

The Villages of Badsey and Aldington

Information Pack



Welcome

On behalf of the Parish Council welcome to our second edition of this village information pack. It is our aim through this information pack to help all our residents to find their way around the village, encourage involvement and feel part of our community.

The parish of Badsey & Aldington includes the two named villages together with part of the village of Blackminster and part of the new estate off the Offenham Road. The combined population in 2001 was in excess of 2700. The Parish hosts a number of thriving organisations, including, amongst others, the Badsey Society, which continues to research the history of the villages and those who have lived and worked in them, the Badsey Rangers Football Club, the Women's Institute and the Guides/Scouts.

The Badsey Remembrance Hall provides the Parish with an excellent space for meetings and other activities and the Community News (provided through the Church) is delivered throughout the Parish.

This Information Pack also includes a lot of information about local village groups that always welcome new members and volunteers. I hope that you find this pack useful, so please let us know if you think it could be improved in any way.

Gary Bailey Chairman *Badsey and Aldington Parish Council*

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1. Meet your Parish Councillors

Your Parish Council is a local authority that makes some decisions on behalf of the people in the parish. It is the level of government closest to the community, with Wychavon District Council above it in the hierarchy. The Parish Council is often the first place people will go with concerns or ideas and for this reason it is a vital part of the community.

Badsey and Aldington Parish Council

Mr Gary Bailey	Chairman
Mr Mike Tennant	Vice-Chairman

Councillors

Mr Phil Cordelle	Mrs Liz Chalmers
Mr Ian Devine	Mr Mike Gwynn
Mrs Susan Keeler	Mr Mike Oldfield
Mrs Rebecca Stanley	Mr Alan Tutton
Ms Margaret Tyszkow	Mr Dave Webster
Mr Andrew Wilson	

Mrs Andrea Evans	Parish Clerk
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Parish Council Meetings

There are 11 Parish Council Meetings per year held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm. Meetings are held in Badsey Remembrance Hall. Notice of the meeting and an agenda are posted on the village notice boards a week in advance and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Website

Further information about the Parish Council, including minutes of meetings, can be found on the Parish Council website at:

(<https://www.badseypc.uk> - the bracketed part can be omitted).

2. Other Local Representatives

County Councillor

Cllr Alistair Adams

County Councillor on Worcestershire County Council for Littletons & District

Councillor on Wychavon District Council for Honeybourne & Pebworth

Home Address: Sunnyside, Back Lane, Pebworth, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8XA

Personal mobile 07725 979 277

Home telephone 01789 721227

Email: adams.pebworth@gmail.com

www.alastairadams.org

District Councillor

Mark Goodge

Wychavon District Councillor for Badsey ward

Home Address: 12 Mansion Gardens, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 1BX

Home telephone 01386 443522

Email: mark.goodge@wychavon.net

Member of Parliament

Nigel Huddleston MP

House of Commons, Westminster, SW1A 0AA

E-mail: nigel.huddleston.mp@parliament.uk

Web & Social media



[@huddlestonnigel](https://twitter.com/huddlestonnigel)



www.nigelhuddleston.com/

Parish Magazine

A monthly "Community News" magazine is published and distributed by the Parish Church to all houses in the villages of Badsey and Aldington. This newsletter not only contains details of events organised by the Church, but also reports from other organisations within the village including the parish council. The Editor is Valerie Magan and she can be reached by E-mail at: eastvaleavon2019@gmail.com

3. Introduction to the Village

Badsey and Aldington are villages with a long and rich history dating back to at least Roman times. In a charter of 709 the villages are referred to as Baddesia (Baeddi's Island) and Aldintone (the place where Aelda's family lived). The floods of 2007 remind us of how Badsey came to get its name, when the village became an island for one night.

The Domesday Book of 1085 tells us that there were 12 villagers (likely to mean households or smallholdings) with 8 ploughs, 4 slaves and one widow living in Badsey. The reference to 8 plough teams implies that arable farming was already well established. At that time Aldington had no connection with Badsey, only becoming attached in about 1290. The first stone church was probably built at Badsey in the 11th century. In the Middle Ages the main landowner was the Church. Following the dissolution of Evesham Abbey, the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, have been rectors and patrons of the parish since 1546, as well as being substantial landowners.

