We will remember them

It is Monday 19th February 1962 and I am stood in a large room with approximately 80 other young men at RAF Bridgenorth. We had volunteered to join the RAF.

Suddenly, above the noise of the conversations, a voice rang out, "Which one is Bolland?"

I ambled forward and replied, "I am".

The man, dressed in a smart uniform with three stripes on his arm, looked at me with steely eyes and bellowed out, "I am, Sergeant, and stand to attention, you are in the Royal Air Force now". He wasn't a bit like the nice Sergeant at the Leicester recruiting office.

I had been called forward because the Leicester Mercury evening newspaper was running an article on my first few days of service, and the reporter and cameraman were there to see me. I had signed on for nine years which completely changed my life, as being in the accounts department meant that I was able to have a career in office management in later life.

Also, through the ministry of The Solders and Airman's Scripture Readers Association I became a committed Christian, and so throughout the past 62 years I have been able to share the Good News of the Gospel with hundreds of people. As I think back to that day, I think of the many thousands of men and women who did not volunteer, but were conscripted to fight for this country in the two World Wars.

Sunday 10th November is Remembrance Sunday, when we come together in the churches of our Benefice to remember all those who gave their lives in the two World Wars, in order that we might enjoy a sense of freedom today.

Revd (Retired) Ralph Bolland

Macmillan Coffee Morning: How much did we raise?

The Macmillan Coffee Morning recently held in the village raised £305.95 for vital cancer support, and we are so grateful for everyone who made cakes, served tea, and gave donations to help such a worthy cause.

Penny Christison



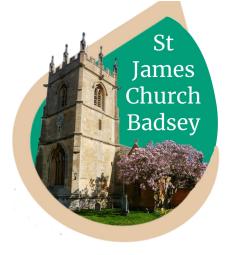
With your help, we have managed to turn the Community News around and make it a great success with our readers - and we thank you for that! We have officially found a volunteer to deliver copies of the magazine around Synehurst Crescent! However, a space for deliverers to Banks Road (45 copies) is still 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.









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Day off is usually Fridays.

Services this month

Please contact the Benefice Administrator Faith Quinn (details above) for all enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

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

	9:30am	11:00am	Other	
3rd November	Badsey	Offenham	Badsey	
All Saints and All Souls	Morning Praise	Eucharist	4pm All Souls Service	
	Remembrance Services all 10.45am			
	Badsey			
10th November	Bretforton			
Remembrance Sunday	Cleeve Prior			
	Offenham			
	South Littleton			
		Badsey		
17th November	South Littleton	Eucharist	Offenham	
2nd Before Advent	Morning Praise	Cleeve Prior	3.30pm Pet Blessing Service	
		Eucharist		
24th November	Offenham	Offenham	South Littleton School	
Christ The King	Morning Praise	Eucharist	4pm Messy Church Advent	
30th November			Cleeve Prior	
(SATURDAY)			6pm Patronal Festival	
St Andrew				

Regular Benefice Events

Mondays in term time 8.45am to 11.00 am Drop In at St. James Church Badsey

Primarily for adults with pre-school children. Free cuppa toys music and a chance to chat

Tuesdays in term time Bretforton Toddler Tunes Bretforton

Community Club 10am to 11.15am

Music time for mothers, babies and toddlers, a time to sing, play and chat with refreshments

Badsey Wednesday Work Group

This is a building and churchyard maintenance volunteer group which meet regularly on Wednesday morning. Everyone welcome to join this sociable and friendly group even if it is just for tea and biscuits.

First Thursday of each month Coffee Morning St. James Church Badsey

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat!

Entries into the Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals registers

<u>Badsey</u>	Baptisms	Sophia Oddy Annabelle Oddy Platon Voznesenskyi	
	Weddings	Mark Bristow and Julia Ward	
	Funerals	Joan Jones	
<u>Bretforton</u>	Baptisms Funerals	Ella-Louise Richardson Olivia-Mae Richardson Tommy-Luke Richardson Raymond Cleaver	
<u>Offenham</u>	Baptisms	Rory Howard	
	Weddings	Christopher Whittock and Fern Canning	
North and Middle Littleton	Funerals	Janice Reeves	



Would you like to meet our German Benefice Partners?

