



## WITCHCRAFT - The writings on the wall

Evesham's very own 'Indiana Jones', archaeologist Wayne Perkins, gave an illustrated talk on medieval graffiti at Badsey Church last month for the Badsey Society.

Graffiti can span the entire medieval period but appears to peak between the 16th and 17th century. Older parts of Badsey Church have many examples of these marks which were scratched onto the stonework in an attempt to protect the building from witchcraft. These marks appear in various forms. From compass-drawn circles, which may also have been inscribed by farmers rotating the tines of a pitchfork into the stonework to Marion marks in the form of the letter 'M' which were used as it was thought that the letter remained recognizable when rotated.

After the talk the members of the audience were free to look around the church and discover the marks, with Wayne on hand to explain the various signs and symbols. On a trip to the top of the tower Wayne discovered a set of 5 chalices marked around the walls. A set of 4 is usual, but 5 is unique. Another indication of protection is on the inside of the old door into the church, where a crack was sealed by burning the door. With a greater understanding of medieval graffiti being uncovered daily it seems that Badsey Church has a lot to offer the visiting archaeologist.



It is still not too late to volunteer to help with this project which starts on Saturday 21st May. A pre-dig meeting will take place at the Badsey Recreation and Sports Club, Brewers Lane, at 7.30pm on Friday 20th May when all interested parties will be briefed. For further information contact Ian Gibson on 01386 834468.

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It is exciting to see new orchards in Aldington. Jeff Byrd has just planted a second perry pear orchard. He said the pears produced are contracted to Westons Cider Mill. The trees will take five to seven years to mature but they can live for up to 300 years!

The tree bares early blossoms and the leaves turn glorious tints in the Autumn. Jeff is keeping a tradition alive that dates back to Saxon times when apples and perry pears have been continuously grown for cider and perry making in the Vale of Evesham. By the nineteenth century fruit growing, which by then included plums, became big business. Since the 1980s orchards have greatly diminished.

Arthur Savory, who farmed in Aldington from 1873-1901, wrote about perry pears grown at that time in the Vale.

He named varieties grown such as Malvern Hills, Red Horse, Mother Huff Cap and Chate (cheat) Boy. He wrote that perry "When bottled and kept to mature it pours out with a beautiful creamy head.... far superior to champagne". He said it should be drunk out of china or earthenware mugs. Cider and perry drinkers were said to be more or less immune to rheumatism and gout. So "Cheers!"



## ARCTURUS - STAR OF THE SUMMER

*From Badsey's very own astronomer, Stargazer*

On an exceptionally dark night with little light pollution you may be able to see about two thousand stars. Many are very faint and can appear almost insignificant. Only a few hundred have been given proper names, and I have to admit that I can only remember the names of a few dozen or so that I use regularly to locate more interesting objects or to align my telescope. One of the best ways to learn your way around the night sky is to look for the first stars to appear after sunset. These are the brightest stars and are usually out nearest neighbours. As the sky gradually gets darker, other stars begin to appear and with our natural desire to look for shapes and patterns, you will gradually begin to see the constellations.

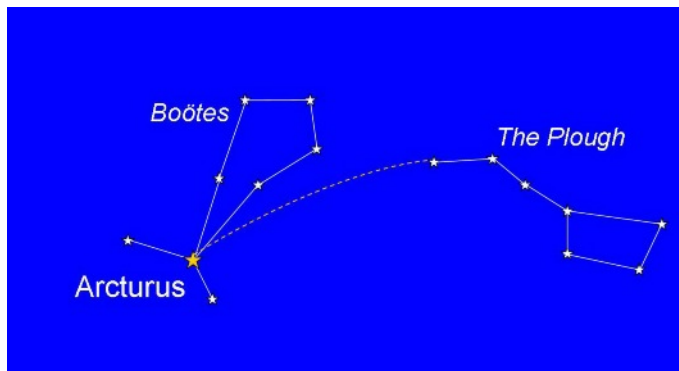
This month's object is one of the first stars to appear in the evening sky and is almost straight overhead at this time of year. Arcturus is the brightest star in the night sky during the summer months. It is a Red Giant star that is 37 light years from earth; as such it is one of our closest neighbours in the Milky Way. Arcturus is the brightest star in the constellation of Boötes. This is not a particularly obvious constellation because it is high in the sky when there is twilight in the northern skies, and the other stars in the group are quite dim when compared with Arcturus. If you are not sure if you have identified the right star, wait for a short while until the recognisable constellation of the Plough appears and follow the curve of the handle until you see a bright star. This will be Arcturus.

