



September 2024

Preparing for harvest

It is September 1950 and I am stood by the school gate with my classmates awaiting a very important arrival, which we could hear coming but not yet see. Suddenly, around the corner, it appeared belching smoke and steam - a traction engine towing the threshing machine, a baler, and the workman's mess vehicle, amongst other items.

The excitement was intense, but more so to the local farmers for whom the arrival of the threshing contractor on the farm was a greatly anticipated event. It would be a time when all the hard work of the previous months would be rewarded; in fact, it would be a time of great celebration.

Today, there are very few threshing contractors because the majority of farmers have their own combine harvester, which with only a one-man operation can carry out a complete harvest in a fraction of the time. What a difference 70 years can make!

In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, we read, "For as long as Earth lasts, planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, will never stop." We plant the seed, then by faith we wait, and then finally we harvest and enjoy the fruit.

During the next few weeks there will be much harvesting taking place on our village farms, which should bring a time of rejoicing and thanks that, once again, God has helped us to accomplish that which He has always promised: a harvest to feed us, even if the weather has not been the best.

Watch out for the Harvest Festival celebration in your local church and go along to join in giving thanks that once again, "The harvest has been safely gathered in".

Rev. Ralph Bolland

Retired Priest



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Following a successful first year last year, St James Church and the Badsey Society will once again be participating in this national event!

The church will be open to visitors from 10am until 4pm each day, with exhibitions about the history of the church and the village. Visitors will be able to view the medieval graffiti in and around the church, and a leaflet showing the location of some of the notable buildings will be available for visitors who would like to take a stroll around the village.

There will also be guided walks to visit these locations at 11am and 2pm on both days.

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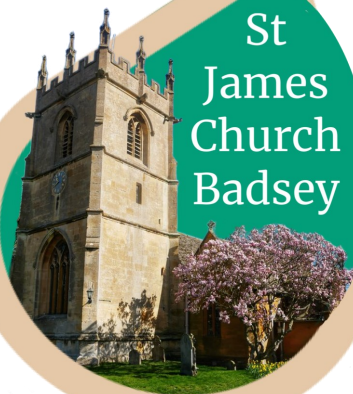
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Day off is usually Fridays.

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)

Gather for a Family Eco Day and Picnic

10.30am-2.30pm, Mon 2nd Sept 2024

St Leonard, Bretforton

Join in an eco-themed, family activity day at St Leonard's, Bretforton. We'll be painting pebbles, making bug hotels, measuring the yew trees, planting bulbs, looking for wildlife, and having a picnic in the churchyard. So, bring along your lunch, a drink and a picnic blanket.

We look forward to seeing you!

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1st September 14th after Trinity	Cleeve Prior 10am Eucharist	Offenham 2.30pm Time for Tea followed by 3pm service
8th September 15th after Trinity	Bretforton 9:30am Morning Praise	South Littleton & Cleeve Prior 11am Eucharist
15th September 16th after Trinity	Offenham 9:30am Morning Praise	Badsey 11am Eucharist with Baptism and Cleeve Prior 11am Eucharist
22nd September 17th after Trinity	South Littleton 9:30am Family Harvest Service	
15th September 17th after Trinity St. Michael	South Littleton 11am Benefice Eucharist and Patronal Service with celebration after service	

Services this month

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Entries in the Baptisms, Weddings & Funeral Registers - July 2024

Baptisms **Alfie Abbott** (Bretforton) **Michelle Everall** (Bretforton)
 Kerry Gemmell (Bretforton) **Sam Gemmell** (Bretforton)
 Finley Gemmell (Bretforton) **Laura Hunt** (Bretforton)

Weddings **Daniel Humpston & Cassie Wilks** (Badsey)
 Scott Shuard & Amy Lewis (Badsey)
 Simon Paget & Georgina Roberts (Cleeve Prior)

Funerals **Sarah Wright** (Badsey)
 Annette Metcalfe (South Littleton)
 Gillian Gould (Cleeve Prior)

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Take a trip to Berkeley Castle and Dr Jenner's House!

