

Community News

Badsey and Aldington July 2017

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Gravity defying sports and RAF fly-past will be highlights at Badsey Flower Show

Our village summer show is promising a dazzling mix of live entertainment this year.

The highlight in the main arena at the **2017 Badsey Flower Show** will be a breathtaking display by 'Pedal Power vs Parkour' - which is a combination of stunt cycle skills and parkour fitness with elite athletes pushing their abilities to the limits.

The show will also include a flypast by an RAF memorial Dakota, live music from ukulele band The Spa Strummers, traditional Scottish bagpipe music from Cheltenham's St. Andrews Pipe Band and United Dance Academy - Evesham.

It all takes place **on Saturday 22nd July** on The Recreation Ground, Sands Lane, Badsey, near Evesham, WR11 7EZ.

The show will also feature circus skills from Magic Steve, a mobile climbing tower, a fun dog show and a large marquee of exhibits from local amateur growers and producers.

In addition, the traditional mix of stalls, side-shows, children's games and food and drink will all be in place.

Committee Chairman, Gordon Boon explains, "For 2017 we are especially pleased to have in our main arena, a live display from Pedal Power vs Parkour. This demonstration of airborne parkour and cycle skills promises some amazing entertainment for all ages. The Badsey Flower Show a wonderful, value for money family afternoon out - so do put the date in your diary now."

Gates open at 1pm and the event ends at 5pm.

Entrance costs £3 (or £1 for children and £2 for OAP'S). Car parking is free.

To enter your produce or exhibit for the show, visit www.badseyflowershow.co.uk and see the wide range of categories many of which are fun and ideal for children .

All entries are welcome and you do not have to live in the village to enter (except for Divison F and Class 204).

You can also catch up with all the latest new on the show's Facebook page.

The Dakota flypast is courtesy of Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and is subject to RAF service commitments.

Editor Wanted

After four years as editor of Community News, I have decided to stand down as of 10th August 2017 and give someone else the opportunity to edit the village magazine. If you are interested please contact me at badseyeditorial@eastvaleavon.org.uk

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Or post through the door of: 45 Bretforton Road, Badsey - All submissions must have contact details.

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The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Saturday 1st July	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 2nd July	8:00am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Family service	South Littleton	Joyce Bache
	9:30am	Family service	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Cleeve Prior	Margaret Pye
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&MLittleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Bretforton	Sue Cole
Wednesday 5th July	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Sunday 9th July	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning praise	South Littleton	Sue Cole
	9:30am	Family service	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Badsey	Sue Cole
	4:30pm	Evening worship	N&MLittleton	Philip Morton
Saturday 15th July	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 16th July	9:30am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning praise	Offenham	Alan Bache
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&MLittleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Badsey	Alan Bache
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9:30am		Morning praise	Bretforton	Sue Cole
11:00am		Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
11:00am		Morning praise	Badsey	Margaret Pye
4:30pm		Evening worship	N&MLittleton	Philip Morton
Sunday 30th July	11:00am	Benefice Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton

Morning Prayer 7.45 am each weekday at Badsey
Morning Prayer 7.45 am each Monday at Bretforton



1st Sunday - Maureen and Sandra
2nd Sunday - Yvonne, Mary, Jane
3rd Sunday - Hazel and Hazel
4th Sunday - Julie and Barbara
5th Sunday - Sheila and Annette

Ladies, thank you for the Church flowers throughout June and your help with the wedding flowers. Any queries regarding church flowers or if anyone would like to join our team please get in touch. (details on back page).

Hazel Stewart



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Dear friends

Through June and July, I get to take part in one of my favourite hobbies – bat surveys! Not perhaps one of the more obvious past-times, but since I joined the Bat Conservation Trust in 2012 I have found these little creatures fascinating. And, of course, there is the age-old link between bats and church buildings.

A recent on-going study of medieval churches in Norfolk wanted to see how many churches had evidence of bats in them, and of the two hundred or so surveyed so far, every single one of them had evidence of bats using the churches in some form. This is probably because older churches provide bats with their ideal habitat. These churches have large open spaces in the main body of the church allowing bats to warm up before heading out to look for food, lots of nooks and crannies for the bats to roost in, and churchyards with plenty of trees where flying insects swarm – a bat's favourite food.

