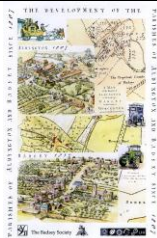


CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Novel ideas for presents



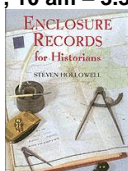
POSSIBLY COMING SHORTLY
Amazing opportunity to buy actual-size copies of the Badsey and Aldington Enclosure Maps. To gauge whether there is enough support for this idea to go ahead, please complete the slip below to indicate whether you would be interested. Cost likely to be in the region of £20 for the two maps in a cardboard tube.

Artist Ian Gibson is currently working on the design of a tea-towel (in full colour), based on the 200-year-old Enclosure Maps and aerial photographs of the village today. Using these two sources of information, he is creating an artist's impression of the villages as they were at the beginning of the 19th century. A novel idea which would make a good stocking-filler. Available at the end of November, price only £5, but place your order now by filling in the form below.

For many years, the Vale of Evesham, and Badsey in particular, was famous for its asparagus. Now the asparagus is almost gone. We can buy imported asparagus from supermarkets at any time of the year; very soon, our children and grandchildren will be unaware of the importance of this crop in the village. In order to record the story of Badsey's asparagus, Will Dallimore has produced a 20-minute DVD. It is narrated by Tony Jerram and stars George Keen, Ron Heeks, Terry Sparrow, David Field and David Caswell. Price only £6, it is on sale in The Spar.

DAY SCHOOL ON ENCLOSURE RECORDS – FREE TO MEMBERS

Saturday 27th January 2007, 10 am – 3.30 pm



Following on from the success of last year's Day School on Old Deeds, The Badsey Society has been successful in gaining the services of an eminent guest speaker to run a Day School in the village, entitled "Enclosure: Redrawing the Landscape". The speaker will be Dr Steven Hollowell, author of "Enclosure Records for Historians", published by Phillimore. A Day School such as this would normally cost at least £25 per person, but we are pleased to announce that the session is FREE to Badsey Society members. Places on the course are limited so please return the form as soon as possible, together with a £10 returnable deposit (the cheque will only be cashed if you do not turn up for the event).

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU WANT EITHER TO BUY A TEA-TOWEL OR TO RESERVE A PLACE ON THE ENCLOSURE MAP WORKSHOP

1. Please send me a tea-towel at £5 each (plus 75 p&p if outside parish). Number required
2. I would also be interested in purchasing copies of the Badsey and Aldington Enclosure Maps (I understand that this is only an expression of interest at this stage). YES/NO
3. Are there any products you would be interested in purchasing as a spin-off from the Enclosure Map project?
4. I WISH/DO NOT WISH to attend the Day School on Saturday 27th January. To secure a place, I enclose a cheque for £10 which may be cashed only if I cancel at short notice.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Cheques payable to The Badsey Society. Please return tear-off slip with money or cheque to one of the following Committee members (tea-towel delivery from end November): Will Dallimore, 30 Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey; Ian Gibson, Cherry House, 83 Bretforton Road, Badsey; Mike Lovatt, Elm Cottage, Main Street, Aldington; Terry Sparrow, 36 Brewers Lane, Badsey; Maureen Spinks, The Willows, 8A High Street, Badsey



THE BADSEY SOCIETY

Newsletter No 18 October 2006

We began last quarter's edition with the words, "It's Badsey Flower Show on Saturday. Come and visit at us at our bigger-than-ever stand." Famous last words! It rained and it rained and it rained. Lightning ripped through the air and loud thunder claps rumbled ominously. And then as if it hadn't rained enough, it rained a bit more! Please see over for a full report on the day.

