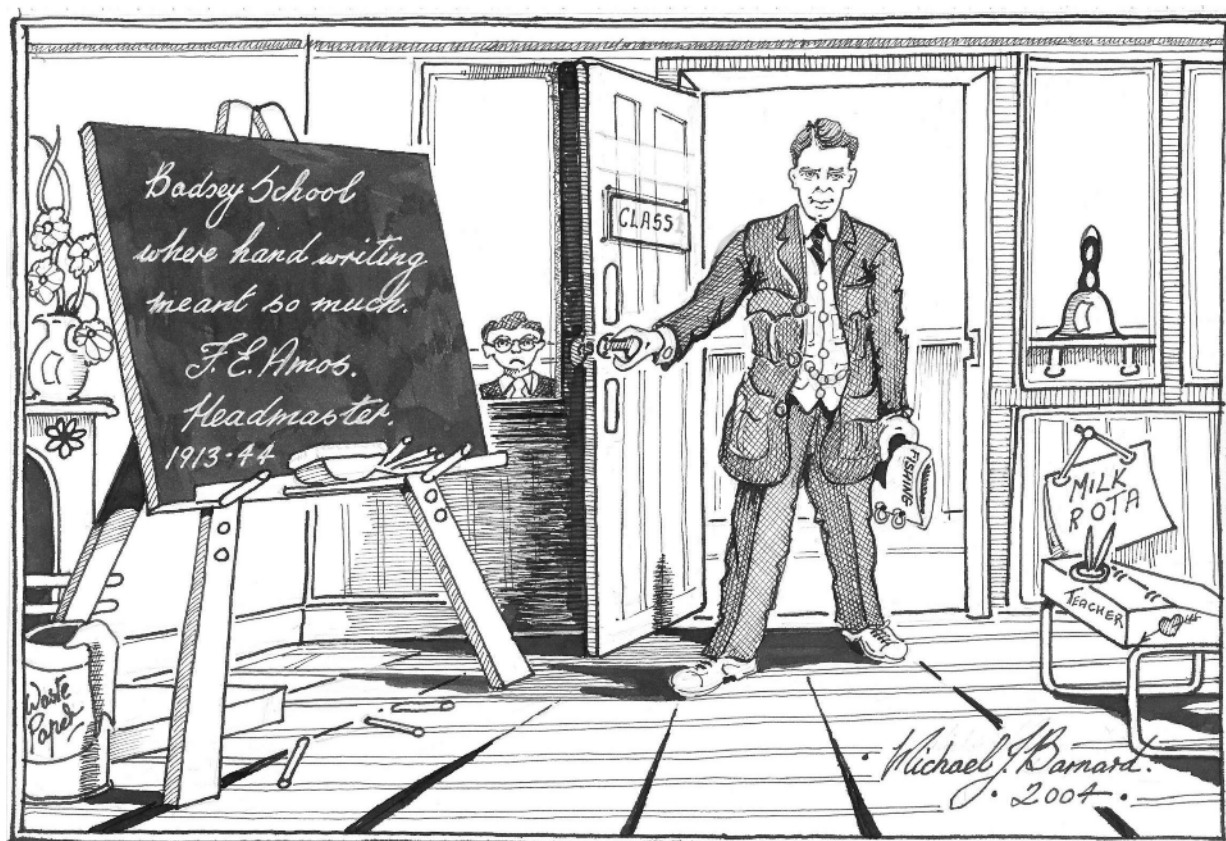




Community News

Badsey & Aldington

Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon Villages



BADSEY SCHOOL

Badsey School has always been proud of encouraging the children to read, write and know their sums. Parents help out to hear the children read, and Mr. Amos would be proud to see the school as it is today. Times move on and the school teaches pupils to cope in today's modern world. They have their own website, which boasts:

"We enable our children to develop independence in their learning journey and to grow into inquisitive, sociable and resilient young people".

The three pencils on their school logo spell out: Be responsible, Be kind, Be respectful and also to be determined. Towards the end of last year, Badsey School was converted to Academy Status, and joined other schools in the Gloucestershire Learning Alliance - a multi Academy Trust.

There are still "older adults" in the village who attended Badsey School and who wonder in amazement at what the school gets up to today, but times move on and the school children today are prepared for tomorrow's world.

