

## A big THANK YOU for the Big Help Out!

Everyone from St James Church, Badsey would like to say a great big thank you to those who participated in the Big Help Out for the King on Bank Holiday Monday. The event would not have been the success it was without all the volunteers giving up their time so generously.

We are so grateful to all those who made and served cakes, and to those who donated and ate them! Thank you to everyone that gardened in the rain; the Badsey Society members who prepared and presented their display on the Witches' marks in the building; all who decorated inside and outside the church and for the war grave display; the bell ringers for giving their time to show anyone interested the bell tower; and last but not least, thank you to the flower guild who provided the most beautiful flower display.

The graves in the churchyard, including our seven war graves, are looked after by a small band of volunteers.

We meet every Wednesday between 10am and midday. This is an eclectic mix of church and non-church members, and it is both a working and social group. On alternate weeks, members of the Freedom Group for adults with Learning Disabilities attend. If the weather is inclement, we are inside maintaining the building by cleaning windows, dusting, and vacuuming.

If you are interested in helping, out even irregularly, you will be most welcome to just turn up. It's great fun and we guarantee a laugh over tea and biscuits!

If you would like more information, just call Anne on 01386 640801.



# Badsey in July means FLOWER SHOW!

For this edition we are in full Flower Show mode! We're holding a question and answer feature with editor Louise (who is also Publicity Officer for the event) to nip any burning queries in the bud. Turn the page for the full feature!

#### FLOWER SHOW TOMBOLA DONATIONS

If you have something you'd like to donate to the Flower Show tombola, there will be a collection point available at the Spar on the High Street.

You can also come along to entry night at Badsey First School on Tuesday 25th July between 6pm and 9pm.

#### **FLOWER SHOW TIMINGS**

This year's Badsey Flower Show will take place on Saturday 29th July at Badsey Recreation Ground.

Gates open at 1pm, and an afterparty with a live band, BBQ and bar will take place at Badsey Community & Sports Club from 6pm.

All entries must be in by Tuesday 25th July.





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## **Badsey Flower Show Q&A with Louise**

#### Q: What makes this year so special?

A: This year's Flower Show is extremely special because it's the 120th Show. We are one of just two shows like this still around in the UK, so we're extremely privileged to be able to put on this show for the community.

#### Q. How much is admission to the event?

A: Admission is £4 for adults and £1 for children - and parking is free!

#### Q. I'm interested in entering a class, how do I find the schedule?

A: The schedule can be found either inside the Spar shop on Badsey's High Street, or online at www.badseyflowershow.co.uk.

#### Q. How much is it to enter a class?

A: Full schedule details and entry fees for classes can be found online at www.badseyflowershow.co.uk or in the paper copy of the schedule. But for the majority of classes, it will be just 20p to enter!

# Q. I've got friends who would like to enter the event, but they're not from Badsey. Can they still enter?

A: With the exception of Division F (our Gardens category), anyone can enter any of the Show's classes, whether they live in the parish or not.



Get your copy of the schedule available at the Spar shop on the High Street

#### Q. Will there be things to do other than the class exhibits?

A: Of course! On Show day we'll have a mixture of things going on including stalls, games, music, entertainment, food, drinks and a dog show!

#### Q. I'm housebound, so I can't attend the event. Can I still enter?

A: Definitely! Entries may also be submitted online at www.badseyflowershow.co.uk before 5pm on 23rd July. All information regarding online entries can be found in the schedule.

Please be mindful you will have to make your own arrangements for your entry to be brought to the event on the day. We also have a selection of garden classes where they are judged at your own home (open to the residents living within the Parish of Badsey and Aldington only). If you do not have a friend or relative that can assist you, contact Badsey Social Aid on 07971 624 501

#### Q. Can I bring my dog?

A: We'd be disappointed if you didn't! All dogs are welcome.

Please be mindful of any weather conditions on the day, and be aware dogs should not be left in your vehicle. Dogs will need to be on a lead for the show, and we kindly request that any poop is scooped and disposed of correctly.

