

Friday 18th October 2024, Badsey Community Sports & Social Club, 7.30 pm

Skeletons in the Closet

Alan Tutton will talk to us about some of the skeletons in his family history. This will be a precursor to our family history event which is taking place the following month.

Friday 15th November 2024, Badsey Community Sports & Social Club, 7.30 pm

Who do you think you are? – Family History Evening

Who do you think you are? Do you know the history of your family? If you have hit a brick wall in your research, let us help to see if we can sort it out. Please contact Shirley Tutton with your query, giving as much detail as you can about the known facts. We will then get to work in trying to assist you and all will be revealed on the night. Please let us know in good time so that we have time to do the research – deadline 2nd November.

Friday 6th December 2024, 9.30 departure by coach from The Wheatsheaf

Trip to Hereford, price £35

Following on from the success of the Berkeley Castle trip, Shirley Tutton has organised a trip to Hereford on Friday 6th December. The cost of the trip will be £35 a head, to include coach travel, a guided tour of the Cathedral, Mappa Mundi and the Chained Library and a buffet lunch in College Hall. After lunch there will be free time to explore the cathedral further or visit the Christmas Market. If you want to spend the whole day sightseeing or shopping at the Christmas Market, the cost will be £10 a head. A form is enclosed which should be returned by 15th November.

Friday 13th December 2024, St James' Church, Badsey, 7.30 for 8 pm

Christmas celebration with Musyck Anon

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 concert will begin at 8 pm. Musyck Anon is an Evesham-based “a cappella” group whose particular interest is in early music; they will perform in 17th-century costumes. Entrance is free but please give freely at the end to Musyck Anon’s chosen charity.

Events in 2025

- Thursday 16th January – Visit to The Hive; “Explore the Past” tour including an introduction to the Historic Environment Record
- Friday 17th January 2025 – “Evesham Quakers and the 17th-century English Revolution”, a talk by Dr Stephen Roberts
- Friday 7th February 2025 – AGM and presentation of Tony Jerram Award

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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It's that time of year when we need to start thinking about who will be the next recipient of the Tony Jerram Award. Please see the enclosed form for nominations. Also enclosed is a form if you would like to join us on a trip to Hereford in December.

Round-up of Events July-September 2024

Friday 12th July 2024 – Summer Musical Soirée with the Chameleon Quintet

Despite a possible risk of rain, the musical soirée which had been planned for some time in the back garden of Alan and Shirley Tutton's home, went ahead as scheduled, and there was just a short period when the umbrellas came out. The garden proved to be the perfect setting for the soirée with the Chameleon Wind Quintet performing on “the stage” under the new Badsey Society gazebo by the brook, and the audience was assembled in tiered seating. We were entertained with a selection of light and popular classical music. Many thanks to Alan and Shirley for allowing their garden to be used for the event and to Helen Green, a member of the quintet, for suggesting the entertainment.



Saturday 27th July – Badsey Flower Show

It was rather challenging during the first hour of the Flower Show when we were coping with holding down exhibition boards in the gusts of wind, dealing with flying coffee cups, and pushing the books back when it started to rain. But we survived, the weather calmed down, and we had some interesting chats with people. Thanks to Jane Neill, the exhibition included a lovely display of WI memorabilia. Many thanks also to Ross Davis and Dave who were extremely helpful at the end of the show in helping to dismantle the gazebos and exhibition boards.

Tuesday 10th September, Trip to Berkeley Castle and Dr Jenner's House

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 began with a guided tour of the castle. After lunch we visited Dr Jenner's house, where Edward Jenner developed the idea of smallpox vaccination, and saw where he established a free vaccination clinic in his garden. There was then free time to follow the Jenner Trail and to visit St Mary's Church.

Friday 20th September, Tales from the Newsroom

David Wood, who once worked at *The Evesham Journal*, *The Worcester News* and other local newspapers, talked entertainingly to us about his experiences of working in the newsroom. On one occasion he interviewed Norman Wisdom in the bath!

Farewells

We are sad to record the death of three of our longest-standing members, all of whom joined the Society in 2002. Our sincere condolences to all their families.

Margaret (Peggy) Mary Hancock, née Ingles (1927-2024) was born at Broadway and attended Broadway Primary School and Prince Henry's Grammar School. On leaving school, she worked for the Council, the Ministry of Agriculture and Lloyds Bank. In 1951, she married Geoffrey Hancock of Wickhamford. Their home was in Badsey Lane, Evesham, where they raised five sons. After Geoff's death in 2005, Peggy moved to a bungalow in Lindsay Avenue, Evesham. Peggy was a founder member of Wickhamford Women's Institute and a member of Evesham Floral Society and The Stamp Club. She was a keen family historian and an avid collector of postcards and newspaper articles relating to the local area which were kept in scrapbooks. Peggy died, aged 96, at Perry Manor Care Home, Worcester, where her granddaughter worked. She still had a wonderful memory to the end and when her son John read items from the last issue of the Badsey Society Newsletter her comment to one of the items was, "I remember him".

