

Badsey Easter Treasure Hunt



Looking for inspiration for half-term activities? Look no further...

Badsey and Aldington Parish Council will be running its Easter Treasure Hunt around Badsey starting at Badsey Recreation Club Car Park on Easter Monday 10th April 2023.

Times are to be confirmed so check out our noticeboard at Badsey Spar and Facebook page. There will be chocolate for all that enter and a prize for the winners with the most clues found. Entry is £1 each.

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The joyous time of Easter

As Easter approaches, we look forward to celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Easter is indeed a joyous time, even more so when we have kept a holy Lent. The liturgy of Holy Week is some of the most profound and moving that Christians experience. On Palm Sunday we celebrate Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, with the crowds waving their palm branches. The services on the following days are not quite so upbeat but no less meaningful. On Monday of Holy Week at the Cathedral, there is the Chrism Mass, where the oils to be used in the coming year for baptism, confirmation, ordination and healing, are blessed. This is also the service at which priests renew their ordination vows, reminding them of who it is they serve...a very humbling experience. On Maundy Thursday (at Cleeve Prior church) there will be a Eucharist after which the altar cloths and decorations in the church are removed as we remember that this was the day that our Lord was betrayed. A bare church reminds us of the solemn-ness of the season. On Good Friday there are services of reflection in Cleeve Prior and Bretforton. On Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil service in Offenham we hear the story of God saving his people. We light the Easter candle from a fire outside and bring the light into church, proclaiming that Christ is the light of the world. A priest sings the Exultet, the great hymn of praise to God and we proclaim that Christ is risen! Finally, on Easter Sunday morning, we celebrate the empty tomb, Christ having risen from the dead. We celebrate God's power to conquer death.

We rejoice in God's love for us. It is only when we have walked the road with Christ in his Passion that we can truly celebrate his Resurrection. Let us celebrate the mystery of Easter with joy. We are indeed an Easter People. May God bless you this Eastertime.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- Susan Renshaw







Somewhere along the way, our booking about Tudor lifestyle for our March meeting went awry. The ladies from 'Time to Time' regaled us with song, banter and a talk about 'A day in the life of a Victorian Lady, her housekeeper and servants'.

They were dressed in period costume and remarked on the manly dress of our members who were all wearing trousers against the cold! They remained in their roles throughout, even when members asked questions that would be 'unseemly' in that period. Not quite the Tudor lifestyle talk that we were expecting but none the less very enjoyable. As usual, the meeting ended with tea/coffee and cake.

Our April meeting on the 12th is at Badsey Remembrance Hall starting at 7.15 pm. Our talk this time is by Bill Bird on "Bespoke Shoes". It is not just Wedding shoes that are made by hand; Oxfords, Heels and Flats can be made to measure in every colour you could desire. All feet are different, why not come and find out about this industry?

On 10th May we delve into the darker subject of "From Pillory to Prison Cell" by Ginny Davies.

If you would like to come along, please give our Secretary, Alex Owen, a call on 01386 830083.



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Clive Richards wins the Tony Jerram Award



Clive Richards was a popular recipient of this year's Tony Jerram award. The award is given each year by The Badsey Society to someone who has contributed greatly to the community of Badsey or Aldington. This may be in terms of community service, or in furthering the aims of the Society. The award was first presented in 2009 in memory of Tony Jerram, the first Chairman of The Badsey Society, who died on 3rd April 2008.

Clive was recommended for the award in recognition of his major contribution to village life in Badsey for more than 30 years. He has been involved in so many different facets of village life and has always been



willing to get stuck into new projects when the need arises. Clive works tirelessly for the community and his achievements have greatly benefitted many of our residents. Clive was on the Governing Body of Badsey First School for many years, an active Parent Teachers' Association member and helped organise many successful events. He also is a founder member of the Badsey Film Club, organises the fortnightly quiz at The Round of Gras – supporting a variety of charities, a committee member of the Recreation Club for several years, organising fixtures and social events. Clive has also served for many years in helping with the annual accounts for Scouts, Guides and, of course The Badsey Society. In past times Clive was a member of the Friday Club and a visible member at village pantos. Many of you will have vivid memories of Clive on stage at the Remembrance Hall as the Fairy Godmother in Cinderella, or of cycling down Badsey High Street in his pink ballerina's tutu at the Millennium Carnival. In conclusion, it was not just one thing that Clive was nominated for but the accumulation – part of the small glue that makes village communities work.

