

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1 pm – 5 pm, Badsey Recreation Ground  
Badsey Flower Show**

After the disappointment of the terrible weather at last year's show, please come and support us at this, the 117<sup>th</sup> annual show. If you are able to volunteer for an hour on the stand, please contact Maureen Spinks.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**

**Visit to Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire**

Sulgrave Manor and Garden, home to George Washington's ancestors, was opened as a symbol of lasting peace and friendship between the UK and the USA. In view of the Washington family's links with Wickhamford, we have organised a visit. The coach will leave The Wheatsheaf at 9.15 am, return by 4.30 pm. There will be a private tour of the house in the morning, picnic lunch, followed by tour of the gardens and tea and cake. The cost is £20 per person to include coach transport, house and garden tours and afternoon tea (please bring your own picnic lunch). More information about Sulgrave may be found at <https://www.sulgravemanor.org.uk>. Please return the enclosed form as soon as possible.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 7.30, Badsey Community Sports & Social Club  
Talk – "Archaeological Excavations, Broadway Flood Alleviation Scheme"**

Richard Bradley, Project Officer for Worcestershire Archaeology, has agreed to come and talk to us about exciting results of the big dig at Broadway.

**Other Events in 2019/2020**

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Members' Evening, Pub in a Club
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Focus on Photos
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Annual General Meeting
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – Richard Phillips Lecture, DNA and Family History

**Recreation Ground Centenary**

Next year marks the centenary of Badsey Recreation Ground. Does anyone have any photos of the Recreation Ground which they could lend? If so, please contact John Sharp.

**Stop Press – New Noticeboard**

Fed up with battling with trying to find space amongst the out-of-date notices on the noticeboard in the High Street, we have ordered our own lockable noticeboard from Long Lartin. This will be erected outside The Spar on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**Membership Fees** – 2019 membership fees due, £5 per person. Please pay via Paypal at <http://www.badseysociety.uk/the-badsey-society/subscriptions> or forward to John Sharp.

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It's nearly time for Badsey Flower Show. Don't forget entry night on 16<sup>th</sup> July – this amazing show, which has been going for over a hundred years, needs your support.

**Round-Up of Events April to July 2019**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Richard Phillips Memorial Lecture**

We were delighted that Lizzie Noyes, Richard's partner, offered to present this year's lecture on the subject of Badsey Manor House. Richard wrote about the Seyne House (as the Manor was once known) in our publication, *Villages in the Vale: A Tapestry of Local History*. Since then, more information has come to light. The talk, which was illustrated with fascinating slides, was well attended with 58 people present.



Lizzie at home – the day after the lecture, Lizzie conducted a tour of the Manor House.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Members' Night**



Following on from the success of the first Members' Night, a further informal evening was held when Wendy Beasley set the ball rolling by talking about her memories of working at Seward House. Further reminiscences followed of hospital stays and visits to the cinema.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Midsummer Walk, Offenham**

30 people were present for this year's Midsummer Walk. After all the bad weather that we had had, it was a beautiful evening as we set off from the Village Hall on a walk led by Ian Gibson. One of the highlights was a visit to "Langdale", a garden which opens under the National Gardens Scheme.



At the Church of St Mary & St Milburgh, Ian stopped to tell us about the church and the unusual saint which it is named after. In the graveyard, our Treasurer, John Sharp, came across the grave of his great-uncle, John Sharp. When John moved to Badsey from the West Midlands 15 years ago, he had no idea that he had local ancestors.

We rounded off an excellent walk with a drink at Boat Lane Brewery. Many thanks to Ian for organising.

## The Swards of Lichfield

Judith Patrick, who joined the Society last year, was moved to find out more about the Seward family who gave their name to Seward House. Her article may be viewed at <https://www.badseysociety.uk/people/seward/thomas>.

If any of our other members feel tempted to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard, we would be happy to publish appropriate articles on our website.

