



## God save our gracious King!

**May 1969**...what appeared to be an ordinary car with a special crest on the top, drove slowly through the streets of Holyhead in Anglesey with Prince Charles and his sister Anne as passengers.

Earlier in the day, at Caernarvon Castle, was the Investiture when Charles officially became the Prince of Wales. I doubt if he noticed me (nor later that day when I saw them both get into a tiny boat at the small pier head), until one day in 2012, when I was standing before the now-serious, mature man he had become, concerned for others - especially young people.

How do I know this fact? He asked me why there was a long waiting list (at that time) for girls wanting to join Girlguiding, and what could I do about it!

At the heart of the Coronation Service is a ritual in which the Archbishop of Canterbury anoints The King with oil. This custom, with roots in the Old Testament, can be traced back to the Coronation of King Edgar in 973. The visible act of anointing signifies a 'setting apart' for King Charles to serve the people of our nation and the Commonwealth. Following in his mother's footsteps, his leadership is rooted in a desire and a commitment to serve, following the ways of Jesus Christ in joy-filled servant humility.

May we seek the teachings of Jesus to enable us to know his will for our lives, and to serve in our local community and maybe beyond.

- Elizabeth Bolland, Churchwarden



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## Results are in for the Big Badsey Dig!

The results are in!

The Big Badsey Dig took place last May, funded by the Lottery Heritage Fund and organised by Nina O'Hare from the Worcester Archive and Archaeology Service. Badsey and five other Worcestershire villages took part in the archaeological project, and illustrated videos of talks explaining the dig results are being put onto the Archive website.

A good spread of 19 Test Pits were dug around the village, mainly from domestic gardens ranging from Black Banks in the north to land south of Badsey Fields Lane. 86 volunteers shifted approximately 15 tonnes of soil to create the 1 metre square Test Pits.

The nearly 3000 artefacts from 19 Test Pits reveal that from the mid Iron Age to the end of the Roman period people were living to the north and south of the village centre of today, and activity there seemed to stop after the Romans left. The southern end of what is now Badsey village is likely to be the oldest part, with finds going back to the 12th century. There was no Saxon evidence found, but Saxon pottery is very fragile and rare, although coins have been found previously.

Some find examples are: a Roman hobnail from a sandal or shoe, a very rare piece of Newbury B ware from Wiltshire, a piece of medieval cooking pot, a couple of bases of "tygs" (17th century multi handled drinking cups), a 1919 Girl Guide badge and one prehistoric flint which, as it came from close to the church, suggests this site has seen human activity for a very long time.

- Ian Gibson (Badsey Society)



## The Dallimore's take first prize!

Recently, brothers and local filmmakers Will and John Dallimore took first prize at a prestigious film competition for film clubs in the South West of England.

Their film, titled 'The Last Train', was created for a charity event in 2022 organised by Ralph and Elizabeth Bolland. The film starred the Bollands, Hannah and Tom Rawding and their dog, Molly.

On behalf of the Badsey & Aldington Community News, we'd like to extend our congratulations to Will and John.

## The Badsey Society

**Picnic to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III**

**Saturday 6th May 2023 2-5 pm**

**Community Orchard, Pear Tree Fields, Badsey**



**Everyone Welcome!**

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## Reminder about the Wychavon Parish Games

Don't forget, We are once again recruiting Badsey & Aldington residents to take part in this year's Parish Games.

The Parish Games are a series of events that run throughout the summer, where residents of 25 different parishes in the area compete in a variety of light-hearted sports.