The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

April 2019

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Wednesday 3rd April	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Saturday 6th April	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 7th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30am	Family service	South Littleton	Lay led
	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning praise	Offenham	Alan Bache
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Cleeve Prior	Joyce Bache
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Badsey	Margaret Pye
Wednesday 10th April	10:00am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Saturday 13th April	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 14th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
Monday 15th April	7:00pm	Compline	South Littleton	Philip Morton
Tuesday 16th April	7:00pm	MU Evensong	Badsey	Margaret Pye
Wednesday 17th April	10:00am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	7:00pm	Compline	N&M Littleton	Timothy Hupfield
Thursday 18th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00pm	Benefice Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
Friday 19th April <i>Good Friday</i>	11:00am	Walk of Witness	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
Sunday 21st April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6:00am	Sunrise Service	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Communion by Extension	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	9:30am	Communion by Extension	South Littleton	Sue Cole
	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
Saturday 27th April	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 28th April <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton	Alan Bache
	9:30am	Family Service	Bretforton	Joyce Bache
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Morning Praise	Badsey	Sue Cole
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Morning Prayer 7.45am each Weekday at Badsey
Morning Prayer 7.45am each Monday at Bretforton



A Message to you all from Reverend Timothy Hupfield

It may be that things have changed enormously by the time this letter is printed, but as I write parliament is facing unprecedented difficulties; the world is still reeling from the terrorist attack in Christchurch, New Zealand; and climate change seems to be becoming an ever more urgent issue. It would be so easy to look around, in the news and at the world, and question how things have somehow gone so horribly wrong.

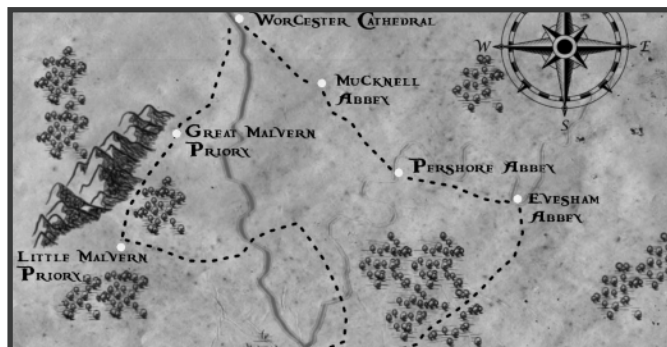
Now that we are getting close to Easter, it reminds me slightly of how the disciples might have felt in the very first Holy Week, with the whirlwind of Jesus entering Jerusalem, getting arrested and dying on the cross. Their teacher, leader and guide was suddenly gone.

How did things go so horribly wrong?

And yet, Holy Week invites us to enter into the story and emotions of Holy Week, and all the events that led up to Jesus' death. Through Jesus God has stood with us, as one of us, sharing in our pain and our difficulties. We also know, however, that is not the end of the story.

Mary Magdalene met Jesus again, on that very first Easter Sunday, and he appeared to his disciples in the following days and weeks. Through one message despair was transformed into hope, which spread from one woman to fill the whole world.

The mystery of Easter shows us many things. One key thing is that when all seems messy and worrying and desperate, through God hope can be found. The hope comes not through awful things not happening - though God does not cause suffering - but through the love of God being found in the response to broken relationships. We are urged to respond to our broken world through caring for creation (described by God as 'very good'). We are called to respond to broken relationships with each other by standing up to racism, discrimination and hatred in all its forms. We are invited into a renewed relationship with God - every day, but especially as we prepare for and celebrate Easter.



Benedictine Monks

The Anglican Benedictine community of monks and nuns at Mucknell Abbey, Worcestershire, live a contemplative life under the Rule of St Benedict. The Abbey was built for sustainability on a site of derelict farm buildings and was completed around the end of 2010. To this end, the abbey was built with numerous features to enable and assist the monks sustainable living. The buildings feature high grade insulation to minimise heat loss; the heating is powered by a biomass fuelled boiler. Electrical power is provided in part by photovoltaic panels, and solar water heating panels reduce the use of the boiler during the summer months. In addition to harnessing solar energy, the new buildings also harvest rain water, which is stored in a 5000 litre tank and is used to flush the lavatories and water the kitchen garden; there is a further 45000 litres available for fire-fighting. The wastewater from the site is treated in a bio-digester and consequently the buildings are not connected to the sewage network. Much of the community's vegetables are grown on site in the kitchen garden, and once the orchard has developed, it will further reduce the need to buy in fruits and vegetables. Both the kitchen garden and orchard

are managed using eco-friendly means. So, the monks live in very modern conditions these days.

