



## BADSEY W.I. - JOIN TODAY

Following an enforced break due to the Covid-19 lockdown Badsey Women's Institute are looking forward to getting back to where they were 18 months ago. Zoom was just a stop-gap, and although it enabled members to see each other it never replaced the physical meetings of the past.

With Covid restrictions being eased monthly meetings will be held once again at the Remembrance Hall.

The Women's Institute have been in Badsey for 95 years, first meeting at the Old School, then when that became the British Legion they held meetings at the Wheatsheaf, Bell Inn and then the present school. Throughout the vast and many changes that have occurred over the past years, Badsey W.I. have maintained its principles and ideals of providing fun, worthwhile education, enjoyment, companionship and friendship to all who wish to belong to this noble body.

New members are always welcome, who will find that there is much more to Badsey W.I. than jam and Jerusalem.

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## BADSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BACK IN BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL!\*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 7.15PM  
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## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Parish Council Meeting.

The next one is on **Wednesday 15th September** at 7.30pm at Badsey Remembrance Hall.

### Pear Tree Fields - Update

The The Woodland Trust has donated trees for delivery and planting in the autumn. Badsey First School has asked if they can be involved with this project. The first car-park has been completed and work on the second one is imminent.

### Cycle Park

Badsey Spar has agreed to have cycle parking outside their shop. It will be part of a 'parkthatbike' scheme funded by the Parish Council.

### Play Area Inspector

Several villagers applied for the job of Play Area Inspector. Their role would be to regularly check the three play areas in the village. The successful candidate was Tracey Payne.

### Wildflower Planting

Grass verges at the Poplars, Mill Lane and Badsey Recreation Ground have been earmarked for the planting of wild flowers.

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## JUPITER AND SATURN

*From Badsey's very own astronomer, Stargazer*

Last Christmas the press made much of the alignment of the two giant planets Jupiter and Saturn. They called the event the "Great Conjunction" but in reality the alignment of the planets is only an event visible from the point of view of the earth, as the planets are in fact many millions of miles apart. Such conjunctions are not at all uncommon; Jupiter and Saturn for example are in near orbital resonance, and after 5 orbits of Jupiter around the sun and two of Saturn they will be back together in the sky. The night of the conjunction was cloudy here in Badsey and the following night the two great planets had started to move apart in the sky.

The bad weather then set in and the two planets moved out of our view. Over the next eight months the earth has moved around its orbit and Jupiter and Saturn have moved more slowly around theirs. A couple of months ago Jupiter could be seen high in the sky again in the early hours just before dawn. Saturn had separated from Jupiter and was lower in the sky and a little further to the west. In August both planets moved once again into a position known as "opposition". This is when they are directly opposite the sun from the point of view of the earth. Each planet is positioned due south at midnight GMT or 1 a.m. summer time. At present, Jupiter rises in the east at around sunset and sets in the west just before dawn. To the naked eye it appears to be a large very bright star in the southern sky and Saturn is further off to the west and is a little fainter.

A small telescope or pair of binoculars will show that Jupiter is not alone in the night sky, but is accompanied by a line of four small moons. These moons change position from day to day and can be seen to move over a long evening's observation. These moons were first seen by Galileo in 1610 and by observing the motion of the moons he concluded that not everything in the universe orbited the earth and led to him supporting the Copernican concept of a sun centred system. The inner most of these moons is known as Io and is pulled and squeezed by Jupiter's gravity and has over 400 active volcanoes. The second closest is Europa, which is about that same size as Io and may contain an ocean below its frozen surface. The third moon is Ganymede, which is the largest moon in the solar system and is larger than Mercury. The final moon is Callisto which has a thin atmosphere of carbon dioxide. These four moons appear as wonderful small white dots that orbit the giant gaseous planet. The planet itself appears to be a bright white object but through a modest telescope, bands of brown clouds can be seen to circle the north and south of the planet and a keen eye may see the "great red spot" a massive storm that has been raging for at least 350 years since it was first observed.

Saturn is most famous for its rings and are in a good position to be seen through a small telescope from here at present. When Galileo first looked at Saturn through a telescope he didn't know what to make of the rings and described Saturn as having "ears".

Jupiter and Saturn planets are among the finest jewels in the night sky and should be throughout the autumn and much of the winter. Enjoy your viewing throughout the longer and hopefully mild evenings.

## BEING A PARISH TREASURER

*John Waters, treasurer of Badsey Parochial Church Council writes -*

Why would anyone want to be a Parish treasurer? It was never in my career plans, but I first became one in 1976 when I was working in the Dominican Republic and we were members of Epiphany Episcopal Church. When you are part of a small expatriate community, if something needs doing, you do it. "Someone else" is never available!

