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First the Books – now the DVDs!

We are delighted to inform you of the publication shortly of not one, but two DVDs, which may be of interest to Badsey Society members. The first one was produced by Evesham Moviemakers Club and is a 75-minute recording of the Aldington Village Walk which took place last summer. The second has been produced by Will Dallimore and is a 20-minute recording of asparagus growing in the village. It is narrated by Tony Jerram and stars George Keen, Ron Heeks, Terry Sparrow, David Field and David Caswell. If you would like to reserve a copy of either of these DVDs, please complete the slip below and send the appropriate money (cheques payable to The Badsey Society) to Will Dallimore or Mike Lovatt (or give to another Committee member who will forward). As we need to know how many DVDs to produce, it is important that you adhere to the 30th April deadline. The DVDs will be hand-delivered to residents of Badsey and Aldington in May. For those living outside the parishes, postage and packing of 75p for each DVD is payable.

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RETURN TO WILL DALLIMORE OR MIKE LOVATT BY 30th APRIL 2006

Please reserve the following DVDs for me:	No of copies
ALDINGTON DVD, price £10 each (plus 75p P&P if outside parish)	
ASPARAGUS DVD, price £6 each (plus 75p P&P if outside parish)	

NAME:

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Please return to: Will Dallimore, 30 Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey, WR11 7XD or Mike Lovatt, Elm Cottage, Main Street, Aldington, WR11 7XB.

Hello, out there! Is there anyone there? Throughout 2005 we had a running correspondence about pigs when a number of you felt tempted to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and send us your memories of pig-keeping. However, a similar call for war-time memories (your own or a relative's) has produced nil response. Let's try a tot of cider, and also a dose of medicine for good measure, to see if that will prompt some correspondence! See over for more about cider and old Badsey cures.

Round-Up of Events January to April 2006

- **Friday 10th February 2006** – The Annual General Meeting was well attended with 33 people present. The same Officers and Committee were elected, with the exception of Liz Dyer who wished to stand down. Her place was taken by Mike Lovatt, the first Aldington representative on the Badsey Society Committee. The evening was rounded off by an excellent illustrated talk from Tony Jerram and Terry Sparrow entitled “Grass Roots – A Brief History of Crops in Badsey”.
- **Saturday 25th February 2006** – At very short notice, the Badsey Society was invited to participate in a Family History Fair at the Public Hall, Evesham, organised by Worcestershire Library and History Centre. Our stand was well attended throughout the day.



Richard Phillips and Maureen Spinks at the Badsey Society stand. The Badsey website was the central feature of the display and visitors were able to search the alphabetical database to find their forebears. One visitor from Birmingham had a forebear who was evacuated to Badsey after being bombed out of his home in Coventry. Not only was Terry Sparrow able to tell her all about her forebear, but also sent her off to find the very place in Badsey where he was billeted.

- **Saturday 1st April 2006** – Despite the threat of April showers, 30 members (including visitors from Cheshire, ex Badsey native, Jonathan Granger, and wife) turned up for the Orchard Walk to Knowle Hill. The late arrival of spring (in comparison with previous years) meant that the blossom was not yet out, but we were fortunate to receive an instructive narrative from Tony Jerram. The afternoon was rounded off with tea at “The Willows”.

Future Events

- **Saturday 17th June 2006** – Badsey First School Summer Fete
- **Saturday 22nd July 2006** – Badsey Flower Show
- **Friday 4th August 2006** – Badsey Village Walk
- **Autumn 2006** – Possible computer training on Badsey Enclosure Maps on the internet. Watch out for further information.
- **Autumn 2006** – talk to be arranged (we hope to invite Judith Curthoys, the Archivist of Christ Church Library, to talk about Badsey's connection with Christ Church)

Doreen Moore (1922-2005)

It is with regret that we report the death of Society member Doreen Moore (née Ballard) in October 2005. Doreen's old recipes for curing minor illnesses (some more successful than others!) were published on the Badsey website a few years ago. A few months after Doreen's death, we received a communication from Granada ITV. They were in the process of making a series about the history of Old Wives Tales and Folklore remedies for their "This Morning" programme and had found Doreen's article on the Badsey website. They felt that Doreen's remedies would be perfect for their programme and were very keen to interview her. Sadly, we had to notify them that their request had come too late.

Although Doreen is no longer here to tell her tales, you can read her article at www.badsey.net. As a taster, here is her beginning paragraph: *"My earliest memory is of my mother relating the story of Gran Ballard's cure for Dad's earache when he was a small child. Apparently, she boiled a potato, cut off a small portion and, while still hot, dropped some into the offending ear. Years later, when up for an army medical, he was told he had perforated eardrums. I always imagined him walking around with two colanders attached to his head!"*

Why don't you let us know some of grandma's remedies?

Cider with John – and Mike, Fred, Michael and Doreen

Those of you who are of a certain age will doubtless remember the Cider Mill in Badsey High Street. Sadly, no photographs seem to exist of the Mill, but we are grateful to John Bird for allowing his painting of the Mill to be published on the Badsey website. Fred Mason, in his 90s, recalls a pony being used to crush the apples, but Mike Hewlett of Green Leys, some 15 years younger, says that it had been mechanised by his time: there was an old Lister engine which smashed the apples into a hopper and then to a pulp

Michael Flanagan, who lived at 11 Synehurst during the war, also remembers the Cider Mill: *"Some mornings we'd sneak off to school early so that we could hang around the Cider Mill looking thirsty until one of the men gave us a drink of scrumpy. Then off we went to school with faces like Pershore plums and much too much to say for ourselves."*



The redoubtable Doreen Moore had a use for cider in curing the common cold: *"Cider was also useful as a medicine to cure a cold and it was invaluable to give 'central heating' to a frozen body! Take a small saucepan to the shed, place under tap in cider barrel, take as much as required. Place same on gas stove, heat up, add sugar and a teaspoon of ginger. Drink up, then sit back and wait. Either the cold was cured or, in a bemused way, it became quite acceptable."* Whisky also had its uses: *"Toothache was treated by rubbing the aching gums with neat whisky and swishing some around in the mouth. I did think Dad suffered more than some with this affliction, and he always forgot to spit it out after the swishing!"*

Send us Your Memories

- Do you have a story of an old remedy or cure – either one you remember or a story that has been passed to you?
- Do you have a cider story to tell?
- Do you have a photograph of the Cider Mill?

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

Members' News

- The Badsey Society now has a second member on the Parish Council: Pete Smith was recently elected Councillor unopposed.
- Elizabeth Bolland, Guide Leader since 1975, was responsible for organising the Guides' 50th anniversary celebrations in March. Report to follow in July.