The general assumption is that bats in churches must be a nuisance. For some churches where really big roosts live, there can certainly be issues of noise, smell and droppings, but most congregations of churches where bats are present don't even know they are there. And there is a growing understanding that these amazing little animals might be a blessing for a church community. How? you might ask.

Bats are recognised as good habitat indicators. In other words, where bats are thriving the general environment is going to be quite good. They also deal with the issue of large numbers of flying insects in a churchyard. The smallest species of bat in the UK, the Common Pipistrelle, can eat between 2,000 - 3,000 gnats in a single night. Imagine how many gnats would be swarming around if there were no bats to get rid of them!

There are also quite a few misconceptions about bats. Firstly, bats are not blind. In fact, they can see almost as well as we can. But their great skill comes from their use of echolocation. This is where the bat emits a high frequency pulse of sound from their mouth (or nose, depending on species) which then echoes off objects and potential food. The bat hears these echoes and uses them to create an audio 'map' in their brain. This is how they navigate and hunt for food, and it can be done in complete darkness. There is some evidence that a bat's echolocation is so sensitive that they can distinguish between different textures, and perhaps

even different colours, of objects simply by the sound of the echo coming back to them. So there is very little chance of one getting caught in your hair if you are out at night time – another common misconception!

Different species of bats make different sounds when they echolocate, and we can listen in using a bat detector which makes the sounds audible for humans. This is how I first got interested in bats. I went out with a local bat group on a walk with a bat detector and listened to these remarkable calls as bats swooped about above me. I learned how to identify different species by the distinctive sound and frequencies of their calls.

I am very lucky to be vicar of six medieval church buildings, so I went along to the first Bats in Churches conference last year. The conference brought together experts in heritage, ecology, and church members to talk about how we can work together to protect our beautiful church buildings, keep them in a suitable condition as places of worship, and protect our wonderful range of bat species. A recently awarded grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund means that a research project to help with these issues can continue.

All bat species in the UK are protected by law. As such, we are now seeing a slight improvement from the long decline in bat numbers in our country. With this new research taking place and the growing awareness of these amazing animals, we hope to see a return to much healthier numbers of bats in our churchyards and the wider countryside.

If you want to know more about bats and the work of local bat groups, try the Bat Conservation Trust website for more information: www.bats.org.uk

Revd. Fr. Philip Morton

Priest in Charge

To the Editor,

Just a quick note to say that although I am not a religious person the blurb by the Rev was a joy to read.

Kindness and goodness are in everyone, somewhere.

Keeping it local and engaging daily with your neighbours is absolutely the best way to make sure we know what is happening in each others lives and so can offer assistance or an ear as required.

I for one hope the Rev Morton can stay with us for some time!

Kind regards, Mary Campbell

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**THE GROUND
FORCE TEAM** 

Over 60s Jotting

Mary opened the meeting at 14.30 hrs. 29 members attended.

Our entertainment for the afternoon was a talk and slide show from Mr Maurice Heritage about Evesham, then and now. It was very interesting to compare photo's of buildings, as Maurice pointed out, look at the top of buildings around Evesham and many of them are unchanged, only the ground floor frontages have been changed.

Our next outing is to the Mayfly cafe for afternoon Tea and Cakes, Coach leaves at 1 o'clock.

We then enjoyed refreshments and held our monthly raffle. The meeting closed at 16.00 hrs.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th. July.

Mike (for Wendy)

Church Ministry Team

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Helpers needs for this year's Badsey Flower Show

To ensure a successful village show this year, more event helpers are needed.

The Badsey Flower Show 2017 takes place on **Saturday 22nd July** on The Recreation Ground, Sands Lane.

It is run by local volunteers and is a not for profit event.

Helpers are needed to set up the day before (Friday 21st), set up and take down on the Sunday and also to help out in a number of support roles, during the event.

If you can help (even just for an hour or two), please come and meet everyone at our pre-show **Committee and Helpers' Meeting on Monday July 10th at 7.30pm** at the Wheatsheaf Inn.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more info you can also email info@badseyflowershow.co.uk

Evesham & District Music Club

Summer Serenade

Sunday 2nd July 2017 - 2.00pm
at Springhill Barn, Fladbury

Featuring: **Bochmann Trio**
with the **Young Vale Strings**

Tickets £12, Student £3 and EDMC members Free
Tickets from: Almonry Heritage Centre, Evesham

Monthly Quiz

True or False

The popular Western, The Magnificent Seven, was based on an early Japanese classic about seven heroes defending a small village from bandits.

