

BADBY PARISH NEWS

Summer 2009

PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS

Following the resignation of John Page as Parish Councillor, the DDC received no requests for an election to be carried out and the Parish Council was invited to co-opt a new member. Following advertising of the position, Evonne Carr of Neneside was co-opted to the Parish Council at the June meeting of the Council. We welcome Evonne on board and look forward to her input.

Unfortunately, Sheila Gilling has taken the decision, after much consideration, to resign from the Parish Council. We thank Sheila very much indeed for her invaluable input over the past few years and wish her all the very best. The Parish Council has begun the procedure of filling the vacancy.

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

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| Gary Bell | 878821 | Roads & Safety |
| Evonne Carr | 700409 | |
| Sally Halson | 872797 | NCC Liaison |
| Steve Robson | 871728 | Cemetery, Playing Field, Village Hall |
| Mike Warburton | 878940 | Rights of Way |

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.

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

FIRST BADBY BROWNIES

Tuesday evenings (during term time) at the village hall, girls between the ages of 7 to 10 meet to have lots of Brownie Adventures. Over the last year we have visited Dudley Zoo and sponsored a giraffe. We organised a recycled fashion show with proceeds going to WWF. Recently we visited the Safety Centre in Milton Keynes where young people can learn in a safe way to avoid dangers of modern life.

We are celebrating Girl Guides centenary September 2009 – October 2010. The launch for this special year of celebration starts on Saturday September 5th at Abingdon Park, Northampton.

Anyone who has ever been part of the guiding movement, no matter how long ago, is invited to come along to the free event. There will be games and stalls, displays and exhibitions from 2pm till 4pm. There will be lots of exciting events happening over the next year.

For any information please contact Anne Griffin on 01327 706795 or Barbara Douglas 01327 702585 who will be happy to help.

BADBY CHESTNUTS PRE-SCHOOL

Well, we have now been in our new home for a year, and what a busy year we have had. In January of this year, we received a grant from the County Council, which has enabled us to pave our outside area and also have a canopy fitted. This means that the children are able to play outside whatever the weather. We have also purchased a large piece of play equipment which, once fully installed, will enable the children to climb, slide and generally run off some of their excess energy levels. Just before Christmas we had our tri-annual Ofsted Inspection; this, despite the bad timing (as we were off to Church to decorate the Christmas tree!), went well. Many of the recommendations they made have now been addressed by our new outside area and play equipment.

As we fast approach the summer holidays, it is that time to say goodbye to those children off to school and welcome the new intake. Numbers for September are already very good but we do still have some availability so if you are interested in your child attending the pre-school, please try to come along to one of the open days or else contact Sarah Wilson on 01327 700157 for further information.

May we also take this opportunity to thank all those people who support the pre-school. We are a parent run committee and without those people who give up their valuable time, we would not be able to operate. So thank you very much!!

Sarah Wilson

Badby Chestnuts

BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our first event this year was the quiche and wine evening at Newnham Village Hall. Due to the continuous snow that fell during the week and started again on the designated Friday morning, the event was postponed until Friday, March 20. A smaller gathering than usual heard Stephen Ashpole talk through 'Why Organic Gardening?' The catering was up to the usual very high standards and the assembled company did it justice.

The spring plant sale and teas took place in Badby village hall on Sunday, May 17. There was a constant trickle of customers, mostly local with two groups of rambles.

We have a coach garden outing to Hyde Hall, Rettendon, Essex in June. The summer garden lunch, will be at Church House, Staverton in July.

There are a few changes to the schedule for the annual show, which is open to everyone to enter on Sunday, September 6 in Badby Village Hall.

Additional classes are: rare traditional variety of fruit, rare traditional variety of vegetable, pickled shallots or onions. Replacements are: lemon drizzle cake (replaces iced chocolate cake), brownie cakes (replaces shortbread) and hand-made greetings card (replaces hand-knitted item). The five photograph categories will be: bridges, local event, local wildlife, trees, and weather.

We have changed the children's categories to: up to the age of 7 years old and 7 to 12 years old. For both groups the classes are: monster made from vegetables, fruits & / or seeds, painting of flower or flowers, miniature garden, six chocolate crispy cakes, and jewellery made from fruit, flowers & / or vegetables.

The annual general meeting will be followed by a talk on birds of prey with a live sample or two, on Friday, October 16 in Badby Village Hall.

New members are always welcome. Cristine Orr, The Hollies on The Green, 01327 705589, is the membership secretary. Subscriptions are £3 each or £5 for two people living at the same address.

