



Dust off those dabbers!

Eyes down residents of Badsey & Aldington!

We are please to report another fantastic event is going on in the village: **Christmas Bingo - fundraising for Briarlea Care Home.**

It's all happening at **The Wheatsheaf Inn on 26th November and eyes down will be at 7:00pm.**

There is also going to be a raffle on the night, with some great prizes already promising some very lucky winners. If you would like to donate anything towards the raffle, please get in touch via the details below

You will need to **book your space** to secure your spot on what is sure to be a fun filled evening.

To book, either contact Briarlea through their Facebook page or email: briarleacare@btconnect.com.



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£10 to spend the day sightseeing or shopping

The coach will depart from the Wheatsheaf Inn at 9am, and will return to Badsey for 4:30pm.

To book your place, please contact Shirley Tutton by Thursday 2nd November on 07740 286941 or shirleytutton@talktalk.net.

For more information about Badsey Society's research and events visit www.badseysociety.uk.

Guiding the way in Summer



This summer we attended Megamix, our first camp since 2019. We arrived on Saturday at Beaudesert activity centre and pitched our tents. We then spent four days doing activities with almost 1000 other members of Girl Guiding. These activities included quad biking, shelter building, fire lighting, coracling, crate stacking and more.

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Don't miss our annual Christmas Event!

This year's Christmas Event will take place on **Friday 15th December**.

The event will start with a lantern parade led by children from Badsey First School. The parade will be accompanied by real-life reindeer, and the Badsey Brass Band will provide musical support for traditional carol singing.

We also hope to have a special arrangement for a large, jolly gentleman dressed in red! If he can manage to accommodate us in his busy schedule, he will be distributing selection boxes to the children to celebrate the festive season.



Plus, to give the evening a Christmas market feel, we would like to invite local small gift sellers to set up their stalls for the evening.

If you are interested, please contact Badsey PC Clerk Andrea Evans on either 07591533557 or badseypc@yahoo.co.uk.

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The Beauty of the Double Cluster

By Stargazer

This month's Stargazer brings you two objects for the price of one: the Double Cluster in Perseus.

The Double Cluster is circumpolar, meaning that it can be seen in the night sky throughout the year; but during the autumn it is in an ideal position, nearly overhead during the early evening. If the sky is clear and very dark, you can see the clusters with the unaided naked eye. However, a pair of binoculars or a small telescope will bring out the full magnificence of these two jewels in the night sky.

To find the Double Cluster, first find the "W" or "M" of Cassiopeia, also high in the sky during the autumn and winter. Follow a line from Cassiopeia towards Perseus, and you should find what appears at first to be a fuzzy grey patch. The two clusters of stars are within our Milky Way galaxy in the major Perseus spiral arm. As the sun is in the Orion arm of the Milky Way, we are looking out from the centre of the galaxy into the adjacent spiral arm when we look at the Double Cluster.

The two clusters of stars are quite close to each other astronomically speaking, being about 6800 and 7600 light years from our sun. Although they appear adjacent to each other from our point of view, they are about 800 light years apart, making them close neighbours in astronomical terms.

Each cluster consists of about 300 bright blue stars with a few red giant stars. These bright stars are about 1000 times brighter than our sun, and it is because the stars are so bright that they can be seen so easily over this great distance. We know that these stars are quite young, because these large hot stars only live for a relatively short time, in the region of a few tens of millions of years compared with the 10 billion years for stars such as our sun. From the age of the stars in each cluster we can see that they are relatively young, being only about 14 million years old, and this is very young for such a cluster.

Investigation of the light from the individual stars in the clusters shows that the light is blue shifted. That is, the two clusters are moving towards us, and they are moving towards us at a colossal speed of 24 miles per second (39 km/second)! You will be able to see the blue-white stars with the naked eye, and with the aid of binoculars you should be able to see orange and yellow stars, giving the Double Cluster an almost iridescent quality.

So, during the colder evenings of November, why not wrap up warm, give your eyes a little time to adjust to the dark and try to find the Double Cluster in the night sky. You won't be disappointed as the almost jewel-like quality of the spectacle becomes apparent to your eyes.

Is there truth to the myth?

Last month, for our Halloween edition, we asked if anyone had any thoughts, opinions or even sightings of the legend that is the Badsey Panther. We said you have to see it to believe it - and it sounds like someone has!

