

BADBY PARISH NEWS

Summer 2008

PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Dr James Justice at the beginning of this year. James had served a number of terms on the Parish Council and had at one time taken on the mantle of being Chairman. He was re-elected to the Parish Council in May 2007 and once again became an invaluable member of the Council.

Following James' death, Steve Robson was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Steve is relatively new to the village and we welcome him on board.

Another long-serving Councillor, Eleanor Ramsbotham resigned from the Parish Council in May. Due to other commitments, Eleanor felt that she wasn't able to fulfil the obligations and duties of being a Parish Councillor. We thank Eleanor for all the hard work she has carried out during her time as Parish Councillor and wish her well.

Advertising for the vacant seat on the Parish Council has taken place but at the time of going to print, the seat hasn't been filled. Please keep a look out on the noticeboards in the village to find out who your new Parish Councillor is.

Below is a list of the present Parish Councillors, their contact telephone numbers as well as their areas of special interest.

Mike Richards (Chairman)	872116	Trees, Greens, Cemetery
Peter Banks (Vice Chairman)	871022	Greens, Village Hall
Karen Alexander	310780	Rights of Way, Village Hall
Gary Bell	878821	Roads & Safety
Sheila Gilling	706409	Street Lighting
John Page	300401	NCC Liaison
Steve Robson	871728	Playing Field
Mike Warburton	878940	Rights of Way

Meetings normally take place each second Monday in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and there are two sections where public participation is invited. Please come along.

BADBY ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Although there are no allotments available at the moment, please let Cristine Orr know if you'd like to go on the waiting list. Her number is 705589.

BADBY BROWNIES

Brownies meet every Tuesday at Badby Village Hall from 5.45pm–7.00pm during school term time. Brownies are girls usually between seven and ten. If you would like your daughter to join please contact either Anne Griffin on 01327 706975 or Barbara Douglas on 01327 702858.

BADBY CHESTNUTS PRE-SCHOOL

On Wednesday 4 June 2008, 17 pre-school children began their epic journey up School Lane for a new start. The destination, their very own premises within the grounds of Badby School, which has become their new home after more than twenty years of using the village hall.

After several years at the wishing stage and nine months in the planning and fundraising stage, the work was finally complete in renovating an unused portacabin into something suitable for pre-school children. This involved completely renovating both inside and out, including new toilets and kitchen facilities.

The benefits of this move for the pre-school are numerous – not only will it help enable a smooth transition to school for the children, but will also enable the children to have a free flow environment, whereby they can play inside and out. It will also mean that we can offer more sessions, offering pre-school education five days a week. For the staff, there will no longer be the constant moving of tables and chairs and the ability to display the children's work.

We would like to thank all those people who have made this move happen. Special thanks have to go to Mr Dadd, headteacher of Badby School, who has pushed for this to happen and supported us at every stage possible. We also have to thank the Rotary Club, who not only supported us financially but also provided manpower to help us with the decorating.

The move has cost the pre-school in excess of £8,000 which has been raised by a few donations and copious amounts of fundraising; so thanks also have to go to anyone who has supported any of our fundraising events. Final thanks have to go to the small group of people, both those with and without children at Chestnuts, who have been tirelessly working over the last few months to ensure that this move has happened. Finally, they can get to spend evenings and weekends with their husbands and have a different topic of conversation!!!

So with a new place to call home, Chestnuts can work on improving their already good ofsted rating. There are still a few places left for the September 2008 intake, so if you have a child over two and a half years old, who you would like to attend the pre-school, then please contact Sarah Wilson on 01327 700157 for more information and to arrange a look around. Chestnuts also has a website - www.badby.northants.sch.uk/homedir/chestnuts.htm - so you could take a look at that too.

BADBY FAYRE 2008

Badby Fayre aims to raise money for St Mary's Church restoration fund and for everyone to have a good time. It will be on Sunday, September 7, 2008.

The arrangements for a band, Morris dancers, amusements, car parking, closing the Green to traffic are all well in hand. Items for the white elephant stall can now be delivered to Chris and Gerry Mundy at The Cottage, Vicarage Hill, but please phone beforehand 01327 872603. Arrangements within the Church are being organised by Sarah Hartland-Swann and the church's social and pastoral group. Vintage agricultural machinery will be gathering in David Fennell's field to collect for the air ambulance charity.