Geoff Pullin

Chairman

BELLRINGING at BADBY

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, rather than hear, what we get up to. Attendance has averaged 13 this year so far, with up to 18 attending. Regular visitors from Everdon, Farthingstone, Newnham, Byfield and Braunston provide mutual support, which helps our young ringers make progress.

On May Day, Angela Waldock organised an outing for our Sunday and practice night ringers. Seventeen of us rang the church bells at Ampthill, Flitton, Westoning, Stanbridge and Tilsforth in Bedfordshire and Shenley Church End in Milton Keynes. For three of our young ringers, this was the first time that they had rung outside Badby, on eight bells, from upstairs and experienced the sway of a tower!

On Sundays, we are averaging 7.5 ringers, an increase on last year thanks to the youngsters. There have been fewer services as we continue without a vicar. We have to check carefully to make sure that we turn up on the right day and time! On one occasion we rang when there was no service! We rang for a funeral in March at the family's request. We are also booked to ring for two weddings later this year.

In April, we came seventh in the whole diocese in a competition for the most accurate ringing. It was held at the other end of the county in Bulwick church. Some way to go yet...

Geoff Pullin Tower Captain

CHURCH

At the end of October, Rev. Michael Petitt left to take up the position of Priest-in-Charge of the Guilsborough group of parishes and Badby entered into a period of what is termed "interregnum" pending the appointment of a new Vicar. Along with the other parishes in the Knightley Benefice, the PCC put together a "parish profile", explaining to prospective candidates just what the village of Badby is all about, and what kind of Vicar we would like. Unfortunately we learned recently that there had been no applicants following the first advertisement, and the position will therefore be re-advertised. We hope that next time there will be a better response.

In the meantime we have tried not to let the interregnum hold back our efforts to encourage more people to get involved in running the Church affairs and attract new faces to our services – in particular the Family Service. Inevitably we now have fewer services, but the Churchwardens – working together with their counterparts in the other parishes – have devised a rota of services around the five parishes in the Benefice, using available retired clergy and our own Lay Band. There is one Holy Communion each Sunday, rotating around the parishes, in addition to which on the first Sunday of each month there is another non-communion service (Matins or Evensong) – again, rotating around the parishes. On the third Sunday of each month we continue to have our Family Service, normally in Badby. Details of the times and venues are published in "The Link" magazine.

One positive outcome of this arrangement is that congregations in the different parishes (Badby, Newnham, Fawsley, Charwelton and Preston Capes) are visiting each others' churches more often, getting to know each other better and working together more effectively. If you would like to attend a service in another village but don't have any transport, please get in touch with one of the Churchwardens (see below) and they will be glad to put you in touch with someone who can give you a lift.

As well as getting more people involved, the PCC feel strongly that we should continue with our proposed re-ordering of the Church, which will involve removing some pews towards the back of the Church, replacing the antiquated heating system and carrying out essential repairs. The architect's drawing of the proposed new layout is still on display at the back of the Church, and we welcome your comments. Meanwhile we have applied for a faculty (the Church of England's equivalent to planning permission) for a sound system to help everyone who attends services to hear what is said and feel more involved.

At the PCC's annual meeting in March two new Churchwardens were elected to replace Susan Rose and Chris Nelson, who had earlier indicated their decision to stand down. Although Sarah Hartland-Swann and Christine Richards are both doing this job for the first time, they are ably supported by the outgoing Churchwardens and have made an excellent start. The PCC also welcomed two new members elected at the same meeting, Sue Peterson and Madeline Oldrey. The three longest-serving PCC members – Peter Wakeford, Alan Roddis and Eleanor Ramsbotham – stepped down (hopefully only temporarily), and we would like to thank them for their hard work and loyal service. Peter Wakeford in particular has served on the PCC for around 30 years, at

different times holding the positions of Churchwarden, Treasurer, Lay Chairman, and Fabric Sub-Committee Chairman. Thank you, Peter, for everything you have done for Badby Church.

By Frances Williams (Secretary) on behalf of the PCC

Churchwardens: Sarah Hartland-Swann (tel. 872193)

Christine Richards (tel. 872116)

DAVENTRY EXPRESS CORRESPONDENT

The Village and District Diary feature of the weekly **Daventry Express** always contains Badby news. The current and past editions 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 future events and personal celebrations well in advance, and any results quickly afterwards. My deadline is Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition of the newspaper.

