



August 2024

Reflecting on the month of August

August...summer. Well, I wish someone would tell the weather that it's summer! As I write it is the second week of Wimbledon, and it seems that the outside courts are permanently covered! I do hope we get some good weather whilst the children are off school. Very often the weather only improves when the autumn term starts!

For many people, August is holiday time – and sunshine makes all the difference. It's important that we take time to recharge our batteries; even Jesus felt the need to do that. He often went away from the crowds, sometimes with his disciples, sometimes on his own, to think, to pray and to rest.

I belong to a group of people who meet every two months, and our January meeting is always a silent retreat at Holland House in Cropthorne. We gather for coffee at 10:00am and after that we go into silence, and take space just to sit and read, or to walk and pray. We don't speak until our evening meal at 6:30pm, and then we make up for the silence by catching up with each other's news! I really value that time. No agenda, just being present in the moment.

We don't all have that opportunity, although Holland House has a monthly Garden Quiet Day. The next one is on 22nd August - if you would like a day away, take a look at their website.

If you have a holiday planned in August, I hope the weather is kind and that you enjoy some rest and relaxation. If you haven't got anything booked, please try to take some time for yourself, even if it's just a walk in the beautiful countryside which we are fortunate to have on our doorstep. Taking time out is important for our physical and mental health.

I wish you a good (and sunny!) summer, and pray that you will find time to relax.

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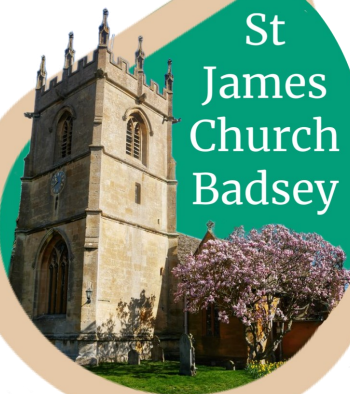
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Day off is usually Fridays.

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 do take the opportunity to share fellowship and enjoy worship in any of the parish churches in our benefice. Due to restricted availability of service leaders during the holiday season we are offering one service each Sunday in one of the benefice churches. **All services will be Eucharists and held at 10am.**

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4th August 10th After Trinity	Offenham: 10am Eucharist
11th August 11th After Trinity	South Littleton: 10am Eucharist
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Baptisms **Chloe Webb** (Offenham)

Mackenzie Miller (Offenham)

Poppy Nobes (South Littleton)

Weddings **George Anderson & Gemma Walker** (Badsey)

Russell Andrews & Tara Wheatley (Badsey)

Peter Davis & Emma Wright (Bretforton)

Funerals **Ruth Downing** (Badsey)

Geoffrey Lippett (Bretforton)

Doris Nevin (South Littleton - burial in North & Middle Littleton)

Gillian Ellis (Internment of Ashes - North & Middle Littleton)

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Here is a rundown of how the day will play out:

Date: Sunday 25th August

Location: Knowle Hill, Badsey

Entry: FREE

10am: Scrutineering at the Wheatsheaf Inn

11:45am: Practice

1pm: Races!

Fancy lending a helping hand?

While the racers prepare, the event hosts would 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!

To volunteer, visit www.badsey-races.com and sign up on the 'Helper Sign-Up' tab



Have you been to Evesham Car Boot?

A visit to the **Evesham Car Boot** last month was indeed a most pleasant one! Based on Knowle Hill, it runs **every Wednesday throughout summer until October** (weather dependant of course) and is free for buyers to enter. I found there to be ample selection of traders to peruse, yet not so dauntingly large that I was exhausted by the end of it. There is a food van there, as well as good access to parking including disabled parking facilities. It's quite a sociable event, with all the sellers I met very pleasant and willing to engage in conversation. I had a lovely chat with a kind chap, who was there fundraising for the Midlands Air Ambulance, from whom I purchased a few very modestly priced plants.

