

COLOUR MY WORLD WITH SUNSHINE EVERY DAY

In June 2019 we reported how a stained glass window designed in the USA and crafted in Badsey had gone to the Ukraine. David Bute from Cherkassy, Ukraine takes up the story.

Back in the pre-Covid days, air travel was regular and necessary - or so we thought! It took four separate trips to carefully transport the stained glass window in four sections as hand baggage from the UK to Ukraine. Disappointingly, no one at the airport showed much interest is what we were carrying, but in all fairness to them, it was carefully and safely wrapped up so no one could appreciate the treasure inside.

The intended location was in a new window at the headquarters of Kreativity, in Cherkassy, Ukraine. Kreativity is a Christian organisation providing physical, social and spiritual support for all ages - feeding and clothing the homeless, weekly groups for young mothers with their babies, gatherings for pensioners to help them learn new skills, education and language lessons, and youth activity clubs. Our projects evolve depending on need and success, and so we're excited to share the new main beneficiaries of the stained glass window. One of our projects is called *The Life Centre* - a group of volunteers who provide support, counselling and practical items for families (although mostly mothers) who have unexpected pregnancies. We believe that every child, unborn or newborn, is a precious gift, so



our team help the pregnant mothers to make their own decisions about the future. In the last two years, we have been able to support and encourage the birth of 59 babies, in situations where the only other option would have been abortion. The stained glass window is the centre piece of a place called *The Upper Room* where mothers can receive support, counselling and prayer. Everyone comments on the window, and cannot believe it came all the way from England. So we are very grateful for this really unusual and beautiful work of art, that helps to provide hope and encouragement to so many people at this challenging time.





BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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 (see contact details).

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 17th March 2021** at 7.30pm via Zoom. If you would like to be involved in the meeting you will need to contact the parish clerk before midday on Friday 12th March.

Countryside Action Volunteer Group

Local villages have successfully set up a Countryside Action Volunteer Group which support and assist Worcestershire County Council in maintaining village footpaths, bridges and stiles. The local groups will receive support and training and tools and materials. If you have some time to spare and an interest in local footpaths, please contact the parish clerk to express an interest.

Badsey Society

Badsey Parish Council are pleased to be able to support a new project developed by Badsey Society to use QR codes around the village which will link into their website and provide exciting information about key places in the parish. The application has been submitted to Wychavon DC with the full support of the PC.

Thank you....

Thank you to County Councillor Alastair Adams for agreeing a donation of £500 for seating which will eventually be put in the Community Garden on Willersey Road.

Allotments

Badsey PC will be asking for interest in allotment plots at its land in Bowers Hill from (hopefully) March of this year in preparation for the 2022 season. If you may be interested, please look out for further information via Community News, our Facebook page and website.

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THE NIGHT SKY IN WINTER - PART 2

From Badsey's very own astronomer, Stargazer.

Following on from our look at the constellation of Orion last month we can use this as a stepping stone to other wonders in the night sky.

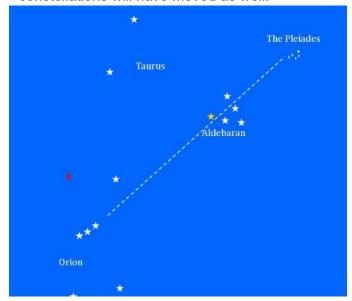
If you look at the three stars forming the belt of Orion and follow its line up and to the right you reach a beautiful yellow/orange star in the constellation of Taurus that is known as Aldebaran. (not to be confused with the planet Alderaan from Star Wars.) Aldebaran is the brightest star in Taurus and a giant star at the end of its life similar to Betelgeuse in Orion. It is about sixty five light years away from the earth and is probably a binary star but the size of Aldebaran and the faint nature of small companion stars have made it difficult to positively confirm that two stars are gravitational bound together and not just in the same line of view. If you now continue to follow the line on up and to the right from Orion's belt, you come to another fuzzy patch in the night sky. This cluster of stars is known as the Pleiades, or more commonly, the Seven Sisters. It is also known by its catalogue number of Messier 45. The Pleiades are about 444 light years from the earth and are our closest neighbouring star cluster.