Geoff Pullin

Correspondent

FILM SOCIETY

Badby & District Film Society has been running for 18 months and has grown to over 240 members. Our aim is to screen interesting films, shown at their best on high quality equipment, in an informal & sociable atmosphere at Badby Village Hall. State-of-the-art digital projection and sound equipment give pin-point sharp images on our giant screen (17'6" across the diagonal) and high quality Dolby Digital sound reproduction. Together with comfortable seating for up to 80 people, they provide a viewing experience far beyond anything that home TVs or entertainment centres can offer, and approaching that of a commercial multiplex cinema.

Our screenings are open to members and their guests only, and tickets have to be bought in advance, not at the door. Just £9 buys life membership and your first visit.

For those of you with children, grandchildren, godchildren or just any young friends, there will be a **Family Matinée on Saturday 11th July at 10:00 a.m.** This is open to all members and guests at a special price of just £1 per ticket – and that includes a goodie bag of refreshments for each child.

We shall open with the wonderful French fantasy of the 1950s **The Red Balloon** (don't worry about understanding the language, there's hardly any dialogue). Then, after a wriggle break, we'll move on to the totally English world of Wallace and Gromit in **A Close Shave**. All tickets just £1 – go on, rush out and find some children now!

Then on **Friday 31st July** we'll be screening **Buena Vista Social Club**, a 'music-documentary' about a set of ageing musicians in Cuba, rediscovered after 40 years by the American guitarist Ry Cooder. Director Wim Wenders accompanied him with a small film crew, observing the singers and players in the studio and tracing their lives in Havana. The result is an inspiring and uplifting story of a group of incomparable musicians recreating a bygone era with their fascinating reminiscences and feisty music. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. to give plenty of time for members to meet and chat over coffee and 'nibbles' (all included in the ticket price of £5 per member and £7 for guests). Many people bring bottles of their beverage of choice – we just provide the glasses. At around 7.30 p.m. there is a brief introduction to the film, then it's lights down and on with the show. Looking ahead, we'll be screening the Ian McKellen version of Shakespeare's **Richard III** on **Friday 28th August**. Then from **18th to 20th September** we're planning a 3-day festival of French films and frivolities, entitled **Joie de Vivre !** More details to follow soon.

If you're not a member already, what are you waiting for? Your contact in Badby is **Christine Turner (Tel. 01327-8799020)**.

Jocelyn Hartland-Swann

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Badby NHW continues to thrive and our numbers steadily grow. However, we still would like to increase our membership further. The more members, the more pairs of eyes, the greater chance that anything at all suspicious will be seen and noted.

The Police rely on information in crime detection and prevention. Of course anyone can report suspicious activity but NHW makes this slightly easier and we can also collect information on the little things that are not thought big enough in themselves to justify a call to the Police. One person's small detail may mean nothing by itself but can be of great use when added to the information from others.

The Badby group holds two meetings each year but members do not need to attend unless they wish and there is no subscription fee.

Information from the Police is sent to members almost daily by email and those without computers are linked to a telephone cascade whereby urgent messages can be quickly passed on, including to others who are not themselves members of the group.

Any suspicious events can be reported by members to the Police on the special NHW contact number and there is a feed-back on the outcome. But there is no suggestion at any time that members should confront crime themselves.

During the past year we have arranged and supplied several members with 'SmartWater' kits to mark household possessions. These identify marked items to their owner. The marking is almost invisible except under UV light and is very difficult to remove.

The system has been shown to be a deterrent to crime and, because of this, SmartWater has been issued free by the Police to residents in areas of high risk.

We in Badby do not fall into this category, but the firm offers a good discount for kits bought through a NHW scheme and this is an additional benefit of membership.

The ideal would be for everyone in the Village to be a member and we would be grateful for any publicity the Parish Council can give to help to achieve this aim.

Contact: Colin Cripps 702735 or Sue Wilson 300659

PARISH COUNCIL

Cemetery

The Parish Council has been looking at relaying the pathway in the newest part of the cemetery and there has been much discussion as to what materials should be used. As regards the financing of the project, the Parish Council has been advised by County Councillor Robin Brown that funding should be available under the NCC's Empowerment Fund. The Parish Council is applying for this funding.

Greens

The Parish Council has renewed its 4-year grass mowing contracts with David Grainger who will continue to cut the greens in the village and Neil Kennedy who will continue to cut the grass in the cemetery.

