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The talk on 'Pillory to Prison Cell' given by Ginny Davies at the May meeting was interesting, informative and thorough.

A fascinating insight into the history of our penal system with slides demonstrating some of the punishments used. From scold's bridle and stocks or pillory for men to the ducking stool for women - as well as whipping for everyone - everything was discussed, through to transportation and corporal punishment.

Written down, it all sounds rather gruesome but this writer does not believe that the ladies of the WI took much pleasure in these acts, only in gaining more knowledge about how society progressed to the system of prisons built for the incarceration of many, which only began in the late 1800s.

As usual, the meeting ended with tea/coffee and cake.

In June we have an informal garden meeting. This time we are hoping that the weather will be kind to us as we meet at the farm of a member's relative but there is somewhere to shelter if it is wet. We are also looking forward to listening to the gentle musical sounds played by harpist, Sue Banks. We will have a 'bring and share' picnic. Members bring a plate of food, either savoury or sweet, or some nibbles. Tea and coffee will be provided.

If you would like to come along, please give our Secretary, Alex Owen, a call on 01386 830 083.

Far from a retiring volunteer

By Martyn Hodgeson

I was lucky enough to be able to retire last year, and like many new retirees I spent the first few months doing things I'd not had time to do whilst I was working. By February, with the worst of winter behind me, I started to think about getting some structure to my week again, so began looking for practical, outdoor volunteering opportunities.

I contacted Vale Landscape Heritage Trust (VLHT), a wildlife and heritage conservation charity based in the Vale of Evesham and Pershore. I've been involved with wildlife conservation on and off since my teenage years, and I've known the Trust's manager, Gary Farmer, since I first moved to the Midlands in the 1980s - so I knew about the brilliant work the Trust does to benefit our local environment.

What I hadn't realised was what an amazing group of volunteers turn out for the Trust each week. Every Wednesday, come rain or shine, this friendly and cheerful group meets at one of the Trust's nature reserves for three hours to help with various tasks. Their backgrounds are also hugely varied (which makes for some fascinating conversations). Hot drinks are provided, and are very welcome by late morning!

Tasks vary depending on the site and the time of year; so far, those I have attended have mostly involved trees, including everything from planting hedges and young fruit trees to learning how to prune cider apple trees. This is a fascinating experience for anyone who lives in the Vale.

Staggering £2,745.00 raised by The Round of Gras fundraiser!

The Midlands Air Ambulance is a charity not many need introducing to. They operate and fund three air ambulances covering six Midlands counties - including Worcestershire.



A service many of us hope to never need, we recognise the incredible advanced pre-hospital care that the MAA give, and we understand the life-saving interventions that the organisation provides.

The fundraising event, held at The Round of Gras on 30th March was a resounding success. Every seat was filled, and the room buzzed with excitement to partake in fundraising for such a great cause - as well as being in with a chance of winning a prize themselves!

A whopping £2,745 was raised, and the money will help to fund either an air ambulance journey or almost ten critical care car missions.

Above all, these events show how much heart lies in Badsey and Aldington, whether it be from local businesses offering raffle prizes to every resident attending the event. It's heartwarming to be part of a community that strives to help others in need.

If you missed this event, though, don't be dismayed! The next one is already in the calendar, and details can be found a little later on in this edition.









I worked in the same industry my entire career, so volunteering with the Trust has been a brilliant way of getting out more, socialising, and learning new skills. I would highly recommend it! You don't need any previous experience and friendly, expert guidance is always on hand. It's no more strenuous that a good gardening session, and you can do as many sessions as suits you. No one is clock watching, and any contribution is welcomed.

For more information on this, and on other ways to support the work of this fabulous charity, please see their website: https://valetrust.weebly.com/get-involved.html

The Sun and Its Spots

By Stargazer

Wednesday 21st June brings the summer solstice - the longest day of the year and hence the shortest night. The sun sets at 21:34 with dusk lasting for about another hour. The sun will rise again the following day at 04:45 with dawn starting at 03:58, giving only about five and a half hours of darkness - but, the glow of the sun will always be seen to the north.

