

Community News

Badsey & Aldington

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Kingshurst Gardens, Bretforton Road, Badsey

Thatched roofing is back in fashion.....

Some mention “the millionaire’s house”, on a new housing estate along the Bretforton Road in Badsey. I wondered if it was worth taking a photo, so I set out on foot to find the expensive house. Not far from, and just up from the Round O’ Gras, a yellow “new housing estate” sign leading you to “Kingshurst” on the opposite side of the road was very visible. I realised the entrance and grounds once belonged to Mr Henry King, a previous prominent gentleman from Badsey. The long driveway remains the same shape, although it is now an access road for the new houses. The once orchard of fruit trees in the grounds, are no longer there. Instead, there it was, the expensive house everyone was mentioning, built in the twenty first century, made to look “old”. The roof is thatched with Norfolk reed, and the chimneys are “real”.

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent and is traditionally the day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or ‘mother’ church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their ‘mother’ church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably this return became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home and most historians think that this led to the tradition of children being given the day off to visit their mother and family.

As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.



No. 18 High Street Badsey

From a newly built “old” house, I returned to the centre of our village, to take an image of a genuine old house in our High Street. In the past it has been a bake house and is believed to have been built in about the 1600s, although when I first moved into the village, someone told me the house was built around the 1500s. Well I never, Badsey has developed into a village with such a variety of housing, hasn’t it.

Mothering Sunday was also known as Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed that day.

Simnel cakes have particularly been associated with the day. A Simnel cake is a fruit cake with two layers of almond paste, one on top and one in the middle. The cake is made with 11 balls of marzipan icing on top representing the 11 disciples (Judas is not included).

Please pray on Mothering Sunday for all mothers, as well as for those who will find this day difficult.



WI Badsey are having a talk from, Worcester Wildlife Trust. 7:15PM on March 14th 2018 at The Remembrance Hall.

Our speaker is talking about Worcester Wildlife Trust.

They do lots of work in our county looking after our local woods, wetlands and conservation areas. Of course they cannot do this without public support, through membership, donations and volunteers,

They save habitats for our wildlife, doing all of this through education and activities. You can help, very simply by giving nature a chance in your garden.

Come and join the Ladies at The Remembrance Hall and learn about the Trust.

Nature in Badsey *(image speckled wood on wall butterfly)*



Everything in the natural world plays a part in maintaining the ecological balance and so it is with wasps. We tend to notice them most in August when they try to get first bite of everything we eat outdoors. At that time of year they have finished their main task of nest building, raising young and eating vast numbers of crop damaging

caterpillars. Earlier in the summer they are busy with their nests and we hardly notice them but later this work ceases as the last brood of the season reaches adulthood and the worker wasps find themselves redundant just as sugar and alcohol are building up in the ripe and overripe fruit on trees and shrubs. This is when sugar and alcohol crazed wasps become troublesome to humans as they home in on our ice creams. In March and April the idea of seeing a wasp at all sounds irrational but if you look carefully large wasps can occasionally be seen on warm days. These are fertilised queens looking for places to build a new nest for the summer.

It has been noticeable over the last couple of years that the August invasion has hardly happened and our local conditions reflect national trends. Our commonest butterflies have been fewer in recent years and it is likely that the same cause is affecting both insects. Butterflies which over winter as hibernating adults have been badly hit. This is because our recent winters have been marked by alternating periods of cold then quite warm temperatures. Warm spells wake the hibernating insects and they start burning their fat reserves. As there is little nectar about in the winter to refuel they often starve. A similar fate can also befall hedgehogs if they wake up when there are not enough slugs and earthworms to eat. By contrast the closely related red admirals and painted ladies avoid our inconsistent winter by breeding in southern Europe. They then fly north to Britain in the summer in search of more nectar. These butterflies were quite common last year, whereas species which we would normally expect to be abundant e.g. small tortoiseshell, comma and peacock, have been fewer than usual. My favourite, the speckled wood, has seemed to be unaffected by the weather and has a useful strategy to survive our winters. It can spend the cold months in any stage of its lifecycle so that eggs, larvae, chrysalis and adult can be found all year round. If hibernating adults are killed off by the wrong weather, if all else fails the eggs survive to produce new adults later in the season.

If you have any good quality jpg photos of local wildlife interest with the date taken, the name of the photographer and if possible some information about where the picture was taken we would be happy to receive them by email to put up on the Nature Notes section of the Badsey Society website. nature@badsey.net
Ian Gibson

Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our meeting this month takes place on Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall and is our Spring Show.

Show schedules were distributed at the February Meeting but more are available from Barbara Bennett, our Club Secretary or other committee members.

Entries to each class cost 10p and one entry only per member in each class. Judging will commence at 8pm.

We look forward to seeing you all with the wonderful floral specimens we have become used to seeing each year.

