



## A PHOENIX RISING FROM THE ASHES

We are delighted to inform our readers that the Badsey & Aldington Community News is continuing its established reign into 2023. We have found not one, but two new editors willing to continue on as a shared role - we welcome all contributions to the newsletter, and more details about how to contact our new editor team can be found at the back of this edition.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to Will Dallimore for his fabulous job as the Community News Editor, and we are grateful for his many years of working to make the Community News what it is today.



### MEET OUR NEW EDITORS!

#### Louise

I'm Louise, I'm 25 years old and (aside from three years at university in Bristol) I've lived in Badsey my whole life - and so have at least three generations of Knights before me!

I work as a Copywriter for a TV shopping channel, but I enjoy writing for fun just as much. Outside of this I love to travel and explore new places - but, wherever I end up, I will always consider Badsey my home.



#### Jo

I'm Jo, and although I am fairly new to Badsey life I've been very charmed by the community spirit in the village. I'm eager to contribute to that in any way I can, so I was excited to join on board as an editor

I'm a born and bred Brummie lass, but know the area well having worked for Dogs Trust in Wickhamford for eight years, and then moving onto a career within the NHS at the start of the Covid pandemic. I now work for the Evesham District Nursing service, but my hobbies are very creative - I love to design and write when I get the chance.

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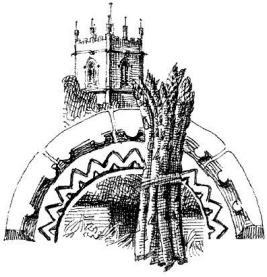
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## Looking for a New Years resolution?

A New Year, a New Year resolution.

**Why not join The Badsey Society and find out more about the village where you live.**

Membership costs just £5 per person a year and entitles you to a quarterly newsletter plus free attendance at any of our talks.

Details of how to join may be found at: <https://www.badseysociety.uk/the-badsey-society/subscriptions>.

The programme of talks for the next few months is as follows:

- **Friday 23rd January 2023** – “Eat like your ancestors: the archaeology of food and the farmed landscape and the future of food”, a talk by Liz Pearson Mann
- **Friday 10th February 2023** – AGM followed by “Worcestershire Place Names”, a talk by Dr Mike Jenkins
- **Friday 17th March 2023** – Badsey Big Dig, report by Nina O’Hare & Ian Gibson
- **Friday 28th April 2023** – Richard Phillips Memorial Lecture, “500 Years of Badsey and Worcestershire Maps”, talk by David Ella

## Calling all Artists or Illustrators!



Over the years Linda Core has had many of her short stories published in the Community News. Linda is hoping this year to produce a little book of these local tales called: **'Short Stories from the Tall Thin House'**.

A reference to her home in Old Post Office Lane where she has lived for the past sixty years.

What is needed is a few illustrations to compliment the tales.

**So if you are a dab hand with a pencil or paintbrush and would like to have a go at illustrating the book, or a keen amateur who would like to see their work in print, then please contact Will Dallimore on 831012.**

## Christmas Concert Success!

Friday 2nd December saw the Avonbank Christmas concert, with a delightful performance by the Avonbank Silver Band.

After expenses, the concert raised £421, and £100 was donated to nonprofit organisation Caring Hands.

**We'd like to extend a huge thank you to Yvonne Haynes and her team, who all helped to make the Christmas concert a huge success.**



## Badsey Village Hall



The Remembrance Hall is one of Badsey's oldest buildings, and is now a staple of village history.

Complete with a fully equipped kitchen, disabled toilets, a large back room, a children's play area and plenty of parking, the Hall is a place for everyone in the local area to enjoy, and is also a popular venue for community events and private functions.

**Stay tuned for more information on events that are taking place at Badsey Village Hall and how you can hire the space for parties and other private events.**

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# Badsey Flower Show is turning 120! (Blimey)

The arrival of 2023 means the start of preparations for another Badsey Flower Show.

The Flower Show will be achieving a **huge milestone** this year as it celebrates its 120th anniversary. Therefore, the Show will be providing a whole range of food, crafts and entertainment - as well as a few exciting new features to commemorate such an achievement.

Competitions will be a prominent feature of this year's show once again, and entries for photography, art, poetry and gardening are available to people of all ages.

The 120th Badsey Flower Show will take place at the Badsey Recreation Ground on

## Saturday 29th July 2023

So join us in making this year's Show one to remember.



