

Friday 20th October 2023, Badsey Community Sports & Social Club, 7.30 pm

The Arts & Crafts movement in the Cotswolds

Why did 150 Londoners move from the East End to Chipping Campden in the early 1900s? Who were the Russells of Broadway? Can I solve my Christmas present list? If you want to know the answers to these questions, then all will be revealed by Gill Woods who will talk about the Arts & Crafts movement in the Cotswolds.

Thursday 16th November 2023 (coach to leave The Wheatsheaf Inn, Badsey, at 9 am)

Trip to Oxford and the Ashmolean Museum

Join us on a trip to Oxford and the Ashmolean Museum (please return enclosed form). The cost is £23.60 a head, to include coach travel, a guided tour of highlights of the museum plus refreshments on arrival. Lunch can be bought in the museum café on the lower ground floor or the Rooftop restaurant. After lunch there will be free time to further explore the museum or the city. If you want to spend the whole day sightseeing or shopping, the cost will be £10 a head.

Friday 15th December 2024, St James' Church, 7.30 for 8 pm

Shepherd's Crook Folk Choir

This event follows immediately after the annual Christmas carols outside The Wheatsheaf, organised by the Parish Council. The church will be open from 7.30 for you to come inside and warm yourself with tea/coffee and mince pies. The church bells will ring at 7.45 pm and the concert will begin at 8 pm. The choir will perform a selection of traditional Cotswold Carols and Wassails. As they perform each piece there will be a short commentary about its origin and history. Shepherd's Crook is a folk choir based in Winchcombe. They sing mainly traditional local songs in 4-part harmony to keep Gloucestershire music in people's memories together with some more modern pieces.

Events in 2024

- Friday 12th January 2024 – “Medieval Graffiti”, a talk by Shirley Tutton
- Friday 16th February 2024 – AGM followed by talk
- Friday 15th March 2024 – “When Evesham rocked London”, a talk by Garry Smout
- Friday 12th April 2024 – Richard Phillips Memorial Lecture, “The Rise and Fall of Evesham Abbey”, a talk by Elizabeth Spencer

Membership Fees – If you haven't yet paid your subs for 2023, it would be appreciated if you could please do this as soon as possible. Membership still only £5 per person, payable as follows:

- Paypal – <http://www.badseysociety.uk/the-badsey-society/subscriptions>
- Bank transfer – Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-93-11, Account No 02105424
- Cheque payable to The Badsey Society or cash, send to Will Dallimore, 30 Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey, WR11 7XD.

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Autumn is upon us and, before we know it, it will soon be Christmas. Between now and the festive season, we have various activities lined up for you. One is for a trip to Oxford (form enclosed). There is also a form for the Tony Jerram Award (see inside for details); please consider nominating someone.

Round-up of Events July-September 2023

Saturday 29th July 2023 – Badsey Flower Show (the 120th show)

We were blessed with fine weather (though a tad windy) for this, the 120th Badsey Flower Show. There was a special exhibition for the occasion and an opportunity to buy the Society's sixth publication, “A History of Badsey Flower Show”. We were delighted to welcome several descendants of Sir Julius Sladden who was one of the original founders of the Flower Show in 1888. It's a remarkable achievement that, whilst other similar shows have withered, Badsey Flower Show continues to delight from year to year – long may it continue.



Maureen Spinks with copies of the new book.



Philip Maybank (gt-gt-grandson of Sir Julius) and family.



Jean Dyke points to her 1996 entry in the Literature class.

Wednesday 13th September – Trip to Kelmscott Manor

A fascinating day out was had by 27 members of the Society who visited Kelmscott Manor in Oxfordshire, a Grade I listed manor dating from around 1570. In the late 19th century, it was the home of the textile designer, William Morris, who was associated with the Arts & Crafts Movement. We had exclusive access to the Manor and grounds and were guided round the Manor in three groups. In welcoming us to the Manor, the guide gave particular praise to the Badsey website which he said he could have spent hours reading. Following a buffet lunch, there was free time to explore the gardens and meadow and visit St George's Church (burial place of William Morris). Many thanks to ShirleyTutton for organising the event.

Tony Jerram Award

It's that time of year again when we begin to think about nominations for the annual Tony Jerram Award. Perhaps you know of some community-minded person who has performed magnificently during the pandemic. Or it might be someone who can be considered for a lifetime achievement who, through age or infirmity has not done much in recent years but, in the past, has contributed greatly to our village in some way. If your nominee was unsuccessful last year, please try again this year.

Cliff Sage (1944-2023)

Cliff Sage, who died on 9th July 2023, had been a member of The Badsey Society since 2013. Born in Worcester to an Italian mother and English father, Cliff spent most of his childhood in London where the family returned to after the war. After working briefly at Thomas Cook's and then at a solicitors, Cliff took A-levels at night school which enabled him to attend teacher training college in Worcester. He had various teaching posts in Worcestershire before becoming head of St Stephen's First School, Redditch. After headship, he became the Worcestershire adviser for Cultural Diversity and Anti-Racism. Cliff moved with his wife, Sheila, to Badsey in 1978; together, they extended their lovely old cottage on Mill Lane into a home full of beautiful art-work. Cliff was passionate about music and was able to continue going to concerts until the last few months of his life. Our thoughts are with Sheila in her loss.