False: While the city of Rome burned, the Emperor was over 30 miles away at the seaside. He hurried

back to the city but the fire was out of control.

Furthermore, violins weren't developed for

centuries - it is more likely that Nero played

bagpipes, which were popular in Rome.

From The Parish Registers

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28 May Oliver Benjamin Lane

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July 10th see's the opening of Freedom day centre and cafe Freedom, at The Pub Inn a Club.

Freedom day centre will offer day opportunities for people with learning disabilities. There will be a range of activities on offer as well as baking and serving in the community cafe.



The cafe will be open to the public 9am -4pm where we will be serving a range of homemade cakes , sandwiches and soups.

We are offering a local ring and ride service ,so if you struggle to get out but would love company please give us a ring on 07970306037 or 830200 we will pick up locally. Freedom is all about its name and hopefully we will bring happiness and confidence to many people.

Please pop in and support us, enjoy hot beverages,alcoholic drinks whilst trying our home made cakes and food all at low prices,sat in a comfy clean environment.

Daily newspapers, Children's corner, Free wifi
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* subject to availability

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Tracy Hemmiing

QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER SATURDAY 1st JULY

**BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL
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TEAMS OF FOUR - BRING YOUR OWN DRINK
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TO BOOK YOUR PLACE RING: YVONNE ON
830063, JANE ON 858944
OR EILEEN ON 47701

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A TEAM OF 4 DO COME
ALONG AND YOU CAN JOIN UP WITH OTHER
PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T GOT A FULL TEAM

BADSEY CARNIVAL Saturday 4th August 2017 Entry forms are available at the Spar and Badsey Butchers. Plenty of family friendly fun afterwards at Badsey Community Sports Club, Brewers Lane.

Vicar's Surgeries

In a slight change to the usual pattern of Benefice surgeries, I will now be holding the surgery at the Vicarage in Badsey, on alternate Tuesday evenings from 6pm-8pm. This is for anyone who wants to book baptisms (christenings) and weddings. It's also great for me, as I get to meet to people who want to book a special service early on in the process and get to know them a little bit.

You can book baptisms and weddings for any of the churches in the Benefice. All you have to do is contact our lovely administrator Wendy and she will book you an appointment. Wendy can be contacted on 01386 424728 or admin@eastavaleavon.org.uk

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Badsey PC-Email Service.

The parish council is always looking for ways to communicate better with the villages and their residents and ensure that the important messages get to everyone.

We are setting up a service that when you have registered will send you by email, important information that you may not have seen via other communication routes. The Parish Council is eager to roll out this service to as wide a subscriber as possible in order to:

- Share village news and events
- Reach residents who are not Facebook users but do have access to email
- Reach residents who do not read the community news
- Reach residents who do not read the notice boards in the villages

The Parish Council would be grateful for your help to cascade the subscription details to the residents.

To access the subscribe form, go to:

<http://eepurl.com/cEbTEP> or go to the Parish Council Facebook page and select "Newsletter Email Signup" from the left menu

**Badsey's Soap Box Derby on 27th
August 2017.**

**Village Barn Dance on 23rd
September 2017**

Smartwater.

The PC is considering the provision of Smartwater to all households in Badsey, Blackminster and Aldington to mark household items so that they are registered to your property. Information will be available from the parish council stand at Badsey Flower Show on Saturday 22nd July 2017 and a Roadshow event in September 2017. Information about Smartwater can be found at www.smartwater.com. There will be NO cost to residents should you be interested in enrolling in the scheme.

Badsey Youth Club and Freedom Disco.

Badsey PC are pleased to be able to support Badsey Youth Club in purchasing a storage shed for their pool table and other large items. Badsey PC is also in the process of purchasing computer related equipment to support their latest project, well done to both groups.

Badsey Parish Council.

Cllr Gary Bailey was duly elected as Chairman of Badsey Parish Council for a further year with Cllr Michael Tennant remaining as Vice-Chair, Congratulations to both.