## You're invited...

For those who would like to get involved with this year's Badsey Flower Show, our annual AGM will be taking place on Monday 30th January.

This AGM will give the community the chance to volunteer in the show and bring any ideas forward to the committee.

If you would like to attend, please join us at **Badsey Community and Sports Club on Monday 30th January at 7:30pm.**

Thanks,  
BFS Committee

## Can you help the Badsey Society?

On Saturday 29th July 2023, The Badsey Society has been asked to mount a special exhibition at the 120th Badsey Flower Show. We have access to early newspaper reports about the very first shows and details of the 1888 Show appearing in the December 2022 issue of Community News, but we would love to hear more about 20th -century shows.

**For those of you that grew up in the village, do you have photos or other items that might be of interest? What are your memories of going to the Flower Show as a child?**

Any items lent will be scanned and then returned to you promptly. If you have anything which might be of interest, please contact Maureen Spinks on 831154 or [maureen.spinks@btopenworld.com](mailto:maureen.spinks@btopenworld.com).



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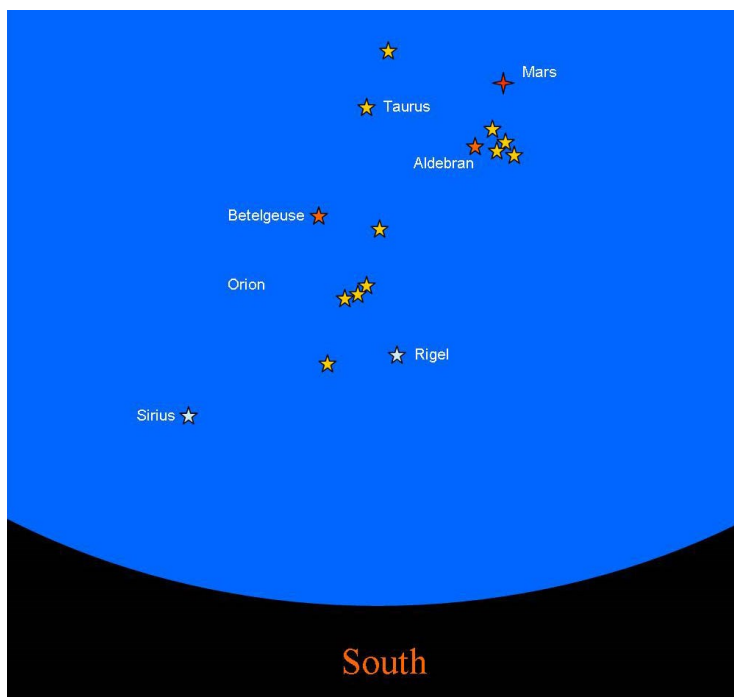
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## The Radiant Red

*From Badsey's very own astronomer,  
Stargazer*

Mars reached opposition on 6th December. This is when Mars is on the opposite side of the earth from the sun and is the point when the two planets are at their closest. Mars appeared at its largest in the sky and was due south at midnight. However it will be in a good position for viewing for some time to come and during January it will be visible from sunset through to the early morning and is in our southern skies during the middle of the evening. At the time of writing in early December, Jupiter and Mars are in the sky during the early evening in that curved line through the sky known as the ecliptic.



Mars is visible in our skies for a period of several months about every two years; it takes just over two years to orbit the sun. This means that after a year, when the earth returns to the same place in its orbit, Mars is far off on its orbit on the far side of the sun. It was the study of the orbit of Mars that led Johannes Kepler to devise the first two of his laws of planetary motion. Through very careful and precise measurements he could determine the orbit of Mars was elliptical and not circular as previously thought. He was also able to determine that the velocity of the planet increased when its orbit brought it closer to the sun and slowed down when further away. We describe this today as conservation of angular momentum.

To the naked eye Mars appears to be a red or orange object in the night sky and through a telescope it is sometimes possible to see lighter coloured areas near one or both of the poles. Even with a large telescope it is not normal to see surface features and definitely not canals. Enthusiastic amateur astronomers, though, have been able to prise out some details of the surface of the planet by combining many photographs taken over many hours.

The red colour of the surface is because the prominent mineral found on the surface is an oxide of iron: the surface is basically rusty. Unfortunately some of the salty minerals on the surface are extremely toxic to man.