Agriculture has been the main occupation of the village for most of its history. At the beginning of the 19th century the old Open Field System gave way to a more enclosed landscape, which suited the agricultural revolution which was taking place but changed the landscape irrevocably. The predominant occupation of the 19th century continued to be agriculture with over 70% of the working population engaged in agriculture.

In the 1870s the great agricultural depression began to hit the country, but for Badsey this coincided with the advent of market gardening, introducing a new, prosperous chapter for the village. Whereas many villages at this time witnessed a drift of people away from the village to the town, the opposite was true in Badsey. Two big sales of farmland took place in 1866, which helped the spread of market gardening. The new landowners divided the land into strips which they then let to former farm labourers. These men started market gardening on their own account. By the time that three further sales of farmland took place in the early 1890s, the newly-emerging market gardeners seized the opportunity to buy an acre or two of land. A housing boom took place as many new houses were built. The former "Ag Labs" now knew a wealth they could never formerly have expected. The opening of the railway station in 1884 opened up the markets and the Littleton & Badsey Growers' co-operative was founded in 1908 to assist market gardeners. Badsey and the Vale of Evesham became famous, particularly for the asparagus which was grown here. In a hundred years the population of Badsey and Aldington had more than tripled, as more people moved to the area to take up market gardening. By 1911 80% of households were involved in market gardening.

The decline in market gardening began after the Second World War. In common with

villages elsewhere, there have been numerous changes in the post-war period. Now you are more likely to find an IT specialist, accountant or lawyer living here, often commuting long distances to work. But Badsey and Aldington continue to adapt to changing times. The housing developments and continued influx of people into the village bring new blood. We have a school, two pubs, a shop and post office, a butcher and a multitude of clubs and activities to choose from, making it a place where people want to live. Long may our community continue to thrive!

Maureen Spinks

Chairman, The Badsey Society

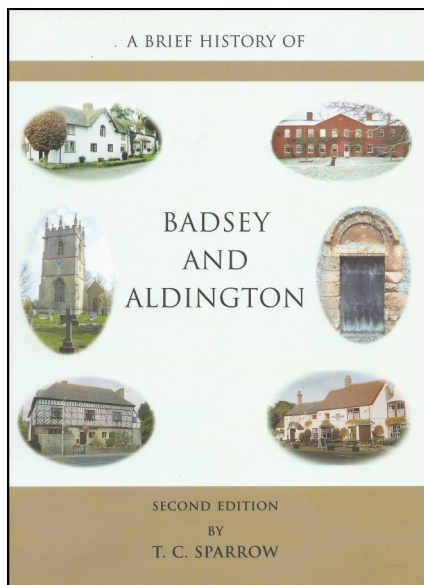
The Badsey Society

The Badsey Society exists to promote the understanding and study of the parish and villages of Badsey and Aldington and the surrounding area. The people, history, archaeology, folklore, flora, fauna and geology of the area are all possible areas of activity, which may take the form of meetings, walking tours, talks, education and publication.

For more information on the Badsey Society visit their website:

<http://www.badsey.org.uk/society/>

Membership of the Society is open to anyone who supports its objects and aims.



A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington

This readable book is everything a local history should be; rural characters spring to life from its scholarly pages, and the passing events of two millennia in a peaceful corner of the Vale of Evesham are retold with an abundance of illustrations, many now appearing for the first time. Anyone who has ever lived in, or known, Badsey and Aldington cannot afford to miss this unique chronicle of village life which, thankfully, has been recorded for posterity, with great dedication, by a lifelong inhabitant of Badsey.

Copies are available from the local shop priced £6.00.

4. Community Buildings and Venues

Parish Church

St James Church

High Street Badsey, WR11 7JZ

Priest in Charge:	Revd. Fr. Philip Morton	Tel: 01386 832599
Parish Administrator:	Wendy Stafford	Tel: 01386 424728
Church Wardens:	Elizabeth Bolland	Tel: 01386 830638
and	Chris Smith	Tel: 01386 830217
Badsey Church Flower Guild	Hazel Stewart	Tel: 01386 832100

St James Guild of Bellringers

Contact: Hilary Bolton

Tel: 01386 830246

Jigsaw For 4 year-olds and over

Contact: Wendy Morrey, see Community Newsletter for dates and times.