Playing Field

Some of you may have noticed that the BMX track at the playing field has not been cut as usual. The Parish Council took the decision to have the area weed killed instead. After discussion with David Grainger, it was agreed that this be carried out for the coming year and monitored. The Parish Council verified that the weed killer used is not dangerous to humans or animals. The Parish Council is at the moment looking at what can be done with regards to the damage being caused by cars crossing the playing field to access the cricket club and allotments.

You may also have heard that the Cricket Club pavilion has been broken into a number of times in the last couple of weeks. As a result, the gate to the playing field has been replaced and is being unlocked every morning at @7.30 and locked again at @8.30 in the evening. Everyone is asked to keep vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Geoff Amos Coaches

Following some concerns voiced by members of the Parish, the Parish Council has requested that consideration be made to the current bus service in order to make the buses more readily available for those in the village who find it most difficult to access the service. The Parish Council held a site meeting with representatives of Northamptonshire County Council who took away the issues to discuss further with Geoff Amos Coaches. Unfortunately, we have since heard from NCC that no changes can be made to the timetables or bus routes at the present time. The Parish Council has, however, been made aware of the option to involve DACT.

Play Area

You will all have seen, hopefully, the questionnaire regarding play area provision to Badby. Thank you to all of you who took the time to respond. Your responses have enabled the Parish Council to discuss the matter with the knowledge of how you feel. The results of the survey show that 67% of respondees are in favour of a play area in the village. The three most popular sites for a play area were Pound Lane, The Green and the playing field. The next step in the process is to find out which of these sites are realistic options and report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting. You can be assured that you will be kept informed at all stages of this project so please keep an eye on the noticeboards for updates in the minutes. It may be that further consultation is needed and we would ask that in order for your feelings to be taken into consideration, you take the time to respond.

Street Lighting

Due to the resignation of Sheila Gilling, parishioners are asked that any issues regarding street lights be reported direct to Street Doctor, until such time as another Parish Councillor is appointed to take on this responsibility.

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

Badby School have been very busy during the last term!

At Easter, Mr. Dadd, our previous head master left us to rejoin Falconer's Hill. We'll miss him!

Mrs Piner, teacher of class three, is our acting head until September.

On the 19th March, years 5 and 6 took part in a competition in which schools from all over the East Midlands went to Rockingham Racetrack in Northampton to collect information and images to build a newspaper. The school who wrote the best newspaper won the contest. The prize was for two racers to visit the school.

Last year the theatre was a great success so the school decided to ask them to perform again. This year they performed Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson and the children thoroughly enjoyed it!

The Reception teacher, Miss McMeekin, went to Iganga in Uganda during the February half term. Apparently, the life over there is extremely different to life over here where we are in Europe.

Recently Dewi Morris has been taking various classes on walks and they have really enjoyed it!

On Red Nose Day, the school hosted a coffee morning in the school hall. We raised an awful lot of money for Red Nose Day.

On World Book Day we asked all the children to dress up as a popular book character even the teachers did it too. We all had a good laugh!

In April, we all tried to beat a World Record by skipping for 3 minutes simultaneously! We did it!

On the 27th June, the school are hosting a Rose Day, involving all children by making them dance.

The Rose Queen is Maisy Radford and the Rose King is Kieran Banks.

Coming up, in July, is the annual Frontier Centre trip. It is a popular event that all years 5 and 6 look forward to. They will be having three action-packed days.

By Lottie Mann and Rachel Marlow

Badby School Council

Do you want Badby school to continue to improve for the benefit of all its pupils? We currently have a vacancy for Community Governor. Our governors work together to help raise standards, monitor and evaluate progress toward the school priorities and targets, support the head and staff as well as a challenge expectations and account to all stakeholders for the school's overall performance and for the decisions they have made.

The governing body is responsible for planning the school's future direction and makes decisions on the school's budget and staffing. It meets at least once a term. Small groups of governors meet more often to discuss particular aspects of the school.

We are committed to supporting new governors who join us.

As a new governor, you will be supported by an experienced fellow governor, receive induction training at no cost to yourself and have your contribution valued.

Please contact Sarah Brooks, the Chair of Badby school governing body, for more information. Her telephone number is 01327 876212.

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. 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.

VILLAGE HALL

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

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.

Contact details for local farmers

This may seem like a strange request at this time of year but the Parish Council has received a request from the Highways Department for details of any local farmers who may be able to assist in times of inclement weather conditions – specifically with regards to snow ploughs. If you are able to help, please contact Sharon Foster for further details.

