

**The Badsey Society Committee Members**

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**And Finally...**
**A Strong Constitution**

The committee is presently drawing up plans for strengthening the Society's constitution. The results of these proposals will be discussed at an open meeting, which will precede the committee meeting, at Harrington House on Wednesday 7th July, at 7.30pm. All members are entitled to attend.

**The Forgotten Few** A message from the Membership Secretary

It is easy to forget to pay your annual subscription to the Society, and we know of a few people who have not paid for the last two years. However, don't ask us to name them as we have already forgotten them.

The way to stay in the Society—is to pay to the Society.

Annual Membership is only £1 per adult, 50p per child, or £2.50 family membership

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. Just a reminder to the few members who have not yet paid their subscription for 2004, please forward it as soon as possible to the membership secretary or any committee member.

**Round-Up of Events from January to April 2004**

The **Annual General Meeting** was held at the Remembrance Hall on Friday 13th February. The same Committee was returned, with the exception of Marion Allen who stepped down after two years' service, to be replaced by Ian Gibson. The official part of the meeting was followed by a fascinating talk by Carolyn Worth about the Roman remains in Badsey, with the opportunity to participate in a practical pot-washing session. Even those who wouldn't normally be seen near the washing-up at home were taking part with eager enthusiasm! On Thursday 11th March eight Society members had the opportunity to participate in a **Computer-Taster Session**, courtesy of the hospitality of Evesham Technology. Within just a short time, the group was clicking away, listening to the church bells on the Badsey website, looking at old photos and many other items of interest. Meanwhile, Virginia Pawlyn was discovering lost ancestors in Cornwall and Jersey via various genealogical websites. It was undoubtedly a successful evening judging by the fact that no one wanted to go home! Around 50 people attended a talk on Friday 26th March at St James' Church to listen to a **Talk on House History** by Elizabeth Howard of the Worcestershire Record Office. We all felt inspired to try and find out more about our own homes.

**Future Events in 2004**

- Sat 19th Jun** Exhibition stand at **Badsey First School Fete**
- Wed 7th Jul** Committee meeting, open to all Society members, to consider changes to the constitution; 7.30 pm, *Harrington House*
- Sat 24th Jul** Exhibition stand at **Badsey Flower Show**
- Fri 6th Aug** **Village History Walk** following part of the route of the 1901 census enumerator. Meet outside the *Manor House* (No 4 High Street), Badsey at 7 pm; finish at *The Wheatsheaf*
- Sat 25th Sep** **School History Book Launch**  
(by invitation only, to subscribers of the book)
- Fri 12th Nov** **Lecture on the Civil War in Worcestershire** by Malcolm Atkin, with particular reference to the Vale of Evesham

### The Things we do in the Name of Research!

One day in March, some Badsey Society Committee members were to be seen disporting themselves in all manner of weird postures in the effort to bring some fascinating maps to the attention of a wider public. Richard Phillips had been contacted by Dr Nick Evans of the Geography Department at University College, Worcester, who had discovered the Badsey website, in particular the children's market gardening letters, and realised that there were people in the village who might be interested in seeing some growers' maps in his possession. The maps date back to the 1940s and show in very precise and large detail the land-holding pattern of growing in Badsey at this time, including shape of land parcel, area in fractions of acres and, most importantly, the precise name of the grower.

So thus it was that Richard, together with Terry Sparrow and Maureen Spinks, paid a visit to Worcester. Dr Evans said that we were lucky to be able to see the maps, because he had chanced upon them by accident when they were about to be placed in the skip! The maps were very fragile and necessitated Maureen sprawling on the floor trying to keep them flat (but at the same time keeping her fingers out of the way), whilst Richard, legs astride, danced around at many different angles to take photos with his digital camera. Meanwhile, the Chairman was busy pumping the pay-and-display machine with more money, as we were in danger of collecting a parking fine!

The fruits of Richard's labours may be seen at [www.badsey.net/past/mg.htm](http://www.badsey.net/past/mg.htm)  
We hope you will agree that this is a fascinating piece of history which it would have been a great shame if consigned to the skip.

### Mrs Evelyn Bent

We are sorry to record the death of Society member Eve Bent at the age of 85. She was very well known in the village and had been involved in various local organisations. At one time she was a parish councillor and for a number of years she represented Badsey on Wychavon District Council. At the time of her death she was a member of the church choir. We extend our sympathy to her family.

### Changing Society

Will all of the members with access to the Internet please note that the Society's web pages have now moved from [www.badsey.net](http://www.badsey.net) to [www.badsey.org.uk](http://www.badsey.org.uk)

### From the Parish Registers of 1654

24th July at St James' Church, Badsey John **Snow** married Elizabeth **Frost**

### The Society's Next Publication - A History of Badsey School

Final preparations are being made for the publication of this book by Maureen Spinks, which covers the 150 years since the foundation of the current school, and also has a brief chapter on the earlier educational establishments in Badsey before that time.

If you wish to subscribe and have not yet done so, a form is printed below.

All subscribers will have their names entered into the book's List of Subscribers, they will also receive their copies (signed by the author if required) at an invitation only book launch on Saturday September 25th.

The cost is £5 per copy ( £7 for mailing within UK, £8 for mailing to Europe, and £10 for mailing elsewhere in the world ).

If you wish to be a subscriber, please complete the form below and return with cash or cheque (payable to *The Badsey Society*) to Terry Sparrow, 36 Brewers Lane, Badsey, Evesham, WR11 7EU by 30th June 2004.



### Subscription to the Society's NEW Book - A History of Schools in Badsey

Name: .....

Address: .....

Number of copies required: ..... Amount enclosed: .....

Name as you wish it to appear in the book:  
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Signed: ..... Date: .....

A special event for all senior citizens, aged 65 or over, who were former pupils of Badsey School will take place at the school this Autumn. If you would like further details then please tick the box

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS IS 30TH JUNE 2004