

BADBY PARISH NEWS

Summer 2007

PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors

Following elections in May, Badby Parish Council is now up to its full complement of nine Councillors. Below are their special interests along with telephone numbers.

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Karen Alexander	310780	Rights of Way, Village Hall
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John Page	300401	NCC Liaison
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Mike Warburton	878940	Rights of Way

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If you would like you daughter to join please contact either Anne Griffin on 01327 706975 or Barbara Douglas on 01327 702858

Badby Fayre 2008

The two-yearly fayre took place last September to raise money for St Mary's Church building. At least two hundred people were involved in setting it up and running it. It seems to have been a happy community event again and raised £4,400.

Any new ideas and volunteers for 2008 will be most welcome!

Geoff Pullin

Chairman

Bell Ringers

The bells are rung about 100 times a year.

On average six or seven people ring for all church services except the 8.00am ones. This includes about two weddings and one funeral a year.

On practice nights we usually have around 13 people including several regularly from nearby villages. Three youngsters from the village started to learn to ring last September.

The village school children rang hand bells at Christmas and recently we had the Brownie troop to visit the tower.

The bells are in good condition. Two new ropes last year cost £310.

We are always pleased to see anyone on Wednesday evenings from 6.45pm to see what goes on.

We miss the far more curious visitors who used to stay at the youth hostel!

Geoff Pullin

Tower Captain

Church

Following the retirement of Maurice Walton, the PCC has appointed William Assheton of GSS Architecture in Kettering as Church Architect. We have shared with Mr Assheton our needs and aspirations with regard to the possibility of creating a flexible space towards the back of the Church for use in a variety of ways, whilst carrying out essential repairs to the floors and replacing the heating system. Mr Assheton will prepare an artists impression of the re-ordered interior, to allow and promote consultation with parishioners - within the constraints that may be imposed by the Diocesan Architectural Committee

All will also no doubt be aware that the church clock no longer strikes the quarter chimes as the mechanism is beyond repair. The clock and its chimes are an essential much-missed feature of our village. As several generous donations of over £2,600 have now been received towards the cost of a replacement mechanism (around £5,000), the PCC have authorised the work but would welcome other contributions to meet these costs.

Meanwhile the Family Service continues to go from strength, attracting typical congregations of around 70 including more than 20 children who are catered for with a range of fun activities and music. Following the success of this format, we are considering starting up a Sunday School in the belfry during the 9.30am service. As always, newcomers to all our services will be made to feel very welcome.

Frances Williams
Secretary – Badby PCC

Cricket Club

The Cricket Club has had a very successful start to the season with the Second XI topping the table with three wins out of three and the First XI resting mid-table with one win out of two. The Sunday side is also doing well with two wins out of two.

Junior Coaching is now taking place at the Cricket Club on a Wednesday evening and the turnout is splendid with something in the region of 40 youngsters taking part. These coaching sessions are based around six 'stations' of activity and the youngsters are divided into groups and rotate around each station. Thank you to all of our volunteers, without whom we wouldn't have been able to cope! Membership for the season is £5 per child, payable once he/she has attended four sessions. Alongside the children, we have also been coaching a ladies team and hope to start playing some matches soon.

The new cricket pavilion has now been ordered and will be put up in September. Fundraising is continuing and if anyone wishes to raise any money or donate towards the new pavilion fund, please speak to either Neil Brooks or myself.

May I – on behalf of one of the oldest cricket clubs in the country at 152 years old this year – say thank you for your continued support.

Alan Standish
Badby Cricket Club

Horticultural Society

We have about 110 members who support the committee of 13.

Annual events are the quiche and wine evening in February, the spring plant sale in May, a garden lunch in June, a coach outing in July, the Annual Show in September and a themed AGM in October. Last year it was pumpkins, this year badgers.

A new venture this year was to hold an open gardens afternoon in Badby on June 10 to raise money for the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Ambulance charity.

Geoff Pullin
Chairman

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is still active in the village and our membership continues to rise. However, we would still like to see more people joining as the wider the membership becomes the more rapidly can information and warnings of scams or crimes be circulated.

Members have no commitment to attend meetings, although they are welcome to do so, and we have no subscriptions. Information and warnings are relayed by the Police directly to members by email and we link members without computers to those that have to pass on information by telephone.

