

April 2018



# Community News

Badsey & Aldington

Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon

## BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Get planting and growing for the 2018 Badsey Flower Show.

The countdown to this year's annual village show continues.

A popular part of the show is always the larger marquee of exhibits and entries created by local people.

If you have not entered a show category before, why not have a go this year?

With spring underway it's time to get planting and growing for the fruit and vegetable categories.

Show categories include:

Roses, vegetables, flowers, pot plants and soft fruits.

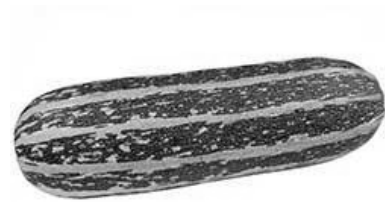
What to think about

In March you can sow early vegetables under glass as well as chitting early potatoes. In addition, broad beans and sweet peas can be sown.

March is also the time for pruning roses, planting onion sets and shallots and early potatoes.

Good luck.

More details at - [www.badseyflowershow.co.uk](http://www.badseyflowershow.co.uk)



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## Wickhamford Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is scheduled for Wednesday 25th April at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. This month our speaker is Mr Maurice Heritage and his topic is "Clear Out -Snowhill Manor" .

The competition is Flower of the month. We look forward to seeing everyone and welcome guests for what promises to be a fascinating insight into the vast and varied collections Charles Wade made during his lifetime and which are now cared for by the National Trust.



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

This month marks the beginning of Easter and during this season the Church celebrates the most important day in the Christian year, when Jesus rose again from the grave and showed us that the Kingdom of Heaven has indeed come near.

Christians believe that the message of Easter has universal importance for every single person, and this idea underpins the commitment of the Church of England to have a presence in every community as a sign of God's love to all people.

This is my third Easter since my start here in the Benefice, and over these last couple of years one thing I have often heard people ask is about how busy I must be, looking after six churches.

While it is true that there are a lot of exciting things taking place, I am still your parish priest at the end of the day.

So, in this month's message I wanted to re-affirm that I am never too busy to visit people who need to see their Vicar, or who want to talk about spiritual matters.

After all, if I'm not here for the people of the parishes, what I am here for?? My hope is that this Easter season will be a blessing for everyone in our communities, for people of all faiths and none, and I am here for everyone equally.

My contact details are in this magazine, so please do get in touch if you would like.

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### New Life in the Spring



George Ritchie is always busy with his hobby of tending a little flock of sheep on his smallholding in Badsey. Especially at this time of year, there is so much work with the young lambs. At the time this photo was taken, the two lambs were both six days old and doing very well with their mother. To keep them safe whilst they grow up, George keeps them in a little barn.

A recent update from George: He now has seven lambs, one of his ewes gave birth to three lambs!!

George sees a lot of wildlife on his smallholding. Whilst I was there, a blue tit flew round by the barn. He has a squirrel that is always an opportunist for any animal food left over.

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### Over Sixties Jottings

31 members attended our meeting on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>. 2018.

Entertainment for the afternoon was a talk and slides about "shoe boxes", the charity now known as T4U, and was presented by Bob [James], Alison and Paul.

They explained what was required in these boxes, for Eastern European countries, and how clothing as well as toys brought joy to children and parents alike who have nothing, their life style could be compared to that of most parts of this country in the 1920's.

In the absence of Mary, who had been ordered to rest with her feet up for about a week, Mike handed out the monthly birthday cards, he then informed everyone that the donations for Wendy's charity, the Midlands Air Ambulance, has to date raised the sum of £731.20.

We then held our usual raffle and enjoyed our tea and cakes. Our next meeting is the A G M which is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. April 2018.

If anyone would like to provide any entertainment to fill in the afternoon it would be most welcome.

