

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2005, 2 pm, Badsey Recreation Ground – “The Development of Badsey and Aldington since 1807” exhibition stand at Badsey Flower Show
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2005, 7 pm – Village Walk in Aldington following the route of the 1901 Census enumerator; meet in the road outside Aldington Manor House
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2005 – Day School on old deeds (see below)

## DAY SCHOOL ON OLD DEEDS – FREE TO MEMBERS

**Badsey Remembrance Hall, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2005, 10 am – 3.30 pm**

The Badsey Society has been successful in gaining the services of two guest speakers to run a Day School in the village. The speakers will be Robin Whitaker, Archives Manager for Worcestershire Record Office, and Nat Alcock, author of “Old Title Deeds”, published by Phillimore. The day will include the following items:

- Introduction to the use of deeds
- The main types and forms of deeds
- Hands-on study session of typical deeds
- Sources of Worcestershire/Badsey deeds and related documents
- Final question session

A Day School such as this would normally cost at least £25 per person, but we are pleased to announce that the session is FREE to Badsey Society members. Places on the course are limited so if you wish to attend, please return the form as soon as possible, together with a £10 returnable deposit (the cheque will only be cashed if you do not turn up for the event). If you are not a member of the Badsey Society, it costs just £1 to join.

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## DAY SCHOOL ON OLD DEEDS

I wish to attend the Day School on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2005. In order to secure a place, I enclose a cheque for £10 made payable to “The Badsey Society” which may be cashed if I subsequently cancel at short notice.

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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TELEPHONE: ..... E-MAIL: .....

If you are not a member of The Badsey Society, please enclose £1 membership fee per adult or £2.50 for family membership.

Please return by 31<sup>st</sup> August to: Maureen Spinks, The Willows, 8A High Street, Badsey, Evesham, WR11 7EW. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis.



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## THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARISHES OF BADSEY AND ALDINGTON SINCE 1807

### NEWSLETTER 3 – JULY 2005

Have you seen the 200-year-old maps of Badsey and Aldington on display in the village? The next time you have occasion to visit the Remembrance Hall, whether for a party, meeting, fete or whatever, take time to look at the map of Aldington which dates back to 1807. There are also accompanying displays giving more details about the map. The Badsey map is on display in the church. It is also possible to view the maps on the Badsey website, [www.badsey.net/enclosure](http://www.badsey.net/enclosure).

One of the major landowners 200 years ago was the Reverend Thomas Williams. Williams, an absentee landlord, was the Vicar of Bere Regis in Dorset from 1773 to 1817. Overleaf, you can read about two Badsey fields, one already owned by the Reverend Thomas Williams and one allotted to him at the time of the enclosure.

How many Badsey residents have ever taken time to walk round Aldington, I wonder? Now is your chance. Come and join us for a walk at Aldington following the route of the 1901 census enumerator and learn more about the houses that were in existence then. There will also be the opportunity to visit the barn and farmyard which were once part of Aldington Manor. If driving to Aldington (but why not walk there?), please try to share transport. Meet in the road outside Aldington Manor House at 7 pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

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The Badsey Society is grateful for a grant received from Local Heritage Initiative in order to fund the project. The Local Heritage Initiative is a national grant scheme that helps local groups to investigate, explain and care for their local landscape, landmarks, traditions and culture. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) provides the grant but the scheme is a partnership, administered by the Countryside Agency with additional funding from Nationwide Building Society.



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## A Field called Great Stockey

*Trevor Hockenhull volunteered to study the 200-year-old Award Schedules which accompanied the Enclosure Map. Trevor first moved to Badsey in 1974 and has lived at 28 Willersey Road since 1976. An experienced family historian who has written a book on the Hockenhull family for his relatives, Trevor has now turned his hand to Badsey history. His research demonstrates how occupants of modern houses can study the history of their house and land just as much as owners of older houses. If you live at Nos 26-62 Willersey Road (west side), you share a common history up to 1900.*



My house is only 34 years old, but the 500 square yards on which it sits is as old as the hills, and the history of the house equates with the history of the land. My land was once part of a large field called Great Stockey. It was owned in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by Edward Williams, Clerk, of Chastleton, Oxfordshire, who settled lands in Badsey, on marriage; in 1787 his son, the Reverend Thomas Williams owned the land. The tenant farmer of Great Stockey in 1787 was William Collett (1742-1814); Collett's only son, William (1770-1850), succeeded him as tenant.