For those wishing to have a summer clear out, selling prices are also very reasonable - cars £7, vans £10 and gates do open at 5:30am but there is more of a relaxed vibe about the place as opposed to the hectic crowds of Southam for example. There is also no need to book a pitch, just turn up!

Since the closure of Studley Car Boot and Bidford Car Boot as well now ceasing, our Evesham Car Boot does a commendable job at offering an alternative whether you are bargain hunting or looking for a bit of extra cash.

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Did you know that National Peace Day following World War I was almost held in August?

Although the guns fell silent on 11th November 1918, peace wasn't officially declared until 28th June 1919. The British War Cabinet initially wanted to wait until August for celebrations to be held; however, King George V was adamant about the date being 6th July.

But how did Badsey celebrate the end of the war?

Villagers of Badsey came together for a variety of activities to celebrate Peace Day. There were children's sports, church bell-ringing, a special service at St James Church (for which the Vicar at the time, Rev. Allsebrook, played the organ in the absence of an organist), a competition for the best decorated bicycle and perambulator, and tea was had by both children and those over the age of 70. A procession through the village was planned, but quickly aborted due to relentless rainfall, and the sports events that were also postponed due to the rain were resumed two days later in front of a large crowd. Former resident Charles Binyon's diary accounts for this day, and reads:

"After tea we finished the children's sports in the Stockey. There were a great many people there. The other sports were held at the same time. We had some excellent tussles. It is interesting to see how certain families shine on these occasions. The potato race was very popular, this was open to boys and girls, but although some of the girls got into the final, in the end the prize winners were all boys. The obstacle race was won by some quite small boys. In the high jump, the winner, Clarence Willis jumped 3' 8". We finished about 8.30. The slow bicycle race was then on. Philip Crisp won this well. Other races went on until nearly 10. Then I came home to illuminate this house, which I did with candles stuck in flowerpots behind coloured glasses. I had just time to join the torchlight procession which looked very pretty. We went all round the village. We got home about 10.30. After there were some most brilliant lights on Broadway Hill. I could see to read by it here."

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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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.

The Computer Group is taking a break throughout August and will return in September on the following dates:

- **Monday 2nd September**
- **Monday 16th September**
- **Monday 30th 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. We will start in the autumn by looking at email, with hints and tips about how to filter your incoming emails. Everyone is welcome.

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

Find us on Facebook!

We now have our very own Facebook page! Search 'Badsey & Aldington Community News' to find us!



Badsey Film Club

Our film in August has been postponed due to holidays. Our next film will be on **Saturday 7th September**.

We will be showing:

Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery (12a)

A tech billionaire Miles Bron invites his friends for a getaway on his private island when someone turns up dead and everyone is a suspect. An outstanding cast brings comedy to a layered plot.

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

Dates for Your Diary:

Wicked Little Letters (Saturday 5th October)

Back to Black (Saturday 2nd November)

Wonka (Saturday 7th December)

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August & The Little Bear

By Stargazer

As the year moves on into August the light evenings are beginning to draw in. The astronomical twilight that lasts all night in May, June and July has passed, and we now get true black dark skies again.

This month's stargazing object is visible throughout the year, but has been obscured by the lighter northern evenings. Almost everyone would recognise the constellation of The Plough, also known as Ursa Major, or the Great Bear. It is also widely known that the end two stars point towards the Pole Star, that is also known as Polaris. However, what is less known is that Polaris is part of its own constellation that appears to be a mini version of the Plough - known as Ursa Minor, or the Little Bear.



At present, the Plough is low down in the northwestern sky in the early evening. Ursa Minor is on the opposite side of the Pole Star, and is therefore higher in the northeastern sky and in a good position to be seen. The stars forming Ursa Minor, apart from Polaris, are quite faint and can only be seen when the sky is very dark. These stars are easily obscured by twilight or the glow from streetlights; we are quite lucky here in our village that the skies are just dark enough to see this wonder of the night sky.

