



Community News

Badsey & Aldington

Part of the Benefice of East Vale and Avon

BADSEY SOAPBOX DERBY RACE

This year was the third time it was held. On the last August Bank Holiday the race was won by Richard Burton in "Acceleramus", a father and daughter team from London, winning on their third attempt. The Winning time was one minute four seconds. This very popular race has attracted a lot of attention. There were 15 teams: 8 from Badsey; the others were from Evesham, Cheltenham, Shipston, and of course, the winning team from London,

The Avon Scaffolding cup wasn't won by a local team entry, but nevertheless great fun was had by all.



Acceleramus

The road from Knowle Hill was closed to accommodate the race: volunteer marshals, timekeepers, and safety officers ensured everything ran smoothly on the day; hundreds of bales were used to line the route.

Teams were allowed a practice run in the morning, followed by two further runs in the early afternoon. The notorious sharp bend, round by David Field's Market Gardening ground, was the tester for them all, before whizzing on and approaching the winning line further along at Badsey Bridge. There was plenty of room for all the die hard onlookers to view what was going on and it was a sight to see for a while, instead of the usual traffic along that road.



Thanks to Avon Scaffolding and all the volunteers!!!

Thanks to Wendy Gwynn and Andy Wilson

for information and images

PRAYERS OF HEALING AFTER COMMUNION

There will be a Communion Service on Wednesday 3rd October at 10 am at Badsey Church, and afterwards there will be a short service with prayers of healing for anyone who would like to receive prayer. This is open to anyone and all will be welcome.

The Benefice of The East Vale and Avon Villages

October 2018

Date	Time	Service	Place	Preside
Wednesday 3rd October	10:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
Saturday 6th October	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 7th October <i>Harvest Festival</i>	9:30am	Family service	South Littleton	Alan Bache
	9:30am	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning praise	Offenham	Margaret Pye
	11:00am	Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Cleeve Prior	Joyce Bache
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Badsey	Diana Condliffe
Saturday 13th October	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 14th October	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning Praise	South Littleton	Lay led
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Family service	Badsey	Joyce Bache
	4:30pm	Evening worship	N&M Littleton	Timothy Hupfield
	7.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving with Band	Bretforton	Margaret Pye
Saturday 20th October	8:30am	Morning prayer	Offenham	Lay led
Sunday 21st October	9:30am	Eucharist	South Littleton	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Café Church	Offenham	Timothy Hupfield
	11:00am	Family Eucharist	Badsey	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Clive Leech
	4:30pm	Eucharist	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Eucharist	Bretforton	Philip Morton
	6:30pm	Evensong	Badsey	Alan Bache
Saturday 27th October	8:30am	Morning prayer	Badsey	Lay led
Sunday 28th October <i>Sts. Simon & Jude</i>	9:30am	Eucharist	Offenham	Philip Morton
	9:30am	Morning praise	South Littleton	Alan Bache
	9:30am	Family service	Bretforton	Timothy Hupfield
	11:00am	Eucharist	Cleeve Prior	Philip Morton
	11:00am	Morning praise	Badsey	Sue Cole
	4:30pm	Evensong	N&M Littleton	Philip Morton

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



A Message to you all from Reverend Timothy Hupfield

SCIENCE AND RELIGION.....

Sitting down to write this, the school term has just begun and I am conscious of all the children who are starting school, meeting new people and making new friends. I've also heard recently from other friends who have just started new jobs, or are about to start a new university year with a new mix of students. All of this reminds me of something that often comes up in conversation when I meet new people - how I see the relationship between science and religion.

I went to university to study Natural Sciences and expected to be a research chemist for life, discovering and developing new medicines. The idea that some years later I would have been back to university to study theology and then be ordained would have seemed ridiculous. I didn't attend church at that point, and had passively accepted the view that you had to make a choice - science OR religion. I'd never questioned the message I'd received that you can't have both - that they aren't compatible. It was only when I started going to church that I began to think about how true that actually is. (Or, to be honest, I didn't think about it that much because I never really found anything in my new found faith that conflicted with my scientific understanding of the world.)

The Big Bang theory. Evolution. I believe in them both.

I also believe that God created the universe, and that miracles can happen.

There is a long tradition of religious scientists (perhaps not surprisingly, given theology's history as 'the queen of sciences'). For example the so called 'father of genetics', Gregor Mendel, was a monk; George Lemaitre, the first to suggest the idea of the Big Bang, was a professor of physics and also a priest. Science and religion can sit side by side quite happily. Some view this as the two asking very different questions about the world, and so they can't possibly come into conflict. Others see them as being overlapping but complementary. Either way, having both together, I think, provides a richer description of the world than either one alone can.

I wonder how many of us haven't really considered, just like I hadn't, how science and religion can complement each other. As Francis Collins, former director of the Human Genome Project, once said, 'One of the greatest tragedies of our time is this impression that has been created that science and religion have to be at war.'

Rev'd Timothy Hupfield

(Assistant curate)

Visitors to our Church....

