

Pear Tree Fields: “For today, for tomorrow, for always”

From September 2016, when the suggestions were first received from residents, until May 2022, when we at last can see something like what we aimed for, has been a long haul! Finding land that was actually for sale and would do what we wanted took many months and several false starts.

Beginnings

With planning consent at last, we started in August 2020 with a field divided into two and accommodating a couple of horses. Before anything could be done, proper access gates and working ditches were essential.



Dec 2020



Feb 2021



April 2021



Looking for possible Roman remains was a requirement before we could start laying out the project. Following days of geophysical surveys and ground-penetrating radar, our archaeologist Martin Cook looked into holes dug by Steve Underhill. Surprisingly few finds were made, and nothing to be followed up with large-scale excavations.

Construction

Two new car parks were laid out at the gateways, the allotments and cemetery areas were prepared and space for orchard, meadow and woodland planting left. The bird's-eye view shows the site when allotment tenants took up their forks and hoes and began to dream of fresh fruit and vegetables for 2022!



Oct 2021

Cemetery

We were very fortunate to be able to use Lynn Gibson's magnificent design for the central feature and look forward to watching it mature over the coming years. A great deal of heavy work was needed to make the cemetery accessible and beautiful in its splendid setting. Consecration took place on 23rd November and burials are once again an option in the Parish.



Planting for man and nature

We began the process of planting over 2,500 trees, some purchased to achieve a quicker result, others donated by the Woodland Trust via the Council and the Women's Institute, who have also placed the first bench seat on the site. 240 fruit trees, as far as was possible local varieties of plum, apple and pear, have been planted in 8 'pockets' in the eastern part of the land. The spaces between will be prepared and sown in autumn with wild flower and grass meadow species, which will help replace the traditional meadowland that has been lost over the last decades. The involvement of Natural Networks and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust brought more ideas and extra funding, which has helped speed the development of the wetland habitat as well as providing more wildlife-friendly ideas for us to incorporate, such as the bee bank and bee poles.



Allotments first day Oct 2021



Allotments May 2022



Hedge, orchard and bench



Wetland May 2022



Cemetery centre 2022

Openings

It seemed entirely appropriate that this historic event should feature Badsey's own "history man", Terry Sparrow, who gave a short speech and declared the project open before an invited group from all the bodies who have supported the project in so many ways on the afternoon of 12th May 2022. While we all froze in the wind that early evening, the sun shone on everyone at the Open Day on Saturday 14th May when many residents, among them our MP Nigel Huddleston, came along to have a first look round.



There is still work to be done: the "proper" wildflower meadow will be sown in the autumn and the wetland still needs to be developed, but please do come and take a look!

Charity Work

Cake Sale for Ukraine

In March Arthur Atkinson, Connie Atkinson, Leon Oliver, Olivia Oliver, Charlie Clark, Martha Clark, Molly Cameron all wanted to help support children in Ukraine. They decided on a cake sale and a target of £100. They designed posters and put them around the village made cakes and set up their stalls. We had loads of wonderful cake donations from lots of locals and great support from beavers/Cubs. They raised £400 and the money will go to Ukraine via UNICEF.



Football fundraisers

Badsey Rangers played in a charity match against Wickhamford in April to help raise money for a local Badsey pupil who is fighting cancer at the moment. There was a Fun Day with crafts, foods, bouncy castle, face painting, tombola and a huge raffle with many wonderful donated prizes followed by a big auction. The day raised £9000!



Martha's Hopscotch

When a close friend of the family was diagnosed with breast cancer last summer, Martha Clark wanted to raise money for her after watching the London marathon. She decided to hopscotch 1000 meters around the village and the money went to Macmillan. She raised £1000!!



Margaret Tyszkow 1953 – 2021

On 17th March 2022 many councillors, the Clerk and other Badsey residents gathered in St James's to say farewell to our friend and fellow-councillor Margaret. It was a particularly difficult time for us all following Margaret's disappearance back on 24th November, especially as there was no family presence in this country. We shall remember Margaret for her diligence in planning matters and her remarkable ability to remember details when we really needed it!

The text of the eulogies delivered by Julie Westlake and Mike Tennant can be found on the Badsey Society website. There is a link on badseypc.uk.



Margaret as a friend's bridesmaid in her 20's



David Yeates of "Simply Stone" has very kindly donated a stone which he has installed on the Tyszkow family grave and which provides a lasting record of this little Badsey family.

BACK FOR 2022! Sunday 28th August!

Badsey Soapbox Races



are a fun and free to watch event sponsored by Badsey and Aldington Parish Council and run by a committee of Parish Councillors and local residents. The event takes place on the Sunday of the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The event costs are met by sponsorship from local companies, other sponsors and the entry fees for the soapboxes.

<https://www.badseypc.uk/soapbox-races/>



Badsey & Aldington Computer Group

The Parish Computer Club meets every two weeks. If you need help or advice with using your computer, why not drop in to one of the computer group sessions run on a Monday morning at 10.30 in the back room of the Wheatsheaf? Sessions are very informal, and usually consist of a short presentation and then time to talk over individual issues over as much coffee and tea as is necessary. There is no charge and no need to sign up or make any form of commitment, just drop in when you want.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th June 2022

Monday 20th June 2022

Monday 4th July 2022

We shall re-start in early September after the summer holiday period.



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