

Community News

Badsey & Aldington

Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon



A Treasured High Street Asset since 1911

Pool House, just down from the Water Fountain in Badsey, gives you a clue to the state of Badsey High Street many decades ago. A large pool of water covered a section of the high street, where cattle and horses passing through refreshed themselves. Gradually, a succession of hygienic measures by the local authorities, enforced a tidy up of this area of the road.

After a public water supply was introduced in 1888 it originally came from the springs in the Cotswold Hills. Today, our water supply comes from areas like The Mythe at Tewkesbury. 1993 saw an enlarged Severn Trent Water company take over from the East Worcestershire Waterworks.

But in 1911, through public subscription, the Water Fountain in Badsey High Street was erected, to supply drinking water for cattle, horses, dogs, and also for the passing public.

The likes of Mr. Julius Sladden and Mr. Charles Binyon, were on the Committee to oversee it all happen. The fountain was built in gothic style using mainly Cotswold stone and the grey bowls were of Handsworth stone.

The front and side water troughs were ideal for horses or cattle, the smaller troughs lower down for dogs to drink from.

On the front panel was the inscription in blue lettering: "This fountain was erected by public subscription to commemorate the Coronation of King George V, June 22. 1911".

In 2017, Badsey and Aldington Parish Council had the water fountain refurbished and it looks very nice.

Unfortunately the blue painted lettering though has been replaced with black paint.

The water fountain is no longer connected to a water supply and stands a treasured High Street Asset for all to admire as they pass by.

Parish Council News.

Village Footpath Volunteers.

A pilot scheme is being trialled locally to help improve footpaths around villages that would otherwise not be maintained or repaired as a result of there being limited resources at Worcs County Council. This would be run primarily by our village Footpath Warden, Mike Gwynn and the Parish Council with support from County Footpaths. This could be the upgrading of stiles or installation of kissing gates, the materials would be provided but some of the work would be carried out by the volunteer team. If you are interested in getting involved and have passion for keeping the footpaths accessible, please contact the parish clerk, details below.

Village Litter Pick.

Would you be interested in organising or being involved in a village litter pick with all equipment being supplied by Wychavon District Council or do you run voluntary group that would like to help the community by doing the occasion pick, if so, contact the parish clerk for further information about the scheme. Please note that Wychavon take all rubbish collected away for disposal.

An Important Date for your Diary.....

The 3rd Badsey Soapbox Derby will take place on Sunday 26th August 2018.....save the date! Volunteer Marshalls are urgently needed if anyone would like to get involved.

Barn Dance.

The Barn Dance finally took place on Good Friday and a great night was had by all that attended! Thank you to everyone involved in the organising and for those who took part.

Bus Shelters.

New glass is being fitted to the bus shelters on Chapel Street and on Bretforton Road opposite the Remembrance Hall, the shelters will continue to be cleaned on a monthly basis.

Village Gates.

Locations are being considered by Worcs CC Highways at all entrances to the village, if you have seen any designs of gates in other villages around the country, please let the Parish Council know.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2018

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

Wednesday 16th May 2018.

Wednesday 20th June 2018.

Wednesday 18th July 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

ALDINGTON GARDENS

OPEN DAY

June 10th - 2pm onwards

Tickets from ' The Old Stables' next the post box



My wife, Lyn, and I moved here in 2004 from South Birmingham to be nearer to her parents who lived in South Littleton.

I thought I was moving away from my through and through "Brummie" heritage and from my birthplace of Birmingham, but after joining the Badsey Society and getting interested in Family History, it turns out that I have actually moved nearer to my family's birthplace, and much nearer to some of my distantly related relatives.

It appears from my research, that the family lived in Churchill in Oswaldslo, near Spetchley, and my paternal Great Great Grandfather then moved to Birmingham in the 1840s.

However, my Great Great Grandfather's younger brother, born in 1807, stayed in the area as a miller, and his youngest son, Jerry, born 1849, became the miller in Wyre Piddle.

Jerry then moved to Aldington Mill as a Corn Miller. Jerry married his wife Elizabeth who was from Bretforton, and had one boy, John and two girls, Annie and Myra.

Jerry and his wife are buried in Badsey churchyard. According to Jerry's Will the family inherited several properties and land, so corn milling must have been profitable. John married Agnes Harris and when the mill stopped producing in 1927 moved to The Laurels, Offenham, his Uncle's house. His daughter, Agnes Elizabeth, got married and Peggy Selby is her daughter.

John Sharp



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.



A MESSAGE TO YOU ALL, THIS MONTH FROM REV. RALPH BOLLAND

Reflections on the "Three Confessions" Conference.

Whilst serving in the Royal Air Force in Germany in 1963, I was privileged to listen to three Lutheran Ministers. In the course of the meeting they explained that it was difficult for them to understand how there could be High Church and Low Church under one Anglican Denomination in Britain.