Visitors to Badsey Church have left quite a few interesting comments in our Visitors Book. Many people pop in whilst on holiday in the area, or just passing through our village. Some visitors used to live in the village, or they are descendants of past parishioners and enjoy the opportunity of visiting St. James church to see where their relatives were either baptised, married, or buried in the churchyard years ago. How do we know this? Our Visitors Book is open for visitors to let us know they've been. Some find the need to write down how well looked after our church appears inside, or if they have any special memories about our church, they wish to share with us. That's rather nice, isn't it.

A Big Thank You!!.....

Thank you to all who deliver Community News to our readers. Without the commitment of all those who deliver Community News to households in Badsey and Aldington, we wouldn't be able to bring you all our church news, as well as report all the exciting things going on around us. If any of our deliverers has a problem, please contact our church warden,

Elizabeth Bolland, tel. 830638, or

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Invading Dad's Preserve

The weather that Spring had been ideal, and suited Dad's blackcurrant crop. The berries hung like huge bunches of jet with the warm sunlight shining on them. Dad was delighted, and told Mum that he would be gathering them the following week when he was on nights. He reeled off a list of his 'cronies' he intended giving a chip of fruit to, with express instructions to Mum that he would need a flask of tea and a picnic, as it would take quite a while to pick all that fruit.

'What about my jam?' Mum enquired.

'You can forget that this year, I shan't have enough to go round.' Was the reply.

Two days later Mum and I set off, trudging along the sandy path to Dad's allotment which adjoined the GWR main line from Hereford to Paddington. There were various crossing places over the lines, and speed was essential as the trains on the busy double track were frequent and fast.

I was told not to loiter, but the steaming monsters fascinated me, sometimes glimpsing the fireman shovelling coal into the engine's ever hungry mouth.

'Oh, No!' Exclaimed Mum as she spied George, whose allotment was next to Dad's. George grinned and gave a knowing wink.

'Your secret's safe with me. Good luck, I shan't say a word,' He said.

We made short work 'scrigging' the fruit into our chips, with one for 'Mrs. George' to make a pie.

The following week Dad pedalled off armed with chip baskets and a picnic. Eventually the slamming back gate announced Dad's return. I soon scarpared to sit on the stairs listening. Dad flung the chips on the draining board, a huge bunch of dog roses on top of the empty chips.

'Where are the berries?' Asked Mum casually.

'Some thieving so and so has pinched the lot, I asked George but he hadn't seen a soul on my lotty.' Replied Dad.

'Who would do that?' Smiled Mum thinking of the jars of jam safely hidden in the cupboard.

Poor old Dad, but I know he enjoyed the jam butties.

Linda Core

The Swallows are leaving us.....

Have you seen them? It doesn't seem five minutes since the swallows arrived here around April or May. They've already raised one, and some even two broods of youngsters. Now they've been seen preparing for their long journey back to Southern Africa at the end of August already, as soon as our hot weather finished. Busy preening their feathers, making sure their wings are in the best condition for flying the long journey back to Africa, they've been gathering restlessly in little flocks.

By the time you read this month's Community News, they will already be on their way, migrating through France, Spain, into Morocco, crossing the Sahara Desert and the Congo Rain Forest, finally reaching South Africa.

The swallows fly around 200 miles each day, snapping up their food of insects along the way. At night they roost in little flocks together at stop over places they've always known, for example, reed beds. Quite a lot don't manage the long journey back to Africa, that takes around six weeks, but those who do, can go on to live for around five years.

On their return to England the next summer, they always fly back to the same place to nest.

The swallows have few predators because they are so agile and fast in flight. A sparrow hawk though will trust its luck at diving for a swallow in flight - not very successfully though.



Swallows gathering in Badsey for their long flight back to Africa.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

12-08-18 Reegan Benjamin Townsend

02-09-18 Sian Pamela Margaret Robertson



THE BADSEY SOCIETY

Medicinal Herbs and the First World War

Did you know that, during the First World War, Badsey was one of the foremost centres for growing medicinal herbs in the country? No, we didn't grow cannabis, but belladonna (also known as deadly nightshade) was a major crop. Belladonna is extremely toxic and has long been used in herbal medicine. Before the Middle Ages, it was used as an anaesthetic for surgery; the ancient Romans used it as a poison. All parts of the belladonna plant can be cultivated, but it is no longer legal to do so in the UK.

The production of medicinal crops had been depleted by war-restricted imports from Europe so this created an opportunity for Littleton & Badsey Growers. It began in a small way in 1915 when Harry Drysdale Bowden, the brother-in-law of the late Reverend William Price, a former vicar of Badsey and Wickhamford, suggested their cultivation. Mr Bowden worked at Parke-Davis & Co, which was then the world's largest pharmaceutical company. At first the growers were hesitant to commit to the new, untried crops but, from small beginnings, the industry steadily grew under the firm guidance of Charles Binyon.

In April 1915, Mr Bowden sent 72 lb of belladonna seed, 44 lb of henbane. After initial problems, 1½ acres of good belladonna plants were being grown by midsummer, increasing to 11 acres the following year. The soil in Badsey proved unsuitable, however, for digitalis, datura metel and stramonium.