Barbara Jane Jerram, née Watson (1931-2024) was born in Cambridge in 1931 but spent the war years with her parents in Scotland (her father taught at The Leys School, Cambridge, which was evacuated to Pitlochry). Aged 18, Barbara married Michael Smout (a Leys alumnus), who managed the family farm at the Lenches. Tragically, aged just 26, Barbara was widowed when Michael succumbed to polio in 1957, leaving her with three children under four. In 1973, Barbara married Tony Jerram, a major in the army, and travelled with him to Berlin, Belize, the Sudan and Northern Ireland. Barbara's youngest daughter was killed in a car crash in 1975. In 1988, as Tony was nearing the end of his military service, they moved to Harrington House when Tony began a civilian job at GCHQ in Cheltenham. They became very involved in village life; Barbara was a great support to Tony when he became the first Chairman of The Badsey Society. After Tony's sudden death in 2008, Barbara remained at Harrington House where she died on 31st August, aged 92.

Peter John Addis (1936-2024) came from a long-standing Badsey family. Pete grew up at Synehurst Crescent. His first employment was at Ted Wheatley's garage in the High Street. From there he moved to Goodalls in Swan Lane, then Unipart at South Littleton (then called British Leyland) and finally Willmotts the Spectacle Case Manufacturers, Evesham. Pete enjoyed cricket and was one of the members of Badsey Cricket Club who helped build the pavilion. He also enjoyed fishing, playing bowls and skittles. Pete married Ro Gardner in 1959 and had three children. They bought their first house on Willersey Road, then moved to a bungalow at The Poplars where the garden was Pete's pride and joy. He took a keen interest in Badsey history and was a regular attendee at all our events until becoming more infirm. Ro died in 2015. Pete continued living at his bungalow until a back injury necessitated hospital and finally Cedar Lodge Care Home, Offenham, where he died on 18th September, aged 88.

A Reprieve for Badsey Women's Institute

Badsey Women's Institute will carry on! A relaunch was held in September following suspension earlier in the year. Brian Smith, the Aldington poet, realizes that his poem in our last Newsletter about the demise of the WI was perhaps premature.

<i>It seems my poem was premature ,</i>	<i>Displaced ladies now feel quite elated .</i>
<i>Badsey WI it seemed to be no more.</i>	<i>Normal services will be reinstated .</i>
<i>Now all at once , I do believe,</i>	<i>Any poet who was on his mettle</i>
<i>It has been given a late reprieve .</i>	<i>Would have waited for the dust to settle.</i>

A forgotten war?

The years 1914 and 1939 are etched into the memories of most people as the start of two world wars, but it was at the end of the previous century that a major conflict began on the other side of the world. It was on 11th October 1899, 125 years ago, that the South African War (commonly known as the Boer War) began. It was fought between the British and the Boer descendants of Dutch settlers in southern Africa. The war was caused by the resentment of the Boers, under the leadership of Kruger, at the colonial policy of Joseph Chamberlain, which they feared would deprive the Transvaal of its independence.



In Badsey, two parishioners, John Roberts and David Hartwell, were called up. One of the best means of imparting news of national importance, was via the monthly parish magazine, written by the Vicar of the time, the Rev W H Price. The following excerpts from the Parish Magazine give a flavour of the impact that the war had on the parishes of Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford.

It is pleasing to be able to record the fact that our three parishes are taking an active part in helping to relieve the distress caused by the War. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Old School, Badsey, on Monday, November 13th, at 7.30 pm, when Mr Julius Sladden was voted to the chair and presided over the meeting..... Our readers will be glad to know that, by the unanimous wish of the committee, a personal present has been sent out of the funds to Mr John Roberts in Africa, which we trust will reach him on or about Christmas Day.

[Dec 1899 magazine]

Another Parishioner has been called to rejoin his regiment, viz Mr David Hartwell. At present he is stationed with an artillery battery at Weymouth, and we do not yet know if he will be sent to the front for active service. Before he left Badsey, the Parishioners showed their feeling of goodwill toward him, by presenting him with a gift similar to that sent out to Mr John Roberts in Africa.

[Feb 1900 magazine]

A full account of the war may be read at <https://www.badseysociety.uk/village-life/south-african-war-1899-1902>.



If you have a family history query you want help with, please contact Shirley Tutton.

Will & John Dallimore – Who do you think you are?

Will Dallimore has posed a question for the Family History evening about his late mother, Myrtle Grace Blakeway, known as Grace, born on 20th January 1919 at Redmarley, Newent. He writes:

"We know very little about our mother's immediate family and believe there are skeletons in the cupboard as when enquiring about her early life we had always hit a brick wall. Grace and her two younger brothers, Ivor and Gordon, were orphaned whilst children, and were cared for by a Mrs Woolford at Cinderford (we believe Mrs Woolford has a connection with broadcaster Jimmy Young). What we would like to know is how the children came to be orphaned and where their ancestors came from."