Village Parish Hall

Badsey Remembrance Hall is the centre for many village events and is available for private hire. It is located off Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey.

Contact: Sue Brooks (Caretaker) Tel No. 01386 641234

Pubs

The Round of Gras

Pub & Restaurant, Bretforton Road, Badsey. WR11 7XQ

Tel: 01386 830206

Wheatsheaf Inn

Pub, Restaurant & B&B, High Street Badsey. WR11 7EJ

Tel: 01386 830380

The Pub in a Club

12 High St, Badsey. WR11 7XH

Tel: 01386 830200

Badsey Community and Sports Club

Ballard's Park, Brewers Lane,

Contact: The Club Manager, Sue Evans

Tel: 01386 830867

Local shops

The village has a local Spar shop that also contains the local Post Office. We are also lucky enough to have an independent butcher.

Spar Stores Badsey

16 High Street

Tel: 01386 830359

Badsey Butchers

12 High Street, Badsey

Tel: 01386 830459

Badsey Flower Show

The Badsey Flower Show has been operating now for well over a hundred years and attracts people with a connection with the village from all over the country. In its original form the Flower Show gave an opportunity for local growers to show off their



wares. With the slow decline in market gardening the show has evolved and, while it still maintains the atmosphere of a traditional village show, it has evolved into a day where the entire family can join in and also be entertained.

The Flower Show is always run on the Saturday in July that is closest to St James Day. This is usually the last Saturday in the month

New people to help with the running of the Flower Show are always welcome. If you would like to help with the organisation beforehand or just on the day please contact:

Gordon Boon—Chairman of the Flower Show Committee

E-mail

info@badseyflowershow.co.uk

Or visit the website

www.badseyflowershow.co.uk



5. Children's Play Facilities

We are fortunate enough to have three children's play areas within the villages.

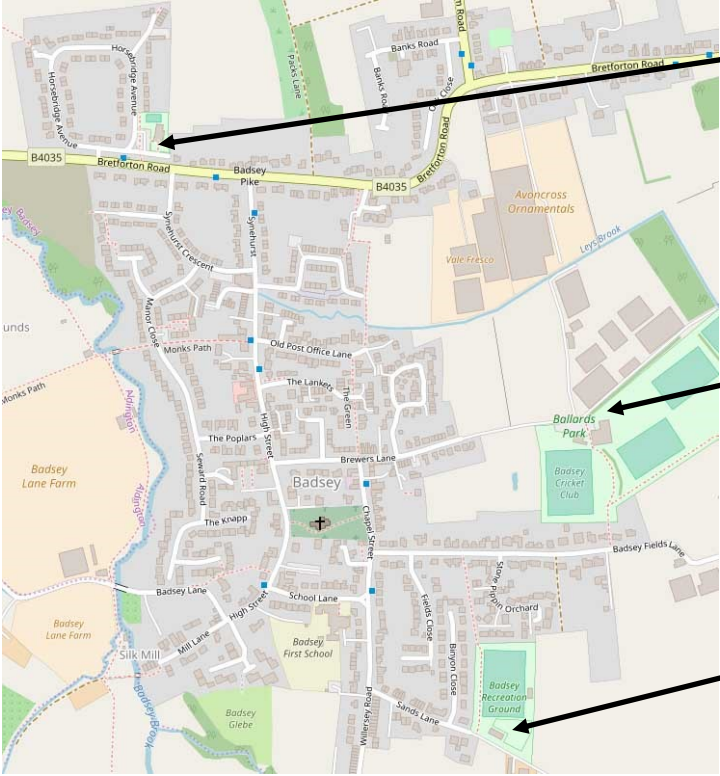
The larger of the two areas is situated at one end of the recreation ground, just off Sands Lane on the south eastern side of the village. Here we have play equipment for a wide age range of children from swings for small tots to a large monkey climbing frame for older and more adventurous children. With crawl ways, slides, seesaws and climbing ramps, all that is needed is the energy of the young and plenty of imagination.

There is also plenty of seating so that parents and grandparents can take a few minutes rest before continuing to entertain the younger generation. In addition there is plenty of room for ball games and kite flying, or just to run and let off steam.

