



Christmas starts at The Wheatsheaf!

Friday 13th December 7 p.m. The Wheatsheaf Inn

Once again we hope as many of you as possible will join our celebration at the Wheatsheaf this year. We shall start with a good sing. Pupils from Badsey School will be involved and, later, "Vale Connection" will keep the festive mood going.

The winner of the house illumination competition will be announced and, of course, Father Christmas will be with us in his grotto with a present for all the children! There will be complimentary mince pies courtesy of Graham and Laura and the usual array of festive food and drink.



Decorate your house with Christmas lights. Place your entry via Facebook PM, an email or call to the Clerk or via the form here on the left. We really just need your name and address so we know where to look!

There is a great Christmas hamper prize for the best-dressed house!

Entries will be judged from 9th December and the award made on the 14th of December at the Christmas Carols evening.



Exciting plans at the Rec Club

Under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 contributions can be sought from developers towards the costs of providing community and social infrastructure, the need for which has arisen as a result of many new developments that have taken place in Badsey and Aldington.

With circa £500,000 available and allocated, the Parish Council are working closely with Badsey Community and Sports Club and Wychavon District Council to look at various improvements to the Club's facilities. These include a new entrance lobby, additional multi-use changing rooms, a new cricket pavilion, an extension to the main function room and storage facilities, a new gymnasium, new disability toilets and changing facilities, additional meeting rooms and kitchen facilities.

All of this is to open up the facilities available to a wider Badsey clientele. Any new roof areas will be fitted with the latest solar panels, with energy efficiency being at the forefront of the design. Finally, to eliminate the wafts of stagnant air from the outdated and under sized "cesspit", the Club will be connected to the main sewer.

When the project is finished, it will enable the Club to move into the 21st century, offering first class facilities to all that use it.



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.



Land Project update



Thank you to all residents who took part in any way in our extensive consultation process over our proposed land purchase scheme. Understandably, there was a widespread desire to know the location of the land and, with the process now at an advanced stage, we feel it is now right to let residents know that the land is a piece of over 11 acres situated on the Willersey Road opposite Pear Tree Corner on the Badsey side of Bowers Hill, at present owned by the Diocese of Worcester. We expect our pre-planning consultation to be completed shortly and completion of the purchase will follow. Our Legacy Grant application is being considered by Wychavon and we will know the outcome in March. Watch the website and Facebook page for further updates.



Water, water, everywhere!

Parts of Badsey & Aldington were badly affected by flooding in recent weeks. Drivers: please exercise caution especially when driving on Badsey Lane to and from Knowle Hill. This unfortunate driver had to abandon the vehicle. Only the County Council Highway Authority is empowered to close roads, but the Parish Council is acquiring some "Flood Warning" signs which can be used to alert drivers.

Once again the weather took many by surprise and some households suffered. Wychavon were not quick to respond with sandbags, but for future reference please note that the Parish Council now has a small stock for emergency use. Contacts for the Clerk and Chairman are on the back page.



Useful Contact Details

Highways- potholes, footpath issues, drainage, overgrown shrubbery-

Telephone: HUB 01905 765765 or http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it

Wychavon DC- Bins, recycling, street cleaning, flytipping- Telephone: 01386 565000 or <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/report-it>

Environment Agency- Flooding, blocked watercourses- Telephone: 03708 506 506 or <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>

Severn Trent Water- Flooding with sewerage- Telephone: 0800 783 4444 or <https://www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/report-a-problem/>

Parish Council- Street lighting, play areas, dog and litter bins, other matters on a local level:

Telephone: 01386 760332 or badseyipc@yahoo.co.uk

Computer Club

Sponsored by the Parish Council, the Computer Club meets on alternate Friday mornings in the back room of The Wheatsheaf Inn between 10.30 and 12.30.

The aim of the group is to help people with basic computing skills along with hints and tips to improve confidence when looking "on-line" and carrying out basic transactions. The sessions are very informal and usually consist of a short introduction and then time to follow individual issues. There is no charge for the sessions and all are welcome.

The group will meet on the following dates in early 2020:

10th January
24th January
7th February
21st February
6th March
20th March
3rd April



For further details contact Cllr. Alan Tutton on 01386 831539

South Worcestershire Development Plan

The 2021 South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) is being put together by the three councils forming South Worcestershire, namely Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon. Its purpose is to ensure that future development within the area is predictable and managed as effectively as possible given the requirements imposed by central Government to cater for a growing population, smaller average households and affordability, as well as employment needs.

