

Community News

Badsey and Aldington

November 2012

Fast Falls The Eventide



The title of this article is with acknowledgement to Dad's favourite Hymn, 'Abide With Me', the soldiers Hymn too.

My father - John Barnard, late of 'Packs House', Brefforton Road, Badsey.

My father's return to his home in Badsey after two years in France (1916-18) as a Battalion runner in the 2nd Worcestershire Regiment was so emotional that for many years he relived the horrors he experienced on the fields of Flanders by going 'over the top' continuously well into his twenties.

Being a market gardener before he was called up, his love of the fields of home was often told to me by Dad when we were in the peace and quiet of our plum orchards. A time that reminded him of the times when the guns fell silent, of the uncanny atmosphere of silence, only an occasional bark of a dog and the squelching of footsteps echoing through the waterlogged trenches.

There were many light-hearted moments thanks to the First World War cartoonist Bruce Bairnsfather, the creator of the moustached character 'Old Bill'. His drawings spoke volumes for the morale of soldiers that almost every night went 'over the top' across fields towards the enemy's barrage of withering fire.

Bruce Bairnsfather spent the last few years of his life in a village near Malvern and it was here at Malvern that Dad died in a nursing home in 1987, so near to the creator of the soldiers best loved character 'Old Bill'.

On leaving Evesham Station on Dad's return from France and Belgium, he turned left on leaving the yard and started walking up Greenhill. He was so unwell that a kind person took charge and walked a short way up the hill with him, pointing Dad in the direction of Knowle Hill and Badsey.

Looking forwards towards Badsey on the crown of Knowle Hill, Dad said 'I'm home and I shall never have to leave here again'.

He never did and like 'Old Bill' he had found a better 'Ole here at the bottom of the lane - Badsey.

Michael Barnard, 2012

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From The Revd Richard Court

Dear All,

This year our Service of Remembrance falls on Armistice Day the 11 November, the day on which the armistice between the Allies of World War I and Germany was signed at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I. The service will be organised by local members of the Royal British Legion, which was formed in 1921 to support the veterans of the Great War, and the annual poppy appeal will be, by now well under way. Preparations are also underway nationally for August 2014 when the world will mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Why should we remember? Why should we stop and think about those events that happened so long ago?

By the end of the First World War there were very few people in the countries that took part who remained unaffected. The war reached out and touched almost everyone's life in some way or other. Children grew up in the shadow of battle, their fathers absent or lost. Women became directly involved, picking up the pieces of industry and agriculture as the men went off to fight. By 1918, they too could join the army and serve their country. Men enlisted, or were called up, in their millions, being sent to fight in places that many had never heard of before. It was a global struggle. Life changed forever. Nothing was ever the same again.

A flavour of the effect on peoples lives was evident if you saw the recent film 'Warhorse'; I had the opportunity to see both the stage production in

London as well as the film version at the Régál in Evesham. I have to admit that I felt the stage play was more emotional but I think that was because of being so close to the actors, but nobody could fail to be affected by either production. Neither however could ever portray the effect of the power unleashed by the then 'modern warfare techniques' which resulted in previously unimagined losses. Over 9 million soldiers died as a result of the fighting. Food shortages, sometimes deliberately inflicted by blockade and sometimes resulting from failed harvests, weakened the people who remained on the home fronts. Nearly 6 million civilians died from disease or starvation. Almost 1 million more were killed as a direct result of military operations. In all, the estimate of the dead resulting from the war stands at over 16 million.

Going back to my original questions - Why should we remember? We need to remember because we all have relatives who were involved in one way or another and many of us have relatives who never returned. Why should we stop and think about those events that happened so long ago? So that with God's help we may be able to work together to stop such a monstrous thing happening again, unfortunately as I look at the conflicts raging around the world at the moment I fear that will never be the case. All we can do is pray for those involved in the current conflicts and give thanks for those who have already given their lives 'we will remember them'.

Richard

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St James' Flower Guild

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1st Sunday: Pat & Sue

2nd Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane (Remembrance Sunday)

3rd Sunday: Sandra & Maureen

4th Sunday: Hazel

Ladies, thank you for the flowers in Church during Harvest. Any queries regarding Church flowers, please contact me.

Hazel Stewart 831007

From The Parish Registers

Baptisms

23 September Lola Grace Hinsey
30 September Sonny Jacob Pearce Hale
30 September Finlay Richard Hall

Church Services

Sunday 4

11.00 am Family Worship

6.30 pm All Souls Service at Badsey

Wednesday 7

10.00 am Eucharist

Sunday 11

10.45 am Remembrance Service

6.30 pm Eucharist

Sunday 18

11.00 am Family Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 25

9.30 am Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 2 December

11.00 am Christingle

6.30 pm Evensong

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



Badsey W.I

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At The end of September we were host to our Autumn Group Meeting when the 11 W.I in our group get together for the evening. We were entertained by a wonderful speaker, Paul Harding from Discover History on the subject of Oak Apple Day. Dressed in costume of the period Paul brought the subject of the Restoration so much to life that you really felt you were part of it. His enthusiasm for the subject together with his deep knowledge and repartee was a joy to listen to. He also brought along photographs/pictures as well as some artefacts to do with that period. We all ran with Charles II after the battle of Worcester in 1651 and hid in the oak tree with Oliver Cromwell's soldiers hard on our heels. A truly remarkable speaker and it would be wonderful if all our children had him as their history teacher. Oak apple day is still being celebrated on 29th May in many parts of the country. In Worcester the railings outside the Guildhall are decorated with oak leaves and there are pageants and other various events commemorating this day.