When a star about the same size as our sun is near to the end of its life it forms a red giant. Throughout the main part of a star's life, Hydrogen is converted in its core into Helium in what is a gigantic continuous nuclear explosion. In a star the size of our sun this process will continue for about 9 billion years. When all of this Hydrogen is used up, gravity causes the core to shrink and therefore heat up, and this heating enables the star to gain energy by converting the Helium into Carbon and Oxygen. This heating causes the Hydrogen in the layers

of the star next to the core to also heat up and to start to fuse into Helium, and the pressure of the light from this reaction causes the star to expand greatly, the very outer layers cool, and thus the star becomes a red giant. This is what we see today in Arcturus, a star that is past its prime and is reaching its retirement days. At present this expanded giant of a star shines with a brightness 133 times that of the sun. Eventually, after several expansions and contractions the outer layers of the star will be blown away to form a planetary nebula and only the white hot dense core of carbon and oxygen will remain. Arcturus is a rapidly moving object with a velocity of 122 km/second relative to the earth. At the moment it is near to its closest point of approach to the sun and in about 4000 years time it will begin to move away from us. Very slight oscillations in the position of Arcturus points to the possibility of it having at least one gigantic planet orbiting it with a mass about 12 times that of Jupiter. It may be a huge planet but it is at the current limits of what we can resolve with current measurement systems.

In 1933 the light from Arcturus was focused through a telescope and used to switch on the lights and open the Chicago World Fair. It was thought that the light from the star would have left at the time of the previous Chicago World Fair in 1893 some 40 years previously. We now know that the star is a little closer and the light actually started its journey in 1896.

Although it is what appears to be a single star in the sky, there is more to Arcturus than first meets the eye. Enjoy your summer evening viewing.



## COME ALONG TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CHURCH AND RESOURCING MINISTRY

**WHEN** – 24th May 5.30 for 6.00 – 9.00pm feel free to bring your sandwiches, tea and coffee provided.

**WHERE** - All Saints Church, Evesham

How do we flexibly organise ourselves across the Pershore and Evesham Deanery to ensure that we make the best possible evolving use of our stipendiary clergy, our self-supporting clergy, and our lay ministry to serve all God's people?

The Revd Alison Maddocks, Dean of Smaller Churches has been asked by the Diocesan Transformation and Change Team to lead this process as a part of the Diocesan commitment to help churches in the Diocese of Worcester to be healthy and sustainable.

We know volunteers are stretched. Costs are rising. We are also having to carefully plan how our stipendiary clergy work to ensure the best use of their gifting and calling, and a future with less stipendiary clergy.

Alison writes, "Those who attend this meeting will be invited to share in considering together how we make the best use of the ministerial gifting of all our ministers, lay and ordained to serve all God's people in Pershore and Evesham Deanery. This meeting is specific to this deanery and will talk specifically about

the churches and benefices of this deanery. It follows on from the diocesan Open Conversations, enjoyed by many of you but there is no need to have been to the Open Conversations to be able to participate fully in this meeting. Our churches are a wealth of committed people doing so much for their communities. It is our belief that there are further opportunities to work together and support one another to make the most of all God given gifts and we look forward to sharing in this conversation with as many of you as are able to come along."

Please book a place through Eventbrite: <https://pershore-and-evesham-deanery.eventbrite.com>, or telephone 01386 861669 to leave a message with your name and contact number.

Revd Canon Sarah Dangerfield (Area Dean of Pershore and Evesham)

**DID YOU KNOW** - Pershore and Evesham Deanery is on the south-east side of the Diocese and stretches from Hanbury in the north, to the edge of Worcester down into the Cotswolds and the top of Gloucestershire.

The Deanery has 64 churches – rural, towns, a lot of new housing planned, and a resourcing church in Evesham, though as the Revd Sarah Dangerfield, the Area Dean says: "I like to think of all churches as resourcing people to live their faith and discipleship and help to grow God's Kingdom."

