



July 2024

July brings the 121st Badsey Flower Show!

It's that time of year again! The 121st Badsey Flower Show is almost here! **Head down to Badsey Recreation Ground at Sands Lane on Saturday 27th July to explore everything your local community has to offer, including food, crafts, games and entertainment.**

Bring your parents, bring your children - and bring your dogs, of course! Everyone is welcome, so arrive from 1pm for a fun (and hopefully sunny) afternoon!

Entries for the show are still open, and there are plenty of classes to get involved with, suitable for all ages! If you, or someone you know can bake the best lemon drizzle cake, takes eye catching photographs or can sew like a pro - get entering! There is also a great variety of junior classes for the younger generation to have a go at. *The best thing? Entry is only 20p per class!*

"How do I enter?" Entries can be made online or in person. For online entries go to www.badseyflowershow.co.uk and click on the entry form tab. Online entries close 5pm on Friday 19th July 2024. For in-person entries, please either download the entry form from the website above, or collect a flower show schedule and post into the 'entries box' located in the Spar shop on or before 5pm on Sunday 21st July 2024.

Want to see the Badsey Flower Show continue? It needs your help! The hunt for helpers and volunteers to aid the Flower Show is always a difficult one, and we regret to inform you all that if urgent help is not received this year, the Badsey Flower Show will not be able to continue past 2024. After more than 120 years in operation, we would hate for such a historic legacy to end so abruptly. So if you would like to take on the role of Chairman, join the Committee in another capacity, volunteer on Show Day or simply lend a hand here and there, they want to hear from you! For more information, please attend the helpers meeting at Badsey Community & Sports Club on Monday 1st July at 7:30pm, or contact the Flower Show Committee at info@badseyflowershow.co.uk.



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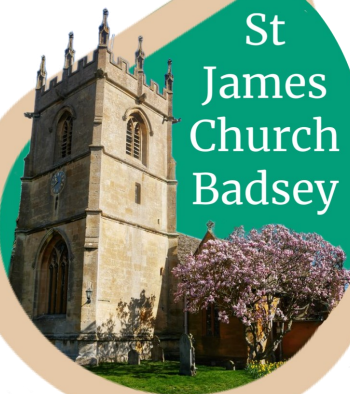
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Day off is usually Fridays.

Please do get in touch with Jo directly for any enquiries about weddings/baptisms/funerals across our group of parishes or alternatively you can contact our administrator (see above for details)

Services this month

Please see the 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

Date	9.30am Morning Praise/ Family Service	11:00am	Other Services
7th Junly 6th After Trinity	Badsey	Offenham Eucharist Cleeve Prior Eucharist	
14th Junly 7th After Trinity	Bretforton	South Littleton Eucharist	3:00pm Bretforton Pet Blessing Service
21st July 8th After Trinity	Offenham	Badsey Patronal Service Eucharist Cleeve Prior Eucharist	
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Embracing change

Dear Friends,

How do you feel about change? Are you a big fan of new tech, ahead of the curve with wireless chargers and a phone with a fold-ing screen – or do you find much-needed security in a world changing far more quickly than is comfortable, by doing things care-fully in a time honoured way, with tried and trusted tools and methods?

My son is definitely Team Tech, but I am way behind, trailing reluctantly in his wake. I still listen to CDs sometimes, and I finally made it onto Twitter just in time to see everyone departing for other platforms (where IS everyone?). But I do try to recognise when change needs to happen, especially when I can see that new ways of doing things can help us do a job better, or will bring a fresh viewpoint. We stopped holding Evensong services here in the Vale quite a while before I arrived (in November last year), as very few people wanted to come to them anymore.

But we are holding our first 'Forest Church' in a couple of weeks, where we will gather in one of the churchyards, hoping - or ra-ther, expecting - to find some much-needed peace among the trees, flowers and birdsong. We will take time to feel the grass be-neath our feet, the sunshine on our faces, and allow the sights and sounds around us to help us breathe freely, or just to sit quietly and peacefully in God's presence and with each other. (If you would like to come to a session, please get in touch and I can send you details.)

