



# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington

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### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Freedom Day Centre in association with the Pub in a Club are offering support to the members of the community who are self-isolating or in quarantine.

They will collect and deliver essential items from local stores, and can also deliver a two-course meal to your door costing £3.50.

They see this service as a way of giving something back to the community who have always supported them.

If you are in need of these services please call Freedom between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday on 01386 830200.



**Where was the Post Office in Old Post Office Lane?**  
asks Valerie McKanan-Jones

The answer to this question will be in next month's issue.

If you have a question regarding Badsey's past then send it to the Editor (details inside back page)

### HAS IT COME A PURLER?



The Knitted Bible Display was planned to be in St. James Church, Badsey for one week, from Sunday 28th June to Sunday 5th July, however this now seems unlikely.

### BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Rosemary Blythe, from Aldington has received a certificate from Wychavon District Council for her voluntary contribution to the Aldington Conservation Area Appraisal. Thanks must be extended for all her hard work on getting this to its conclusion. Well done Rosemary, well deserved.

Barn Dance & Easter Monday Village Hunt. It is with regret that Badsey PC has had to take the decision to cancel the Barn Dance due to be held on Easter Saturday and the Village Easter Hunt on Easter Monday. Thank you to everyone who had put in hard work already and to those who had committed to coming. Refunds will be available for any barn dance tickets already purchased.

Bus shelter. The panes have now been replaced in the bus shelter outside the Remembrance Hall.

Spring Garden Competition. The garden entries are to be judged during the last 2 weeks of March, the winners will be announced and can be found on our Facebook page.

Neighbourhood Watch. The proposed launch of this scheme in Badsey parish has been postponed and will be re-arranged later in the year. If you wish to register your area/street, you can do so by going to [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk). Thank you to those that have already done so

Parish Council-New Website. Badsey Parish Council are proud to announce the new website is now up and running, find us at [www.badseypc.uk](http://www.badseypc.uk), please note that the Worcs CC page will no longer be updated. The Parish Council's latest news will be available on our website and Facebook page.

#### Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2020

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

- Wednesday 15th April 2020
- Wednesday 20th May 2020
- Wednesday 17th June 2020

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a public forum for 10 minutes from 7.30pm until 7.40pm and are normally 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 Email: [badseypc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:badseypc@yahoo.co.uk)

## GLASS EYES AND CHAPPED LEGS

### Linda Core Reminisces

Junior School is an early well remembered memory. We lived a mere street from school so being late was never an option.

Post-war winters were extremely harsh with long spells of snow and frost. The liberty bodice and thick woollen stockings were a great comfort.

The only heating was a large coal fire at the front of the classroom. A team of sturdy senior boys were despatched to collect the crate of milk, these were stacked near the fire to thaw out.

Assembly was the first event of each day. We sang canticles, three hymns, a bible reading and a talk. After the registers were called we had an hours bible study.

## READERS STORY OF THE MONTH

The time came for our vicar to retire. We were astonished when our presentation moved him to tears and he removed his glass eye. Religious festivals were 'treat days' for after processing to church we enjoyed a day's holiday.

Music lessons happened often, we loved Miss Dowlers accompaniment, she played with gusto, the piano see-sawing on the bumpy boarded floor.

Gym was held on the playground with hoops, ball games, and rounders. Our legs chapped red raw.

Yes they were tough days which equipped us well to cope with the 'University of Life', but with many laughs along the way.



### CAN YOU HELP UNCOVER THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF BADSEY?

*Postponed to a weekend later in the year*

Evidence of Badsey's past lies just beneath your feet, waiting to be discovered. We need your help to dig 20 test pits (mini archaeological excavations) in gardens across Badsey to uncover centuries of history. There's nothing quite like being the first to hold an item last seen hundreds of years ago!

All ages are welcome and no experience or knowledge of archaeology is needed, as guidance and equipment will be provided.

Each test pit needs a team of 3-4, as archaeology involves more than just digging: there will be finds to collect and clean and discoveries to record, so taking part won't mean digging all day!

Badsey will be one of six settlements excavated as part of this county wide project. Small Pits, Big Ideas is being run by Worcs. Archaeological Society, in partnership with Worcs. Archive & Archaeology Service and the Badsey Society, with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

### HOW TO TAKE PART

Thank you to those who have already come forward. We are still looking for more gardens and lots of volunteers to help.

Training will be provided shortly before the dig starts. If you're interested in taking part or hosting a test pit (they will be de-turfed and reinstated).

Please get in touch with Ian Gibson on 834468 or email [iangibsonart@btinternet.com](mailto:iangibsonart@btinternet.com)



## A MESSAGE FROM REV PHILIP MORTON

Watch our new YouTube Channel - [eastvaleavon.com/online-services](http://eastvaleavon.com/online-services)



At this time of year, I would normally find myself writing about the approach of the Easter season, but this year is very different from anything else we have experienced.

Part of the problem is the uncertainty around what might happen in the near future. Now that we are no longer able to gather for worship in churches, I am reminded of the words Jesus said when He summarised the Law; “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind’.

