

### **BADSEY'S SLOW UPTAKE PUZZLING!**

Of all the villages in the benefice Badsey is lagging well behind the others when it comes to taking up an offer of something for nothing. Messy Church leader Penny Christisen is disappointed at how few parents have requested FREE goody bags for their children.

Penny said, 'This year because of Covid 19 it was impossible to hold a Good Friday workshop. Instead of the children coming to us we took the crafts and fun to them in the form of Messy Church Bags.

Seventy-five children throughout the benefice were issued with a bag in four different age groups 3, 5, 7, 9. They were gratefully received by children and adults. As we again will be unable to meet in person we are repeating the Messy Church bags for Pentecost. The bags will be delivered to you on 20th May. '



# **Children's Messy Church Bags**

in your home

#### ASCENSION / PENTECOST

Contains relevant crafts, colouring pictures and many paper puzzles, prayers, etc.

Please inform pennyanne68@gmail.com of the ages of your children, and your address before 17th May if you wish to receive FREE goody bags.

# BADSEY FLOWER SHOW IS BACK (BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT!)

The committee of Badsey Flower Show are determined to hold a show this year having lost last years event to Covid-19, writes Louise Knight. However, it will not take place on the Recreation Ground as normal but around

the parish and on-line. Classes for all ages in photography, literature and arts will feature along with a scarecrow and best garden competition where judging can be done at a social distance.

The weekend of **24th** / **25th July** has been pencilled in and schedules and entry forms will be available nearer the date.

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# BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Parish Council Meeting changes.

Parish Councils have been advised that as we are in a period of mourning for the Duke of Edinburgh, that the scheduled Parish Council meeting cannot be held on Wednesday 21st April 2021 as planned. The PC has already had to change the date of the May meeting as a result of changes to legislation governing zoom meetings. As a result of both, the April and May PC meetings which include the Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting will be amalgamated and all held on Wednesday 28th April 2021, there will be NO meeting held in May. If you require any clarification or assistance in the meantime, please contact the PC through the usual methods.

### Village Planters.

Over the past few weeks, new wooden planters have been installed and then planted on Birmingham Road, Badsey Road and Bretforton Road, near to the Badsey signs. The current barrels have been relocated to our land on Willersey Road.



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### THE NIGHT SKY IN SPRING - THE MOON

From Badsey's very own astronomer, Stargazer.

On a clear night the full moon dominates the night sky and it is so bright that it can easily cast a shadow. Old grandfather clocks would show the phases of the moon because people would plan their social nights out for the evenings of a full moon so that they could see their way home. It has been worshipped as a goddess by many early civilisations and there are several genres of fiction that attributes special powers to the light of the moon. We now understand that the moon does not generate its own light but only reflects that of the sun.

The phases of the moon also govern the changing heights of the tides. The days of the full and new moon give us the spring tides that bring the highest high tides and the lowest low tides. The quarter moons bring the neap tides where the difference between high and low water is the smallest. The full moon is a fantastic sight to the naked eye. The bright white disk with the dark streaks that appear to many to form the rough features of the face of the "man in the moon". The colour of the surface of the moon at its brightest is about the colour of a dark grey slate roof. It is the brightness of the reflected sun light against the dark sky that makes the moon appears to be so bright. In days past the dark patches were thought to be great oceans and given the name "Seas" or "Maria". The development of telescopes showed that these areas were in reality dark planes of basalt formed when molten volcanic rock flowed across the surface many millions of years ago. This has also been confirmed by rock samples brought back by the Apollo missions.

In 1609 Galileo first pointed his telescope at the moon and discovered that, far from being a perfect smooth sphere, it was in fact a rough rocky place with a surface covered in craters and mountain ranges.

The craters on the moon are constantly being formed through the collision of mostly small meteorites. The

larger craters were predominantly formed about four billion years ago during a period of time known as the Late Heavy Bombardment. It was during this period that most of the larger craters on Mercury and Mars were also formed. On the "southern side" of the face of the moon a small pair of binoculars will show one particularly large crater called Tycho Crater. This was formed only 110 million years ago when dinosaurs walked the earth. This crater is about 50 miles across and 3 miles deep. Apart from its sheer size and prominence the crate has a number of rays spreading out from its centre formed by the blast debris.

The moon also has many long jagged mountain ranges that are difficult to see when the moon is full but the shadows cast by a partial moon make them stand out in all their glory. It is well worth taking the time to just stand and wonder at this glorious close neighbour in the night sky as it takes on a slightly different form each evening. It is magnificent to the naked eye and even more wonderful through a telescope or binoculars.