If you want to advertise in the Fayre Guide and Programme, please contact David Pearce. Anyone keen to volunteer to help can contact Geoff Pullin on gcsspullin@yahoo.com or 01327 871806 or knock on the door at 25 The Glebe - straight away!

Geoff Pullin
Chairman

BADBY MUSIC SOCIETY

Badby Music Society on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday July 9th at Badby Village Hall at 8p.m. The theme will be Trains and Boats and Planes so anything on a transport theme- a five minute recording of music on CD, tape or Vinyl will be welcome as are all visitors to the Society. We all pay £1 each time we meet to include refreshments.

We don't meet again then until October so any further information from Pat or Roger Eaton on 01327 705326, or Angela Adams on 01327 704928 or dxadams@mac.com.

Angela Adams
Badby Music Society

CHURCH

After considering carefully a number of complex issues, the Church Council has now instructed the Architect to prepare preliminary proposals for renewing the timbers beneath the Church pews, which are decaying through a combination of dry rot and woodworm.

These proposals involve some reordering of the pews in the rear part of the Church to allow more flexible use of this area for various functions. It will also be necessary to replace the old, inefficient electric tubular heating with a new gas fired hot water radiator system, provided funds can be raised to meet the cost.

The proposals reflect the "mission statement" drafted previously by the Churchwardens, and will be presented fully to the Church Council and churchgoers before works proceed - the purpose being to enhance use of the Church as a building by the wider community, as well as for worship.

Frances Williams
Secretary – Badby PCC

DAVENTRY EXPRESS

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 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) news of events to come, and how successful advertised events were, and personal celebrations well in advance. My deadline is Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition of the newspaper.

Geoff Pullin
Correspondent

CRICKET CLUB

The work on the Cricket Pavilion is completed to the point of it being used. However, finishing off is continuing. I am sure you will all agree that it is certainly a building which looks so much better than its predecessor.

Men's practice nights are Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm to 8pm. Under 11's practice night is held on Wednesday between 6pm and 7.15pm at a cost of £2 per child. The Ladies Team is also taking coaching on Wednesday night and looking forward to its first match later in the season.

Alan Standish
Badby Cricket Club

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our 2008 programme started off with a quiche and wine evening in Newnham village hall when some fifty or so were entertained by Clive Bevan giving us clues on how to grow huge vegetables to win shows. The Spring plant sale in Badby village hall did a good trade and served lots of teas. To come, we have

- ⊗ The Summer garden lunch on Sunday, June 29. Tickets at £11 each are available from committee members now.
- ⊗ The coach outing to Kew Gardens will be on Sunday, July 13. Tickets at £25 including coach and entrance to the gardens are now available from me up until June 22, so that we can pre-book with the gardens at a special rate.
- ⊗ The Annual Show on Fayre day Sunday, September 7. It is open to all to make entries. The show schedule is available from me now and will be circulated in August.
- ⊗ The AGM will be squeezed in between a recording of BBC Radio Northampton's gardener's question time in Badby village hall on Thursday, October 23.

It's not too late to join the society for this year, at the bargain price of £3 each or £5 for two people at the same address. Cristine Orr, at The Hollies, The Green, 01327 705589, is membership secretary.

Geoff Pullin
Chairman

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Over the last year there has been an increase in crimes in the Villages in our area. Our PCSO Norman Bareham has continued to keep us informed of all the incidents that he and his colleagues have been involved in and this, compared with previous lack of information, has made the changes more noticeable and more worrying. However, there is a real increase in the crime statistics although Badby has fared better than some of our neighbours.

The crime figures for Badby rose from 16 last year to 35. The statistics tend to exaggerate the number of individual crimes as the same incident can be recorded more than once under different headings. The theft of a car by stealing the keys from the house is recorded both as theft from a dwelling and as theft of a vehicle. Similarly Theft from a car by breaking a window is counted under vehicle damage and theft from a vehicle. Even allowing for this and that most of the incidents took place in connected raids on two or three days the increases are of concern. In the past there were easier pickings for thieves in the town but changes in policing there has made them look further afield.

What can we do about this? In the first place we need to be alert. In the Village we know each other and the usual vehicles that are about. A person or vehicle that does not seem right should be reported to the Police with as much detail as possible—a licence number, of course, being a great help. If the person has good reason to be there, no harm is done but your little bit of information can add to others to complete a picture. It was just such a small piece of information which led to the uncovering of major crime in the villages just south of us.

