

Life membership for the Sparrows

At a repeat showing of "The Market Gardener" at The Wheatsheaf on 12th October, Terry Sparrow was presented with life membership of The Badsey Society for himself and Sandra, in recognition of his huge contribution to the Society since its start in 2002. Terry was present at the evening as one of an expert panel (the others being Will Dallimore and Pat Goldstraw).



Members' News

- **Michael and Jean Peet** – Many congratulations to Michael and Jean Peet on their golden wedding celebrations in July. Michael and Jean were amongst the first to join the Society in 2002.
- **Norris Hancock (1926-2012)** - We are sad to note the death of Norris Hancock who only recently joined the Society. Norris was for many years a flower judge at Badsey Flower Show.
- **Elizabeth Bolland, MBE** – Hearty congratulations to Liz Bolland for her well-deserved MBE. She was given her award by the Prince of Wales at Windsor Castle on 12th October. Liz told The Journal reporter: "He asked if I was still active in Guiding and when I replied 'yes, sir' he said 'thank God for people like you'."



Membership Fees 2013

We have decided to maintain the membership fee at the very low amount of £2 for the year 2013. In order to cut down on administration (and save shoe leather!), we shall no longer issue a membership card unless specifically requested. We shall continue to note on the label at the bottom of this page whether you are up-to-date with your subs.

Tony Jerram Award

It's that time of year again when we begin to think about nominations for the annual Tony Jerram Award. If you know of someone who you feel is worthy of nomination, please return the enclosed form by 1st January. Last year we had eight nominations for the award; if your nominee was unsuccessful last year, please don't hesitate to try again.

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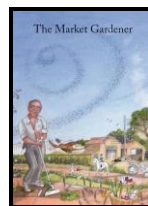


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Our "Last Market Gardener Project" is almost at an end – be sure to come to Badsey First School on Saturday 1st December for our final event when we shall be show-casing some of the items from our archive and launching our new website (see overleaf for details).

The last few months have been dominated by preparation for the launch of our latest DVD. Whilst Will Dallimore and his team were putting together the finishing touches, I was spending a bit of time in West Kensington and had time to reflect on how things change over time. From the late 16th century, this area of London was one of the prime market garden regions of England. But the endless quest for new housing land meant that more and more houses were being built during the latter part of the 19th century. With the capital city becoming too built up, this corresponded with asparagus fields being set up in the Vale of Evesham and a consequent decline in market gardening in London. But we are not here to talk about "The Last Market Gardener in London", but about our very own "Last Market Gardener" project in Evesham. Fortunately, our pessimism of a few years ago which caused us to consider such a project has not been completely borne out; this has led us optimistically to drop the word "last" from the title of the DVD. Whilst the traditional market gardener may be uncommon these days, market gardening has reinvented itself in the shape of market gardeners such as Roly Holt of Hornsfield Nurseries. Will and his team are to be congratulated on a magnificent production.



Will, who had worked alongside Tony Jerram on our first two films, oversaw the production, and acted as narrator; Richard Phillips researched the subject matter, wrote the script and sourced the archive material; Valerie Magan and John Dallimore also assisted. Michael Barnard and Ian Gibson provided the artwork; local wind quartet, Arioso Winds, provided the music. But the real stars, of course, were the market gardeners themselves, without whom the film could not have been made.

Monday 1st October - Launch of "The Market Gardener" DVD, The Regal Cinema



Some people relaxed with a drink in the swivel armchairs downstairs – whilst a lot of our older members made a beeline for the back row upstairs, presumably taking a trip down memory lane!



The Mayor and Mayoress, Robert Raphael, and Mrs Diana Raphael, were in attendance. Blackminster Middle School pupils, Joshua Sellick and Hayley Johns, who did voice-overs in the film, came with their Headteacher, Peter Humphries.

Round-Up of Other Events July to October 2012

21st July - Badsey Flower Show

As usual, it was another busy time at the Flower Show. The sun shone, visitors came in their droves and The Badsey Society stand was busy all afternoon. Brian Smith was the winner of the Will Dallimore Literature Cup and received a kiss from the actress, Lynda Bellingham, who opened the Show.