#### Q. Will there be parking?

A: Absolutely! Parking is free, and we will have marshalls on the gates to direct you as necessary.

#### Q. Can I volunteer at the event?

A: Yes you can! We could always use an extra pair of hands - if you'd like to put yourself forward, our helpers meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Monday 3rd July at Badsey Community & Sports Club. Alternatively, feel free to email us at info@badseyflowershow.co.uk or call on 07840 802759.

If you still have a question, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the show's organisers by emailing info@badseyflowershow.co.uk.

Not sure how to email or how to access the show webpage? Get in touch with our computer club on 01386 831539)







## The Light of Vega

With such long bright evenings it is always fun to look for the first stars to appear, and these stars are the brightest. High in the southern sky during July, one such star is Vega, one of the brightest summer stars - and it should be visible about an hour or so after sunset.

Vega is a blueish-white star and is one of our closer neighbours, being only 25 light years (147 trillion miles) away. It is the sixth closest star to our sun. Vega is only about a tenth of the age of the sun, but since it is about twice as massive as the sun, its expected lifetime is also about one tenth of that of the sun. At present, both stars are approaching the midpoint of their lives.

For a long time, Vega was used as the basis for the calibration of the apparent brightness or magnitude of other stars. Vega was given a brightness of Zero, and fainter stars were given a positive number to indicate their magnitude. The larger the number, the fainter the star, and stars that are just on the limit of being seen have a brightness of 7. The brightness of very bright stars is given a negative number; for example, the sun has a magnitude of -26.8.



It was only with the advent of more sensitive equipment that it was shown that the brightness of Vega is slightly variable, and now more accurate methods of estimating brightness are used. Vega is one of the most studied stars beyond that of our sun. It has been imaged many times and its spectrum has been fully measured, resulting in a very good understanding of its chemistry. It was also one of the first stars to have its distance from the sun measured using the system of parallax.

Vega has also been found to rotate rapidly, and with a very high velocity at its equator. This causes the equator to bulge outwards due to the centrifugal effects. Overall, the study of Vega has greatly helped us understand the nature of other stars that are much further away.

It's very easy to find Vega; it's about the brightest star in the summer sky, and hence appears before all other stars. The only objects in the night sky to appear before Vega, at present, are the moon and Venus. Vega is in the constellation of Lyra, which is quite faint and may not be visible in the brighter summer evening sky. However, in the late evening during July, Vega is almost directly overhead and is very bright.

Vega is also part of a group of stars known as the summer triangle. The three stars that make up this imaginary triangle are Altair, Deneb and Vega. They are all quite bright with similar apparent magnitudes, so they appear at about the same time in the summer evening. Once spotted they are very easy to recognise, as they form such a large almost equilateral triangle.

Enjoy the (hopefully) warm summer evenings!

## Show Gratitude this National Thank You Day!

Sunday 2nd July 2023 marks the first ever National Thank You Day! I'm sure you'll agree that there are countless people in our lives that deserve a special thank you, so we want to help you give it to them!

Is there someone in your life you'd like to give thanks to? If so, feel free to email us at badseycn@gmail.com with their name, their relation to you and what you're thanking them for, and we may just feature them in next month's issue!







## A hole-in-one for 1st Badsey **Guides and Rangers**

We started the term off with an exciting first week back! We joined Harvington Guides on a trip to mini golf after meeting at Evesham train station and getting the train to Worcester - all while wearing our new neckers (handmade by one of our Rangers).

We then had a McDonald's before making our way to the mini golf. We split into groups to compete, finishing the evening as golfing pros - we even had some hole-in-ones!

This term, we're preparing for our summer camp by learning outdoor skills including tent building and outdoor fires.

If you would like to join us, we meet weekly on a Wednesday from 6:45 until 8pm.

Feel free to register your interest online on the Girlguiding website, or email badseygirlguides@gmail.com with any enquiries.