## Snippets

### DELIVERER WANTED

Avril Wood, who has delivered the Community News in Badsey Fields Lane for the past two years, has moved to Cheltenham with her husband Tony, this means that there is a vacancy for a deliverer here. If you can spare a half-hour per month then please contact churchwarden Elizabeth Bolland on 830638,

### LEARNING THE ROPES

We are fortunate at Badsey to have an enthusiastic and committed band of bell ringers who benefit from the experience of other ringers in the area who join our practices. To further improve the standard of ringing in our tower, there will be a regular bell ringing practice at Badsey on the first Saturday of each month from 10.30 am - 12.00 pm (subject to weddings/other church events taking place) from which we will be able to draw on the expertise of other experienced ringers. Anyone that is interested in learning the fascinating art of bell ringing should contact the Tower Captain, Richard Lewis-Skeath on 07747 802555 Email: [asumringer@gmail.com](mailto:asumringer@gmail.com)

## CHURCH SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE - MAY 2022

<b>Sun 1st</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Praise 10.30am Church Cafe 11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	South Littleton Offenham Littleton V.H. Badsey Cleeve Prior
<b>Sun 8th</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Praise 9.30am Morning Praise 11.00am Holy Communion 4.30pm Evensong	Bretforton Badsey South Littleton Cleeve Prior N & M. Littleton
<b>Sun 15th</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Praise 11.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion	Badsey South Littleton Cleeve Prior Offenham
<b>Sun 22nd</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Praise 11.00am Matins 11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	N & M. Littleton Offenham Cleeve Prior Bretforton Badsey
<b>Thu 26th</b> <i>Ascension Day</i>	7.00pm Holy Communion	Cleeve Prior
<b>Sun 29th</b>	11.00pm Benefice Eucharist	N & M. Littleton

## A BADSEY MAN FROM LONDON

### The memoirs of Roy Page

This month we continue our series on the memoirs of Roy Page. Ninety year-old Roy came to Badsey from London at the age of seventeen—and never went back.

#### CIDER, ME, AND TED WHEATLEY

Cider was drunk by most villagers in those days and Fred used to make it in a mill in Aldington. The Wheatley's owned most of the orchards in Badsey. The land now covered by Green Leys, St James Close and The Poplars were all fruit trees. Fred had a yard, called Jinkes (now The Drift in Old Post Office Lane) where he had a pigeon loft, a greenhouse and some sheds containing 120 gallon barrels full of cider. On a wet day Fred and his mates would sit in the greenhouse playing cards and I would have to dash out to the shed every so often to bring back a jug of cider.

I remember the first time I went picking up apples for cider (Autumn 1948) I left all the rotten ones on the ground until Fred came along and told me that everything was used for cider making!

The mill at Aldington had a press and a scrapper which was a box about 6ft long, 2ft wide and 4ft deep. Inside there were three or four rollers covered in metal spikes. The apples were put in the top, the rollers then turned with a handle at the side and the apple pulp came out of the bottom. This was then put into the press which was about 3ft square. It had a press bed on to which a coarse hessian mat was placed and about 6 inches of the apple pulp was put onto this. The corners of the mat were folded over and another mat was placed on top and this was filled with the pulp in the same way. This continued until the stack was about 3ft high then the press was screwed down by three men using a 6ft handle until the stack was about 1ft thick. The cider ran from the bottom of the press into a stone trough set into the floor. The cider was taken out with buckets and funnelled into barrels.

A barrel of cider was always left in the corner of the mill each year for the cider makers to drink the following year. We had our own china mugs (tots) which were made from a sheep's horn. Cider was never drunk from glasses – they were for beer!



I acquired quite a taste for local scrumpy and I do believe that if I hadn't gone into the army in 1949 – I would have been seen staggering around the village in a purple haze for the rest of my life!

The 12 months that I worked for Fred Wheatley was quite an experience. Fred was a real character and he was either telling you what a great chap you were or swearing at you left, right and centre, he had quite a temper. I remember once when I was in the car with Fred and we were going past 'The Wheatsheaf' when he suddenly stopped the car in the middle of the road and jumped out saying "I'll be back in a minute". I was left in the car with the driver's door wide open and the engine still running. Fred went round the back of the pub and in a couple of minutes came back rubbing his knuckles. Evidently he had seen this man going into the pub, I never found out who he was, who had previously upset Fred.

Fred was also a keen horseracing fan and he was the local bookies runner on race days. People would come to the house in Brewers Lane with their betting slips and money and Fred would then take them into the bookie in Evesham but before he went he would go through the slips throwing out the ones that he thought would not win. On Grand National day 1948 Fred came unstuck because an outsider won and he had to pay out on all the bets he had kept the money from. He was not a happy man!

Continued next month.