Specifically this means building another 14,000 new homes and providing 169 hectares of employment land by 2041, in addition to the 28,000 homes (of which over half have been built) and 300 hectares by 2030 provided for by the 2016 SWDP.

The Government requires all councils to review local plans every 5 years. Failure to do so would mean councils losing control over where development takes place, making it much more difficult to prevent building on inappropriate sites.

In the course of preparing the SWDP more than 900 sites have been assessed. The recommendations include:

A new town at Worcestershire Parkway providing 5000 homes by 2041; A new town at Throckmorton Airfield providing 2000 homes by 2030; Expansion of Rushwick providing 1000 homes from 2030 once a new rail station has been secured; 3280 homes in the towns of Worcester, Droitwich, Malvern, Pershore, Tenbury Wells and including 200 in Evesham; 900 homes in Wychavon villages plus 390 in Malvern Hills; 273 hectares of employment land

In the parish of Badsey & Aldington half a dozen sites were assessed for housing development. **Two** sites have been selected -

Land off Bretforton Road between the existing Kingshurst Gardens and Maybush Gardens estates

Land adjacent to the Fothersway estate off Brewers Lane

It must be emphasised that allocation of this land does **not** mean that the normal planning process is bypassed. Any proposed development on this land still has to go through this process to ensure that it is properly designed and appropriate for housing needs.

The SWDP review allows for **consultation** on preferred options **until 5pm on 16th December 2019**. If anyone wishes to make their views known they should do so as follows:

On-line by following this link: http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/?page_id=13748 or **by email:** contact@swdevelopmentplan.org or **by post** to: South Worcestershire Development Plan, Wychavon Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1PT.

Spring Gardens Competition



New for 2020. The Parish Council wish to celebrate the efforts people in the villages of Badsey and Aldington put into creating their garden display of spring flowers.

This competition will be judged in March 2020. The entry can be for a front or rear garden please ensure safe access is available. The garden can be big or small and an award will be made to the most creative display of spring flowers.

Entry forms will be available from the Spar Shop in January 2020 and the winner will be announced at the Flower Show 25th July 2020. Start planting!



Remembering the hot days of summer - Soapbox fun



Sunday August 25th saw the 4th Badsey Soapbox Races down Knowle Hill. This year the weather was kind with hot sunshine for the event encouraging a good crowd of spectators.

We had a full field of entries - 15 in total - mostly local but once again joined by a regular runner from London. We also had our first lady drivers in the races!

The race winner was Badsey resident Denzil Brunning in "Blue Bottle Buzzing", second place was taken by Richard Burton in "Accleramus" and third was George Marshall in "The Avon Atom Mk2". The winner was presented with the Avon

Scaffolding Cup during the post-race festivities at the Wheatsheaf Inn.

We plan to run the event again in 2020 on Sunday 30th August.

As ever, very many thanks to all the sponsors of the races for their support in making the races a self-funding event, all the entrants, the residents on Knowle Hill and all those who help on the day or organise the event.

Cllr. Andy Wilson





Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Badsey & Aldington Parish Council are looking for a volunteer from each road in ALL the villages to become a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. This would involve receiving important information about incidents in and around the area and passing this on to residents in their road. **Dave Evans** of Sladden Close has organised a scheme there and writes:

“Neighbourhood Watch is very much about self-help and is run by local residents for local residents. Prevention is key, and strong communities where people know and look out for their neighbours are an excellent route to crime prevention. Now that our scheme is active we are well placed to offer advice to others as they set up and run their own localised schemes all of which will benefit from the support of the Parish Council, the local police and others. It does not have to be just about crime, it can focus on any local issues including flood warning, loneliness, vulnerability and so much more. Neighbourhood Watch helps us make safer and friendlier communities.”

There will be a short session in January, organised by the PC for volunteers to meet each other and have input in how to get the scheme up and running and how it would best suit Badsey, Aldington and Blackminster.

If you would be interested in being involved, please email: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk, telephone: 01386 760332 or contact us via Facebook.

Smartwater is still available to residents at no cost. If you want it or just want to know more, contact **Cllr. Mike Tennant** 01386 832865 or **Cllr. Ian Devine** 07779 091340. Both will be happy to help.



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. Noticeboards 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 badseypc.uk, our website. 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? **Next meetings: Wednesday 18 December; Wednesday 15 January**

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