

# BADBY PARISH NEWS

Summer 2010

## PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCILLORS

Despite efforts to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council created by the resignation of Evonne Carr, no-one has come forward and the process to co-opt continues. This is a chance for members of the parish to play their part in the decision-making opportunities offered and to take a more integral interest in the community in general.

Steve Robson has also taken the decision to resign from the Parish Council. The Parish Council thanks Steve very much indeed for his invaluable input over the past few years and wishes him all the very best. There has been no request for an election from parishioners and therefore a second seat is available for co-option. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact either myself or any Parish Councillor.

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

Mike Richards (Chairman)	872116	Trees, Greens, Cemetery, Playing Field
Peter Banks (Vice Chairman)	871022	Greens, Playing Field
Karen Alexander	310780	Rights of Way, Village Hall
Gary Bell	878821	Roads & Safety
Ian Bridge	878188	Street lighting
Sally Halson	872797	NCC Liaison, Village Hall
Mike Warburton	878940	Rights of Way

Meetings are usually held on the second Monday in each month with the agenda being published on each of the two noticeboards in the village on the first Monday of the month. If, for any reason, a meeting is postponed, a notice stating that is usually posted on the noticeboards. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and are invited to bring matters to the attention of the Parish Council during two Public Participation items on the agenda.

### ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th May 2010, Mike Richards was voted to continue as Chairman and Peter Banks to continue as Vice-Chairman until the next Annual Meeting which will be held in May 2011.

### CEMETERY

Visitors to the cemetery will have noticed that a new pathway has been laid in the newest part of the cemetery. A gravel path had been laid but this was found to be unsuitable. In order to help finance this work, Northamptonshire County Council provided an Empowerment Grant of £2,500. The grant enabled the installation of a new tap by the shed in the cemetery and some improvement work to the entrance. Following a kind donation from David Morris, work has also taken place to replace the handrail at the top of the cemetery. A bench has also been installed in the cemetery in memory of Mrs Margaret Morris.

## **FINANCE**

The internal audit on the figures for 2009/2010 has been carried out and the Annual Return forwarded to the external auditor for verification.

The end of year figures show an expenditure of £18,133 compared to a budget of £20,700 and an income of £18,979.

The budget for financial year 2010/2011 has been set. The precept has remained the same as last year at £13,000. Throughout the year, the Parish Council will present its quarterly figures to ensure that the budget is monitored.

## **GREENS**

A new bench has been installed by St Mary's Church and Church Green. This has been kindly donated by the Hartshorn family in memory of Stan and Hilda Hartshorn.

## **PLAYING FIELD**

The Parish Council has been considering what works can be carried out to the driveway on the playing field. Over the winter months, vehicles have caused large ruts and these need to be addressed in some way.

## **PLAY AREA**

Following a survey of parishioners and research into grants available for providing a children's play area in the village, the Parish Council discussed its options at great length. The results of the survey showed that the greatest percentage of people preferred a play area to be sited at the playing field. A grant application was put forward but unfortunately it was not successful. The main ground cited for refusal of the grant was the lack of safe access from the village to the playing field. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be unable to fund such a programme without grant aid.

## **STREET LIGHTING**

Parishioners are asked that any issues regarding street lights be reported direct to Street Doctor. His phone number for Street Doctor is 0845 601 1113.

## **TREES**

Following an inspection of all the Parish Council trees in the village, concern was raised about the condition of the two chestnut trees on The Green. On further investigation, the Parish Council has been advised that neither tree has a long life expectancy and it is now in the process of putting together a programme for removal and replacement of both trees.

## **OTHER PARISH NEWS**

### **BADBY AND FAWSLEY WI**

A warm welcome awaits you at Badby and Fawsley WI. We have over 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. So far this year, our meetings have included an introduction to the wondrous world of metal detecting, a talk on the home front, digital photography, a Tai Chi taster sessions which has led to a regular weekly class and debate of the WI 2010 Resolution. Future evenings will include a pottery demonstration, an evening of rhyming verse, a Pimms and Puddings evening, a visit to Bridge Nursery and a talk on the work of the Warwick and Northants Air Ambulance. In addition, we have a team for WI members interested in playing Northamptonshire Skittles.

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).