By the end of the war, Littleton & Badsey Growers' belladonna crop represented a fifth of the total needs of the country and henbane a quarter. A note from the LBG records for 1917 shows the profitability of belladonna production. Starting with £48 in 1915, the amount realized rose to £4,400 in 1917. The operation in the Badsey area was so successful that Lady Georgina Vernon of Hanbury Hall wrote to the Chairman of the Worcestershire Agricultural Committee suggesting that the idea be copied in other parts of the county.

More information about medicinal herbs, agriculture, LBG's role in the war, and much more, will be contained in a new book from The Badsey Society about Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford at the time of WW1. This will be published on 9th November 2018. Details about how to subscribe in advance may be found on The Badsey Society website, www.badseysociety.uk

Maureen Spinks

TOWER NEWS

On Tuesday 23rd October @ 9.30am there will be a Full Peal attempt by the Vale of Evesham band of ringers, finishing around 1.00pm

Displayed in the Church Porch and in the Chapel Street notice board is an explanation of ringers requirements, as requested by the Government, for WW 1 Commemorations.

For this year only there will not be any general ringing prior to the 'Armistice Day' Service starting at 10.45am.

Instead, the Tenor bell will be tolled bringing to note the 1400 ringers lives lost - one of those being 'Cpl Louis Sparrow' who was also a choir member.

Half muffled ringing will ring out around 12.30 midday to coincide with 'The British Legion' march past at the Cenotaph

Every ringing tower has been urged to train up more ringers.

Hilary Bolton



Wickhamford Gardening Club

Our October meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 24th October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall when our speaker, Ray Sturdy gives a presentation entitled "The Rise and Fall of Whitley Court."

As usual the competition is Flower of the Month. We look forward to seeing everyone together with any guests.

Sue Stayt

TREASURER NEEDED

Badsey Parochial Church Council

Our current Treasurer will soon be standing down due to other commitments and we need a replacement Treasurer.

If you feel you could help with this please contact the PCC Secretary.

You do not need to be a qualified accountant and if you are unsure what the role involves, we are happy to give more details.

PCC Secretary: Diana Condliffe
Tel: 07910 805 831
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Village of Culture.

Wychavon DC have launched a new project called 'Village of Culture', details can be found on Wychavon website, first prize is £5000 with two further prizes of £1000 each. Badsey PC have decided to work on their application for 2019 submission in order to ensure that all areas and ideas are considered, more details will follow.

With Thanks.....

Thank you to everyone who attended Badsey Soapbox Derby on what turned out to be a very soggy but enjoyable day and without your continued support would have been a washout! The decision was taken to proceed with the event despite the horrendous weather forecast so that teams travelling from afar weren't disappointed, there was some excellent racing and some interesting carts! Watch out for more next year.....

Defibrillators.

Badsey Parish including Aldington and Blackminster now have 5 devices that are fully functioning and regularly checked and maintained. They are located at Badsey Remembrance Hall, Round of Gras Pub, the red telephone box, Main Street, Aldington, Badsey Recreation Club, Brewers Lane and Badsey Spar.

Play Area-Banks Road.

Following improvements to this play area as a result of resident's concerns and PC intervention, the play area has now been handed over to Mainstay Group. Details of how they can be contacted if repairs are required can be found at the play area noticeboard. The area has been fenced off to separate it from the balancing pond, re-seeded and more edging trees planted. Barbed wire and any other hazards have now been removed.

Badsey Recreation Ground.

Councillors are to consider designs for installing an archway at the gate at the far end of Badsey Recreation Ground and the renovation of the kissing gate. They will also look at the suggestion of providing a permanent table tennis table as requested by residents.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2018

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

- Wednesday 17th October 2018.
- Wednesday 21st November 2018.
- Wednesday 19th December 2018.

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.

Clerk's contact details:

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BADSEY FILM CLUB

Luvvies

Happy Halloween everyone!
Two great films this month:

Sat 6th October ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD

Sat 20th October RAIN MAN

Films start at 8pm in the back room of the Wheatsheaf.

Get there early for a decent seat and bring your 50p's for a half time ice cream!!

Clivey
xx

St James Flower Guild - October rota

1st Sunday Harvest Festival - all the guild

2nd Sunday Annette and Sheila

3rd Sunday Jane, Mary and Yvonne

4th Sunday Barbara and Julie

Ladies - thanks for your flowers in September. We will be decorating the church for harvest on Saturday 6 October from 9.30am.

We welcome any donations of garden flowers or vegetables with thanks.

Any queries regarding church flowers please contact me - Hazel Stewart 01386 832007

Downsizing

I see that our local 'champion' bonsai tree grower is moving.

Apparently, he's looking for a house with a smaller garden.

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My Surgery is held on alternate Tuesday evenings from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm at The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey. I use this time to meet and get to know the people who have a desire to book a baptism or wedding at any of the wonderful churches in the Benefice.

Our administrator, Wendy Stafford, is available to help you arrange your appointment. Wendy can be contacted on **01386 424728** or alternatively by email: admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk

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