We are fortunate to live in a part of the county which is relatively quiet from the point of view of crime but this is no consolation to anyone who is a victim. It is up to us all to do our bit to make the village as unpopular as possible to the criminal fraternity and especially to give support and help to our more vulnerable neighbours. This is what NHW is all about.

A year ago there had just been a very nasty burglary in the village. Since then there has been a burglary to steal car keys and thereafter the vehicle and two unsuccessful attempts to break into buildings. Incidents of damage to vehicles have occurred and number plates have been removed. A pedal cycle has been stolen and there have been items stolen from the allotments and a garage. There were also the curious incidents of the wheelie bins and nameplates which appeared in the night. At our recent meeting it became apparent that some incidents which were perceived as minor were not being reported to the Police. Norman Bareham, our PCSO, is very keen that this should be rectified. He makes the point that while he cannot, of course, correct every nuisance that occurs, he can try to do so and has considerable powers to help him. What is certain is that he can do nothing if he is not informed. He has been in post for a year now but unfortunately had a prolonged period off work following an injury on duty last year. He will be a great asset as our 'Village Bobby' albeit he has fifteen other villages as his patch.

It has been noted that our signs in some cases are past their sell-by dates and are badly faded. We intend to replace these and will also ask to re-site some to give a better display.

If you would like to join your village Neighbourhood Watch please contact Sue Wilson on 01327 300659 or myself on 01327 702735.

Colin Cripps

Parish Council

Accounts

The accounts for 2006/2007 have now been audited internally and show a surplus of £1,400. This is mainly due to higher income than budgeted. The accounts will be sent for external audit in July. The precept for 2007/2008 has been held at £14,000

Cemetery Extension

The new cemetery extension is now in use. Whilst the old (original) area has now been closed to burials, there are a few plots available for cremations.

Churchyard Wall

The Parish Council recently had a structural survey undertaken on the churchyard wall, which recommended that certain sections needed to be rebuilt and other areas re-pointed. The Council is in the process of acquiring quotations for the work and once the costs are determined, decisions will need to be made on how the funds will be raised, primarily consideration of increasing the annual rates paid by village residents.

Village Trees

All the trees within the village boundary which the Parish are responsible for will be subject to an inspection during July/August this year and any necessary work will be undertaken during the winter months. The Sycamore tree located within the cricket field which was originally recommended to be felled, has now been saved and will only be pruned to remove dead wood. The new trees (Oak, Maples and Hornbeam) which were planted in February 2005 are making good progress.

Police

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lyndon.harris@northants.police.uk

or

Police Community Support Officer

PCSO 7044 Norman Bareham

Direct Dial – 01327 303326

norman.bareham@northants.police.uk

To “E” Mail all officers on the team: SCTDaventryRuralSouth@northants.police.uk

There have been a number of incidents in and around Badby village recently and everyone is asked to remain alert and report any activities to PCSO Norman Bareham.

School

Over the last year a lot has happened at Badby School and more is planned. These are some of the things that we have done this year.

Every 10th school day (Friday), we have an art and design day called Day 10. All the children in the school are divided into 5 mixed age groups for a morning of artwork. This has been very successful. Some new things that have been introduced to the school for this year are: a new mobile for reception with an outdoor play area; a newly refurbished kitchen area for design and technology activities; also, we have 30 new laptops which can be used in the classroom by pupils along with interactive whiteboards in every classroom.

The younger classes in the school went to Avoncroft Museum to look at homes. We had Tudor and Greek days at school with Timezone. Also, Class 5 went to Holdenby House where the children dressed and acted like Victorians.

The School Council at Badby Primary School has been very successful. They have ordered some small play equipment called Huff and Puff. Also FoBS, in consultation with the School Council, plans to buy some large play equipment. There will be a safety surface underneath it so pupils can play on it all year round. The School Council has also introduced toast every last Friday of the month and a friendly bench where children can chat to each other at break.

Some regular events that have taken place are: the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning; the monthly Mufti Day and the weekly visitors’ assembly.

If you want to find out any more about the school and what’s going on in the future look at our brand new website at www.badby.northants.sch.uk.