This glow is known as astronomical twilight, and this can make astronomical observations quite difficult as faint objects can be "bleached" out by the glow from the sun just below the horizon. With the prospect of periods of good weather, there is one star that can be relied on for observation at this time of the year: the sun.



I can only state with the highest level of importance to **NEVER LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN** and **NEVER LOOK AT THE SUN THROUGH BINOCULARS OR A TELESCOPE**. The surface temperature of the sun is 5,700 degrees Kelvin, or 9,800 degrees Fahrenheit. This is hot enough to not just melt but vaporise all known metals and rocks.

The inner core of the sun, however, is 15 million degrees Kelvin. To me, it is impossible to fully grasp the meaning of these high temperatures, and they are just numbers. However, it is here in the core with its incredibly high temperatures and pressures produced by gravity that Hydrogen is converted to Helium through nuclear fusion. This is the source of the suns energy.

In the core, there is a balancing act between gravity pulling the core inwards and the energy produced by nuclear fusion pushing outwards. Without this, the core would collapse inwards, and this is what happens at the end of the life of a star.

Fortunately, there is enough hydrogen left in the core of the sun to keep it running for at least another four billion years.

The outer layers of the sun are opaque, and photons of light from the core take a very indirect route, being "bounced" from one nucleus to another. It has been estimated that a single photon will take 100,000 years to pass from the core through the layers of the sun until it leaves the sun's surface. However, it only takes about eight minutes for that light to travel the 150 million kilometres from the sun to the Earth.

The sun rotates at different rates at different latitudes. It is not a solid body, but a hot gaseous plasma. At the equator the sun rotates once every 24 days, but it takes nearly 38 days for one rotation at the poles. The sun also has a very strong magnetic field, and this is twisted by the different rotation rates. One result of this twisting magnetic field can be seen as sunspots.

Sunspots are slightly cooler areas of the sun where the magnetic field is forced out from the surface in arching loops. If one of these magnetic loops should break, material can be thrown out into the solar system - and we see this as solar storms. These can produce the magnificent "Northern Lights" that were seen this April as far as the south coast.

Unfortunately, the skies were often cloudy here in the Vale of Evesham, and we missed out on these magnificent displays. Now is a very good time to observe the sun because of the rising numbers of sunspots. The number of sunspots appears to rise and fall on an eleven-year cycle for reasons that are not yet fully understood. A few years ago, however, there were no sunspots visible for some considerable time.

There are two safe methods of observing the sun. Firstly, by buying expensive specialist filters for the front of your telescope or binoculars. The second is to project an image through a pin hole and look at this projected image.



Remember not to look directly at the sun. However, indirect observations from web sites can be very rewarding.

Enjoy the summer sunshine, and wonder about the source of all life here on the surface of this wonderful planet.

Vale Wildlife Open Day

If you are keen to learn about our great
British wildlife, Vale Wildlife Hospital
are holding an open day on
Sunday 2nd July 11am - 4pm

at their Beckford based site, GL20
7AN. Entry £5 per person or free for those aged under 10

Head over to www.valewilife.org.uk or call **01386 882 288** and ask to speak to Natalie for full details.

Lots to see and do, including a fun dog show and a *chance to see <u>behind the</u>* <u>scenes</u> at one of the UK's busiest wildlife hospitals



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Flower Show Schedule Now Available!

We're only one month shy of this year's Flower Show, and we can't wait!

The show Schedule is now available in the Spar shop, which provides information on all the exciting classes and competitions that anyone can enter, as well as all entry information and guidelines.

So, whether you have a green thumb or a knack for knitting, there's a category for everyone of every age.



There is also a fun dog show, trade stands, displays and fun games to get involved with. So if you're entering or just visiting, remember to put

SATURDAY 29TH JULY

in your diaries!

Bingo Night in aid of Alzheimer's Society

Alzheimer's Society



Following the very successful fundraiser for Midlands Air Ambulance, the wonderful team at the Round of Gras are excited to announce a date for the next fundraiser event. This time the charity chosen is Alzheimer's Society, an organisation working towards a world where dementia no longer devastates lives.