**The sports include:**

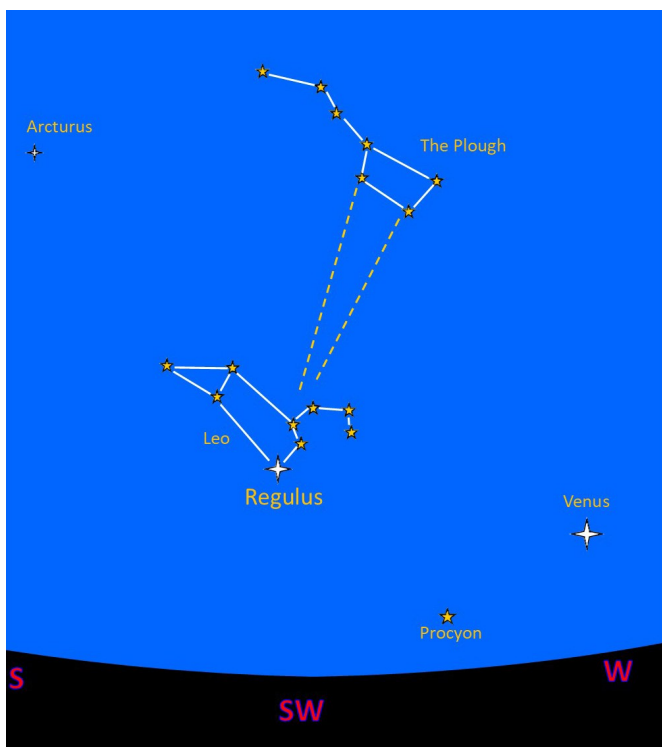
Angling	Bellboating	Bowls
Cross Country	Ladies' Darts	Men's Darts
Dominoes	Petanque	5-a-Side Football
Rounders	Skittles	Junior Table tennis
Pool	Crib	Senior Table Tennis

**If you would like to take part in any of these sports to support the parish, please contact Russell Knight at [russell@serk.co.uk](mailto:russell@serk.co.uk).**

## Upcoming event!

**6th May 2023 - Badsey Recreation Club - 11:30am onwards  
Wolfstanz German Shepherds Dog & Classic Car Show**

## Heart of the Lion... Regulus Stargazer



With the month of May we have much lighter evenings, and we must wait much later to see a night sky. By the end of the month there will be a glow from the sun to the north, throughout the night to the north. However, the warming evenings make it much more pleasant to sit outside and watch the stars begin to appear.

The brightest stars are relatively easy to identify, as they appear first in the sky on a summer's evening. One of the first to appear at this time of year is Regulus, in the constellation of Leo. It is also the brightest star in this constellation, and is also known as Alpha Leonis. Regulus is the Latin for 'prince' or 'little king', and has similar-meaning names in several languages and is known as 'Lion's Heart' in Arabic.

The constellation of Leo is not one of the most obvious constellations in the night sky, because many of its stars are quite faint and are easily lost if there is too much sky glow from streetlights or moonlight. Leo is one of the Zodiac constellations that sits close to the ecliptic. This is the line in the sky that the sun appears to pass through as Earth travels around its annual orbit. Regulus, in fact, sits on the ecliptic line, and is eclipsed by the moon and planets from time to time.

To find Regulus, look for the Plough (which is nearly overhead at present) and follow the pointer stars backwards towards the southwest. Regulus is not too far from the very bright Venus during May.

Regulus is 77 light years away and is therefore one of our more distant neighbours, and most books describe it as a double star. You should be able to see this with a pair of binoculars, and it is in fact a group of four stars. The main star is a large blue-white star with a small white dwarf star orbiting very closely every 40 days. This smaller star has not been directly observed, as it is so close to the bright main star. Its existence has been assumed by spectroscopy seeing its light change due to the Doppler shift as it moves about its orbit.

The question that arises from this arrangement is: how did it form? The main star, being so large and bright, must be relatively young - only a few million years old. However, a white dwarf is an old remnant of a dead star and must be very old. With the high gravitational field close to this remnant, how did a separate large body manage to form without being drawn into the white dwarf, which would have finally reached a size where it would have collapsed and formed a Type 1a supernova?

The other binary pair of stars is formed by an orange dwarf star orbiting with a red dwarf star. These are probably both quite old stars; they both orbit the main Regulus star about every thousand years. It is not known at present if there are any planets orbiting within this complex stellar system, but their orbits could be very strange indeed and unlikely to be stable enough for life to form.

