



Badsey and Aldington Council Newsletter



December 2018

Christmas is coming! Friday 14th December 7 p.m. The Wheatsheaf Inn

Once again we hope as many of you as possible will join our celebration this year. Badsey School singers, "Vale Connection", Freedom Café will all be contributing to the musical side of things.

The winner of the house illumination competition will be announced and, of course, Father Christmas will be with us! There will be complimentary mince pies and the usual array of festive food and drink.



Badsey & Aldington Illuminations 2018



Decorate your house with Christmas lights. Place your entry via Facebook PM or via the forms available at the Spar shop. There is a great prize for the best –dressed house!

Entries will be judged in early December and the award made on the 14th of December at the Christmas Carols evening.

Badsey Soapbox Races

As planned the Soapbox Races went ahead on August Bank Holiday Sunday in the face of VERY poor weather. The races had received 15 entries, and of these 12 brave drivers ran on the day!

All entrants were presented with a medal. The winners of the timed races received small trophies as did the "best dressed" kart. The winner was also presented with the newly donated "Avon Scaffolding Cup" which has been engraved with all the winners to date. The Avon Cup is kept in the trophy cabinet at the Wheatsheaf Inn.

The winner was also the most distant of our competitors - Team "Acceleramus" from London! "Strickly Downhill" coming second and "Avon Atom" third.

During the day a raffle was run in aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance with a sum of very nearly £300 raised. A presentation will be arranged shortly for this donation. Our thanks to those that donated prizes and sold tickets.

As ever we are very grateful for the support of all of our sponsors who ensure we have the costs of the event met. We are also very grateful for all those who turned out in the rain to help on the day setting up the course, marshalling the event and doing the many other tasks that ensure the day can happen safely.

The organising committee has agreed to run again next year on August Bank Holiday Sunday (25th August 2019) when we hope for better weather and another turnout of great karts for everyone's entertainment!



Planning Issues

The South Worcestershire Development Plan Review is under way. Public Consultation is from **5th November** to **17th December 2018** and residents who are interested are advised to visit the Wychavon.gov.uk website. It is important that residents make their own comments to Wychavon when they are affected by an application. Mike Gwynn, our Planning Committee Chairman, writes to explain how the process works:



The Parish Council's planning committee includes six members of the Parish Council and has its own chairperson. Its role is to consider and comment on planning applications made to Wychavon District Council relevant to the parish. New planning applications are notified by Wychavon via the Parish Clerk and members of the committee are asked to comment with a recommendation for approval or refusal. Further information about each application is obtained from Wychavon's website, which is also accessible to the general public. This information should include location details, plans, various reports such as Highways, exposure to flooding, presence of bats etc. and comments made by members of the public. The planning committee forms a view as to the desirability of the development, which may be a simple house extension or alteration, a new property or estate of houses. The committee takes into account the impact on the local environment, roads and services and whether the development is inside the South Worcestershire Development Plan or otherwise. It will make reasoned objections as necessary.

In the 12 month period May 2017 to April 2018, approximately 50 applications were considered. In only a small proportion of cases was a recommendation for refusal made.. The vast majority of applications relate to house extensions. The main areas of concern are building outside the South Worcestershire Development Plan and impact of a development on local roads and services.

It must be borne in mind that the view of the Parish Council planning committee represents just **one** voice. The actual decision is made by the Wychavon Planning Committee, which will take into account the view of the Parish Council alongside the views of its own experts, neighbours and other interested members of the public. The Parish Council does therefore also have a role in communicating planning applications to the parishioners so that they can also make Wychavon aware of their views.

Computer Club

Badsey Computer Club, supported by the Parish Council, aims to help anyone gain a better understanding of how to get the most out of their home computers and gain confidence in their technology. Our meetings, which are open to all, are very informal and we usually have a short presentation at the beginning with practical tasks and time for one to one support. We aim to answer individual questions and give practical assistance where possible. We meet every other Monday between 10.30 and 12.30 in the back room of The Wheatsheaf (provided free by The Wheatsheaf Inn). Come along, join us for a coffee (refreshments donated by Walter's at the Wheatsheaf) and a chat. Learn something new, or help a fellow member learn from you!

