

LAST TRAIN FROM BINYON HALT

For almost a decade Elizabeth and Ralph Bolland have been holding their charity 'Santa Special' evenings at their home in Binyon Close based around Ralph's garden model railway. And over that time they have raised thousands of pounds for local charities. The money collected from this year's event, which are on the evenings of Thursday 24th, and Friday 25th November, will go to Badsey Church.

As in the past, apart from marvelling at Ralph's railway layout, which dominates their back garden, there is also another film from the Dallimore Brothers called the 'Last Train'. This year it features Ralph and Elizabeth reprising their roles as Stationmaster, Derek Earnshaw, and Maggie Marbles MBE respectively (photo right). It's theme involves a discovery of an oil well in Maggie's back garden, Derek's American oil tycoon cousin, intrigue, conflict, but despite this, a happy ending. The two Santa Special evenings, which also includes refreshments, are free (although a donation is appreciated) run from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at 17 Binyon Close. Badsey.



LAST COMMUNITY NEWS! IT'S UP TO YOU

Due to rising costs of paper and ink the Community News is likely to cease after the December issue. We are all saddened by the reality of the situation but cannot afford to continue at a loss. We are asking for your help to avoid this terrible loss. How you can help.

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THE PEAR TREE FIELDS PROJECT

The Parish Council has been asked to write about Pear Tree Fields, and we are grateful for this opportunity. In a village community there will always be gossip about all manner of things, but please remember that the best way to find out about Parish Council matters is by attending our public meetings and by reading the minutes of those meetings, available on noticeboards and on the website.

Many residents will be aware already from our Newsletters and minutes that the project began following requests from residents who attended a meeting in September 2016. These included a Community Heritage Orchard, allotment gardens and a new burial ground, as the churchyard was filling up and due to be closed. We needed to own the land for this purpose, as a burial ground was involved. Some residents were unhappy that the new cemetery was not in the centre of Badsey, but this was impossible because such land is simply not available. Most is covered with buildings, and many landowners hope to plant houses on their valuable land, rather than trees. A request to purchase land near Allsebrook Gardens was refused for precisely this reason. A piece of land close to Aldington and another close to Bretforton were considered, but expert professional advice was that both were seriously over-priced. Eventually, the Worcester Diocese offered three pieces of land at a reasonable price. One was not suitable as it had no road access, and the best available was the piece at Pear Tree Corner. It was larger than we had expected to buy, but this has allowed us to develop something very special in the space, and this asset will serve the community indefinitely. It was finally purchased in 2020, when Wychavon District Council gave planning permission for the project that is now developing.

The whole matter has involved much time and hard work on the part of the Clerk, Councillors and others, but we already have thirty allotments, eagerly tended by their tenants; the planting of native trees and shrubs, both as screening and as a wildlife habitat, is well advanced; traditional and, as far as possible, reasonably local varieties of fruit tree have been planted in pockets around the site; the sowing of wild flower meadow species will follow and a wetland habitat is being created. These facilities for the community will, quite literally, grow over the coming years.

Most importantly for the future of our community, the new cemetery is now in use. It is in a beautiful setting and magnificently planted. It provides the only space for new burials in our Parish, and it is large enough to continue to do so for generations to come. The only other possibility currently is at Waterside in Evesham, but that is both very much more expensive and unlikely to be available longterm, as there, too, space is running out.

When we sought a Legacy Grant from Wychavon, our late colleague, Margaret Tyszkow, gave the project its name: "For today, for tomorrow, for always". Pear Tree Fields is now becoming what it was designed to be, and it will be a major community asset for the foreseeable future. We are more than happy to meet with anyone who is interested in finding out more about the journey or about where we are now.



The Allotments in May



The Central Feature of the New Cemetery



Wetland Pond in Spring

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REMEMBRANCE - A PERSONAL REFLECTION

A message from Alan Bache

My Grandfather John Bache joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment at the beginning of WW1. He was sent immediately to Northern France to fight in the trenches in some of the bloodiest battles of the War. Did he ever talk about his experiences? No. Never. Not ever. I now know from his Military Record that he was wounded four times. He was shot in the face, shot in the arm, in one side and out the other. He got a shrapnel wound to the chest and a flamethrower to his legs. Not a word, never.