At the "Three Confessions Ecumenism Today and Tomorrow" conference held in April, there were Lutherans, Anglicans and both English and German Roman Catholics - and me, a retired Free Church minister. How times have changed as we shared the weekend together.

It was good to listen to the ways in which we can share a common concern for our communities around us.

On the Saturday we visited Stourbridge and Stourport to see the work which the combined churches were doing through Food Banks; Debt Counselling; Street Pastors; working with Refugees and Fairtrade activities amongst others.

Putting aside any small differences, we enjoyed the times of church services and also showing concern for the world around us as we prayed together.

We live in a divided world but it was so good to hear English and German voices blended together in one accord as we prayed and worshipped the One True God and Jesus Christ His Son, our Saviour and Lord.

Rev. Ralph Bolland



If you are coming along,

please will you let

Penny know, tel. 830367. Thank you



Saturday 12th May, 08:30 am

St. James Church, Badsey

IONA Service

Followed by

Christian Aid Big Brekkie

(Continental Breakfast)

Retiring collection

Easter Gardens made by the Freedom Group

Although it rained a lot in the run up to Easter, the young adults from Freedom were busy making Easter gardens to decorate the church Porch and also siting a bird box in the yew tree, in the hope of attracting a pair of birds to nest.

Anne and Graham McCombie supervised the Easter gardens. Pots, compost, plants, and a wide range of materials were used and it wasn't long before members of the Freedom group put their skills into action, making colourful little gardens. Graham helped to secure the bird box in the yew tree.

Emily, our Mission Enabler, (photo top right) is based in the Benefice for a year and she is helping us to improve what we can offer families and young people. She enjoyed helping to make wooden crosses for the gardens.

After a very rainy morning, we all enjoyed the usual banter and a refreshing hot drink and the treat of a doughnut. To end another busy morning gardening in the churchyard, Philip joined us to give the gardens his blessing.



Benefice



13th May

4.00pm to 6.00pm

Cleeve Prior School

Free Fun for Families

Crafts Activities Fun Games

Free Tea

Contact: messy@eastvaleavon.org.uk

THE SUNDOWNERS WHY NOT COME AND JOIN US?

"The SUNDOWNERS" is an exceptionally friendly, well established group for the over 60's. We meet in the Function Room of The Wheatsheaf Inn, Badsey on the 4th Wednesday morning of each month at 10.30am with a varied programme of speakers. Coffee and biscuits are provided. We also meet for monthly coffee mornings and other social activities. A small entrance charge of £2 is made each month to cover expenses, plus an Annual subscription of £7.

If you would like further details or a copy of our programme, please phone 833423 or come along to our next meeting.



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
13TH - 19TH MAY 2018**

You will receive a Christian Aid Envelope with your Community News.

As these envelopes are no longer collected house to house we are hoping that you will put a donation in, no matter how small, and arrange for this to go to:

The Spar Shop - collection box at Post Office

The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey

27 High Street, Badsey

Middle Bank, Aldington

Easton, Blackminster

Please support this Charity. It would be wonderful if our parish could raise a substantial amount to help the work of Christian Aid.

Thank you, Hazel Smith

WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Our May meeting is a talk entitled "Colour Magic" presented by Mandie Potter. It takes place on Wednesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall as usual. The Competition is Flower of the Month. We look forward to seeing you all together with your guests. Sue Stayt

TOWER NEWS

May of course will be The Royal Wedding celebrations - not sure when during the day. In the meantime we have a wedding in Badsey to ring for on 22nd April.

The ringers from Warwick area were here on Tour, with a very mixed age group of people ranging from very young teenagers to the very elderly 80/90

The Vale of Evesham Ringers attempted a Full Peal in celebration of The Passion at Easter on Tuesday 9th.

Two of our Ringers reached 75 & 80 in the same week. With a Quarter Peal of Grandsire being rung by members of the Four Shires Guild
Hilary Bolton

ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD May Rota

1st Sunday Hazel and Hazel

2nd Sunday Maureen, Sandra and Pat

3rd Sunday (Pentecost) Sheila, Annette

4th Sunday Mary, Yvonne and Jane

Ladies thank you for your flowers during April, especially Easter. Thank you if you gave a donation towards Easter lilies - very welcome and much appreciated.