Mike

## April 2018

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Sunday 1st April <i>Easter Day</i>	6:00am	Sunrise service	Offenham	Philip Morton
	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	Jim Simons
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
Wednesday 4th April	10:00am	Communion by Extension	Badsey	Joyce Bache
Saturday 7th April	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 8th April	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Badsey	Margaret Pye
	4:30pm	Evening worship	N&M Littleton	Alan Bache
	6:30pm	Evensong	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Saturday 14th April	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 15th April	9:30am	South Littleton	Eucharist	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Offenham	Joyce Bache
	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 21st April	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 22nd April	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning praise	South Littleton	Alan Bache
	9:30am	Morning praise	Bretforton	Lay led
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Morning praise	Badsey	Sue Cole
	4:30pm	Evensong	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
Saturday 28th April	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 29th April	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton

Morning Prayer 7.45am each Weekday at Badsey  
Morning Prayer 7.45am each Monday at Bretforton



## The Wheatsheaf

*“Look at this! And it all started in the back of a pub!”*

The ‘this’ being looked at was the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Independent Shoemakers Conference in Eastbourne this February and the Pub in whose back it all started was our own local, ‘The Wheatsheaf.’

Although the Badsey conference in February 2001 was a follow up from one in Northampton the year before, it was in the ‘The Wheatsheaf’ that the details of the four tenets of the Independent Shoemakers’ Network were worked out.

- 1) We would stop competing and instead support each other so that our industry would not die out. This included establishing a collective website, with a descriptive page per business.
- 2) We would share our suppliers’ details so that their businesses would prosper and also so that no shoemaker would be unable to access good materials.
- 3) We would share and teach each other our skills for a fixed daily rate, in order that our skills would be passed on and our trade develop a fine reputation so that we could provide a useful service to the public.
- 4) We would hold an annual conference every February, hosted by one of our members, and we would put the date very high on our list of priorities.

The four tenets seem simple and straight forward now, but at the turn of the century where there was an atmosphere of mutual suspicion and a sense of decline amongst shoemakers, they were revolutionary. Indeed the subsequent positive outworking amongst the members of the Independent Shoemakers Network has created a model which has had a very significant influence on the current development of Government Level 3 and Level 5 Apprenticeships in the wider footwear industry.

In November 2017, such disparate footwear manufacturers as Clarks, Church’s, Cheaney’s, John Lobb, Fosters, Doc Martin’s, Loakes, New Balance, Reed Medical and our own Bill Bird Shoes, all gathered around a table in the ‘Clothworkers Hall’ in the City of London, just as the 15 independent shoemakers had gathered around the tables of The Wheatsheaf 17 years before.

The subject?

‘How to create a unified apprenticeship scheme to pass on and develop staff skills so that the UK Footwear industry can carry on and not die out.’

This February in the View Hotel, Eastbourne, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Independent Shoemakers Conference was held. The 34 makers who came to Badsey in 2001 have grown in number to a hundred, the 15 firms in 2001 to over 40, and includes students from De Montfort University and the London College of Fashion. The British Footwear Association and the Master of the Pattenmakers Livery of London came for inspiration. The conference attracts skilled artisans from Ireland, Germany, Sweden and the United States as well and from all over the UK. The trade has a healthy and inspiring future full of young people, a stark contrast to the situation at the turn of the century.

So, despite the joke amongst the regulars in ‘The Wheatsheaf’ back in 2001, wondering who all these strangers were crowding into their pub; we were not “Just a load of old Cobblers” after all!

William Bird



## Chatsworth House

### Badsey Women’s Institute

On 11<sup>th</sup> April, 7.15pm, at The Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue Badsey, we are holding an evening for Historical discovery. Gillian White will be talking about Chatsworth and the Cavendish Family 1550-1850. I have recently visited the impressive house. Also its grounds and gardens are just as wonderful to see and to walk in. The family, 16<sup>th</sup> generation of the Duke of Devonshire, still reside in the house, so it is as much a family home as it is an historically significant House. We are also holding a competition, so if you can bring along an item the name of which begins with the letter ‘D’ your item might just be judged as the nicest.



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## Badsey Society Annual General Meeting

There was a good turn-out for the 16<sup>th</sup> AGM of The Badsey Society on 9<sup>th</sup> February, with 54 members present. Maureen Spinks was re-elected Chairman, Shirley Tutton was elected Secretary and John Sharp was elected Treasurer. Maureen thanked both Tony and Valerie for their huge contributions as



Officers of the Society over the past five years. In recognition of their valuable services, both were granted life membership of The Badsey Society.