The event will be on FRIDAY 7th JULY, starting at 7:30pm at The Round of Gras

The team would also be very grateful for any prizes or donations as raffle prizes. It's for a great cause, and if you can help please contact **Graham Brown** or **Laura Penfold** on **01386 830206**



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Badsey Film Club

Luvvies!

The next film will take place on Saturday 3rd June. We will be showing:



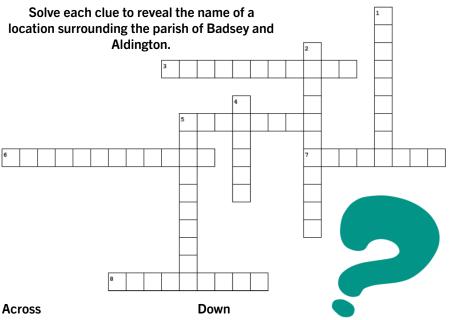
THIRTEEN LIVES (12a)

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.

June puzzler



A dog's abode 1 Small, split into 3 three 5 The Cotswolds' 2 beacon Half is a bee's treat 6 A hive of education Where the heart is 5 7 Contains sheep's Home of the maypole wool 8 Our parish partner

ANSWERS TO MAY'S PUZZLE - Did you find them all?: JELFS, STEWART, KNIGHT, KEEN, JONES, HARTWELL

Computer Club

If you need help or advice with using your computer, why not drop in to one of

the computer group sessions. They run on alternate Monday mornings at 10:30am 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 June, we shall meet only on Monday 12th June and Monday 26th June, and we are planning to look at Microsoft Publisher which is ideal for making posters.

For further information, contact Alan Tutton on 01386 831539 or email alantutton@talktalk.net.





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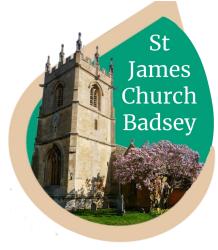


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Word from the Bishop

The preface to the Coronation oaths declared that the Church "is committed to the true profession of the Gospel, and, in so doing, will seek to foster an environment in which people of all faiths and beliefs may live freely."

'Secularism,' they say, 'is like chastity: it is defined by what it denies.' British society has become accustomed to treating faith as a generally harmless hobby for those who are interested - a quaint thing to roll out on events like the Coronation, and an easy target. Church schools are generally popular, but religious extremism is rightly feared.

Christianity, the dominant faith of these islands for a very long time, has shaped our society and stamped itself on our national character. For instance, our education system and our liberal social values (shared by all the mainstream political parties) have been shaped by biblical values. They affirm respect for every man and woman as a someone whom God loves and for whom Christ died, so there is in each person an absolute value independent of all 'usefulness' to society.

We have all been shaped by these values, including those of other faiths and none; they are part of what we are. Because we have inherited this 'liberal' faith that doesn't force conformity, it takes just two generations to de-Christianise a people.

It's been obvious that faith in all its forms has been challenged by individualist materialism, which dismisses all religion as irrelevant, inconceivable and useless. This is a dangerous trend.

If we value this treasured tradition in our society, we should give some thought to its principal source, the Good News of Jesus Christ, whose life, death and resurrection is where it began.

Bishop Robert Paterson - Former Bishop of Sodor & Man, Author of 'Making Christ Visible'

Ecumenical Pilgrimage

6th – 8th October 2023 Just a reminder about the event, at this stage we would like expressions of interest so that we can gauge the extent of the group. The pilgrimage will be, as discussed, a two night/three day visit and once we have an idea of the size of the group we will circulate details of the hotels, timetable and prices.

Contact Jim Quinn at j.quinn789@btinternet.com or by phone at 01299 851021 or by text to 07960 218925

Services this month

Please see notice board in Church Porch for more services within the Benefice. For more information about any of our churches please visit www.eastvaleavon.com

Please do take the opportunity to share fellowship and enjoy worship in any of the parish churches in our benefice