This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself’. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets”. (Matthew 22: 37-40)

Jesus was teaching that these two things - loving God first and foremost, and loving our neighbours as ourselves – underpin everything that makes for human flourishing.

In times when our community are shutting down in order to protect the most vulnerable, and people are self-isolating to protect themselves and their families, it is more important than ever to remember the commandment to love our neighbours.

Look out for those who might be alone and can't get to the shops. Stay in touch with people by phone or text, just to let them know that people are still out there thinking of them.

And hold each other in prayer. If you have access to the internet, our new prayer booklet is available for free download from our church website [eastvaleavon.com](http://eastvaleavon.com).

Other prayer resources and sermons can be found on the website, and we will be adding more material as we go along.

If you don't have internet access, call the Vicar on 01386 832 599 with your name and address and a copy of the booklet can be posted through your door.

And if you're feeling lonely and isolated, you are always free to call the Vicar anyway. The Church is still here, putting love of God and love of neighbour at the heart of our communities. I hope this prayer may of some comfort:

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.  
Amen.*

Stay safe, and may God bless us all.

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptisms:

16/02/2020 Barney Robert Bradshaw

23/02/2020 Felix George Willett

#### Funerals:

11/02/2020 Robin McKanan-Jones (aged 75)

09/03/2020 Doreen Elizabeth Collins (aged 85)

### SPONSOR A CHAIR FOR £15

As some will be aware there are now 30 new grey folding chairs in church. We would like to replace the remaining 30 old rickety wooden chairs with the same type. So far 14 have been paid for will you help with the rest.



If so contact me, or any member of the PCC

*Alex Christison* 01386 830367  
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## HOW DNA SOLVED A FAMILY MYSTERY

### Badsey resident Tony Wood explains all

I have been researching my family history for over forty years. My paternal family all hailed from the South Hams area of Devon.

My great-grandmother, Sarah Wood was born in 1838. Unfortunately, at a young age she was admitted to the local workhouse along with her father due to her mother's ill health. Her stay lasted many years and whilst there she had three illegitimate children – one of whom was my grandfather, James Wood. All census returns and even his marriage certificate showed his name as plain James Wood and that is how it remained until his death. Imagine my surprise when in 1992 I obtained his birth certificate which showed his full name as James **Polyblank** Wood.

Polyblank? What was that all about? As he was illegitimate it was often the practice that the mother would use the middle and sometimes first name of the father in the hope of obtaining parish benefit.

I then pondered for many years as to which Mr. Polyblank was the 'culprit'. Polyblank and its derivatives were fairly common surnames in the South Hams area and so this proved to be an impossible task by normal genealogical research.

Many years later I decided to take a DNA test. As a result, I found that I had an almost exact match with a man living in Canada called Gary Pullyblank. By sheer luck his sister runs a one-name study for the surname. We decided that both Gary and I would put our DNA results on the Devon DNA project which groups matches into haplogroups (a DNA term for ancient matching ancestry). The Devon project is run by Debbie Kennett, a well respected DNA expert. Debbie was very interested in our joint results – mainly because, to date, we are the only two individuals in the database with that extremely rare haplogroup.

With Debbie's help we were able to establish that my "Mr Polyblank" had to be in Gary's direct ancestral line. We arrived at the conclusion that my great-grandfather was one of four brothers all living in the area at the time. One of the brothers was called James Pulleyblank and was the right age and lived in the next parish to my grandmother.

I am 95% certain he is the correct brother because of his forename but to be 100% certain I need to trace a living male descendant and persuade them to take a DNA test. This is work in progress.

## BADSEY COMMUNITY SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

### Notice to dog-walkers

No dogs are to be exercised, walked, or allowed to run-loose on the playing fields (football, cricket and archery areas) attached to Badsey Community Sports and Social Club at Brewers Lane, Badsey by order of the Club Committee.



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## A PASSPORT TO (ALMOST) ANYWHERE?

### Tower Captain, Tom Sandham writes

One of the joys of bellringing is visiting other towers. You are always made most welcome and no matter how proficient they are you will always get to have a go.

It is also, when visiting, a way to get to meet some locals who will invariably enthuse about their area, and of course have a look at the church.

Sadly I have not rung abroad but I know many who have, Australia, New Zealand, U.S.A all have enthusiastic bellringing societies. The English have exported the art, knowledge and technology (the bells are nearly always made in this country) around the world.

So next time when on holiday visit a church or cathedral and discover how many bells it has, when they were made (some bells date back hundreds of years) and how often they are rung.

More next month on how 'full circle ringing' came into existence. And no I don't mean you stand in a circle to do it.

### **CORONAVIRUS NEWS**

**DUE TO CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT POLICY REGARDING GATHERINGS, MANY OF THE EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE COMMUNITY NEWS MAY GET CANCELLED. PLEASE CHECK FIRST WITH THE RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS.**

**If you are self-isolating, and need something to do to occupy your mind then why not write an article for the Community News.**

**Emails only to:**

**editorbadseycommnews@gmail.com**

## BADSEY FILM CLUB

Happy Easter everyone.  
Here are our future presentations:



Saturday 4th April **THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS**

Saturday 18th April **AMERICAN BEAUTY**

Films start at 8pm in the back room of the Wheatsheaf Inn, Badsey. Ice Creams are available during the mid film Interval and we have a cracking raffle!! Get there early for a decent seat. For further details contact Clive 832685.