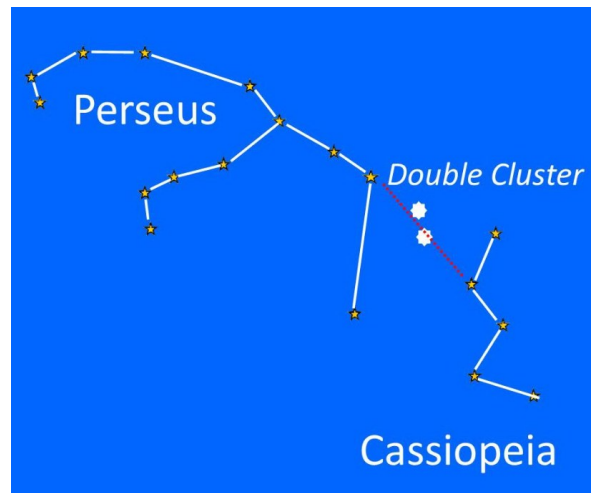
Speaking about his experience with these big cats, local resident and Community News reader Chris said: "Yes, we have most certainly seen a big black cat three times locally, and that was close to what is known as the old 'burnt track' that runs from Willersey Rd to Wickhamford. My youngest son also saw one once here, but our best view of the beast was close to Little Comberton Church, as clear as could be! It was very near the road, but we couldn't pull over in time. "Both of these sites are in areas inhabited by their favourite prey: roe deer."

Claims surrounding the panther's existence are few and far between, but there are a number of local residents who are certain they've seen a big cat roaming around at one time or another over the last few decades - even as close as Badsey Spar! But is there any truth to the claims?

According to the British Big Cats Society, they have received hundreds of sightings across the Midlands in the last eight years, and experts say these animals - if they do exist - could be the result of big cats being released into the wild around 45 years ago.

Before strict laws were introduced over the ownership of large cats in 1976, animals such as panthers were popular and prized pets. But, when the law changed and expensive licences were required, many of them had to be let go.

Clearly, we do have some dark beasts roaming among us...be sure to keep your wits about you, particularly as the nights creep in!



Puzzler

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER...

Can you answer the below questions about the history of Guy Fawkes Night?

1. What was Guy Fawkes' real first name?
.....
2. What year did the Gunpowder Plot take place?
.....
3. Bonfire Night is celebrated on the anniversary of the failed attempt to blow up what?
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4. Who is the Catherine Wheel named after?
.....
5. What speed (in mph) will a typical rocket firework reach?
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6. Which museum houses Guy Fawkes' lantern?
.....
7. Which King did the plotters aim to assassinate?
.....

ANSWERS TO OCTOBER'S PUZZLER: 1. Cauldron 2. Pumpkin 3. Spider 4. Frankenstein 5. Ghost 6. Bat 7. Sweets 8. Dracula/Vampire



The Badsey Flower Show Committee has been back together again to plan the 2024 Flower Show, and we have a date for your diary!

**The 121st Badsey Flower Show
will take place on:
Saturday 27th July 2024**

Plus, a couple of announcements from the BFS committee...

Entry to the Flower Show is **CASH ONLY**. We can't speak for stallholders (many provide their own card machines), but the entrance gates will only accept cash.

We are looking for volunteers to spare anything from an hour to an afternoon to help make the Show a success!

The committee is always looking for extra help with the setting up and taking down of the Show throughout the weekend, as well as car parking and other duties. Whether you are free on the Friday evening before the Show or Saturday afternoon after the event, even an hour of your time is extremely valuable to us!

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Badsey Film Club



Luvvies!

The next film will take place on
Saturday 4th November @ 8:00pm

We will be showing:

AMSTERDAM (15)

The story is based on a 1933 political conspiracy in the United States, and follows three friends who seek to uncover the circumstances following the mysterious murder of a retired U.S. General.

The film starts at 8pm in the back room of the Wheat-sheaf, and we sell ice creams at the mid film interval.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The December film will be **OPPENHEIMER**, which starts at 7:30pm on Saturday 2nd Decemer.

If you would like to be an official member of the Badsey Film Club, it's just £5 per year. For more information, contact Alan Tutton on 01386 831539

Do you have trouble getting to the pub for a hot, fresh roast dinner on a Sunday? Or know someone who does? Then why not have it delivered to you!

The Round of Gras is offering OAPs a roast delivery service heading into the colder winter months. For just £12, residents can have a fresh roast dinner and a dessert brought straight to their door between 12pm and 1pm every Sunday.

To find out more, get in touch with the Roundof Gras on 01386 830206

AVONBANK BAND - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Come along and celebrate the festive season with us at
St James Church, Badsey on
Friday 8th December at 7:30pm.

Admission is £8 (£4 for children under 12), and includes both wine and mince pies.



At our September meeting, we were enthralled with a talk by Fiona Gibson about honeybees. She explained about their anatomy, their many senses and how they work. Did you know that honeybees are most sensitive to the blue end of the spectrum of colour?

Fiona also brought a variety of plants to demonstrate the flowers that these buzzing insects love, and a small case with clear sides so that we could see the small community at work. It was a fabulous talk enjoyed by all.

On 11th October, our Annual General Meeting took place. Alongside the statutory business, our WI Advisor gave a short talk about how the Badsey WI is run and its relationship to the Worcestershire county federation. As usual, the meeting ended with tea/coffee and cake.