What else? The advice to make ourselves less vulnerable to crime is boringly the same. It has to be because we fail to take it!

Make sure your house is secure not only when you are out but also when working in the garden or garage.

Do not leave car keys on view.

Lock your car even if you are only going to leave it for a short time.

Do not leave anything in your car [it may be worthless to you but think of the hassle of window repairs or worse]

Do not buy anything from cold callers.

Do not let anyone into your home until you have proved their identity

Make outbuildings secure. This can be impossible and it may be best to store expensive tools or mowers elsewhere.

Beware the telephone or letter scam. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is not true no matter how persuasive the caller.

Consider joining Neighbourhood watch! We are specifically looking for people from Neneside Close as there is no representation from there at the moment.

We are looking into a property marking scheme called Smartwater which has proved successful elsewhere. We have been in contact with the company who provides Smartwater and have agreed a massive reduction to only £15.00. Anyone wishing to find out more, please contact Sue Wilson on 01327 300659 or check out the Smartwater website.

Colin Cripps

PARISH COUNCIL

Accounts

The 2007/2008 accounts will have been signed off and the Annual Return submitted by the time of going to print. The unaudited figures for 2007-2008 were reported at the last Parish Council meeting. They show expenditure of £18,218 and income of £2,238, compared with budgeted expenditure of £17,680 this means a surplus of expenditure of £538. This figure does include budgeted payment of £2,000 to the Village Hall Management Committee which, at the time of going to print, had not yet been paid over. The Parish Council has received a bill for @£900 for election costs but this will be paid over the next three years.

The budget was set in January for financial year 2008/2009 and the first half of the precept has been received from the District Council. The next instalment is due to be received in September 2008.

The Parish Council made an £800 donation to Badby Cricket Club to help with the costs of the new cricket pavilion.

In summer last year, the Community Service helped to clear the stream at Brookside Lane and also the hedging around the Village Hall. This work was completed by a team over a number of weeks and was supervised by Mike Richards and the late James Justice. The Parish Council has been in discussions with the Community Service organisation again to carry out various works in the cemetery. These works will be carried out in conjunction with other work the Community Service have been asked to do at Badby School and Badby Chestnuts Pre-School. All the work carried out by the Community Service team is free of charge and so the Parish Council has been able to get work done which needed doing but without making a huge dent in its finances.

Churchyard Wall

The Parish Council has finally received three written quotes for the work recommended following an inspection of the Churchyard Wall last year. A decision has been made and a contractor appointed. The Parish Council is now in the process of finding out what permissions are needed regarding planning and the Peterborough Diocese before it progress the work.

Electricity works

Those of you living at the A361 end of the village have been involved over the last few months in the burying of electricity cables. The purpose of this work is to ensure that power cuts are, hopefully, a thing of the past. It will also mean that overhead power cables will eventually be removed. Other parts of the village already have underground cabling. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond their control, the contractors have not yet been able to complete the works. However, you will be advised when a new date is planned for the switchover. This may, of course, already happened by the time this Newsletter gets through your door as the Parish Council is not kept abreast of the contractor's plans.

Village Trees

Following last year's inspection, the works have all now been carried out. The Parish Council is considering a new strategy involving the trees and a 10 year planned maintenance programme. The matter is still being discussed at Parish Council meetings and a decision is due to be made in the very near future.

POLICE

Badby is policed by the Daventry Rural South Safer Community Team (SCT).

In EMERGENCY situations where an immediate Police attendance is required – dial 999

To report crime or other incidents where an immediate Police attendance is not required – dial 08453 700700

To contact your local officer from the Safer Community Team:-

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

Welcome back after half term, I hope you all enjoyed it. This is the second Parish Council letter that we've contributed to. We are just going to tell you all about the new stuff coming up at school.

Rose Day

As you know we have a Rose Day every year. This year the rose king is Charlie Harvey and the rose queen is Bethany Perrins. This year it will be on the 28th of June. There will be the usual stalls and entertainment, such as the raffle, the coconut shy, the teddy tombola and the cake stall and many others. There will be the usual traditional dancing. Please come along.