## BADSEY WI

Our April meeting takes place on Wednesday 8th at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.15pm.

The talk will be Joan Bomford, a Countryfile winner, about her life as a farmer and her work with horses and Riding for the Disabled. This will be followed by tea and cake. Visitors welcome.

## ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD

Ladies and gent we will be arranging church flowers for Easter on Saturday 11th April.

### April Rota

Sunday 12th All the Guild  
Sunday 19th Mary and Alan  
Sunday 26th Sandra and Maureen

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for all that you do throughout the year, both supplying flowers and decorating our church, it always looks lovely.

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

## SHARP-SIGHTED

*John Sharp delves into the local newspaper archives of January 1957*



During a football match between Pershore and Badsey Rangers, the Rangers goalkeeper, John Grindle, was asked by some children during the game to rescue their cat which was up a tree. He promised, half-meaning it, that he would do so after the match.

The children were waiting for him after he got changed, so obliged to climb the tree. It was about four inches away from a "live" wire carrying 11,000 volts. He grabbed the cat, which scratched his face (how ungrateful!), and he had to drop it. It landed on its feet and ran away unharmed.

A comment from an Electricity Board Official afterwards was, "We should certainly not have sent a man up the tree, even an experienced man, without putting the line out of service. Nobody, no matter if it's a human being who is trapped up the pole or tree, should anyone attempt to climb it."

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

Our April meeting invites members and guests to an 'Evening with Reg Moule'. Well-known local radio gardening expert Reg will convey his knowledge of all aspects of gardening in his own inimitable witty style. After leaving school Reg studied for five years at Pershore Horticultural College, before a 25 year career at Mythe Nurseries in Tewkesbury. He has been the Royal Horticultural Society's Local Radio Gardening Expert of the Year and has won the Gardeners' Writers Guild Gardening Radio Award several times.

The meeting takes place on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Wickhamford.

Further information is available from Barbara Bennett, the Club Secretary. Tel: 831082.



**MESSY CHURCH HAS BEEN  
POSTPONED UNTIL  
OCTOBER 18TH 2020**

For further information contact  
pennyanne68@gmail.com

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## AN APPEAL TO CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS

Due to the current situation when most organisations are cancelling their meetings, can they still send information into the Community News. It could be about their club, group or organisations history, or activities, (when they eventually take place).

This is also a chance for every other self-isolator (old or young) to display their writing abilities by sending in articles, stories, memories, anything that will help fill what could become blank pages.

The Community News has recently increased its number of copies distributed around the parish to over 1400. So now is your chance to put your article, story, poem, photo, in front of this captive audience.

The Community News editor is **Will Dallimore**.

The email address for your articles and reports is **editorbadseycommnews@gmail.com**

No Handwritten items, only emails.

The latest date to send in articles is the 10th of April.



## MOTHERS UNION

Our April meeting takes place on Tuesday 14th at 2.30pm in Badsey Church.

The speaker will be Julia Routledge who will talk about WAGGGS, which is the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Visitors are always welcome. For more details contact Sandra Sparrow Tel. 833368

**PLEASE NOTE:** The M.U. Lentern Lunch planned for Tuesday 31st March at St. James, Badsey has been cancelled.

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My Surgery is held on alternate Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm at The Vicarage. 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  
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## The Vicar's Day Off is Friday

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The Badsey Society	Shirley Tutton	831539
Women's Institute	Jane Neill	830301
Mothers' Union	Sandra Sparrow	833368

### **Youth Organisations**

1st Badsey Scout Group	Nichol Brown	882350
1st Badsey Guides	Mandy Young	423215
Cafe Freedom	Tracy Hemming	830200
Messy Church	Penny Christison	830367

### **Over 60s Friendship Groups**

Mary Dore's Friendship Club	Mary Dore	830879
Coronation Street Club	Jean Dyke	830714
Sundowners	Val Davies	833423

### **Sports and Entertainment**

Badsey Film Club	Clive Richards	832685
Air Rifle Club	Ashley Green	832296
Archery Club	Ian Trout	831509
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Model Engineering Club	Roger Cull	831933
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Evesham & Badsey Hockey Club	Andy Osborne	0797 068 1505

Could you write an occasional article for the Community News? We are always in need of something to fill this newsletter. As long as the subject is local, of interest to our readers, and no longer than 300 words. Whether you are 9 or 90 we would love to hear from you.



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### **CLUB OF THE MONTH - Over 60s Friendship Club**

This popular club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Pub in a Club, High Street, Badsey. The afternoon, 2pm to 4pm, is filled with entertainment, talks, raffles, etc.. They also arrange trips out. Our photo shows Lyn Clark and Mary Dore. Mary has been inspirational, and has overseen the running of the club for many years. New members always welcome.

### **Articles for publication in**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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