The next meeting of The Badsey Society is on Friday 28th April at 7.30 at Badsey Community Sports and Social Club when David Ella will deliver the Richard Phillips Memorial Lecture. His talk is entitled: "500 years of Badsey and Worcestershire Maps". Members free; non-members £2.50.

Community News needs your support!

So far we have thoroughly enjoyed compiling the Community News for our readers, and believe it to be a lifeline to many of our cherished residents. As you may be aware, the future of the Community News towards the end of 2022 was bleak.

Fortunately with a boost and a group of volunteer residents, the Community News was rescued from folding.

But we are not yet out of danger!

Whilst the volunteer staffing may be sufficient, we are still sadly underfunded and really need your help to continue. Although we have digital goals for the Community News, we believe printed copy is still vital to our neighbourhood.

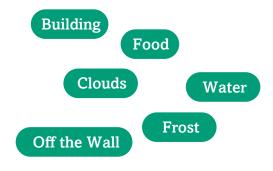
Local man lan Devine has set up a crowdfunding campaign on Just Giving. We are appealing for your support to donate and enable the Community News to continue. Just Giving is an online and secure platform, find it on www.justgiving.com - simply type 'Badsey' into the search to find the campaign

If you need support with accessing Just Giving, please get in touch with our Computer Club, who will be willing to aid you email alantutton@talktalk.net. For alternative ways to support email us at badseycn@gmail.com



The Flower Show is almost upon us, and flowers are blooming all around. Daffodils are out in force, and the arrival of spring gives the opportunity for some stunning landscape photography.

If you would like to enter the Show's general photography competition, this year's categories are:



For more information about Badsey Flower Show and its entry categories, email us at

info@badseyflowershow.co.uk or message our Facebook page.

Lighter nights and starry sights Stargazer

We are now in April and the clocks have changed, the evenings have suddenly got much lighter and apparently the sun is setting an hour later than it was last month. This is only an illusion because we are all getting up an hour earlier. However, it also marks a time in the year when the constellations are gradually changing. The winter constellations are setting just a few hours after the sun and new constellations are rising in the east during the early evening. One winter object that is still in our skies for only about a month or so is the cluster known as The Pleiades or The Seven Sisters or by its catalogue name of M45. This cluster, that is quite clearly visible to the naked eye, can be found by following a line from the three stars on Orion's Belt, through the red/orange star Aldebaran in Taurus and on for about the same distance across the sky.

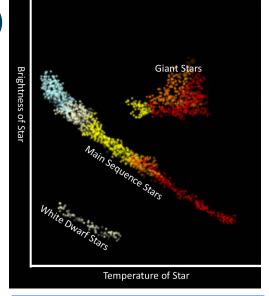
This cluster of stars is the closest such group to the sun, being only 444 light years away, and although called The Seven Sisters someone with good eyesight can make out at least nine different stars in the group or even more. The difficulty is not in being able to see the stars but being able to separate them and count the members of the closely packed group. There are in fact far more stars, over eight hundred all together. These other stars are much fainter than the bright stars that we can see and are too dim to be seen against the brighter stars.

In 1911 Einar Hertzsprung looked at the Pleiades as part of his studies into the brightness of different stars. He reasoned that as all the stars are the same distance away the difference in brightness of the stars that we see must represent their intrinsic brightness. Using photographic plates, he determined the brightness of the stars in this group and their relative colour or spectral types, and he produced a scatter chart. A very similar chart was produced at the same time by Henry Norris Russel. The two of them were given the credit for the discovery and the chart is now known as the Hertzsprung-Russel Diagram. This chart marks a milestone in our understanding of the nature of stars, and displays, not only the range of different stars, but also plots out their life stories. Most stars sit on what has become known as the main sequence. Stars form and the hotter stars unsurprisingly now shine brighter. However, there are other stars that are not on the main sequence, and it is the understanding of how these stars sit that explains the life story of stars. Within 12 light years of the sun there are 33 stars, most of which are red dwarfs, and they are so faint that not one of them is visible to the naked eye. Overall, in the Milky Way over 80% of all stars are red dwarfs.