New Kitchen

As some of you may have seen or heard a new kitchen is being built. This will be for hot dinners for the children. The children will have to pay a small amount of money for their dinner. We have put together a small menu for them including a variety of main meals and deserts.

New Cloakrooms

The old science cupboard will be turned into a new cloakroom for the year three girls. The additional cloakrooms will be painted blue and yellow and will also have draws for lunch boxes and jumpers. They will still have the pegs to hang big winter coats on. If an item is found on the floor, the child who it belongs to will have to go and collect it from Mr Dadd and explain why they thought it was ok to leave it on the floor.

Chestnuts

The old year 5 and 6 mobile has been done up for the Chestnuts Pr-School. They come to school, have some fun and then go home. In September, some of them will come to Badby school as receptions. They are enjoying the sunny days so far, they have a little play area out side so they exercise and have fun.

SDP Meeting (School Development Plan)

The meeting on Wednesday evening was a great success because lots of people came. We talked about things that are already happening and things that are good ideas that could happen in the future. There were also refreshments in the middle of the evening. School council were allowed to come as well.

Well we hope you have caught up on all the things that are happening. I hope we all have a good term.

Milly Heathcock and Olivia Bradbury
On behalf of Badby School Council

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.

Contact details are: Telephone 0845 601 1113 (Local rate)
Online www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

VILLAGE HALL

As you will have already read, Chestnuts will no longer be using the village hall. Their departure leaves the hall available for bookings four mornings a week. Anyone wishing to make a booking should contact Sue on 01327 872117.

Ian Bromwich
01327 301019

WEBSITE

We are looking for old photographs or postcards of the village to publish on the website. If you have any you would like us to use please contact me – it would only mean a quick scan before they were returned, or if you prefer you could e-mail me your own scans.

If you have a local business which you would like mentioning on the web please let me know – it is free at the moment but a small charge may be introduced to cover the costs of the domain and server next year.

Local organisations – if you would like to be added to the site, or to update your page, or have an event you would like to be included, details would be appreciated.

The website will normally be updated during the first week in the month when the Parish Council Meeting Agenda becomes available.

The site now also includes the Parish Council draft minutes and Badby Parish News.

Contact details badbyweb@aol.com or 01327 300659

Denis Wilson

GENERAL

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 or email sfoster@fpconsultants.com).

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

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Winter 2008

PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS

In the Summer 2008 newsletter, we reported that at the time of going to print, the seat on the Parish Council vacated following the sudden death of James Justice hadn't been filled. The Parish Council co-opted Sally Halson in July and we welcome her to the Parish Council and look forward to all she has to offer.

Below are the special interests of your Parish Councillors along with telephone numbers.

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Meetings taking place in 2009 are 12th January, 9th February, 9th March, 6th April, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December. All are held in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. Please note that the April meeting has been moved one week earlier due to Easter Monday falling on 13th April. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 11th May, before the normal Parish Council Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings and there are two sections where public participation is invited.

BADBY AND FAWSLEY WI

A warm welcome awaits you at Badby and Fawsley WI. We have 40 active members who meet in Badby Village Hall every second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. A varied and interesting programme of speakers and activities has been arranged for 2009, including an introduction to Line Dancing, a talk on the Meaning of Dreams and a visit to Toft Alpacas. In addition, WI members interested in playing Northamptonshire Skittles meet for practise at the Matters Inn on the 1st Monday of the month at 8pm, and during the summer evenings we organise local guided walks. New members are always welcome or if you just need someone to come with, please contact Sarah Hartland-Swann (tel: 01327 872193) or Kate Earley (tel: 01327 700544).

Many thanks

Kate Earley

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BADBY FAYRE 2008

The abnormally wet and cold preceding week ended with rain pouring until mid-day on Fayre day, leading to the cancellation of some usual features: the agricultural machinery display and children's amusements and rides. The Moulton 77 Band was moved to the church to keep it dry but then the

sun actually shone and the Royal Oak Morris were able to dance on The Green roadway in the dry on this their first fayre visit. The rain held off only until half-way through clearing-up time!

The fun dog show, teas and stalls were busy and the bottle tombola had a smashing start and the Carvell family showed three racing Volkswagens. We were very thankful for the use of the garage for the white elephant stall at the then empty Park House. Takings reflected the reduced attendance due to the uncertain weather conditions but still produced £2,616.06 for the church restoration fund.

