

# Happy New Year Community News Badsey and Aldington

January 2013

## The Badsey Society's New Archive Website



(Top left) Presentation to Project Manager, Maureen Spinks, by Robin Neill.

(Top right) Archives Manager, Jane Neill, and Website Designer, Will Phillips, show Steve and Gill Woods the new archive website.

(Bottom left) Tom Locke, John Dallimore and Linda Core watch as Richard Phillips demonstrates use of the website on the Society's new iPad.

On a bitterly cold evening at the beginning of December, The Badsey Society's new archive and museum website was launched at Badsey First School. Linda Core played the piano to welcome people to the event, whilst Richard Phillips began proceedings with an illustrated talk about the various things which had taken place in "The Last Market Gardener Project" funded by Heritage Lottery Fund. The culmination of the project was the launch of the new website,

[www.archive.badsey.net](http://www.archive.badsey.net)

The website catalogues every single item in The Badsey Society's growing museum, archive and library collection. Maureen Spinks gave an illustrated talk entitled "A History of Badsey in 100 Objects", showcasing a number of the more fascinating items from the collection. After the talks, members browsed the exhibition and had the opportunity to look at the website on the school's computers and on the Society's new iPads. Why not check out the archive for yourself and see what you discover!

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## 2 Letter For The Month

## From The Revd Richard Court

Dear All,

Another New Year is upon us and you could be forgiven for thinking 'so what is there to look forward to?' If we look round at all that is going on there seems to be little to be joyful about, Christmas is over (only the credit card bills to look forward to now); we are in winter with several months to go before the clocks are changed again; even by the governments own admission the economy is not doing what they had hoped (or should that be planned?). On the face of it (and put like this) there is very little to look forward to, but my comments above are very much those of a pessimist with a half empty glass. Part of our Christian belief is that of having hope and that hope is a Christian hope; St Paul while writing to the people in Rome said this. 'For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.' If (hope) is one of three Christian virtues (the other two being faith and charity).

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### Church Services

#### Sunday 6

11.00 am Family Worship for Palm Sunday  
6.30 pm Evensong

#### Sunday 13

11.00 am Praise and Worship  
6.30 pm Eucharist

#### Sunday 20

11.00 am Family Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong

#### Sunday 27

9.30 am Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong

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

There will NOT BE a monthly Eucharist service on the  
FIRST Wednesday in January at 10.00 at Badsey



It seems at times that we wait for ever and we do so with the most patience that we can muster but it does test our faith – our faith in one another, our faith in those in authority and our faith in God. Having touched on the first two virtues it leaves us with charity (sometimes referred to as love although the word love does not do it justice). Charity is held to be the ultimate perfection of the human spirit, because it is said to both glorify and reflect the nature of God.

Therefore as we move forwards uncertainly into 2013 let us do so in faith, hope and charity. Faith in a living God who loves us so much that he sent his son to be our saviour (the real reason we celebrated Christmas). Hope – being confident in God's great goodness to us all, and with charity, which, according to Thomas Aquinas (a 13<sup>th</sup> century theologian and philosopher), is an absolute requirement for happiness, which he holds as mankind's last goal.

*Richard*

### From The Parish Registers

#### Baptisms

9 Nov Aaron Henry Oldfield

#### Funeral Services

19 Nov Alec Maurice Ambrose  
23 Nov Carol Patricia Higginson

#### Holy Matrimony

17 Nov Dylan Free Sullivan & Elise Christine Anderson

### St James' Flower Guild

#### Rota

1st Sunday: Hazel & Hazel  
2nd Sunday: Sandra & Maureen  
3rd Sunday: Mary, Avril & Jane  
4th Sunday: Yvonne & Stephanie

Ladies, thank you for the flowers you have provided for the Church during 2012, it always looks lovely, and also for the Christmas arrangements. I know it will look beautiful as always, (this goes to press before we have decorated the Church). I wish all of my team a very happy New Year and many thanks for all your support. For donations I have received for flowers, thank you.

Any queries regarding Church flowers please contact me.

*Hazel Stewart 832007*

# Round Robin

Happy New Year to all our readers from the Round Robin group.



Having enjoyed the background of the U3A at our last meeting, it certainly was interesting what new things we could learn by joining in another group and the friendships that could be made. I enjoy most of the activities myself and gain a lot out of what I undertake. There are groups for everyone of all abilities and what there is not, well how about starting one off from scratch with the back up of the U3A.

