

Badsey as I knew it JIM B

I remember Badsey Pyke when there were no houses between Top road and Old School, on left hand side entering Badsey was a fruit Orchard and right hand side market gardening land, then coming to Badsey Manor, which was used as a school and home for orphan boys after being idle for some time was used to house the German Prisoners from the 1914, 1918 war coming down Badsey was big rambling house owned by Mr Wheatley the butcher, which had a high brick wall between it and Mr John Cullen house who was a baker, over the road where Ted Wheatley garage is, before being a garage, there was a building which was used for cider making, and where the new houses are, St: James Close was a fruit orchard, the road leading off High Street up to Brewer

corner, was called Land gate lane, from
 Brewer's Lane corner going up on right hand
 side were some old Thatch Cottages, which
 were demolished, and now stands a
 lungalow on the ground, Badoe, Fields Lane
 has not altered much, except for 1 new house
 at bottom, going along from Badoe Fields
 Lane, to Sands Lane, there are 2 new houses
 on the left hand side, and on right hand
 side are quite a few new houses, which
 were built on the piece of land called the
 Stocks, which was a field, with a farm
 house in it next to School house, on up
 Sands Lane, few new houses on right hand
 side, and I remember when the Rec:
 ground was market gardening land,
 going from the fountain down High Street
 to the Pub the Wheatsheaf or not

altered much, but going on down
toward Silk Mill which was a row of
houses which was supposed to be a Silk
Mill years ago, on the site where the
Vicars used to be, on the left hand side
going down towards Silk Mill, is a new
housing site a few years old which is
called Allsobrooks gardens, named after
the Vicar of Bradsey at that time,
Turning left off High Street by the Wharfedale
is School Lane, there was one house on the
left hand side, and then a Pub called the
Bell Inn, which had a big black
thatched barn adjoining it where they
had used to make the tides, after that
was a fruit orchard, some years after
there were houses built on them, the last
2 being built on the left hand side, on

the right hand side, school side were
 some farm building, with 2 cottages
 built almost entirely of wood, the
 buildings belonged to Mr Arthur Jones
 who lived at the big stone house, which
 is a few yards down the back lane to
 Evesham, Chapel Street has not altered
 too much, except that the row of cottages
 backing up to Sharp row were knocked
 down to make room for the extension
 of the church yard, the now existing
 wall is the same wall, brought forward
 along side main street, the wall had used
 to be under the big lime trees, about
 the centre of the new part of church yard
 were two old thatched cottages, and just
 opposite was a shed where they had used
 to keep the fire engine which was a hand cast

which contained water hoses and buckets, there was also an oak tree on the left hand side which was planted by Mrs. Julius Sladden, helped by my father, there was also 1 lone cottage across in corner by Sharps Row, this side the churchyard is a bungalow, which was built on the to half of the garden belonging to Mr. Harry Jones who lived in Poole House next to the big tree which was felled in November 1980, I forgot to mention that on the opposite side of Larket Lane, opposite St James Close was a fruit orchard belonging to Sir, Julius Sladden. and right at top of Brewer Lane is the Recreation Centre which was also built on market gardening land belonging to Mr. William Ballard, that is why sometimes it is called Ballards Park. I think I have

covered most of what has changed down in Village, now going out of Badsey, turning towards Evesham, all on left hand side was market gardening land, and also on right hand side where Memorial Hall, and Horsebridge Ave: was, was all market gardening land belonging to Mrs. Mary Joan from Pool House, going to the right out of Badsey, or toward Bretherton is a new housing site (Mr. _____ which had used to be a fruit orchard belonging to a Mr. Kerr, opposite the "Round of Brass Inn", which had used to be called the Royal Oak, and some more new houses, and a few more farther along but after that on the way to Bretherton, there has not been anything changed much. Hoping this will help you with your survey Andrew. YES Martine Jim

From

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To:

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Re: Badsey in the old days for project at Evesham High School – approx: 1980/82

Badsey as I knew it – Jim B.

I remember Badsey Pike when there were no houses between the top road and the old school. On the left hand side entering Badsey was a fruit orchard and on the right hand was market gardening land

Then coming to Badsey Manor which was used as a School and a home for orphan boys – after being used for some time to house the German prisoners from the 1914 – 1918 War.

Coming down Badsey was a big rambling house owned by Mr. Wheatley the butcher, which had a high brick wall between it and Mr. John Cull's house which was a bakery. Where Ted Wheatley's Garage is now, before being a Garage, there was a building which was used for cider making and where the new houses are, St. James Close was a fruit orchard

The road leading off High Street up to Brewers Lane corner was called Landgate Lane. From Brewers Lane corner going on up on the right hand side were some old thatched cottages which were demolished and now there stands a bungalow on the ground.

Badsey Fields Lane has not altered much except for one

new house at the bottom.

Going along from Badsey Fields Lane to Sands Lane
There are two new houses on the left hand side and on the
right hand are quite a few new houses which were built
on the piece of land called The Stocks which was a field
with a farmhouse in it next to School House.

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On up Sands Lane are a few new houses on the on the right
hand side and I remember when the Recreation Ground
was market gardening land.

Going from the fountain down the High Street to the pub –
The Wheatsheaf – has not altered mudh, but going on
down to Silk Mill – which was a row of houses which was
supposed to be a Silk Mill years ago, on the site where the
Vicarage used to be on the left hand side going down
towards Silk Mill, is a new housing site a few years old
which is called Allsebrook Gardens named after the Vicar
of Badsey at that time.

Turning left off the High Street by The Wheatsheaf is
School Lane. There was one house on the left hand side
then a pub called The Bell Inn which had a big black
thatched barn adjoining it where they used to make the
cider. After that there was a fruit orchard. Some years later
there were houses built on there, the last two being built
on the left hand side. On the right hand School side were
some farm buildings with two cottages built almost
entirely of wood. The buildings belonged to Mr. Arthur
Jones who lived at the big stone house which is a few
yards down the back lane to Evesham.

Chapel Street has not changed too much, except that the
Row of cottages backing up to Sharpes Row were knocked
down to make room for the extension of the churchyard.
The now existing wall is the same wall brought forward

alongside Main Street. The wall had used to be under the big lime trees. About the centre of the new part of the churchyard were two old thatched cottages and just opposite was a shed where they had used to keep the fire engine which was a hand cart which contained water hoses and buckets. There was also an oak tree on the left hand side which was planted by Mrs. Julius Sladden – helped by my father. There was also one lone cottage across in the corner by Sharpes Row. On this side of the churchyard is a bungalow which was built on to the half of the garden belonging to Mr. Harry Johns who lived in Pool House next to the big tree which was felled in 1980.

I forgot to mention that on the opposite side of Lanket Lane, opposite St. James Close was a fruit orchard belonging to Sir Julius Sladden, and right at the top of Brewers Lane is the Recreation Club which was also built on market gardening land belonging to Mr. William Ballard. That is why it is sometimes called Ballards Park.

I think I have covered most of what has changed down in the village.

Now going out of Badsey, turning towards Evesham, all on the left hand side was market gardening land, and also on the right hand side where the Memorial Hall and Horsebride Avenue are was all market gardening land belonging to Mr. Harry Johns from Pool House.

Going to the right out of Badsey towards Bretforton is a new housing site which had used to be a fruit orchard belonging to a Mr. Kerr. Opposite The Round of Grass which used to be called The Royal Oak, are some more new houses and a few more further along but after that on the way to Bretforton there has not been anything changed much.

Hoping this will help you with your survey, Andrew.