First prize of £250 cash in the grand draw went to Ann Skinner (ticket 1859); second prize to Tom Jeffries (2449); third Nikki Pearcey (1220). In the Fun Dog Show: Waggiest Tail won by Sharon with Tess, Best Doggy Trick won by Rosie with Tilly, Owner most like Dog won by George with Rufus, Simple Obedience won by David with Taiga, Best Biscuit Catcher won by Mick with Charlie, and the Dog the Judge would most like to take Home was Louis with Winnie.

Many thanks to everyone who worked very hard beforehand in collecting, advertising and preparing and who held their nerve to put the show on the road and to those who came along to support it! It's amazing how many tents and gazebos can be conjured up at short notice! Let's hope for a return to the usual fine weather in 2010!

Geoff Pulling
Chairman

BELL RINGERS

Wednesday practice night starts at 6.45pm with the clappers silenced for initial training before normal ringing starts at 7.30pm. Anyone is most welcome to come along and see what we get up to. Attendance varies between 24 and one (!), with an average of 11.3 this year. Regular visitors from Everton, Farthing stone, Newnham and Bayfield provide mutual support, especially for our Summer recruits Allyson Payne, and youngsters Tim and John Woodliffe, Jack Watkins and Giorgio Daniel, who are making good progress.

We were, of course, very sad at the death in August of Joy Harding from Newnham as she had rung with us, organised trips, including a ringing weekend in Bridlington earlier this year, and regularly cheered us in the tower and Windmill over nearly a quarter of a century.

On Sundays, we average six ringers from the village, just enough for each bell. In October, a special quarter peal was rung by ringers from the Knightly Parishes as a farewell to Rev Michael Petitt and family. Michael took at least ten special services for bell ringers' on Saturday afternoons over the last ten years. While we have no rector, we have to keep a keen eye out for the varying service times! We rang the bells after Hilda Hartshorn's funeral on December 5 and for a marriage blessing on December 28, and have rung for four village weddings this year, including those of the vicar's daughter Anna and of Sarah Piner – both lapsed bell ringers! Seven groups of visitors have also rung our bells including a three-hour peal in November.

Last April, we came fifth in the whole diocese in a competition for the most accurate ringing held at Braunston church. During the Winter, we aim to learn three methods: St Remigius Doubles, Little Bob Minor and Norwich Surprise Minor. We've made a start ...

Geoff Pullin
Tower Captain

CHURCH

The Reverend Petitt and his family sadly left Badby parish last month, to take on the task of a Team post in nearby Guilsborough. St Mary's and Fawsley churches are now interregnum until a new vicar is appointed.

CRICKET CLUB

In November, Badby Cricket Club held its Annual Players' Awards Evening at Badby Village Hall. The evening included a showing of a seven minute film show of the club's trip to Firle where players helped Firle celebrate its 250th year as a cricket club.

Following recent applications for funding, the Cricket Club has been successful in obtaining money to purchase a scarifier and is awaiting the result of an application for funding from Daventry District Council towards the purchase of a tractor. The machinery will prove extremely useful in the cutting of the grass on the cricket pitch as well as the football pitch.

Best wishes

Alan Standish

Badby Cricket Club

DAVENTRY EXPRESS CORRESPONDENT

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Geoff Pullin

Correspondent

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Despite the deluge affecting the Fayre, the annual horticultural show was more snugly housed in the village hall and marquee. There were more entries than last year. The Felton Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate of points in all classes and the floral cups went to Dorothy Tarry, as did the Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal. Bett Robinson won the Flower Arranging Cup and the certificate of merit for floral art. The Fred Payne Cup for onions and the Best in Show Cup went to Bill Boswell of Preston capes. Other cup winners were: Garden Produce - Matt Moser and E E Richardson, Percy Warr Cup - Sue Ingham, Sue Papworth Cup - J Usher-Stephenson, Craftwork Cup - Gill Nelson. Turned wooden cups made by Frank Barnstable for children's classes went to William Robinson, Emilia Shaw and Cameron Shaw who also won the Christine Payne Cup jointly with William Brodie. Many thanks to everyone who supported the show with entries or by visiting and partaking of tea and cakes!

We are keen to get more entries in the 2009 show, so please let us know by March if there are any gaps in our entry classes that might be popular.