These stars are long lasting stars. Some of the red dwarfs that are out there today will have been among some of the very first stars to form and some will be among the very last to shine in the cosmos.

As the temperature of stars rises, we come to yellow stars like our sun. These stars form and sit on the main sequence for about 10 to 20 billion years before they begin to run out of the hydrogen that forms their fuel. In the later parts of their lives, they swell into red giant stars for a billion years or so before shedding their outer layers and only the white hot cores are left. These white dwarfs then sit in the vacuum of space cooling very slowly over billions of years. Finally, the giant white and blue stars at the top of the main sequence shine the brightest but for only a short time in stellar terms. For just a few hundreds of millions of years these stars shine brightly and then swell up into giants before they finally explode as supernovae and form either dense neutron stars or even black holes.

The smudgy patch of stars called The Pleiades are not only a magnificent sight in the night sky, but also a cluster of stars that have helped our understanding of the life story of the cosmos.





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Badsey Film Club

Luvvies!



This month's film will be showing on **Saturday 1st April** and will be

Mrs Harris Goes To Paris

The film starts at 8pm in the backroom at the Wheatsheaf, and we sell ice creams at the mid-film interval.

If you would like to be an official member of the Badsey Film Club, it's just £5 per year. For more information, contact Clive Richards on 01386 832 685.



Get the popcorn ready Mays Film

Saturday 6th May - Thirteen Lives (12A)

2022 biographical survival film based on the Tham Luang cave rescue directed and produced by Ron Howard

New Outreach Centre opens in Evesham for patients, carers and the bereaved



Local charity, Campden Home Nursing, is opening a new Outreach Centre at Riverside Shopping Centre, Evesham, (opposite Coffee Break) meaning that local residents will now be able to suffering from a life-limiting illness, they are caring for anyone suffering from a life limiting illness, or if they are bereaved.

The charity already cares for patients in Evesham and surrounding villages, but the new Outreach Centre aims to reach out to more people needing its services between 9.30am-4.30pm, when there will be a specialist nurse and the Centre Support Manager on hand to give advice, information and comfort to those needing support.

Campden Home Nursing provides the community with a much-needed service at Jecca's House, its headquarters in Chipping Campden via a Serious Illness Support Service, a Hospice Care at Home Service, for patients who would like to stay at home, in familiar surroundings in the last weeks of their life and Bereavement Services (Bereavement Counselling, Bereavement Support Group and Play Therapy for children 4-11 years). All services are free of charge. Also at Jecca's House is a 'Men in Sheds' facility - a partnership with Cotswold Friends which provides a space where men (and ladies) can go to potter to meet people in a similar situation.

Helen Makaritis, Chief Executive Officer at Campden Home Nursing, said: "Our long-term strategy has always been to reach out to the wider community so that more people hear about all the services at Jecca's House. So when we saw an opportunity to open an Outreach Centre in the middle of Evesham, we jumped at the chance. We hope that by having a presence in Evesham, we can replicate a mini Jecca's - a place where people can come for support and information and where the kettle is always on ."

For more information about Camden Home Nursing, contact the team on **01386 840505** or email **info@campdenhomenursing.org**







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<u>Services</u> this month

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Date	9.30am	11.00am	Other
	Morning Praise/ Family Service	Eucharist	
2nd April Palm Sunday		Offenham Benefice Service	
4th April			7pm Badsey Compline
5th April			7pm Offenham Compline
6th April Maundy Thursday			7pm Cleeve Prior Benefice Eucharist
7th April Good Friday	9.30am Messy Church Offenham School		1pm Cleeve Prior Solemn Eulogy of the Passion
			2pm Bretforton Last Hour Meditations
8th April Holy Saturday			7pm Offenham Easter Vigil
9th April Good Friday	Bretforton - Eucharist	South Littleton Cleeve Prior Badsey (by Extension) Offenham (by Extension)	
16th April Easter 2	Offenham	Badsey Cleeve Prior (Matins)	
23rdApril Easter 3	South Littleton	Bretforton (led by Bishop Robert) Cleeve Prior	6.30pm Badsey Evensong
30th April Easter 4		Offenham Benefice Eucharist	





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Jane Neill's Nature Notes







"Oak before ash we're in for a splash, ash before oak we're in for a soak" and "a cold April a barn will fill" are old country sayings for this month.

