

Friday 24th October 2014 - The Wheatsheaf, 7.30 pm

Dusty old films and videos are being cleaned off for a unique occasion when films with a local connection will be shown. The programme includes footage of "Plums that Please" (a 1931 film made by the British Film Institute) and clips from Paul Ayshford's 1995 view of village events.

Thursday 27th November 2014 - Badsey Remembrance Hall, 7.30 pm

A talk on "Wickhamford through the Ages" by Tom Locke and a chance to see The Badsey Society's new archive room

- Friday 23rd January 2015 – Talk by Robin Neill: "Snowhill Manor, Charles Wade and Volunteering with The National Trust", Badsey Rec Club, 7.30 pm
- Friday 13th February 2015 – AGM, Badsey Recreation Club (main room), Brewers Lane, 7.30 pm
- Friday 13th March 2015 – Talk on Waterloo in the 200th anniversary year since the battle, Badsey Recreation Club, 7.30 pm
- Saturday 25th July 2015 – Badsey Flower Show

Stocking-Filler for Christmas - Tea Towel on sale shortly

Designed by Ian Gibson, this new Badsey Society tea towel will make a welcome addition to your kitchen or as a gift for friends. The tea towels will first be on sale at The Badsey Society Film Night on Friday 24th October at The Wheatsheaf and thereafter at other events, or by ordering online at <http://www.badsey.net/bsp>, Price £6.



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. Terry Sparrow was last year's winner.

Membership Fees – If you have not yet paid for 2014, this is your last chance to do so (see reminder on the label): £5 per person, cheques payable to The Badsey Society. Please forward to Tony Wood, Treasurer, at the address below, or via Paypal at <http://www.badsey.net/bsp/subs.htm>. Membership fees remain the same for 2015.

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As the nights draw in, we have an exciting programme of talks lined up for the next few months. Please see the back page for details.

Round-Up of Events July to September 2014

Saturday 26th July 2014, Badsey Flower Show – A very hot day and another successful Flower Show and more successes for Badsey Society members in the competitions.

Friday 12th September, An Evening with the Sladden Family of Seward House - The first evening with the Sladden family was a resounding success, perhaps best summed up by the words of Sir Peter Luff who was an invited guest: "I am writing to say how much I enjoyed my evening with the Sladdens. It really was a remarkable evening which brought to life exactly how the war impacted on a real family in a way that I found genuinely moving and often amusing. Please pass my congratulations to all members of the Society for this remarkable occasion and my good luck to you all as you prepare for the coming years – it is quite a journey you have embarked upon! Thank you so much for inviting me to an occasion which I was delighted to attend – it was one of the most enjoyable events I have been to as a Member of Parliament." Others have suggested it should be on Radio 4! We hope that you will join us next year to hear letters written by the family in 1915.



"The Official Voice" (Valerie Magan and the Narrator (Will Dallimore).



Mr & Mrs Sladden (Anthony & Patsy Miller) with their sons, Jack (Robin Neill), Arthur (Chris Smith), George (Richard Court), Cyril (Terry Sparrow).



May, Juliet and Kathleen Sladden (Jane Neill, Martha Morrey, Sandra Sparrow).



Festival of Churches – September 2014

The Festival of Churches World War I exhibition was very successful with a number of people visiting the church over two weekends. Valerie Magan and Chris Smith had both done an enormous amount of research putting together display material, Maureen Spinks provided information about the men named on the war memorial, and various other parishioners provided items for display. Will and John Dallimore organized community singing each afternoon. Also on show were the articles contributed by various people about World War I. John Cole, the Editor of Community News, was invited to select what, in his opinion, was the best article. This will be featured in the November edition of Community News. All the contributions will be placed in the Badsey Archive.

Farewells

Sadly, four members of The Badsey Society have died within recent months. We would like to pass on our sincere condolences to their families.

Anne King (née Hodges) (1929-2014) joined the Society in its founding year, 2002. Anne came to Badsey in August 1954 following her marriage to Henry W King, moving in March 1955 to Sheilings, 52 Bretforton Road, where she brought up her family: (David (stepson), Martin, Alison and Stephen. Anne continued to live at Sheilings until ill-health forced her to move out in 2012. Until the mid '60s the land surrounding Sheilings was run as Nurseries managed by Gordon King (her brother-in-law). Many will remember Anne on a collection of "ride-on mowers" cutting the grass round the property, always wearing her "bobble hat" whatever the weather, a task she continued until her late '70s. Anne was well known and often seen driving her beloved cream Mercedes in later years and was always supportive of the village often in a quiet way behind the scenes.