Toby Bell

Chair, Badby School Council

Are you a gardener with a little extra time on your hands? If so, Badby school are looking for a few volunteers to help keep the school grounds in order. There are a number of garden areas, including two Memorial Gardens, which need regular tending. The school would be most grateful for any time you could give. Contact Stephen Dadd (Headmaster) on 01327 871363.

Are you interested in becoming a Governor at Badby School?

We are shortly to have 2 vacancies on our Governing Body for Local Authority Governors. These Governors are appointed by the LA who are looking for individuals who:

- Have a commitment to, and an interest in, education
- Have a desire to support the school concerned
- Have a willingness to serve the local community
- Have skills and experience which will support the work of the school
- Have the ability to work as a member of a team
- Are able to arrange their commitments to fit in with membership of a governing body
- Will respect the Council's views on education matters at governing body meetings

If you are interested in becoming an LA Governor, but would like to find out more about what is involved please do not hesitate to contact Sophie Bell on 01327 878821. Alternatively you can apply by contacting Governor Services directly on governors@northamptonshire.gov.uk or telephone 01604 236216.

Street Doctor

Street Doctor is the fault reporting facility for Northamptonshire County Council highways. They receive over 25,000 fault reports per year within four main categories of potholes, streetlights, drains and footpaths. Faults can be reported by telephone, email or even electronically via the NCC's website.

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Online www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Village Hall

The work to build new toilets and storage is practically complete. There are a few items left to clear up. There is some work to do on the outside area, some minor remedial work inside and there are also new main entrance doors to be installed. It is hoped that this will all be completed in the next month or so. We will then have to turn our attention back to routine maintenance of other parts of the building. While some work was done to windows on the kitchen and committee room block a few years ago, there is fairly urgent need for work to kitchen windows and the sill of the window to the entrance lobby. Windows in the hall itself also need attention to allow more to be opened in summer.

The new fire alarm has caused quite a number of problems. There are some instructions on its use already available to hirers and it is planned to make more detailed instructions available to all hirers shortly.

The Hall Committee would like to remind all hirers that there are special conditions applying to any hiring where alcohol is to be provided. In all such cases, the hirer is required to obtain permission from the hall committee (over and above the normal booking via the booking secretary) before the booking is accepted. In addition, to comply with current licensing laws, where any sale of alcohol is proposed including, for example, where a glass of wine is supplied as part of the admission price, a TEN (Temporary Event Notice) must be given to the Local Authority and copied to Police at least 10 working days before the event. Please note that the number of licenses that can be issued to any one individual is restricted and, more importantly, the number that can be issued to the hall in any one year is also restricted to 12. So that this can be managed fairly, it is a condition of booking that

the permission of the hall committee is obtained before any hirer issues for a TEN. The hirer not the hall is required to issue the notice. It is a very simple form and it is a notice, not an application; i.e. it cannot be refused except under specific circumstances.

The Hall Committee and the Parish Council are both concerned at the increasing practice of hirers driving across and parking on the green adjacent to the hall entrance. The village green was registered as such by the Parish Council to ensure that it could continue to be protected for the benefit of all. One of the reasons for that protection is to prevent it being damaged by vehicles and used for parking. Once one person is allowed, it is difficult to prevent others. In addition, as many will have discovered, there is a very wet patch of ground close to the seat and earlier in the year this was churned up into deep ruts by some hall users. All hall users are reminded that there is no vehicular access across the green to the hall. It may be easier to wheel heavy material in and out of the hall on trolleys via the ramp and fire escape exit from Courtyard Lane, but please do not leave vehicles here any longer than absolutely necessary as it is used regularly by heavy lorries from the yard.

The Daniel Smith Blues Band evening on the 23 March was a great success and we are hoping to arrange further events like this.

Although the bluebells were a bit early this year and Bluebell Sunday as late as it could be as the first Sunday in May, the weather held and the day was successful raising some very useful funds for the hall. Thanks to all those who put in lots of work to organise and man both these events.

Ian Bromwich
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Website

Work is currently under way to update the Badby website. The new version of the website will hopefully be launched by mid-July. Any village organisation or parishioner who runs a business who would like to be included in the site should contact Dennis Wilson. His email address is badbyweb@aol.com.