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## Brian Smith's Church Fonts



Brian Smith continues his look at the fonts in our local churches.

### **North and Middle Littleton - Church of St. Nicholas.**

The church is blessed with a fine Norman font of the 12th century. The guide says that, "it is tub shaped on a stem of a later date, ornament on bowl perhaps later, a band of incised lozenge enclosing devices of leaves, chevrons etcetera, with cable mould below. The rim of the bowl has staples inserted."

This is an indication that there was at one time a lockable lid. Evesham historian George May alone attributed it to the 11th century, and added "its capricious bowl is thickly lined with lead."

### **South Littleton - Church of St. Michael.**

This beautiful 12th century Norman font has a bowl carved with arrowheads and cables, with rosettes and a cross on the sloping sides. It is round in shape.

Historian Robert Tomes wrote at the end of the 19th century: "The Norman doorways and font are still remaining, and illustrate the work of that period. The staple with which the font was locked is still remaining. The (Holy) water not often being changed, the font was kept locked." It is commonly believed that this was to prevent the Holy water from being stolen by witches. Witchcraft must have been rife in the Littletons, as both village fonts had lockable lids!

The Littletons are fortunate in having two exceptional fonts in such close proximity to one another.



North and Middle Littleton church font (left) and South Littleton font cover (above).  
Photos: Brian Smith

## Down Memory Lane .....

*Does anyone remember Simon the Donkey? Writes Angela Holdsworth.*

Simon used to be a Badsey character in the 1940's and 50's. He was a very fat dark brown donkey who lived in a field opposite Seward House, and brayed his head off when I rode past on my pony, Dossie. When Simon's owner died my father, who was the vicar of Badsey and Wickhamford, was asked if he would take him over.

Whilst we were on holiday Simon and Dossie were kept in separate fields at the vicarage. Mr. Harvey (the school master) had part of our garden to grow vegetables, but got little done that week as he spent the time watching the two scrap!

We hadn't realised that one of the railings was loose. Simon could get through to Dossie but she was too big to get into his field. When he had enough of arguing with her he just nipped back into his own field! By the time we got back from holiday they were the best of mates and inseparable!

When we moved to Hinton-on-the-Green Simon came with us. Sadly Dossie became ill and had to be put down. He was a very lonely lad! When I left home to get married he went to live on a farm. I often wonder how long he survived.



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## Badsey Film Club



Luvvies, here are our films for May 2022.

Saturday 7th May **Pixie**  
Saturday 21st May **JFK**  
Saturday 4th June **Personal History of David Copperfield**

Doors Open 7.30pm Film Starts at 8pm

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



We held a very successful Spring Show with a wonderful selection of spring flowers, the winning member was Lesley Dingley, second place Sheila Taylor.

As always we are very happy to see visitors to our meetings, our May meeting which is on Wednesday May 25 we welcome Aaron Pleiak who is a young very knowledgeable Nurseryman who was recommended to our club by Reg Moule. Our following two meetings are our garden visits which are always popular, when we have the privilege of looking around some beautiful private gardens, the first is to Forthampton Court Nr. Tewkesbury in May, followed by Middle Dene Gardens in Blockley in June, these visits take place in the afternoons and members travel in their own cars (sharing lifts). We look forward to seeing everyone in May, happy gardening now we've got the longer days enabling us to spend more time in our lovely gardens.



Our programme for 2022-23 began on 13th April, when our speaker was Georgie Jacobs, 'The Girl with a Guitar'. Our members are continuing to work on their entry for the

Worcestershire Federation Annual Craft competition in July.

As many readers will be doing, our members are also looking forward to warmer days, culminating in our Garden Meeting in June and also to our trips on the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway and to the National Memorial Arboretum.

We were glad to hear that the trees we had ordered to support the Parish Council in planting up the new Community burial ground, garden and heritage orchard had arrived safely and we look forward to seeing them in situ.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th May, when we will be entertained by one of our newest members. The meeting is at Badsey Remembrance Hall, starting at 7.15pm. If you are not already a member but would like to join us please contact the secretary, Alex Owen, on 01386 830083.

## Mothers' UNION

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Our Lent Lunches in March were much enjoyed. Thank you to all the people who made soup and helped at the Lunches. The Deanery Festival was very successful and we had a lot of compliments about every aspect of the service.

The speaker for our meeting on Tuesday 10th May at 2.30pm is Diane Bennett MBE talking about the Caring Hands in the Vale - Lighthouse Project. Members have been asked if they could bring toiletries and cleaning products to the meeting to donate to the charity.