Roger Martin (1936-2014) joined the Society in 2005. He grew up in Badsey and attended Badsey Council School and Prince Henry's Grammar School. Roger initially planned on being a pilot. On leaving the RAF, he became an engineer with Marconi and his work often took him abroad. He was a keen supporter of the Flower Show, often returning from abroad to attend, and was on the committee until last year. It was at Roger's suggestion that there should be a class called "crazy creations" which has proved very popular. He died on 8th August at 20 Synehurst, which was his home since childhood.

Michael Peet (1939-2014) was born in Middlesex and worked as a postman and then as an insurance salesman. He took early retirement and moved with Jean to Badsey in 1998. He was one of the earliest members of The Badsey Society, his membership number being 14. Michael was one of the team of photographers who took part in the 2008 photographic survey of Badsey. He was also a keen bowls player.

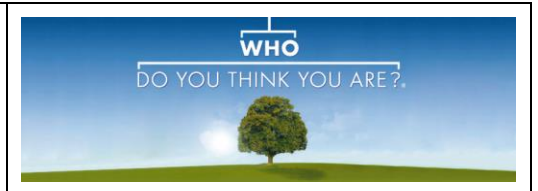
John Bird (1933-2014) joined the Society in 2003. John was Badsey born and bred, growing up on Bretforton Road where his father had a cycle shop and garage. John attended Badsey Council School and Blackminster Secondary. For many years he worked for John Sutton who had a builder's yard on Old Post Office Lane. When the British Legion Club acquired premises at the old school, John did an enormous amount of work on a voluntary basis.



John enjoyed painting. The painting above shows the Bird family pigstys during the 1940s, with young John standing on the slaughter bench.

Julie Walters' Badsey Connections

The new series of "Who do you think you Are?" began again in August. The first person to be shown was Julie Walters. Read on to find out about Julie's Badsey connections.



Over a year ago, Peter Stewart got wind of the fact that BBC researchers were looking into Julie Walters' ancestry and that she had Badsey connections. We suspected that the BBC might decide to concentrate on Julie's more colourful Irish ancestry. Unfortunately, we were quite right in that assumption – not a whisper of Badsey in the programme! So instead, your very own researchers, Peter Stewart and Maureen Spinks, have delved into the Badsey records to show another branch of Julie's family tree.

Julie was born Julia Mary Walters in Smethwick in 1950, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Walters. Julie's paternal grandmother, Amy Selina (1883-1955), was the daughter of Badsey-born Stephen Crisp (1855-1925), who grew up at Gladstone Cottage (opposite The Spar) and attended Badsey School. Badsey Society member, Pat Goldstraw, is the third-cousin-once-removed of Julie Walters. Pat and Julie share a common ancestor in William Crisp (1737-1812), who moved to Badsey in 1762 when he married Badsey-born Ann Rogers in St James' Church. Julie's autobiography describes her father as a humble painter and decorator, but in fact he came from a line of stonemasons. We do hope that one day Julie will feel tempted to visit the home of her ancestors.

Finding Private Rosskopf

Meanwhile, Valerie Magan and Shirley Tutton have been tackling German records. In our January 2014 Newsletter we reported that investigations had begun to find out more about Private Johann Rosskopf, a German prisoner of war. Thanks to Valerie and Shirley's magnificent efforts, we have found out much more about him – and also tracked down a descendant!



Johann Rosskopf was born on 18th November 1883 at Roegling, near Augsburg, Bavaria. He married Waldaburga Schlicker and had three sons: Johann, Ottoman and Michael. Johann was taken prisoner at Arras in April 1917. He died of influenza at Badsey Manor House just as the war was ending. Nearly a hundred years after his death, Valerie has managed to track down Johann's grandson, another Johann, who has kindly provided us with this photograph of his grandfather. We hope, one day, that Johann Rosskopf Junior may feel tempted to come to England and visit the place where his grandfather ended his days.

Remembering the Sladdens

Wendy Beasley (née Tomkins) wasn't going to miss out on the Sladden evening and was in church a good hour before the performance started in order to get a good seat! Wendy knew the Sladdens from her childhood, having helped out at Seward House on Saturdays. She brought along a Book of Common Prayer that she was given by the Misses Sladden. In the bottom left-hand corner of the inscription are the letters MES (May Eugénie Sladden) and ENS (Ethel Narcisse Sladden).