I had somewhat of a nervous time at our meeting in November as I was due an addition to my household of the four legged variety. Thankfully our meeting went off without a hitch as the event did not take place until the early hours of Saturday morning. By the time this hits the printers my numbers will have increased by four. It will certainly add to the entertainment over the next couple of months whilst they remain with me! Mum and kittens are doing well.

By request we have a quiz set for January and in February something on religion, again something different and agreed by the group to try. Suggestions for topics are welcome as long as it is something we can find someone to address, if not my thinking cap goes on to find a way around it. All are welcome to the group, you do not need a calling card, just arrive!

The Round Robin Group now have an email address they can be contacted on:  
roundrobins@ourbenefice.org.uk  
*Cheryl Mitchell*

What is a cow's favourite day?  
*Moo-years Day!*

How does Jack Frost travel?  
*By icicle!*

# St James Social Committee 3

Would like to thank all those who supported our quiz night. We had the largest number of teams ever, so much so we ran out of tables! However, a good time was had by all and the fish and chips made for a tasty interval. A sum of £250.00 was raised of which 50% went to Badsey Royal British Legion Club and the other 50% to the Church.

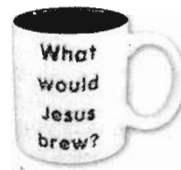
The Harvest Supper in October was also a successful and enjoyable event, again a big thank you to all who came and supported us in so many ways. Special thanks to Chris Smith, Brian Smith and Sandra Sparrow for all their invaluable help on the day. The good hearted people of Badsey and surrounding villages who support our social events make them the success they usually are, without your support they would not take place, so once again a very big thank you to you all.

The Social Committee of Chris, Hazel, Maureen, Wendy and Yvonne wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New year and hope we will see you all at our events in 2013.

At the time of writing we have not had our Christmas Avonbank Brass Band Concert but I hope all who attended had a super night with a nice start to Christmas.

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The ladies of the Royal British Legion Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford branch held their monthly meeting on 28th November. The 'Legion official business' was soon dealt with as there was no correspondence.

It was reported that the branch has raised enough money to buy a new Women's section standard but fund raising still needs to carry on as there will be the ceremony of 'The Laying up of the old standard' that will need funding. To this end a Fashion Show by Bon Marche was held on 5th December. Our standard bearer Jackie Emms takes it out on numerous occasions, and recently she was on parade through the village from the Legion Club to the Church on Remembrance Sunday, you may even have seen her, and realised what a great asset she is to the women's section. The following Sunday, she attended the service of Remembrance at St Peters Church, Bengeworth. The Worcestershire County Conference once again said the Badsey standard was 'on parade'. As the County chairman's husband has recently died, Jackie will once again do the honour of being there with our standard. Thank you to all those who have donated to our new standard.

It is always an honour for the Legion to see so many youth organisations in the village on parade on Remembrance Sunday, such a shame they are so young as the Women's section could do with new members, particularly younger ones as we are all getting that much older each year. I'm sure there are some ladies in the area who would enjoy a social evening out. Although we 'do the Legion business', we also have an enjoyable evening. Why not give us a try?

In last months report I made a 'bit of a mistake', sometimes I do this on purpose to see if anyone reads my report! Yes I know some do as the mistake was that Lynne Clarke had been married thirty-two years when in actual fact it is forty-two. Wishing you all a Healthy New Year. Val Taylor

## Badsey Mothers' Union

### The Badsey Group

We had a happy afternoon singing carols, listening to a variety of enjoyable readings, and finishing with a feast of tea and cakes to celebrate Christmas.

We have a packed programme for 2013. We welcome visitors to our meetings held at 2-30 pm in Badsey Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Mothers Union is a worldwide organisation based around prayer and a concern for family life.

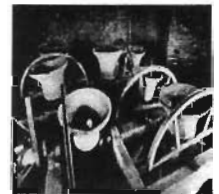
Future dates:

Lent Lunches will be held in each of our churches  
19 February Badsey,  
5 March Brefforton  
19 March Offenham  
Further details next month.

Contact Penny Christison 830367  
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### Tower News

Welcome to 2013 - starting with greeting the new year with ringing around mid day. This will be solely reliant upon the health of the ringers at the time as there is so few of us.