Many people, when looking at the Pleiades, describe what they see as a mini version of The Plough. The cluster is dominated by nine bright blue stars although those with exceptional eyesight can distinguish up to fourteen stars. I must admit that from Badsey on a good clear night I can only

see six of these bright stars; they are quite difficult to count as they are so close together. With a modest telescope it is possible to see even more stars in the group. In fact there are over a thousand closely grouped stars in the Pleiades; most are cooler Red Dwarf stars and the much smaller and cooler bodies known as Brown Dwarfs. Large bright Blue stars do not last for a great deal of time; they grow large, burn their fuel quickly with a great deal of heat and then burn out in a supernova explosion. From the study of other stars, the Pleiades cluster is estimated to be only about a hundred million years old and formed in a nebula similar to the one found in Orion.

Do enjoy the majesty of the winter sky.

Next month the clocks will have changed and the constellations will have moved as well.





DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT BADSEY'S HISTORY? Send your questions to the Editor (details inside back page)

PRAYING FOR EVERYBODY

A MESSAGE FROM REV. PHILIP MORTON

This month marks five years since I started here as vicar. It's been a wonderful experience getting to know the Vale of Evesham, learning about the wonderful people who live here, and sharing some of the most important moments in people's lives, such as weddings and christenings.

Earlier on today I was out for a walk with my daughter, and as we passed houses where people live that I've been fortunate to meet, I realised how much being here has changed me in so many positive ways.

I thought about the first meeting I had with the Bishop of Worcester, who put me through my paces before letting me loose on the villages. We talked about the privilege that parish ministry is, and that sometimes it can be hard work with long hours. But the Bishop reminded me that, although I often sit at my desk with paperwork piling up, my real role is to pray for the people of the parishes. And not just the people who attend church.

The real job of a parish vicar is to pray for every single person who lives in these parishes. I haven't met most of them yet, but I pray for them, nonetheless. If you see me walking about one of the villages with my daughter, know that I am praying as I go. It may not seem much, but to me it's the best job in the world.

CHURCH SERVICES AT BADSEY FOR MARCH 2021

Sunday 7th March 11am Morning Prayer 3rd Sunday in Lent Philip Morton

Sunday 14th March 11am **Eucharist** *Mothering Sunday* **Philip Morton**

Sunday 21st March 11am **Eucharist**Passion Sunday Philip Morton

Sunday 28th March 11am **Eucharist**Palm Sunday Philip Morton

Above services subject to change due to Covid-19 regulations. Up-to-date info available on noticeboard in Church Porch and Churchyard Notice Boards.

A morning prayer service via Zoom will be set up each Sunday at 9:30 am. If you wish to join a link is available from the vicar.

Online services of Holy Communion will continue as normal, and sermons will be published on the website (www.eastvaleavon.com).



FREEDOM COMES, FREEDOM GROWS

Crocus bulbs planted by members of the Freedom Club during their weekly work-visits to Badsey Churchyard last year have poked their heads through the frozen ground to signify that Spring is just around the corner, and hopefully the start of freedom for all of us from the current lockdown.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals:

21st Jan 2021 Dorothy Plant (aged 91)

30th Jan 2021 Audrey Taylor (83)

FAMILY HISTORY TIPS From the Badsey Society



This month we continue with our series of how to trace your family history. Written by Maureen Spinks

Lesson 3 - Census Returns

UK census returns are of huge benefit to the family historian. To date, you can find where your ancestors were living every ten years from 1841 to 1911. In 2022, you will be able to see what they were up to in 1921 when those records are released under the 100-year rule. The information recorded on individuals has tended to increase with each census.

This article assumes that you have access to a computer. In the good old days, you would have gone to view census returns on microfilm at a Record Office; nowadays it's a case of using a subscription site such as Ancestry or Findmypast.

Did you know that Worcestershire offers free access to their digital library, including Ancestry Library Edition, accessible from home until 31st March?

Hopefully, you will find your ancestors without too much trouble by putting the relevant details into the Search boxes. If you have exhausted all possibilities, including possible mis-spellings and mis-transcriptions, here are a few hints:

They are there, you just can't see them

The name might be different from the one you were expecting; this can happen where a widow re-marries and then she and her children from the first marriage are all listed under her new husband's surname. It was not unusual for children to revert to their own father's surname in later life, or even to switch back and forth between the two. Others may have the same surname throughout, but appear with different forenames, because they use a middle name or a nickname, in preference to their first name. A few people are listed without a name at all, but only initials, e.g. those in prison or an asylum.

Missing from the census altogether

They might have been out of the country at the time of the census, e.g. anyone who was in the army, navy or merchant service. In the case of the army, they might be stationed in Scotland or Ireland where they would be enumerated in that census instead (most 19th century Irish census returns do not survive, so only useful for 1901 and 1911).

