

Friday 12th July 2024, 34 Seward Road, Badsey, 7 pm
Summer Musical Soirée with the Chameleon Quintet

Come and join us in the garden of Alan & Shirley Tutton's home. This is a members' only event (though family members who are non-members are welcome). Bring a picnic and drinks, if you wish, and folding chairs if possible (a few will be available on the night). The event will begin at 7 pm when the Chameleon Wind Quintet will play a selection of light and popular classics. There will then be a break when you can enjoy your picnic and chat, followed by more informal background music. We have provisionally booked the church in case of bad weather. Based on the forecast, a decision will be made late on Thursday evening, so please be sure to check your emails.

Saturday 27th July 2024, Badsey Recreation Ground, 1-5 pm
Badsey Flower Show (the 121st show)

Come and visit our stand at the show where we have a double pitch booked. As usual, volunteers always welcome to help out for an hour or so.

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September 2024, St James' Church, 10 am – 4 pm
National Heritage Open Day Weekend

St James' Church and The Badsey Society will once again be participating in this event, with exhibitions about the history of the church and the village. Come and view the medieval graffiti in and around the church. A leaflet showing the location of some of the notable village buildings will be available. There will also be guided walks to visit these locations at 11 am and 2 pm on both days. Refreshments will be available at the church.

Tuesday 10th September 2024, 9.30 departure by coach from The Wheatsheaf
Trip to Berkeley Castle and Dr Jenner's House, price £35

Berkeley Castle has been the home of the Berkeley family for 850 years (the oldest in the country to be inhabited by the same family who built it). Our visit begins with a guided tour of the castle. After lunch (own expense). we will visit Dr Jenner's house, where Edward Jenner developed the idea of smallpox vaccination, and see where he established a free vaccination clinic in his garden. There will then be free time to follow the Jenner Trail (details available from Dr Jenner's House), or to visit St Mary's Church. The coach will leave at 4.30 pm, returning to Badsey for 5.30. If you would like to come along, please return the enclosed booking form to Shirley Tutton by **Tuesday 17th August**.

Friday 20th September 2024, Badsey Community Sports & Social Club, 7.30 pm
"Tales from the Newsroom: Life at The Worcester News in the 1970s & 1980s"

David Wood, who once worked at *The Worcester News*, will talk to us about his experiences of working on a local newspaper.

Membership Fees – Membership fees are due for 2024, still only £5 per person, pay by:

- Paypal – <http://www.badseysociety.uk/the-badsey-society/subscriptions>
- Bank transfer – Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-93-11, Account No 02105424, please put "Subscription" as a reference
- Cheque payable to The Badsey Society or cash, send to Will Dallimore at the address below

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Probably a number of our members have been avidly watching the UEFA European Football Championship on TV, whilst others have been ignoring the event completely. But whether or not you are interested in the Euros, you may be fascinated to know that a former Wickhamford resident once played for England – see inside to read all about it.

We hope that the weather will start to improve and that the musical soirée planned for Friday evening will be able to go ahead al fresco (details on back page). And, of course, we hope to have good weather for the Flower Show.

Round-up of Events April-June 2024

Friday 12th April 2024 – Richard Phillips Memorial Lecture, "The Rise and Fall of Evesham Abbey"

Elizabeth Spencer, Vice-Chair of Evesham Abbey Trust (EAT) and former Head Teacher of Badsey First School, delivered the annual Richard Phillips Memorial Lecture. Elizabeth's lecture covered a brief history of the Abbey and the famous people associated with the Abbey throughout its history. She explained how local school children had been involved in the project and each had received a free book about the Abbey.

Friday 10th May – The Origin and Development of Market Gardening in Badsey

Just as David Attenborough might be considered a "national treasure", so Terry Sparrow might be considered Badsey's "treasure". Ninety years young, Terry spoke knowledgeably about the origin and development of market gardening in Badsey. He began with how market gardening started initially in Evesham, then talked about the reasons for change in Badsey and the development of market gardening from the late 19th century and the resulting population increase. His talk covered details of the crops grown, marketing and the growing of medicinal herbs in WW1.

Wednesday 12th June, Trip to Tewkesbury

Thanks to Shirley Tutton, we had a successful trip to Tewkesbury. In the morning, John Dixon, President of Tewkesbury Historical Society, took us on an industrial historical tour from the Abbey Mill to Healings and King John's Bridge. After lunch, members were free to explore the town on their own.



Quaker burial ground.



Disused Healing's Flour Mill.

