

# Our Badsworth Way

Issue 13. December 2019



Welcome to the 13th issue of our village newsletter. Our first issue came out in December 2017 and yet it seems like only yesterday. Hopefully you will find the content to be both interesting and useful. The purpose of the newsletter has always been to help keep people connected and feeling part of the community. If you have news or views you want to include in future issues please contact the editor.

Contact details and dates for future contributions are highlighted on the back cover.

# LITTLE NOTION

Yoga . Movement . Wellness

Always wanted to try Yoga and need some calm in your life?

Why not give it a go in a friendly, non-judgemental class? Every Monday at St Mary's Centre, Badsworth.

Village Yoga

6.00pm - 7.00pm - Yoga For All

7.15pm - 8.00pm - Power Yoga

Classes £6

Call Jess on 07947 331980 or book online & check out our other classes via our website [www.littlenotionyoga.com](http://www.littlenotionyoga.com), or check us out on Facebook - Little Notion Yoga



We provide a classic afternoon tea service delivered to your door. Our menus include a selection of finger sandwiches, savouries, homemade scones, desserts and delicious homemade cakes (as supplied to The Spread, Darrington). Vintage crockery and cake stands all included to make your occasion extra special.

Perfect for all occasions including birthdays, anniversaries, baby showers and funeral teas. We also offer a crockery only hire service.

Please see our website for further details: [www.teapotsandtreats.co.uk](http://www.teapotsandtreats.co.uk)

 Follow us on Facebook.

For enquiries please contact:

Trish Hill 07985 386877 or Michelle Wraith 07921 568728

# Church News

## Church Services in December

Church services are continuing as normal despite the lack of permanent priest at the moment. The list of services to early January is as follows (please note there may be some changes to visiting priests):

Sunday 1 December – joint service at North Elmsall

Sunday 8 December – 10.30am – Revd. John Flack

Sunday 15 December – 10.30am – Revd. Sue Rose

Sunday 22 December – 10.30am – Revd. John Flack

Tuesday 24 December – 11.00pm – Midnight Mass with Revd. Rod Walker

Wednesday 25 December – 10.00am – Revd. John Lawson

Sunday 29 December – 10.30am – Revd. Michael Croft

Sunday 5 January 2020 – 10.30am – Revd. John Bird



## Carol Service – Sunday 15 December



This year's church carol service will be held on the evening of Sunday 15 December starting at 6.30pm. The format is similar to last year with mainly carols plus a few readings. All are welcome and it would be lovely to see the church full.

## Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair at St Mary's Centre on Saturday 23 November raised £707 for the Church. These funds will be very welcome as the building is in need of considerable work, as well as its ongoing costs. The amount raised is less than last year although the wet weather didn't help. Many thanks to all those who braved the elements and helped raise much needed funds.



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# School News

The children at school have been involved in lots of exciting events and activities this half term. To help the children understand more about Remembrance Day we had a visitor from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) honours the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars and ensures they will never be forgotten. The older children learned about the history of the Commonwealth War Grave Commission and the



important part it has played over the years to remember the men and women who had died. The younger children learned about the importance of the poppy ready for our Remembrance Service in church on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Following the assemblies our Year 6 children worked on Chromebooks to learn about the local people who were named on the plaque in church.

To mark annual 'Anti-Bullying Week' the school council organised a 'wear odd socks' day as an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! It was great to see so many children and staff wearing odd socks to mark the day. The School Council also planned and led a whole school collective worship to think about how we can all make mistakes and forgive others and linked this to the story of Zacharus from the Bible.



For Children in Need the School Council also planned something different to raise money for the children's charity. Instead of our typical non-uniform day or wear something spotty day the children organised a 'Bring and Buy' sale. Children donated their unwanted toys, clothes or

books and they bought something different for £1. Altogether we raised £207 for Children in Need.

To raise money for Friends of Badsworth School (FOBS) we held a 'Copper Trail' competition in school. Each class had to collect copper and the class with the longest trail got to keep that amount of money to purchase something for their classroom. Each class did amazingly well but the winning class was Foundation Stage who raised over £100. Together the children raised £320.

On Saturday 23 November, alongside St. Mary's Church we held our annual Christmas Fair. There was an excellent turnout of people who enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit. FOBS organised a number of stalls including its very own Secret Christmas Shop. Here children could go and purchase a gift for an adult and a member of FOBS would wrap up the gift while the child decorated the tags. This year there were a number of different independent stalls ranging from homemade jams and chutneys, to scented room diffusers and melts, Osbourne Books and Temple Spa as well as many more. Each class made a craft to sell on the school stall which ranged from Santa Stop here signs, to Santa sacks to decorated pine cones. The stall was very well supported and raised over £220.