General

Mr Tim Boswell

The Conservative Constituency Offices of Daventry (including the office of Tim Boswell MP), South Northamptonshire and Northampton North have recently moved premises to form the West Northamptonshire Conservatives Resource Centre. New contact details are: Boswell House, 9 Prospect Court, Courteenhall Road, Blisworth, Northants NN7 3DG. Tel: 01604 859721. Fax: 01604 859329.

NHS Foundation Trust

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Trust is looking to recruit members to the NHS Foundation Trust. It is currently under-represented in terms of members living in the Badby area and is keen to ensure that parishioners have their say in shaping its future. Membership is open to anyone over 12 years old and living in Northamptonshire. Membership forms can be obtained from Sharon Foster (Tel: 01327 877094).

Next issue

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of December this year. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Tel: 01327 877094).

The views expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily represent those of the Parish Council unless expressly stated.

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So, if you would like your daughter to join please contact either Anne Griffin on 01327 706975 or Barbara Douglas on 01327 702858.

Badby Fayre 2008

The next Fayre is due on Sunday 7th September 2008. Anyone full of ideas and keen to volunteer to help with the Parochial Church Council's fayre committee should contact Geoff Pullin on gcsspullin@yahoo.com or 01327 871806 or knock on the door at 25 The Glebe - straight away!

Geoff Pullin

Chairman

Bell Ringers

Since the last newsletter, the bells have been rung for a wedding, a funeral and by visitors to a peal and a quarter peal. A special quarter peal was rung to celebrate the life of Harriet Piner on 3rd September.

Wednesday practice nights start at 6.45pm, with tied-clapper basic training before the bells sound at 7.30pm. About 14 ringers from around the district come along each week for mutual support, fun, progress and socialising. New methods to practice this winter are New Bob and Hunstpill Doubles. On Sundays we usually manage to muster six ringers from the village, one per bell, only just enough. We could do with a couple more to start training - any age: 10 - 80! Do come along and see us in action.

Geoff Pullin

Tower Captain

Cricket Club

On behalf of everyone involved with the cricket club, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the villagers who walk by the ground and keep an eye on the situation as the new structures begin to take shape. We are really impressed with the way the village has pulled together to help us.

In particular we would like to express our thanks and appreciation of the support offered to the club during the new building programme by:

- Badby Parish Council
- Stephen Gee for providing the drawings and planning
- Martin Wilcox for providing electrical materials at cost price
- City Electrical factors for their support
- David Cox for his expertise and knowledge
- Martin Parratt and Tim Hyatt for overseeing the installation of the new electric cable up to the pavilion
- Mr R Farmer for his advice and guidance.

The new pavilion is due to be delivered in the last week of November [8 weeks behind schedule], and then it will be the case of all hands to the deck to get the building ready for the new season. So if anyone has a few spare minutes on their hands, please get in touch.

URGENT – we desperately need the services of a plumber – does anyone know of anyone who could help us out? If so, please let us know via Nell Brooks.

Since I last wrote to you, the club has been very successful in obtaining grants to purchase cricket equipment, coaching courses and hire of indoor facilities throughout the winter. Northamptonshire Community Foundation were so impressed with the work of the youngsters on Wednesday nights that £2500 was awarded. The project is now recognised as one of *the “major contributions to sport in Northamptonshire in 2006/2007”*.

Indoor coaching for the under 11s continues throughout the winter on Wednesday evening from 530pm to 630pm at the cost of £1 per person.

The club has also taken the lead in organising the bid to purchase a bowling machine, which can be used by hockey, rounders, tennis and school clubs. We heard this week that we have been successful and that this facility will be available from 2008.

All in all, the club structures are being developed at a fast rate so that we can continue to grow and last another 150 years. With all the new equipment, it is hoped that the 2008 season will be a fantastic one for juniors and seniors alike.

Finally the club will be running 2 Saturday sides, a Sunday side, a Ladies team and junior sides of under 11, under 13 and under 15/17. We are also hoping to host a few kwik cricket matches for the lower age ranges in 2008.

The village support is fantastic and we acknowledge that the cricket club is a strong feature of the village community. Long may it continue to be so. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2008 and beyond.

Best wishes

Alan Standish

Badby Cricket Club

Daventry Express Correspondent

The Village and District Diary feature of the weekly Daventry Express always contains Badby news. It can also be read anywhere in the world on their website

<http://www.daventrytoday.co.uk/village-news-badby>

Please send me (at gcsspullin@yahoo.com or on 01327 871806 or at 25 The Glebe) your or your non-commercial organisation's news of events to come, events that have happened and personal celebrations well in advance. It saves me having to ferret things out myself.