Hens

Hen Rehomers UK helps ex-battery hens find new homes after a life in cages. We are a nationwide organisation run purely by volunteers who have to date rescued over 10,000 hens, just 12 months after our organisation started. Our objective is to re-home battery and other commercial hens to individuals and families who can offer the hens a "home for life" which would otherwise be slaughtered.

If you believe you could offer these hens a fresh start in life, please contact Helen on 07733 554355 for further information.

Next issue

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

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

Edited and produced by Sharon Foster, 1 London Road, Daventry on behalf of Badby Parish Council.

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Winter 2009

PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCILLORS

During the last few months, there has been a number of changes on the Parish Council. In July, a vacancy was filled by Ian Bridge who returns after a short absence. Unfortunately, Evonne Carr resigned in October. The process of filling this vacancy is now under way. Anyone wishing to learn more about being a Parish Councillor can speak to any of the current Parish Councillors.

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Meetings taking place in 2010 are 11th January, 8th February, 8th March, 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November and 13th December. All are held in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 10th May, before the normal Parish Council Meeting at the earlier time of 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings and there are two sections where public participation is invited.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the financial year 2008/2009 have been successfully audited. Slight modifications to the Parish Council accounting system requested by the accountants have been put into place. The draft budget for the financial year 2010/2011 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 11th January 2009 and then forwarded to Daventry District Council. In essence, the budget prepared allows for no change in the Parish precept. The agreed budget will be posted on the noticeboards once it has been ratified.

CEMETERY

Many of you will have noticed the various works have been carried out in the cemetery over the last year. The Parish Council received an Empowerment Fund Grant of £2,500 from Northants County Council and a very kind donation from Mr David Morris, allowing more works to be carried out and these are in the process of completion.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

As during the last few years, free Christmas tree recycling by Daventry District Council is taking place in the village. DDC, for financial reasons, have this year had to curtail their collections to just one collection per village instead of the three made in previous years. For Badby, the sites will again be Church Green and Pinfold Green. The collection will take place on Friday 15th January so could anyone wanting to use this service please store their trees in the own gardens until that week. Pinfold Green is quite exposed and in bad weather, we'd hate to see Christmas trees becoming an obstacle to passing traffic.

GREENS

A tree inspection has again taken place this year. The Parish Council has been taking stock of the report and will be actioning suggested maintenance during the next few months.

Parish Councillor Mike Warburton has, for the third year running, made the generous donation of a sack of spring bulbs. These bulbs were delivered to Badby School early in December and you may have seen the school children planting them on various greens throughout the village.

Grass cutting of the greens has been completed for this season and will start again in March/April 2010.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Any planning application for within Badby parish made to Daventry District Council is passed to Badby Parish Council for comment. Although a time limit is put on Parish Council to respond, an extension has usually been granted if the deadline fell outside of scheduled meeting dates.

Unfortunately, the District Council will no longer allow extension to deadlines and so you may notice that Extraordinary meetings of the Parish Council will be called on a more regular basis in the future. Please keep an eye on the two Parish noticeboards for information.

PLAY AREA PROVISION

Many of you will know that the Parish Council has been looking at providing a play area for the youngsters of the Parish. Funding may be available for this and the Parish Council is in the process of applying for it on the grounds that it would be located on the playing field. However, no decision has yet been made as to whether the process will be completed as there is more than grant funding to be taken into consideration. The matter will continue to be deliberated at Parish Council meetings.

There has been a certain amount of distress caused to residents who are concerned that a play area will appear close to their homes. Please be assured that the Parish Council is taking into account the responses provided to its earlier consultations. If anyone wants to speak to the Parish Council direct regarding the above, they are more than welcome to attend Parish Council meetings.

OTHER NEWS

Art Class

From Wednesday 13th January 2010, an art class will be held at Badby Village Hall. All abilities are welcome. The tutor is award winning artist David Douglas.

The course is run by Northamptonshire County Council. To enrol please ring 01604 237418 quoting reference S1BVH200RE. Any enquiries contact the tutor on 01327 702858.

Badby and Fawsley WI

A warm welcome awaits you at Badby and Fawsley WI. We have about 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 2010. Our January meeting will include an introduction to the wondrous world of metal detecting, and during the year members have the opportunity to learn about digital photography, pottery and Tai Chi. Other evenings include a talk on the home front, an evening of rhyming verse and a visit to Bridge Nursery. In addition, WI members interested in playing Northamptonshire Skittles meet for practise at the Maltsters Inn on the 1st Monday of the month at 8pm. 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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We are celebrating Girl Guides centenary September 2009 – October 2010.