Following on from this, our speaker at the October meeting spoke on Bess of Hardwick Hall. Again this was a very good speaker who gave us an insight into the life of Bess, or the Countess of Shrewsbury, a rich and well educated young woman for her time. She was married four times, the first to a young man of only 14, same age as Bess herself and then three more times following the death of each of her husbands. (no foul play).

Members had a very enjoyable evening at The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury with the very talented and hilarious Pam Ayres. A super evening, organised by Maureen Davies, which had us all laughing so much and lifting our spirits greatly. Pam Ayres' show was in aid of the Motor Neurone Charity to which she donated every penny of the evening. Some of our members are going on a day's shopping trip to Bath in November whilst others are spending 5 days in Cumbria.

Our skittles team played their first match in

the Group Tournament on October 19th. In the New Year the much larger County Championship Competition will begin. Captain Anne Ellender is looking for more members to join the skittle group so come on ladies give it a go.

If you would like to come along to any of our meetings you will be made most welcome. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm at the Remembrance Hall.

Yvonne Haynes

Badsey Mothers' Union



The Badsey Group

Our speaker in October was Dorothy Knight who was a pharmacist, who has lived in Germany and is the fourth generation of her family to belong to MU. Dorothy is a founder member of The European Forum for Christian Women; who are celebrating their 30th anniversary. Dorothy often visits Belarus as a founder member.

Dorothy's talk focused on the recent conference held in Malvern about Forward Christian Women. This is held every year each time in a different European country. This year the conference was attended by 60-70 women from many European countries. A bishop from Lithuania, spoke about being a member of a minority church. At the conference a book, "Three generations with energy and vision." was launched. Dorothy said meeting many women from Europe made the conference very enjoyable. We saw many photographs of Dorothy's visits to women in Europe.

*Next Meeting Tuesday 13th November when our speaker will be from The Children's Society. We welcome visitors at our meetings.
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4 Round Robin

In October, we were visited by Age (UK) formerly Age Concern. The information at their finger tips is vast and as a group hope that some of their knowledge reach out to all of us in one way or another. It is good to know that they are out there, and help is at hand, for they do a marvellous job and serve the community well.



Next month, it is hoped that U3A (University of the Third Age). will come to talk to us, this is another group that offers so much and they are out there for us to tap into. Something new perhaps to ignite our minds, or just pleasurable exercise without being over the top of our abilities. Somewhere else for us to go and make new friends. I personally use three of their activities and fully enjoy them. Now it is time for you to think of what you could take advantage of, as there is something for everyone. It is amazing how many people use them and yet often when one asks who they are, a blank face appears. Now is the time to put this wrong to right.

Cheryl Mitchell

Parish Council News

Message to Dog Owners.

There have been reports of an increase of dog fouling along the footpaths in Badsey, please can you ensure that you use the bins provided. Also, in the Recreation Ground, please put poo bags in dog bins and not litter bins. They are clearly marked as which is which. A new dog bin is due to be installed at the end of The Furrows, Aldington in the next few weeks. The dog warden will be in this area in October.

Police News.

CSO Schoenrock has advised that there has been 12 crimes in Badsey recently mainly criminal damage and motor vehicle crime but with one house burglary. With the dark nights upon us, he has asked that all residents be extra vigilant and put house lights on earlier in the evening.

Several villages are looking at purchasing another VAS which can be used in Badsey.

Future Parish Council Meetings.

At the Parish Council meeting on 19th September 2012, it was agreed to book the Parish Council Meetings for 2013 on the third Wednesday of each month at Badsey Remembrance Hall except August 2013 when only a Planning Meeting will take place if required.

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The meeting on the 23rd September was about the harvest festival. We talked about how we give thanks to god for the harvest and food that has been brought in and stored for the winter months. Also that we think of all the people who help to provide our food, the farmers and growers, the insects and birds.

We made baskets to put a gift of food, that we could share with the people who are helped by caring hands in the vale. Many of the children came to the service on 7th October with their baskets in which they made their donation.

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Over 60's Friendship Club

In September, our holiday this year took us to sunny (and sometimes showery) Weymouth, although on the whole the weather was kind to us on our trips out. Next September, we head for sunny Scarborough.

Our speaker for the October meeting was Mike Mulcahy from the Evesham Red Cross, who gave us an informative introduction to the history of the Red Cross, and its involvement in the Evesham area during the war years. A collection was made during the afternoon and together with a donation from the club we raised £45.50 for the Red Cross Funds.

Entertainment for our November meeting on the 6th will be a sing-a-long with Billy Davies and on the 22nd of November we are going to Gloucester Quays for a Victorian Market. Anyone wishing to join us for this day out please contact Mary Dore (830879) or Wendy Neal (832306) and they will be made most welcome.