A smaller play area is located outside the Remembrance Hall and can be seen from the main Bretforton Road that passes through the village. With a wooden fence around the entire area this play ground is designed and equipped for younger children. There is also ample seating for parents to sit and watch.

Our most recent playground situated at the Community and Sports Club opened at Easter 2018. It is designed for children of all ages with specialised play equipment for those with mobility difficulties.





**Remembrance Hall
Play Area**

Horsebridge Avenue

**Community and
Sports Club Play Ar-
ea,
Brewers Lane**

**Badsey Recreation
Ground Play Area
Sands Lane**





6. Maps of villages

For greater detail see www.openstreetmap.org © OpenStreetMap contributors

Below: The Village of Badsey

7. Local Clubs and Societies

We are very proud of the amount and variety of social activity in the village. Most of these groups are run by volunteers and are often looking for help to ensure they can continue to flourish. If you think that you can help out in any way then please get in touch with the contacts below.

Organizations

Badsey Film Club

The Wheatsheaf, High Street Badsey

Contact: Clive Richards Tel: 01386 832685

Badsey Mothers Union

Contact: Joyce Bache Tel: 01386 839464

Badsey Society

Local History Group for Badsey, Aldington, and Wickhamford.

Contact: Shirley Tutton Tel: 01386 831539

Badsey Women's Institute

Contact: Jane Neill Tel: 01386 830301

Sports Clubs and Groups

Air Rifle Club

Contact: Ashley Green Tel: 01386 832296

Archery (Evesham Archery Club)

Contact: Ian Trout Tel: 01386 831509

Autograss (Evesham & District)

Contact: Callie Cooper Tel: 07866 935622

Avonvale Model Engineering Society

Contact: Roger Cull Tel: 01386 831933

Badsey Cricket Club

Badsey Community and Sports Club, Brewers Lane, Badsey,

Contact: David Powell Tel: 01386 833122

Badsey Ladies Hockey Club

Contact: Jane Rickey Tel: 01386 833947

Badsey Rangers Football Club & Colts

Sands Lane, Badsey,

Contact: Neil Thould Tel: 01386 830160 nthould@hotmail.com

Badsey Rec. Football Club

Badsey Community and Sports Club, Brewers Lane,

Contact: David Gisbourne Tel: 01386 423676

Badsey United Football Club

Badsey Community and Sports Club, Brewers Lane,

Contact: Martin Schembri Tel: 07804 921353

Bridge Club

Contact: Colin Payne Tel: 01386 833887

Littleton Tennis Club

Contact: Jo Lavers Tel: 01962 776025 (evenings only)

Round of Gras Cricket Club

Contact: Andrew Ogg Tel: 07792 681505

Youth Groups

1st Badsey Scout Group

Scout Hut, Sands Lane, Badsey

We are the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering 6 to 25 year olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in communities.

Contact: Mrs. Nichol Brown (Group Scout Leader) Beavers - Cubs - Scouts,

Tel: 01386 882350

Girlguiding

Young People (14 years+) and Adults wishing to volunteer with Girlguiding or girls wishing to join Rainbows(5-7 yrs) - Brownies(7-10) - Guides(10-14) - Senior Section(14-26) , visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Contact: Mandy Young Tel: 01386 423215

8. Health

General Practitioners

Abbey Medical Practice,

Abbey Lane, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 4BS

Tel: 01386 761111 www.abbeymedical.com

DeMontfort Medical Centre,

Burford Road, EVESHAM, WR11 3HD.

Tel: 01386 443333

www.demontfortmedicalcentre.co.uk

Merstow Green Medical Practice,

Abbey Lane, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 4BS

Tel: 01386 765600

www.merstowgreenmedicalpractice.co.uk/

Riverside Surgery,

Waterside, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 1JP.