Roy Edwin Page (1931-2024)

Roy Page, who died on 29th March 2024, aged 92, often described himself as “a bloke from the smoke”. He spent the first 17 years of his life in the east end of London, but Roy can be considered a true son of Badsey. As he says in his memoirs, “A Badsey Man from London”, he felt that he had arrived in paradise when he came to the Wheatleys’ farmhouse, The Poplars, one August afternoon in 1948. He could not believe his eyes when he entered the large kitchen with its flagstone floor, huge table big enough to seat all 15 of the Wheatley family, and five or six large hams hanging from the ceiling. Roy fell in love with the village and wrote to his mother at the end of the plum-picking season to say that he would not be returning home. He also fell in love with a local girl, Mary Cook, whom he married at St James’ Church in March 1953. In January 1956, Roy and Mary and their growing family moved into a newly-built house at Green Leys where they remained for the rest of their lives.

John Gordon Hemming (1932-2024)

Another long-lived and long-standing member of the Society was John Hemming, who died peacefully at home in Bishop’s Cleeve on 14th April 2024, aged 91. Despite having left Badsey some 67 years previously, John loved talking of the old Badsey people and history and was one of the first people to join the Society, being membership number 13. John was born in September 1932 in one of the cottages at the far end of Badsey Fields Lane, the second son of Francis (Frank) and Dorothy Hemming. He was a pupil at Badsey Council School, then Blackminster. This was followed by National Service in the RAF and then an apprenticeship with Jack Wheatley of Badsey. John married Evelyn Haines in October 1956 at St James’ Church. In 1957 he moved to Bishop’s Cleeve to work at Smiths Industries where he stayed until retirement.

The Demise of Badsey Women’s Institute

After 97 years of existence, in March 2024, Badsey Women’s Institute was sadly suspended due to dwindling numbers. In the next three years, if sufficient people come forward to take on the officer posts and there is a willingness to continue, then the group will be reinstated. Some of the items relating to the WI will be placed in our Archive. There will also be a display on our stand at Badsey Flower Show. The Aldington poet, Brian Smith, has put pen to paper. Here is his satirical poem called “Nowhere to Go” about this momentous event, which should be read in the spirit in which it is written.

*Have you noticed all those ladies
Stood in groups out in the street,
Shouting at and threatening
Almost everyone that they meet?

It's because they have nowhere to go,
And it's feared they'll turn to crime.
Organisations for Badsey women have gone.
Some have been closed for a time.*

*The Legion Ladies' branch was first to go,
Then the Over Sixties Club was next,
The Mothers' Union, after a hundred years,
Disbanded, leaving members sad and vexed.*

*And now, despite the village population
Growing at an alarming rate,
It seems that the W.I. is packing up,
Their members face a similar fate.*

*The Devil finds work for idle hands,
Or so the saying goes.
What mischief these women will turn to,
The Lord in Heaven only knows.

But the Church came to the rescue,
And tried to keep bored ladies quiet,
By introducing coffee mornings,
To head off a likely riot.

It is hoped that these will be the answer
To the problem previously stated.
Perhaps it might be advisable
Just to serve decaffeinated?*

Brian Smith,
March 2024

Jack Haines of Wickhamford capped for England

Were you watching the tense game of football on Saturday night when England beat Switzerland on penalties? Three-quarters of a century ago, England had a much more comfortable win against Switzerland when they beat the Swiss 6-0. And the person who helped them to victory was Jack Haines of Wickhamford who scored two of the goals. Jack’s talent for football was first recognised whilst a pupil at Badsey Council School. He played for local teams until turning professional in 1937. This is his story.



Jack Haines was born at Wickhamford in 1920, the third child of Norris Haines (who worked for the Lees-Milne family at Wickhamford Manor) and his wife, Florence. Jack was a pupil at Badsey Council School where he developed his love of football, thanks to early coaching by the Head Teacher, Frank Amos. On leaving school Jack became an apprentice car mechanic, where he was allowed time off to play for Evesham Town in the Football Combination league. His big break came in 1937 when he signed for Liverpool (Evesham Town FC received a transfer fee of £100!). During the Second World War, Jack served as an air mechanic with the RAF – during this time he appeared for a number of other League teams as a ‘guest’ during his military service. When League Football started again after the war, Jack was transferred first to Swansea Town, then Leicester City, then to West Bromwich Albion for the 1948-49 season.

It was a great surprise to Jack when he was selected to play for England against Switzerland on 1st December 1948. According to an article in *The Evesham Observer*:

No one was more surprised than Haines himself when he stepped off the train at Bradford with his team mates last Friday night and read in a newspaper that he had been selected. “I wonder what my village team at Wickhamford will have to say about this?” was one of his first comments.



Jack Haines lined up alongside some famous England names, such as Stanley Matthews, Alf Ramsey, Billy Wright and Jackie Milburn, as can be seen from the programme of the 1948 match.

But this was Jack’s one and only time to play for England. He continued to play professional football for a number of years after this before ultimately retiring to Wickhamford, where he died in 1987, aged 66. For more information on Jack’s life, see articles by Tom Locke and Maureen Spinks on the website.