Migrant birds are coming to breed but the most listened for is the cuckoo that has flown from the Sahara. It is the male cuckoo that sings "cuck-oo" for the female who makes a bubbling sound. The dunnock, meadow pipits and willow warblers are their favoured host nests as they do not rear their own chicks as we know! The adults stay until June but the young manage to find their own way back in September.

Two plants are associated with the cuckoo. Cuckoo pint, found along brooks and edges of woods. It has tiny flowers at its base, but what we see is the "spadix", a long, purple finger that attracts the insects into the flower with a pungent scent. Secondly, the pretty cuckoo flower that grows in damp meadows and by streams with its watercress leaves. Have you spotted the frothy blobs on plants at this time of year? It's produced by young froghoppers when they start to feed protecting them from drying out and from potential enemies. You've guessed it. Cuckoo spit!

Wickhamford Gardening Club

We enjoyed a very welcome return to our meetings with a very informative talk by Dr. Derek Wakelin who gave us a very good insight into the biodiversity in our gardens and lots of ways to keep it healthy. We were also made aware of how we need to look after all the insects & pests as most of them are needed in one way or another & strategies to live in harmony with them as we're galloping along & the planet is gradually getting to the point of no return.

February's speaker was Jane Insley, who inspired us all how to look out for great plants when shopping for our gardens and ways to get the most out of them. A great topic for all us keen gardeners, she continued on the subject of buying in plants, shrubs etc for the nursery where she is Manager of the plant centre. Jane discusses how buying in smaller quantities ensures that they don't hang around too long, so we can buy knowing that they are good to go. Also on topic was what the industry is doing to ensure that we get the best, with the ministry being very vigilant in what is imported into the country to keep all our flora protected from invasion of pests and diseases. She also gave us advice on how to go forward with the restrictions we will face with the ban on the use of peat & how to get the best out of the products that is replacing the peat products.

April's (Wed. 26th) meeting is the very interesting Duncan Coombs a retired lecturer from Pershore College. He is a very good speaker and is always willing to answer any questions members or visitors have for him.

May's (Wed.24th) speaker is local expert Andy Pedrick.

As ever visitors are always welcome, we meet in Wickhamford Memorial Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month, doors open at 7pm or just after & the meeting starts at 7.30pm. Our annual membership is only £5.00 per yr with a monthly charge for members of £2.50, visitors £3.00, we also hold a small raffle to help with the speakers fees.

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Updates from the Parish Council

- Thank you to everyone that came along and helped to plant 1100 trees at Pear Tree Fields recently. It was a great turnout and very enjoyable!
- We will be receiving more trees to plant during March so if you haven't already, you can get involved this time around.
- There will be parish council and district council elections on May 4th 2023 so the look of local government will be changing. If you are interested in find out more please contact the Parish Council via the details above
- Although we are all now looking forward to some warmer weather, the PC have been looking at locations around the villages that may benefit from additional grit bins to those supplied by Worcs CC. If you know of a location that would benefit from this facility, please let the PC know by emailing badseypc@yahoo.co.uk or telephone message: 07591533557.

Dates of next meetings are: Wednesday 19th April 2023 & Wednesday 17th May 2023

Meeting starts at 7.30pm in the Remembrance Hall. Parishioners are welcome to raise matters that they wish to bring to the attention of the PC at the beginning of the meeting. After that, they can stay to observe the meeting



Computer Group

If you need help or advice with using your computer, why not drop in to one of the computer group sessions run on alternate Monday mornings 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 chat about individual issues over as much coffee and tea as is necessary. We spent our time last month looking at Microsoft Word that is part of their Office package.

During April we shall meet on Monday 3rd April and Monday 17th April. Sessions are from 10.30 to about 12.00.

We are planning to look at working safely on the internet and social media as well as answering questions that come in on the day. There is no charge and no need to sign up or make any form of commitment, just drop in when you want.

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