R.B.L.W.S

The September meeting of the Royal British Legion Women's section Badsey Aldington & Wickhamford branch was a week earlier than usual, on Wednesday 19th, when the format of the meeting was Harvest Festival. The vicar of Badsey Richard Court conducted a small but amusing service for the ladies after which the normal business of the monthly meeting continued.

The chairman welcomed Winnie (from Bretforton) as a guest and hoped she would enjoy the evening and possibly join us as a member.

After the Legion news from HQ and County refreshments were served and what could be better than a Ploughman's Supper which had been prepared during the day by committee members. Then came the competition which Richard had stayed on for the evening to judge.

This month the anniversary competition was "Flowers", not only 'live flowers' but flowers in different guises.

The winner was Lynne Clarke with flowers from her wedding cake. It was particularly significant as the day of the meeting was her 32nd anniversary. The centre table that was laden with a wide variety of Harvest produce, provided by the members, was then auctioned. £20.00 from the auction was donated to the church. Thanks were received from the vicar for the donation, and also for the enjoyable evening he had experienced with 'the ladies'. Why not come along and see what we get up to? We know the vicar enjoyed his evening with us!

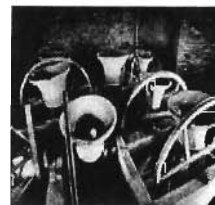
Val Taylor

Tower News

October will have been the month for Harvest Celebrations - hopefully justice can be done for this with the ringers available. Saturday 13th a visiting team from Worcester has asked to use our bells. November will start with All Saints/Souls followed by the bells being rung half muffled for Remembrance Sunday. I am awaiting confirmation from the team who usually ring a Full Peal for this on the Saturday.

Nov: 17th will be the last wedding for this year.

Hilary Bolton



Attention!

I wish to make clear to all that the letter attributed to "Chris Smith of Badsey" in the Evesham Journal dated Thursday October 11th 2012 was not written by myself. As Churchwarden of St James Badsey with Aldington I can report that this letter has and is causing great embarrassment. I have no wish or intention to get involved in the debate started by my namesake's letter and wish to categorically distance myself from it. I am Chris Smith Churchwarden of St James Badsey I have asked the Evesham Journal to make this matter clear especially if the paper receives any more correspondence from the other Mr Smith in future. Thank you. Chris.

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Launch Of The Badsey Society's Latest DVD At The Regal Cinema



The Mayor of Evesham, Councillor Robert Raphael, with the Mayoress, Councillor Mrs Diana Raphael.

On the morning of Monday 1st October, over 150 people came together to view The Badsey Society's launch of its latest DVD, "The Market Gardener", at The Regal Cinema. Included amongst the guests were the Mayor of Evesham, Councillor Robert Raphael, and the Mayoress, Councillor Mrs Diana Raphael, and Wychavon Tourism Officer, Angela Tidmarsh.

The film, which was two years in the making, documents the life of market gardening families in the Vale of Evesham. With the aid of archive footage, interviews and old photographs, the result is an intriguing look at a way of life fast disappearing. The film was masterminded by Aldington-born Will Dallimore, who has been involved with the Society's previous films, and acted as director, editor and narrator for this production. Richard Phillips was the scriptwriter and Valerie Magan and John Dallimore assisted. The film includes several interviews with market gardeners and their families, including 88-year-old George Keen. One of the highlights of the film was the reading of a letter which the schoolboy George Keen had written in 1933 about life in a

market gardening community, when he was a pupil at Badsey Council School; this was one of a series of letters written for the BBC at the instigation of Sir John Russell of the Rothamsted Research Institute in Hertfordshire. Four pupils from Blackminster Middle School provided the voice-overs for the young letter-writers of 1933.

The late Tony Jerram, the first Chairman of The Badsey Society, first suggested the idea of making a film to document the decline in market gardening in the Vale of Evesham. His working title for the film, "The Last Market Gardener", was adopted by the Society for their Heritage Lottery funded project. However, the pessimism first envisaged has not entirely come to pass, so the word "Last" has been omitted from the film title.

The music used in the film was recorded by local quartet, Arioso Winds, which included two Badsey residents, Helen Green and Philippa Tennant. The production of the film has been made possible by means of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Copies of the DVD are available at The Spar, price £6.



"The Market Gardener" DVD with artwork by Michael Barnard

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Maureen Spinks

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Wickhamford Gardening Club

The meeting for this month is scheduled for
Wednesday 28th November 2012 at 7.30 pm in the
Memorial Hall and is the Social Evening. This is the
last meeting of the Club until January 2013.

For further information please contact committee
members.

Sue Stayt

Wheatsheaf Film Club

Luvvies

Please note the new dates for film club due to
events at the Wheatsheaf

Saturday 3rd November Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Saturday 8th December How to train your Dragon

Saturday 5th January Moonrise Kingdom

Clive
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Just A Thought

"Happiness is the object and design of our
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the path that leads to it; and this path is virtue,
uprightness, faithfulness, holiness, and keeping all
the commandments of God."

Joseph Smith Jr.