



# Community News

## Badsey and Aldington

Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon Villages

### THE KNITTED BIBLE

NEXT YEAR'S VISIT - ALL SEWN UP

Anne McCombie has the details

The Knitted Bible has been re-scheduled to come to the Benefice of the East Vale and Avon villages at Badsey Church from 14th to the 22nd August 2021.

Due to Covid-19, our much long-for awaited visit by the Knitted Bible from Hartlepool this June had to be postponed. We had already waited for nearly two years, and it will now be over three by the time it arrives. It will be worth it, we promise!

During lockdown, the exhibition has been socially-distancing and taking a well earned rest from their busy touring schedule. They have been continuously on tour for over ten years, so deserve a bit of a break!

Sadly the many penguins in our own collection of knitted animals have just carried on partying, despite the attention of the tigers. You will see, however, that our other animals have been well-behaved and are all following the Government directives.



There is a serious side to the exhibition, and I am sure it will bring much joy after a difficult 2020. The intention is for all funds raised to be split between two charities: Friends of the Holy Land and Caring Hands in the Vale.

During lockdown, it became evident that these charities were in need of continuing and immediate support, and we were able to make donations from funds already raised by the Knitted Bible.

We will open for nine days in August 2021 for visits, and there will be an opportunity to purchase both refreshments and souvenirs. We are still hoping that anyone with knitting skills may be willing to knit small animals over the Winter that we can sell in order to raise funds for our charities. Use your imagination - the Ark had two of everything from aardvarks to zebras!

This is a wonderful opportunity for us as a community to share the exhibition in the surroundings of our beautiful church.

From everyone involved (knitted or otherwise!) we hope you are as excited as we are and ready to support us in this venture.

For more information, please visit <https://eastvaleavon.com/the-knitted-bible>

You can also contact Anne McCombie on 01386 640801.



## **BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Welcome back.....**

We hope that you have been keeping up to date with news and information by looking at our webpage (details below) and updates on Facebook. We will be continuing with our monthly PC meetings via Zoom for the foreseeable future as recommended. Look out for the minutes after the meetings on the noticeboard at the Spar and on our webpage. If you would like to be involved in the meeting, you will need to contact the parish clerk no later than midday on the Friday before each meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 21st October** at 7.30pm.

### **Badsey Recreation Ground Play Area.**

Work will commence on Monday 21st September 2020 for approximately one week to install a new seesaw, pendulum swing and a ride on horse. The seat on the zipwire, which was damaged during lockdown, will also be replaced.

### **Staying Safe in our Play Areas.**

Much work has been done to ensure that our play areas are Covid safe and can remain open. The rules are clearly posted at all play areas and on each piece of equipment, there are the recommended numbers to stay safe on that equipment. We all need to play our part in ensuring that we maintain social distancing, clean equipment and wash our hands after using the equipment. That way we can reduce the spread and keep the areas open.

### **Planning Approval for Burial Ground, Allotment, Community Orchard and Garden.**

The Parish Council's planning application was heard at Wychavon Planning Committee in August and approved by officers. We are in the final stages of completing on the purchase of the land. More information will follow in the coming months as plans are considered and agreed on the way forward with this project.

### **Bulb Planting.**

Badsey PC will be planting bulbs for spring flowering in early October on a number of verges and grass areas, if you have any suggestions of locations, please get in touch.

### **Parish Council - New Website.**

Badsey Parish Council are proud to announce that their 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.

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## **READING OLD DOCUMENTS**

### **Alan Tutton will show you how**

In recent years there have been many advances in the techniques used for family research. So many records are now available online that a great deal of work can be carried out online so that you do not need to leave the comfort of your arm chair. However, there comes a point when you need to travel to a records office and request to view actual documents to take your research a step further.

These old documents including wills, inventories and old legal agreements are often enlightening and can give so much detail about people's lives. However these hand-written documents can at first be a little difficult to read and understand.