The community gathers together seven times a day to say or chant the traditional monastic Office and to celebrate the Eucharist. The rest of their day is spent in work, study, private prayer, pastoral support, and in offering hospitality to those looking to share in their life at Mucknell.

Anyone wanting to experience the way of life of the monks are called "Alongsiders". They live with the community for a variety of reasons, ranging from exploring a possible monastic vocation, to a simple desire to experience the monastic life for a while. Alongsiders stay with the community for between one and twelve months and while living alongside are expected to follow the community's timetable and participate in its work.

Eventually, if someone has a strong wish to become a Benedictine monk they eventually take three vows: a vow of poverty which means giving up their worldly goods, a vow of chastity which means they stay single, and a vow of obedience which means they promise to obey the church and the rules of the monastery.



BADSEY CRICKET CLUB

With the cricket season quickly creeping up on us, Badsey CC located in Brewers Lane are actively recruiting new players.

In order to continue to thrive the club is in need of new players of all abilities.

The club are members of the Cotswold Hills League playing in Division 2 on Saturdays afternoons. You can read about us on Badsey-play cricket website.

With a good social aspect to the club all members are encouraged to participate on and off the field in our Community Club.

Our first outdoor practice session begins on **Friday 5th April 2019 at 6pm** weather permitting with all new and old players welcome, every Friday night thereafter.

Anybody interested in playing or if you would just like to sponsor your local cricket club can contact us on:

Mike Powell (Club Captain) 07531821488
Dave Powell (chairman) 07773217013



FILM CLUB

Hope you are enjoying the lighter evenings....it will soon be summer!!

Here are our Future Presentations:

Saturday 6th April Bohemian Rhapsody

Saturday 20th April Fantastic Beasts

Saturday 4th May Book Club

Films start at 8pm in the back room of the Wheatsheaf Ice Creams are available during the mid film Interval and we have a cracking raffle!!

Get there early for a decent seat.

Clivey x



THE BADSEY SOCIETY TONY JERRAM AWARD

Despite the wet and windy weather, 54 people attended the Annual General Meeting of The Badsey Society on 8th February. Maureen Spinks was re-elected Chairman, Shirley Tutton was re-elected Secretary and John Sharp was re-elected Treasurer.

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 awarded to somebody who the members feel has contributed to the good of the local community. This year's winner was Anne Poulter who has run the Badsey Beavers (part of the Scout Association) for over 30 years.



The Chairman said that she could do no better than to read out the words on one of the nomination forms: "Anne is a natural leader and is totally dedicated to what she does."

Photo: Mrs Barbara Jerram presents the Tony Jerram Award (in memory of her late husband) to Anne Poulter

She brings enthusiasm, fun and is a very caring person. The children think she is fantastic and full of adventure! Anne has a great understanding of children and brings wider experience to Beavers and extra hidden skills that the children don't get at school. She has the ability to relate to all ages and in her 37 years of Scouting has brought enormous benefit to so many lives and inspired so many people.

Anne's interpretation skills are invaluable for the work that is involved in the planning for the large variety of scouting badges that the children aim for during their time at Beavers. Anne is a great supporter of events in Wickhamford too. She is a member of St James' Church, Badsey, and supports children's and young people's activities associated with the church and Benefice."

Anne was presented with her award by Mrs Barbara Jerram. Anne said that she was extremely honoured to receive the award and accepted it on behalf of all the scouting community.

After the break, Nina O'Hare from Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service spoke about a potential archaeology project with which the Society may become involved, and Alan Wadsworth of the Worcestershire Farmsteads Project spoke about a survey which is taking place to record all the surviving hovels in the area.

Maureen Spinks



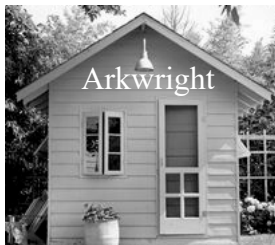
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ARKWRIGHTS

A few yards up the 'Smalls' was situated a large wooden shed known locally as Arkwrights. It's hand painted nameplate swinging drunkenly above the door. It almost lived up to the slogan of a well loved TV shop being 'Open All Hours'.

