

Future Events

- **Saturday 22nd July 2006** – Badsey Flower Show, 1.30-4.30 pm
- **Friday 4th August 2006** – Badsey Village Walk. Meet outside 4 High Street at 7 pm. The route will take us to selected points of historical interest in the Old Post Office Lane/Chapel Street/Brewers Lane region of the village. Refreshments at 36 Brewers Lane at the end of the evening
- **Autumn 2006** – Computer training on Badsey Enclosure Maps on the internet
- **10th or 17th November 2006** – Provisional date for talk by Colonel John Lowles on the Worcestershire Regiment, with specific reference to the men of Badsey who fought and fell during the First World War*

* Please note that this replaces the talk which had been planned to be given by Judith Curthoys, the Archivist of Christ Church Library. This has had to be deferred because of a major refurbishment at Christ Church in the autumn, which means that Judith is very tied up with arranging for long-term storage of their archive whilst the new repository is being built. Judith hopes to come to Badsey at a later date.

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It's Badsey Flower Show on Saturday! Come and visit at us at our bigger-than-ever stand. This year, we have used some of the money received from the Local Heritage Initiative grant to buy a double-size gazebo, which means that there will be more room for you to browse at our exhibition stands, view copies of the Enclosure Maps, find out information about roads and houses in Badsey and Aldington, and watch clips of the new asparagus DVD. See you there – 1.30-4.30 pm.

And don't forget to bring your camera! One of the photographic categories for the 2007 Flower Show, is called "Badsey Flower Show 2006".

Round-Up of Events April to June 2006

- **Saturday 1st April 2006** – In the April newsletter we reported briefly on the Orchard Walk. There was no room for photos last time, so here is your chance to see a couple of shots taken by John Dallimore.



- **Saturday 17th June 2006** – We again attended the Badsey First School Summer Fete, and pleased to see some of our Society members visit the stand.

Badsey Guides' 50th Anniversary



Elizabeth Bolland, Guiding Commissioner of Evesham Central District



Mary King (back centre) who started the 1st Badsey Guides in 1930, with fellow guides

On 15th March 2006, Badsey Guides officially celebrated their 50th birthday. How could this be, you might well ask, when it comes to light that the Guides started in 1930? Society member, Elizabeth Bolland and the person responsible for guiding in Badsey for the past 30 years, tells us the story and has sent us the following report.

The 1st Badsey Guides was officially started by Mary Florence Charlotte King (sister of the late Henry King of Bretforton Road, Badsey) on 20th March 1930, but was disbanded in 1950 after 20 years. Mrs Elizabeth Bolland reopened the Unit in April 1976 and, after 30 years is still the Guide Leader. Many local girls have been in Badsey Guides and the Unit continues to be as popular as ever.

This was demonstrated at the recent 50th Anniversary Special Event on 15th March 2006, held at the Badsey Remembrance Hall when the hall was absolutely filled to capacity with many having to stand. The audience included many ex guides, ex adult helpers and one original Guide from the 1930s.

Exhibits, including many photographs, were on display, which brought back happy memories to those who had gathered to celebrate. The audience, which included the Evesham Town Mayor and her Consort, along with the current Guides' parents and families, were treated to a display of marching and Guide uniforms from 1909 to the present day. A pantomime entitled "Rats" was performed which was followed by a dancing display depicting the past 50 years. The evening in the hall finished with a disco.

The Badsey Bell Ringers decided that it was of village importance, so they rang out that evening in celebration of the event.

Scouting Tales


Are there any old Boy Scouts out there with tales to tell? Whilst Scouts in Badsey only started in the late 1940s, it is actually the 100th anniversary of the whole Scouting movement next year, so please send in your memories.

Reg Kyte (1920-2006) and Roger Davies (1944-2006)

We are sorry to report the recent deaths of two of our members. Reg Kyte, an Evesham man, became well known in Badsey during his many years as church organist and choirmaster. Roger Davies will be remembered as a person who was always willing to help others and the very large attendance at his funeral was an indication of the esteem in which he was held. We extend our condolences to both families.

War-time Memories

Back in January, we asked if anyone had any war-time memories to relate. Geoff Brooks has provided us with information about some slightly unusual "servicemen" of the Second World War. You won't find their names on any War Memorial, but they had a significant war-time role.

	<p><i>Did you know that pigeons played a vital part in the Second World War? As a message carrier, the homing pigeon had played an important role for many thousands of years. With the coming of new means of communications in the 19th and early 20th centuries, however, the civilian pigeon post began to disappear but pigeons remained a vital means of communication in times of war.</i></p> <p><i>Pigeons were used by the Royal Air Force as standard equipment on all bomber and reconnaissance planes and by the army and intelligence services. In total, 200,000 pigeons were supplied to the National Pigeon Service.</i></p> <p><i>Some of those pigeons were from Badsey. The Sadler brothers, Charles (Jerry), Henry (Tot) and Arthur (Shaddy) were keen pigeon-fanciers and kept pigeon-lofts at the rear of Bully Brook House on Willersey Road. After the war, in July 1946, one of the pigeons took part in the Bordeaux Race and came fourth in the second section (British Isles) Open; the brothers won £174 in prize money.</i></p>
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