I am also a fan of new (or new-ish) technology when it can solve a current problem that stops us doing the things that we want to continue doing. So, in our Sunday morning services (we still have these most weeks in at least two of our churches in the Vale) or any other services (weddings, funerals, baptisms) we often still want to sing - and while our hymns and songs are drawn from old and new material, we sometimes can't get an organist.

While we would love to be able to sing along to "live" music (and if you play a keyboard, or anything else we could sing with, we would love to hear from you!) – we are able to use Bluetooth speakers and playlists on phones to enable the music to shake the aisles.

I also really love seeing "old" ideas worked out in new ways, with people bringing their own creativity and ideas to church events and special services throughout the year. We have had some really beautiful poems or other texts read alongside the Bible read-ings in baptisms, weddings and memorial services. Last week I watched as a bride came walking down the aisle towards me, accompanied not only by her dad – but also her (beautifully-behaved) dog who sat carefully between bride and groom, avoiding the dress and flowers, all the way through to the end.

In our changing world, where so many people struggle to get through a day, what are the things (habits, technology, people) that help make your life just that bit easier, or enable you to rise to a particular challenge? And where are the places - or the people - that you can turn to when you need some peace, where you can feel welcomed, listened to, and where in turn your voice can be heard and your gifts can be recognised?

I hope that anyone could find a reassuring welcome at any of our services or our midweek events, regardless of whether we are using any technology or none, whether we are inside or outside, formal in the pews or relaxing with a coffee on a bench outside in the sunshine. All are welcome in this place.

God bless you,

Rev. Jo Fielding revjo.eastvale@gmail.com 07561823135

Computer Club

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 10:30am 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. Also, we now have spare laptop computers that you can use during the sessions if you can't bring your own.

Over the next two months, we shall meet only on: Monday 8th July
We will then take a break for the summer before starting again on Monday 2nd September.

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. **In July, we will look at how to use Autopilot, an Artificial Intelligent system that can be used to help create documents and reports.**

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Honouring the fallen: 80 years since D-Day

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended our quiz night back in May - we were so pleased with the turnout and are happy to report that a total of £293.03 was raised for your Community News!

Our gratitude goes to (but isn't limited to):

- Alex Christison, Elizabeth Bolland, Anne McCombie and the PCC for their help with organising the event and the raffle
- Jo Bennett for designing the advertisements and posters
- Badsey Community & Sports Club for allowing us use of the function room and bar
- Chris Smith for his quizmaster skills
- Alan and Shirley Tutton for setting the (rather quirky) questions
- **Everyone who formed a team and took part!**

Following the success of our quiz, more fundraising events like these will be organised to not only ensure the Community News's longevity, but also to go the extra mile to bring us all together. So keep checking each month's issue for more details!

Musical Soirée and Garden Party

Friday 12th July @ 19:00pm

On Friday 12th July we shall be holding a musical soirée in the garden of Alan and Shirley Tutton. Please join us to listen to the Chameleon Wind Quintet who will be playing a selection of light and popular classics.



Badsey Society Committee member, Helen Green, is a member of the group. Bring a picnic, if you wish, and folding chairs if possible – though some will be available on the night.

Helen plays the oboe and will be joined by Helen Foster (flute), Claire Burnell (horn), Simon Grew (clarinet) and Sue Lupton (bassoon). The ensemble was formed in 2010 by a group of local players.

They play regularly throughout the West Midlands, including Sinfonia of Birmingham, Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra of St John, Redditch Symphony Orchestra, the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra and the British Police Symphony Orchestra. The ensemble derives its name from the many colours used by a chameleon – hence the link with the differing individual sounds of each instruments of the ensemble.

For more information on how to join in the evening - please contact The Badsey Society on history@badsey.net or contact the Tuttons on 01386 831539.

PLUS: Come along and see us on our stand at the Badsey Flower Show on Saturday 27th July, and find out what the society has been doing this year! There will also be publications for sale.