Our next meeting will take place on the 9th November, and will be at Wayside Farm Shop for a talk by Tom Cumberland about sausages!
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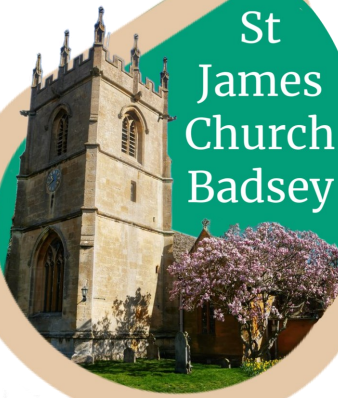
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Words from the Reverend

The sound of marching feet, 'left/right, left/right', and then the words of command: "Parade Halt", followed by "Parade Dismiss".

These are the memories of the last Parade in which I took part. It was the annual 'Air Officer Commanding' Camp Inspection and Parade at RAF Valley, in Anglesey. Shortly afterwards I would leave the Royal Air Force, after nine years' service in the Accounts Department. Plus, because I was tall, I was also called upon on numerous occasions to be part of the Guard of Honour at the various camps at which I served.

Whilst I did not face any 'theatres of war', I was in Germany at the time of the Cuban Crisis, which was quite nerve-racking due to the uncertainty of Russia's intent with its stand-off with the USA.

This month we celebrate Remembrance Day, and over the past few years my wife and I have had the privilege to read out the names of the men from Badsey who died in the two World Wars, and to realise the great sacrifice they made for the freedom of our country. They 'gave their today for our tomorrow'.

As we remember their sacrifice, let us also bring to mind the fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, gave His life and died so that we might have salvation and eternal life with Him.

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Date for the diary:

December Band Concert:
FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH - 6:30PM- 7:30PM
Avonbank Band in concert in Badsey church,
details to follow .

Services this month

Please see noticeboard 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

Currently the benefice are in a vacancy which will affect pattern of services.

Services in Badsey this month will be:

12th November	10:45am	Remembrance Day
19th November	11:00am	Eucharist

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Roe Deer

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In the fields, roe deer and pheasants stroll out in search of their food. Pheasants were first introduced in the 11th century by the Normans. Although they are artificially reared for sport, now, we have a considerable wild population surviving by their own efforts. The most common male locally is the Lady Amhurst pheasant, introduced in the 18th century with the distinct white ringed neck.

Underneath the water of our ponds and brooks, many types of nymphs thrive on the vegetation ready to emerge next year as dragonflies, damselflies and pond skaters. On the surface of the water, ripe bulrushes give shelter to ducks, moorhens and swans. The Aldington mill pond hosted two mandarin drakes last winter. A welcome colourful visitor!



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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. Also, we now have spare laptop computers that you can use during the sessions if you can't bring your own.

During November and December, we shall meet on:

- **Monday 13th November**
- **Monday 27th November**
- **Monday 11th December**

Each week we will give little hints and tips to help improve you get the best out of your computer, and give a little more depth in how to use specific applications.

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1. How long have you been on the Parish Council?

I have worked alongside Badsey & Aldington Parish Council since June 2012.

2. What post on the Parish Council do you hold?

Parish Clerk

3. What sub-committees are you on?

Planning, Events Committee, Land Committee (Pear Tree Fields project), and Burial Ground Committee

4. What's your favourite village event?

Christmas! Although it was my first time helping with the Soapbox Race this year, which was fab!

5. How long have you lived in the parish of Badsey & Aldington?

Although it feels like I live here sometimes, I actually live in Offenham.

6. Where were you born?

Walsall, West Midlands.

7. What's your favourite meal?

Spanish tapas!

8. What's your favourite holiday destination?

Seville, Andalucia and Cawsand & Kingsand, Cornwall

9. How would you describe your music taste?

Anything and everything! Lewis Capaldi, Tom Grennan, Mimi Webb and everything in between and before and after - but never Taylor Swift! I have been to a million concerts!

10. What's your claim to fame?

Reversing into Gordon Ramsey on his bike - I narrowly missed him! I also sat next to David Cassidy at a Wham concert too!

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO GET INVOLVED WITH PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITY:

- Attend Parish Council meetings - see above for future dates and times.
- Get involved by volunteering - you may have a special area of interest such as play spaces or funding, contact PC clerk on the details above!
- Involve the Parish Council on groups or associations within the village so that the Parish Council can keep you updated with relevant information.
- Have a look at the agendas for upcoming Parish Council meetings - share your views on issues affecting Badsey and Aldington. Each meeting has a public forum at the start, to voice your view - alternatively if you are unable to attend in person you can write, phone or email the Clerk or a Councillor using the contact details above.

Date of next meeting:
Wednesday 15th November

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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