Members also had time to undertake some personal research. The National Archives is a rich resource, providing information about our ancestors which cannot be found anywhere else. Paul Green took the time to do some vital preparatory work before visiting the Archives and was rewarded by finding a full description of his ancestors' home in Aston a hundred years ago. Jane Neill found information in the Colonial Service Year Books about her grandfather who worked in the Post Office in British Guyana and Nigeria, and Richard Phillips found an interesting set of government papers about conscientious objectors in Dartmoor prison. Thomas Locke looked at muster rolls of the 1820s, whilst Valerie Magan was on the track of 19th century Evesham police station plans.

Brian and Hazel Smith were trying to track down Brian's Smith ancestors – it's times like this when you wish your name was Higginbottom! Brian's great-grandfather, Hubert Smith, lived at Bengeworth Fields House for many years, but also owned land in Badsey which later became the Recreation Ground. Brian tells us that Hubert was a God-fearing man who knew the Bible inside out, yet at the same time was an expert on Charles Darwin's Theory. He was a lay preacher and visited local chapels. He would stand on a box in Badsey village, preaching about the evils of alcohol. Seward House was his favourite location, local brewer Julius Sladden being the target! Hubert was a small man with a goatee beard and would walk to Stratford Mop and back each year – quite a character by all accounts.

Evesham Volunteer Centre - Living History Memories

We have recently received the following request: "My name is Kirsty Cash and I currently work at the Evesham Volunteer Centre on a local history project based on the villages that the Centre covers. As part of this research, I would like to interview village members who have lived in the village the longest and collect their stories and memories, particularly of the village, schooling in the village etc. These interviews will be done with myself and my manager Helen Gray. This, along with the other information on the villages, will then be turned into a book. If you are willing to be part of this and allow me to interview you for this project, and/or you have any questions please get in touch with me at: volunteeradmin@eveshamvolunteers.org.uk or on 01386 40165 and ask for Kirsty Cash or Helen Gray."

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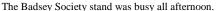
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We reported in our last Newsletter about the receipt of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Our project, "The Last Market Gardener", was successfully launched at the Flower Show and we shall be bringing you regular reports in the Society Newsletter and in a special Project Newsletter to the whole community. Look out for details in the forthcoming Project Newsletter about Terry Sparrow's book.

Round-Up of Events July to October 2010

• Badsey Flower Show, Saturday 24th July – Another successful exhibition at this, the 108th annual Flower Show. "The Last Market Gardener Project" was launched and visitors to the stand had a chance to see market gardening implements, partake in a quiz, and view folders focussing on the market gardening families who lived in Badsey and Aldington a hundred years ago. Many congratulations to Derek Crane who came away with no less than four cups. Read about the Crane family in the next Project Newsletter.







Derek Crane with his four cups.

• Trip to The National Archives, Wednesday 6th October – 17 members went on the coach trip to The National Archives at Kew. See inside to find out more information about what they got up to. Here is the group on its arrival at Kew.



Back row: Tom Locke, Lizzie.Noyes, Ivor Martin, Paul Green, Robin Neill, Richard Phillips, Patrick Sparrow, Mike Lovatt, Beryl Hockenhull.

Front row: Meryl Pratt, Jane Neill, Valerie Magan, Brian Smith, Hazel Smith, Trevor Hockenhull.

Kneeling: Virginia Pawlyn.

We hope to make a return trip next year, so watch this space for more details.

Future Events

Friday 19th November 2010 Members' Evening, 7.30 pm, The Wheatsheaf

A chance to meet other members of The Badsey Society for a drink and chat. Items from The Badsey Archive will be on display – come and see what has been donated to the Society since 2002.

We also hope to have computer access to the internet so that members without computers may view the Badsey website and family history sites.

- Friday 11th February AGM, presentation of Tony Jerram Award, and talk, 7.30 pm, Badsey Remembrance Hall.
- Weekend of 25th-27th March Programme of activities relating to the 1911 census, to coincide with the 2011 census.
- May 2011 Launch of Terry Sparrow's book on market gardening.
- June 2011 Whit Walk.

Robert Hancock, Porcelain Painter

Did you read the article in The Evesham Journal about a new book called *Heroes & Villains of Worcestershire*? The article mentions "Badsey-born Robert Hancock". Who was this, I asked myself. Had we missed a trick? A consultation of the Badsey baptism records reveals that yes, a Robert Hancock was baptised on 7th April 1731. But was he the same person who went on to become the inventor of transfer printing on porcelain and pottery (considered one of the most important innovations in the development of the ceramic industry)? A quick trawl of the internet does nothing to confirm that he was a son of Badsey. Indeed, Oldbury claims him as their own, stating that he spent most of his life living in his native Black Country. If anyone has more details to confirm that the porcelain painter was a Badsey lad, please let us know.

Regal Cinema

Hot off the press is news that The Regal Cinema has at last got the grant it needs in order to carry out the refurbishment programme. Work is starting in the next two weeks and they will be holding open days on the last Sunday of the month so that people can view the work in progress. Please support The Regal in any way you can.

Our Juniors

You may recall that, at the beginning of this year, we said that we would be abolishing family membership and that all school-aged children of adult members would be free. Four of our Juniors, Jessica Allen, David Horton, Francesca Pratt and Guy Spencer left school/college in the summer: David to study Medicine at Newcastle University, Francesca to study Economics at Swansea University, Guy to do an Art Foundation course in Cheltenham prior to starting a degree next year, whilst Jessica is working for R A Bennett Estate Agents in Broadway. We wish them all well in their future careers.



The Badsey Archive - Do you have skills in using Microsoft Access and uploading data to the internet? If so, we would love to hear from you. It has been suggested that Access would be a good way of storing details of the catalogue we are compiling. We shall be visiting the curator of Worcester Porcelain Museum in November in order to pick up some tips, as they use Access. If you feel you can help, please contact Jane Neill on 830301 or email jane@familyneill.co.uk.

The 1910 Valuation Survey

A busy day was spent at Kew looking at the Valuation Office Survey records for Badsey and Aldington. These records contain an enormous amount of details relating to property and land 100 years ago. Considered in conjunction with the 1911 census, they add enormously to our knowledge of the village.



The image above shows a part of one of the maps for Badsey. Each field and house has been given a reference number, which ties in with an entry in a Field Book.

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This is the entry for the present-day No 11 High Street, then known as Vine Cottage. Inspected on 26th November 1912, it comprised a house and orchard amounting to 1 acre. The owner was G Attwood Senior and the occupier was G B Lloyd Roberts, who had a tenancy for 4¾ years commencing 24th June 1908 and paid a rent of £28. It is described as an "old brick, tile and slate house, damp and bad repair, 2 sitting-rooms, kitchen, larder, earth closet, 2 bedrooms, 2 attics, brick and tile stable and coachhouse". Attwood bought the house on 24th June 1903 for £490; the house was valued in 1912 at £500. The 1911 census shows that George Bernard Roberts, described as a fruit and vegetable grower, was living there with his wife, Winifride. This property (renamed Meadway House in 2004 by the previous owners) is now home to the newest member of The Badsey Society, Michael Gowers, who moved to the village in January. Thanks to the photographers who went on the trip to Kew, we have digital images of each of the pages which means that the work of transcription can carry on in the comfort of people's homes. If you would like to help, please contact Maureen Spinks.