	9.30am	11.00am	
Date	Morning Praise/ Family Service	Eucharist	Other Services
04 JUNE Trinity Sunday	BADSEY	OFFENHAM CLEEVE PRIOR	7PM BRETFORTON Asparagus Service
10 JUNE SATURDAY			1:30PM OFFENHAM Offenham Wake Flower Service
11 JUNE 1st After Trinity	BRETFORTON	SOUTH LITTLETON CLEEVE PRIOR (Morning praise)	
18 JUNE 2nd After Trinity	OFFENHAM	BADSEY CLEEVE PRIOR	
25 JUNE 3rd After Trinity	SOUTH LITTLETON	BRETFORTON CLEEVE PRIOR (Matins)	



Jane Neill's Nature Notes

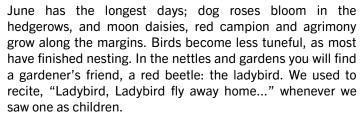












There are 42 different ladybirds in this country, the most common being the seven-spotted ladybird with a red elytron (shell), and black spots that exude a strong smelling fluid to deter predators. Both larvae and adults are voracious aphid hunters. The two-spotted ladybird is smaller. The largest is the eyed-ladybird with white rings round its black spots. They live on conifers.

The 14-spotted ladybird eats insects, and the 22-spotted ladybird is yellow with black spots feeding on mildew found in grassy areas and on garden shrubs. The harlequin, introduced in 2004, is orange with black spots. The eggs are

> glued to leaves, and the larvae live for three weeks before they pupate.

> In all, ladybirds live for a year being dormant in winter. In many cultures and religions they bring luck, love, fertility and prophecy. Studies found they can fly as far as 75 miles at 19 m.p.h. and reach 3,600 ft. altitude!



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Father's Day - Sunday 18th June

Looking to commemorate Father's Day without breaking the bank?

We know just how much the current cost of living is affecting us and those around us, so here are a few wallet-friendly ways you can make Father's Day special for the man in your life, whoever he may be.

COOK HIM HIS FAVOURITE MEAL - Whether that's breakfast in bed or his favourite sweet treat, you can never go wrong with giving the man in your life something home cooked. They say a way to a man's heart is through his stomach, and the same goes for fathers!

CREATE A FAMILY PHOTO- One of the most thoughtful gifts you can give are ones with sentiment. So, something as simple as a framed family photo can be a priceless gift for the man in your life.

TRY HIS HOBBY - Whoever the father figure in your life is, odds are he has a favourite pastime - so, why not join in? Whether it's helping him in the garden, watching his favourite film or building something from scratch, spending this time with him will make his day - plus, you might learn a new skill!

HOST A MOVIE OR GAME NIGHT - If your dad, grandad, uncle, brother or friend is a lover of films or games, then a great way to spend the day is to stage a day or night around them. Grab some popcorn and host a marathon of his favourite films, or gather round the table for an evening of board games or quizzes. Either way, it's sure to be time that the both of you will cherish.

GET OUTSIDE- A great way to spend time together this Father's Day is to get outside! June brings (hopefully) warmer weather, so going out for a walk, a bike ride or a picnic in the park is sure to be a Father's Day well spent.

Whoever the man in your life is, any of these affordable ideas are guaranteed to give him a Father's Day to remember.



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Vacancy

Dates of next PC meetings are:

Wednesday 21st June Wednesday 19th July

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

Introducing the Badsey & Aldington Trail

As a community newsletter, we editors just LOVE anything and everything that promotes our little village as a great place to be. So we are incredibly excited to introduce a new event for the Badsey & Aldington Trail Walk. You may see little signs or markings and wonder 'what is all that about?

Now is your chance to find out, as you enjoy some outdoor time and exercise with snippets of Badsey history, such as where the post office actually was in Old Post Office Lane.



Badsey resident Alan Tutton is conducting a guided walk around the new route on:

FRIDAY 16th JUNE at 7:00pm.

Meeting outside the Wheatsheaf as a starting point.

Please join in, the stroll will be at a gentle pace and is a great opportunity to find out a little more about the story behind Badsey &

Aldington. We would encourage anyone who would like to find out more about the walk, such as distance or accessibility to contact Alan on 01386 831 539 or email alantutton@talktalk.net.

If you are tech savvy, or know someone who is and can help you, open your phone camera and hover it over the QR code on the left, to open a link to the Badsey Society website for more information on the trail.

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

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