

Badsey Flower Show

Saturday 22nd July 2017, 1-5 pm – Badsey Recreation Ground

Once again we shall have a stand at this, the 114th annual show. See you there! You can't miss us, because we'll be next-door to a WW1 Bell Tent. This is being provided courtesy of "Worcestershire World War One Hundred", an HLF-funded project which is commemorating each year of the Great War.

Badsey Carnival

Saturday 5th August 2017, 1 pm

Once again, members of The Badsey Society will join the Badsey Carnival procession which will wend its way from the Remembrance Hall to the Recreation Club.

Friday 13th October 2017
St James' Church, Badsey, 7.30 pm

AN EVENING WITH THE SLADDEN FAMILY OF SEWARD HOUSE LETTERS FROM A BADSEY FAMILY IN 1917-1919

Members of The Badsey Society will play the parts of the Sladden family and read from letters written in 1917-1919. 1916 had been a sad year for the Sladdens with the death of Mrs Eugénie Sladden. The year ended with Cyril Sladden of the 9th Worcestershire Regiment about to go into battle again in Mesopotamia, Arthur Sladden about to be sent to a convalescent home in the south of France and George Sladden of the Civil Service Rifles being based "somewhere in France". Meanwhile their siblings were back in Badsey or London undertaking valuable war work. What will the last years of the war hold in store for the Sladdens of Seward House? Join us on 13th October for this, the final event of the Sladden letter-readings.

Tea and coffee will be served in the interval.

Entrance fee: £2.50 members, £5 non-members.

Profits will go to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and The British Red Cross.

- Friday 17th November 2017, 7.30 pm, Badsey Community Sports & Social Club – Ian Gibson will give a talk on the wildlife of Badsey and the surrounding area.

Membership Fees – 2017 membership fees due, £5 per person. Please forward to Tony Wood, Treasurer, or pay via Paypal at <http://www.badseysociety.uk/the-badsey-society/subscriptions>. Committee members are:

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First of all, a big thank you to all of you who voted for *The Evesham Journal* to be digitized. We are delighted to announce that it has been added to the British Library and Findmypast's digitization programme. We don't have a date as to when this will happen (it may be a year or two hence), but the important thing is that, in future we shall be able to browse through historic copies of *The Journal* in the comfort of our own homes, rather than battle with the microfilm reader at the library.

Don't forget, it's Badsey Flower Show on Saturday – we hope to see you at our stand.

Round-Up of Events April to June 2017

Friday 28th April 2017 – Richard Phillips Memorial Lecture

At the second Memorial Lecture, Tom Locke and Will Dallimore spoke about Richard's work with Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service on old buildings, completed just a few months before his untimely death in October 2015. Tom began by showing us images of the 23 buildings in Wickhamford still in existence which were recorded on the first large-scale OS map of 1883. In the second half, Will showed us a sample of the 109 buildings in Badsey which still survive.



Above: The speakers, Tom Locke and Will Dallimore (centre), are pictured with Richard's partner, Lizzie Noyes, and his son, Will Phillips.

Friday 23rd June 2017 Midsummer Walk

As the coats in the pictures below show, we no longer had the staggeringly high temperatures of earlier in the week, but thankfully the rain held off. Jane Neill led us on a pleasant evening stroll in and around Broadway discovering the story of this beautiful village. Jane pointed out various places of interest, including the house where the Conservative MP, Sir Gerald Nabarro, once lived, and Court Farm, where Mary Anderson, an eminent Shakespearian actress of her day, once lived. We met outside The Lygon Arms and finished the evening at The Crown and Trumpet – a perfect end.



Tuesday 2nd May – Visit to National Arboretum/Cannock Chase German Cemetery

Enjoyable is possibly not the right word for what is a sombre subject, but all those who went on the trip found it a very thought-provoking experience. The National Memorial Arboretum is a national site of remembrance to honour the fallen, with over 300 memorials to see. At the centre is the stunning Armed Forces Memorial honouring those killed on duty since 1945. Over 15,000 names are carved on the stone walls; what is particularly poignant are the blank spaces left for those yet to die. We were also moved by the Shot at Dawn Memorial and the story of a young Evesham man, Albert Henry Pitts, who was one of the 307 people shot for desertion (100 years later they were all officially pardoned).

In the afternoon we drove to Cannock Chase German Cemetery to view the grave of Private Johann Rosskopf (pictured right) who died at Badsey Manor House in 1918.



New Roads in Badsey

It's official! We now have a new road in Badsey called Pear Tree Lane. In our April Newsletter we reported on the Battle for Pear Tree Corner, in which local residents were up in arms that the Council had arbitrarily decided to name the track leading towards Bretforton as Brewers Hill Lane. Shirley Agg has alerted us to the fact that a notice appeared at Pear Tree Corner just last week headed "Order Naming Streets under the Public Health Act 1925", stating that Brewers Hill Lane is to be renamed Pear Tree Lane. Result! Read all about it at <http://www.badseysociety.uk/places/streets/pear-tree-lane>.