## **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.

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

## **BADBY FAYRE 2010**

Arrangements are well in hand for the bi-annual event on the first Sunday of September - this year on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Put it in your diary now!

There will be vintage agricultural machinery on display and demonstrated in Fennell's Field. In St Mary's Church there will be an Art Show on Saturday and Sunday.

The Green will be closed to traffic from Court Yard Lane to Chapel Lane from 1 – 5pm so that people can safely walk about the games and stalls. The Royal Oak Morris and the Moulton 77 Band will be performing. There will be children's amusements, pony rides and a lot more.

The white elephant stall is a great feature of the day and Gerry and Chris Mundy at the Cottage, Vicarage Hill, have kindly agreed to run it again. They are already prepared to store good quality saleable items. Please phone 01327 872603 before trying to deliver.

We shall be looking for lots of people during July and August to sell the Prize Draw tickets as widely as possible. Volunteers can contact Frances Williams on 01327 262930.

There is still plenty of time for anyone to come up with bright new ideas to help raise more funds for improvement and repair work on St Mary's Church building. There is also plenty of work for setters-up and takers-down on the day!

If anyone would like to pay for an advert in the Programme and Guide for the Fayre, who has not already been approached by David Pearce, or would like to write a short article of local interest for it, please contact me on 01327 871806.

Geoff Pullin

## **BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The society has over 100 members who are interested in gardening, flowers and vegetables.

We started the year with a quiche and wine event in Badby Village Hall in March at which Wendy Francis talked about square-foot gardening. In May we held a plant sale and afternoon teas. In June we have a garden lunch and hope that the weather is as good as last year. A coach outing to Knebworth House and gardens is planned for 25<sup>th</sup> July.

These events help to raise money to pay for the Annual Show on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

The Annual Show is open for anyone to enter. The schedule for flowers, flower arranging, vegetables and fruit, home produce, craftwork and photography is very similar to last year.

The cakes to be made to a specified recipe in the home produce section will be a date and walnut cake and a coconut and cherry cake. You might like to try them out:

### **Recipe for Date & Walnut Cake to be used for Class 62:**

- 225g / 8oz stoned dates chopped
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- pinch salt
- ½ pint hot water (not boiling)
- 280g / 10oz self raising flour
- 110g / 4oz butter
- 55g / 2oz chopped walnuts
- 110g / 4oz dark soft brown sugar
- 1 egg beaten

Preheat oven to 180 deg C / 350 deg F / gas mark 4

Put dates, soda, salt in a bowl and pour over the hot water - set aside to cool  
 Sift flour, add butter and rub in until like breadcrumbs  
 Stir in walnuts and sugar until thoroughly combined  
 Pour in the date mixture and the egg and mix well  
 Pour mixture into a greased / lined 1kg / 2lb loaf tin and bake in a moderate oven for one to one and a quarter hours, until skewer inserted in cake comes out clean.  
 Turn out onto a wire cooling tray and leave to cool  
 During the cooking process you may need to cover the cake with greaseproof paper to prevent over browning.

**Recipe for Coconut & Cherry Cake to be used for Class 63:**

- 336 g / 12 oz self-raising flour
- Pinch salt
- 170 g / 6 oz margarine
- 226 g / 8 oz glace cherries (quartered)
- 56 g / 2 oz desiccated coconut
- 170 g / 6 oz caster sugar
- 2 large eggs (lightly beaten)
- ¼ pint milk

Sieve flour and pinch of salt, rub in margarine until mixture looks like breadcrumbs  
 Add cherries, coconut and sugar to mixture  
 Add eggs and milk and beat well  
 Mixture should be a soft dropping consistency  
 Bake in a lined 8 inch cake tin at 180 deg C for approx 1½ hrs  
 When cold, top with glace icing and cherries

The judge for the new photography section has provided hints on showing:

Images should be printed ideally from 5 x 7 up to 8 x 10 inches and should be mounted on a neutral colour (beige or black) with a thin, 1 cm max. border.

The categories will be:

- A place special to you
- Captured in motion
- Unexpected perspective
- At work
- At play

The full schedule and entry forms will be distributed in early August.

