

# BADSEY & ALDINGTON Parish Council

## **Newsletter**

December 2020





#### **Christmas 2020**

This Christmas will not be as we are used to, but as you walk by please enjoy the lights of the trees put up by the PC at the Wheatsheaf, the Memorial Hall and in Aldington.

And don't forget to help to brighten our villages by entering our Christmas Lights Competition! You might win one of the terrific prizes! (If viewing displays, please be aware of Covid regulations.)

Enter via Facebook, E-mail or phone by 15th December.

Judging will be on or after 17th.



The delivered Newsletter and Christmas card will be yet another "casualty" of the pandemic, but we will all enjoy the overall winners of the school card competition. In first place was the work of Amara in Hawk Class.

2nd place went to Lola (Eagle) and 3rd to Summer (Falcon).

It was very hard to make a choice from the fabulous entries, and the online edition of the Newsletter will show all the winners from each class, so be sure to take a look! [Find it at www.badseypc.uk/newsletters]



1st Amara (Hawk)



2nd Lola (Eagle)



3rd Summer (Falcon)

To enter the competition, contact the Clerk, Andrea Evans

E-mail: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

Phone (office hours, please): 01386 760332

#### **Covid Good Neighbours 2020**

A strange year, without a doubt, but many residents have done their best to help others during 2020's difficult months. The Spar shop organised home shopping for the vulnerable through lockdown with the help of volunteers. Badsey Social Aid, with almost 100 members, also looked out for neighbours. You can find them on Facebook. The Starchip Enterprise, the Wheatsheaf, the Round of Gras and other caterers did their bit, too, as did "Freedom", with its community stall in the car park among other things. A big thank you to all, too numerous to mention. As the promise of vaccines and a slow return to normality just begin to look real, let's do our best over the festive period to keep an eye on our vulnerable and, possibly, isolated neighbours.





#### **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

This project has been delayed due to Covid19. However, following discussions at a recent PC meeting, if you have previously expressed an interest in being involved or would like to become involved, please contact the Parish Council. We intend to meet in some form in January 2021 to get this project up and running again. If you would be interested in being included, please email: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk, telephone the Clerk, Andrea Evans on: 01386 760332 (office hours) or contact us via the contact page on badseypc.uk

A reminder that **Smartwater** is still available to any residents wishing to protect their property at no cost. It's easy to use, and the more of us who have it, the more effective it becomes as a deterrent to theft. If you want it or just want to know more about it, contact **Clir. Mike Tennant** councillor.miketennant@gmail.com 01386 832865 or **Clir. lan Devine** iand3vin3@gmail.com 07779 091340. Both will be happy to help.



#### **Recreation Ground 100 Years old**

Badsey Recreation Ground was opened on 15th May 1920, and in October an information board, designed by Ian Gibson using information from John Sharp, was unveiled by Brian Smith at a socially distanced ceremony. The venture was jointly funded by the Badsey Society and the Parish Council A booklet by John Sharp describing the history of the Rec is available from the Badsey Society (badseysociety.uk) and at the Spar shop.





#### Playground at Rec

The zipwire seat has been replaced; there is a new swing, a three-person seesaw and rideon horse in situ.

Please maintain Covid safety rules when using the play areas.



A geophysical survey is currently being carried out during the week beginning 7th December on the site at Pear Tree Corner. The photo shows a contractor performing a magnetic resonance survey, after which ground-penetrating radar will be applied to the burial ground area. Further archaeological investigations are planned early in 2021, which will depend on the results of the current survey work. We shall try to keep a photographic record to share with residents via the Newsletter, the website at badseypc.uk and our facebook page (search for Badsey& Aldington Parish Council).



We shall also soon begin works to create tracks, parking areas, new entrances and gateways in preparation for works on the land itself before the consecration of the burial ground and the marking out of areas for planting and allotments.

In the spring we shall hope to begin collecting information from those wishing to take on an allotment, quite possibly from the autumn of 2021. We still have a list of people who expressed interest in the past (especially during the consultation process needed for the Legacy Grant application) and the offers of help and expertise we received relevant to the Heritage Orchard, but please contact us for information if you are interested and missed us!.

All winners in School Card Designs are on the next page.

#### **Hawk Class**

- 1 **Amara**
- 2 Natalie
- 3 Aaron

### **Eagle Class**

- Lola 1
- Miya 2
- 3 Harrison













**Falcon Class** 

- Summer 1
- 2 Imogen
- 3 Honey

#### **Kite Class**

- Mia 1
- 2 Izzy
- 3 Annabelle

# **Kestrel Class**

- Nadine 1
- 2 Heidi
- 3 Freddie







# **Owl Class**

- Lydia 1
- Charlotte 2
- 3 Scarlett