Tel: (01386) 444400 www.riversidesurgery.co.uk/

Hospitals (Accident and Emergency)

Worcestershire Acute Hospital NHS Trust, Charles Hastings Way, Worcester WR5 1DD

Tel: 01905 763333

www.worcsacute.nhs.uk

National Health Service

(non-emergency)

Tel: 111

www.nhs.uk

Evesham Community Hospital, Waterside, Evesham. WR11 1JT

Minor Injuries Unit

Tel: 01386 502388

Open 9.00 to 21.00

Alexandra Hospital, Woodrow Drive Redditch, B98 7UB

Accident and Emergency

Tel: 01527 503030

Dentists

Evesham Dental Health Team, 16 Broadway Road, Evesham, Worcestershire

Tel: 01386 422 833

www.eveshamdental.co.uk

Gentle Dental, Port Street, Evesham WR11 3LF

Tel: 01386 761909

www.gentledentalnhs.com

Grafton House Dental Surgery, 11 Vine Street, Evesham, Worcestershire

Tel: 01386 446040

<http://www.eveshamdentist.co.uk/>

High Street Dental Practice, 102 High Street, Evesham, WR11 4EU

Tel: 01386 41569

www.highstreetdentalpracticeevesham.co.uk

Evesham Dental Access Centre,

Evesham Community Hospital, Waterside, Evesham. WR11 1JT

Tel: 01386 502453

Open 09.00 to 12.00

Opticians

Boots Opticians, 22 Bridge St

Open until 17:30

Tel: 01386 446176

James Osborne Optometrists, 1-3 Swan Lane

Open until 17:30

Tel: 01386 47997

Specsavers Opticians, 24 Bridge St, Evesham

Open until 17:30

Tel: 01386 423301

Pharmacies

Alphega Pharmacy , 36 High St Tel: 01386 48899	Open until 17:30
Boots Cosmetics Shop , 19-21 Bridge St Tel: 01386 765252	Open until 17:30
Boots Pharmacy , 2 Evesham Shopping Park, Evesham Tel: 01386 48665	Open until 22:00
Morrisons Supermarket , Davies Rd Tel: 01386 49351	Open until 22:00
Morrison Pharmacy , Springfield Drive Tel: 01386 40610	
Shaunaks Pharmacy , Abbey Lane Tel: 01386 47613	Open until 18:00
Stewart Pharmacy , 75-77 Port St Tel: 01386 446244	Open until 17:30
Stewarts Pharmacy , Waterside Tel: 01386 443422	Open until 18:00
Superdrug , Beauty Supply Store, Riverside Shopping Centre Tel: 01386 446001	Open until 17:30

Fun Quiz Night

A fun quiz, in aid of the Air Ambulance, is held at the Round of Gras on alternate Thursdays. Teams can be any size, there is a small charge of £1.00 per person to enter and the quiz starts at 8 o'clock. The evening usually consists of five rounds of fifteen questions and the evening is finished off with a "snowball" round.

Each year the quiz raises significant funds for the Air Ambulance and the teams have fun at the same time. New teams are always welcome.

For further details please contact Clive Richards

Tel: 01386 832685

9. Sport and Recreation

Leisure centres

Evesham Leisure Centre Abbey Rd, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 4SU
Tel: 01386 444212
www.wychavonleisure.co.uk

Within the Village

Badsey Community and Sports Club Ballard's Park, Brewers Lane
Tel: 01386 830867

Get Fit/ Keep Fit @ 'K' Fitness classes in the community,
Barbara Kay Tel: 01386 833133

Fierce Fitness Pole Dancing and Fitness at Remembrance Hall.
Lucy-Kate Dashfield Ormrod Mobile No. 07929224354

Libraries

Local public libraries are as follows:

- Broadway
- Pershore
- Evesham
- Droitwich Spa

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20017/libraries/1058/local_library_details

Freedom Day Centre

Freedom day centre is a family run group and employs people with a passion for making a difference to people's lives, with a wide range of knowledge of caring for people with learning disabilities. Freedom was founded in March 2016 and began as a disco, due to a lack of facilities in the area for adults with learning disabilities.

Our aim at freedom is to encourage our clients, with support, to be more independent, gain confidence and break the barriers between them and the community. So we wholeheartedly support and encourage our service users to participate in community activities and projects to achieve this. We are working closely with our parish council, local church and other businesses to achieve this.