### Phases of the Moon in May

Last Quarter 3rd May Quarter Moon 19th May New Moon 11th May Full Moon 26th May





Margaret Pye is a Licensed Lay Minister with the Benefice of East Vale and Avon Villages

# **THOUGHTS FOR MAY from Margaret Pye**

May is my special month, because we celebrate our Wedding anniversary, my sister and I celebrate our birthdays, and added to these personal celebrations is the bonus of two Bank Holidays.

Growing up in Derbyshire, Ascension Day was also special because we got a half-day holiday after going to church in the morning, it was also the day the Well Dressing Festivals began. Tissington is the first of the Derbyshire villages to open this annual festival. The tradition started after another pandemic, the wells where clean fresh water is drawn were 'dressed' with bunches of spring flowers and blessed as a thank you to God for coming through the Black Death. Over centuries and revived in the eighteen hundreds it has developed into the present form of highly skilled and beautiful decorated frames covered in clay, patterns and pictures are made up by pressing flower petals into the damp clay. As children, we helped and gradually over the years we learned all the 'tools of this particular trade' to be able to carry on the tradition.



Sadly, last year we were not able to share any time together celebrating, events like the Well Dressings and everything else was cancelled. There has been too much heartache endured during this pandemic so as we go forward to happier times let us not forget to continue to be thankful for those that kept things going for us whilst we waited for better days to come. Enjoy your celebrations when they arrive, I know I will.

### **GARDENING GROUP - INVITATION TO JOIN**

For the past 3 years members of the Freedom Group and Badsey Church volunteers have met up most Wednesday mornings to tidy the churchyard. We meet at 10am for a couple of hours (although the last 30 minutes is usually coffee and biscuits outside!) It's a happy sociable mix of people who are great company. On **Wednesday 19th May** we are inviting you to drop into the churchyard between 10 and 12 and meet us. Who knows this might just be the right mix of socially distanced, gentle exercise and fun that you are looking for!

### SERVICES AT ST. JAMES CHURCH BADSEY FOR MAY 2021

Sunday 9th May 11am 6th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion
Philip Morton

Thursday 13th May 7pm Ascension Day Holy Communion

Philip Morton

Sunday 16th May 11am Sunday after Ascension

Holy Communion
Philip Morton

Sunday 23rd May 9.30am Pentecost Morning Praise

Alan Bache

Sunday 30th May 11am Trinity Sunday Benefice Communion
Philip Morton

Church services are subject to change due to Covid-19. 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).

### QUICK GUIDE TO THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

**ASCENSION:** The ascent of Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after his Resurrection.

**PENTECOST:** The descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples.

**TRINITY SUNDAY:** Celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

### FAMILY HISTORY TIPS From the Badsey Society



This month we return to our series on how to trace your family history. Written by Maureen Spinks.

#### Lesson 4 - Parish Records

Baptism, banns, marriage, and burial records are the building blocks for every family tree. They are the best source of information before civil registration began in 1837.

Parish registers are handwritten volumes in which details of baptisms, banns, marriages, and burials are recorded. Both the government and the church had an interest in record keeping. A 1538 Act of Parliament required ministers in the Church of England to begin keeping records. The Marriage Act of 1753 (known as Lord Hardwicke's Act) required marriages to be recorded in a separate register, and after 1812, George Rose's Act called for pre-printed registers to be used as a way of standardizing records.

When I first started family history in the 1970s, if you wanted to look at parish registers, it was often a case of contacting the Vicar and making an appointment to view the registers in a draughty church. Gradually, Vicars were encouraged to deposit their registers in the local Record Office, which made it much easier to view them. Sometimes, if you were lucky, you got to see the original register but, more often than you viewed the register on microfiche or microfilm. You can still see registers in this way (in non-COVID times, of course) but, in the last year or two, parish registers have begun to be added to subscription sites such as Ancestry or Findmypast. If you consider all the petrol money you are saving, starting at £13.99 for one month allowing access to UK and Ireland records on Ancestry, this is excellent value for money, as you can browse the records from the comfort of your own home.

The subscription genealogical sites are adding to their parish register collection all the time. For example, Ancestry has recently added registers from non-conformist congregations and churches in England and Wales, plus non-Parochial registers from the Church of England at St Petersburg, Chelsea and Greenwich Hospitals, and

registers from burial grounds and non-denominational cemeteries. Marriage records for Tewkesbury 1804-1812 were added as recently as this February. Some counties have very good coverage. You can check this by going to the UK Parish Records section and then click on "View all collections".