After the business part of the meeting, the annual Tony Jerram Award presentation was made. The award is

given each year in memory of the late Tony Jerram (1937-2008), the first Chairman of The Badsey Society, and is given to somebody who the members feel has contributed to the good of the local community. This year, the award was given to Patrick Sparrow, in recognition of his long record of voluntary service to the community of Badsey and Aldington. Until his retirement in

2016, he served as Honorary Treasurer of the Badsey Flower Show Committee for 40 years. This length of service to a parish organization has rarely been matched. Furthermore, he was prominent in the formation of the Aldington Residents' Association, which has done much good work in promoting community spirit in that village; he served as its Chairman for about ten years.

Mrs Barbara Jerram presented Patrick with the award. It was noted that Patrick's older brother, Terry, had been the recipient of the award four years previously. The Sparrow brothers between them have given nigh on a hundred years' of service to the village between them.

Following an interval, Terry Sparrow spoke about the history of Badsey Rangers Football Club. Will Dallimore and Brian "Betjeman" Smith, the Aldington poet, then entertained the assembled group with readings from a selection of Brian's poems, accompanied by light-hearted banter.

Maureen Spinks

## Parish Council News

### Badsey PC Newsletter.

All residents from Aldington, Blackminster and Badsey should have now received the PC newsletter hand delivered through your door. If you have not had a copy, they are available in the Post Office or by contacting the parish clerk.

### Smartwater.

Smartwater packs are still available if you haven't yet got yours. Please contact the clerk to find out how you can get your pack.

### Bus Shelters.

New glass has been ordered for the bus shelters on Bretforton Road opposite the Remembrance Hall and on Chapel Street. This should be fitted in the next few weeks. It will continue to be cleaned regularly.

### Red Telephone Boxes

The red telephone box in Aldington is now the property of Badsey & Aldington PC and will shortly have a defibrillator installed into it. Aldington ARA have other ideas for the box too so watch this space! The box on Main Street, Badsey has recently had work on it carried out by BT, it will eventually have new glass and be repainted.

### An Important Date for your Diary.....

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Badsey Soapbox Derby will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018.....save the date!

### Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2018

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

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 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

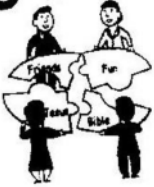
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# Jigsaw



Our theme during March was all about Jacob. We had a Story about Jacob having a special dream and that he saw Angels going up and down to heaven. We showed the group a magic ladder made to grow in front of them. This can be seen on the pulpit. We found that God is with

us always, just like our shadow is always with us. We played making shadow pictures in the transept.

A small group of Jigsaw made it through the snow. We thought about people we love and why we love them. A story about Jacob returning home and how everything turned out well for him because he trusted God. We made cards to thank our loved people that could be given on Mother's Day.

Our Meetings in April :  
Friday 20th April 6-7pm  
Friday 4th May 6-7pm

Come and join our group we have lots of fun and it's free



## BADSEY FILM CLUB

Luvvies

Here are the Films we are showing in APRIL

Saturday April 7th DUNKIRK (Specially for Harry Style's one fan in the village)

Saturday April 21st MRS BROWN

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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### St James Flower Guild - April Rota

- 1st Sunday - Easter, all the Guild
- 2nd Sunday - Maureen and Sandra
- 3rd Sunday - Sheila and Annette
- 4th Sunday - Mary, Yvonne and Jane
- 5th Sunday - Julie and Barbara

Thank you ladies for the beautiful flowers in Church at Easter - they were much admired.

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me, Hazel Stewart 832007

### Parish Register

Baptism: 17<sup>th</sup> February Sophie Louise Anderson

18<sup>th</sup> February Bonnie Rose Anderson

Funerals: 15<sup>th</sup> February David Albert Sadler aged 79

### Out of this World.....

A local engineer was concerned about being asked by NASA to build a spaceship. I told him not to worry, it's not as if it's rocket science!

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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](mailto:admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk)

## USEFUL NUMBERS

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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

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### HISTORY SOCIETY

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### ORGANISATIONS, AND INSTITUTES

Women's Institute Jane Neill 830301

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### YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

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### COMMUNITY GROUPS

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Coronation Street Jean Dyke 830714

Disabled Club

### ENTERTAINMENT

Badsey Film Club Clive Richards 832685

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