Take a trip to Berkeley Castle and Dr Jenner's House on
Tuesday 10th September 2024!

This promises to be an interesting and informative day out. The coach will leave from The Wheatsheaf, Badsey at 9:30am, returning to Badsey for 5:30pm. The cost will be £35, and will include:

- Coach travel
- A guided tour of Berkeley Castle
- Entrance to Dr Jenner's House

Lunch can be purchased from the Kitchen Garden Café, or you can take a picnic.

Berkeley Castle has been the home of the Berkeley family for 850 years and is one of the March castles built to keep out the Welsh. It is the oldest building in the country to be inhabited by the same family who built it. Its archives date from 1154 and contain around 25,000 documents relating to the estate.

We will begin our visit with a guided tour of the castle, followed by lunch. Then we will visit Dr Jenner's house, where Edward Jenner developed the idea of smallpox vaccination, and see the Temple of Vaccinia where he established a free vaccination clinic in his garden. There will then be free time to follow the Jenner Trail (details available from Dr Jenner's House), or to visit St Mary's Church before returning to the coach to leave at 4:30pm.

If you would like to come along, please contact Shirley Tutton on 07740 286941 or shirleytutton@talktalk.net to reserve your place.

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.

Tales from the Newsroom with David Wood

Want to know what happens behind the scenes of your local news stories?

David Wood will be giving a talk organised by the Badsey Society this month, entitled Tales from the Newsroom: Life at the Worcester News in the 1970s and 1980s. Come along to hear more!

Date: **Friday 20th September 2024**
Time: **7:30pm**
Location: **Badsey Community & Sports Club**
Price: **Badsey Society Members - Free**
Non Members - £2.50

Badsey Remembrance Hall is Autumn ready!

Badsey Remembrance Hall is heading into the autumn season with freshly cut grass and trimmed hedges, thanks to Chairperson Marcelle Wilks and her husband James.

The outside now looks as pristine as the inside, and is open for bookings for a range of events including parties, meetings and more.

To enquire, please contact Marcelle on either 01386 833256 or 07776300959.

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Evesham Archery Club hosts Archery GB's 50+ Championship

Hot on the heels of a friendly match with Redhill Archery Club on Saturday 3rd August, Evesham Archery Club played host to ArcheryGB's 50+ Championships! Archers from all over the country descended on the field of Badsey Community & Sports Club to shoot at 50 and 60 metres, with competitions for medals in the men's and women's recurve, compound, barebow, and longbow categories.

After a quick morning qualification round, Stuart Wood-Evans led the men's recurve with 629/720, complemented in the women's recurve by Alison Page with 582. In the compound, Stephen Edward (678) and Pauline Burfitt (660) led the way, with Mike Barnett (604) and Patricia Hotchkiss (587) leading the barebow division. Finally, in the longbow division, Kevin Macey led the men with 410 and Rachil Cecil led the women with 280.

The event broke for lunch before the all-important head to heads! These would decide the final medal positions, with a top-plays-bottom-seed format, eventually whittling down to the final winners.

Final Results			
Recurve	Compound	Barebow	Longbow
<u>Men's</u> Gold: Stuart Wood-Evans Silver: Kevin Barrett Bronze: Allan Horne	<u>Men's</u> Gold: Justin Twigg Silver: Shai Qureshi Bronze: Stephen Edwards	<u>Men's</u> Gold: Alan Holder Silver: Philip Lawrence Bronze: Mike Barnett	<u>Men's</u> Gold: Kevin Macey Silver: Scott Williams Bronze: Graham Peters
<u>Women's</u> Gold: Alison Page Silver: Sonia Zenati Bronze: Karen Williams	<u>Women's</u> Gold: Pamela Duncanson Silver: Pauline Burfitt Bronze: Alison McCulloch	<u>Women's</u> Gold: Patricia Hotchkiss Silver: Victoria Williams Bronze: Hellen Baillie	<u>Women's</u> Gold: Judy Krasker Silver: Rachel Cecil Bronze: Samantha Hookway

The next day saw the Worcestershire County champs, where Lee Edwards and Bridget Evans took gold in the recurve categories, Shai Qureshi and Evesham's Jacque Holmes winning the compound categories, with Steve Mitchell and Helen Brown winning the barebow. A final congratulations has to go to Fang South for her victory in the longbow category!