My Father Alfred Bache joined the R.A.F. aged 18 in 1939. He was very badly wounded at an Air Base in Lincolnshire and was invalided out. He lived with the consequences of his wounds for the rest of his life. He never said a word, ever. Looking back I regard their heroic endurance with awe and pride. My family's experience is by no means unique. Millions of young men and women gave their lives, not only in two World Wars, but in countless conflicts since. No doubt anyone reading this has their own story to tell of pride, gratitude and sense of duty shown by those who served, in order to try and establish peace. Jesus came and taught peace, he said "blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God". Peace is a precious commodity; it comes from trust, patience, tolerance and faith. The driving force for peace must come from us, it must come from our remembrance of those who have given their lives in War, it comes from those injured in conflict and for their families and loved ones.

The Poppy Wreaths and crosses that we will lay at the Memorial Service (Sunday 13th November 10.45am at Badsey Church) remember not only those from this community, but those unknown to us. The Poppy is our symbol of remembrance, but looking forward let us also remember that there is always the light of hope, love and faith through Jesus Christ.





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An old photograph taken outside Badsey church in the mid 19th century has been re-created by the men and women of the Wednesday Morning Church Group. The original photo is part of the Brazier collection which was donated to the Badsey Society archive. The group have recently planted five rose bushes to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II.



The rose bushes have been planted in the Garden of Remembrance in the churchyard and were specially selected for their colour and fragrance. The group are also planting Spring bulbs and plants. Many of the very old graves have also been cleared of weeds and planted. The voluntary group will soon be moving inside the church as the winter weather approaches where they will be swapping their hoes and forks for dusters and mops. If you would like to join this merry band of pilgrims then just turn up at the church any Wednesday at 10am for an hour or so, followed by a chat and cuppa. Get the picture!

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

From Badsey's very own astronomer, Stargazer

The autumn is probably the most interesting part of the year from the point of view of astronomy. The last of the summer constellations are still visible in the western skies early in the evening and the great winter constellations around Orion rise in the east just after 9 o'clock. Unfortunately the great British weather is against us and finding evenings without cloud cover, fog or rain can be quite difficult.

This month's topic is a star that has been with us all summer and is still high in the western sky during the early evening in November. The constellation of Cygnus, "The Swan", is not always easy to identify as a constellation but it can be quite straightforward to locate if you give your eyes a little time to adjust to the darkness. Cygnus can be found in the centre of the group of three stars known as the summer triangle - Deneb, Vega and Altair with Deneb sitting at the head of Cygnus. The star of interest is only just visible to the naked eye and is known as 61 Cygni and is located to the side of the main constellation. A small telescope or good binoculars will show that this is in fact a double star consisting of two stars that are slightly smaller than the sun. Although quite faint, 61 Cygni has a very



important place in the history of astronomy, being the first star to have its distance from earth measured.

The method used to measure the distance to our close neighbouring stars is called parallax measurement. This is measuring the small changes in position of stars as the earth moves around the sun. As an example of how this method works, hold up a finger at arm's length in front of you. If you close one eye and then the other you will see the background move relative to your finger. A measurement of the angle of this movement and a little trigonometry will give you the distance. In the case of stellar measurement the position change comes from the motion of the earth around the sun.

Tycho Brahe, the last great naked eye astronomer, could not see any motion in the stars throughout the year. The stars were in his opinion fixed in their positions. He therefore concluded that the earth is at the centre of the universe and that all other celestial objects, the Sun, Moon, Planets and Stars all orbited the earth. At the time, with his fame and reputation he probably put back the development of astronomy by about a hundred years. The issue is the size, or the very small size, of the angle of parallax movement of stars during the period of a year. If you think of a school protractor with 90 degrees in a right angle you can measure angles down to an accuracy of about half a degree. With a much larger protractor you can measure angles down to an accuracy of about one sixtieth of a degree known as a minute of arc (nothing to do with time). In astronomy, to see the parallax movement of stars over a year you need to be able to measure angles down to an accuracy of better than a sixtieth of a minute known as a second of arc and to be able to do this you need the help of the magnification of telescopes.