Market Gardening Mural Officially Opened at Badsey First School – 5th October



Didn't they do well? Some of the children of Badsey First School are seen with "Gus the Asparagus Man" who officially opened the beautiful wall mural which the children worked on with Jon the Potter in the summer term. Maureen Spinks and Jane Neill are seen above with "Gus" who, in his other life, is a member of The Badsey Society.

Future Events

**THE FINAL EVENT OF
THE LAST MARKET GARDENER PROJECT
A HISTORY OF BADSEY IN 100 OBJECTS
AND
LAUNCH OF A NEW ARCHIVE & MUSEUM WEBSITE**



**Saturday 1st December
7.30 pm
Badsey First School**

- **Wednesday 16th January 2013, Trip to The National Archives** – see enclosed form for details.
- **Friday 15th February 2013, 7.30 pm, St James' Church, Badsey** – Annual General Meeting followed by a talk/film. We are looking for a new Treasurer; if you are interested in the role, please contact the Chairman for more details.

The Badsey Archive

Our trusty archive team has been hard at work on transcribing the Parish Magazines which will, from 1st December, be available on our new archive and museum website. Jane Croucher has just completed looking at the magazines for 1948-1960. For some of you, you may have happy memories of that period in your life. For others, like Jane, who wasn't even born then, it is another world away. Let's have a look at some of the things which have changed over the years:

- **Smoking** – For much of the 20th century, smoking was a socially acceptable habit. In the November 1948 issue when Maurice Savory writes about trying to revive the Men's Fellowship after the war, he invites people to come along to the lectures he has organised saying, "Bring along your smokes (if you can get any!) and give the venture a trial."
- **Women** – Whilst many women appeared to play a prominent part in village life in the 1940s and 1950s, they were defined by their husbands. Their own first name was rarely used, and they would be referred to as Mrs Bertram Jones, etc.
- **The church choir** – This was largely male, whereas today it is 100% female.

Some things endure, though. The young RRS (Roger Savory) who wrote about the Guild of Ringers' AGM in 1948, first learned to ring as a teenager during the war, when many of the men had gone off to fight. Roger still rings occasionally but, now in his eighties and living in the USA, he does not have so many opportunities. Happily, the Guild is still going strong and we have an active bell-ringing group today, under the guidance of Hilary Bolton – yes, a woman (no female ringers back in those post-war days!). And, of course, the Women's Institute was very active, as indeed it is today.

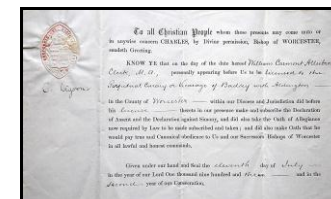
So do come along on 1st December to see what we have in our collections. Original items will be on view and will be showcased in our presentation, "A History of Badsey in 100 Objects" (advertised left). Computers will be available for you to look at the new website after the presentation, when you will have a chance to see all the hard work that has gone into bringing our archive to a worldwide community. Here's a preview of just some of the things that you might see.



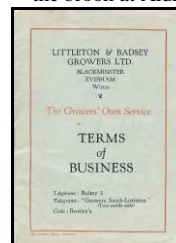
A Victorian children's shoe found in the brook at Aldington.



Rose-bush markers belonging to Sir Julius Sladden.



Licence of W.C. Allsebrook to the perpetual curacy of Badsey.



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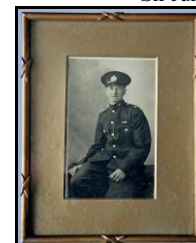
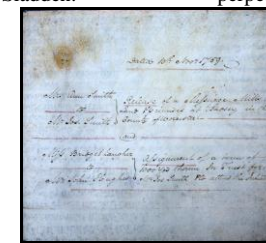


Photo of Arthur Taylor, Special Constable.



A deed of 1759 relating to Badsey Mill.



A lock of Arthur Savory's hair.