health and of course the aging factor it may not be possible this year.

As we move forward Christmas will be the time for Celebration where hopefully one of our newest ringers will make their debut

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## Christmas Celebrations-Date for your Diary

Following the success of last year's event the parish council are pleased to announce that they will be organising another Christmas event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. This will include Vale Connection leading carols as well as performing, Badsey First School pupils and Brass Band from Blackminster School. There will also be a visit from Father Christmas! Christmas baubles are now available to purchase from the parish clerk at a cost of £5 per bauble which will be displayed on the village tree, a personal message can be written for all baubles. Trees will again be located at Horsebridge Avenue, Main Street, Aldington and outside The Wheatsheaf pub.

## Horsebridge Goals

Following a number of comments from residents, the new goals at Horsebridge Avenue play area will be changed for goals that are slightly smaller and more suitable.

## New Homes Bonus

A big thank you to the large number of residents that attended the village open evening about new homes bonus projects, these ideas will be considered by the PC. The ideas include: To fence play area at Badsey Rec, provision of toilets on Badsey Rec, Community Orchard,

Community Allotment, Badsey & Aldington Trail and Heritage Orchard.

## Barn Dance

Badsey PC held its first village Barn Dance on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 where 50 residents attended. A great night was had by all including a fish and chip supper. Thanks go to 'The Cats Whiskers' for leading the evening and for the willingness of all the attended to have a go!

## Noticeboard- High Street, Badsey

The noticeboard on High Street near Badsey Butchers is due to be refurbished with new glass, catches and hinges. If you regularly use the noticeboard, please feel free to empty out any out of date posters.

## Overhanging hedges.

Badsey PC have received a number of reports recently about hedges that are overhanging footpaths making walking safely difficult particularly on routes to Badsey First School. Please ensure that if your hedge is overgrown, that it is cut back immediately.

## Badsey Recreation Ground-Dog Poo!

Badsey residents are in the lucky position that they can exercise their dogs freely on the recreation ground.

However, there have been a number of complaints about the increasing amount of dog poo found in the play area where youngsters are playing. Please ensure that you keep an eye on your dog and pick up the poo behind them. - Ed: Dog poo bins are provided!

## Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2016

The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council Meetings are as follows

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

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.

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## Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our November meeting is the final one for 2016. This year we have decided to hold our AGM at the beginning of the meeting, to be followed by our social evening where we enjoy a supper with our fellow members. A copy of next year's programme will also be displayed.

As existing members are aware, our AGM's are praised for their brevity whilst covering all the necessary requirements, so we can look forward to a relaxed and enjoyable time after. We therefore look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 23rd November at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall as usual.

Sue Stayt

## Offenham Floral Art Society

Our next club meeting is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Offenham Village Hall at 7.30pm. The demonstrator will be Mrs Julie Pearce, her demonstration is entitled 'Woodnit be nice'. We always look forward to members and visitors joining us. On 30<sup>th</sup> November we will have Mr Andrew Lloyd and Mr Bob Harris with a demonstration entitled 'An evening of fun and flowers, Oh no it's not!'. Try something different and come along to enjoy an evening with flowers with a Christmas twist.

Mary Clarke

## Did you know...

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### USEFUL NUMBERS

#### Venues

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<u>Badsey Recreation Club</u>	(Sue Evans)	01386 830867
<u>Badsey Church</u>	(Wendy Stafford)	01386 424728
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#### Historical Societies

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#### Organisations

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#### Youth Organisations

<u>1st Badsey Scout Group</u>	(Nichol Brown)	01386 882350
<u>1st Badsey Guides</u>		www.girlguiding.org.uk
<u>Jigsaw</u>	(Wendy Morrey)	01386 831080
jigsaw@ourbenefice.org.uk		

#### Sports, Clubs and Groups

<u>Air Rifle Club</u>	(Ashley Green)	01386 832296
<u>Archery Club</u>	(Ian Trout)	01386 831509
<u>Autogras</u>	(Tony Padfield)	01386 830127
<u>Badsey Cricket Club</u>	(David Powell)	01386 833122
<u>Badsey Rangers FC</u>	(Mick Loram)	01386 832040
<u>Badsey United FC</u>	(Martin Schembri)	07804 921353
<u>Ladies Hockey</u>	(Jane Rickey)	01386 833947
<u>Model Engineering Club</u>	(Peter Merris)	01386 831782
<u>Round Of Gras Cricket Club</u>	(Clive Richards)	01386 832685
<u>Over 60's Friendship Club</u>	(Wendy Neal)	01386 832306
<u>Coronation Street Disabled Club</u>	(Jean Dyke)	01386 830714
<u>Badsey Church Flower Guild</u>	(Hazel Stewart)	01386 832007



Our next meeting will be:-

**Friday 11th November**

**Friday 25th November**

6pm - 7pm

in St James Church

It is free to join Jigsaw. If you would like to join our group please contact me.

More information from Wendy Morrey

Contact details on back page

Check out the Jigsaw Facebook page

[www.ourbenefice.org.uk/jigsaw](http://www.ourbenefice.org.uk/jigsaw)

## Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

It nearly Christmas!!

Here's our offering of films for this month:

FRIDAY 4th November A Walk in the Woods

FRIDAY 18th November A Hundred-Foot Journey

Start at 8pm in the backroom of the Wheatsheaf

Don't forget your cushion!!

Clivey x

## Just A Thought

You can conquer almost any fear if you will only make up your mind to do so. For remember, fear doesn't exist anywhere except in the mind.

— Dale Carnegie