The floor was covered in strips of once state of the art carpet. Shelves displayed an assortment of fruit and vegetables, all priced in pence per item. Arkwright was a great conversationalist, enjoying a good yarn, often about Asum, our old stomping ground in a previous life.

On a hot sunny Saturday it was a joy to relax in one of the well-worn armchairs which sat outside the sun soaked frontage, munching on a threepenny apple.

One such Saturday afternoon I was settling my debts inside the dim interior of the shop midst peals of laughter as we recalled yet another amusing anecdote from yesteryear. Emerging from the door, and dazzled by the sun, a rather distinguished man greeted me saying, "Oh, it's only you,

I was sure Pam Ayres was in there. I'm gutted, I was hoping for an autograph at least."

Sadly, my Saturday afternoon visits came to an end, when a short severe illness caused Arkwright's demise. Some blamed the constant 'roll-ups' he enjoyed so much, who knows? But it was the end of a much loved and amusing character.

Linda Core

BADSEY OVER 60 JOTTINGS

Mary opened the meeting at 2.30pm and welcomed new members. She then introduced Mr. Michael Clemens, our entertainment for the afternoon, Michael showed a short film of a steam journey in the late 1950's from Worcester to Paddington, taking in stations such as Pershore, Evesham and Moreton in Marsh. We saw short clips of local branch lines including Tewkesbury to Worcester via the old second Evesham line taking in old stations like Eckington. The months birthday cards were then distributed and everyone reminded that the coach for our annual meal at Dymock would depart at 11.30 a.m. We then enjoyed tea and cakes.

Mike informed the membership, this was his last meeting as stand-in secretary. He would be unable to attend the A G M on April 2nd. The meeting closed at 4pm.

Mike Neal



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Ringling will have taken place in Celebration of 2 Diamond Wedding Anniversaries for 28th March:

Malcolm & Hazel Stewart on the evening of 28th with son Andrew ringling with the team .

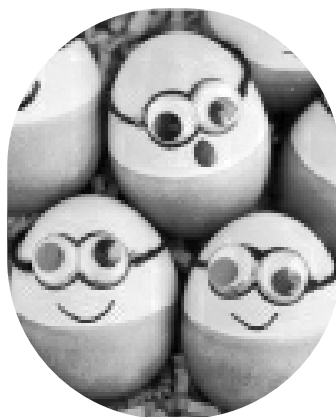
Also, before the Combined Service on Sunday 31st for Patrick and Judy Sparrow. Both couples have done so much for the smooth running of our church. We have a lot to be thankful for. As usual there will be no ringling after Palm Sunday.

HOLY WEEK

Easter Sunday will bring the Great Celebration that the children will have worked so hard to achieve. Well done to everyone.

On the 26th Alex and Penny Christison will be Celebrating their Golden Years.

Hilary Bolton



Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our meeting this month takes place on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. This evening's talk is entitled "Quick and easy propagation, spring foliage and plants for shade." We look forward to seeing you all and welcome new members and visitors for the evening. Further information can be obtained from the Club Secretary, Barbara Bennett, 01386 831002, or other committee members.

Easter Treasure Hunt - Monday 22nd April

Start and finish at Badsey Community & Sports Club, Monday 22nd April 2019, first off 11am, last off 11.30am, £1 per family entry, chocolate for everyone, winners prize. The route is around the village. Please bring a pen or pencil to complete the quiz.

Bring your Easter Bonnets for the parade after the event, when there will also be egg painting.

Badsey Parish Council

Footnote:

From Bard to Verse

A man was suspicious at the small size of Shakespeare's skull at Stratford Museum until the curator told him that it was the Bard's skull when he was a boy.....

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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: eastvaleavon2018@gmail.com

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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Badsey Church Flower Guild	Hazel Stewart	832007

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1 st Badsey Guides	Mandy Young	423215

Cafe Freedom	Tracy Hemming	830200
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Messy Church	Penny Christison	830367
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The Sundowners over 60s Friendship Group	Valerie Davies	833423

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Badsey Film Club	Clive Richards	832685
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