In the census but in a part of it that has since gone missing

No census is 100% complete, although some are better than others. You can get a rough idea of which parts of a census are missing by searching in the National Archives online catalogue using the keyword 'missing', and restricting your search to the reference for that census; HO 107 for 1841 and 1851, RG 9 for 1861 and so on, up to RG 14 for 1911. This will usually show where all or part of a district has not survived. The missing parts only represent a tiny proportion of the whole census, but it's frustrating if it's the parish you are interested in.

Lastly, don't forget the 1939 Register, a type of census, which was taken at the start of WW2, one of the purposes being to produce identity cards. It does not contain as much information as the census return but, crucially, it does give date of birth (although not always recorded accurately). It continued to be a working document after the war had ended. For example, if a woman married, her maiden name was crossed out and the new surname added. When the National Health Service was founded in 1948 the Register was used as the basis of the NHS Central Register, and this continued to the early 1990s. Many name changes were recorded as the result of marriages that took place in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s.

Next month we will look at parish registers.

Useful websites mentioned in this article:-

(https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20786/digital_library)

(https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/)

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ARE YOU A FONT OF ALL KNOWLEDGE?

Prior to Covid rearing its ugly head last year, Brian Smith was three quarters of the way through an investigation into the church fonts in the Vale of Evesham, taking photographs and obtaining information from various sources. As he has completed his study of the six fonts in the churches of the Eastvale and Avon Benefice, it is intended to include a feature on each in future issues of this magazine. Also included will be Wickhamford church, with which Badsey church has been associated for many past years. As a taster for this, photos of five fonts are shown below. There will be a prize of a copy of Brian's book (it could be a long time coming!) for the reader who identifies the most correctly.



We have found a way for Messy Church to reach the children. The Messy Church team will be gathering goodies for Messy Church bags for Good Friday. These will be delivered on **31st March**. The bags will contain

relevant crafts, colouring pictures and many paper puzzles, prayer, etc.. We need to know before **23rd March** how many bags you require, the ages of your children and where we can deliver them to. **It is all free**. Covid-19 rules apply.

Please contact team members: Sue Jinks, Lisa Farmer, Angela Gray or send direct to Penny Christison on penny@alexchristison.f9.co.uk











Jane Neill's Countryside Calendar

There is an old saying "March many weathers" the month that brings the first warm days of Spring but also blows in harsh, cold winds and storms. The longer, warmer days tempt out the hibernating insects. Blink and you may miss the brief sightings of brimstone, small tortoiseshell and peacock (pictured) butterflies. The queen wasps and ladybirds, having hidden all winter unnoticed, often appear in the house. I let them go free. I have a soft spot for wasps.

The hedgehogs leave their nests. Frogs spawn in our ponds. Young roe buck sport their new antlers in velvet. New life awakens everywhere.

The seeds rise from the bare earth. Daffodils, violets, primrose and celandine flourish. The blackthorn is covered in sweet scented blossom, the hawthorn buds are about to burst their green shoots and the catkins hanging from hazel branches remind us of lambs tails to echo the birth of lambs in the fields.

We say farewell to the flocks of redwings and fieldfares on their way back to Scandinavia and listen intently to hear the first chiff chaff in the

woodland. The chatter of winter birdsong turns full volume into an orchestra of melodious voices to attract a mate. Finding a site and building a nest has started in earnest.



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BUSTER MUSTOE LANDLORD AND LEGEND

Following on from last month's article by Terry Sparrow on the Round of Gras public house, Fred and Mo Butler champion it's legendary landlord Buster Mustoe.



A Dakota pilot during the war, Buster was one of the great characters of the Vale and was responsible for the Round of Gras becoming one of the leading pubs and restaurants in the Vale, attracting coachloads from near and far to enjoy his superb asparagus meals.

He told a story of one of the first asparagus lunches he served to great acclaim by members of the Littleton and Badsey Growers (LBG). It was a four course lunch starting with Buster's renowned asparagus soup (a hint of mint - was his advice!) at the end of which the chairman of LBG raised his glass and said 'this lunch was so delicious there is no way asparagus can be classed as a vegetable..."

From that time on asparagus meals at the Round of Gras gained rapidly in in popularity and its landlord appeared many times on TV and in the national press. Buster died in 2000. He personified the traditional Country Pub Landlord, a great character and wonderful host and friend to all his customers. He was unique. The likes of which we will never see again.

