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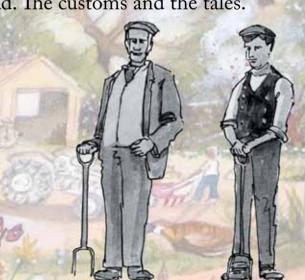
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# The Market Gardener

Two years in the making, this film documents the life of market gardening families in the Vale of Evesham.

With the aid of archive footage, interviews and old photographs the result is an intriguing look at a way of life fast disappearing.

The film portrays the good times and the bad. The customs and the tales.



#### THE FILM MAKERS

The film was made by a small team of Badsey Society members. These were Will Dallimore, who had been involved with the Society's previous films. Richard Phillips, who was also the scriptwriter, Valerie Magan and John Dallimore.



## THE CONCEPT

The late Tony Jerram suggested the idea of making a film to



document the decline in market gardening in the Vale of Evesham. His working title for the film, *The Last Market Gardener*, was adopted by the Society for their Heritage Lottery funded project led by Maureen Spinks (left). However, the pessimism first envisaged has not entirely come to pass, so we have taken the word *Last* out of our film title.

### THE MUSIC

The music used in the film was recorded for it by local quartet, Arioso Winds. Helen Green, Society member and oboist, and her colleagues, suggested several pieces of music which best suited the film. These included a work by

Pebworth composer Edward Watson. The pieces of music were recorded at Badsey Manor House by Arioso Winds in July 2012.



#### THE INTERVIEWS

The film includes several interviews with market gardeners and the wives of market gardeners. Many hours of interview footage has had to be honed down to fit into the film. What you get is a brief



glimpse into the world of a remarkable group of people, like George Keen (right), who made their living on the land

## THE CHILDREN

A unique set of letters were discovered which had been written by children at Badsey School in 1933 about their life in a market gardening community. Four of these letters have



been brought to life in the film with the help of Blackminster Middle School pupils, Beth Smith, Deborah Johns, David Conway and Joshua Sellick.

## THE CONTENT

The film contains a mixture of old clips of film, interviews,

old photographs and documents. It also gives an insight into what is happening today. All of this content is bound together by the 'local accent' of the narrator, Aldington born, Will Dallimore.