Chapel Street Noticeboard.

A new noticeboard has been ordered from HMP Long Lartin to replace the board on Chapel Street, this will be for use by all.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2017

The dates for the **forthcoming** Parish Council Meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday 19th July
- No AUGUST meeting.
- Wednesday 20th September

Meetings start at 7.30pm with a public forum for 10 minutes from 7.30pm until 7.40pm and are held at the Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey.

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Tuesday 18th July

7.39pm

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14 Milburgh Road, Offenham

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Theme discussion: The Passers-By

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Messy Church

Sun 24th August 4pm-6pm
Offenham School

Free Fun for Families

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More information from: Penny Christison -
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Badsey First School PTFA

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If you are interested please contact me.

Alex Christison 830367 - partnership@eastvaleavon.org.uk

Volunteering at Badsey Church

If you can spare a few minutes or hours regularly or as a 'one off occasion' then please contact the Churchwardens:

Elizabeth Bolland **830638**

Chris Smith **830217**

USEFUL NUMBERS

Venues

<u>Badsey Remembrance Hall</u>	(Rebecca Bomford)	01386 300354
<u>Badsey Community and sports club</u>	(Carol Hampton)	01386 830867
<u>Badsey Church</u>	(Wendy Stafford)	01386 424728
admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk		

Historical Societies

<u>Badsey Society</u>	(Valerie Magan)	01386 832100
info@badsey.net		

Organisations

<u>Women's Institute</u>	(Jane Thompson)	01386 858944
<u>Mothers' Union</u>	(Joyce Bache)	01386 839464
mu@eastvaleavon.org.uk		
<u>Bell Ringers</u>	(Hilary Bolton)	01386 830246

Youth Organisations

<u>1st Badsey Scout Group</u>	(Nichol Brown)	01386 882350
<u>1st Badsey Guides</u>		www.girlguiding.org.uk
<u>Jigsaw</u>	(Wendy Morrey)	01386 831080
jigsaw@eastvaleavon.org.uk		

Sports, Clubs and Groups

<u>Air Rifle Club</u>	(Ashley Green)	01386 832296
<u>Archery Club</u>	(Ian Trout)	01386 831509
<u>Autogras</u>	(Tony Padfield)	01386 830127
<u>Badsey Cricket Club</u>	(David Powell)	01386 833122
<u>Badsey Rangers FC</u>	(Mick Loram)	01386 832040
<u>Badsey United FC</u>	(Martin Schembri)	07804 921353
<u>Ladies Hockey</u>	(Jane Rickey)	01386 833947
<u>Model Engineering Club</u>	(Peter Merris)	01386 831782
<u>Round Of Gras Cricket Club</u>	(Clive Richards)	01386 832685
<u>Over 60's Friendship Club</u>	(Wendy Neal)	01386 832306
<u>Coronation Street Disabled Club</u>	(Jean Dyke)	01386 830714
<u>Badsey Church Flower Guild</u>	(Hazel Stewart)	01386 832007

Scarecrow Competition

With the return of the carnival to Badsey last year the Parish Council would like to continue to support the Scarecrow competition. These competitions have proved to be very popular in villages across the country and as well as brightening up the area for a short while they make people smile.

The topic for this year is "Films" and you should place your scarecrow in your garden from Tuesday 18th July. If you would like to enter your Scarecrow into the Flower Show, judging will take place during the week before the Flower Show. Please then leave your Scarecrow for everyone to see until Saturday 29th July.

Take part, have fun and brighten up your village.

Badsey Film Club

Luvvies

Here are the Films we are showing this month:
SATURDAY 1st July United Kingdom

SATURDAY 16th July Sleepless in Seattle

Films start at 8.00pm (Bar open from midday)

Get there early for a decent seat and don't forget your 50p for the halftime Ice Cream!!

Annual Sub £5cheapest night out in the Vale!!

Clivey x

Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our meeting on 26 July is a garden visit to 1 Church Cottage, Defford. This month we meet at the venue at 7pm. If anyone require transport please contact committee members.

Sue Stayt

Just A Thought

Being a traditionalist, I'm a rabid sucker for Christmas. In July, I'm already worried that there are only 146 shopping days left.

- John Water