Tower News

11th March Mothering Sunday
Ringing 10.15am for both 11.00am Services

25th March Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday of course heralds the start of HOLY WEEK when the Bells remain silent except for the Clock

By Easter Morning April 1st we hope to be up and running in Celebration of our risen Lord. By this time hopefully the winter colds will have left us - but there again the holidays will have begun.

Has anyone seen the 'cry for help' notices?

Please consider coming forward to learn before this ancient art is put to bed through lack of valuable support.

Visiting teams of all ages are booking their turn to ring these beautiful bells throughout the year proving the Bells worthiness

Hilary Bolton. Tel:-01386 830246



A MESSAGE TO YOU ALL FROM REV. FR. PHILIP MORTON

This year, as we once again journey through the season of Lent, the churches of the Benefice are thinking about what the future may hold for us. After Easter we are going to be doing some planning for the next five years, to try and see where God is guiding us.

One of our aims is to make the churches more accessible to the wider community, and for people to feel that the churches really do belong to everyone in the villages.

This is an important aspect in the life of the Church of England. We believe that just as Jesus came to spread the Good News of God's

love to everyone, so it is important that our churches are there to serve the communities to which they belong.

Our churches are important guardians of our national traditions as well as being places that are open and responsive to the new things that are happening. In the Benefice we want to bring these two things together.

So, if you have any thoughts or ideas about what the future of our churches might look like, please do get in touch.



St. Nicholas, Middle & North Littleton



St. James, Badsey and Aldington



St. Mary & St. Milburgh, Offenham



St. Michael the Archangel, South Littleton



St. Leonards, Bretforton



St. Andrew, Cleeve Prior

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Saturday 3rd March	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 4th March	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Family service	South Littleton	Lay led
	9:30am	Family service	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Cleeve Prior	Joyce Bache
	4.30 pm	Eucharist	N & M Littleton	Philip Morton
Wednesday 7 th March	10.00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Saturday 10 th March	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Badsey	Lay Led
Sunday 11 th March	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
Mothering Sunday	9:30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Badsey	Joyce Bache
	4:30pm	Evening worship	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Bretforton	Alan Bache
Saturday 17 th March	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Offenham	Lay Led
Sunday 18 th March	9:30am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Passiontide begins	11:00am	Morning praise	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Badsey	Alan Bache
Saturday 24 th March	8.30 am	Iona service and breakfast	Badsey	Lay Led
Sunday 25 th March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
Palm Sunday				
Monday 26 th March	7:00pm	Compline	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Tuesday 27 th March	7:00pm	MU Evensong	Badsey	Philip Morton
Wednesday 28 th March	7.00pm	Compline	N & M Littleton	Philip Morton
Thursday 29 th March	7.00pm	Benefice Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Maundy Thursday				
Friday 30 th March	12.00pm -3.00pm	Good Friday Meditations	N & M Littleton	Various
Good Friday				
Sunday 1 st April	6.00am	Morning Prayer	Offenham	Philip Morton
Easter Day	9.30am	Communion by Extension	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
	9.30am	Communion by Extension	South Littleton	Sue Cole
	9.30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	11.00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11.00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
	4.30pm	Eucharist	N & M Littleton	Philip Morton

FRIENDS OF BADSEY ST. JAMES

It is about twelve months since we started the "Friends" of Badsey church group. We have had a good first year and have managed to raise a total of £1300 over the year.

We are planning ahead for a number of events for 2018 and look forward to having some fun events whilst raising money to keep this beautiful listed building in good repair for the years to come.

We also have a system where people can register as a "Friend" and agree to donate a sum of money either monthly or annually by standing order. This is a great way to help secure the building's future, and the gift can be increased at no expense to yourself if you are able to sign a Gift Aid form.

If you think you are able to help in this way please email us on friendsofbadsey@eastvaleavon.org.uk
Also if you feel you would like to join our group to help with events or help us come up with good ideas for fund raising we would be really happy to have you on board.
We really are a "Friendly" group of people.

Prayer

There are times when we need help and don't know quite who to turn to. Turning to God is always a good option. At Badsey church we have a team of people who are willing to pray for you whatever area of your life is in need of support.

Just send an email to prayer@eastvaleavon.org.uk giving as much or as little information as you wish and our team will pray for you. The prayer team will treat your prayer request with respect and discretion. Only the agreed prayer team will have access to your email.

Or,

You might want to leave a prayer request for us on one of the string tickets just on the right as you enter the church. The prayer requests that some of you have filled in are being included every day and we continue to do so for about a month unless you request otherwise.

Parish Council News.

Wychavon Community Diamond Jubilee Recognition Awards 2017.

It was an immense privilege that Vice-Chairman Mike Tennant and Parish Clerk Andrea Evans attended the presentation for this award on Monday 5th February 2018 at Wychavon especially as local girl Tracey Hemming won the award this year for her hard work and commitment to Freedom Day Centre and disco here in Badsey at the Pub in the Club. Tracey took away the trophy and a donation towards her group which was thoroughly deserved.