The main Regulus star is also very unusual because it is spinning very fast indeed. This massive star completes a rotation every 16 hours, and this causes it to flatten out at the poles into what is called an oblate sphere. It has been calculated that if the rate of spin was only ten percent greater, the star would tear itself apart, as gravity would not be able to hold it together.

During a warm evening in May, why not try to spot Regulus once the early stars to appear after sunset - and wonder at the complex orbit that these stars must have around each other.

## Scarecrow for the Flower Show



**It's that time of year again!** Ahead of this year's Badsey Flower Show, we're hugely excited to announce the return of the **annual Scarecrow Competition!**

For 2023, the theme is: **SPORTS**

All entries must be in your gardens **from Wednesday 19th July.**

We can't wait to see what wonderful scarecrows pop up around the village - good luck!

## Is a future soapbox champion reading this?



2023 will see the return of a staple in the Badsey event calendar: **the Soapbox Race!** This year, it will be held on Sunday 27th August. The event is free, sponsored by Badsey & Aldington Parish Council, and run by a committee of Parish Councillors and local residents.

There is plenty of time if you're considering giving 2022 reigning champion team 'Passiv Aggressiv' a run for their title! Take the spanner in hand and get fixing those soapboxes up in time for entry. There will also be a Junior section for young racers under 14 years of age.

Last year's event was a huge success, seeing spectators sit in glorious weather whilst listening to commentary and enjoying refreshments provided by local businesses.

Organisers will also be keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in volunteering at the event, or local businesses that might also wish to get involved on the day.

For full rules and regulations, as well as more information, visit [www.badsey-races.com](http://www.badsey-races.com).

## Computer Club



The Computer Group has been lucky enough to receive a grant from the Fibre Heroes Community Investment Fund, that will enable us to buy laptop computers for the use of those attending the fortnightly sessions. This will be of great benefit as it will enable those to participate who do not have their own computer. These new machines should arrive during May.

If you need help or advice with using your computer, why not drop in to one of the computer group sessions, which 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.

During May, avoiding Bank Holidays, we shall meet only on **Monday 15th May from 10:30am to about 12pm.**

For further information, contact Alan Tutton on 01386 831539 or email [alantutton@talktalk.net](mailto:alantutton@talktalk.net).

## How will you be celebrating the Coronation?



With the King's Coronation just about to take place, we want to know how you're celebrating!

Are you hosting a party? Are you visiting your local pub? Or are you simply having a quiet weekend enjoying the extra bank holiday?

However you're spending the Coronation Weekend, send your celebratory pictures (and what you got up to!) to us at [badseycn@gmail.com](mailto:badseycn@gmail.com), and we'll feature them in next month's edition!

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## Badsey Film Club

Luvvies! Due to the King's Coronation, we have made the decision to postpone our monthly film showing. **The next film will take place on Saturday 3rd June.** We will be showing:



### THIRTEEN LIVES (12a)

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 832685.

## May puzzler

### FAMOUS LAST... NAMES

Hidden in the wordsearch are six of the most common Badsey surnames over the last two centuries, according to Badsey Society's records.

The last letters of each name are provided to help you - can you spot them all?

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**Benefice German Partnership Visit**

At present, we are on course to host a visit from our friends from our partnership churches in Germany between the 10th and 14th August. They are hoping that about eight will be coming, so as usual we will need people to host them, both overnight and just to join and meet. Most speak English, so don't let a language barrier put you off!

There will be a **meeting on 7th June at Badsey Church at 7.30pm to discuss the programme.** If you are able to host, or just want to take part please come along.

If you are not able to be there on the evening but want to take part, please get in touch with me at xtision13@gmail.com or on 01386 830367.

- Many thanks, Alex Christison

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<b>14 MAY</b> Easter 6	<b>BRETORTON</b>	<b>SOUTH LITTLETON</b>	
<b>18 MAY</b> Ascension Day			<b>SOUTH LITTLETON</b> 19:00 Benefice Eucharist
<b>21 MAY</b> Sunday after Ascension	<b>OFFENHAM</b>	<b>BADSEY</b>	
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# Jane Neill's Nature Notes

The merry month of May is when we finally shed the shackles of winter. It is the month associated through the ages with fertility; it brings much needed warmth and sunshine though we should heed the old proverb "ne'er cast a clout til May be out".