For the past 25 years the churches in our Benefice have been in partnership with churches in Germany, in villages near Halberstadt. This is an early call for you to put the dates in your diary, as we have been invited to visit from 10th to 14th August 2025 and will be looking to book our flights from Birmingham early in the year.

The visit has both secular and religious elements, but the main part is building of friendships. Most of our hosts speak English, so do not be put off if you don't speak German! You will be responsible for paying for your travel, and your accommodation will be with hosts.

For more information, please visit the Benefice's website at www.eastvaleavon.com, or contact Alex Christison on xtison13@gmail.com or 01386 830367.

Badsey Flower Show

Mark your calendars!

The Badsey Flower Show committee have had the first two of their monthly meetings ahead of next year's Show, and they've finalised a date!

The 122nd annual Badsey Flower Show will take place on Saturday 26th July 2024.

More details are to follow, so keep your eyes peeled in future issues and on the Flower Show's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Badseyflowershow.



Computer Club

If you feel that you wouldn't know how to start with a computer or are afraid to use it in case you break it, why not come along to one of our computer group sessions?

The Badsey Computer Group aims to give a helping hand to anyone who seeks 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. This moth we shall be revisiting photo editing and introducing concepts surrounding programming.

During November the sessions are on the following days:

- Monday 11th November
- Monday 25th November
- Monday 9th December

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

Don't forget! Tune in to 'Melodies of Success' broadcast live every Monday from 7:00pm-9:00pm.

Hosted by Badsey's own Luke Briffett!







Calling all residents.....Can you help?

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council need your help on Saturday 16th November 2024 (weather permitting) to remove dead trees and sleeves at its site at Pear Tree Fields, Willersey Road, Badsey. This will make way for mowing.

In return, we will offer bacon and sausage sandwiches and tea and coffee for a couple of hours work commencing at 9.30am.

Help shape this space for use by all.

Thank you in advance.

If weather is not suitable, date will be moved to 23rd November 2024, updates on our Facebook page.



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Introducing...the Badsey Belles!

Following the re-launch meeting in September, the WI officially formed a Badsey branch on 2nd October 2024 with a brand new name - the Badsey Belles! The turnout for the meeting was fantastic, and more than 30 members have joined the group so far.



The new committee is looking forward to planning an exciting and diverse programme of events over the coming weeks, so watch this space for more information. Going forward, the group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Remembrance Hall with the next meeting on 6th November.

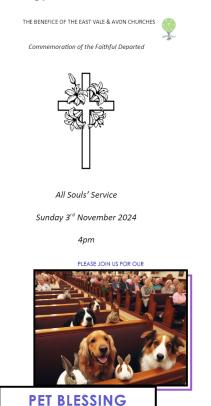
If you would like to know more, please feel free to pop along to the meeting or contact Sally on sgrainger@wfedwi.org.uk. All women over 18 are welcome to come along and join - we look forward to seeing you soon!

Upcoming events:

If you have an upcoming event - please let us know!

Email badseycn@gmail.com or send a message to The Badsey & Aldington Community News Facebook page!





17 November 3.30pm at Offenham Church



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Badsey Film Club



The next film will take place on Saturday 2nd November

We will be showing:

Back to Black (15)

This is a biographical drama based on the life of Amy Winehouse as she journeys through adolescence into adulthood and recording one of the best-selling albums of all time.

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

Next month, we will be showing: Wonka (Saturday 7th December)

Everyone is welcome and entry is free, but we ask for an annual donation of £5.00 to cover our running costs.

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

Badsey Society - Festive trip to Hereford!

Come and join us on a festive trip to Hereford on Friday 6th December!

The coach will leave the Wheatsheaf, Badsey at 9:30am, returning for 5:30pm.

There are two options:

Participants can spend the morning taking part in guided tours of Hereford Cathedral, including the Mappa Mundi, Hereford's famous medieval map, and the Chained Library, followed by a buffet lunch in College Hall. After lunch, there will be time to visit the Christmas Market and indulge in some Christmas shopping. The cost for this will be £35 a head including lunch.