The annual general meeting in October took all of 14 minutes including the re-election of the committee. For the rest of the evening we were greatly entertained by a team of four expert gardeners, chaired by Johnnie Amos, answering our questions. This was recorded and 'appeared' in small pieces during the Green Welly Show on BBC Radio Northampton on Sundays.

2009 events begin with a meeting in Newnham on Friday, February 6 and a spring plant sale on May 10. Annual membership remains at £3 per person or £5 for two living at the same address.

Cristine Orr at The Hollies on The Green is the membership secretary.

Geoff Pullin

Chairman

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

While we are fortunate to live in an area where crime is relatively low it is still important to be vigilant. The Police report that there has been an increase in crime in our area of Northamptonshire and are keen that any direct concerns or observations of suspicious activities should be reported to

them. This is the reason for Neighbourhood Watch and the more members we have the more useful we can be. Currently thirty- three households in the Village are members but we would like to increase this. We think that there may be some people who believe that they are members but who are not on our contact list. If you are not receiving any communications from us please let us know so that we can update our records.

There is no charge for membership and, although we are delighted to see all members at our twice-yearly meetings, there is no obligation to attend. Members with e-mail can receive the Police 'Ringmaster' messages and also the local PCSOs keep us informed of their activities and especial concerns in this way. We try to link members without e-mail facilities to someone who can pass on the more relevant information to them. All are included in a telephone 'Cascade' when more urgent contact is needed. In this a member passes a message to two others who in turn pass it on to two more thus covering the membership as quickly and easily as possible. Information to the Police where immediate attendance is needed should be by calling 999. In other circumstances the number is 0845 3 700 700. There is an additional dedicated Neighbourhood Watch number and anyone can give information anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please consider joining us to increase the cover in the Village. We are particularly short of members in the important areas of Pinfold Green and Neneside Close where the Village meets the A361.

We would also like to bring to everyone's attention a chemical system of property identification called SmartWater. This is a liquid product which can be applied to virtually all items of property. It is invisible in ordinary light but under UV light can be seen and, as each household's paint is chemically unique, property can be identified. Also small amounts of the paint can adhere to criminals thus linking them to a specific crime scene. The product is recommended by the Police and has been shown to be a deterrent to criminals. They are sufficiently impressed by its value to be currently sponsoring its use in areas of Daventry where crime figures are high. SmartWater is available to Neighbourhood Watch members at a discounted rate- recently £15+VAT for a household- another reason to join us!

Contact: Colin Cripps 702735 or Sue Wilson 300659

PARISH COUNCIL

Accounts

The accounts for the financial year 2007/2008 have been successfully audited.

The draft budget for the financial year 2009/2010 has been presented to the Parish Council and was discussed in detail at the December meeting. It will now be ratified at the next meeting of the Parish Council due to be held on Monday 12th January 2009. In essence, the budget shows a £3,000 drop in precept. The agreed budget will be posted on the noticeboards once it has been ratified.

Cemetery

Various works have been carried out at the cemetery during the last few months. You may have noticed the new roof on the shed and a new bench. The Parish Council is in the process of considering further works, some of which have been paid for by a generous donation from Mr William Morris and some of which will be paid for out of the Parish precept in next year's budget. The Parish Council is extremely grateful for Mr Morris' donation.

Christmas Tree Recycling

As last year, Christmas tree recycling by Daventry District Council is taking place in the village. As last year, the two sites identified are Pinfold Green and Church Green. As yet, the collection date has yet to be notified to the Parish Council so please keep an eye on the noticeboards as a notice will be posted as soon as possible with the information.

Churchyard Wall

Following an engineer's report, reparation works were completed on the Churchyard Wall. With a successful application to County Councillor Robin Brown for a portion of the County Council's Empowerment Fund, £1,500 was added to the money already put aside and the Parish Council was able to carry out the required work earlier than first believed.

Greens

The contracts for the grass cutting of the village greens and the cemetery come to an end at the end of this financial year. Following the tender process, the Parish Council has now appointed contractors for the next 4 years. They are ... for the village greens and playing field and ... for the cemetery.