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**Creating an environment in which we 'CARE'  
Consider and respect everyone as Jesus taught us.**

# News, Activities & Events

## Coffee Morning – St Mary’s Centre – Saturday 7 December

The monthly coffee morning will be held slightly earlier than usual in December and will be on Sat 7 December. The timings are the same, 10.30am to 12 noon and there will be a Christmas theme with mince pies, Christmas cake and so on. There will be the usual raffle as well as sale of cakes and scones and a bring and buy stall with books and other items.



**Please note the January coffee morning will NOT take place as it’s so soon after Christmas. The first one of 2020 will be 8 February.**

## Village Plan Committee – Your Village Needs You!

The Village Plan Committee is looking for additional members or support. We will soon be in the New Year and will have new challenges ahead of us in 2020. The committee meets once a month and the agenda can be quite varied, covering many different projects or social events.

In particular, one of the areas in which we are looking for additional support is managing and updating our village website. If you have any experience, or simply an interest in getting involved, and you have some spare time, please get in touch with us.

If you would like to be more involved in shaping Badsworth, or want to find out more, then please contact Andrew Betteridge on 07815 960264 or via email: [andrew.71.b@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.71.b@gmail.com)



## Christmas Fair – Ackworth Community Library – Saturday 14 December

The library will be hosting its Christmas Fair from 9am to 12 noon on Saturday 14 December at their Bell Lane premises in Ackworth. There will be refreshments, stalls, games and crafts. Children can also meet Santa (£3 per child). All proceeds help keep the library open and serving the local community.

# News, Activities & Events

## Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On – 6pm, Friday 13 December

In a change to previous years, the annual Christmas tree lights switch-on will be held this year at 6pm on Friday 13 December **around the Yew tree in the churchyard.**

The event will begin at 6pm at the tree and will be followed immediately by carols and Christmas songs in St Mary's Church, including the church choir.

Light refreshments will be available in the church and everyone is welcome.



## Badsworth: *A village through time*

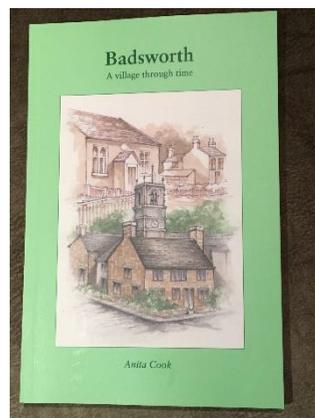
Many thanks to all those who have already purchased a copy of this new book which provides an insight in to the life of the village over a thousand-year period. It looks at the people, institutions and buildings which have helped to shape the village and influence the lives of its inhabitants. Changes in the village are illustrated by over one hundred pictures.

Whether you are a long-standing resident, or a newcomer to the village, there is something in the book that I think you will find of interest and my intention has been to make the book quite informal, anecdotal and thought provoking.

The book has been selling well, and feedback has been extremely positive, so don't delay if you want to secure a copy. The cost, per book, is £10 and all profits will be split between:

- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Yorkshire Air Ambulance
- Prince of Wales Hospice
- Badsworth Church restoration.

**If you would like a copy please contact the author, Anita Cook. Email: [acook3043@gmail.com](mailto:acook3043@gmail.com) or tel: 07715 748656 or 01977 651521**



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## Film Night – Friday 6 December

The December film show of the Badsworth Cinema Club has been brought forward to Friday 6 December. The film will be the 1947 classic 'It's a Wonderful Life' starring James Stewart. Door open at 7.15pm for a 7.30 start. Entry is free but donations are welcome. If you would like to watch this heart-warming Christmas classic then please contact Ann or Barrie Slinger on 644853.



## Disparate Housewives

Disparate Housewives was founded eight years ago by a handful of women from the communities of Badsworth and Thorpe Audlin.

The idea originally arose when it became obvious that the children that bound us together as friends in the local Mums and Toddler group were growing up and that we would no longer be able to meet in the same way. We formed a group and discussed alternative ways of getting together with the emphasis being on the needs of local women, this time, rather than their children.

We wanted to create a support network of friendship between women of all ages in our community. A monthly event where we could connect with old friends and make new ones.

All of us knew how easy it was for women in the community to become isolated and cut off from their neighbours because of personal circumstances or simply the pace of life. Most importantly, we wanted to have fun! This was our time!

The result was Disparate Housewives. We are disparate but many of us work. We are a lively group of local women of all ages with many talents between us! We love to meet new people and welcome new members with enthusiasm! Our monthly events are varied and always entertaining. They have included wine and gin tasting, dancing, meditation, bath bomb making, pottery, flower arranging, craft fairs, quizzes and Indian head massage to name a few.