If you would like to know more about the Mothers' Union then please contact Sandra Sparrow on 833368.

## St James Flower Guild

Ladies and gent it was good to be able to get together to decorate the church for Easter - the flowers were lovely, as usual, thank you. Welcome to our two new guild members, Rachel and Louise.

### May Rota

1st Sunday Hazel and Hazel  
2nd Sunday Mary and Alan  
3rd Sunday Annette and Sheila  
4th Sunday Rachel and Louise  
5th Sunday Yvonne and Jane

Any queries regarding church flowers contact Julie Gardner 831573 after 6pm please or 832007

## badsey and aldinston computer group

The Parish Computer club is running again and is open to all who would like help or advice to gain confidence in the use of their laptop or tablet.

If you need help of advice with using your computer, why not drop in to one of the computer group sessions run on a Monday morning at 10.30 in the back room of the Wheatsheaf Inn. Sessions are very informal, and usually consist of a short presentation and then time to chat about individual issues over as much coffee and tea as is necessary. There is no charge and no need to sign up or make any form of commitment, just drop in when you want. Sessions are on alternate Mondays from 10.30 to about 12.00. We have taken a break over Easter but are starting back in May:

Dates for your diary:  
Monday 9th May 2022  
Monday 23rd May 2022  
Monday 6th June 2022  
Monday 20th June 2022  
Monday 4th July 2022

We will then take a break for the summer.

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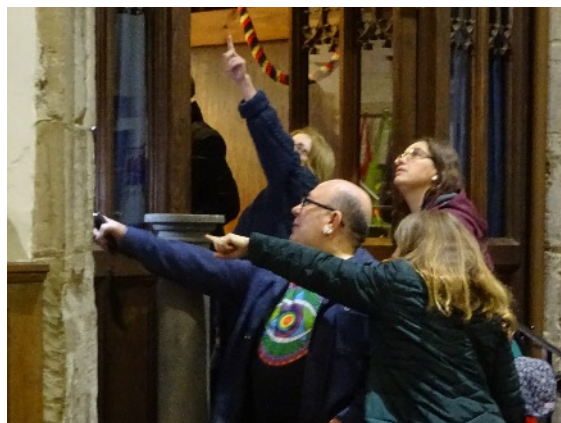
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Last month's caption competition attracted entries from many of our readers including Brian Smith, Derek Coupe, Maureen Hitchcox, Sandra Sparrow and Angela Holdsworth. However the entry voted the best was the one received from Ralph Bolland which has the smaller horse thinking



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Looking Back

# Community News

Badsey and Aldington

## GROWERS GEAR UP FOR POPULAR VILLAGE SHOW (From the Badsey and Aldington Community News April 2013)

*'The traditional family-focused village event attracts around 2000 people and last year it starred in the UK TV show 'My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham'. Not only did TV and stage star Lynda spend the whole day filming at the show (and getting involved with lots of events and attractions) programme producers proclaimed Badsey Flower Show as 'one of the best events of its kind'.*



Badsey Flower Show has never needed a 'celebrity' to attract a crowd, it has always been well attended over the century or so that it has been running. However, it needs to be 'opened' by someone, and today this is usually someone connected with the village or Flower Show, or in days of yore the wife of a local dignitary (when such people existed). On some occasions 'celebrities'

were 'on hand' and so invited along. Such was the case of Barbara Knox (pictured above) Coronation Street's Rita, she had at the time moved to a house in Broadway and so travelled the few miles to Badsey to cut the ribbon in 1990.

### NOW BACK TO THE PRESENT ...

The 119th Flower Show on **Saturday 23rd July 2022** is well into the planning stage with the Schedule due to be available after Easter. As usual there are over 200 classes for Adults and Children to enter. The entries on display in the marquee are always of an amazing high standard, making the judges job difficult but enjoyable. Let's see if we can fill the marquee again this year after an absence of two years. Good luck to everyone thinking about entering.

The usual range of stalls for you to browse are being brought together. Entertainment is being finalised and once confirmed will be announced. The request for a flypast by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight has been made. Activities for children to enjoy are planned to include perhaps a return of races in the main arena. So, if you Mums and Dads are up for it, please let us know and we will set up some races for adults as well.

Anyone who has the time to help prior to or on Show Day we would love to hear from you. Without our helpers Show Day would not be possible. Please get in contact on 07736 447747

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