

**The Badsey Society Committee Members**

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**And Finally...**

We have heeded the views of our members who were uncomfortable about the seating arrangements at Badsey School and so the AGM on Friday 13th February has been re-located to the Remembrance Hall. So lets see all of you in your (full-size) seats for 7.30pm. Why not bring a friend? New members are always welcome.

Annual subscriptions are due again, these can be paid to the membership secretary, or any committee member (see panel above). If you're attending the AGM then why not pay then.

Those of you who surf the net then please note that the Society's web pages, currently on the badsey.net website, will shortly be transferring to the new website, especially set up to host all village organisations who do not have their own websites, **badsey.org.uk**

A Happy New Year to all our members. Please note that membership fees are now due for 2004. It has been decided to maintain subscriptions at £1 per adult or £2.50 for a family membership.

**Round-Up of Events in October to December 2003**

- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Quiz Night at the Recreation Club. This was an enjoyable evening, attended by 53 people. The winners were the blacksmith's team comprising David Caswell, Michael Hewlett, Tony Jerram and Barbara Jerram, who gained a remarkable 78 out of 80 points. What let them down? A problem with their roods and perches (shame on you, from a market gardening background – not that the Editor knew either!). So far they have declined to take on the challenge of setting the next quiz, but rumour has it that John Dallimore may take on that role. Many thanks to Terry Sparrow for setting the questions.
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December – A successful exhibition was held at Badsey First School Christmas Bazaar.

**Future Events**

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2004 – 7.30 pm, Remembrance Hall, Bretforton Road, Annual General Meeting followed by a talk on archaeology by a member of the South Worcestershire Archaeological Group and a chance to participate in a practical session of pot-washing of finds discovered at "Under Badsey" on a field walk by the Group last year. Please bring along any old tooth-brushes you may have, as the good old tooth-brush is an essential tool for the archaeologist!
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2004 - Computer-Taster Session (see overleaf for more details)
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2004 – 7.30 pm, St James' Church, Badsey. Rescheduled House History talk. You may recall that a year ago, Elizabeth Howard of the Worcestershire Record Office, was scheduled to talk to the Society but, due to illness, had to cancel, and the slot was filled by Committee members. We are pleased that Elizabeth has agreed to come again.
- Village Walk in May or June, following part of the route of the 1901 census enumerator – definite date and details to follow in next newsletter
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2004 - Badsey First School Fete
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2004 - Badsey Flower Show
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2004 (provisional date) – Book Launch

### Former Badsey Pupils go back to School

14 former pupils and staff went back to Badsey School on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Ranging in age from 92-year-old Molly Corbett (née Evans), who left the school nearly 80 years ago, to her granddaughter, Helen, who left the school in the 1970s, they accompanied Maureen Spinks and Mrs Elizabeth Spencer, the Head Teacher, on a tour of the school. The aim of the tour was to try and understand how the school has developed over the years and the changing use of the various rooms, which will assist Maureen when writing the history of the school. Mrs Spencer, herself a former pupil, kindly gave up her time and agreed to open the school on a Saturday morning, making it easier to undertake the tour.

The Finals of the Rugby World Cup notwithstanding (regular updates were provided by text message by the Head Teacher's son!), the group progressed from one classroom to the next, recalling memories of the school from the 1920s to the 1970s. If you would like to see a fuller report of the tour with photographs, please log on to the Badsey website, [www.badsey.net](http://www.badsey.net).

This is the last call for photographs for possible inclusion in *A History of Badsey Schools*. If you have anything that may assist Maureen Spinks, please contact her as soon as possible. The provisional date for publication and the book launch is Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September – details to follow at a later date.

### Worcestershire Photographic Survey

If your house was built in 1968 or earlier, did you know that a photograph of it may be in the Worcestershire Record Office? The Record Office has a collection of nearly 600 photographs of buildings in Badsey and Aldington, mainly taken in 1968. The photos are not just of older properties, but also of new ones such as the houses in St James' Close. It is interesting to note how houses have changed over the last 35 years. For instance, Cherry House, Bretforton Road (home of artist, Ian Gibson, who is designing the front cover of *A History of Badsey Schools*) is shown as the original brick-built house, without the rendering. The collection may be viewed on microfiche at the County Hall branch.

### Goodbye to the Hough Family

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to the Hough family in March when they depart for the Shetland Isles. Adrian became Vicar of Badsey in 1997, the first incumbent of the new united benefice (when Badsey became united with Offenham and Bretforton). Kathryn has played an active part in the life of the village, having been Chairman of the PTA at Badsey First School for three years and a School Governor. Rachel will undoubtedly be missed by all her friends at Badsey First School. We wish them well for the future.

### Peggy Wheatley

We are also sad to learn of the death of Society member, Peggy Wheatley, who died on Christmas Eve. For many years, Peggy assisted her late husband, Ted, in his business at "The Poplars" garage. We extend our condolences to the family, in particular to Emma-Jane, her granddaughter, who is taking an active part in the filming of an asparagus video for the Society.

### Computer Taster Session

A date has now been fixed for a Computer Taster session. This will take place at *Evesham Technology* at 7 pm on Thursday 11th March 2004. Thanks are due to *Evesham Technology* for allowing us to use their facilities and to Carolyn Worth for organising this.

It is not too late to reserve a place at this **free** session. Don't be nervous about coming along. You can view the Badsey website, learn more about the internet, and perhaps send an e-mail to a friend or relative. If you would like a lift to Evesham, please indicate on the reply slip.

If you are interested in attending, please send your reply slip to Richard Phillips, Carolyn Worth or Maureen Spinks by the end of February.

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### Computer Taster Session Reply Slip

Name: .....

Tel No: .....

I am interested in attending the computer taster session. I am particularly interested in the following (please tick all that interest you):

The Badsey website	<input type="checkbox"/>	The internet in general	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family history on the internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Software for family history use	<input type="checkbox"/>

Something else (please specify) .....

Do you have a computer? YES/NO

Would you like a lift, if possible, to Evesham Technology? YES/NO