Well done to all archers who took part, and a **huge** thanks to the members of Evesham Archery Club who helped make this day a reality. Without their tireless voluntary work and dedication, we would not be able to hold such nationally-acclaimed events!

We'd also like to say thanks to our judges on the day: Sue Richards, Andy Stanford, Jasmine Simpson, and Evesham's very own Saskia Bakker and Luke Wilson.

If you are interested in giving archery a try or have any questions, please feel free to visit us at www.eveshamarcheryclub.com.

Luke Wilson

Evesham Archery Club

Badsey Guides & Rangers

It's the end of another term, and so far this year Badsey Guides and Rangers have been doing:

- Geocaching
- Crafts
- Water activities
- Cooking on fires
- Easter Bingo with Harvington Guides
- Mocktail making
- A trip to the Three Counties Show

We also have two Guides going on trips very soon: one to Scotland later this year as part of a group from Girlguiding Midlands, and another selected for an exciting trip to Finland next summer with Girlguiding Worcestershire!

Looking to join a Guiding or Rangers group? Or know someone who would?

Sign up to join the Girlguiding website or email us at badseygirlguides@gmail.com.

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Rock 'n' Roll the night away with Micky Dee!

Guitar and vocalist Micky Dee is inviting you to rock the night away as he performs hits of the 50s, 60s, and 70s at Honeybourne Village Hall on **Saturday 21st September**.

Doors open at 7pm with an £8 entry fee, which entitles you to both entry and one free drink. Tickets can be purchased either on the door or in advance at www.honeybournevillagehall.org.uk.

A prize raffle will also be taking place at the event - so put on your dancing shoes and have a Saturday night to remember!

A Quiz Night for All!

Join us for an exciting quiz night to raise money for your local church, open to anyone and everyone! Quizmaster John Dallimore has compiled a varied set of questions tailored to the average quizzier, ensuring that members of every team will have the answers somewhere in their brains!

A raffle will also take place during the interval - if you would like to donate a prize, please leave it at St James Church before Saturday 7th September.

To book your table*, please contact any of the following:

- Yvonne Haynes at ymhaynes@gmail.com
- David/Yvonne Haynes on 01386 830063
- Alex/Penny Christison on 01386 830467

We look forward to welcoming you all!

**Entries on the door are subject to table availability, so we recommend booking in advance*

Date:
Friday 13th
September 2024

Time:
7pm for a 7:30pm start

Location:
Badsey Community & Sports Club

Price:
£3 per person
Teams:

Maximum of 6 people
per team

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.

Dates for Your Diary. Over the following months, we will be showing:

- **Wicked Little Letters (Saturday 5th October)**
- **Back to Black (Saturday 2nd November)**
- **Wonka (Saturday 7th December)**

Everyone is welcome and entry is free, but we ask for an annual donation of £5 to cover our running costs. For more information, contact Alan Tutton on 01386 831539.



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Spotting Saturn

By Stargazer

Now that we are into September, we have darker evenings and (hopefully) good enough weather to bring warm clear nights for observing. This time of year is often perfect for star gazing, and at present we have an ideal object to look out for in the evening sky.

The planet Saturn is in opposition on Sunday 8th September - that means that it is in a perfect position for early evening viewing, being on the opposite side of the Sun to Earth. The word 'planet' means 'wanderer', and they are given this name because the planets wander through the constellations forming the zodiac, and while in opposition, Saturn, like any other planet, undergoes periods known as 'retrograde motion'.

