



A CASCADE OF POPPIES, A CALL FOR PEACE

Year after year, we remember the fallen of WW1, WW2 and all the subsequent conflicts with their loss of so many lives. Perhaps we think, 'Will mankind ever learn a lesson from the past?', or, 'Will the ongoing conflicts ever be resolved?'

Do we need to ask ourselves if it is really necessary to be in conflict with our neighbour, family, employer or even our friends? Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." - John 14:7

I trust the various displays of poppies around the Benefice villages will be a reminder of the fallen, and give us determination to find personal peace in our own lives. This year, there will be a wonderful cascade of poppies on the outside wall of Badsey Church, crafted by the Badsey Belles WI and friends. I am sure it will be worth a visit!

Elizabeth Bolland
Churchwarden

THE END OF A MUSICAL ERA AT ST.JAMES

It is with great sadness that we announce that Mrs Marlene Atkinson has resigned from her position as organist and Director of Music at St. James Church and Leader of our ladies' choir. She is leaving us after over 30 years of voluntary service, for which we are eternally grateful.

Marlene has played at all our regular Sunday services and for many special services, as well as for numerous baptisms, weddings and funerals. She has organised choir practices and introduced many new hymns and worship songs. In her time, many vicars have come and gone, and service patterns and liturgies have changed.

Her commitment and devotion to our church have been outstanding. We shall miss her so much, and we wish her health and happiness in her retirement.

For the time being, we are reliant on music backing tracks - but we hope that someone in our community will volunteer to take on this role in the future.

Chris Smith
Churchwarden

Save the dates - Upcoming Christmas events in December:

AVONBANK BRASS BAND CONCERT

Start the celebrations with our usual CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT with THE AVONBANK BRASS BAND
Friday 5th December at 7:30 pm
at St James Church, Badsey

Tickets: Adults £8.00 | Children £4.00
(Ticket price includes wine and mince pies)

For more information, head to Facebook - Avonbank (Evesham) Brass Band or email #contact@avonbankbrass.co.uk

LIGHTS, CAROLS, AND CHRISTMAS CHEER – DON'T MISS OUT!

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council invites you to come along and join in with the festivities on **Friday, 12th December from 6pm.**

We will have:

- * Music from Badsey Brass Band
- * A lantern parade from the children of Badsey First School
- * Dancing from Elemental Border Morris Dancers
- * Plenty of carols, mince pies and hot food
- * A visit from Father Christmas
- * A real-life reindeer!

If you are interested in having a stall, please contact the Parish Council on badseyipc@yahoo.co.uk or **07591553557** for more details.

We would love to see you there!

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR, EMMA KEARSAY

By far the biggest issue raised with me since I became your Worcestershire County Councillor is speeding and road safety through and in the village. The main concern is with the Bretforton Road with drivers not adhering to the 30mph speed restriction. You are also worried about the Aldington turn as it sits outside the 30mph zone.

The speed data collected says the average speeds are not over the speed limits, and you may know that recent speed enforcement by the Evesham Police team did not show anyone speeding. But, you as residents see and experience different to that, and it's your concerns that I'd like to address.

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) are very effective at slowing drivers and changing their behaviour. There are VAS signs in the village, but I'd like to strengthen that by working with the Parish Council and utilising my Divisional Highways Fund to convert the existing signs (that require charging) to solar powered. This means the VAS will always be working 24/7 and take away the need to be taken down and charged.

The Parish Council do a great job of maximising the VAS signs we have by moving them around across the different locations. I'd like to maximise that coverage by - subject to what the traffic regulations allow - providing the maximum number we can have, to be operational on all the sites continually.

The VAS signs do slow drivers and they do change behaviour. With that, along with the regular enforcement action by the police, I hope to slow the traffic to a noticeable difference to make our roads safe for us all.

If there's anything I can help with, please feel free to contact me at ekearsey@worcestershire.gov.uk

SIGNPOST BROADWAY: DATES FOR NOVEMBER DROP-INS

Signpost Broadway is a help resource centre for those feeling stressed and anxious about personal problems.

They're open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 1pm, and have regular drop-in dates throughout November!

- **Monday 10th, 10am-11:30am: Bereavement Drop-In Cafe**
- **Wednesday 12th, 7pm: CPR & Defibrillator Course**

Citizen's Advice

We are delighted that Citizen's Advice will be returning to Signpost monthly! Session will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 1:30pm until 3:30pm.

The next session will be on: **Thursday 6th November**

Appointments can also be made from 1:30pm-2:30pm, and drop-ins from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

For more information, please call 01386 859029 or email info@signpost.info

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HISTORY OF BONFIRE NIGHT?

