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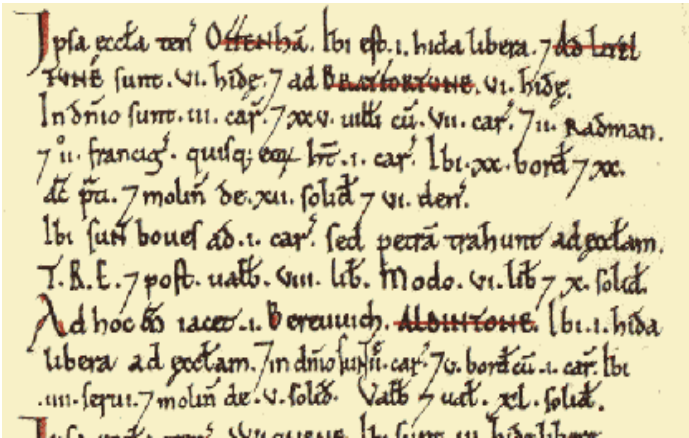
Reading old Wills and documents can be difficult but help is now at hand. The Badsey Society is holding a workshop on Saturday 15th October at Badsey Community, Sports and Social Club in Brewers Lane, Badsey. The four hour session will be run by Alan and Shirley Tutton who ran a similar workshop on Zoom two years ago. This time however it will give you the opportunity for personal one-to-one interaction.

The workshop, which starts at 10am, is split into four sessions. Each one dealing with different aspects of the reading and understanding of the old documents, which will be available to you for interpretation. There will also be time and help in de-cyphering any of your own documents you wish to take along. There will be a meal break at noon so please take along a packed lunch. The workshop is open to everyone, with a £2.50p charge for non-members of the Badsey Society.

... THERE'S A WAY

Following years of weather and a spate of graffiti the Parish Council has had several of the road signs in the middle of the village refurbished. Signs were removed and repainted. The posts also received a protective coat of paint. *If you have ever wondered how your street or road got its name then why not ask our History Man, send your questions to the Editor.*

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COMMUNITY NEWS ABOUT TO FOLD

This is an early warning message to our contributors and advertisers that this magazine will no longer be published after this year, and the December edition will be the last. The reason for this is purely the cost of printing it. Printing costs have soared making it unviable and a drain on the Parochial Church Council resources. They have been losing money on this magazine for several months and can no longer afford to do so. However, there may be a solution. A reduction in size and quality of the magazine may be an answer, or another organisation in the village willing to share the costs. It won't be the first time the parish magazine has folded, in its long history, stretching back some hundred and twenty years, it has disappeared and re-appeared in various guises. The one thing all of these different versions have in common is that they are historical documents. They have documented what has happened in the village for a century and more and it is vital we carry this on for our descendants to read in the next century.



PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

From Badsey's very own astronomer, Stargazer

The topic for Stargazer this month is a little unusual in that the star of interest is the one closest to us, the sun, and the event takes place in the daytime, not at night. On the morning of 25th October there will be a partial solar eclipse. The moon will move between the sun and the earth and it will appear that a bite has been taken out of the sun. This is not one of the best partial eclipses that we have seen in recent years but it will nevertheless be a spectacle and awe inspiring.

The timings for this eclipse here in Badsey and Aldington are:

- Start of Eclipse at 10:07**
- Maximum Eclipse at 10:57 and 14% of the sun will be covered**
- End of Eclipse at 11:48**

An eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the earth and the sun and theoretically this could occur every month at the time of the new moon. However, the moon does not orbit in exactly the same plane as the sun and there is a 5 degree angle between the two. The result of this small angular difference is that most months the shadow produced by the moon does not hit the earth's surface at all. Eclipses therefore only occur when the orbit the moon is in full alignment with the sun and this happens at very predictable and regular times. The only thing is that different parts of the earth will experience the eclipse within these times. On average, somewhere on earth, there will be a total eclipse every eighteen months or so. I have friends who plan their annual holidays around these quite spectacular events and are prepared to travel almost anywhere in the world just to experience the excitement of those few minutes of totality.

It should go without saying that you should never look directly at the sun, it is extremely dangerous and hazardous to your sight. It is said that you get two chances to look at the sun directly through a telescope, once with each eye. Various web sites will give you a range of different safe observational techniques including looking at the shadow cast by a colander and observing the light that passes through a pin hole in a piece of card.

My personal preference is to buy a pair of the glasses that were sold widely at the time of the last UK total eclipse in 1999. These are easy to obtain and can be as cheap as £2.00 a pair on the internet. A slightly more flexible approach is to buy a filter for your camera, telescope or binoculars. These filters, however, can be quite expensive at between £40.00 and £80.00. This is because these filters need to absorb about 100,000 parts of the light intensity from the sun while allowing only one part through to make it safe to look directly at the sun. However it is relatively easy to make your own filter using Solar Filter plastic polymer sheets that can be purchased for around £20.00 for an A4 sheet.