Membership of The Badsey Society costs £5. Please pay via Paypal at <http://www.badseysociety.uk/the-badsey-society/subscriptions>, or contact the Treasurer, Will Dallimore, on 01386 831012.

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This powerful movie celebrates the life and struggles of Bob Marley by showing his rough childhood, growing up in Jamaica and finding his first love at a young age. It also depicts the inspirational story of the attempt on his life and the growth of his musical career.

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



Date for Your Diary:

Next month's film will be **Glass Onion: A Knives out Mystery**, showing on **Saturday 3rd August** at 8pm.

Contact Alan Tutton on 01386 831539 or send a message via our Facebook page. If you would like to be an official member of the Badsey Film Club, it's just £5 per year.

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Sightings of the Swan

By Stargazer

The constellation of Cygnus, also known as The Swan, is one of the most compelling and easily recognisable features of the summer night sky. It only takes a little imagination to see the constellation as a large swan, with its long neck and outspread wings flying each night across the summer's sky.

This constellation is rich in stellar diversity, containing some of the brightest and most intriguing stars observed from Earth. It lies on the plane of the Milky Way and contains a wealth of interesting astronomical objects.

Cygnus is steeped in various myths, most famously from Greek mythology. One story tells of Zeus transforming himself into a swan to seduce Leda, the Spartan queen. Another myth involves the musician Orpheus, who was turned into a swan after his death and placed among the stars.

Of the stars that make up the constellation, Deneb (Alpha Cygni), the tail of the swan, is the brightest star in Cygnus. It is a blue-white supergiant and one of the most distant stars visible to the naked eye, roughly 2,600 lightyears from Earth. Deneb, which means 'tail' in Arabic, is part of the Summer Triangle asterism, along with Vega in Lyra and Altair in Aquila.

Its immense luminosity and distance make it a vital standard candle for measuring astronomical distances. Deneb's future is just as spectacular; in only a few million years it is expected to end its life in a supernova explosion, enriching the interstellar medium with heavy elements.

Another significant star is Albireo, located at the beak of the swan. Albireo is a famous double star, visible through small telescopes, with a striking colour contrast between its components: one golden and one blue. This beautiful pairing is situated about 430 light-years from Earth. The physical separation of these stars and their distinct colours make Albireo a favourite target for stargazers exploring the wonders of binary systems.

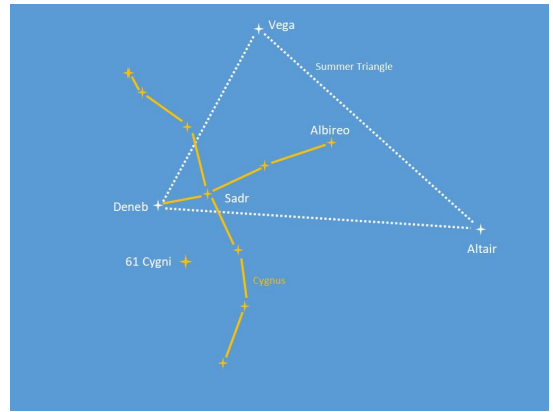
61 Cygni is one of the nearest star systems to Earth, at just over 11 lightyears away. This binary system comprises two orange dwarf stars, both smaller and cooler than the Sun. It was the first star system to have its distance measured using parallax by Friedrich Bessel in 1838, making 61 Cygni historically significant in the field of astrometry. Additionally, its proximity and similarity to the Sun have made it a target in the search for exoplanets and potential habitable environments.

Located at the heart of Cygnus, Sadr marks the swan's chest. This yellow-white supergiant is about 1,800 lightyears away and is embedded within a rich field of stars and nebulae. Sadr, also known as Gamma Cygni, is surrounded by the Gamma Cygni Nebula (IC 1318), an emission nebula that adds to the visual splendour of this region. The star's association with active star-forming regions makes it a subject of interest in the study of stellar nurseries and the lifecycle of stars.