It has been noted at various Parish Council meetings that there's a general concern regarding dogs being allowed by their owners to foul the footpaths and greens around the village. In the interests of walkers, children and other users of village areas, would all dog owners please ensure that they pick up after their animal has fouled.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Under the above Act, it is the duty of every Parish Council to adopt and maintain a publication system showing how to obtain information and what form that information takes. The obligation on Badby Parish Council has to be in place by 1st January 2009. It has been adopted and information will be available on the noticeboards in the New Year.

Pavements

The pathways throughout the village have been what is called "golden gravelled". The work was carried out by Northants County Council. Following a few issues regarding the gravelling, MGWSP (NCC's contractor) returned to the village to carry out repairs, sweep the paths and clear away the excess. MGWSP have also been requested to clear out the drains as these have been filled with excess gravel and could cause more problems during the inclement weather.

Village Hall

Many of you will know that there has been much discussion regarding the village hall over the last few months. Following a well attended Parish Council meeting in October, the Parish Council discussed a commitment in principle to pay £2,000 annually on the basis of enabling the VHMC to repay endowed capital. As it has since been shown that the endowed capital was not used, it was felt that the basis of any commitment was no longer valid. It was also agreed by the Parish Council, following questions asked of members of the Village Hall Management Committee, that there is no urgent need to provide financial assistance as the VHMC's accounts are healthy enough to cover the day to day running of the hall.

Another issue voted on at the same meeting was whether the Parish Council would be open for an approach by the VHMC for funding towards the costs of new windows and work to the village hall floor. It was agreed by the Parish Council that they would be open to any approach, in the very same way that it would be open to an approach from any Community organisation. However, the Parish Council would not be predetermined to making a grant and would discuss the matter in full if and when an approach is made.

POLICE

Badby is now policed by the Daventry Rural South Safer Community Team (SCT).

In EMERGENCY situations where an immediate Police attendance is required – dial 999

To report crime or other incidents where an immediate Police attendance is not required – dial 08453 700700

Many of you will know that PCSO Normal Bareham has now been transferred to permanent service in the Woodford Halse area. He has been replaced in our area by PCSO Sarah Gray. Her contact details are email: SCTDaventryRuralSouth@northants.police.uk; telephone: 0845 3 700700 or Fax 01327 703062.

As always, everyone is asked to be alert and report any problems to PCSO Sarah Gray.

SCHOOL

Over the course of this term, a multi-skills club has taken place which is building up children's confidence in sport. Also taking place is the soccer academy which involves football games that are lots of fun.

Every year Bike ability takes place for the year sixes only; they do a cycling course around Badby and this year everyone passed.

A few weeks ago, we also did a football speed challenge at Badby School but we haven't found out who won yet.

We now have the Badby Bee, a school magazine that is put together each half term and sold to parents and pupils. The first issue was very successful and the second is about to be printed.

Also in Badby, we have a School Council and the new Council has just been elected. They do lots of things like fund-raising and letters to parents and they decide what to buy with any money raised.

Once a year we have the life education bus into school in the Autumn Term. Key stage one are taught about the body and key stage two about how bad drugs are for your body, including cigarettes and alcohol.

Another event that has taken place this term is the Macmillan coffee morning where we sold cakes and drinks to raise money. This year we raised £260.

Some of our pupils took part in the Danetre challenge day earlier in the term and joined in with some maths activities. We also held our harvest festival in October and collected food for the Mayday Trust.

We also had an open day where everyone was welcome to come and have a look around the school guided by some year 6 pupils.

We have a number of discos a year and this term we had our Halloween disco.

Due to take place in the run up to Christmas are : the Christmas Fayre, the Christmas plays, the carol concert at St Mary's Church, the area carol festival at the Holy Cross Church in Daventry and in the New Year we will be taking part in the BBC 'Off by Heart' competition.

Emily Bell and Emma Wakeford
Badby School Council

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 in a number of ways. Please do not hesitate to contact them or the Parish Council in the event of any problem. However, if the problem is with a streetlight, please contact Parish Councillor Sheila Gilling on 01327 706409 in the first instance.

Contact details for St Doctor are: Telephone 0845 601 1113 (Local rate)
Online www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

THE LINK

Thanks to the team organised by Alan Roddis, the parish magazine covering the Knightley Parishes of Badby, Newnham, Fawsley, Charwelton and Preston Capes is delivered free to every house in Badby each month. Please support the advertisers who cover the printing costs. Geoff Pullin is the present correspondent for Badby. It is not confined to church material. Societies and clubs can contribute articles or future diary dates to him or direct to editor David Pound [davidpound@doctors.org.uk]. Paid advertisements in the magazine can be arranged through Sharon Maplethorpe on 01327 263857.