Our June meeting was held in fields farmed by a relative of our President. We basked in wonderful summer sunshine whilst admiring the views of countryside and lakes near Broadway Tower. To go with the idyllic outlook, we were serenaded by melodic harp music played by Sue Banks.



Each member brought a plate of either savoury or sweet picnic treats to share with each other. It always amuses us that, despite not planning, there is such a diverse offering of deliciousness. Our President supplied us with hot tea and coffee which rounded it all off nicely.

Our July meeting on 12th is at Badsey Remembrance Hall starting at **7.15 pm**. We are looking forward to a more practical talk by Tony Haines of St Johns Ambulance service and gaining knowledge about 'Using a Defibrillator'. We see the equipment mounted on walls and in disused phone boxes – but would you know what to do in an emergency? There is promise of a mannequin and 'hands on' practice with simulated equipment. Let's hope the mannequin survives!

On 9th August we travel out to the countryside with a talk by Gary Farmer on 'Vale Landscape Heritage Trust' whose aims are to protect and preserve the environment in the Vale of Evesham.

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

## Meet Badsey's Bellringers!

Badsey's Bellringers worked extremely hard during the King's Coronation, but do you know who they are?

The seven talented ladies and gentlemen ensure that sound radiates through the parish on a Monday night when they meet to practice. Some of them have even been ringing for the last 40 years - but they're always looking for new recruits!

You never know, you might just pick up a hobby you never knew you'd find!

Get in touch with church to find out more, or email us at badseycn@gmail.com and we will pass your details on to the team.













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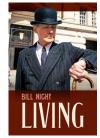


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## **Badsey Film Club**

Luvvies!

This month's film will be shown on Saturday 1st July. We will be showing:



## LIVING (12)

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.



## 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 July, we shall meet only on Monday 10th July and we are planning to look at shopping safely online. We will then take a break for the summer before commencing again on Monday 4th September.

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

Got a topic you'd like to see in the Community News? - Email badseycn@gmail.com

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## A reminisce of the meaning of 'Holiday'

This month is traditionally the time when many of us would be preparing for our summer holidays. I guess that at the moment there will be some people who will not be planning a getaway this year, due to the increased cost of foreign travel and the current economic situation. In the future, as climate change makes our summers sunnier and warmer, there will be those who choose to spend their holidays in the UK. which was "the norm" when I was a child.

The word holiday has close connections with Holy Day - so, what is the difference between the two? Well, mainly it is the way we now treat that day. If there is a religious reason behind the day, Christmas Day or Good Friday for instance, it is a Holy Day. A holiday, however, is when working people have time off work to spend resting or celebrating in a different way, as in a special day out or a family day, for example.

Holy Days used to be days set aside for religious reasons, but holiday has branched off Holy Day as certain days have lost their religious meaning. Many shops are now open and local attractions and sporting events are allowed. This does, of course, mean that many people now work on Sundays, which has changed into a working day instead of a day for religious observance. Bank holidays now have become days to remember for people or groups of people, as we have seen lately, when they used to be days where only the banks were closed.

So, a holiday now for many people is a day off from work/school, and has become a day of rest and recreation. Differentiating a Holy Day from a holiday in today's world is difficult, as they both have come to mean 'days off'.

However you plan to spend your holidays this summer I hope you will find some rest, refreshment, fun, and some time to enjoy God's creation (which is very close to home in this area) and give thanks to Him,

making a Holy Day part of your holiday.

Joyce Bache



## Can you be a host?

Benefice German Partnership Visit 10th to 14th August

We held a meeting on 7th June, but I know some couldn't make it.

It is now confirmed that nine German partners are coming to visit, but our biggest problem is finding people to host them overnight. Most speak English, so don't let a language barrier put you off!

They arrive in Birmingham on Thursday 10th August at 21:20, and leave at 17:40 on Monday 14th.

If you are able to host, or just want to take part, please contact Alex Christison on 01386 830367 or xtision13@gmail.com.