Did you know all members of our band are past retirement age? We were young once!

It would be good if we could encourage some younger people to come and join us. We are here on Monday nights except for bank holidays.

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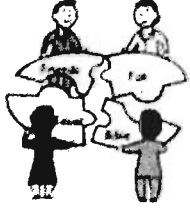
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# Jigsaw



Our December meeting was all about advent. We had a story about the angel - meeting Mary, telling her she would have a baby and she should call him Jesus. We talked about the advent candles in church. The children made an advent

calendar to be opened each Sunday during advent. On each Sunday a scroll is unrolled on which a kindness task is to be done. It also contains a sweet.

Christmas Jigsaw saw many children come together to listen to a Christmas story. The story focused on the animals, the donkey, the ox, a cockerel and a robin all who had a part to play in God's kingdom. We then made lots of Christmas crafts and took home a bag full of very artistic creations!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make such an enjoyable afternoon for the children.

Our next meeting will be on January 27th 2013  
11.00 am - 12.00 pm  
at  
St James Church, Badsey.

## Quiz Night

Sat 24 Nov - Wheatsheaf Inn

As you all know, the purpose of the evening (apart from having some fun) was to raise funds for a new professional vacuum cleaner for the Church; the existing one having well exceeded its useful life. A round sum of £300.00 was set as the target, cost price of vacuum being £298.00.

The PCC offered to put the money up front and by shopping on line were able to purchase the cleaner and a set of spare bags for £263.52.

The quiz night, thanks to the tremendous amount of

support received, raised the total amount of £312.22, covering the cost of the cleaner and adding a small sum to church funds. £11.00 being donated to the RBL poppy fund.

Sincere thanks to the Wheatsheaf Inn - especially Graham, Kate and, Peter the chef for all their help and support.

To Allan and Sheila Tutton for their expertise and hard work in compiling the questions, running the quiz and providing an extra round with a special prize of a bottle of brandy donated by them.  
To the donors - Hand quilted cushion.  
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Laithwaites Wines - Two bottles of wine.  
Wheatsheaf Inn - £20.00 voucher.  
Handsom Boats - Family ticket for boat trip.  
Badsey Butchers - £10.00 meat voucher  
Spar Badsey - Bottle of wine.  
Cotswold Garden Flowers - Flowering plant.  
Thanks also to Barbara Bennett and Gordon Hill who each donated £10.00 as they could not attend due to prior commitments.  
Tom Sandham, who donated the boat trip - won it! - changed it into a days hire of a motor boat worth £80.00. This was auctioned and raised £55.00 - thank you Tom, and also Rosemary who outbid all comers.

Last but by no means least a big thank you to all of you who came along to the event and to everyone who bought raffle tickets.

A great time was had by all.

Once again, many thanks to everyone.

*Tim and Carol Pinner.*

## Did You Know...?

The most commonly sung song for English-speakers on New Year's eve, "Auld Lang Syne" is an old Scottish song that was first published by the poet Robert Burns in the 1796 edition of the book, Scots Musical Museum.

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## 6 An Invitation To Take Vocaltonic

Evesham based singing group 'Vocaltonic' is starting rehearsals in January with the aim of providing a fun and upbeat environment in which to socialise and sing a wide range of contemporary music in four part harmony.



Vocaltonic co-founder  
Sue Barnes

Although Vocaltonic sing in harmony, members do not need to be able to read music. A good ear and plenty of enthusiasm is all that is required. Working with the current movement towards singing for pure enjoyment, one of the main aims is to have fun and make this social event one of the highlights of the week. Members of Vocaltonic can expect to take part in public performances, when they will be able to show off their skills, share the music that they have created and raise money for local charities.

Vocaltonic is for men and women, and a warm invitation is extended to men who enjoy singing to come along and add their voices to give a most necessary depth to the blend.

Co-founders Sue Barnes and Clive Stubbs are both established musicians and have many years experience of performing in choirs, orchestras, ensembles and rock bands. Although they share a musical background, they also provide complementary skills with Sue specialising in teaching and rehearsing and Clive specialising in music production and the technical side of live performance. They hope that Vocaltonic will provide the platform for all the members to have fun and realise their own potential as performers.