In 1838 Friedrich Bessel, a German astronomer, became the first person to measure the motion of 61 Cygni and calculated a distance of 10.4 light years. The current accepted distance is 11.4 light years, making Bessel's measurement very accurate indeed. Since then many more stars have had their distance from earth measured using this technique. At present the Gaia space observatory is measuring parallax to an accuracy of between one thousandth and one billionth of an arc second. During the life time of the space craft it is expected to measure the distance from earth to about a billion stars. So on a clear night in November why not try to find 61 Cygni, the star that started our measurement of the heavens?



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Jane Neill's Nature Notes

My curiosity in nature was aroused on a walk with my Mother around the farm as a small child. She showed me the marble gall growing on the oak tree. There are an amazing 900 plant gall forming animals in Britain. These include mites, beetles, flies, wasps, poyllids (plant sucking bugs) aphids and sawflies. The easiest to spot is on trees such as the oak. The oak hosts the marble gall wasp when a female lays an egg in the leaf bud. The larva feeding causes the tree to blister round it. Also there is the oak apple gall (see upper photo) which is larger and can contain many larvae.

The redgall sawfly female lays a single egg in the underside soft tissue of the willow tree leaf which develops into a red bean-shaped pod as the larva grows and is easily spotted along the brook. The sawfly name comes from the saw-like egg laying organ called a ovipositor. The walnut tree hosts a similar bean shaped pod that holds a tiny mite with an elongated body and just two legs. A spherical, reddish fibrous growth on the dog rose is caused by the gall wasp larvae. It's known as Robin's pincushion! (see lower photo)



Down Memory Lane

With talk that the village may soon have a 'curry house' many of our older readers may remember Badsey's fish and chip shop. The chippie was run by Esme and Don Dennick, whose name can be seen over the doors on this painting by John Bird (see photo right). Aldington poet Brian Smith remembered it in a poem from his second book of poetry, *From Packs Meadow to Pear Tree Corner*.

It stood between Manor Close And where the 'Legion' car park ends On chips and batter bit's we'd overdose Me and my young friends.

A single storey in green and white, Don and Esme Dennick were in charge. I remember Mr. Dennick alright, His tattooed arms were very large!



One lady who now lives in Badsey tells the story of how she once lived at Aston Subedge. On her way home from Evesham her grandmother would get off the bus at the bottom of the Pike, then whilst the bus was going around the bottom of Badsey would rush to the chippie, get her fish and chips, then catch the bus again as it came back up the village.

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Badsey Film Club

Luvvies, here is our film for November 2022.

Saturday 5th November The Duke

In 1961, a 60-year-old taxi driver steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sends ransom notes saying that he will return the painting if the government invests more in care for the elderly.

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.

Following a fascinating talk by Tony Haines on the history and activities of St John Ambulance and our AGM on 12th October, Badsey WI members will be looking forward to a talk on the Gunpowder Plot in November.

Obviously this will be very topical for the time of year but also something of relatively local interest, with several of the plotters having close links to Coughton Court.

As the evenings close in we are going to trial afternoon meetings for December, January and February, starting with our 'bring and share' Christmas Party on 14th December.

This will be something of a departure from our usual timetable and we look forward to seeing how it goes. However, we will be back to evening meetings in March.

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

Mothers' NON Christian care for families

Our meeting in September was a Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the beginning on Badsey Mothers' Union. During the service we remembered her late Majesty the Queen who was patron of the M.U. for 70 years. We also sang the national anthem for the King.

Members and visitors then enjoyed wine and nibbles and a delicious cake made by Wendy Such one of our members. We all enjoyed a lovely evening.

Our speaker on November 8th will be Alan Tutton talking about the River Avon—from start to end. Visitors are always welcome.

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

St James Flower Guild

Thank you ladies and gent for the flowers in October, especially the lovely harvest festival flowers. Next month it will be Advent so there will be no flowers in church. The next time we will get together as a team will be to decorate the Church for Christmas.

November Rota 1st Sunday Mary and Alan 2nd Sunday Remembrance - Annette and Sheila 3rd Sunday Louise and Rachel 4th Sunday Advent, no flowers in church

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

JOHN DALLIMORE - ROADSHOW VETERAN



Online news service the *Stray Ferret* has published 10 Fascinating Facts you may not know about the popular TV show the *Antiques Roadshow*. And at number seven is Badsey's own John Dallimore. The fact reads:-7. *The Roadshow has visited* numerous international venues including Canada, Australia and major European cities. Even at the Australian events the Roadshow's most dedicated follower, John Dallimore, clocked up the 9,500 miles to attend.