The launch for this special year of celebration started on Saturday September 5th at Abingdon Park, Northampton. Anyone who had any connection to the guiding movement was invited to come along to the free event. The youngest visitor was just 5 years old and the oldest 105 years old. There were games and stalls, displays and exhibitions and everyone received some birthday cake (alright it was a cherry bakewell but just as nice). There will be lots of exciting events happening over the next year. Over 10,000 guides and brownies will be taking over the centre of Birmingham in a mammoth carnival in April. Places are still available.

We are having a giant sleepover at Wicksteed Park with a chance to go on all the rides before it is open to the general public. There is also a camping holiday arranged at Grendon in the summer half term.

For Christmas, the Brownies have taken part in the district carol concert and a trip to the panto.

There is always something going on.

For any information please contact Anne Griffin on 01327 706795 or Barbara Douglas 01327 702858 who will be happy to help.

Badby Fayre 2010

Initial arrangements are in hand for organising the two-yearly Badby Fayre on Sunday, September 5 2010. The church's fund raisers are aiming to make it a great community event again as well as raising funds for the church building. They would appreciate any new ideas and volunteers, with newcomers to the village particularly welcome!

Contact Geoff Pullin (01327 871806) or Sarah Hartland-Swann (01327 872193)

Chairman

Geoff Pullin

Bell Ringers

Wednesday practice night starts at 6.45pm with the clappers silenced for initial training before normal ringing starts at 7.30pm. We currently have a group of nine youngsters making progress. Anyone is most welcome to come along and see, rather than hear, what we get up to. Attendance has averaged 14 this year so far, with up to 19 attending. Regular visitors from Braunston, Byfield, Everdon, Farthingstone and Newnham provide mutual support, which helps our young ringers make progress.

On Sundays, we are averaging 7 ringers, often all from the village. The popular family services included the theme of bells in July when the congregation was split into two groups and whilst one rang handbells in church, the others tried to chime the tower bells. Then the groups swapped. We have rung for two weddings and for Joy Mitchell's funeral. We are booked for three or four weddings in 2010 already! We shall have been busy over the Christmas period too with ringing taking place at 11pm on Christmas Eve.

We shall also be ringing the old year out at 11.30pm and the new year in with twelve 'fires' of the bells at midnight. If you have visiting friends and relations who include a bellringer, please send them along. Again, you're welcome to watch and toast the new year!

Tower Captain

Geoff Pullin

Church

The vacancy for the position of Rector has been re-advertised and we hope that a suitable candidate will be found soon. Thankfully, with the assistance of visiting clergy and members of the lay band and our own congregation, we were able to have a full line-up of Christmas services at Badby.

The monthly Family Service continues to be very popular amongst young families from Badby and neighbouring villages. Each service has a theme and incorporates hands-on crafts activities for the children (while their parents/carers enjoy coffee and biscuits!). The children now have their own representative, Hannah Wakeford, whose job as "Child Warden" is to keep the PCC informed of the views and needs of the children in the congregation and help them play a full part.

Whilst the cycle of routine maintenance continues, including stonework repairs to windows and walls, 2010 marks the beginning of a programme of events to raise funds for new floors and heating in the Church. Although we will be applying to grant-making organisations, the amount we will need to raise will almost certainly far exceed the balance available in the Restoration Account. We therefore hope we can count on your generous support for our fund-raising events, details of which will be communicated via the Parish Newsletter and Link magazine in the coming months.

Frances Williams
PCC Secretary

Daventry Express Correspondent

Tell your family and friends that the current and past editions of the weekly **Daventry Express** can be read anywhere in the world on website <http://www.daventrytoday.co.uk/village-news-badby>
Please send Geoff Pullin (at gcsspullin@yahoo.com or on 01327 871806 or at 25 The Glebe) news of future events and personal celebrations well in advance, and any results quickly afterwards. My deadline is Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition of the newspaper.

Geoff Pullin
Correspondent

Badby & District Horticultural Society

The society has over 100 members who are interested in gardening, flowers and vegetables. Since the last Village News, we have enjoyed an outing by coach to the RHS gardens at Hyde Hall Estate, Rettenden, Essex. We arrived at the new entrance through a field with a long sweep of red poppies. In July we had our Summer Garden Lunch in Willie and Nick Godden's garden at Staverton, luckily in hot sunshine. Cristine Orr led the catering team. At the Annual Show in the village hall on the first Sunday in September, there were 269 entries from 51 exhibitors. [2008: 265 from 45].

II The Felton Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate of points in all classes went jointly to Peter Moser and Ted Richardson.