Rehearsals start on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013, from 7-9 pm at Badsey Community and Sports Club. More information is available on the Vocaltonic website at

[www.vocaltonic.co.uk](http://www.vocaltonic.co.uk)  
or by phoning 07572 354 642.

Anyone interested in joining the vocaltonic team will be very welcome, and is encouraged to make contact as early as possible either by telephone or via the website.

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## Junior Choir

We are now beginning a new year with the Junior Choir, with lots of new things to do and sing.

Any child wishing to join us, please come along to a practice held on a Monday night at Badsey Church.

5 pm - 6 pm for ages approximately 6 years upwards.

Alternatively, ring Sally Mitchell on 01386 834733

Restart January 14th

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## Brownie Holiday

I loved the Brownie holiday! My favourite bit was when we did the challenges for Charlie to find his lost golden ticket and my favourite activity was when we drew the person opposite us. I loved very much the meals we had. My favourite activity that was not in the challenge to find the golden ticket was when we performed 'Charlie And The Chocolate Factory' to the leaders.

*Charlotte Millar*

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# Parish Council News

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## Notice Board- Aldington

The left hand door of the notice board has been blown off in recent bad storms and taken away for repair. Thank you to residents who called to report that the lock had broken and the door was open.

## Community Recognition Awards

Badsey Parish Council will be nominating and voting at the December PC meeting a resident for the above award and submitting the nomination to Wychavon by 6th January 2013.

## New Homes Bonus

The Parish Council are due to receive the total cheque under this scheme for projects approved in Badsey shortly. Projects can then get underway of the next few months. Badsey & Aldington Parish Council were commended by Wychavon for the process and hard work that they had put into this scheme and the excellent projects supported.

## Parish Lighting

The maintenance and servicing of street lights is due to change with effect from 1st January 2013. If you need to report a fault, this can still be done via the Parish Clerk (details below), by telephoning County Contact Centre on 0800 137352 or email [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/streetlighting](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/streetlighting).

## Highways Forum

Due to bad weather, Roy Fullee from County Highways was unable to attend the PC meeting on 21st November 2012. He will now attend on Wednesday 16th January 2013. All residents are welcome to attend Public Forum to raise questions to Roy relating to general Highways issues.

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council wish everyone a peaceful and healthy new year.

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## Toilet and Kitchen Facilities

Apologies that nothing appeared in the December Magazine but I missed the editorial deadline.

Following on from the information published in the October Community News work is still in progress on the draft plans for the toilet and kitchen facilities in church. Once the Parochial Church Council has a copy of the Proposed Draft Plan it will be displayed in church. An open meeting has been planned for Wednesday 23 January 2013 at 7.30 pm in church to give anyone who so wishes the opportunity to make comments whilst still in the planning stage. The architect will be available at the meeting to receive comments and answer questions.

Richard Court

## From Your Church Website:

Recently we have given

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a spring clean. But you can still get all the latest information on services and events from the site, plus a full list of contacts for the church. We continue to maintain 'Fridge Dates' our rolling diary of local events. It contains all up and coming events locally (not just church ones) that we know about. If you would like your event added to the list then please contact us. Those who help out on Sunday's can now find a copy of the current rota on the website, simply click on 'Badsey' and then click 'Our Rota' at the bottom of the page. It will be updated accordingly - if you would like to print your own at home rather than us leave a copy in church for you, then please let us know.

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*Ralph & Liz Bolland*

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## Over 60's Friendship Club

Our November visit to the Gloucester Quays Victorian Market proved to be a successful days outing, and we managed to avoid the rain although it was somewhat blustery at times. There were over 100 stalls selling everything from arts and crafts to food and medieval home made mead, entertainment was provided by various folk groups throughout the day.

For the December meeting Linda Core provided the entertainment by playing a selection of Christmas Carols, afterwards we enjoyed mince pies and tea followed by a raffle of numerous prizes.

Mary, Wendy and Mike would like to thank all members for the lovely flowers and the mug and sample whisky for Mike.

After a short visit to Banbury, our Christmas meal this year was at the Wobbly Wheel nr. Banbury. Unfortunately due to the first Tuesday falling on New Years Day there will be no meeting in January 2013.

May we take this opportunity to wish all readers and villagers a very happy and prosperous new year.

*Wendy*

## Just A Thought

'Each age has deemed the new-born year  
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*Walter Scott*

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