John not only visited Australia, he has been to Canada, Ireland, the Channel Isles and all the home countries supporting the programme. In all he has attended the filming of the *Antiques Roadshow* more that 200 times over the last 20 years.

During that time he has many stories to tell like the time he mistook the Duke of Devonshire for a coach driver. His lordship, wearing a green Chatsworth jacket, was rather bemused when John asked him how far he had come?

John always had his camera with him and built up a large collection of photographs. These photos came in useful when Paul Atterbury and Marc Allum, the authors of the book *Antiques Roadshow - 40 Years of Great Finds*, were researching the book. Several of John's photos ended up in the book, and John was pictured in the credits and described as the Roadshow's 'greatest fan and keeper of their unofficial archive'.

Over the years John got to know everybody connected with the show, his favourite presenter being Michael Aspel and favourite expert, Henry Sandon. Henry had a soft spot for bread pudding and many a time John would take along one that Linda Core had made for him.

John has not been to any Roadshows for the past few years due to Covid and has no plans to return at present.

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**

Our Church Website: www.eastvaleavon.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 16th November Wednesday 21st December

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WHO'S THAT?

The parish of Badsey and Aldington has a few roads named after people. Can you give a few details of who these roads were named after:-

ALLESBROOK GARDENS

BINYON CLOSE

BREWERS LANE

KINGSHURST GARDENS

SEWARD ROAD

SLADDEN CLOSE

Tie breaker question:- One of the above had a famous brother, who was it, and why is he remembered at this time of year?

Last Month's Answers to our 1910 Maths questions were 1. £52 6s $2\frac{1}{2}$ d 2. 65.45mph 3. 9 shillings per chair (£2 14s 0d total).

Correct answers were received from Derek Coupe, Valerie Magan, Veronica Pinkerton and Terry Sparrow.

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Please contact The Editor (Will Dallimore) on the following email address:



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What Are Our Neighbours Up To Now?

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH IS RAISING THE ROOF

The PCC in charge of St. John's Church at Wickhamford is hoping to raise £350,000 to £400,000 to replace the roof which along with the chancel needs urgent attention. The Grade 1 listed building has been in the village for hundreds of years and has served the villagers well, but the repairs needed are more than the usual patching-up as done in the past. Falling pieces of ceiling plaster have made the church



dangerous for it's worshippers, with temporary netting used to enable services to continue. The architect has suggested that due to the major fund raising needed that the scheme could include a toilet in the vestry, and a small kitchen at the back of the nave. One way of offering support is by sponsoring a tile, which would have your name printed on it, for the sum of £25. Gift Aid forms are also available for larger donations. For details of how to donate please contact the PCC Treasurer, Carole Collis on 01386 882018.

NAME IN THE FRAME

Further to the article in last month's issue regarding village road signs a reader has asked if the History Man knows the origin of the name 'The Lankets', the cul-de-sac off High Street, opposite the Spar Shop.

The History man replies: Firstly, in my opinion and also that of many others at the time, this road should never have been named 'The Lankets', because already there was a village road known as 'The Lanket' (without the 's') or Lanket Lane, albeit without official signage. So where was it? Well, it ran from the High Street, opposite Seward House, to the corner of Chapel Street, but when the council eventually erected road signs this stretch of road



became part of Brewers Lane, which hitherto started at the Chapel Street corner and ran eastward towards market gardening land.

Now the origin of the name 'Lanket' and here we need to look at the at the map (see above) drawn up by Edward Phillips in connection with the Badsey Enclosure Act of 1812. Among the various plots owned by Joseph Jones is a narrow strip of land, only 2 roods and 27 perches in area (1 rood = $\frac{1}{4}$ acre) described as 'Lanket', adjoining the lane in question. It is not too difficult to imagine how 'Langet' was changed to 'Lanket' over the years.

I have no idea who decided to name the new road 'The Lankets', but quite obviously they got it wrong.

The map opposite is an 1896 map of the proposed drainage system for Badsey. Lanket Lane is shown on the map. Most of the drainage previously ran directly into Badsey Brook.







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