Another source of information for parish records is www.familysearch.org, the website for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### Things to watch out for

**Old Style/New Style** – Before 1752, the year began on 25th March, which is why a baby can be born in December and baptised in January the same year.

**Latin** – In early registers, you will sometimes come across Latin of a simple sort. Don't worry that you're not a Latin scholar. Once you get your eye in, it's generally fairly easy to translate. For example, filius = son of, filia = daughter of; uxor = wife of. If you're stuck, Mr Google is always there to help.

**Duplicate names** – Be aware of more than one person having exactly the same name. Make sure when compiling your family tree that you have got the right person. Until the latter part of the 19th century, most people were not given a second name, so the chances of duplication, both of the child and the parents was more common.

Errors – As we all know, mistakes can occur when writing something down. This can be seen in the Badsey baptismal register for Boxing Day 1825. There were two baptisms on that day and the Curate, Charles Bloxham, inadvertently transposed the forenames of the children. He wrote, "Charles Hartwell, son of Charles and Maria Hartwell" and "Elizabeth Knight, daughter of Charles and Sarah Knight". Evidence from other sources reveals that the two children baptised were Elizabeth Hartwell and Charles Knight.

**Bishop's Transcripts** – In some dioceses, the parish clergyman was ordered to make an exact copy of his registers each year. Occasionally, as has been found in the case of Badsey records, a baptism or burial has been recorded on the transcript but not in the register.

Next time we will look at monumental inscriptions.

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### **OLD STYLE WELFARE**

Our Local History Man, Terry Sparrow, looks back at the plight of the poor of the parish.

Today we are familiar with the Welfare State, with its multiplicity of benefits - healthcare, retirement pensions, attendance allowance and so on – all with the object of supporting the sick, poor and elderly. Perhaps what is not so well known is that more than four centuries ago a welfare system began at parish level.

In 1601 it was enacted that every parish must appoint an Overseer of the Poor, to act under the authority of the local Justices of the Peace. The overseer, who was elected on an annual basis, was employed to raise money by means of a levy or rate on property owners within his parish, with the proceeds being used for the relief of poverty, by either weekly or one-off payments according to need.

The system was both commendable and simple to operate and, as far as we can tell from the limited records available to us, Badsey's overseers seem to have done a good job. In the year 1700 £14 was

collected; in 1802 it was £260. In 1820, from a combined Badsey and Aldington population of around 400, 23 residents were receiving regular weekly welfare payments.

The following examples will give you some idea of the type of one-off payments made during the early part of the nineteenth century.

Paid James Morris when ill	10s. 0d.
Paid Thos Steward whilst lame	3s. 0d.
Paid for half a ton of coal for Wheatley	11s. 3d.
Paid for thatching Watkins' cottage	15s. 9d.
Paid for mending Tandy's window	1s. 9d.

But a change was on the way. In 1834 the Poor Law Amendment Act recognised that a parish was really too small a unit to administer the work of relieving poverty and it was therefore enacted that the task should be done by a union of parishes. Badsey and Aldington became part of the Evesham Union, controlled by a Board of Guardians elected by the constituent parishes. From this point the parish overseers became merely assessors and collectors of money. They had no say in how it was spent.

# Jane Neill's Countryside Calendar

In May nature comes alive with the fresh leaves on the trees and hedgerows some clothed in blossom such as the hawthorn, elder, dog rose, brambles and honeysuckle. At our feet in the meadows and roadsides clover, buttercups, red campion and the dandelion clocks abound. Yellow flag rise up and stand tall beside the ponds giving cover to the emerging insects such as the distinct blue and black banded damoiselle, the blue and large red damselflies and the impressive ruddy darter.

Walking along the brook I have been entranced by the vertical dance of the mayfly. It lives just one day to mate having spent up to four years as a larvae. The early butterflies are joined by the whites, little blue and speckled woods that love the sheltered woodland paths. May 2nd is International Dawn Chorus Day but we have no need to arise early. The birds songs fill the air all day long. The blackcap has arrived to add its warbling song. The female has a brown cap so making it easy to identify. You may even spot a stray white egret taking respite on its migration!





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### BADSEY'S SOILS, STONES, AND BRICKS

This month we finish off Alan Eames excellent series on what lies beneath our feet.

In our first article we mentioned that the grey Lias Clay that forms most of Badsey's soils could also be used to make bricks. We still have local brickworks at Paxford – Blockley Station Quarry, or 'Northcot Brickworks', – which I have been lucky enough to visit with a Geology Group searching for fossils. The fossils are of sea creatures; shellfish, ammonites and bits of a cuttlefish relative. Professional geologists use these shells to date the layer of clay or rock in which they are found because there are similar populations of fossils deposited at the same time in different places. So even if the rocks are a bit different, the same fossil assemblage means the same date.