Geoff Pullin

Correspondent

Horticultural Society

During the year we raised enough money at our quiche & wine evening, spring plant sale and summer garden lunch to cover the high costs of the annual show in September. The garden lunch had to take refuge in Newnham village hall as the constant deluge up to, and on, the appointed day prevented the outdoor venue. In June we ran an open gardens afternoon in the village to raise money for the air ambulance charity. After the 15 minute AGM in October, Steve Jackson gave a most interesting talk about his badger watching that started in the village during his childhood and has now expanded into county and national groups.

The programme for 2008 will be similar including the annual show on Sunday 7th September. If you have any ideas of how we can increase the number of exhibits, please let the committee know now. Membership for 2008 remains at the bargain price of £3 each or £5 for two people at the same address.

Geoff Pullin
Chairman

Neighbourhood Watch

Unfortunately, the village crime statistics are bad this half year as a result of our being the target of thefts from outbuildings for two days in Spring. We have also had a spate of distraction burglaries. It brings home to us the fact that, although this is an area of low crime activity, no one can ever afford to be complaisant. The police are warning everyone to be on their guard at all times. How can you help? By joining our Neighbourhood Watch group and thus increasing the number of eyes that are looking for any suspicious activities in the village. Of course, you can do this alone but membership gives a special telephone line to contact the Police, a steady flow of information on problems in the wider area and sensible advice on precautions that can be taken.

Our numbers are increasing but are still small for the size of the village. We are in closer contact now with the Police than ever before. The Safer Community Teams and especially Norman Bareham our very active PCSO with his regular updates by email are keeping all the NHW groups in the area in touch with what is going on. They are asking us to tell them the problems which are of greatest concern in our village and promise that they will take action to target them.

Please consider joining us. It costs nothing and you do not even have to come to our two meetings a year if you prefer not to. Information can be most easily sent to you by email but if you do not have this facility we will try to link you with someone that has. The village bush telegraph is very good. If we can get our numbers up to a level to seed it efficiently, it will do the rest.

This is the time of year for presents. Please remember to keep these out of sight both in the house and in the car. Beware, too, of a scam in which a card is posted through your letterbox to say that a parcel could not be delivered and asking you to call a number starting 0906 – this is a premium rate number from Belize and you will be charged £15 as soon as the automated message starts playing!

We are investigating a system of property identification known as Smartwater. This is recommended by the Police and is effective enough to have proved to be a deterrent to crime in areas where it has been used. We hope to be able to obtain this at a reduced rate via the Police and NHW. It comes with neighbourhood signs perhaps to add to our new display.

If you would like to join please contact Sue Wilson [300659] or myself [702735].

Colin Cripps

Parish Council

Accounts

The budget for 2008/2009 is in the process of being drawn up. It will be discussed in detail at December's Parish Council meeting. One of the main topics for that discussion will be the raising of £5,000 for churchyard wall repairs which will require an increase in the Parish precept for 2008 of 14%. The budget will then be ratified, including any agreed changes, at January's meeting after which it will be submitted to Daventry District Council.

Cemetery

The old part of the cemetery is now closed to new burials, other than those already holding a Grant of Exclusive Right. All new burials will take place in the new part of the cemetery. However, cremated remains can, for the time being, be accommodated either in the old cemetery or in the new, depending on the wishes of the families concerned.

Christmas Tree Recycling

The Parish Council has signed up to the Christmas Tree Recycling Service offered by Daventry District Council. Two collection sites have been identified: Pinfold Green and Church Green. Notices will be put up on the Parish Council noticeboards when the date of collection is confirmed so please keep a look out.

Churchyard Wall

The Parish Council is researching what, if any, funding and grants could be available to assist in the cost of repairs to the churchyard wall. Some money has been put to one side in next year's budget to add to that already put aside this year but it will not be enough to carry out the pairs suggested in the recent engineer's report.

Greens

The renewal of the grass cutting contracts is due in 2008 and tenders are invited for the areas of the village greens, the cemetery and the churchyard.