It was then a surprise when I got press-ganged into the job again in 2014 in the parish of Wolborough in Devon. The previous Treasurer, who was also the curate, suddenly was appointed to a benefice in mid Devon and had to leave at very short notice. He had worked for HSBC Bank before taking Holy Orders so had been well qualified for the job. When he informed the PCC that he was leaving, one of the Readers had the idea that – "someone else" being conspicuously absent – I had nothing better to do. I have no financial qualifications. I am an engineer by training but could just about find my way round a profit and loss account. Fortunately, the independent inspectors were a firm of accountants whose senior partner had been a Parish treasurer so understood my predicament. The Diocesan Board of Finance in Exeter were also very friendly and helpful and ran courses for novice treasurers. All very helpful, but some things like claiming Gift Aid or VAT refunds from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme, you just had to settle down and learn for yourself. There is great satisfaction when HMRC accept the claim and the money appears in the bank account.

We moved to Badsey in 2017 with no idea of getting involved in church management but in 2019 a plea went out for a treasurer. I mulled it over and decided to offer to help. Badsey is a smaller parish than Wolborough and ought to be less complicated. It is not

so well endowed though and making ends meet actually is harder. It took about a year to find out how things work, how they had worked in the past and what resources were available. I was blessed to have colleagues on the PCC and ex-members of the PCC who have been generous with their help.

So, what do I do? What I do not do is set the financial policy for the PCC. It is the task of the PCC to decide on this and for the treasurer to implement it. Because I now know the details, it is also part of the job to advise and guide the PCC as they set the policy. It is also part of my job to foster good relations with the Diocesan Board of Finance. Too often they are thought of as Robber Barons imposing an impossible amount of Parish Share that they want us to pay them. Working with them is so much better than working in opposition. Parish Share, after all, replaced paying the clergy directly, so it is something that we are honour bound to pay – if we want to keep the churches going!

Looking after the church finances during the pandemic has not been easy. Many sources of income have been closed off to us. Churches were closed but utilities still had to be paid; no plate collections; no fees from Weddings or Funerals. We were reliant on those faithful people who gave by Standing Order or by the new Parish Giving Scheme. I must not forget the fantastic generosity of those people who donated to the fund to restore the Badsey Church Clockface. Not only were we able to pay for the work but the Gift Aid that we reclaimed on many of the donations has helped us defray many other ongoing expenses.

What have I learned from my times as a Parish treasurer? The most important task is to simplify the work involved so that it is then easier to convince someone else to take over from you! And last – but not least – ALWAYS say "Thank you". They are the most influential words imaginable.

### CHURCH SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE - SEPTEMBER 2021



**Sunday 5th September**  
*14th Sunday after Trinity*

11am  
11am

**Benefice Eucharist** Offenham  
**Evensong** Cleeve Prior

**Sunday 12th September**  
*15th Sunday after Trinity*

9.30am  
11am  
6.30pm

**Morning Praise** South Littleton  
**Village Thanksgiving Service** Bretforton  
**Evensong** N & M Littleton

**Sunday 19th September**  
*16th Sunday after Trinity*

9.30am  
9.30am  
11am  
11am  
6.30pm

**Holy Communion** Badsey  
**Morning Praise** South Littleton  
**Holy Communion** Cleeve Prior  
**Holy Communion** Offenham  
**Evensong** Bretforton

**Sunday 26th September**  
*17th Sunday after Trinity*

9.30am  
9.30am  
9.30am  
11am  
6.30pm

**Holy Communion (BCP)** N & M Littleton  
**Morning Praise** Offenham  
**Matins** Cleeve Prior  
**Holy Communion** Bretforton  
**Evensong** Badsey



## FAMILY HISTORY TIPS

### From the Badsey Society



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

### Lesson 8 - Educational Records

Once the basics of your family tree are in place, you will then want to flesh out the details, finding out more about the lives of your ancestors. One set of records that is now becoming available online that help you do this is school records. Your ancestor doesn't necessarily need to have attended Eton or Harrow for you to be able to discover more about his or her education. More and more transcriptions of school registers may be found on subscription family history sites such as Ancestry and Findmypast.

#### School records

The majority of records, log books and admission registers date from the latter half of the nineteenth century, in particular as a result of the changes to local education brought about by The Education Act of 1870. Here in Badsey, whilst a school was in existence from 1854, it was not until 1890 that a register was kept. Thanks to a landmark project begun in 2013 between schools, record offices and archives in England and Wales, many National School Admission Register records may be found on Findmypast. Never before have so many organisations come together to create a digital version of their records. This is an ongoing project to scan and transcribe school admission registers from around the country. The registers being digitised are for the period from 1870-1914. Each record comprises a transcript and a colour image of the original register. The amount of information listed varies, but the records usually include a combination of the following information about your ancestor: birth date, admission date, previous school, parents' names, leaving date.