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

The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

May 2018

| Date | Time | Service | Place | Preside |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Wednesday 2nd May | 10:00am | Eucharist | Badsey | Philip Morton |
| Saturday 5th May | 8:30am | Morning prayer | Offenham | Lay led |
| Sunday 6th May | 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm | Eucharist Family service Morning praise Eucharist Family service Eucharist | Bretforton South Littleton Offenham Badsey Cleeve Prior N&M Littleton | Philip Morton Margaret Pye Alan Bache Philip Morton Joyce Bache Philip Morton |
| Thursday 10th May <i>Ascension Day</i> | 7:00pm | Benefice Eucharist | South Littleton | Philip Morton |
| Saturday 12th May | 8:30am | Morning prayer | Badsey | Lay led |
| Sunday 13th May | 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm | Eucharist Morning Praise Eucharist Family service Evening worship Evensong | Offenham South Littleton Cleeve Prior Badsey N&M Littleton Bretforton | Philip Morton Alan Bache Philip Morton Sue Cole Philip Morton Joyce Bache |
| Saturday 19th May | 8:30am | Morning prayer | Offenham | Lay led |
| Sunday 20th May <i>Pentecost</i> | 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm | South Littleton Family service Family Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Evensong | Eucharist Offenham Badsey Cleeve Prior N&M Littleton Bretforton Badsey | Philip Morton Joyce Bache Philip Morton Clive Leech Philip Morton Philip Morton Margaret Pye |
| Saturday 26th May | 8:30am | Morning prayer | Badsey | Lay led |
| Sunday 27th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i> | 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 4:30pm | Eucharist Morning praise Morning praise Eucharist Morning praise Evensong | Offenham South Littleton Bretforton Cleeve Prior Badsey N&M Littleton | Philip Morton Lay led Alan Bache Philip Morton Joyce Bache Philip Morton |

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



10th to 20th May

Everyone is welcome to join us for 10 days of prayerful activity to celebrate Ascension to Pentecost at St. James Church, Badsey. The church will be open during daylight hours and there will be interactive prayer stations together with beautiful flowers on display.

Thursday 10th May

7.00pm **Ascension Day** Benefice Eucharist St. Michael's South Littleton

Saturday 12th May,

8.30am Iona service followed by breakfast in support of Christian Aid.

Sunday 13th May,

4.00pm to 6.00pm. Messy Church, Cleeve Prior School.

Wednesday 16th May

10.00am to 11.45am . Freedom Group in Church for Open the Book service followed by refreshments.

Thursday 17th May

7.30pm Night Prayer

Friday 18th May

7.30pm starting from outside St James's, a prayer walk around Badsey followed by refreshments and prayers in Church.

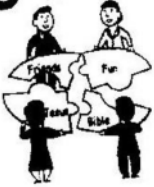
Saturday 19th May

2.00pm to 4.00pm a tea party at St James Church to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

Drop in for tea and cake, light a candle and say a prayer for the newly wed couple.



Jigsaw



We had fun aboard the Hope Train

On Good Friday.



Tickets issued we got on board for a journey to Jerusalem. On the way we had a bumpy ride, had a Cow in the road, potholes and a tunnel to negotiate. We played a game of I spy because it was such a long way.

Many parts of the Easter story were spotted through the windows.

Having arrived we made palms to welcome Jesus. We then carried on our journey to the house of the disciples where we had hot cross buns and blackcurrant juice.

All aboard again to Golgotha where we made crosses. We ended the evening taking home a chocolate egg to remind us that the stone moved from where Jesus' body was put and that he rose on Easter morning.

The Meeting dates in May:

Friday 4th May 6-7pm

Friday 18th May 6-7 pm



Parish Register

Baptism: 11th March: Maya-Lilly June Dee

18th March: Harry James Andrews

Funerals: 19th March: Maurice Byrd 98 yrs

20th March: Brian Milns 88 yrs

21st March: John Eustace Meadows 65 yrs

23rd March: Elizabeth Rose Turner 77 yrs

BADSEY FILM CLUB

Luvvies

Here are the Films we are showing in MAY

Saturday May 5th VICTORIA and ABDUL

Saturday May 19th KING KONG (1933)

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
X

Over 60s Jottings

33 members attended the AGM on Tuesday 3rd April. Doris Harris has stepped down from the post of treasurer and Mary thanked her for her work since the club was formed; Lynne Clarke has now taken up the role. Mike agreed to take over the role of secretary until the end of the year to complete the work that Wendy had already booked.

After the AGM, Sheila Taylor presented us with a quiz to guess the use of various old objects. Being an over 60's club some members could actually remember some of the items being used.

Our next outing will be on Wednesday 16th May for afternoon tea, coach departs 1.30 pm.

We then enjoyed tea and cakes and our usual raffle, before the meeting closed.

Mike

One Careful Owner

I read in a motoring magazine the other day that you were most likely to have an accident within three miles of where you live. So I've moved!

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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 Sue Brooks 641234

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

The Badsey Society Shirley Tutton 831539

info@badsey.net

ORGANISATIONS, AND INSTITUTES

Women's Institute Jane Neill 830301

Mothers' Union Joyce Bache 839464

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

1st Badsey Scout Group Nichol Brown 882350

1st Badsey Guides Mandy Young 423215

Cafe Freedom Tracy Hemming 830200

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jigsaw@eastvaleavon.org.uk

Messy Church Penny Christison 830367

messy@eastvaleavon.org.uk

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Over 60's Friendship Club Mike Neal 832306

Coronation Street Jean Dyke 830714

Disabled Club

ENTERTAINMENT

Badsey Film Club Clive Richards 832685

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Badsey Cricket Club David Powell 833122

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