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### 2006 Membership Subscription

Membership Subscriptions for 2006 are due now. The cost has been maintained at £1 per adult, 50p per child, or £2.50 family membership. We appreciate that some of you have already paid your subscription for 2006; if this is the case, please ignore this message. If you have not paid, a reminder appears on your address label below.

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 Terry Sparrow or, if more convenient, to another Committee member who will forward your membership fee.

Please note that, for the purposes of administration only, names and addresses of all members are stored on computer. In compliance with the Data Protection Act, this information will not be passed on to any third party. If you have any objection to your data being stored, please contact the Secretary.

The Badsey Society's fourth birthday is fast approaching. Don't forget to come along to the Annual General Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February (see over). We have lots of ideas about activities we would like to undertake, but without a willing band of workers behind the scenes, there is only so much that can be done.

### Round-Up of Events October to December 2005

- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2005** – Day School on old deeds. Eighteen members attended this free workshop on interpreting old deeds, with particular reference to Badsey and Aldington manuscripts. We were fortunate to have the services of two experts in the field, Nat Alcock, author of the book "Old Title Deeds", and Robin Whittaker, Archives Manager of Worcestershire Record Office. A full report with photographs appeared in the quarterly Enclosure Map project circulated earlier this month.



Memorabilia Evening (see below) - Neil Thould and Chris Smith brought along the same framed photograph of the Marshall family taken 108 years ago. They hadn't realised until then that they were related! It took Secretary Maureen Spinks to explain the relationship by quickly drawing up a family tree. Neil's wife, Kim, and Chris are third cousins (Chris' great-grandmother, Emma Marshall, was the elder sister of Kim's great-grandfather, Thomas Marshall who, for many years was innkeeper at "The Wheatsheaf").

- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2005** – It was a bitterly cold evening but a number of members turned up for a most enjoyable Memorabilia Evening at Badsey Remembrance Hall. In addition to the amazing coincidence of the Marshall family photograph, we were also grateful to Chris Smith for bringing along a wonderful collection of items belonging to his great-uncle Ernest Marshall, who perished in the Great War in March 1915; the photograph of Ernest in uniform and his campaign medals have been lovingly cherished by the family for almost a hundred years. Tony Jerram concluded the evening by speaking very movingly about the battle of Neuve Chapelle, one of the bitterest campaigns of the First World War, in which Ernest lost his life, along with many others of the Worcestershire Regiment.

### Future Events

- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2006 7.30 pm** – Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by Tony Jerram and Terry Sparrow entitled “Grass Roots – A Brief History of Crops in Badsey”.
- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, 2.30 pm** – Orchard Walk to Knowle Hill, approximately 1½ hours. Meet at Monks Bridge (wear boots and old clothes). The outing will finish with tea at “The Willows”, High Street.
- **Early April 2006** – Possible computer training on Badsey Enclosure Maps on the internet. Watch out for further information.
- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2006** – Badsey Flower Show
- **Early August 2006** – Provisional date for Badsey Village Walk

### A Final Word on Pigs

Shirley Wilce (née Evans) writes from Worcester with her memories:  
*My father, George Evans, was born in Badsey in a cottage in Sands Lane, and then lived in Synehurst Crescent. He worked some ground with his brother, Horace, down by Bully Brook. They always kept pigs and it was our duty as children to go and feed them on Sunday afternoon. We used to eat the very small potatoes that we had to mix with the bran, etc. I can remember my poor Mum with two zinc bottles full of chitterlings ready to be washed and plaited ready to be boiled, also all the pieces of pork ready to be sorted and the fat to cut ready to make rosemary lard. We always had a circle of bacon or ham hung up in the kitchen. I remember too the evenings when they got together with neighbours to eat chitterlings, play cards and drink cider.*

Chris Smith thought members would be amused with the following which he found in his family archives:

Cost of feeding Pig 1911		£	s	d
July 6	1 Pig		18	0 <sup>p</sup>
Sept 13	Food		10	0 <sup>p</sup>
Oct 23	"		12	0 <sup>p</sup>
Nov 20	"		14	0 <sup>p</sup>
Dec 9	"		6	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> <sup>p</sup>
11	Butcher & Straw & etc		2	6 <sup>p</sup>
	8 more 2 lbs			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub></b>

Many thanks to the various members who have contributed memories about pigs over the last few months. We didn't know when we introduced the subject that it would provoke such a correspondence. But enough on pigs for now – please turn your literary skills to the subject below.

### We Will Remember Them

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
 Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
 They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
 They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
 We will remember them.*

These are the third and fourth verses of Laurence Binyon's (brother of Badsey's very own Charles Binyon) immortal poem, "For the Fallen". As we saw from the Memorabilia Evening, young Private Marshall **IS** still remembered. This brief article appeared in the Parish Magazine of April 1915:

*On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, news reached Badsey of the death of Private W Marshall. One of the earlier ones to enlist – almost one of the first – he had been in trenches almost continuously since Christmas. He was wounded in the terrible fighting at Neuve Chappelle and died of his wounds a few days later at one of the Base Hospitals. On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, a band consisting of members of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire & District Change-Ringing Association rang a muffled peal of Stedman Triples (5040 changes) on our bells in 3hrs 20 mins; Mr J Barnard rang the tenor. The peal, which was a very fine piece of ringing, was in memory of those who had fallen in the war, and point was given to the event by the circumstance that only on the previous day news reached Badsey of the death of Private Marshall.*

But what about the others who left Badsey, perhaps full of excitement about travelling abroad for the first time? They have a story to tell as well. So, please:

### Send us your War-time Memories

- Do you have a forebear who features on the Badsey War Memorial?
- Can you tell us a bit about him?
- Or perhaps you yourself served in the Second World War or have a story to tell of life on the home front in Badsey.

We would love to hear of any memories for inclusion in the next Newsletter.