We meet on the third Friday of every month at 8 o'clock at the Lawson Hut in Badsworth. For further information please contact Rebecca Mill on 07714 572190.



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## Christmas Events

Our inaugural Christmas Fayre will take place from 10.30am to 4.00pm on Sunday 1 December and Monday 2 December. We have lots of stalls so do come along and take a look at what's on offer.

Carol Singing event on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in aid of The Prince of Wales Hospice – adult tickets £10 each & children £5 under 16yrs. Enjoy an evening of festive cheer for all the family including mulled wine/soft drinks & mince pies – arrivals 6.30pm. Tickets available to purchase over the telephone on 01977 643839, at our main reception or at The Prince of Wales Hospice on Halfpenny Lane, Pontefract.

Jacobean Pub – New Festive Menu will begin on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November until Christmas Eve all day & evening Monday – Saturday inclusive, £11.95 for 2 courses and £14.95 for 3 courses.

Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 12.00 – 2.00pm, all the family welcome! Tickets include disco, party games, lunch, soft drink & Santa with a selection box each, wear your best party outfit! £12.50 per child / £2.50 per adult Including tea or coffee & mince pie. Call today to book on 01977 643839.

We do still have limited availability over the festive period if you wish to book for Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve or one of our fantastic Party Nights!

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas & very happy New Year from all the team!

# Charity Fundraising Update

We promised a full update on Dean Parkin's challenge to trek to Mount Everest Base Camp in aid of Versus Arthritis and are pleased to say Dean has given us the following report. Well done Dean!



"I did it.

A massive thank you to everyone who sponsored me. With your help I've managed to raise £2,361 and with gift aid the total will be £2,840 for Versus Arthritis.

It took 8 days of trekking to reach base camp at a height of 5,364 metres and 3 days back down to catch the flight from Lukla to Kathmandu. The airport at Lukla is one of the most dangerous airports in the world, definitely an experience.



The second day of trekking took us along the glacier fed Dudh Kosi River crossing it a number of times on wire bridges. The highest of these being the Hillary Bridge which is 300m above the river. After entering the Sagarmatha National Park early afternoon we arrived at Namche which is at 3449m.



On the fourth day we trekked for 8 hours to Deboche passing a small Stupa built by Tenzing Norgay's son and visiting a monastery in Tengboche. At this stage of the trek we were advised not to eat meat and stick to a vegetarian diet. The teahouses we were staying in now were charging for showers getting progressively more expensive as we climbed higher, they started at £2 going up to £8. During the night we all heard rats running around inside the cavity walls, luckily, we never saw them.

On day seven we trekked to Lobuche which is at 4910m. At this altitude the vegetation had changed to become very barren from the pine trees that were lower down on the first few days. During the day we passed the world's highest bakery at 4930m but didn't have time to stop for coffee and cake.

# Mt Everest Base Camp Trek



Day eight was the big day we had all be looking forward to. This started early as we had 10 hours of trekking ahead of us. We arrived at base camp during the afternoon and what a sense of achievement we all felt. By this time, we were all really tired but had another 2 hours back to our teahouse for the night.

On day nine we were given the option to climb even higher to the peak of Kala Patthar at 5,550m. Only 3 of us decided to do this, we had to be up by 3.30am so we could see the sunrise behind Everest once we got to the summit. It was so cold that our water was freezing but the views were worth it. Once we were back at the teahouse for breakfast, we continued on our journey back down the mountain.



On day ten we arrived back to Namche where we were able to start eating meat again, it was steaks for everyone. First shower for a week was nice.

Not sure what the next challenge will bring.”

Dean Parkin.

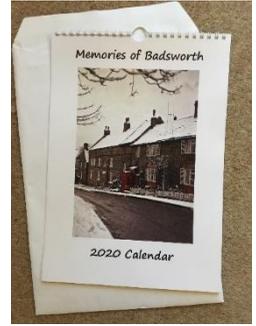


## Calendars on Sale

The 2020 Badsworth calendar entitled “Memories of Badsworth” contains pictures from the village’s rich heritage and includes photos of the Georgian Hall, old smithy and various views from the early 1900s. The theme ties in with the publication of the new book.

Calendars (including A4 envelope for ease of posting) cost £4 and profits will go towards village projects and activities. They are available from:

Linda Cole – 01977 643918



## Our Badsworth Way – Contact Details

If you have ideas for future content or articles, or have an event, activity or item of news you want to publicise then please contact the editor:

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**The deadline for contributions for the February 2020 issue is Friday 7 February.**

## Thank you

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the many volunteers from around the village who help to distribute Our Badsworth Way, and to Ann Slinger, who coordinates the volunteers. Without these kind people giving up their time, and distributing in all weathers, we would not be able to provide the newsletter to every household. Thank you to you all, from The Editor.