Polaris lies at the heart of Ursa Minor. It is a triple-star system consisting of a yellow super giant and two smaller stars that are just a little larger than our Sun. This system is 340 light years away. Polaris acts as a reliable reference point for navigation since it appears nearly stationary, while the other stars in the sky rotate around it. This is why astronomers in the northern hemisphere use Polaris to quickly align their telescopes.

The second brightest star in Ursa Minor is Kochab, which is a red giant and appears to have a yellow-orange hue. A red giant is a star at the end of its life, and Kochab has expanded to the extent that its radius is now 44 times the size of the Sun. It is 130 light years away, and it has a large planetary companion that is about six times the mass of Jupiter and orbits the star every 522 days. The other stars in Ursa Minor, in order of brightness are:

Pherkad

A large supergiant star that has a white hue and is 490 light years away. It is incredibly hot with an outer temperature of 8280K, compared with the Sun's outer temperature of only 5700K. It is 1100 times more luminous than the Sun and has a radius of 15 times that of the Sun.

Yildun

Another supergiant star that is similar to Pherkad and is 172 light years away.

Epsilon Ursae Minoris

A binary star that does not have a traditional name and is only known by its catalogue name. The two stars orbit each other every forty days and are 300 light years away.

Zeta Ursae Minoris

A white star that is six times larger than the Sun and is therefore a great deal hotter. It is 370 light years away and spins so fast that there is a bulge at its equator.

Eta Ursae Minoris

A yellow-white star that is a little larger than the Sun. It is 98 light years away and may have an orbiting companion star.

Strangely, despite being at different distances from our solar system, all these stars appear to be drifting towards the Sun at varying velocities of between three and ten kilometres per second. As the stars in Ursa Minor are relatively dim compared to other constellations, it is a little challenging to observe them under heavy light pollution. However, by finding a dark location and allowing one's eyes to adjust, Ursa Minor's characteristic shape becomes easier to discern. If you get the chance to sit outside on a warm evening in August, why not take a little time to identify the intriguing constellation of Ursa Minor?

Do you have 30 minutes per month to help the community news?

With your help, we have managed to turn the Community News around and make it a great success with our readers - and we thank you for that!

However, we have had a few spaces come available for deliverers of the magazine, specifically around [Synehurst Crescent](#) (41 copies) and [Banks Road](#) (45 copies).

Are you passionate about your Community News and keen to deliver it to fellow readers? If so, please contact Alex Christison on 01386 830367 or xtison13@gmail.com.

Jane Neill's Nature Notes...



August marks the end of summer with cooler nights, though the days are warm. The meadows, woods and hedgerows are abundant with insects large and small, and our footpaths are full of surprising plants.



Good King Henry is a green plant easily unnoticed. It's a member of the goosefoot family, introduced by the Romans as a vegetable, and the leaves were used as spinach is today. It also likes well manured ground.



August is the month our gardens fall silent, as the birds take advantage of the natural larder at a time they moult their feathers ready for the winter. Moulting can make flying difficult; geese and ducks are completely grounded while they moult. It can take up to six weeks so it is a stressful time for the birds.

Young birds, such as goldfinches and robins, have dull plumage to protect them from territorial males at this time. We had a fine example of how territorial birds are when we recently had a rotten chestnut tree cut down in the village.



The jackdaws displayed real dismay at the loss of their roost by wheeling round and round en masse vocalising their anguish for some days. Happily, they've moved to the healthier chestnut tree next door!

Puzzler

Some common items and areas found in a church are hidden in the wordsearch below. Can you find them all?

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Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th September

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

POSITIVITY IN THE PARISH

JUNE 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

1. We are in discussions to improve mobile signal strength in the village.
2. We are supporting the Scouts with their time capsule project.
3. Exciting soap box plans underway - Volunteers needed!

For more info please see our June meetings minutes.

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We are a friendly little team of residents, so if you'd just like to give back to your community or looking for experience to fill the CV - we would love to hear from you. Email us, or get in touch via our Facebook page!

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