Although Saturn primarily moves eastward, it occasionally appears to appear to move westward against the background stars. This occurs when Earth, in its faster orbit, overtakes and passes the slower-moving Saturn. Saturn goes into retrograde motion approximately once every year for around four and a half months. The exact duration and frequency of retrograde motion can vary slightly, depending on the relative positions of Earth, Saturn, and the Sun.

Astrologers appear to place great importance on the annual motion of the planets, but looking at many websites, their advice is quite vague, and I am afraid completely contradictory. The apparent motion of a planet which is some ten times further from the Sun than Earth has no influence on our lives, and most people living in cities have never seen Saturn in our skies.

In our village we are lucky enough to be able to see Saturn quite easily with the naked eye. At present, Saturn appears in our southern skies as a bright, star-like object. A good set of binoculars or a small telescope will normally show the famous rings of the planet, but unfortunately at present they are nearly edge on to us and may be difficult to see. However, you may be able to see the brightest moon of Saturn, Titan, that appears as a small bright dot alongside the planet.

Titan is the second largest moon in the solar system and has a dense, opaque atmosphere. It is also the only moon of another planet that we have so far visited with a lander and received back images of the surface! Titan's surface has lakes and rivers, but these are lakes and rivers of methane, not water. At roughly ten times further from the Sun than we are, very little of the Sun's heat arrives at Saturn and the surface temperature of Titan is about 180 degrees below 0 Centigrade.

The Huygens probe landed on Titan in January 2005 and took some wonderful photos of the surface, showing a riverbed with pebbles that were probably formed from solid water, ice, and methane. There are plans at present to send another probe to Titan, only this time it will take the form of a helicopter with the hope of gaining even more exciting images of this strange alien landscape. The Dragon Fly mission is due to take off in July 2028, and arrive at Titan during the mid-2030s.

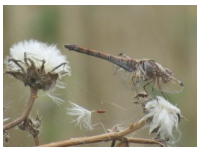
There has been a small helicopter on the surface of Mars, known as Ingenuity, but Dragon Fly will be much larger. The lower gravity on Titan and thick atmosphere means that it can be much larger and carry a heavier payload. Dragon Fly will weigh about three quarters of a ton. Apart from cameras, it will carry a seismometer, instruments to measure atmospheric pressure and wind speed, as well being able to sample soil. This will be a very exciting project!

So, on a clear evening in September, why not take a few moments to look for a bright dot in the southeast that is the planet Saturn. If you have a small telescope, you will not be at all disappointed by the sight that awaits you.



Jane Neill's Nature Notes...

Autumn starts in September, bringing misty mornings and dewy evenings. Red admiral butterflies feed on the fallen plums and apples found in the orchards and hedgerows, and peacock, tortoiseshell, speckled wood, and comma butterflies are still on the wing. Plants disperse their seeds in a variety of ways: by wind, birds feeding, explosive pods, and seeds sticking onto passing animal fur and clothes.



Ants are still active; they are social insects related to bees and wasps. Ants live in nests containing hundreds and sometimes thousands of infertile female workers, males, and queens, which produce the tiny white eggs I've seen when disturbing a nest. There are more than 30 species in Britain, but the black garden and red ants live most closely with us in our gardens.



Ants are one of the most numerous and important animals on Earth; they control greenfly and aphids by extracting their honeydew. They also feed on invertebrates and other ants. However, in the garden and in pots, they can cause irreparable damage to the roots of plants and raise unwelcome humps on our lawns. The red ant can sting, but no more than an irritation. The green woodpecker is a welcome visitor, because it loves eating ants!



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!

We have officially found a volunteer to deliver copies of the magazine around Synehurst Crescent! However, a space for deliverers to Banks Road (45 copies) is still available.

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.

Help! Did the clock Dong instead of Ding?

