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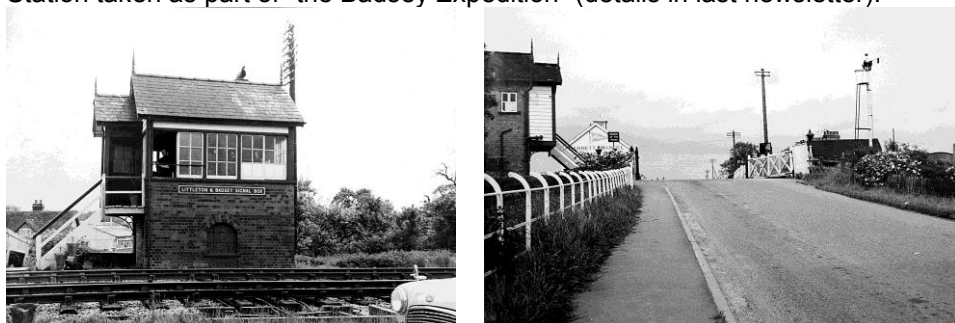
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### Don't forget the talk on 9<sup>th</sup> November about "The Old Worse and Worse"

Just to put you in the mood for the talk, here two photos of Littleton & Badsey Station taken as part of "the Badsey Expedition" (details in last newsletter).



These photos were taken in May 1968 two years after the station closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1966.





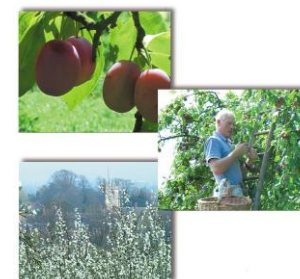
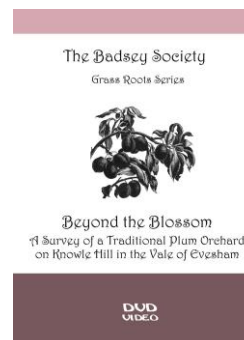
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Well, what a summer it's been! The July floods affected the village in so many ways. See inside for pictures of the day the floods came. Our thoughts are with the people who suffered considerable damage as a result.

### Round-Up of Events July to October 2007

- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July, Badsey Flower Show** - As you all know, Badsey Flower Show, for a second year running, was unable to take place. This was a great disappointment for all concerned, particularly for the Flower Show Committee who put so much work into organising the event during the course of the year. The floods of the previous weekend meant that the Recreation Ground was still water-logged, prize-winning produce had been destroyed, and many people were still coming to terms with the devastation that may have been wrought in their home or business. We sincerely hope that next year will indeed be third time lucky.
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Open Evening and Launch of the Orchard DVD** - Because the Flower Show did not take place, we decided to add in an extra event to launch "Beyond the Blossom", the DVD which Will Dallimore and Tony Jerram have been working on for the past year. 51 members attended the event where they were able to see brief clips from the DVD and hear an introduction by Tony Jerram. Tony explained that, with over three-quarters of the Vale's plum orchards now lost forever, the DVD (on sale in the Spar, £6) is an important historical record and provides a timely reminder of the days when plums were the backbone of Evesham's economy. The evening also included an introduction to Jane Neill, the Society's Archivist, and a presentation by Terry Sparrow on Richard Phillips' research into Badsey Post Office. If you missed the talk, you will find more information about the Post Office on the Badsey website.



## Future Events

- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007** – "The Old Worse and Worse - Or Was It?" Talk by John Boynton on the old Oxford, Worcester & Wolverhampton Railway. Back room at The Wheatsheaf, 7.30 pm.



The Oxford, Worcester & Wolverhampton railway was a company authorised on 4th August 1845 to construct a railway line from the Oxford and Rugby Railway at Wolvercot Junction to Worcester, Stourbridge, Dudley, and Wolverhampton, with a branch to the Grand Junction Railway at Bushbury. Evesham was connected by rail to Worcester in 1852, then to Oxford and London the following year. Littleton & Badsey Station, in the parish of Offenhams, was opened on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1884. Ian Gibson's painting recreates the station during its working life. Come and find out more about the railway's history at the talk on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

## Flood Special

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007 will go down in the history books as a day to remember for residents not only of Badsey and Aldington, but for the entire Midlands area. After a glorious sunny day, it began raining in Badsey on the Thursday evening, and then did not stop until Saturday. By Friday evening, Badsey had become an island and by Saturday morning the Avon had burst its banks. (Now we know why Badsey is so called; Badsey comes from the old English "Baddesia" meaning Baeddi's Island!)

Many Badsey residents did not make it home that evening. At Badsey First School, Head Teacher Elizabeth Spencer will forever remember this "exciting" last day of term. She sent the last children home at 6 pm in a tractor, but failed to get home herself. She, and two members of staff, spent the night in the home of the Chairman of Governors. At Blackminster, too, tractors, Land-Rovers and the like, were brought in to take the children home, but several staff had to spend the night at school. Badsey Remembrance Hall opened its doors to offer shelter to stranded motorists.

Here is a flavour of the rapidly unfolding events.



3 o'clock Friday afternoon and car headlights are on as vehicles pick their way through the rising water. (Photos, Maureen Spinks)



By late afternoon, the Mill (photo Lucy Biltcliffe) and surrounding houses were affected, and rising waters along Badsey Lane made this route impassable at an early stage.



Meanwhile, at Aldington, John and Louise Sparrow were out recording the rising waters.