The photo below was taken during the partial eclipse in June 2021. This was during the later phase of the eclipse as the sky was cloudy during the early phase and past the maximum. The camera used a 200mm lens with a polymer filter attached. The red/orange colouring is a product of the filter used. The sun is in fact white, it produced white light after all, a better filter would not have changed the colour in this way. Other filters can be used that only allow very specific wavelengths of the sunlight through so that the specific chemical composition can be studied.





HARVEST SUPPER IN CHURCH

The church's annual Harvest Supper will be on Saturday October 8th at 6.30pm. It will now be held at St. James Church as the original venue was double booked. The entertainment will be a Ladies Choir.

Due to the smaller venue tickets will be limited so you are encouraged to purchase your £8 ticket's early. Bring your own drink. For tickets, or further information, please see one of the following:- Wendy Such, Maureen Davies, Hazel Smith, Marianne Beddis or Terry Sparrow.

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CELEBRATION AND CHANGE

A message from the Revd. Ralph Bolland



During this year there have been many celebrations and also numerous changes in our nation. The major celebrations have been for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which of course happened throughout our land in various venues in cities, towns and villages.

No doubt, many of us enjoyed being involved in those festivities in our local area. I expect that there have been many other celebrations in each of our lives and families throughout the year which we have enjoyed and shared with other people.

In recent days we have seen major changes in our Nation, notably the appointment of a new Prime Minister and her Cabinet. As I was preparing to finalise this message came the sad news of the death of our Beloved Queen which brings to us a King for the first time in over 70 years.

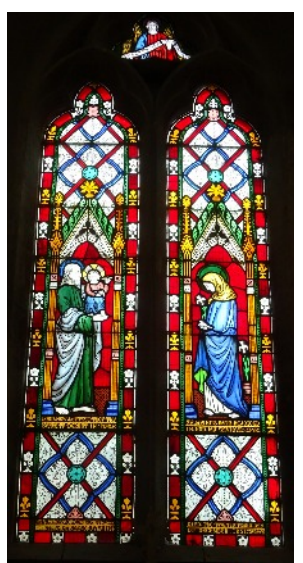
This is indeed a major change for us as a Nation and indeed for the whole world. Elizabeth the Second was someone who had a real experience of personal faith and it showed throughout her life of service and dedication to our Nation, the Commonwealth and the world.

Likewise, there will have been changes in our own lives and in our neighbourhoods which will have had an effect and impact on us and that of our families. As a Benefice we are once again in a period of change as we are in a time of Interregnum awaiting the appointment of a new Vicar which will be sometime in the future.

Jesus Christ came to share God's love and salvation with each of us Including our late Queen and our new King.

FREDERICK PREEDY WINDOW IN BADSEY CHURCH

In a recent talk by Gerry Harte to members of the Badsey Society she mentioned that Badsey Church contained a stained glass window by the celebrated local architect Frederick Preedy. The window in the north transept is dedicated to Edward Appelbee who died in 1851. Edward inherited a lot of land in Badsey and by the time of his death owned over 75 acres in the parish. He resided with his family at Harrington House in High Street, Badsey.



CHURCH SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE - OCTOBER 2022

Due to the absence of a vicar the rota of church services has not been drawn up. However, services will still be held and details of these will be shown in the Church Porch, or on the the notice boards. For services at other churches in the Benefice please see the Benefice website. www.eastvaleavon.com

A BADSEY MAN FROM LONDON

The memoirs of Roy Page

This month we come to the end of 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.

JOSEPHS FACTORY AND SELF EMPLOYMENT

I left F C Jones when our family got bigger and I couldn't earn enough to pay the bills (a coal bill arrived before I had paid the previous one) so I went round trying to get a job lorry driving but had no luck. One day someone told me that a coach came through Badsey everyday taking people to work at N C Josephs aluminium factory in Stratford-on-Avon. They made kettles, saucepans etc, body parts for cars and washing machine parts. Evidently good money could be earned because there was a lot of piece work. So I caught the bus to Stratford one Saturday morning and went to the gate house at Josephs where a nasty ex-military type informed me that they had no jobs and the personnel manager only called in for a few minutes around 11am on Saturdays. I left and went down to the island cafe for a cup of tea and sitting there I decided that as I had spent 2s 6d (12p) on bus fare I was not going to give up that easily. So I went back at 11 o'clock just as the personnel manager, called Bill Evans, was going inside. He took me to his office and when I told him I was keen to earn good money he told me the best jobs were in the polishing shop. I knew that working as a metal polisher was a dirty, noisy and dangerous job but decided to give it a go.