Alternatively, why not spend the whole day exploring the city or shopping at the Christmas Market? The cost for this will be $\mathfrak{L}10$ a head. Hereford Christmas Market is open from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and takes place in High Town and Commercial Street, close by the Cathedral. There will be 30 to 40 artisan stalls in addition to traditional market stalls and hot street food and drinks.

If you would like to come along, please return the booking form to Shirley Tutton at shirleytutton@talktalk.net, or by hand to 34 Seward Road, Badsey WR11 7HQ by Friday 15th November.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, or BACS.

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.



Looking to get cosy in front of a fire this autumn and winter?

Little Farm Logs, run by Simon and Yvonne, supplies both barn and kiln-dried wood with less than 20% moisture to areas throughout the Costwolds and the

Vale. Little Farm Logs provides logs and firewood for both commercial and domestic use - perfect for those November bonfires or warm nights at home!

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Having a go with radio astronomy

By Stargazer





The summer constellations are just about past, setting just after sunset, and the winter constellations rise early with the Pleiades and Taurus visible at sunset and Orion rising in the east at about 9 o'clock. While writing this article at the beginning of October, the last month or so has been generally very poor for observing the night sky. Thick clouds, rain and general bad weather has obscured all chance of a good evening observing. Let us hope for better weather in November, but a clear night can now bring its own difficulties with the potential for frost, which can mist up the optics on telescopes and binoculars.

One magnificent sight in the constellation of Taurus is the giant planet Jupiter. It is so bright that it is easy to recognise against the background stars. Through a small telescope or binoculars is easy to see the four moons first seen by Galileo in 1610. Through a slightly larger telescope you can see the brown stripes in the upper clouds of the Jovian atmosphere, and with luck you will see the great red spot, a storm that has been raging for at least 400 years.



With the prospect of bad weather and Jupiter being in our skies for at least six months, an alternative to optical astronomy is to have a go with radio astronomy. Jupiter is the source of some very strong radio wave emissions from massive storms within its cloud systems. When Voyager 1 flew past Jupiter in 1979, NASA scientists were shocked by the strength of the magnetic field surrounding the planet; at 20,000 times stronger than Earth's magnetic field it nearly tore the craft apart.

We don't normally think about magnetic fields, and in normal life on Earth they have no effect on us. However, the magnetic field close to Jupiter is so strong that it would induce electric currents

within our bodies, causing convulsions and probably cardiac arrest. One of the consequences of this strong magnetic field is that with the Moon, being so close to Jupiter, interacts with the magnetic field, creating fantastically large thunderstorms within Jupiter's atmosphere. These electrical storms also create incredibly high-power radio signals that can be detected here on Earth.

The large shortwave transmitters we have here produce about 500 kilowatts of power, and Jupiter's storms produce radio signals that have a power measured in terawatts - that is over a million times stronger than the largest shortwave transmitter on Earth. These signals pass across the 588 million kilometres of space between the two planets, and several different types of signals that can be received here on Earth.

With an old shortwave radio you may hear sounds similar to waves crashing on a beach, or crackles similar to someone crushing a crisp packet, or high and low-pitched whistles. These signals can be received on the shortwave band of a radio between 10MHz (30 metres) and 30MHz (10 metres). Below 10MHz the Earth's ionosphere tends to reflect the signals away from Earth, and the signals tend to fade off in strength between 30 and 40MHz. A frequency of 20MHz (15 metres) is clear of broadcast signals and is ideal for receiving Jovian radio signals.

Few people will have a shortwave radio these days, but there is a very low-cost way to build a small radio telescope. A company called NooElec sell a USB dongle that plugs into a PC, Mac or Raspberry Pi for only £26.00. This is a package called Software Defined Radio, or SDR, and including amplifiers and connecting cables, a full kit of parts needed to receive radio signals from Jupiter will cost about £80. As for an aerial, you only need a long piece of wire or even the internal aerial within the radio.