Wychavon Community Diamond Jubilee Recognition Awards 2017.

Tracey Hemming is pictured receiving her award from County Councillor Liz Eyre.



Badsey Parish Salt Bins.

Worcestershire County Council have a number of yellow salt bins around the Badsey & Aldington Parish which are for use on the highways in bad weather conditions. Residents are welcome to use these supplies if needed. The locations are:

- Station Road Blackminster near railway bridge. (nearer to Offenham than Badsey).
- Willersey Road, right hand side just after Badsey sign.
- Synehurst, right hand side on junction with cul de sac.
- Aldington junction
- 2 in horseshoe in Aldington.

Badsey PC Newsletter.

The next PC newsletter is due to be delivered to all households in Badsey, Blackminster and Aldington by councillors and the clerk by late February. This provides important up to date information from the parish council. If you do not receive a newsletter, please contact the clerk so that we can ensure you receive one in the future and to send a copy out.

Smartwater.

Smartwater packs are still available if you haven't yet got yours. They will be available at the next PC meeting on 21st March 2018 from 7.00pm at the Remembrance Hall.

Badsey Community Club-Play Area.

Work on the play area is due to commence on 26th February 2018 and be completed by Easter. The play area will be for the use of ALL Badsey residents as well as club users so please go and have a look!

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2018

The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council Meetings are as follows:

Wednesday 21st March 2018.

Wednesday 18th April 2018.

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.

Clerk's contact details: Andrea Evans (Mrs), Ty Gwyn, Church Street, Offenham WR11 8RW.

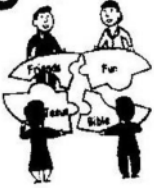
Tel: (01386) 760332 E-mail: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

Spelling it Out

My mother was dyslexic. I remember once spending hours going round the shops looking for 'Alphabet Soap'.

WD

Jigsaw



We are a children's group that has fun learning about the bible through stories, craft and games.

We meet alternate Friday evenings between 6pm and 7pm in St. James church, Badsey.

If you would like to join our group, book your free place by contacting:

jigsaw@eastvaleavon.org.uk

or

telephone 831080

New Members are always welcome.

Meeting Dates:

Friday 2nd March

Friday 16th March

Friday 30th March



Parish Register

Baptism: 14th January - Patrick Sonny Jones

Funerals: 12th January - Hilda Jane Keyte - 82

19th January - John Jones - 81

31st January - Clara Foxley - 101

8th February - Wendy Georgina Neal - 74

BADSEY FILM CLUB

Happy March Luvvies

Here are the Films we are showing in March (in-between the racing from Cheltenham)

Saturday March 3rd BLADERUNNER 2049

Saturday March 17th SALT

Films start at 8pm in the backroom of the Wheatsheaf

Bring your cushion and 50p for an Ice Cream and have a great night at the Flicks!!

Clivey

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Women's World Day of Prayer

March 2nd, 2.30 pm, followed by refreshments

Change of venue. This service will now be held at St. James Church, Badsey

"All God's Creation is Very Good!"

written this year by

Christian women of Suriname, South America

Badsey's Barn Dance

Friday 2nd March 2018

at Badsey Community Club

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bring your own food, bar available.

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or from Becky in Badsey Spar and PO.

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My Surgery is held on alternate Tuesday evenings from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm at The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey. I use this time to meet and get to know the people who have a desire to book a baptism or wedding at any of the wonderful churches in the Benefice.

Our administrator, Wendy Stafford, is available to help you arrange your appointment. Wendy can be contacted on **01386 424728** or alternatively by email: admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk

USEFUL NUMBERS

Badsey Remembrance Hall Rebecca Bomford 300354

Badsey Community & Sports Club (call to enquire about hiring the venue for a private event) Sue Evans 830867

Badsey Church - St. James Wendy Stafford 424728

admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk

Bell Ringers Hilary Bolton 830246

Badsey Church Flower Guild Hazel Stewart 832007

HISTORY SOCIETY

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info@badsey.net

ORGANISATIONS, AND INSTITUTES

Women's Institute Jane Neill 830301

Mothers' Union Joyce Bache 839464

mu@eastvaleavon.org.uk

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1st Badsey Guides Mandy Young 423215

Cafe Freedom Tracy Hemming 830200

Jigsaw Wendy Morrey 831080

jigsaw@eastvaleavon.org.uk

Messy Church Penny Christison 830367

messy@eastvaleavon.org.uk

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Over 60's Friendship Club Wendy Neal 832306

Coronation Street Jean Dyke 830714

Disabled Club

ENTERTAINMENT

Badsey Film Club Clive Richards 832685

The Vicar's Day Off is Friday

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Mr. Chris Smith 830217

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Mrs. Margaret Pye 833537
Mr. Alan & Joyce Bache 839464

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