UNITED REFORM CHURCH

The Mite Scheme began in our Chapel in February 1986. The object of the scheme was to raise money to purchase rehydration salts, to counter the fact that worldwide five and a half million children were dying each year because of dehydration caused by diarrhoea. Each sachet of salts costs 5p, which is given to UNICEF to administer. What began in Chapel Lane Badby has now spread over England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland and the Shetland and Orkney Isles. Our current figure of lives saved is a little under five million. The scheme is still run from our church in Chapel Lane Badby. From money donated there are no deductions, every penny given buys medicine. The number of children dying from dehydration has dropped from five and a half million to just over one and a quarter million. Rehydration sachets are vital in situations like tsunamis, earthquakes, floods and refugee situations. Our church is open each Sunday at 10am where a welcome awaits all. Roy Barnett MBE, Founder of the Mite Scheme Roy (my dad) can be contacted on 01327 872139 if you need further information. Thanks.
Noeline Barnett

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall and its facilities are for the benefit of everyone in the local community and can be hired for regular activities and/or for individual one-off occasions. For hire information and to check availability please contact Susan Levett on 01327 872117.

The hall is a charity and is managed by a small committee of volunteers. The committee is in need of new members and will welcome people with time, energy and ideas who are prepared to join them and help with fund raising and management tasks. Please contact David Pearce on 01327 702486 if you can help or would like more information.

Dick Earley
01327 700544

WEBSITE

The Badby website is regularly updated. 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

Chapel Lane

Mention has been made at the last couple of Parish Council Meetings that some vehicles coming into the village along the Everdon to Badby road can be travelling far too fast. This can be extremely dangerous with pedestrians using the road. The Parish Council is contacting Northants County Council to see what can be done about slowing vehicles down but, in the meantime, please could drivers take it steady.

Dog owners

There has recently been a number of incidents involving dogs chasing lambs and sheep in the fields surrounding Badby. Fortunately, no animals have died but it seems that it may only be a matter of time. Would dog owners please be responsible when walking their animals and keep their dogs on leads when in fields where there are sheep. Would dog walkers also make sure that dog fouling does not occur. Dog bins are situated around the village and should be used.

Message from Daventry District Council

Daventry District Council has been picked from scores of local authorities nationwide to become a partner council in a campaign aimed at tackling the blight of fast food litter on our streets.

The 'Dirty Pig' campaign, run by ENCAMS (Keep Britain Tidy organisation) will be launched next month and DDC has been chosen as one of 10 councils to receive a share of funding to advertise the initiative district-wide.

DDC's Environmental Cleansing Officer Emma Yoxen said: "This time round just under 50 councils nationwide applied to become a partner council, of which 10 are selected to run the campaign and receive assistance. We are one of the 10, which means in January we will be running a fast food litter campaign, targeting the public and fast food establishments to reduce the amount of fast food litter dropped on our streets.

"As part of the campaign, which commences nationally on January 13, ENCAMS has a budget of £130,000 for advertising which will be split between the 10 councils.

"We will receive guidance on how to run an effective campaign, and will be provided with all artwork and posters to use during the campaign period."

Emma explained that DDC will advertise the campaign in a variety of places, such as bus shelters, telephone boxes and in washrooms (subject to available advertising space).

She added: "We will be having a launch day in the town centre, following on from the national launch in London. We will increase enforcement patrols, run activities with schools and try to engage with businesses to ensure they are taking a responsibility to reduce the litter originating from their premises. We will also be working with other partners including the Town Centre Partnership, police, parish councils and teams within DDC."

Northamptonshire On Wheels (NOW)

This project aims to assist 16-25 year olds in accessing education, training and employment opportunities who live in Northamptonshire by providing transport solutions. We have a fleet of mopeds just waiting to be used by those who need them most! Each individual must either be accessing or living in a rural location.

For more information please call Ben on 07535 151040 or email: ben.edge@northantsacre.org.uk

Next issue

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of June 2009. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Email: sfoster@fpconsultants.com or Telephone: 01327 877094).

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

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