

Badsey and Aldington Council Newsletter

Smartwater News



Smartwater is here! You may have seen these stickers in your friends' and neighbours' windows, indicating that they have joined the Parish Council's scheme to put Smartwater in as many homes as possible: the more who sign up, the better! You can still get your **FREE** registration and kit by contacting us with your details. You must, of course, be a resident of Badsey and Aldington Parish, including our part of Blackminster. Join the over 100 households already benefiting from the additional peace of mind. Email Andrea Evans NOW at:

badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

A date for your diary! **Barn Dance** Friday March 2nd

7.30 pm at the **Community and Sports Club, Brewers Lane** ("Rec Club").

Tickets only **£5** from:

Becky Stanley		at the Post Office
Alan Tutton	831539	34 Seward Road
Andy Wilson	831028	43 Seward Road



Last year's Barn Dance proved a big hit with villagers and their friends, with music and "training" provided by "The Cat's Whiskers", a talented group of musicians with a skilful caller. Experienced dancers and complete beginners alike had a great time, and we expect this year's dance to be at least as good. Feel free to bring your own snacks. **Bar provided by the Club.**

Defibrillators

These are currently available at The Spar shop and the Round of Gras, and plans are in place to install machines



at the Remembrance Hall and other locations to improve the overall coverage in the villages. These are routinely checked by the Clerk, Andrea Evans, to ensure they are always ready for action. Training in their use is currently being arranged. Interested? Watch out for details in our "**Community News**" report!

Start building your Soapbox cart!

This year the Badsey Soapbox Races will be held on **Sunday, 26th August**. For more details please keep an eye on the website <http://badsey-races.com/>

Details will soon appear, in the meantime can we suggest that you start building your cart in readiness for the day – it takes longer than you might think.



All of the rules and regulations are also available on the website. You will need to take a good look at these to check max sizes etc.

Good luck and happy carting!

Computer Club dates

Badsey Computer Club is a self help group that meets on alternate Monday mornings in the function Room at the Wheatsheaf Inn between 10.30 and 12.30.



12th Feb	12th Mar	16 Apr	14 May	04 June	02 July
26th Feb	26th Mar	30 Apr		18 June	16 July

Village Gates

Residents will no doubt have seen villages with "gates" all over the area. Harvington has a particularly nice set, while others you have seen may be less impressive. They are intended to mark the "entrance" to the village for traffic, especially on more main roads, and the hope is that they encourage motorists to slow down as they pass a more obvious "barrier" than the usual 30 mph sign. The Council is planning to install attractive gates on some village "entrances", and we would welcome opinions from residents on this.



Flower Show Trophy

The Council will be sponsoring a new trophy to be awarded at the Flower Show in July for "Involvement in the Community". Watch for details in our "Community News" report and in the next Council Newsletter.



Parish Council

The Council meets on the third Wednesday of every month except August at 7.30 pm in the Remembrance Hall. Rarely, circumstances may cause us to change date or venue. Agendas are posted with three clear business days between the day of posting and the day of the meeting. Notice boards are at Station Road, Blackminster; Round of Gras; Spar shop; Bowers Hill and Aldington. Draft minutes of meetings are posted at the Spar shop and online, final minutes of meetings are also posted, and all documents are available online at the Worcestershire County Council website. (Easily found by googling Badsey Parish Council.) Council reps play an active part in other groups, such as the Memorial Hall, the Community Club and Badsey Relief in Need Charity.

We welcome residents and every meeting begins with a Public Forum of 10 minutes during which residents may speak. Residents may be present throughout meetings but may not contribute to discussions other than during the Public Forum. There are sub-committees for particular purposes (e.g. Planning; Events) which all report to the main Council. District and County Councillors as well as West Mercia Police are represented or send reports.

Clerk: Mrs Andrea Evans, Ty Gwyn, Church Street, Offenham WR11 8RW 01386 760332 (office hours only)

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District Councillor: Mark Goodge mark.goodge@wychavon.net

County Councillor: Alistair Adams adams.pebworth@gmail.com

Planning issues

The **Parish Council** is NOT the body responsible for planning: **Wychavon District Council** has that role. The PC is, however, contacted about all relevant planning applications and is entitled to comment. The Council's comment counts for no more nor less than any individual's comment, so it is vital that residents with opinions about planning make a representation themselves to Wychavon. We cannot over-emphasise this point!