So, in November and for the next six months or so, why look out for Jupiter in the night sky? And for the really adventurous amongst you, why not try tuning in your old shortwave radio and listen out for radio signals from another planet?

Jane Neill's Nature Notes.

St. Martin's day, or Martinmas, on 11th November, is traditionally the start of winter and named after a Roman soldier who was baptised as an adult and became a monk. From the late 4th century to the late Middle Ages, St. Martin's Eve was a night of great feasting as it was followed by 40 days of fasting, echoing nature's dearth at this time.

Bats, hedgehogs, and door mice are the only British mammals that truly hibernate for the winter. Wild flowers have mostly vanished by the end of the month, retreating into the ground along with annual seeds to survive the harshest weather and be ready to grow in the spring.

Trees are looking bare and devoid of life, but the buds are very much alive, being covered in firm, tight-fitting scales as protection against frost, snow, and rain. Each tree bud is distinct and takes many shapes and colours of red, grey, green or brown. It is a time to appreciate the true shape of each type of tree.

Most air flying insects disappear from sight, except on sunny days, and ground insects become inactive. Birds seek shelter in the woods and hedgerows feed on the seeds and berries. Have you spotted our Northern visitors (the fieldfares and redwings) yet?







Local electrical company celebrates 25 years in 'Buzz-iness' with Charity Ball

About the Event

Evesham-based electrical company Buzz Electrical Ltd is hosting a charity ball to celebrate 25 years in business! The black-tie ball will take place on Saturday 16th November 2024, in The Orangery at Wood Norton Hotel, near Evesham.

Tickets are £70.00 each, and the evening will include a sparkling drinks reception followed by a three-course dinner, raffle, auction, and dancing, all in aid of Action Bladder Cancer UK.





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The Backstory

Business owners Steve and Sue Owens began Buzz Electrical Ltd working from their Badsey home in 1999, after Steve had worked for 20 years as a self-employed electrician following completion of his electrical apprenticeship, employing just one person in the early days.

In October 2022, Steve was diagnosed with bladder cancer, which resulted in him having his bladder removed in February 2023. He now lives with a urostomy stoma, and is having ongoing immunotherapy treatment for secondary bladder cancer in his lungs.

Without the wonderful work of charities like Action Bladder Cancer UK, Steve and many others wouldn't be here today. So, help Buzz to raise much-needed funds towards such a good cause, and raise awareness of the 10th most common cancer in the UK.

How to Book Tickets

Speaking about the ball, Buzz Eletrical Ltd's Managing Director Steve Owens said: "2024 is a momentous year for us, and we felt it was important to do something special and support a cause which is close to our hearts. This year marks the anniversary of 25 years of Buzz Electrical Ltd, and we are delighted to be celebrating with family, customers, suppliers, friends and our team."

"It is testament to our fantastic and dedicated team who all work so hard, which has enabled us to invest in growing the business, creating new jobs, and focusing on continuous improvement over the years which has allowed us to be successful."

"The anniversary ball promises to be enormous fun, with a chance to raise awareness and funds for a charity which has a special meaning to us. We have been incredibly fortunate to have had local business support the event by donating some very generous prizes, and we are looking forward to Wood Norton Hotel hosting our very special evening."

To purchase your tickets, email sue.owens@buzzelectrical.co.uk

Action Bladder Cancer UK works to improve outcomes for bladder cancer patients by raising awareness of the signs and symptoms. For more information about various aspects of bladder cancer, treatments, and other issues, visit: https://actionbladdercanceruk.org/.

On behalf of St James Church, we would like to thank everyone who organised and supported last month's quiz! Special thanks go to:

Will and John Dallimore for setting the questions Chris Smith for being the quizmaster Badsey Community & Sports Club for hosting the event

The quiz raised £281 which will go towards funding the church, and for that we are most grateful. Thank you all!









Badsey & Aldington Parish Council

The Parish Council can be contacted by:

Email badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

Phone 07591 533557 (Mon - Thurs 9.30am to 3pm)

Website www.badseypc.uk.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 16th October

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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On behalf of the editorial team, we'd like to thank you for your contributions and making last month's issue a success!

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