NASA is thinking about a manned mission to Mars. There is no date planned at present and such a mission is fraught with dangers. The journey will take about seven months and any astronaut will be exposed to radiation throughout. On the surface of the planet, having survived the landing, there is very little atmosphere. The atmosphere consists of mostly carbon dioxide but there is very little of it. The pressure is only about 0.6% of that on earth and anyone setting foot there would need a space suit like the ones worn by the Apollo Astronauts on the Moon. It is going to be a very long time before the red planet is safe to become a holiday destination.

**In the meantime it is worth taking a little time over the next few months to marvel at the wonderful sight of the red planet while it is in our skies.**

## A Joyful & Triumphant Santa Specials



Last month's Santa Specials event was a **huge success**, and raised a generous **£566.68** for St. James Church.

**A big thank you must be extended to Ralph and Elizabeth Bolland, and their team of helpers, for their tremendous efforts in making the Santa Specials a successful event.**

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## Computer Club

Sponsored by the parish Council, our computer group runs on alternate Monday mornings between 10.30 am and between 12.00 to 12.30 depending on how the conversation is progressing.

There is no need to join, no fee just turn up and join in. We aim to help with computer problems and difficulties as well as exploring some of the hints and tips that help you get more out of your computer.

**There is also free coffee so pop in to find out more or just come along for a natter.**

The dates for the New Year up until Easter are:

<b>9th January</b>	<b>23rd January</b>
<b>6th February</b>	<b>20th February</b>
<b>6th March</b>	<b>20th March</b>
<b>3rd April</b>	

**For more info about Computer Club, contact Alan Tutton on 01386 831539 or email [alantutton@talktalk.net](mailto:alantutton@talktalk.net)**



## What will become of the Royal British Legion?...

After much speculation over what will become of one of the village's most recognised buildings, it has just been confirmed that Badsey's Royal British Legion has been purchased.

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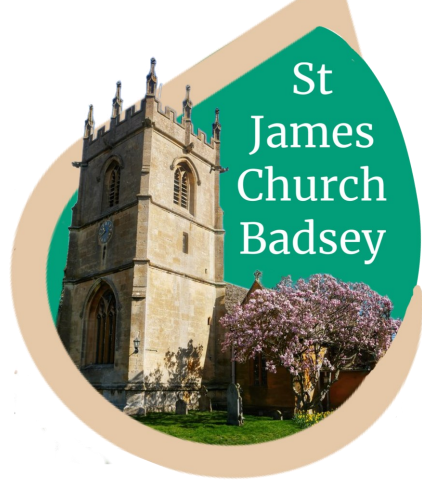


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## Important notice regarding the closure of St James Churchyard



### Ministry of Justice

#### Closure of St James Churchyard, Badsey, Worcestershire

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Secretary of State for Justice, acting on an application by the incumbent and churchwardens, to apply to the Privy Council for an Order requiring the discontinuance of burials in the above churchyard.

Provision would be made for the following exceptions:-

a. in any vault or walled grave in the churchyard, burial may be allowed but every coffin in such vault or grave must be separately enclosed by stonework or brick work properly cemented;

b. in any existing earthen grave in the churchyard, the burial may be allowed of the body of any member of the family of the person or persons previously buried in that grave, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.

## Church Services in January

**15th January - 11:00am**  
Benefice Service With the Archdeacon

**22nd January - 6:30pm**  
Evensong

**29th January - 11:00am**  
Benefice Service

For services at other churches in the Benefice please see the notice in the church porch or the Benefice website.

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## Thought for the New Year...

Welcome to 2023! There have been so many things happening in 2022 that it seems to have flown by. Well, that is history now, and we must look forward with hope to whatever this New Year may bring.

Hope is a good word. The Oxford English Dictionary defines hope as “a feeling of expectation and desire” and “a desire for certain events to happen, or circumstances that give cause for these to happen.” We can give hope to other people, or we can receive hope from them. Without hope we have nothing to look forward to, and that can make life very difficult and very sad.

In our churches we often sing a hymn which begins, “All my hope on God is founded, he does still my trust renew”. Trust is another good word. Trust in the future, trust in another person and having someone who trusts you.

So, what is YOUR hope for 2023? It may be something specific, or a general thing which will affect everyone, or there may be lots of things which we hope for – not just for ourselves, but for the whole world.

I am not a Liverpool football fan (I follow another team), but I do like their fan’s ‘anthem’ from the wonderful musical of Rogers & Hammerstein Carousel. It has a different meaning for Christians I believe, but it is good for all of us to think about, whoever we support.

“Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart and you’ll never walk alone, you’ll never walk alone”.

I hope you will have a blessed New Year.

**Joyce Bache (Reader)**

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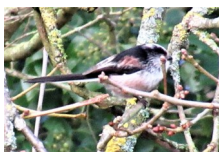
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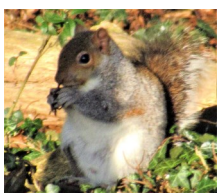
January usually brings cold and frosty days but as the old proverb says "In January if the sun appear March and April pay full dear". A mild January means a bitter Spring.



Nature seeks different ways to survive the Winter cold. Ponds offer shelter to ducks and swans. Snails tuck into their shells and wait for Spring. Grey squirrels are less active but come out on warmer days to forage in the woods and gardens. Winter migrant fieldfares and redwings descend in large flocks in the fields and orchards to gorge on the berries and fruits. I never tire watching the long-tailed tits (only distantly related to our tits) feeding amongst the trees and hedges in their family groups.



As tiny birds, like the wren, they fare worst in the coldest winters losing up to 80% of their population which they make up for in the breeding season with large broods. They are seeking insects, spiders, seeds and buds. By providing water, food or shelter in our gardens we can sit in the warmth and watch our favourite birds and know we are helping them to survive the harshest time of year.



## Gardening Club



Our November meeting was our **AGM & Christmas celebration**. We started the AGM at approx 7.40pm, our Chairman Terry Sparrow welcomed our members & a couple of brave visitors who weren't put off by the fact that it was our AGM, the formalities were dealt with quickly & efficiently with no change in the governing structure of the club as there were no nominations and the present committee were willing to stand for another 12mths, the AGM closed at 8.05.

The members were then offered a glass of mulled wine or a non alcoholic drink and we all enjoyed a delicious variety of food, savoury & sweet which had been brought by the members. We then had to use our brains with a very enjoyable quiz, collated by Sheila & then we played a riotous 'Pass the Parcel'. The evening was rounded off by a raffle with lots of cyclamen which had been bought by Trevor & Lesley Dingley, these were very much appreciated by the members who were lucky enough to win one.

**Wishing all our members & friends a very Healthy & Happy 2023 & look forward to welcoming them all back to our January meeting, these are always on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Wickhamford Memorial Hall, doors open at 7pm with a 7.30pm start.**

At our November meeting, our speaker gave a very enjoyable and informative talk about the Gunpowder Plot and

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explaining the local connections of the plotters. This was followed by our usual chat with tea, coffee and cake.

Our December meeting was a Christmas Social, where we brought plates of food - either savoury or sweet - to share. Carols, a quiz and a magician were also included.

**Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th January at 2:15pm in Badsey Remembrance Hall, with Alan Tutton as our local speaker.**

If you would like to come along, please contact our Secretary Alex Owen on 830083

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

At the last meeting, held on Tuesday 13th December, we had the great pleasure of undertaking our annual Carols and Readings meeting.

The next meeting will be our annual AGM, which will take place on Tuesday 10th January at 2:30pm in Badsey Church.

**For more information about the Mother's Union, please contact Sandra Sparrow on 833368**

## Badsey Film Club

**Luvvies!**

**Get a 'flying start' to the New Year, this month's film is a bit of Tom Cruise action**

### TOP GUN MAVERICK

Screening will be in the backroom of the Wheatsheaf on:

**Saturday 7th January at 8pm.**

Ice cream will also be sold at the interval

If you would like to become a member of the Badsey Film Club, it's just £5 per year.

See you on the 7th!

**Clive Richards 832685**



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# Badsey & Aldington Parish Council

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Meetings are held on 3rd Wednesday of the month (except in August) at Badsey Remembrance Hall at 7.30pm.

**Date of next meetings:**     **Wednesday 18th January**  
   **Wednesday 15th February**

## What's your future for the Community News?

It is a brand new year, not only for the calendar but for the Badsey & Aldington Community news.

**We're keen to hear feedback from readers to see what content you would like to see in the community news.**

Currently we are planning monthly spotlight features such as a pet page, a veterans feature and obviously for big Badsey events such as the Flower show or the soapbox race when the month approaches. But we'd really love to hear from you!

**If you have an event you'd like to promote or a story you'd like to share, and would like to make a contribution to the Community News, feel free to contact us at: [badseycn@gmail.com](mailto:badseycn@gmail.com)**

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Mothers' Union	Sandra Sparrow	833368

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