Those of you who listen closely to the church clock striking may have noticed some irregularities in the chimes over the past couple of months. The clock had its annual service a couple of weeks ago by Time Assured. The clock's time keeping mechanism has no problems and is running to time, as this was fully overhauled when the clock face was restored in 2021.

Time Assured, one of the best specialists in church clocks in the country, are the Heineken of Clock specialists in that "they reach the parts that other specialists don't!" They have found that the very convoluted mechanism that activates the hammers to strike the bells is in a parlous state. We have been unable to establish when this was last refurbished but it is certainly not within living memory. The clock was installed in the church Tower in 1903, over 120 years ago, so it is to be expected that wear and tear will have taken place. We humans often find that we suffer wear and tear to our joints long before that!

Time Assured have quoted for a repair to the system which, as you can imagine, is not an easy job. The whole of the train of wires and some of the levers will have to be replaced, these of course are not off the shelf items and will need to be manufactured using the old ones as templates. Anyone who restores classic cars will know the expensive feeling when spare parts are no longer available and new ones have to be made from scratch.

This, as you can imagine, is a time-consuming project and is reflected in the quoted total price of £3120. Our forebears left an amount of money to the church in their wills for clock repairs, but this will only cover about 10% of the cost.

We need to raise the sum of £2,800 to complete the repairs and thus preserve a part of the village heritage. If you can help by donating towards the repairs the whole village community will be grateful. You can do this in various ways: -

- By bank transfer to - Parochial Church Council Badsey St James Church, sort code 30-93-11, Account number 00263405. Please use "Church Clock" as the reference.
- In cash, in the donations box just inside the church door.
- By cheque or cash in an envelope addressed to the PCC Treasurer, 10 High Street, Badsey, WR11 7EW.

If you are able to GIFT AID your donation, please include a statement to that effect with your donation giving your name and address as that will enable us to claim an extra 25% from HMRC. The Appeal will run to the end of October 2024 unless the sum is reached earlier. In the event of any surplus funds, these will be held in the reserves designated for any future Church Clock maintenance.

Thank you.

Computer Club

The Badsey Computer Group aims to give a helping hand to anyone seeking to gain confidence in using their computer. Sessions are very informal, usually with a short discussion of a chosen topic and then plenty of time to answer individual issues.

Sessions take place on alternate Mondays in the back room of The Wheatsheaf starting at 10:30am, and lasting about an hour and a half. We took a break in August, and will be returning in September on the following dates:

Monday 2nd September

Monday 16th September

Monday 30th September

We will start in the autumn by looking at E-mail, with hints and tips about how to filter your incoming E-mails. Everyone is welcome.



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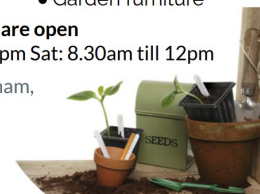
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Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th September

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

Badsey Flower Show

On behalf of the Badsey Flower Show Committee, we would like to thank everyone who helped make the 121st Show a great success! These photos only scratch the surface of what a wonderful day it turned out to be.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, entered the Show classes, held stalls, and generally did their part to make the 2024 Show one to remember.

Fancy being a part of planning next year's Show?

Why not join the committee or volunteer yourself as a Show Helper?



Photography Classes for 2025 To give everyone the opportunity to take their best photos, we are publishing the details for next year's competition.

Division B: Seniors (Class 34) One photograph, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant of **By Gone Days**.

Division G: Children Aged 5-7 (Class 114) One photograph, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant of **My Dinner**.

Children Aged 8-11 (Class 129) One photograph, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant of **My Dinner**.

Young People Aged 12-15 (Class 134) One photograph, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant of **My Dinner**.

Division I: General Photography (Classes 201 to 206) Up to 5 photographs, un-mounted and unframed, taken by the entrant, maximum size 5 inches x 7 inches (13cm x 18cm) on the topics of:

View Through A Gate **View Over A Hedge**
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