Our year will end with the annual general meeting and a talk about Brewing on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Geoff Pullin, Chairman

**BELLRINGING at BADBY**

Wednesday practice night starts at 6.45pm with the clappers silenced for initial training before normal ringing begins at 7.30pm. We currently have several youngsters making progress. Anyone is most welcome to come along, watch what we get up to, or have a go. Attendance has averaged 16 this year so far, with up to 22 attending on one evening! Regular visitors from Braunston, Byfield, Everdon, Farthingstone and Newnham provide mutual support, which helps with progress.

On Sundays, we average over eight ringers. We have rung for one marriage blessing and one wedding so far this year.

We entered a team in the Diocesan Guild six-bell striking competition at Lois Weedon (or is it Weedon Lois?) in April and were judged sixth in the whole diocese. We shall also enter a team in the local five-bell competition at Barby in July.

On May Day bank holiday, Angela Waldock arranged for us to ring at Ansley, Nether Whitacre, Shustoke, Grendon, Orton on the Hill and Austrey. Lunch was at the crowded Griffin Inn, Shustoke. The food was so swiftly cooked and served that we had our drinks, ate and were out in less than the allotted hour!

If you have a visiting bellringer friend or relation, please send them along to ring with us.

Geoff Pullin, Tower Captain

## **CHURCH**

You may have read our appeal for help recently in a letter to all parishioners distributed with the Link monthly magazine. It currently costs a minimum of £224 per week just to keep the church open for business, before we begin to account for unexpected expenditure, repairs and improvements. We try to cover our regular outgoings from church collections and covenanted giving, but unfortunately this isn't keeping pace with our overheads and if it continues to decline, some fund-raising income traditionally reserved for maintenance and improvements will have to be directed towards meeting day-to-day costs.

At the same time the never-ending cycle of building maintenance continues. We have just completed essential stonework repairs to the windows and the north aisle outside wall and buttress, and later this year we hope to start a major scheme to replace the rotting timbers supporting the floors under the pews and upgrade the heating system. This is expected to cost over £60,000 and although we will be applying for grants from organisations which offer funding for church restoration, we still expect to have to raise the majority of the money ourselves.

We are therefore planning a series of fund-raising events and have already raised nearly £2,000 with a Valentine's Film Night in February and "Badby's Got Talent" musical event in April. Both were great fun as well as raising much-needed funds for the church. Look out next for our "Midsummer Motown" disco in the Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> July and, of course, Badby Fayre and Art Exhibition during the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> September.

Please help if you can by supporting our fund-raising events (details in the Link monthly magazine), sharing your fund-raising ideas or making direct donations through our envelope scheme or by monthly standing order to your bank. If you are a tax-payer, the Government will add 23% through the GiftAid scheme to whatever we collect. Regularity really is more important than the amount – the equivalent of a pint of beer a week would be a great help. Last but not least, one-off donations will continue to be gratefully received.

Chris Nelson (PCC Treasurer – tel. 300034)

Frances Williams (PCC Secretary – tel. 262930)

## **DAVENTRY EXPRESS CORRESPONDENT**

Thanks to the regular providers of information, I am able to keep a regular input to the Village and District Diary feature, although I have forgotten to send in a submission twice in the last quarter!

Please send Geoff Pullin (at [gcsspullin@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

Tell your family and friends who live elsewhere in the world that the current and most past editions of Badby news can be read anywhere in the world on website

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

Geoff Pullin

Correspondent

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Badby NHW continues to grow steadily and we now have nearly 50 households in our group, though the ideal of course would be for everyone in the Village to be a member.

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

NHW allows the police to advise members directly of concerns, about for instance distraction burglaries and lately advice on car theft. For their part, members can help the community by watching out generally for each other or specifically for suspicious activities and passing on information accordingly.

Information and requests are sent by email from the Police on a regular basis and members without computers are informed by means of our telephone cascade.

During this year we have again arranged and supplied, 'SmartWater' kits to members at considerable discount. By marking household possessions with SmartWater, the items can be identified with their owner. The marking is only seen under UV light and is very difficult to remove.

You may have read recently that the lead on the roof of the church at Barby had been marked and this had helped identify those involved in its removal.

After many years of hard work, Colin Cripps has recently retired as our Chairman. He is now acting as co-ordinator and attends the community panel and local NHW group meetings. Sue Wilson has also finally managed to retire as co-ordinator and secretary. Our thanks to both. Vivian Harris is now the secretary and I am now Chairman.