The starting wage was £11 a week, the coach was free and there was a canteen with cheap meals so I was happy. Even though it meant I was away from home for eleven and a half hours a day, catching the coach at 7am and not getting back until 6.30pm. I was put in the stainless steel shop polishing coffee percolators which was cleaner than aluminium. After a few weeks I went on to piece work and earned £17 the first week, I didn't look back after that. After six months I was made charge hand (6d an hour more) and I was earning twice the national wage for the first 20 years I was at Josephs. When I finished in 1980 I was on £150 a week.

I had to work flat out for eight and a half hours a day falling asleep on the bus on the way home! But it was worth it because the bills got paid on time, we could afford to run a car (banger!) and we could also take the kids to Pontins for two weeks. I was the top earner in the polishing shop although there were a few ex sprout pickers who came close. One foreman, Jim Boyce, said that his best workers were all off the land and providing he could keep us supplied with work then we didn't complain a lot.

When G.E.C of Canada bought Josephs in 1980 I took the redundancy that I was offered and at the age of 51 started my own business doing gardening and general property maintenance until I retired 14 years later in 1996. It was interesting work because I met so many different people doing jobs in the Evesham area, mainly Badsey but also in Cheltenham, Worcester and Stratford. One of the most rewarding houses I worked on in Badsey was Badsey Manor. I converted the roof space into accommodation, re-vamped the kitchen, maintenance work on the roof etc. I also redesigned the garden and drive. In fact it became almost a second home with lots of happy memories of the hours spent working there.

In 1967 I was offered a Littlewoods pools round covering Blackminster, the Littletons and parts of Badsey. It took two evenings a week and became very interesting, the extra money was handy of course. I am still collecting the pools 41 years later (2008). The football round became a handy source of work – decorating etc. when I went started my own business. I just mentioned to the people on the round what I was doing and within a short while I had more work than I could cope with. A lot of houses and gardens in the Littletons have benefitted from my efforts and a lot of the work I did in the Vale can be traced back to recommendations from people in Littleton. For some time after I retired (1996) I was still being offered work. I have met all sorts of people in the 40+ years that I have been doing the pools round, from millionaires through the whole social spectrum to gypsies and travellers.

I found the children that I met on the round were as interesting as the adults. One day a small lad of about six stood looking at me as I collected in South Littleton. He said to me 'Are you Bruce Forsyth?' so I decided to pull his leg and said 'Yes I am'. He ran down his garden path shouting 'Mum, mum Bruce Forsyth is outside'. His mother came out and said 'That's not Bruce Forsyth. That's Mr Page the pools man'. I don't think he ever forgave me for deceiving him!

Edited for the Community News by the Editor



Roy Page was a bit hit at this year's Badsey Flower Show where he exhibited a selection of his handmade model vehicles based on local transport he had encountered during his lifetime. They are all made out of scrap material that would have ended up in the green wheelie bin.

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The Autumn hedges and woods are full of berries and fruits to sustain nature throughout the Winter. The animals and birds that feed on them spread the seeds ensuring the plants survival too. I remember as a child going round the field hedgerows with my Mother filling a bucket with hips, blackberries and sloes. We learnt what to eat and what to leave. As a rule red berries are poisonous but hips, found on the dog rose, are the exception. Rosehip syrup is a rich source of vitamin C. Blackberries grow on brambles and make delicious puddings. Sloes growing on blackthorn, though bitter to eat are added to gin. Elderberries, when ripe hang down in succulent black bunches also rich in vitamin C. Plums, apples and pears fall onto the footpaths from the roundabout fruit trees. Crab apples can made into jelly and the juice used as a preservative. Haws, now, we leave for the birds. It's the fieldfares and redwings favourite food. We can only admire the red fruits of the honeysuckle, strings of jewel-like bryony berries adorning the woods and the shining spikes of lords and ladies on the leaf strewn floor as we pass by.



Brian Smith's Church Fonts



Brian Smith continues his look at our local churches

Offenham - Church of St. Mary and St. Milburgh

The font is late medieval, about 550 years old. It is octagonal and is nicely decorated with quatrefoils and flowers. It is of exceptional quality for a village church. It stands on a very elaborate plinth. The cover is adorned with a very unusual device, difficult to describe, but please see the photograph (right). The church was completely rebuilt by Frederick Preedy in 1861, and the font was one of the few ancient features to survive.