Find out in our November quiz!

Complete the traditional Bonfire Night rhyme: 'Remember, remember, the fifth of November...'

1. What was Guy Fawkes' real first name?
2. Who was the leader of the group that planned the Gunpowder Plot?
3. In what year did the Gunpowder Plot take place?
4. It is believed that fireworks were invented where in the world in the 2nd century BC?
5. Bonfire Night is celebrated on the anniversary of the failed attempt to blow up what?
6. 13 people took part in the Gunpowder Plot. True or false?
7. What fake name did Guy Fawkes use when he was caught guarding the barrels of gunpowder?
8. Which King did the plotters aim to assassinate?

OCTOBER ANSWERS: 1. Sunday 2. Autumn 3. Making mooncakes 4. August 1st 5. The Corn Spirit 6. False 7. Thanksgiving 8. Olives 9. Sweet red bean or lotus seed paste 10. Rice

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A YEAR OF FRIENDSHIP, CAKE AND COMMUNITY – HAPPY BIRTHDAY BADSEY BELLES



October was a special month for the Badsey Belles WI as it celebrated its **1st birthday since** the relaunch of the WI in Badsey. And we celebrated in style, hosting almost 50 women at a meeting with supper, fizz and the most fabulous birthday cake!

We had two talks during the evening. The first was from one of our members, Jess, who reminded us about the importance of regularly examining ourselves for signs of breast cancer and the second was from Dr Clair Crockett of the Newson Clinic, who gave a very informative talk about all aspects of the menopause before hosting a Q&A session.

Thank you to Clair, Jess, Alice (our lovely member who made our birthday cake) and Carolyn (one of our committee members who made some yummy gluten-free cupcakes).

Our next meeting will be at **7.30 pm on 5th November** at the Remembrance Hall, when we will be hearing from the Guide Dogs about the important work that they do. All women over 18 are welcome, and tickets for visitors will be £5 (cash paid on the door).

We have also now collected all of your wonderful handmade poppies, and these will be displayed in the Church very soon in honour of the Remembrance Period this year. Thank you for all your help with this project.

If you would like to attend a meeting or find out more about our WI, please contact our secretary, Lucy, at badseybellessec@wfedwi.org.uk or visit us on Facebook or Instagram.

FIVE TOWERS, TEN BELLS, TWENTY RINGERS – ONE GRAND DAY OUT FOR THE BADSEY BELLRINGERS



We had a very successful Badsey Bellringing Tour in August, which saw around 20 ringers from Badsey and surrounding towers visit five different church towers in Herefordshire.

We met at 8 am at St James's Badsey on a very sunny Saturday morning and jumped in our hired minibus to our first church (also St James), in Cradley, which has eight bells. Next was Madresfield's St Mary the Virgin, with six bells, then Coleall's St James with ten bells.

We stopped for a delicious lunch at The Chase Inn, Colwall (we definitely recommend a visit if you fancy lunch out, as it's a great pub in a great scenic location).

We then went to Followed All Saints in Coddington, which has six bells, and finally to St Michael and All Saints in Ledbury, which, after a lottery grant, has gone from six to ten bells and rings absolutely beautifully - smooth and tuneful!

Each church tower has its challenges, whether it's the steps (sometimes steep spirals and very narrow towers), the bells themselves (sometimes suspended from a platform way above the church or cathedral - not great if you don't like heights), or the fact that the bells are very old and difficult to ring. One of the things that Bellringers do is 'collect' towers, so collecting five in one day is a bonus!

We then returned around 7 pm for a few drinks in The Wheatsheaf.

St James Badsey is part of The Four Shires Guild of Bell Ringers, which was founded in 1909 (Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire), and we have a monthly meet-up. **On Saturday, November 15th, it is our turn to host so we will be ringing from 7.30pm til 9pm.** It's a great opportunity to meet fellow members from the four counties!

Besides this, in November we will be ringing before all the services and Monday night practice night from 7.30-9pm.

BADSEY FILM CLUB

The date of Badsey's Film Club is changing and moving to the second Saturday of each month. This is because of Peter's highly successful "Small Plates" nights in the restaurant!

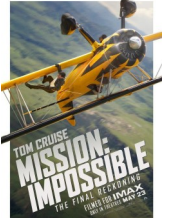
Therefore, our next film will be on **Saturday, 8th November**, starting at 8 o'clock in the back room of the Wheatsheaf.

We will be showing:

Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning (12A)

We watched the last episode a year or so ago and were left with a cliffhanger. Now it's time to find out...

Two months after retrieving the key to the source code for the malevolent artificial intelligence known as the Entity, rogue IMF agent Ethan Hunt receives a message from the US President.