The Badsey School records had already been transcribed and placed on our website before this project began but you may also find them on Findmypast. If you know where your ancestor might have gone to school, you can check, by county, which schools are currently covered. If you're not sure, try entering the surname and county, then clicking on "Education & work" and see what results come

up. As this project is still ongoing, if the area of the country in which you are interested is not yet covered online, it's worth checking with the local record office to find out whether or not they hold the school records. As well as the National School Admission Register records, Findmypast also has the registers for a number of public schools. The lists often include biographical details like birth year, father's name, details of employment after school, and family information. Most of the books will include a full history of the institute followed by lists of previous headmasters, tutors, and sporting teams, as well as illustrations or photographs. Many of the registers were written after World War I and contain military career details of alumni in the Great War. The only such school currently covered for this area is Bromsgrove School.

Ancestry has school records from the London Metropolitan Archives in its School Lists and Yearbooks section, covering institutions such as the London Poor Law School District Registers and Royal Female Orphanage list of children. Other areas of the country are covered such as the West Yorkshire Reformatory School records and The Eton College register. It's worth checking what's there – and remember that new data is constantly being added. Log Books kept by the Head Teacher sometimes have the occasional mention of individual pupils. You are less likely to find these online, but may well be held by the County Record Office.

#### University records

If your ancestor attended either Oxford or Cambridge University, the best source of information is Ancestry which has a database for Oxford University Alumni 1500-1886 and Cambridge University Alumni 1261-1900. They both contain valuable biographical information about an individual, such as parentage, birthplace, birth year, date and age of matriculation, and degree obtained. Other universities covered are London 1836-1945 and St Andrews 1747-1897, plus Royal Holloway and Bedford College 1849-1931 (where Juliet Sladden of Seward House was a student). Findmypast currently has the registers for several Oxford University colleges.

#### Employment records

Then what, after school? Both Ancestry and Findmypast have a growing number of employment directories. From Irish Flax Growers to Vicars, from dockyard employees to physicians – so much is coming online, just check it out!

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## MEMOIRS OF EVELYN 'CHIC' MAJOR

I was born 95 years ago in 1926 to Charles and Kate Major in Old Post Office Lane. The cottage (see photo) was opposite an orchard in which Sammy Johns later kept pigs. Playing on the road was safe because there weren't any cars about like today, just horses and carts and drays for the coal merchants.

Badsey Manor was on the main road and I remember even though I must have been very young when they made the film at the Manor. My memory is of very bright lights, and lots of activity. My sister Enid told me a few years ago that dad could have bought the Manor for six hundred pounds which of course was a lot of money then. The place was in a terrible state and not safe for children to play in, which of course we did, but luckily no one got hurt.

At three years old I started school which I truly remember so well and my infant teacher Miss Hartwell, who was a lovely lady. We had canvas

beds lined up under the glass veranda for the little children who couldn't keep awake. Not long after I started school they moved the starting age from three to five years old, but I still had to stay at school. Another favourite teacher was Miss Graham who came from Worcester and I think she lodged with someone in Badsey Fields Lane. Mr. Jones was also a really nice teacher, and I think he lodged along that Lane too. I remember when his brother came from Wales in his sport's car to take him home for the school holidays. Later he married Evelyn Barnard who was my Sunday School teacher. I think she was a teacher at Cleeve Prior.



To be continued next month

## Jane Neill's Countryside Calendar

September brings the last of the warmth on sunny days and chill to the nights as they draw in. The rich, green foliage of Summer fades and mellows as we move into Autumn. The hedgerows bear myriads of fruits, nuts and berries as food for the birds and mammals. Deadly nightshade and bryony berries, a shiny red, warn us off. Seed heads abound as the flowers die off providing food for the birds.

Sparrows love the sunflower seeds and goldfinches the thistledown. The chiff-chaff and willow warblers make ready to go. Swallows and martins gather in large flocks to migrate to the south coast before they leave for Africa. Wood pigeons and collared doves may still be breeding. The pigeons glean the grain

left on the harvested cornfields. Now is the time to put up nesting boxes for winter shelter. Field mushrooms along with other

fungi pop up in the dew dampened soil. Spiders webs and gossamer threads become visible too. The wild flowers over we may spot the last of the butterflies and dragonflies. The prickly conker cases fall off the horse chestnut trees. Who can resist pocketing a new, shiny conker? I can't.



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## Badsey Film Club



A blockbuster of a film has been promised for the re-opening of the Badsey Film Club on Saturday 2nd October. Covid permitting, this will welcome members back to the Wheatsheaf Inn following an eighteen month break.

The club has been running for many years and is unique in allowing it's members to decide on what films are shown at it's fortnightly screenings.

New members are always welcome, for further details contact Clive Richards on 832685.

## TOWER NEWS

### St. James Church Bellingers



Following on from last month's Community News we shall be having an 'Open Day' on Saturday 11th September from 11am to 3pm. Please do come along and let us demonstrate the centuries old art of bellringing.