Rights of Way

Honey Lane is in a bad state of repair following the torrential rain storms earlier in the year and we are hoping that remedial work will be carried out soon. Reports on other footpaths/rights of way have also been submitted to the relevant authority and we are hoping that the necessary works are carried out soon. We would be grateful if problems with footpaths/rights of way could be notified to either Karen Alexander or Mike Warburton.

You may have noticed that clearance work was carried out during the summer months on the stream in Brookside Lane and at the Village Hall. This work was carried out by members of the Probation Service, supervised by Mike Richards and James Justice, at no cost to the parish.

Road Works

You will also have noticed, I'm sure, that work has commenced on burying some of the overhead electricity cables in the village. Work started on 19th November and is due to take 10 weeks. However, they will not be working over the Christmas period (2 weeks before and 1 week after Christmas). The work starts from the junction with the A361 at Pinfold Green, will cross the village green in front of the Village Hall to join up to the substation at the bottom of Courtyard Lane, continue along Main Street, then turn into Chapel Lane and into the field on the left hand side to meet a transformer pole – about 850 meters in total. The idea of doing the work is to get overhead cables laid underground where they are more reliable, improve supply and aren't such a blot on the landscape. The Parish Council was contacted as a matter of courtesy only a week before work was due to take place. The matter was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting and meetings have since taken place voicing the Parish Council's disappointment at not having been involved in any consultation before work was scheduled by Central Networks.

Village Trees

Following a report of all trees under the responsibility of the Parish Council during the summer, contractors have been requested to quote for much of the suggested work. We hope this work will be carried out during the first half of 2008.

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School

What has happened at Badby School : It has been a busy term. We had the Harvest Festival; it went according to plan with the donations of food being sent to the Mayday Trust. Also, we had the MacMillan coffee morning. We raised quite a lot of money - £300. You might have noticed that we have a new teacher in school called Miss McMeekin, who teaches Class 2 along with Mrs Clark. A lot of people came to the two open days held last month, enabling prospective parents to have a look around the school. Hopefully now we will have more people at Badby School.

What is going to happen : Key Stage 1 are doing a Christmas Nativity. Key Stage 2 are doing a Christmas play called, ‘Mr Humbug Sees the Light.’ Class 5 are going to get a new mobile after Christmas. Also, we are going to get new play equipment once we have raised enough money. Badby School might also be getting hot meals after Christmas. The charity we are raising money for is the Wheelchair Foundation. When we get enough money we are going to spell ‘Badby’ in money on the playground and this will be sent to the Foundation. If anyone would like to send in any silver or copper coins we could add them to our money.

Milly Heathcock & Olivia Bradbury

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Village Hall

We now have new main entrance doors to replace the ones which were falling apart. Please note that the main door now has a closer on it again and this has a check action which means that it will stay open at 90 degrees on its own. In doing the work to replace the doors it was noticed that the facing stones on the lintel over the door were loose due to some movement in the committee room structure. This has now been repaired. The committee are also hoping to be able to replace the rotting windows to the committee room and kitchen section shortly. Prices are being obtained at the moment. They are also now determined to replace the chairs as soon as possible.

The hedge to the hall path has now been cut back a little and removed altogether for one stretch, but the path remains obstructed by the hedge for much of its length. The committee are seeking to get this cut back to the line of the wall so that everyone can use the path without obstruction.

Two recent live jazz events organised by Anne and Paul Eales of the hall committee have been very successful and the committee would like to thank them and also Ann Cotton for organising the bar and all others who helped. More such events are planned at occasional intervals. There is another booking for the popular Daniel Smith Blues band sometime in the spring of 2008.

Sue Peterson & Anne Eales are organising a Christmas Wassail of seasonal entertainment on Friday 7th December at 7.30pm in Badby village hall. Entrance on the door is £5, to include light refreshments. Wine and soft drinks will be available. Please contact 703530 or 703303 for more details.

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Website

The Badby website has now been launched, with regular updates made. Any village organisation or parishioner who runs a business who would like to be included in the site should contact Dennis Wilson. His email address is badbyweb@aol.com. The website address is www.badby.org.uk.

General

Next issue

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of June 2008. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Tel: 01327 877094).

**May I, finally, take this opportunity of wishing you all,
on behalf of myself and all Badby Parish Councillors,
a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.**

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