For further information contact Tracey Hemming

Tel: 01386 833465

10. Child Care and Education

Information about all schools in the area can be found by visiting

<http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/SchoolSearch/> and choosing your local area in the location box

Pre-school

School Lane Nursery School

Badsey First School, School Lane, Badsey, Evesham WR11 7ES
Contact: Lucy Clarke Tel: 01386 830325

Primary / First Schools

Badsey First School

School Lane, Badsey, Evesham. WR11 7ES
Contact: School Secretary Tel: 01386 830325

Blackminster Middle School

Station Rd, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 8TG
Tel: 01386 830311

Secondary

The De Montfort School

Four Pools Road, Evesham WR11 1DQ
Tel: 01386 442060

Prince Henry's High School

Victoria Avenue, Evesham WR11 4QH
Tel: 01386 765588

Chipping Campden School Academy

Cidermill Lane, Chipping Campden GL55 6HU
Tel: 01386 840216

St Benedict's Catholic High School

Kinwarton Road, Alcester, B49 6PX
Tel: 01789 762888

11. Transport

Buses

Badsey is served by several bus routes that stop within the village and along the Bretforton Road.

The **247** route travels between Evesham, Badsey, Bidford, Alcester and Redditch.

The **552**, known as the East Vale Hopper travels between Evesham, South Littleton, Pebworth, Honeybourne, Badsey and back to Evesham.

The **553** route also known as the East Vale Hopper travels in the reverse direction to the 552 between Evesham, Badsey, Honeybourne, Pebworth, South Littleton and back to Evesham.

More information can be found on the following website

<http://www.worcestershirebus.info/> <https://bustimes.org.uk/>

Trains

Trains operate through the following stations:

- Hartlebury
- Droitwich Spa
- Pershore
- Evesham
- Honeybourne
- Worcester (Foregate Street and Shrub Hill)

Train times are available from

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/timetables.aspx

Community transport schemes

Evesham Volunteer Centre is staffed by dedicated and experienced individuals, assisted by many volunteers. They aim to develop, support and strengthen a volunteering network throughout the Vale of Evesham.

One of the most popular services offered by Evesham Volunteer Centre is the community transport scheme, with around 50 drivers offering their services. This is a scheme for people who don't have access to public transport and who have no other means of getting to places on their own.

Evesham Volunteer Centre -

<http://www.eveshamvolunteers.org.uk/community-transport/>

12. Other useful contacts

Age UK	12 Vine Street, Evesham, WR11 4RE Tel: 01386 422 700 Email: evesham@ageukhw.org.uk
Carers Association	Tel: 01905 751340 www.carersworcs.org.uk/
Wychavon District Council	www.wychavon.gov.uk Tel: 01386 565000
Worcestershire County Council	Tel: 01905 763000 www.worcestershire.gov.uk
Evesham Job Centre	Abbey Road, Evesham, WR11 4SB Tel: 01386 565000
Environment Agency Floodline	Tel: 0845 988 1188
Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service	Tel: 0800 032 1155
West Mercia Police	Tel: 101 (non-emergency) www.westmercia.police.uk

Badsey Computer Club

Badsey Computer Club is a self help group that meets on alternate Monday mornings in the function Room at the Wheatsheaf Inn between 10.30 and 12.30.

In some sessions one member of the group gives a short explanation of a topic which is intended to be of general interest. In other sessions members can 'do their own thing' or practise one of the topics or ask for help about a problem they have.

The group covers a wide range of experience and we all help each other, so new starters are always welcome

13. Household Waste and Recycling

Household waste in the black bin is collected by Wychavon District Council every other Thursday. Recycling in the green bin is collected every other week, garden waste collections in brown bins can be arranged through Wychavon District Council.

Hill and Moor (Evesham and Pershore area)

Tel: 01386 861434

Opening Hours:

Monday - Saturday 0800 - 1800

Sunday 0900 - 1330

Bank Holiday arrangements

This site will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

You can get opening times and addresses from:

<http://www.letswasteless.com/cms/recycling-centres/worcestershire-hrcs.aspx>

Badsey Film Club

All are welcome at the Badsey Film Club which meets in the Function Room at the Wheatsheaf Inn. The group started in March 2007 after a group of regulars at the pub had been discussing their favorite films. There are two films each month, a recent film on the first Saturday of each month and a classic movie on the third Saturday.

Films normally start at 8.00 p.m. Admission to the first film is free, and membership is £5 a year thereafter. During the interval we serve ice creams and there is a raffle.



For further copies of this booklet or to make updates to the information contained,
please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Andrea Evans

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