Date for Your Diary: The following month's film will be Mr Burton, the story of the early life of Richard Burton and will be shown on Saturday 13th December at 8 o'clock.

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.



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 10:30 am and lasting about an hour and a half.

In October, we looked at the main differences in the services offered by Google and how your computer can be used to transcribe old handwritten documents to aid family research. During November, we shall investigate alternatives to using Microsoft Office.

We shall meet on:

• **Monday 3rd November** • **Monday 17th November** • **Monday 1st December**

The computer group is open to all at no charge. Sessions are very informal, starting with a chat about a single topic and then an opportunity to ask individual questions.

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

BADSEY SOCIETY EVENTS - WHERE HISTORY AND FRIENDSHIP MEET

Talk by Alan Tutton from the Badsey Society

The Evolution of Badsey: 1066 to the Present Day. Friday 14th November at 7.30pm at Badsey Community & Sports Club

Having worked on the Badsey and Aldington QR Code Trail and led walks around the village based on this, Alan became fascinated by how the topography of the village has affected its development.

This was then fuelled by a visit to the Hive in January 2025, where, as part of a guided tour for the Badsey Society, he was introduced to the Historic Environment Record - a searchable database with digital mapping of all known archaeological sites, historic buildings and landscapes in the county supported by paper and digital sources. This led to a private visit to explore this amazing resource, and the idea for this talk was born.

Come along and join Alan on his journey to find out what makes Badsey the village it has grown into today! Entrance is free for members and £2.50 for non-members.

Badsey Society Trip to Gloucester Cathedral

Thursday 4th December 2025. Leaving Badsey at 9am, returning at 5:30pm

£37 per head, includes:

- Coach travel
- Guided tour of the Cathedral
- Tour of the Crypt
- Refreshments on arrival
- Buffet lunch in the Parliament Room

Or £10 per head, includes coach travel for those looking to spend the day at their leisure, either shopping or exploring the city

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

by Friday 7th November

The Badsey Society organises three trips each year. These are open to non-members as well as members, and we try to choose places that appeal to all interests. So, if you would like to know more, keep an eye on the Community News, or contact Shirley Tutton on 07740 286941 or shirleytutton@talktalk.net.

GOT NEWS? SEND IT...

As we start to head towards a new year, why not make it your resolution to share something with your local newsletter?

An achievement, a milestone, a community event, a funny moment you spotted – if it helps us celebrate village life, we want to hear!

The newsletter is here for everyone, but it thrives on your stories, photos and updates. If you value it, please consider contributing, even just once in a while.

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THE TRIANGULUM GALAXY

By Stargazer

Now that we are into November, the clocks have changed and the nights are drawing in, and winter is just around the corner. The evening temperatures are becoming quite cool, and the first hard frosts of the winter will be with us soon. This is an important consideration for astronomers because the cold can cause the optics of telescopes to mist over, and it can be very difficult to keep your view clear.

This month's object is quite difficult to see with the naked eye, but can be found with the aid of binoculars or a small telescope. High in the eastern sky during the early evening, you will find the distinctive "W" shaped constellation of Cassiopeia. If, with a pair of binoculars, you follow a line down from Cassiopeia towards the east, you should first spot a fuzzy patch that is the centre core of the Andromeda Galaxy, and if you continue towards the horizon, you will find a smaller second fuzzy object that is this month's object: the Triangulum Galaxy.

Along with the Milky Way and the Andromeda Galaxy, the Triangulum Galaxy forms the three largest members of our Local Group of galaxies. These are all gravitationally bound together and are moving at incredible speeds across the vastness of space towards each other. The Triangulum Galaxy is the smallest of the three and is also known by its catalogue name as Messier (M) 33.

Located roughly 2.7 to 3 million light-years from Earth in the constellation Triangulum, this spiral galaxy presents a fascinating subject for stargazers as its face-on orientation and relatively low surface brightness allow observers in dark skies to appreciate its spiral structure and glowing nebulae.

The true nature of Messier 33 was not clear until the 20th century, when astronomers like Edwin Hubble demonstrated that this spiral nebula was, in fact, a distant galaxy far beyond the Milky Way. The Triangulum Galaxy is about 60,000 light-years across and contains approximately 40 billion stars, making it a dwarf compared to the Milky Way's estimated 200 - 400 billion stars.