II Floral Cup – Dorothy Tarry,

II Flower Arranging Cup – Bett Robinson,

II Garden Produce Cup – Peter Moser and the Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal,

II Percy Warr Cup – Helen Burton,

II Fred Payne Cup for onions – Matt Moser,

II Best in Show – Helen Burton,

II Sue Papworth Cup – Carole Pullin,

II Home Produce – Rachel Brodie,

II Craftwork – Gill Nelson,

II Photography – Ron Pilgrim,

II Christine Payne Cup – William Brodie and Annabelle Robinson.

II Angela Waldock won the Diploma for Excellence for the best collection of fruit.

II Turned wooden cups made by Frank Barnstable for children's classes went to Lydia Moser, William Robinson, William Brodie and Megan Jennings.

Well done also to all the class winners and runners up and to all entrants!

Entry of exhibits is open to everyone including children, not just members, so any ideas for increasing participation in all classes, or for different classes, would be welcomed by the committee before March!

The AGM in October took 23 minutes and was followed by a very entertaining talk by Icarus Falconry of Holdenby illustrated with three birds ranging from the small sparrow hawk to the large black eagle, which created quite a draught when exercising its wings!

We were sorry to hear of the deaths of two members in the Autumn, Jean Hirons and Joy Mitchell. New members are always welcome. Cristine Orr, The Hollies on The Green, 01327 705589, is the membership secretary. Subscriptions are £3 each or £5 for two people living at the same address.

The programme for 2010 is not settled yet but is likely to include a Quiche and Wine event on March 5 and a spring plant sale on May 9 and, of course, the annual show on Sunday September 5.

Geoff Pullin

Chairman

Neighbourhood Watch

In the last six months there has been a slight rise in the crime statistics for the village. This is true of the villages in general and may be related to initiatives, especially the use of 'Smartwater', within Daventry causing criminals to look outside the town.

Although our crime levels remain comparatively low, we need to increase our vigilance. Our membership continues to rise but we would like to include the whole village. There are no fees and no one is expected to confront any miscreants. The scheme is really organised good neighbourliness with all eyes being alert for anything suspicious and having a speedy means of reporting to the police. Information on local crime and, more importantly, crime prevention is given by email. A 'buddy' arrangement passes this to those without computer facilities. We can also offer 'Smartwater' at a reduced rate. This is an amazing method of marking household possessions to identify them to an individual household. It increases the recovery of stolen goods but, of greater significance, has been shown to have a major deterrent effect on theft in the first place.

Distraction burglary and rogue traders are responsible for crimes with a conservative value of £3 million per year. They work in organised groups and share information. There is a new initiative against this doorstep crime, Doorstep Action Network - acronym DAN. This combines Trading Standards and the Police and links across county boundaries. The aim is to make EVERYONE aware of this problem. If you have any suspicions or concerns that distraction burglars or rogue traders are operating in your community or targeting someone you know, especially vulnerable people, please contact the new dedicated doorstep crime hotline 0345 2307702. Car or Van numbers and descriptions are especially valuable. Please keep a note that number by your telephone. Alongside it should be: 999 for crimes in progress or information needing an immediate response, 03000 111 222 for information not needing an immediate response and 0800 555 111 Crimestoppers where information can be given anonymously.

Meanwhile the advice, as always, is to let no one into your home that you cannot identify and never to give work on your home to individuals casually calling at the door or by phone.

Contact: Colin Cripps 702735 or Sue Wilson 300659

Police

My name is Lizzi and I am the Specials Recruitment Administrator for Northamptonshire Police. The Special Constabulary are volunteers who are given the same powers as that of a full time (Regular) Police officer. Special Constables commit to Police Duties in their spare time, working closely with Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and other Special Constables. The purpose of the Special Constabulary is to provide efficient and effective operational support to the Force, thereby enhancing the quality of service to the public and enabling the Force to achieve its objectives. I am aiming to raise awareness of Special Constables within Northamptonshire with the view to increasing the number of Specials for the benefit of your community.

In EMERGENCY situations where an immediate Police attendance is required – dial 999.
To report incidents where an immediate Police attendance is not required – dial 03000 111 222.