For further details contact Alan Tutton on
01386 831539



Meeting dates:

Monday 14th January
Monday 28th January
Monday 11th February
Monday 25th February
Monday 11th March
Monday 25th March
Monday 8th April

Grit and salt bins

As the weather becomes colder, a reminder about the location of grit bins in the villages, which are refilled as necessary by the County Council. 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; Willersey Road, after Badsey sign; Synehurst, right hand side on junction; Aldington junction; Aldington, in horseshoe.



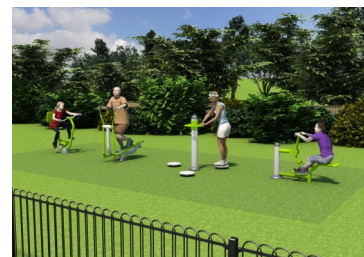
Wychavon Holiday Refuse Collection Dates

Usual collection day	"Festive" collection day
Mon 24 December	As normal
Tue 25 December	Sat 22 December
Wed 26 December	Sat 29 December
Thur 27 December	As normal
Fri 28 December	As normal
Mon 31 December	As normal
Tue 1 January	Sat 5 January

Adult Sport kit

The Council can access funding for equipment.

Two suggestions were: permanent outdoor table tennis or selected fitness equipment. Space would not permit both. If **you** have an opinion on this, for or against, please contact the Clerk (details on back page) or message us on Facebook.



Easter Event 2019

In response to popular demand, we are already planning another Family Treasure Hunt for Easter! Watch the notice boards for details!



Current Parish Council matters

Village Planting

Thank you to the parish councillors and to members of the public for taking part in the planting of daffodils around the village on Saturday 3rd November. Look out for the flowers in early spring 2019! It is hoped to expand the planting over future years.

Bins

Thank you to the residents that have suggested locations for new dog poo bins, these have now been installed at The Parks, Aldington and outside Maybush Gardens, Bretforton Road.

Speed Enforcement Measures

Following concerns expressed by residents, a new VAS post will be installed to regular have a VAS (vehicle activated sign) device on it at the entrance to Badsey along Badsey Road. The 30mph speed extension is due to come into force in February 2019 and when it does 'dragons teeth;' markings will be installed at each end of the B4035 into Badsey by Highways and funded by the parish council. The PC is also working with safer roads partnership and Highways to increase the number of motorcycle speed check sites in Badsey.

Parish Council Meeting- Dates 2018/19

The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council Meetings are as follows:

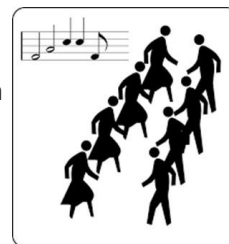
Wednesday 12th December 2018. Meeting will be held in the backroom of The Wheatsheaf, High Street, Badsey

Wednesday 16th January 2019

Village Barn Dance 2019

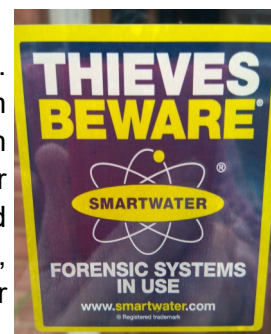
Following a highly successful Barn Dance in March this year, we will be running another evening in March 2019.

Tickets will go on sale in January, so watch out for publicity around the village and on social media.



Fighting crime in our villages

More and more Smartwater kits are being distributed, which can only be a good thing. The more of us who are involved, the more effective a deterrent to thieves the system is, and it's FREE for residents of the villages, including our part of Blackminster. Join the many households already benefitting from the additional peace of mind. Put your stickers in your window and mark your valuables with a tiny dab of personalised invisible liquid to help recover your property should it be stolen. For more details, email Andrea Evans, the Clerk, at: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk or phone (Mon—Thur 9.30 - 4.30) 01386 760332



Colder weather

As winter comes on, we should all be aware of elderly and possibly frail members of our community and keep an eye out for them during the bad weather. A little help with shopping? A friendly word? There are so many ways we can help fellow residents

Parish Council details and Contacts

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 Remembrance 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.

Why not come along?

Clerk: Mrs Andrea Evans, Ty Gwyn, Church Street, Offenham WR11 8RW 01386 760332 (office hours only, please) E-mail: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

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