Fruit growers fear late frosts spoiling their budding orchards, and hailstones can knock off the young fruits. The hedgerows, gardens and woods burst into life. Cowparsley lines the lanes and woodland paths, may flowers bloom on the hawthorn hedges. The insects abound feasting on the abundant nectar.

As children, we loved to make daisy chains, to blow out the dandelion clocks to tell the time and place buttercup flowers under the chin to see if we loved butter!



It's also an anxious time, watching the skies for the return of the swifts arriving after their long journeys from Africa to breed. They are almost entirely aerial living birds - eating, sleeping and drinking on the wing and only rest to rear a brood. They can fly at 69mph - the fastest bird in level flight.



When the adults spend long times away foraging the nestlings go into a torpor to survive, their loud, screeching scream is a welcome addition to the crescendo of bird songs.

## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

The talk on "Bespoke Shoes" was as much surprising as it was informative and interesting. Bill Byrd started his life with a foot deformity and suffered ill-fitting shoes.

He moved from his architectural career to be apprenticed to a shoe-maker and ended up making shoes for Royalty, celebrities and leaders from around the world. He showed us a replica, that he had made, of the earliest shoe ever found - dating to about 3,800 years ago.

He told us about the history of the manufacture of the 'lasts' that are made to enable the leather to be formed into shoes and, through these wooden and iron models of footwear, how modern shoes gained their shape. He ended by showing us a beautiful lady's shoe that he had finished making recently. As usual, the meeting ended with tea/coffee and cake.

**Our May meeting is on the 10th at Badsey Remembrance Hall starting at 7.15 pm.** This time, we leave beauty behind and delve into the darker subject of "From Pillory to Prison Cell" by Ginny Davies, a history of crime and punishment.

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

It's spring, which means planting season is officially upon us!

If you have green fingers, here's what's best to plant in the month of May...

Flowers	Fruits	Vegetables
Dill	Strawberries	Beetroot
Cornflowers	Gooseberries	Sweetcorn
Sunflowers	Raspberries	Cucumber
Scabious	Apples	Sprouting broccoli
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### Updates from the Parish Council

#### Big thank you for support with Pear Tree Fields Planting

Thank you to everyone that came along and helped to plant all 1900 trees at Pear Tree Fields over several weekends, it was a great turnout and very enjoyable! Please come over to the site and see what we have done!

#### Notice about the upcoming elections

There will be Parish Council (Badsey Ward) and District Council elections on May 4th 2023. You can see the candidate details for both on our website ([www.badseypc.uk](http://www.badseypc.uk)) or on Badsey Spar's noticeboard.

You will be unable to vote if you do not take photo ID with you. If you do not have any, please contact Wychavon DC as soon as possible.

#### Development Update

Badsey PC has been approached by two planning consultant companies over recent weeks to promote their ideas for possible development off Brewers Lane and Hither Green as two separate projects.

The PC has not met with either privately, but suggested that both either attend public forum at any PC meeting or hold a public open meeting for the whole village to attend. One of them held such a meeting on 20th March 2023.

Badsey PC will provide updates on any requests to meet that they receive via PC minutes, Facebook, Badsey Spar's noticeboard or on our website, so that residents will be able to attend too and give their views.

## Contribute your stories to the Community News

On behalf of the editorial team, we'd like to thank you for your continued contributions and making last month's issue a success!

If you'd like to contribute to future issues of the Community News, please either leave handwritten entries at **32 Seward Road, Badsey** or email **badseycn@gmail.com**

If you would like to donate to the Community News fundraiser, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ian-devine>

Dates of next PC meetings are:

**Wednesday 17th May 2023**  
**Wednesday 21st June 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

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Reminder for all our readers that the 120th Badsey Flower Show takes place on **Saturday 29th July 2023**

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