Also... you may have wondered in last months issue about the painting hanging on the wall in the bellringing chamber. These are in many churches and it stems from Henry VIII departure from Rome and the Catholic Church. They act as a 'reminder' to churchgoers (most people) who was in charge, i.e. the Sovereign! The coat of arms of said monarch hung in a prominent place in the church. Ours in St. James has GIR at the top (George the Second) and beneath the Lion (England) and Unicorn (Scotland) flanking his coat of arms.

Look forward to seeing some of you on the 11th.

Tom Sandham (Tower Captain)

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms:

18th July	Ingrid Erica Beth Enderby-Morton
25th July	Jacob Keith Lane
1st August	Lillia Marie Ogg
8th August	Freddie Ted Parker

### Funerals:

13th July	Alan Morrell (aged 93)
20th July	John Keen (aged 83)

## St James Flower Guild

Thank you ladies and gent for the flowers in church during August. It's nice to be back, especially to be able to arrange flowers to support the Knitted Bible Exhibition. Also we're looking forward to the Harvest Festival, when we can all be decorating the church together as a group.

### September Rota

1st Sunday Sheila and Annette  
2nd Sunday Julie and Barbara  
3rd Sunday Yvonne and Jane  
4th Sunday Hazel and Hazel

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact Julie Gardner on 832007.

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our July meeting was held in the garden of Chris and Annette Robbins. This is when we exchanged Prayer Partner gifts. We had lovely weather, good company and delicious food provided by the committee.

Or next meeting is in church on Tuesday September 14th at 2.30pm when the speaker will be Angela Gray. Visitors are always welcome.



For the second month in a row members enjoyed a garden meeting at the home of a committee member and there were two excellent outings to Moreton Hall Gardens and Bourton House Gardens.

The next meeting will take place at Badsey Remembrance Hall on Wednesday, 8th September at 7pm. The speaker will be Paddy O'Brian who will talk about Butterflies and Moths.

Please contact the secretary Alex Owen on 830083 if you would like to join us.

What is or was the Stockey? This question has been put to the History Man. His answer will be in next month's Community News



## Priest in Charge:

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## The Vicar's Day Off is Friday

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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**

Sundowners	Val Davies	833423
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### **Sports and Entertainment**

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Badsey Cricket Club	David Powell	833122
Badsey TaeKwonDo	Marie Hall	0748 478 5882
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Evesham & Badsey Hockey Club	Andy Osborne	0797 068 1505

## **WHERE IN THE PARISH COMPETITION?**



Where would you see this gate?  
Send your answer to the Editor, details below.

Last month we had several winners. These included Dee Scarrott and Kathryn Brent, who both sent me photos from their iPhones of the gate. Whereas less technical were the answers from Terry Sparrow and Brian Smith who mentioned that it was in a field at Aldington on which Badsey Rangers once played their football matches.

Those familiar with the fields of Aldington it is the one that links the broken stone bridge over the brook and the plantation to the left of the footpath heading towards Blackminster.

## **I Didn't Know That!**

In 1966 Madge Harvey was selected to represent the Badsey W.I. at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Before the event Madge broke her leg, but undeterred, attended the royal function with her leg in plaster.

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## REDUCED IN SIZE BUT NOT QUALITY

Badsey Flower Show chairman, Gary Bailey's hopes that this year's Flower Show in reduced form would help celebrate the summer and lift the terrible curse of the Covid-19 pandemic were proved correct when numerous villagers took part in the recent show. Online classes included photography and literature. With several classes for children and young people. The most popular classes were for displays in villagers gardens. These included decorated tubs, bicycles, wheelbarrows, as well as hanging baskets, and the gardens themselves.

Our photos opposite show the winning entries in the decorated bicycle and wheelbarrow classes, these are both by Lucy Insley. The best scarecrow was a Chelsea Pensioner, but our photo shows Alan Stewart's Lifeboat man, who is certainly a winner with this local lass.

The literature competition was to write a poem about Badsey's Recreation Ground. This was won by Mellieha Colmer, a couplet from it reads:-

*A few parishioners on a gentle jog,  
An excited 'woof' from a hairy dog.*



## AU REVOIR

Having spent twenty happy years in Badsey Lizzie Noyes is downsizing and moving into a ground-floor flat in Evesham. Lizzie moved into the Manor House with her partner Richard Phillips in 2000 and soon immersed themselves in village life. When Richard died in 2015 Lizzie stoically continued living in the

large High Street property. However rising maintenance costs to the Grade 2 building, plus health issues, persuaded Lizzie to re-evaluate her future. She will miss the fantastic friends she made at Badsey but will have a glass of something handy for any of them who drop in on her at her flat in Evesham. Cheers!

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