## Aldington Conservation Area Appraisal

Another of our members has also been busy. Rosemary Blyth of Aldington has been working on the conservation area appraisal for Aldington and writes as follows:

“Completion of the new Conservation Area Appraisal for Aldington has now taken place. The publication can be viewed on the internet within the list of other villages with their own conservation areas on the Wychavon District Council website. The expansion of the boundary will ensure that the history of the village, its landscaping, trees, important landmarks, notable buildings (both listed, listed by curtilage and unlisted) together with other important features, remain protected to ensure the character of the village is maintained for the future. The new boundary incorporates the Slaughterhouse, The Old Cider Mill, Ty Cerdd, four old cottages originally within the curtilage of Ivy House (now demolished), The Old Chapel, Graces Barn, The Forge, Brock House, Abbots Barn, Chapman Barn, Violets Barn together with three new build properties within the former curtilage of The Manor/Manor Court, namely Marriot House, Marshall House and The Laurels. Of particular historical importance the new boundary now incorporates Mill House, The Mill Pond, and part of Badsey Brook as far south as the leat.”

## Worcester Cathedral Library

Following on from a successful trip to Worcester Cathedral Library last year, we decided to participate in their “Adopt a Book” programme. The Library has been an integral part of the life of Worcester Cathedral from the earliest years of its history. In order to secure its future, there is a need to increase its endowment, with the object of making it financially self-supporting.

We are fortunate that The Badsey Society is a fairly rich Society and so, having looked at the various books in the library, we have adopted Tredway Russell Nash’s *History of Worcestershire* in 2 volumes, as Badsey and Wickhamford are mentioned. This was published by John Nichols of London in 1781-1782. To commemorate our special connection to the Library, The Badsey Society’s name is recorded in the Library’s Benefactors’ Book. In addition, Shirley Tutton and Jane Neill represented the Society at a special service for benefactors at Worcester Cathedral in June.

## From Badsey to Auburn, USA

We are always delighted when someone takes the trouble to write a message in our Visitors’ Book on the website. A recent message was from Barbara Kienzle whose great-great-grandfather, Adolphus Careless Wright, left Badsey in 1883 to emigrate to Auburn, USA, with his young family. Why Auburn is unknown. In Willersey Road, Badsey, there is a house named Auburn; this is one of several houses built by the Hall brothers around 1890. Theodore James Hall and his wife, Jane, spent a few years in America in the 1870s, as did his brother, Owen, who was the first owner of Auburn House. So did they encourage the Wrights to go to America? An article about the Wright family may be seen at <https://www.badseysociety.uk/people/wright/fanny>.

## WWI and WWII Anniversaries

19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 marks the centenary of Peace Day. Much was made of the centenary of the end of hostilities on 11<sup>th</sup> November last year, but many people do not realise that the war had not officially ended.

Twenty years later, the country was again at war and this September marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWII.



Although the guns fell silent on 11th November 1918, peace was not officially proclaimed until 28th June 1919 when the Treaty of Versailles was signed. To mark the final end of the war, Saturday 19th July 1919 was designated a public holiday and Peace celebrations took place throughout the land. No photos are known to exist of the event in Badsey or Evesham, but the above photo taken in London shows that masses celebrated.

In Badsey on Peace Day, the bells rang out both morning and afternoon with a thanksgiving service in St James’ Church. In the afternoon, decorated bicycles and prams arrived and were judged. The intention had been to have a procession through the village but, due to incessant rain, this was aborted. At the school, a tea party was organised for the pupils and for people over 70. This year, exactly a hundred years later, the school tea will be re-created at Badsey First School with a number of older residents from the village being invited.

With money left over from the Peace Day festivities, Peace Mugs were bought to give to the children. Instead of a Peace Mug, each of the 2019 pupils will receive a copy of *Peace, War & Remembrance: The Great War in Badsey, Aldington & Wickhamford*.



Mug belonging to Fred Mason of Wickhamford (with thanks to Val Mason).

Twenty years after the end of WWI, momentous events, both locally and nationally, meant that 1939 marked a watershed in the history of Badsey School. Two events were of huge significance. On 1<sup>st</sup> September, the school became an Infant and Junior School for children up to 11 with the older children due to start at the new Blackminster School. On 3<sup>rd</sup> September, the Second World War broke out and evacuees began arriving.

Stanley Hayes of Birmingham, aged 11, was one such evacuee and wrote: “I was allocated to Mr & Mrs Wasley, who lived at Aldington. We arrived two days before war was declared. On the Sunday morning, we assembled at what is now the British Legion and were taken to church. We were in church when war was declared and the Vicar made an announcement. Sometimes I would walk by the brook to get to Badsey School.”

Stan is pictured on the right with Mrs Illot Wasley.

