



**THE
BADSEY
SOCIETY**

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If you are not already a member, or you know someone who would like to join, here is an application form for membership of The Badsey Society

I/We wish to become members of The Badsey Society:

Enter Name(s) below	Enter membership type below (Adult, Child or Family)

Address:

E-mail address:

Membership Fees: Adults £1 each / Children 50p each / Family £2.50

I enclose cash/cheque for £

Please do not send cash through the post. Cheques should be made payable to: **The Badsey Society**. Please send or hand your membership fee to The Membership Secretary, Will Dallimore or, if more convenient, to another Committee member who will forward your membership fee. If you live outside Badsey and Aldington, please enclose a SAE for your membership card.

THIS IS YOUR SOCIETY

- Could you give a 10 minute talk to the Society on a topic of your choice?
- Could you organise a quiz night on behalf of the Society?
- Do you possess a skill or interest in a subject which you would like to teach or share with other members?
- Could you design a set of Xmas cards for the Society?
- Would you like to see a Society Walking or Cycling Section?

If you answered **yes** (or even **no**) to any or all of these questions please don't forget to attend the Society's AGM on February 14th at Badsey School at 7pm when details of these and other proposals will be discussed.

A Happy New Year to all our members and subscribers, and a big thank you for your support during the first year of The Badsey Society, which has given us encouragement to know that what we are doing is worthwhile.

A Successful First Year

Since our inaugural meeting at St James' Church last February, we have had a successful year. Membership grew to around 150, including many family groups. We launched our first publication, *A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington* by Terry Sparrow, and were present at Badsey Flower Show, and Badsey First School Summer Fete where an exhibition of historic horticulture tools was displayed.

Dates for your new Diary – Some of the events planned for 2003

Friday 14th February 2003 – Annual General Meeting, Badsey First School, 7.30 pm, to be followed by an informal event based on the 1901 Census. This is your opportunity to come along and say how you would like to see the Society develop.

Friday 21st March 2003 – Talk by Elizabeth Howard from the Worcestershire Record Office on *How to Trace the History of Your House*, to be held at Badsey First School, 7.30 pm. This will be of interest to anyone interested in house history, whether old or new. Remember – documenting history of newer houses is just as important as older houses. There will also be a display of research already undertaken by The Badsey Society into the history of the village houses.

Friday 28th March 2003 – Drop-in session, 4 – 7 pm, at *The Willows*, 8A High Street, Badsey. This is intended for people who wish to discuss in more detail the history of their house. Elizabeth's talk the week before will be of a general nature, but this week's session will be an informal one for you to bring along deeds and other documents for advice. Please let a Committee member know in advance if you will be attending this session.

Saturday 30th June 2003 – Badsey First School Summer Fete, exhibition theme to be decided

Saturday 28th July 2003 – Badsey Flower Show, exhibition theme to be decided

Other Possible Events

Treasure Hunt (in and around the village), Quiz Night, Family History Evening. If you have any ideas for, or would like to organise or assist with, possible future events, please let us know (there is a list of Committee members overleaf).

Badsey Parish Golden Jubilee Project

Your Last Chance to Contribute to this Record for Posterity

A unique record of Badsey is nearing completion. It is a collection of photographs, posters and news cuttings about the parish in this Jubilee year. The collection will be safeguarded so that future generations can look back and see what was happening in Badsey in 2002.

Lizzie Noyes, who is running the project, said, "I am delighted at the collection we have put together. It will be of great value to future generations. This is a last chance to contribute photographs and other materials. We are most grateful to everyone who has already given us material for the collection."

The project spans the year 2002 and covers the whole of the parish including Aldington, Bowers Hill and Blackminster. They would particularly like:

- Photos of events during 2002
- Photos showing houses with all those who live there
- Posters, newscuttings and other records

There will be a display of the collection in 2003 before it is put into safe storage.

Contributions for the collection will be gratefully received until 31 January 2003. Please deliver them to 4 High Street, Badsey, WR11 7EW (the right hand side of the Manor House). For further information phone Lizzie Noyes on 831112 or email Lizzie@badsey.net.

Badsey Website wins Major Award

The Badsey website, www.badsey.net, won first prize in this year's Worcestershire Community Pride Competition. We were up against such diverse projects as Worcester Orchard Workers and ? We had to endure two rounds of judging, which included being filmed, and had to sell our project to a panel of five judges, two of whom were non computer users!

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A History of Badsey Schools – The Society's Next Major Publication

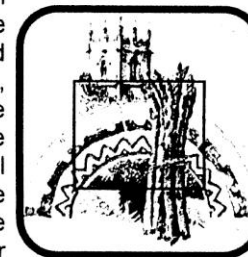


Following on from the success of Terry Sparrow's book, *A Brief History of Badsey and Aldington* (600 copies have been sold in just under three months), the Society plans to publish a book in 2004 with the working title *A History of Badsey Schools*. 2004 has been chosen as the publication year in order to coincide with the 150th foundation of the school. The school was first known as The National School and was based at what is now the Legion Club. It became the Board School up to 1895 when the present buildings in School Lane were opened. This new school being known over the years as Badsey Council School, Badsey County Primary School and presently Badsey First School.

If **you** attended Badsey school at any time during its history and have some reminiscences to share, or photos or mementoes (e.g. a concert programme, school newspaper), please contact Maureen Spinks. Any photo borrowed will be scanned and returned to you promptly.

Asparagus – A Celebration of its History in Badsey on Video

For many years, the Vale of Evesham, and Badsey in particular, was famous for its asparagus. Now the asparagus is almost gone. We can buy imported asparagus from supermarkets at any time of the year, and very soon, our children and grandchildren will be unaware of the importance this crop in the village. We have almost missed the boat – but not quite! Our initial thoughts were to hold an Asparagus Festival, but we think this might prove difficult. Our plan now is to make a video/DVD about asparagus-growing, to record for posterity the many stages involved.



Would **you** like to be take on this ground breaking project? Experience is not necessary, although a video camera is. If you have limited your efforts so far to holiday videos then this could be your big chance.

Also, does anyone have any asparagus related photographs and/or artefacts from times past? If so, please contact Richard Phillips or Will Dallimore.

Norma Evans

The Committee was saddened by news of the tragic death of Society member Norma Evans of Badsey in the M25 coach crash in November. On behalf of all members, the Committee extends its deepest sympathy to the Evans family.