## 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
<a href="https://www.eastvaleavon.com">www.eastvaleavon.com</a>

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

Date	9.30am	11.00am	Other Services
	Morning Praise/ Family Service	Eucharist	
2nd July Trinity 4	Badsey	Offenham Cleeve Prior	
<b>9th July</b> Trinity 5	Bretforton	South Littleton Cleeve Prior (Morning Praise)	
<b>16thJuly</b> Trinity 6	Offenham	Badsey Cleeve Prior	
23rdJuly Trinity 7 St James	South Littleton	Bretforton Cleeve Prior (Matins)	<b>4pm Badsey</b> Patronal Evensong with Bring and Share Supper
<b>30thJuly</b> Trinity 8		Cleeve Prior Benefice Service	

## Jane Neill's Nature Notes









July has the hottest, most sultry days. Flies and wasps bother us as we start the summer holiday season with picnics and barbeques outside; however, they are vital insects in the balance of nature. Ants, a relative of wasps and bees, take flight this month, performing their courtship in the air. The males fall and die, while the females strengthen and shed their wings to retire underground to lay their eggs. Colonies of ants attract green woodpeckers into the garden as it is their favourite food.

By the end of July, there is a conspicuous silence when the birds cease to sing as the moulting season begins - all except the robin.

Also look out for the pretty yellow shell moth that flies and rests in our fields and gardens. Thistles and teasel provide nectar for the abundant insects and butterflies.

Burdock, with its large heart-shaped leaves abounds. The plant is used to add a bitter flavour to drinks, the stalk was once eaten in salads and the juice produced was traditionally used medicinally to treat burns and sores. To spread their seeds the hooked burr attach themselves to any unsuspecting passer-by. Now that's clever!

#### 5 WAYS TO ATTRACT WILDLIFE TO YOUR GARDEN THIS SUMMER

Looking to make your garden a hotspot for wildlife? Here's a few ways in which you can do it:

- Plant flowers in sunny spots to attract butterflies. Additionally, plant flowers that are rich in nectar
- Provide shelter and lots of food for bees including sugar water, syrup and pollen patties
- Fill tables and hang feeders for birds
- Create a pond area for various wildlife such as frogs, newts and larvae
- Make a pile of leaves or logs to provide shelter for hedgehogs

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND INJURED WILDLIFE

If you find an injured or sick wild animal, we are very fortunate to be located nearby one of the UK's largest wildlife hospitals.

Vale Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation centre is staffed 24/7, and casualties requiring urgent support can be taken into the centre at any time. If you would just like some advice or are unsure if the animal you have found is in need of help, contact the team on 01386 882 288 during the hours of 7am - 5pm.

As of 8 June, Vale have treated 2599 casualties. As a registered charity they rely on public support to continue providing vital aid and education for our British wildlife, with monthly running costs of around £55,000. There are several ways you can get involved with their work from volunteering to fundraising, details of which can be found via their website on www.valewildlife.org.uk

They also run a weekly Saturday Car Boot between April and September at the hospital site in Beckford. It is free entry for buyers, and just £6 per car/ £10 per van for sellers. Set up is from 8am.

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#### **COMING SOON!**

In August's issue we are aiming to feature a profile for a Parish Councillor, so you can get to know the team in better detail and find out their involvement within the PC.

## July puzzler

- 1. On average, how many asparagus spears does one plant produce?
- 2. What animal is displayed at the top of Synehurst?

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- 3. What fruit shares its name with a local village resting place?
- 4. Who is Badsey church's Saint?
- 5. What century does the Wheatsheaf Inn date back to?
- 6. Which monarch does the village fountain commemorate?
- 7. Which former professional cricketer and Worcestershire captain was born in Badsey in 1983?

ANSWERS TO JUNE'S ISSUE: Across - 3. Wickhamford 5. Broadway 6. Blackminster 7. Offenham 8. Aldington | Down - 1. Littleton 2. Honeybourne 4. Badsey 5. Bretforton

## 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 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.

Meeting minutes are available online at www.badseypc.uk

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