PCSO Sarah Gray reports the crime figures showing comparison to last year's figures as follows:

- Burglary dwelling remains the same – 1 incident
- Burglary non dwelling has increased from 2 to 7
- Theft from a vehicle has increased from 3 to 4
- Theft of a vehicle remains the same – 1 incident
- Criminal damage remains the same – 1 incident
- Drug crime remains the same – 1 incident

The Cricket Club has been broken into four times over the past year and, along with Crime Prevention Officers, are now looking at security options.
Surgery dates for Badby are January 12th between 5 and 6pm and February 12th between 4 and 5pm. Community Panel Meetings are planned for the Staverton beat and residents from all villages are welcome to attend and voice concerns. Details will be on the Police website, in the local press and on posters. Contact details for PCSO Sarah Gray are 03000 111 222 ext 4708 or sarah.gray@northants.police.gov.

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 or email. Please do not hesitate to contact them. If problems persist, please contact Parish Councillor Ian Bridge.
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.

Village Hall

The Village Hall is a valuable community facility for everyone in the village. It is available for hire by individuals and local societies/clubs/interest groups at a modest charge – contact Susan Levett (872117) for more details/availability and/or to make a booking.

A small committee of unpaid individuals and representatives from regular user groups undertake management of the hall, giving their time and energies to oversee administration and organise fund raising events to maintain the fabric of the building. Over the last year, efforts were directed towards refurbishment of windows in the main hall and replacement of the windows in the lobby, kitchen and committee room. Nearly £7,000 has been raised from fund raising events and several generous donations by individuals, the Parish Council and regular user groups. The works will be completed in the very near future.

The main hall floor is now causing concern and current efforts are being directed towards its refurbishment/replacement. Planned fund raising events for the next quarter include a New Year's Eve supper and party, a traditional Burns Supper, a Sing-along Film Supper, an evening of live music and afternoon Bluebell teas over the spring bank holiday. For more details/tickets, contact

Sarah Hartland-Swann (872193) for the New Year's Eve party, Ann Cotton (705175) for the Burns Supper and David Pearce (702486) for the Sing-along Film Supper.

The Management Committee asks for your help and support and, of course, donations are always welcome. Contact the treasurer, Dick Earley (700544), for details of Gift Aid donations.

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 Denis Wilson. His email address is badbyweb@aol.com. The website address is www.badby.org.uk.

GENERAL

Message from Daventry District Council

Don't drown in Toxic Smoke

make sure you test your smoke alarm weekly

October saw the launch of the new national campaign 'Don't drown in Toxic Smoke.' The campaign is aimed to raise awareness of the risk of not waking and drowning in smoke due to not having a working smoke alarm.

The campaign is being run to raise awareness of just how two or three breaths of toxic smoke is similar to the sensation of drowning and can affect a person's ability to breath and consequently wake up in the event of a fire. Research carried out has shown that people underestimate the impact of toxic smoke. In a survey almost half those asked believed they could survive for more than 2 minutes in a smoke-filled room and over half thought they would wake up due to the smell of the smoke. In some cases you may have less than two minutes to get out of a household fire alive. By having a working smoke alarm you have an increased chance of waking, and escaping.



Emma Yoxen, District Liaison Officer for the Fire & Rescue Service, added "Our fire-fighters regularly see the effects of fires in the home. The frustrating thing is that so much heartbreak and unhappiness could be avoided if people took the simple precaution of arranging for a free home fire safety check and ensuring they have working smoke alarms and check them weekly. There is really no excuse for not having one, we're here to help".

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service offers home fire safety checks free of charge to the public. You can arrange for a fire-fighter to visit your home to give advice and guidance on how to prevent fires and other hazards. Also to install free smokes alarms if you need them. All you have to do is contact us and we'll do the rest. Call **0800 38 999 50** today or email safetycheck@northantsfire.org.uk.

**Northamptonshire Association for the Blind
Mobile Information Unit**

The Mobile Unit Service first began in 1994 and over the years has been hugely successful. It allows us to provide information and support to the many visually impaired people and their carers within the community. We visit numerous locations throughout Northamptonshire on a regular basis, parking up in Town Centres, supermarket car parks and outside medical centres.

The vehicle is run by Fred Cannon and is fitted out to display a wide range of everyday living aids and gadgets specifically designed to help make life easier for visually impaired people. All manner of devices are available such as talking clocks and watches, kitchen equipment, reading and writing aids, big button telephones etc. Fred can also provide information and advice on all manner of sight loss concerns.

The unit will be in Daventry on December 17th and February 18th and will be stationed near Shopmobility off New Street from 10am until 1pm. If you know of any visually impaired person or their carer who might benefit by attending, please notify them.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning 01604 716044.

Sight Loss information and assistance on your Doorstep

Next issue

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of June 2010. 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.**

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

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