Brickworks cook the formed clay to vitrify it at 900°C to 1000°C, making what is technically a 'glass'. Other minerals than clay can alter the colour; for example more iron makes the bricks redder. Some needed quartz - luckily already in the clay - stops the bricks from shrinking or deforming when cooked. Chalk found in the clays used for brick making in the London area makes them yellow; I expect you have noticed that when visiting there and the east of England. And too many fossils in the clay make it unsuitable for bricks as the calcium carbonate makes the bricks 'blow' on firing. So the excavators will reject such clay as unsuitable.

Most bricks are mechanically formed by extrusion, but higher quality bricks are handmade from wetter clay in a mould lined with sand. These bricks have an irregular creased outline and sanded surfaces making them more attractive and more popular.

Bricks are dried for about 6 days before firing to prevent distortion. Their 'Vitrification' i.e. glass-formation at 900 °C to 1050 °C plus some crystal formation, gives the bricks strength and durability.

The Lias clay also contains a lot of fossils. You can sometimes see them above ground but the fossils are much better seen and more numerous in the clay of the pit.





Hope all is well and everyone has kept safe and you've all taken advantage of the 'jab in the arm' which we hope is going to allow us all to take up what we all hope will be a bit of normality. With that in mind as we informed you earlier we will not be meeting until our garden visits the first of which is scheduled for May and is to Long Hyde House in South Littleton unfortunately we have yet to confirm this with the owners so we will have to let you know as we near the date. We look forward to seeing you in May if not then hopefully in June.

For the latest information contact club secretary Barbara Bennett on 831002.

# THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVOURITE WALKS

The Community News along with the Badsey Society are asking you to send in your favourite walks in and around Badsey and



Aldington. In the past the Badsey Society has held an annual walk at Whitsuntide. Due to Covid-19 this was not held last year, and nothing has been planned for this year. So what is proposed is to produce a series of maps of local walks so that you, and your friends, can choose a route to walk in your own time and at your own pace. All walks must be on public rights of way. Walking is a great way of getting out of the house, and will help your mental as well as your physical well-being. Please send your walks to the Editor (details inside backpage).



Members of. Badsey WI met using Zoom in March and were given an inspirational talk by one of our own members, Gai

Evans, on spinning wool into yarn. She told us all about the best types of wool to use and many members indicated that they would like to try spinning their own yarn.

The speaker on Wednesday 12 May will be Sue Banks, a harpist, who will talk about Welsh Romany music by John Roberts and play some of his compositions. Please contact the secretary, Alex Owen on 830083 if you would like to join us.

### Priest in Charge:

### Revd. Fr. Philip Morton

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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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### The Vicar's Day Off is Friday

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# I Didn't Know That!

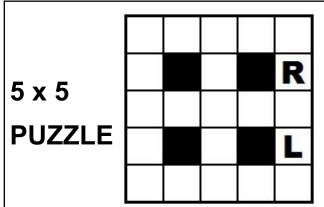
Badsey WI, founded in 1927, was once more 'jamming' than jam. It boasted a seven piece skiffle group which included piano, washboard and thimble, tea-chest bass, saucepan lids, and comb and paper.



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Below are five clues with missing words, all of the missing words are five-letters long. Once you have discovered them, slot them into the grid above. The grid, once filled, will expose a sixth word (right hand column), email this word to the editor to win a mention in next month's feature.

---- AVON

---- RECORDER

---- OF GRAS

**ASHTON ---- HILL** 

**EVESHAM ---- DISTRICT COUNCIL** 

Last month's answers were:- 1. TOP OF FOUNTAIN IN HIGH STREET 2. CROWN ON RED TELEPHONE BOX IN HIGH STREET 3. MISSING DATE IS 1955 ON BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL.

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### THE WORLD'S GREATEST STORY

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### AN APPEAL FROM EVESHAM BAT CARE

Evesham Bat Care – who have helped with projects at the churches in the area – have managed to set up a *Terracycle* collection point in Badsey.

The following items can be left in the porch or on the front step of **6 Binyon Close**. These items cannot be recycled through the council schemes as they are 'mixed materials' but *Terracycle* separate the components and turn them into various things such as pet bowls and benches.

Stamps – UK and overseas (in an envelope or clear bag please, allow a margin around stamps cut from envelopes)

Empty toothpaste tubes and their boxes

Finished with toothbrushes, electric heads and their packaging

Dental floss containers and their packaging

Interdental brushes and their packaging