The Staverton Beat Community Panel has speeding as its priority. It has a 'Speed Profile' for the A361 in Byfield and another is to be carried out where the A361 goes through Badby. These profiles are done by an automatic recording device checking all vehicles over a week. The vehicles are not identified but if the survey shows a level of speeding, the Speed Van will make visits to the area. The local team also carries out hand held speed checks in the Beat area. These have been in Byfield and Woodford Halse so far, but Badby may get its turn in the future.

Denis Wilson

## **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 03000 222 111.

The local PCSO for Badby is Carl Barton. His contact details are telephone: **03000 222 111** or email: [SCTDaventryRuralSouth@northants.police.uk](mailto:SCTDaventryRuralSouth@northants.police.uk).

As always, everyone is asked to be alert and report any problems to the Police.

## **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](http://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](mailto: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. 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. Fund raising events and several generous donations by individuals, the Parish Council and regular user groups raised over £6000 and the works have been completed.

The main hall floor is now causing concern and current efforts are being directed towards its refurbishment/replacement. Replacement of the floor is estimated to cost £12,000 and fund raising events this year have already raised over £3000.

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.

Badby Village Hall Management Committee

## **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](mailto:badbyweb@aol.com). The website address is [www.badby.org.uk](http://www.badby.org.uk).

## **GENERAL**

### **Dog owners**

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 when dog fouling occurs, it is picked up and disposed of in the bins provided at various areas around the village or taken home and placed in the domestic waste bins.

### **NSPCC Helpline**

If you're ever worried about a child, you should get in touch with the NSPCC Helpline, freephone 0808 800 5000, or email on [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk). Calls received will be taken by trained NSPCC Helpline advisors. To find out more about the NSPCC Helpline, visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/helpline](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/helpline).

### **Next issue**

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of December 2010. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Email: [sfoster@fpconsultants.com](mailto: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.

## BADBY PARISH NEWS

Winter 2010

### PARISH COUNCIL

#### PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Summer newsletter announced that there are two vacancies on the Parish Councillors. The process of filling these vacancies is continuing. Anyone wishing to learn more about being a Parish Councillor can speak to any of the current Parish Councillors.

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

Mike Richards (Chairman)	872116	Trees, Greens, Cemetery
Peter Banks (Vice Chairman)	871022	Greens
Karen Alexander	310780	Rights of Way, Village Hall
Ian Bridge	878188	Street lighting
Gary Bell	878821	Roads & Safety
Sally Halson	872797	Village Hall
Mike Warburton	878940	Rights of Way

In May 2011, Parish Council elections for the nine seats on Badby Parish Council will take place in the event that there are more than nine candidates. In the event of there being nine or less candidates, no election will be held and all candidates will be 'elected' on to the Parish Council for the next four years.

Meetings taking place in 2011 have been arranged 11<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December. All are held in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. The agenda for each meeting is posted on both village noticeboards one week before the meeting is due to take place. At the same time, a copy of the draft minutes from the previous meeting is posted. In the event that an extraordinary meeting has to be called or a meeting date changed, the agenda will be posted on the noticeboards a week before the meeting takes place. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2009/2010 have been successfully audited. No comments were received from the external auditor.

The draft budget for the financial year 2011/2012 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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and then forwarded to Daventry District Council. In essence, the budget prepared allows for a slight increase in the precept – from £13,000 to £14,000. The agreed budget will be posted on the noticeboards once it has been ratified.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

As during the last few years, free Christmas tree recycling by Daventry District Council is taking place in the village. As in previous years, the sites will again be Church Green and Pinfold Green. The collection will take place early on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January so could anyone wanting to use this service please store their trees in the own gardens until the day before. Pinfold Green is quite exposed and in bad weather, we'd hate to see Christmas trees becoming an obstacle to passing traffic.

## **GREENS**

Parish Councillor Mike Warburton has, yet again, 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 2011.

Following in-depth inspections of the two horse chestnut trees on The Green and discussions with Daventry District Council Conservation Officers, the Parish Council has been advised by experts in the field that drastic works need to be carried out on both trees. This may lead to the complete removal of either of the trees. DDC has agreed that they will be present on the day when works take place to ensure that, if at all possible, the trees are saved from being removed completely. The Parish Council is very well aware of the meaning of the trees to the village as well as the physical, visual impact of removing them and would like to see them retained if at all possible. However, safety has to be taken in account and it may be that, when the contractor begins work, the decision is taken that either of the trees cannot be saved. In the event of removing either of the trees, replacement trees will be planted by the Parish Council.