Perhaps the most intriguing system in Cygnus is Cygnus X-1, a strong X-ray source that harbours a stellar-mass black hole. Located approximately 6,000 lightyears away, this system consists of a supergiant star and a black hole in a tight orbit. Cygnus X-1 was one of the first sources to provide compelling evidence for the existence of black holes, significantly influencing the study of these enigmatic objects. The X-ray emissions result from the accretion of material from the supergiant onto the black hole, offering a dramatic view of stellar evolution and death.

The constellation of Cygnus is a fascinating subject of study, rich in mythological, historical, and scientific importance. Its unique combination of bright stars, deep-sky objects, and significant astronomical discoveries makes it a vital part of both the cultural heritage and scientific endeavours in understanding the universe. Whether seen with the naked eye, through binoculars, or with powerful telescopes, Cygnus continues to inspire and intrigue skywatchers and astronomers alike.

So, why not take a few moments on a clear warm evening over the next few months to look up at this wonder.



BADSEY SOAPBOX RACES RETURN!

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST - KNOWLE HILL

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The day starts with Scrutineering from about 10:00am at the Wheatsheaf Inn,
Practice from about 11:45am and Races from about 1:00pm.

HELPERS NEEDED!

While the racers prepare, the event hosts would also love to hear from anyone willing to volunteer some time to support with the event!

Whether you can just support with morning set up or you'd like to get the best view whilst marshalling please get in touch! **Head to badsey-races.com and sign up on the 'Helper Sign-Up' tab**

Jane Neill's Nature Notes...



July is at the heart of our summer, though the days are beginning to shorten. Holidays are a time to explore the countryside and seaside with all that nature has to offer. Wild flowers abound, and woundwort was certainly known from Greek times onward for its healing properties. The crushed leaves were used on cuts and wounds and when made into an ointment, a cure for aching joints.

Irritating though we find flies, they are a vital insect species. There are up to 100,000 types of flies worldwide, with 5,200 in the British Isles. They include the largest, the crane fly, that hatch from the leather jackets nurtured in the ground whereas the blood-sucking mosquitoes emerge from water-borne larvae. Flies such as the bee fly and hoverflies are seen feeding on flowers. Many prey on aphids, so are the gardeners' friends. There are flies that feed on carrion such as the bluebottles, blowflies, house flies and horse flies. Swallows, house martins and swifts feed on flies on the wing. It is said that when swallows fly, low rain is on the way. It's a sight that always takes my breath away.



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Puzzler

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4. P _____	5. O _____	6. E _____
		
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Date of next meeting: Wednesday 24th 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



Meet your Parish Councillors! This month we talk to Colin Steventon.

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

"I have had the pleasure of being part of the Parish Council for the last year. I have been amazed at the amount of work that is done behind the scenes by the dedicated team of councillors."

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

"I serve just as a councillor, but am proud to do so."

3. What sub-committees are you on?

"I am part of the Events subcommittee, and again have been surprised by the work and dedication shown by the team to put on the various events throughout the year."

4. What's your favourite village event?

"My favourite event is the Christmas one, it is great to see so many villagers, especially the children, having such a great time."

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

"I have lived in Bowers Hill for the last 16 years."

6. What's your favourite meal?

"My favourite meal has to be my wife's Sunday roast."

7. How would you describe your music taste?

"Music has not played a big part in my life, but I am partial to a bit of heavy metal."

8. What's your claim to fame?

"Only claim to fame is representing England at Fencing - swords, not wooden!"

PLANNING UPDATES

Residents will be interested to learn that planning application W/23/02227/OUT for 35 houses off Bretforton Road has been REFUSED by Wychavon District Council with three main reasons giving grounds for refusal. The full documentation can be found on the Wychavon Planning Portal.

Your voice matters! Whether to support, object or comment on development proposals within the village, **have your say!** Please go through the Wychavon Planning Portal, and the individual application to make your comment. If you need support using a computer - please contact the Computer Club on 01386 831539.

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