In 1829 the Reverend Williams died childless; most of his land was left in the hands of executors after the death of his wife, and William Collett continued to lease from them. Mary Collett maintained the lease on Stockey after her husband's death. John Pickup Lord, a Lancashire-man, who had settled in Worcestershire, bought the majority of the Williams' holdings in the 1870s. Lord died in 1877; executors managed the estate after the death of his wife until the land was gradually sold off around the turn of the century.

In 1900, a small part of Stockey was sold to Alice Bell. Alice was the wife of George Bell whom she had married in 1899 following the death of her first husband. The couple built "Stanhope House" with a pigeon coop in the back garden (George Bell was a prominent pigeon-breeder and named the house after a favourite breed). In 1909 they moved to Evesham and let the house to the Brearleys (George Bell's younger sister and husband), then subsequently to Alice's daughter, Alice Evans, who had recently married Walter Dore. In 1923 Walter bought the house and land from his in-laws. Walter and Alice's three sons inherited the house and land; Arthur ("Bill") bought "Stanhope House" and lived there until his death in 1995. Sections of the large garden (which stretched as far as the terrace of houses) were sold in the nine years following Alice's death in 1962.

A builder, Godfrey & Sons, bought my small part of Great Stockey in 1971. My half of the semi was sold to Alan Beal in December 1971. Mr & Mrs Anthony Hill bought the house in March 1975; they sold it to me in July 1976 and we remain here to this day.

## Part of Willersey Way Furlong

*Fred Roberts of Manor Close was born 91 years ago in "the dead centre of Badsey" (a thatched cottage which used to stand by the church lychgate). 56 years ago he bought eight acres of land south of the Willersey Road, just before Pear Tree Corner; today he still owns one acre of this land. His plot has an interesting history.*



In 1815, the Enclosure Commissioners awarded Reverend Thomas Williams six pieces of land in Badsey, one of which was 16 acres 1 rood and 22 perches, being part of Meerden Field. By the 1870s it was being referred to as Willersey Way Furlong. As with Great Stockey, John Pickup Lord acquired the land from the estate of Thomas Williams.

The land was split into two portions and, around 1912, a young Canadian, Gilbert Ingledew, bought 8 acres by the Willersey Road. He built a three-bedroom bungalow, with an attic over, complete with out-houses and wine cellar, and called it "Bohemia Gardens". *Smith's Almanack* for the years 1912-1914 gives the occupier as Frederick Hooper Ingledew. On the outbreak of the First World War, Ingledew returned to Canada and joined the Canadian Regiment. He sold the bungalow to Major & Mrs Hugh Ingram.

*Disaster occurred one Saturday evening in 1934 when the bungalow caught fire when the Ingrams were in London. The Roberts family lived close by at Pear Tree Corner and Fred has vivid memories of the fire to this day. Evesham & Pershore Rural District Councils' joint brigade made the 11-mile journey from Pershore in quick time, but when they arrived, they had to use the hydrant at Wickhamford corner and the hose was not long enough – they thus had to return to Pershore for more hosepipe! The Journal reporter noted: "In the meantime the bungalow had become a raging mass of flame and the glow in the midnight moonless sky was visible for miles around. Despite the isolated position of the bungalow, there was soon a considerable crowd at the spot."*

After the fire, the house and land lay derelict for some time. During the Second World War, the War Agricultural Committee took over the land and planted it with potatoes. Fred acquired the 8-acre plot in 1949, complete with derelict bungalow; a few years later, he sold 7 acres of the land. He set about making the ruined building into a cosy den and made lots of rhubarb wine to put in the wine cellar. Fred has hosted some fine parties here in the past. Back in 1981, for the wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer, he had over 100 guests. The spirit of "Bohemia Gardens" lives on and now, although there is just Fred and Felix the cat, the den is a reminder of times past.