## **PLAYING FIELD**

The Parish Council has again applied for County Councillor Empowerment Grant funding. This year, it was noted that the focus of the grant needed to be youth in the Community. The application was made on the grounds that much needed repair works have to be carried out to the vehicle track on the village playing field. Over recent years, ruts have been created by vehicles using the playing field, to such an extent that cars have veered away from using them and have created further damage to the football pitch area. As the rate of damage is only increased during the winter months, it has been agreed by the Parish Council that the main gate for the playing field be kept locked for the majority of time. The two main groups of users have been provided with a key for access. Should members of the Allotment Society or Cricket Club need vehicular access, they are kindly asked to contact their Chairmen in order to arrange this with them. It is hoped that, should the grant application be successful, the work can be carried out in the first half of 2011.

## **WIND FARM CONSULTATION**

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held in November in order to discuss making a response to Daventry District Council's consultation on planning consideration when assessing proposals for the development of wind turbines. The response has been submitted and the final planning considerations are now being put together by the District Council and are due to be made available in the new year.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Art Class**

Award winning artist David Douglas continues to tutor art classes in the Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons, between 1.30 and 3.30. All abilities are welcome.

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

### **Badby and Fawsley WI**

A warm welcome awaits you at Badby and Fawsley WI. We have 45 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 2011. Our January meeting involves painting our own pottery, and during the year members have the opportunity to learn about skin care, the origin of birthstones, clinical hypnotherapy, cake decoration and the history of nursery rhymes. Other evenings include a visit to Blisworth to see the Blisworth tapestries, a garden party

in Fawsley and songs from the shows. There is also a group of members who regularly play Northamptonshire Skittles.

New members are always welcome or if you just need someone to come with, please contact Kate Earley (tel: 01327 700544) or Sarah Hartland-Swann (tel: 01327 872193).

Many thanks  
Kate Earley

### **Badby Brownies**

Unfortunately, Badby Brownie Group is no longer running.

### **Badby Fayre 2010**

Thanks to everyone that supported the day with donations, storage, permission to park, hard work, planning, and spending. We hope that you enjoyed the fayre. Thanks also go to Barclaycard who have since donated a sum to match the white elephant takings. The total net profit for the church restoration fund was £4,370.09. The vintage agricultural machinery exhibits and demonstrations raised £341.58 for the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Chairman Geoff Pullin

### **Bell Ringers**

Wednesday practice night starts at 6.45pm with the clappers silenced for initial training before normal ringing begins at 7.30pm. Anyone is most welcome to come along, watch what we get up to, or have a go. Currently we have two people from Daventry and Byfield in the initial stages. Attendance has averaged 14 this year so far, with up to 22 attending on one evening! Regular visitors from Braunston, Byfield, Everdon, Farthingstone and Newnham provide mutual support, which helps with progress. On Sundays, we average seven ringers. We have rung for one marriage blessing and three weddings this year. After the Remembrance Sunday family service with the bells half-muffled Tim Woodliffe rang the tenor for his first quarter peal in 48 minutes. If you have a visiting bellringer friend or relation, especially over Christmas and the New Year, please send them along to ring with us - even better, come yourself! Everyone is welcome to come into the tower from 11.30pm on December 31 to help us celebrate the end of 2010 and the arrival of 2011. After starting the year with no pubs open, we are delighted to be able to choose between two again for our after-ringing appraisal of progress!

Tower Captain Geoff Pullin

### **Church**

I was asked to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the Revd Sue Faulkner and I have come to the Knightley Benefice which includes Badby parish as the new Priest in Charge. Hopefully, I will get to meet many people in the village in the coming months, especially over Christmas. I have come from Newcastle upon Tyne where I was at St Silas Parish in Byker. Although I am not a Geordie, my husband is and he is also ordained and is Rector of the Whittlewood Benefice. We are living in his rectory in Silverstone so unfortunately I will not be resident in Badby. I do, however, make a commitment to you all to be available and to be seen in the village. I am really looking forward to sharing life with you all and to learning with the congregation of the church how best we can serve the community. As the Bishop reminded us at my licensing service, I am here for all those who live, work and visit the villages not just for those who go to church. So, if there is ever anything I can try to do for you, please do not hesitate to be in touch. I can be contacted by telephone on 01327 858018 or by email [RevSueFaulkner@aol.com](mailto:RevSueFaulkner@aol.com). I wish you all a very blessed and joyful Christmas time and a fruitful New Year.