The Badsey Society is running an online (ZOOM) one day workshop on Saturday 17th October from 10.30 to 15.50, that aims to give an introduction into decoding and transcribing old hand written documents that can be found in archives. The workshop will consist of three short presentations followed by staged exercises where you will gain essential practical skills.

This would be followed by a flexible workshop where you can choose to transcribe either stock documents or bring along one of your own. The timing of the sessions is flexible and it is expected that the entire workshop would last about 5 hours including time for lunch.

For further details, or if you wish to join the session please email **[badseysoc@gmail.com](mailto:badseysoc@gmail.com)**



## BRIGHT LIGHTS SHINING IN THE DARKNESS

Fr Timothy Hupfield (Assistant Curate)

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October. The nights are drawing in fast, and the cold winter weather is just around the corner. But in the bleakness and the dark, there are reasons to celebrate.

For one, the month culminates in All Hallows' tide - Halloween (All Hallows Eve), All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day.

Three days to remember all those who have gone before us. Those whose stories we know. Those whom we have loved. Everyone who has had an impact on each of us, and who have helped us grow into the people we are today.

But before we get to All Saints, we have St Luke's Day, in the middle of the month – on the 18th . In the middle of a pandemic, celebrating the feast day of the patron saint of physicians seems particularly fitting, as we recognise and give thanks for the work of the NHS and medical scientists. Bright lights shining in the darkness of the pandemic.

In the last few months we've realised, as a nation – and world – that we haven't always recognised the 'key workers' in our society. Perhaps now, as we approach All Saints' Day, other questions that we could each ask ourselves are, 'Who are the key people in my life?'

'Who has shone brightly for me, in my dark moments of need?'

Some of these people we will have known personally. Others we might only know from their legacy, or through stories told about them. All Hallows' tide gives us a particular opportunity to ask ourselves, about these people who have been saints in our lives, 'What have we learned from them, and what might we learn?' And then perhaps even, 'How can we shine as lights in the dark times of other people's lives?'

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

#### Weddings:

05/08/2020 Samuel John Huckvale &  
Holly Tamara Teale

#### Funerals:

09/04/2020 Michael John Barnard (aged 91)  
15/04/2020 Margaret Anne Brooks (83)  
14/07/2020 Gillian Roberta Agg (76)  
--/08/2020 Catherine Diana Merris (74)  
18/08/2020 Nigel Graham Walker Heath (70)  
19/08/2020 Olga Barnard (91)  
27/08/2020 Malcolm Jeffrey Marshall (75)  
07/09/2020 Betty Wood (90)

### CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER

#### Oct 4th

South Littleton	9.30am	Morning Service / Harvest Festival
Bretforton	11.am	Eucharist / Harvest Festival

#### Oct 11th

Badsey	9.30am	Morning Service / Harvest Festival
Offenham	11.am	Eucharist / Harvest Festival

#### Oct 18th

Cleeve Prior	9.30am	Morning Service
South Littleton	11.am	Eucharist

#### Oct 25th

Bretforton	9.30am	Morning Service
Badsey	11.am	Eucharist

## **OUR NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**

### **Valerie Magan writes**

Our National Health Service began in 1948. It was felt that in post war Britain, healthcare should be free and available to all. It took a long time though to drift away from what was previously on offer: antiquated ideas of the "Poor Law" going back to the Victorian Work House era. Gradually though, health education began to spread. Pamphlets for patients explained causes of illnesses and what to do about them. It was felt if people adopted a different life style, the nation's health could be improved. Studies found drivers of London's double decker buses were more likely to die suddenly from "coronary thrombosis" than conductors. Government clerks suffered more often from rapidly fatal cardiac infarction than postmen. Looking after our health covered a range of subjects and it wasn't only exercise.