From the Parish Magazine, 125 years ago

It was in 1898, 125 years ago, that the very first magazine for Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford was produced. Copies of the Magazine from then until the present day are held in The Badsey Society's Archive. PDFs of the magazines may be seen in our virtual archive but, in the meantime, here's a flavour of some of the items that appeared in the very first year of the magazine.

April 1898 – Lecture and Slide Show

The Vicar gave a lecture in the Old School on March 21st, which was illustrated by numerous views shewn by the oxy-hydrogen limelight. Mr. J. G. Wood very kindly managed the lantern. The subject of the lecture was "The Planting of Christianity in Britain." The audience was small, and the receipts did not pay the expenses for two cylinders of gas from Birmingham, hire of piano, and carriage of slides lent by a friend in Oxford. There was a deficit of three shillings and sixpence, which was paid by the Vicar.

April 1898 – Band of Hope

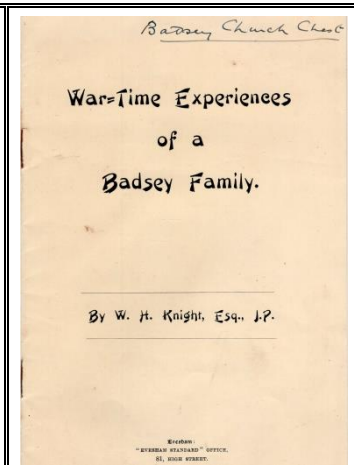
A meeting of children and others was held in the Old School on March 9th, to establish a Juvenile, Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. Meetings have been also held on March 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The Vicar presided on each occasion, and was assisted by Mr. Thomas Hall. The object of the society is to encourage the members in the habit of abstaining from intoxicating drinks. No child is allowed to join the society without its parents' consent. A very good start has been made, 52 children having already joined, and we appeal to the parents to do all in their power to encourage the children to keep their pledge.

September 1898 – School Essays

A happy suggestion was made by Mr. Savory, that a prize should be offered to the children of our day schools, for the best essay written by the children, in order to encourage original thought and composition. The subject selected was "The Harvest," and essays were written by 17 children. The first prize (given by Mr Savory) was awarded to Douglas McDonald, the second prize (given by the Vicar), to Arthur Summerton, and the third prize (given by Mrs Savory), to George Collett.

Gems from the Church Archive

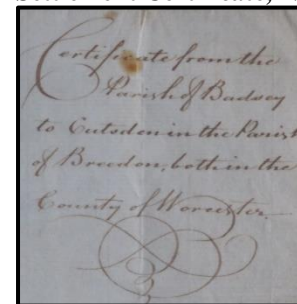
Very soon we shall be welcoming a new Vicar to the United Benefice of Badsey with Aldington, Bretforton, Offenham, South Littleton, North & Middle Littleton and Cleeve Prior. The Reverend Joanna Baxter Fielding is currently serving as associate priest in the benefice of Marsden & Slaithwaite with East Scammonden in the diocese of Leeds. In preparation for the arrival of the new Vicar, the Vicarage has been renovated and the attic has been cleared. This has produced a number of little gems from the church archive which were once held in the church and have now been deposited in The Badsey Society Archive for safe keeping. Here are just a few of the highlights that have been found so far.



Booklet written by William Henry Knight

For anyone interested in the Knight family, the booklet written by William Henry Knight in 1933 about his family's war-time experiences is a treasure trove. Although he had not lived in Badsey for many years, W H Knight, JP of Bedford, by then in his eighties, wrote about his own "exciting" adventure at the start of the First World War, and also gave details of his siblings' experiences. A full account may be read in a recently-added article on the Badsey Society website.

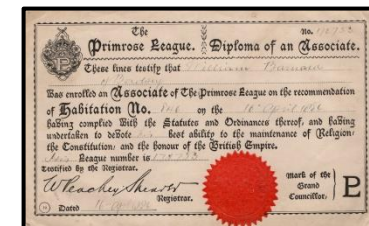
Settlement Certificate, November 1789, for William & Elizabeth Higgins



For centuries, the task of caring for the poor was assigned to the local parish. People who could not legally claim the right of settlement could be sent back, or "removed," to their last legal parish of settlement. Right to settlement could be established by birth, residency for a prescribed period of time, marriage, among other ways. William Higgins & Elizabeth Smith had married at St James' Church, Badsey, the previous month and were granted settlement. They remained in Badsey for the rest of their lives, dying in their 80s. See article on website.

Primrose League certificates of the Barnard family

The church archive contained four Primrose League certificates relating to William Barnard (who was parish clerk for many years); his daughter, Elizabeth Warner; her husband, Charles; their son, Edwin. The Primrose League was an organization for spreading Conservative principles, founded in 1883, two years after the death of Benjamin Disraeli.



Portrait of Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford in the early 1990s

Amongst paperwork concerning the Pastoral Scheme reorganization for Badsey and Wickhamford in 1996 is a profile of the benefice written in 1994 by the Reverend Peter Mitchell. This is a fascinating document, and highlights the changes that have taken place in Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford during the last 30 years. Go to the Home page of www.badseysociety.uk to see the full text of the profile.