The PC will make residents aware of applications it is consulted about through the usual communication channels. You can then search the documents by going to <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk> and clicking on the link "search planning applications" on the left of the page. You then enter the application number (a recent one was 17/ 01687, the proposed development at 3 Bretforton Road). You are then able to download documents to view on your computer or upload a comment of your own. Documents can also be seen during office hours at the Wychavon offices in Pershore or at the Evesham Contact Centre in Abbey Road. It is possible to comment by post as well as online. The important thing is to make a comment if you have an opinion to express: your opinion matters!

Recently we reported via our Facebook page that an appeal against Wychavon's refusal of Application **16/03030** had been withdrawn. Those residents who had commented on the case will have received a written notification to this effect from Wychavon.

We have now learned that the application, 17/01687, also refused by Wychavon, has now been appealed by the developer. Residents who commented on it will possibly wish to keep an eye on it. Wychavon will forward all comments they received to the appeal. If you have additional comments to make, please refer to the Wychavon website for details of the appeal procedure.

Wychavon Chairman's Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Awards winner:

Tracey Hemming of Freedom Day Centre, Badsey

The Parish Council was delighted to nominate Tracey Hemming of Freedom Day Centre, Disco and Café for this Wychavon award this year, and is even more delighted to report that she has won first place! The prize will, of course, further the work of the charity.

Tracey decided in February 2016 to start fund raising for a disco for people with learning disabilities. This project has grown steadily into something very special, thanks to Tracey and her team. Tracey managed to raise funds for a properly-equipped minibus to transport her clients who might otherwise be unable to attend, and she has driven the whole project with her tremendous energy and unflappable good humour, with the support of local companies, Badsey and Aldington Parish Council, Wychavon and Worcestershire County Council, as well as finding funds from private individuals.

The Day Centre at the Pub in a Club opens its doors from Monday to Friday not only to her clients and their carers, but also to local pensioners and others who drop in. Wychavon Sport now provide assistance on Wednesdays, there are local older folk attending on Mondays. Thursday sees a coffee morning, attracting a good number. There are art classes, cookery skills, café and hot meals, and the disco. Her clients do gardening at the village First School and at the Church, enjoy cooking, art and other activities during the week and have taken on an allotment garden in Bretforton, where they hope to

produce food for their use. There is even a football team, playing on Sundays under the auspices of Pershore Town Football Club and known as "Pershore Town Freedom United".

Funds are raised by all manner of means, from the coffee mornings to weekly bingo, and Tracey, although she herself does what she does for no financial reward whatsoever, pays her three staff (all trained carers) properly.

We would urge anyone to visit the Day Centre at any time, where you will be welcomed with warmth and enthusiasm and will come away absolutely inspired!



Staying informed through our Facebook page and via email

Many of you already visit our Facebook page and we are very pleased with the response it gets. Follow the link <https://www.facebook.com/BAPC123/> or just search for "Badsey and Aldington Parish Council" from within Facebook to see it. Please share posts: it helps to spread the word!

We also operate a **free** email information service which some residents are already using. If you want to stay in touch that way, just go to: <http://eepurl.com/cEbTEP> and put in your details. You can, of course, opt out again at any time.

We also maintain a local calendar with information about lots of local groups at:

<https://localendar.com/public/badsey-pc> and you can add YOUR event by emailing details to:

badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

New edition of Village Information Pack

Of particular interest to newer residents, but also of use to those of us who have been here for some time, the new edition of the Village Information Pack, is just going to print and copies of the Information Pack will soon be located in the Post Office, the butcher's shop, the Wheatsheaf, the Round of Gras, the Pub in a Club and Badsey Church and can be downloaded from:

<http://docdro.id/Tz1jr4E>

New Children's Play Area

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the new play area located at the Community and Sports Club should be completed and available for use from the Easter weekend. Enjoy!



Pétanque at the Recreation Ground for grown-ups, too!

The new *boulodrome* (pétanque or boules playing area) at the Recreation Ground should be ready for action from Easter. Time to get in some practice for the summer season ... and no need to make the journey to Evesham to enjoy a game.



Grit and salt bins

During the recent cold weather some residents asked about grit and salt to help clear pavements.

There are bins of salt and grit which are refilled as necessary by the County Council. Residents are free to make use of the material in freezing weather. If you notice the level in a bin needs topping up, please bring this to the attention of the Clerk, Andrea Evans. Bins are located as follows:

Station Road Blackminster near railway bridge

Synehurst, right hand side on junction

Aldington, in horseshoe

Willersey Road, after Badsey sign;

Aldington junction