Over centuries, deadly infections such as bubonic plague, diphtheria and tuberculosis often caused high mortality rates. There were always survivors though, thanks to our own immune responses, as well as naturally available treatments for infection. Honey, herbs and passed on knowledge was never ignored. Research over the years developed various medical treatments.

As late as the 1960s, sulphur tablets for example were used by our NHS to treat chest infections and bronchitis. They paved the way for penicillin for a number of inflammations. The only trouble is, its wide use has meant our bodies are not using their own natural defences. Penicillin is meant to heal you quickly so you can get on with your life. Chances are, your body would heal you with its own natural defences, it would take though a lot longer.

Our NHS offers us so much more to save lives and improve lives. From visits to your GP, to treatment arranged by specialist consultants, in hospital and via outpatient departments. We have so much to be grateful for. Now with a global virus, Covid 19, threatening our lives, our NHS will still step up and tackle all that is thrown at our nation's most treasured institution.

## **BADSEY WI**

### **New President**

Lorraine Goodman has taken over as president of the WI from Jane Neill, fuller details in next month's Community News.

## **ST JAMES FLOWER GUILD**

### **Hazel Stewart recalls how it all began**

It will come as no surprise ladies and gent that there is no rota for flowers in church as we are still working through lockdown and all it entails. No flowers in church didn't stop Julie, she has been placing a flower arrangement in the porch since Easter in the hope of brightening up the day for passers by. Julie, they have been appreciated, thank you so much! I hope everyone is managing and staying sane in this very difficult time. If you're like me the garden has been a life line, we've enjoyed a glorious summer and the flowers seem to have been bigger and better this year from early spring until now as autumn approaches.

In 1966 I first started arranging church flowers under Marjorie Perkins' guidance, taking my daughter Julie with me in her pram, there were quite a number of ladies on the rota then, but as time goes by nature takes its course and our guild decreased as members passed away, including Marjorie.

By the late eighties we were in a bit of a crisis with very low numbers. As I had been a keen flower arranger for some years by then, was a member of a local floral art society, I decided to take some flower arranging classes for beginners to share my interest in the beauty of flowers. First Badsey, then Bretforton village halls became the venue for my beginners class - this was a springboard for gaining several recruits for St James Flower Guild, the ladies have gone from strength to strength creating beautiful flower arrangements for the church, not just for everyday but for weddings and festivals.

It wasn't just Julie that came down to church in her pram as a baby, her brother Alan also came with me when it was my turn for church flowers, so perhaps it was I started them off at an early age without realising! Julie has always been involved and now Alan has become our first gent on the rota.

The guild members - Jane Bayes, Barbara Bennett, Mary Clarke, Maureen Davis, Julie Gardner, Yvonne Haines, Annette Robbins, Hazel Smith, Sandra Sparrow, Alan Stewart, Sheila Taylor - work in pairs so it means teams do flowers every six weeks and I really do appreciate and sincerely thank them for their time, supplying the flowers and creating wonderful displays. We welcomed Hannah who joined the guild at Christmas but as yet she has had no chance to have her turn arranging flowers in church.

# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Badsey Branch Leader, Sandra Sparrow, writes

I would like to thank the members of the Badsey W.I. Embroidery Group for their time and talents in the making of a new M.U. banner. Also to Richard Styles for his time in making a new pole.

The banner, which is lighter than the previous one, will be much easier to carry. The banner is now in the church. Also a big thank you to the anonymous person who paid for the banner to be made.

**Please Note: Due to the government restrictions on gatherings there will be no more Mothers' Union meetings until the new year.**

## BADSEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

**Churchwardens:** Chris Smith & Elizabeth Bolland

**Church Council:**

Marianne Beddis, Alex Christison, Penny Christison, John Waters (Treasurer)

**Deanery Synod Representatives:**

Chris Smith & Anne McCombie

**Church Electoral Roll Officer:** Chris Smith

## WICKHAMFORD GARDENING CLUB

The Club is keen to get going again and providing the planned September meeting took place safely, following all guidelines for the current situation, our October meeting will follow suit. We therefore look forward to welcoming everyone on Wednesday 28th October 2020 to the Memorial Hall at 7.30 on as usual.