Round-Up of Events July to September 2006

- **Saturday 22nd July 2006** – Badsey Flower Show (report overleaf)
- **Friday 4th August 2006** – Badsey Village Walk (report overleaf)

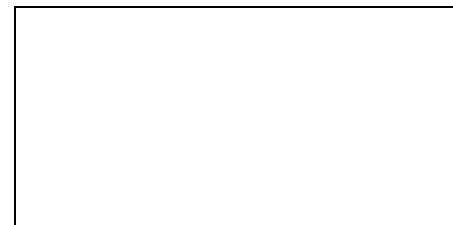
Future Events

- **Friday 10th November 2006** – 7.30 pm, St James Church, Badsey. 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



Are you descended from any of the men of Badsey from the Worcestershire Regiment who died during the war? Bernard Barton, Richard Cole, Cecil Crane, Walter Crane, Horace Halford, William Hanks, Frederick Hartwell, Albert Huxley, Thomas Knight, Ernest Marshall, Louis Sparrow, Ernest Yeates, George Mason, Charles Robbins, Thomas Willoughby all lost their lives in the Great War. James Chamberlain, Louis Jelfs, Frederick Perkins died during the Second World War. Whether you are a descendant of one of these men, or whether you are interested in the county regiment, please come and join us the day before Remembrance Day.

- **Saturday 27th January 2006** – Day School on Enclosure Records, 10–3.30, Badsey Remembrance Hall (see back page)
- **Friday 9th February 2007** – Annual General Meeting, 7.30 pm, Badsey Remembrance Hall
- **Saturday 10th March 2007** – End of Enclosure Project Gala Evening
- **Saturday 28th July 2007** – Badsey Flower Show



Badsey Flower Show 2006

You could say that there's never been a Flower Show like it, which was a huge disappointment for everyone, not least the organisers who had put in so much hard work throughout the year. Just as the gates opened at 1 o'clock, the heavens opened, and people were marooned wherever they happened to be at the time. Despite the wet weather, we did have a few visitors to the stand and were delighted to sign up three new members who braved the quagmire. Just like on the Titanic, the band played on – and so did The Badsey Society! Many stall-holders had abandoned ship when it seemed that the deluge was never going to abate, but we were still there!



At The Badsey Society tent, Will Dallimore used one of the exhibits to remove the water from the roof of the gazebo whilst Linda Core stares gloomily at the rain.



The Vicar came well-prepared. It's all very well praying for rain, but didn't anyone tell him he might have specified "any day except Flower Show Day, please"!



Meanwhile, George Sangha from the Spar was left with the simple job of opening the fete – a task that proved remarkably difficult on such a rain-soaked day.



Neil Thould's brolly came in useful, but it still didn't stop the rain from coming down.



The prize-giving at the end saw a fifth of the cups and trophies being scooped up by Badsey Society members. Elizabeth Bolland (front garden), Lynn Gibson (floral art), Tony Spinks (photography), Brian Smith (wine-making) and Will Dallimore (literature) proudly display their trophies. A number of other Society members gained prizes, including Grant Stevens-Bulmer, who is determined to beat his mother next year in the flower-arranging section.

Badsey Village Walk

Around 45 people turned up for the walk in Badsey which began at the Manor House. The route took us via the listed labourer's cottage in Orchard Way and then on to visit the blacksmith. David Caswell entertained us with stories of the smithy; blacksmithing is in the blood as it is a job which has been in his family for the last three generations. The route covered various locations featured on the Enclosure Map and finished at the ancient ridge and furrow land next to the house of Treasurer, Terry Sparrow. We are grateful to Terry and Sandra for providing hospitality after the event in the garden of their home in Brewers Lane.



The Manor House, home for nearly 250 years to the Wilson family, Lords of the Manor of Badsey. Note the door beneath the hanging basket. At one time, this used to be an archway for a horse and carriage to pass through, but it was made into part of the house when renovated in 1947. Members wait to take it in turn to view the hall-way of the Manor and see the old external doorway, now inside.

New addition to The Badsey Society Library

Society member Peter Stewart has produced a mammoth tome entitled "Waterside Cemetery, Evesham – A Survey of the Burial Registers, Interments and Monumental Inscriptions 1875-2005". If you wish to borrow the Society's copy of this work, please contact Maureen Spinks. Well done, Peter, for the amazing amount of work that has gone into this book.

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