Architect and stained glass artist, Frederick Preedy was born in Offenham in 1820. His family lived there until 1840 when they moved to Fladbury. Preedy is thought to have been responsible for about four hundred figurative windows over a 34-year period. Major commissions included work in Worcester Cathedral, Gloucester Cathedral, Lincoln Cathedral and Ely Cathedral. He died in 1898.



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Badsey Film Club



Luvvies, here is our film for October 2022.

Saturday 1st October **Operation Mincemeat**

Doors Open 7.30pm Film Starts at 8pm
Back Room of the Wheatsheaf Inn, Badsey. New members are always welcome, for further details contact Clive Richards on 832685.

St James Flower Guild

Heartfelt thanks go to my team and helpers, and everyone who visited the church flower festival to support us over the August Bank Holiday. You helped us to raise over £1,000 which will go to the upkeep of our beautiful church.

We're looking forward to another weekend of flower arranging for Harvest on 2nd October.

October Rota

1st Sunday	Harvest - All the Guild
2nd Sunday	Please tend your own array
3rd Sunday	Yvonne and Jane
4th Sunday	Barbara and Julie
5th Sunday	Hazel and Hazel

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

A message from Hazel Stewart regarding the August Bank Holiday Flower Festival

'I would like to congratulate Julie and her team for putting on such a lovely festival. A lot of hard work goes into making so many flower arrangements. The Guild should all be proud of their work. Well done to you all.'



Mothers' UNION

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Our August meeting was our outing to the House of the Open Door at Childswickham. We started with a short service in the very peaceful Chapel and then moved to the dining room for a delicious afternoon tea. We felt the weather was too hot to walk around the grounds so we sat in the shade. Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 11th at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Angie Chant. Visitors are always welcome.

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

Down Memory Lane



The drinking fountain in the High Street was erected to celebrate another King's coronation, George V. It was opened a year late in 1912, presumably a Badsey trait, so plenty of time to think about something for King Charles III. The fountain is resplendent thanks to Keith and Sheila Taylor.



For members of the WI, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was not only Queen but a loyal and dedicated fellow WI member (Sandringham WI) for 80 years. Her passing was marked at our September meeting.

Our October meeting on 12th October is our AGM when we expect to welcome Worcestershire Federation County Chairman, Sue White, in her capacity as our WI Adviser. Advisers support us in our decision making and give us advice for the future. As well as reports on the year gone by, there will be elections for the committee and President for 2022-23, presentation of the annual Craft Competition cup and the unveiling of our lockdown memorial squares.

As always, if you are thinking of joining us please don't hesitate to contact our secretary, Alex Owen, on 01386 830083.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BADSEY



Although the village is currently without a full-time vicar it is still business as usual at the church.

Weddings, funerals and baptisms can still be booked and Sunday services will continue as normal.

Our administrator, Faith Quin, is available to help you arrange an appointment. Faith can be contacted via Email: eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com

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Meetings are held on 3rd Wednesday of the month (except in August) at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.30pm.

Date of next meetings: Wednesday 19th October
Wednesday 16th November

Useful Contacts

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Badsey Church Flower Guild	Julie Gardner	832007
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CHILD'S PLAY

Our competition this month takes us back to 1910, long before calculators and decimalisation. The three questions were taken from a maths test paper given to the older children at Badsey School. We don't need to see your working out, something that was just as important in 1910, just your answers. Email these to the Editor.

2. A greengrocer sold 9 tons, 4 cwts, 5 stones of potatoes at £5 13s. 4d. per ton; what was the total amount realised?
7. A train is 80 yards long and takes $2\frac{1}{2}$ seconds to pass a signal post; how many miles per hour is it travelling?
9. Six chairs were sold for £2 os. 6d., resulting in a loss of 25 per cent.; find the cost of each chair.

Last Month's Answer's were 1. Penelope Washington was a second cousin twice removed to US President George Washington, 2. Wickhamford Football Club, who played in the Stratford Alliance last season have moved to the Cheltenham Football League to get stronger opposition, 3. It was a cycle shed which was removed from the rear of Wickhamford Village Hall when the car-park was added. Correct entries were received from Valerie Magan and Terry Sparrow. An apology to Sandra Sparrow for the previous month when we attributed her winning entry to her husband, Terry.

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DOWNHILL RACERS: The Parish Council's sponsored Soapbox Races returned bigger and better than ever following a couple of years break due to the pandemic.



BLOOMIN' MARVELLOUS: The late Queen's Platinum Jubilee was the theme for a flower festival in Badsey church by St. James Flower Guild over the August Bank Holiday. The event raised a thousand pounds for the church.



MARQUES & MARQUEES: The Badsey Flower Show returned for the 119th time. It was opened by Terry Sparrow, who has attended more of these shows than anyone else. One of the surprises was the large number of classic cars owned and displayed by residents of the village.

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