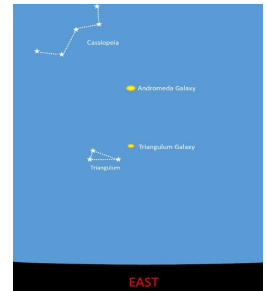
One of the Triangulum Galaxy's most remarkable features is its large, well-defined spiral arms. These arms are rich in interstellar gas and dust, creating fertile regions for ongoing star formation. The galaxy's arms are also peppered with young blue star clusters and sprawling dark dust lanes. Some astronomers believe that Triangulum and Andromeda have interacted gravitationally in the past and may be connected by tenuous streams of gas and stars. Some models suggest that M33 is, in fact, a satellite galaxy of Andromeda, orbiting it at a distance of about 750,000 light-years.

These interactions have likely stirred up star formation in both galaxies and may have triggered bursts of stellar birth seen in their spiral arms. Careful measurements of the rotation of M33's disk reveal that the galaxy, like most others, rotates much faster than can be accounted for by its visible mass alone. At the rate it is rotating, some stars should be thrown out into space. The conclusion is that there must be a great deal more invisible mass in the galaxy, and this has led to the idea of there being a vast halo of dark matter surrounding all galaxies.

The long-term fate of the Triangulum Galaxy is closely tied to that of the Andromeda Galaxy and the Milky Way. As the Local Group evolves, these galaxies may eventually merge, forming a single, massive elliptical galaxy over billions of years. The role of M33 in this cosmic dance is still a subject of active research, with simulations suggesting a variety of scenarios ranging from a future collision with Andromeda to a stable orbit as a satellite galaxy.

The Triangulum Galaxy stands as a cosmic jewel - a nearby spiral galaxy whose beauty and scientific value continue to inspire and inform. Its structure, active star formation, and interactions with neighbouring galaxies make it a vital piece of the puzzle in understanding how galaxies form, evolve, and ultimately shape the universe.

On a clear evening in November, if it is not too cold, why not take a little time to seek out this important jewel in our night sky?



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ASK THE HISTORY MAN: Where is Calais?

Where is Calais? Most people would answer, 'a port in northern France', which is perfectly true. **But what about Badsey's Calais?** Or should it, in fact, be Cali?

To find the location of the place, we need to travel along Willersey Road, past the parish allotments, as far as Pear Tree Corner. There, we take the bridle road (Pear Tree Lane) in an easterly direction towards the boundary with the parish of Bretforton. We are now in the area known as Calais - or Cali!

The late Sam Gresty, who for many years was tenant of some of the land, as well as the former tithe barn, added more buildings around the barn, turning it into what became a fairly secure area. He then erected a signboard, which may be seen to the present day, which reads 'S. Gresty and Sons. Fort Calais'. So, obviously, he thought Calais was the correct name.

However, I remember being told - many years ago - the story of a tenant of a plot of land there during the early days of market gardening in the late 19th century. He had heard of the Californian Gold Rush of 1848-55, and thought (or perhaps hoped) that he too was soon to become prosperous. He gave his land the nickname 'California', or 'Cali' for short.

So, should it be Calais' or Cali? In the absence of further conclusive evidence, we must leave the matter unresolved. Personally, I prefer Cali.

If you have a question you would like Badsey's History Man to answer or a topic you would like him to write about, please let us know by emailing us at badseycn@gmail.com, and we will pass your request on.

Jane Neill's Nature Notes...



Bug Hotel



Lacewing



Devil's Coach Horse Beetle

I've often noticed a change in the weather after November 5th, Bonfire Night. Winter begins to bite with cold and frosty days - a time for nature to hunker down. The garden can offer shelter for the insects. It is so tempting to clear up all the dead leaves and cut down the old flower heads, but this is where so many insects hibernate.

The fruit cage in our garden was shortened recently, leaving a space I just had to fill! Using a redundant dresser top, we put a roof on and fixed it to the fence. It is filling up nicely with dead leaves, cardoon heads, rotting wood, baskets of paper and cones. I have left space for the grandchildren to put in their offerings.

While gardening recently, I disturbed several ladybirds whilst cutting back my shrubs and then, while moving fallen leaves, I unwittingly displaced a beautiful, delicate lacewing and upset a devil's coach horse beetle who raised his tail in indignation as he stormed away!

These are just the kind of lodgers I am hoping to attract in my Bug Hotel. Here's hoping!



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PLANTING IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE - JOIN THE BADSEY FLOWER SHOW AGM

This year, the Badsey Flower Show AGM will take place on **Monday, 3rd November at 7:30 pm**. This is a chance for you to attend the meeting and make your voice heard, whether you're a local business looking to pitch a stall, a volunteer wanting to chip in or part of an entertainment group who would like to perform in our main arena.

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**Date of next meeting:
Wednesday 12th 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

Useful Contacts

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