Meanwhile, work has started on the new development of houses off Badsey Road. The Parish Council has approved the name of the new road as Sladden's Close in view of the huge contribution the Sladden family made to Badsey in a period of over a hundred years.

More from our Aldington Poet

Brian Smith has been hard at work again – poetry seems to just flow from his pen. He is planning a third book of poems, "From Blackminster to Golden Lane". In advance of its publication, Brian has sent us one of the poems. You'll have to buy the book to read all of it, but here's just a couple of the 28 verses, to give you a flavour:

*A suitable site had never been found
For a Badsey recreation ground.
For years a Badsey field was sought
But all negotiations came to nought.*

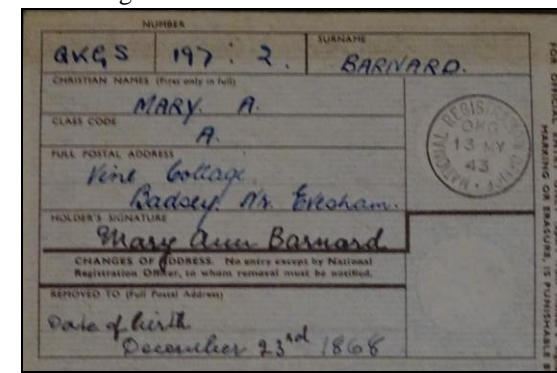
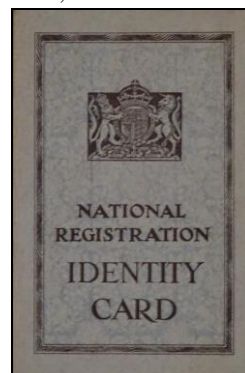
*It was an unlikely alliance that sparked a change,
A combination most thought strange.
Julius Sladden, a brewer of great repute,
Hubert Smith, follower of the temperance route!*

Brian is the great-grandson of Hubert Smith, who was frequently in disagreement with Julius Sladden in matters relating to alcohol and its consumption. Hubert often set up outside Seward House, preaching about the evils of strong drink (you may recall from our January Newsletter that Hubert had some personal experience of the evils as, before he "saw the light", he had been picked up by the police for being drunk!). It seems strange that they became close allies in the Recreation Ground scheme, but it is a good thing that they did. Brian points out that the centenary of "the Rec" is not that far off (15th May 2020) and suggests that it might be nice for The Badsey Society and/or Parish Council to mark it in some way. Any ideas will be gratefully received.

Update on the Badsey Website

Work is going on apace with the new Badsey website. All the census returns from 1841-1911 are on there (<http://www.badseysociety.uk/census>), plus photographs from the 1968 and 2008 photographic surveys of Badsey at <http://www.badseysociety.uk/places>. All the roads in Badsey (including new roads Stone Pippin Orchard and Fothersway Close), Aldington, Blackminster and Wickhamford are listed, with links to house photos. Each census household has a house photo, and links to any auctions or sales. There is also an alphabetical surname index to help you quickly find a name you might be looking for.

The 1921 census will be published in 2022. As with the 1911 census, we hope to gather together a team of transcribers to extract the information and get it on to the web as soon as possible. But, after 1921, there is a vast desert as far as family historians are concerned. The 1931 census was taken, but all the records (the whole country, not just our area) were destroyed by fire in 1942. Ordinarily there would have been a census in 1941, but that did not take place because of the war, so there is a 30-year gap before the next census in 1951. However, have you heard of the 1939 Register? This was like a mini-census taken on the outbreak of WW2, as a result of which ID cards were then produced. The 1939 Register is not subject to the 100-year closure rule as with census returns, but information on people still living is redacted.



At the Nostalgia Evening in March, Pat Goldstraw brought along a copy of her grandmother's WW2 National Registration ID card. The ID card gives details of name and date of birth, plus ID number. This number (QKGS/197/2) was taken from the 1939 Register. QKGS was the area code for Badsey, 197 was the schedule number of the household within the village, 2 was the listing of that person within the household. Five people were living at Vine Cottage, High Street (now called Meadway House, 11 High Street): 71-year-old James Barnard, Fruit and Vegetable Grower (own account, incapacitated), his wife, Mary Ann, and their three unmarried daughters, Cecilia and Ethel, who both assisted in their father's business, and Gladys, a school teacher. Mary Ann's occupation was given as "Unpaid domestic duties" which seemed to be the catch-all phrase for a housewife. The register continued to be a working document up until 1991, so became rather battered over the years, hence the evidence of sellotape. A transcription of the Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford 1939 register may be found at <http://www.badseysociety.uk/census/1939-register>.

Address	No.	Name	Sex	Date of Birth	Occupation
Vine Cottage, High Str.	1	Barnard, James	M	14 May 68	Fruit and Vegetable Grower (own account) (Incapacitated)
	2	Barnard, Mary A	F	23 Dec 68	Unpaid domestic duties
	3	Barnard, Cecilia A	F	14 Dec 94	Assists in father's business (unpaid)
	4	Barnard, Ethel	F	1 Dec 94	Assists in father's business (unpaid)
	5	Barnard, Gladys A	F	29 June 05	School Teacher