

THE BADSWORTH BUGLE

News From Around The Village

Badsworth Way

OBW is not currently being published. Ongoing issues between the Village Plan Committee and the Parish Council means that until they are resolved the Village is in limbo.

To make sure there is a printed newsletter, Badsworth Social Group will do what it can to fill the void. Stay tuned.

Parish Council Picking Up

Following the council elections the new councillors are starting to make headway. Big news on this front is that dog poo bags are coming back, hoorah! Last month the PC held a coffee morning to find out what people want most from the council. What would you like to see on their agenda? Let us know.

New Well-being Group

Starting Wednesday 10th January, Diane Taylor-West and Vicky Wong are launching a well-being group. The group will be based at the Lawson Hut every fortnight 10am-12pm.

Everyone is welcome and no booking required. Come along for a free cuppa and a chat and try out a complimentary therapy while you're there.

St Mary's Church



During December, all around us we see the festive excitement growing. Some shops, of course, have been building up our hopes since October, but in the last few weeks of the year, most of us are caught up in the mounting expectation of the coming holiday and celebration of Christmas. And wonderful though

Christmas is, I enjoy the build-up more.

The Church calls this season Advent and it is meant to be a mysterious time of hoping and waiting – remembering the anniversary of Christ's birth. Its liturgical colour is either purple or dark blue, and if I were ever to design some Advent vestments, I'd choose a fabric that was similar in colour to the evening sky, just after the sun has disappeared beneath the horizon on a cold, clear December night. There was just such a time this week, as I stood outside St Mary's. The quiet, still, late afternoon had a wonderful magnificence about it, just as inspiring as the warm and bright celebration which is to come.

In our daily lives, most of us find waiting at best inconvenient, and at worst extremely stressful. We are not a people in captivity and we don't suffer the same oppression that the Bible describes and into which Jesus was born, but we do live in troubled times and many in our world live in poverty, uncertainty or in terrible fear. So a bit of waiting and preparing patiently won't do us any harm – we may even reflect on those in our world who suffer and

count our blessings. And Christmas will arrive and we will be reminded of Jesus' birth as we enjoy the feast with those we love. I wish you a very happy Christmas and may 2024 bring peace to you all. **Rev'd Karen Young**.

Lawson Hut's Christmas Makeover

Our much loved community hub has been getting some TLC. As well as a freshly painted exterior and new curtains, some important refurbishments have taken place. This includes new electrical wiring and an improved heating system.

All the hard work paid off when the village celebrated the Christmas lights switch on with its new tree being lit up by members of the village school council.



Badsworth School

Children in Need



This year, to mark Children in Need, we decided to support local children who may be in need. The School Council wrote to Pontefract Community Kitchen to see if they would like support with their Christmas Present Appeal and invited them into school to lead a collective worship on the work they do at the Community Kitchen.

It was agreed that children would donate a gift for a child or make a £1 donation for attending school wearing something yellow or spotty. The Community Kitchen were overwhelmed with the generous donations they received from school and they will go towards making Christmas special for many local children.

Christmas in School

Christmas is always a busy time in schools and Badsworth is no exception. Christmas started by holding the School Fayre. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was very well supported by the village and school community.

Our Parent Association, FOBS, organised an Early Years and Key Stage 1 Story Night where the children heard Christmas stories, made a Christmas craft whilst enjoying hot chocolate, toast

and crumpets. They even received a visit from 'the main man' himself where they entertained him by singing Christmas songs. Our Key Stage 2 children will enjoy Film Night where they watch a Christmas Film.

The School Choir are singing at St. Mary's Carol Service on Sunday 10th December at 4pm and the Year 6 Collective Worship Group will be contributing to the service by delivering a Bible reading to the congregation.



Our nativity this year is 'Whoops-a-daisy Angel', the EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are busy rehearsing their lines and songs ready to perform to their families next week.

The Rogerthorpe Manor have, once again, very kindly offered to host our whole school Christmas Party. The children will enjoy the afternoon of dancing and playing party games.

Our Key Stage 2 children are busy rehearsing for their Christingle Service. Year 3 and 4 retell the Christmas story and remind us of the important work of the Children's Society. For one of our songs, the Year 6 children have their Christingles lit while we sing by candlelight.

Badsworth Really Has Got Talent



Badsworth Social Group's first talent night got off to an amazing start, raising over £500 for local charity Piper's Pathway. Around 50 people came to support our own local stars and those from further afield. Local businesses including Ash's Balti and Refill and More donated prizes and others including Rogerthorpe Manor made direct donations to the charity.

After a fun filled evening of music and entertainment our very own Neil Jakeman became BGT's winner. With some classic Elvis Presley songs. Thanks to everyone who supported this fantastic event.

Badsworth Calendar

There is still time to get a copy of the 2024 Badsworth Calendar. Whilst current stock has almost sold out, another print run is possible if we get at least 10 orders.



£10 each

Contact Jonathan 07432 048433 or badsworthsocial@gmail.com

Badsworth Social Group

Badsworth Social group run a number of events throughout the year. Look out for curry night, Friday fish night, wine tasting, Badsworth's Got Talent and many more. Check the village notice boards or email badsworthsocial@gmail.com for more information.

Disparate Housewives

Get ready for 2024 and a new calendar of events. In the last Year Disparate Housewives have gathered together to enjoy

- Wreath making
- 60s night
- Gin tasting
- Darts & dominoes
- Die in and roll home

New faces are always welcome, bring your own drinks and DH will provide the snacks and the fun

Tina Atkinson 07792 728060

What's on in Badsworth

Mondays

10.00 Beginners and back to basics yoga, Hall Farm Barn

6.00 All About Eve Dance Academy, Lawson Hut. Eve 07977740471

Tuesdays

10.00 Slow Flow Yoga, Hall Farm Barn

11.30 Craft Club, Hall Farm Barn

6.00 Group meditation, Hall Farm Barn

Wednesdays

10.00 Well-being Hub, Lawson Hut (from 10/01/2024)

6.00 Hatha Yoga, Lawson Hut. Meg 07511 897690

Thursdays

5.30 Barre Pilates, Hall Farm Barn

6.30 Rest and restore Yoga, Hall Farm Barn

6.30. Taekwondo, Lawson Hut. Richard 07947 279715

Sundays

10.00 Spanish lessons, Lawson Hut. Ellen 07500 732813

Monthly

Last Tuesday, 7.00 Quiz Night, Lawson Hut Jonathan 07432 048433 (from Jan 2024)

3rd Wednesday, 7.30 Parish council, Lawson Hut.

Last Friday, 7.15 Film Club, Lawson Hut. John 07485 095544

Third Friday, 7.15, Disparate Housewives, Lawson Hut. Tina 07792 728060

1st Wednesday, 6.00 Man Club, Hall Farm Barn. Dean

Badsworth Film Club

22nd December, 7.15pm, Lawson Hut
Scrooged 1988. A darkly comic take on the Dickens classic.
Free entry, mulled wine and mince pies.