We have been assured that a deep clean of the Hall has taken place and the Committee will ensure the following advice is adhered to for everyone's benefit.

1. Socially distanced seating will apply unless you come with a family member.
2. No refreshments will be served.
3. Wearing of a face covering will be left to member's discretion and their own personal comfort.
4. There will be no charge for this meeting
5. A raffle will be held
6. The Flower of the month competition will take place

We look forward to seeing you all again in the hope we can to rekindle a little normality in these trying times. We hope that current restrictions placed on us do not change in the foreseeable future and a successful evening ensues.

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

## BADSEY RANGERS F.C. - 100 YEARS AGO

*With a senior Badsey Rangers team now playing back up the Rec, Terry Sparrow delves into the club's past.*

The recent publication by the Badsey Society of John Sharp's book, '100 Years of the Recreation Ground' (copies available at £2.50 each) serves as a reminder that for Badsey Rangers Football Club the 1920-21 season was not only their first at the new ground but also the most successful in the history of the club.

Hitherto the team had been almost entirely selected from Badsey men, but 1920-21 saw a change of policy with the introduction of five former players of the newly-defunct Worcester Rovers club, which had pipped Badsey to the Worcester and District League title in the previous season.

The combination of locals and 'imports' produced an exceptionally good team and April 1921 saw Badsey crowned as Worcester League champions for the first time. In cup competitions too, the Rangers excelled, winning the Worcestershire Junior Cup, the Evesham Hospital Cup, the Bromsgrove Charity Cup (these three for the fourth time), the Studley Cup and the Worcester Charity Cup. Neither before or since has Badsey Rangers won six trophies in one season. Local football enjoyed tremendous support in those days, with the final of the Evesham Hospital cup attracting a crowd of over 3000 spectators.



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## WHERE WAS THE POST OFFICE IN OLD POST OFFICE LANE?

Asked Valerie McKanan-Jones in our last publication in April. Well Valerie, here is the answer to your question from our local history man, Terry Sparrow.

The original Badsey Post Office opened in 1891 in what is now Old Post Office Lane. It was located at Blenheim Cottage (now number 23).

The lane was then known as Old Road and had been so named since 1815. Prior to that date it was part of the main thoroughfare from the village centre to the Bretforton Road, until a new road (the present day Synehurst) was created, thus shortening the journey to Evesham by 420 yards. A copy of a map showing both the old and new roads may be seen on page 38 of *A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington*, T.C. Sparrow, second edition, (1983).

At first, Badsey Post Office provided very few facilities, but from December 1892 it was able to send and receive telegrams. Other services soon followed, such as the purchase of money orders and investment in a savings bank.

In 1897 the postmaster, Elijah Crisp, who was a stonemason by trade, moved with his family to a newly-built house in the High Street (now number 28) opposite the church. The Post Office was relocated there, where it remained for the next one hundred years.

Next month our local history man has been posed this question from Valerie Magan. *Why is there decoration on one of the gate piers to the Garden of Remembrance, and not the other?*

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



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### **Organisations, Institutes and Societies**

The Badsey Society	Shirley Tutton	831539
Women's Institute	Lorraine Goodman	832653
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
Badsey Cricket Club	David Powell	833122
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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.



**Club of the Month** - Coronation Street Friendship Club

With no connection to the TV Soap, the Coronation Street Friendship Club was named after their first meeting place in Bengeworth, Evesham. Jean Dyke (pictured between Mary Callaghan and Pat Gibson), has been the leading light in this weekly club for the elderly for many years. The members get transported to and from Badsey, plus a hot meal, games, trips out and entertainment. Before the lockdown they met on a Friday at Badsey Recreation Club, from 11am to 3.30pm. There are no details available as to when they may resume.

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