The Revd Sue

St Mary's Church, Badby

### **Daventry Express Correspondent**

Thanks to the regular providers of information, I am able to keep a regular input to the Village and District Diary feature. Special thanks go to Richard Piner for providing me with monthly Badby bird notes. Please send to Geoff Pullin (at [gcsspullin@yahoo.com](mailto: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**

Some fifty people entered 262 exhibits in our annual show on September 5, about the same as 2009. There were far more vegetables than flowers again and the baking section and childrens' sections had more entries than before. The cups went to:

- The Felton Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate of points in all classes went jointly to Cristine Orr and Ted Richardson. Other cup winners were:
- Floral – Heather Armstrong,
- Flower Arranging – Zelda Shapter,
- Garden Produce – Ted Richardson and the Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal,
- Percy Warr Cup – Sue Ingham,
- Fred Payne Cup for onions – Geoff Pullin,
- Best in Show, Sue Papworth Cup, Diploma for Excellence for the best collection of fruit – all to Cristine Orr,
- Home Produce – Jess Ingham,
- Craftwork – Frank Barnstable,
- Photography – Ken Snape,
- Christine Payne Cup – William Brodie.
- Turned wooden cups made by Frank Barnstable for children's classes went to Lydia Moser, Catherine Shaw, Charlotte Robson and William Brodie.

Congratulations to all of these and to all who won class prizes. Many thanks to those who entered, helped, made the marquee available, judged, served and donated tea and cakes. Thanks also to the Film Society for showing a series of old photos of Badby during the afternoon. If you think that there is a class of exhibit that we don't cover and would be popular at the next show on Sunday, September 4, 2011, it isn't too late to let us know.

At the AGM in October the committee were re-elected except Peter Ross who stood down. Peter and Zelda Shapter agreed to jointly take over the chair. Sue Ingham remains as Secretary, and Cristine Orr as Membership Secretary. The meeting was followed by an interesting talk and sampling of Frog Island brews. A new event was a Christmas decorations demonstration and workshop on Sunday, November 22 in the village hall. Around twenty, including several children

turned out on a freezing day to make wreaths, table decorations or a swag.

Our next event is the Quiche and Wine evening on Thursday, February 10 in Newnham Village Hall which will host Radio Northampton's Gardeners' Question Time chaired by Johnnie Amos. Please think up questions in advance to submit to the panel. The last time we did this it was very entertaining and snippets were broadcast over the following weeks.

Geoff Pullin Chairman

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Badby Neighbourhood Watch has a membership of nearly 50. Members receive regular updates from the police and the local PCSO via email or telephone cascade for those not on email. Smart Water is also available at a discount for members.

Colin Cripps acts as coordinator and attends the community panel and local NHW group meetings. We have two meetings a year to receive reports from the police and to review our priorities for the local police team.

If you would like to join please contact Vivian Harris on 01327 704521

Denis Wilson

Contact: Denis Wilson 300659

### **Police**

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.

### **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	<a href="http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk">www.northamptonshire.gov.uk</a>

### **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](mailto: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 on 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. The main hall floor is now causing concern and current efforts are being directed towards its refurbishment/replacement. Following our successful Curry and Film night, the next fund raising event is a traditional Burns Supper and Barn dance on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011 – contact Dick Earley on 700544 to reserve your place for a night to remember.

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](mailto:badbyweb@aol.com). The website address is [www.badby.org.uk](http://www.badby.org.uk).

### **GENERAL**

#### **Dog fouling**

This is an issue which is often raised in Parish Council meetings. Could I therefore re-iterate the requests made in the past that dog owners act responsibly when it comes to dog fouling. There is a number of dog bins sited around the village which are emptied on a regular basis. Dog waste can also be taken home and placed in domestic black bins.

#### **Next issue**

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of June 2011. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Email: [sfoster@fpconsultants.com](mailto: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.

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