Drawing of Buster by Michael Barnard. Photo of renaming of the Round of Gras in 1968 courtesy of Bernie Norman.





All meetings are currently being held using Zoom and in January members enjoyed an interesting talk about pearls given by Frances Carslow from

her home in France. Our speaker for Wednesday, 10th March will be Gai Evans who runs Fibre Hut at Blackminster. Her talk, entitled Wool to Yarn, concerns turning fibres into yarn using a drop spindle. Please contact the secretary Alex Owen on 830083 if you would like to join us.

BADSEY'S SOILS, STONES, AND BRICKS

Alan Eames digs deep into Badsey's foundations

Badsey's local soil is grey clay, a 'gley'. I suppose those of you who cultivate vegetables and certainly any remaining growers will know just how irritating the Badsey soil can be. In the winter the clay becomes so sticky and waterlogged that it will latch on to your boots in clumps that have to be removed with a knife! It's impossible to dig when it's like that. Then in dry summers it turns into something like concrete, hard to dig, with great cracks splitting the turf of your lawn. Soils in other parts of the country aren't like that; you can cultivate those soils all the time. But for the Badsey clay there is only a short period between the glue and the concrete when the soil relents and it seems quite ok.

Of course you may be lucky and have ground near to Badsey Brook where sandy deposits make a better soil, though you won't be lucky enough to have soil deposited by glaciers as they didn't really get down this far. Their deposits are nicer to cultivate; I was brought up in Leicestershire where we had sandy stony soils and not much sticky stuff.

The heavy grey gley clay is called Lias Clay and was laid down in the early Jurassic Period about 200 million years ago at the bottom of a deep sea around here then. Only small particles and silty stuff drifted down to the bottom for ages so it was pretty fine material - that means clay. As a soil maker it's fertile and limy and when wet holds a lot of water. The clay mineral it's made of is called smectite.

But apart from making a soil, Lias clays can be used to make bricks - more about our local brickworks later.

Next time: We will learn about the local Blue Lias stone used in many of the villages houses.

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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.

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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
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Messy Church	Penny Christison	830367
Over 60s Friendship Groups	S	
Mary Dore's Friendship Club	Mary Dore	830879
Sundowners	Val Davies	833423
Sports and Entertainment		
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Air Rifle Club	Ashley Green	832296
Archery Club	Ian Trout	831509
Badsey Cricket Club	David Powell	833122
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Model Engineering Club	Roger Cull	831933
Round of Gras Cricket Club	Andrew Ogg 0779	216 2577
Evesham & Badsey Hockey Club	Andy Osborne 0797	068 1505

The winner of the Tony Jerram Award for 2021 is **Mary Dore**. She won it due to her voluntary work in the community over the years including overseeing the Over 60s Friendship Club which provides monthly meetings with entertainment for its members.



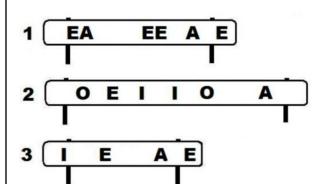
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THE WORD ON THE STREET Missing Consonants Competition



Here are 3 roadname signs from the parish of Badsey and Aldington. They have had their consonants removed. Can you work them out from just the remaining vowels?

Email your answer to the Editor, no prize, just a name check of the selected winner next month with the answer.

Last month's winners were Tony and Avril Wood. The answers were:- 1. KINGSHURST GARDENS 2. THE SQUIRES 3. SYNEHURST CRESCENT

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Deadline for email or handwritten articles is the 10th of each month

Photo Finish

This month we have two more photos from our readers. The view of the church and churchyard from the lych gate is by Graham Corbett.

The intriguing photo below of the Sands Lane Seagull is from former Community News editor, Valerie Magan.

ONLY HERE FOR THE BIER!

Lych gates were not only a covered entrance to a churchyard but as a place to deploy a bier. A bier was a flat hand-cart used at funerals to convey the coffin to the church. Badsey's lych gate was originally dedicated to market gardener Arthur Sears in 1946. It was refurbished in 2008 in honour of churchwarden Ralph Taylor.

GREENHOUSE EFFECT!

Whether a reflection on global warming or simply a seagull swimming in floodwater in the horticultural heartland of the village this photo is a truly fantastic work of art.

SIZE MATTERS!

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