

## **BADBY PARISH NEWS**

**Summer 2011**

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **COUNCILLORS**

Following the completion of their four yearly rotation and the May election, Parish Councillors serving Badby are now:

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|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| Mike Richards (Chairman)        | 872116 | Trees, Greens, Cemetery, Playing Field |
| Karen Alexander (Vice Chairman) | 310780 | Rights of Way, Village Hall            |
| Gary Bell                       | 878821 | Roads & Safety                         |
| Sally Halson                    | 872797 | NCC Liaison, Village Hall              |
| Chris Peel                      | 871352 | Trees                                  |

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. Extraordinary meetings may be held on occasion and notice of these will also be 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.

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF BADBY PARISH COUNCIL**

I would like to draw everyone's attention to the current plight of Badby Parish Council. The official election date for Parish Councillors to serve the next four years was 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 but as there were only five candidates, no election was held. As a consequence, we now only have five Parish Councillors serving at present, where we should have nine representing a Parish of this size.

Having only five Parish Councillors available to attend meetings, we run the risk that we may not be able to function, as we require a minimum of three Parish Councillors to be present to undertake the business of the Parish Council and vote on actions to be taken on any issue raised on the meeting's agenda. That could mean that a planning application or controversial matter could not be discussed or decisions taken. With holidays, sickness and other unforeseen circumstances, the possibility of this occurring is relatively high.

Should the Parish Council fail to function on a regular basis, then the day to day operational matters would be taken on by Daventry District Council, undoubtedly without local consultation. This could mean that Residents maybe deprived of the opportunity of being able to debate and participate in controversial local issues such as development of the area and proposed wind farm structures.

As local rate-payers, I am sure you would be unhappy to lose this service.

In view of this, all existing Parish Councillors would like to request that local residents consider their position on the matter and deliberate whether they could spare the time to join the Parish Council to actively participate in the future management of the village.

For information the Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and meetings usually last less than two hours.

Please contact either the Parish Clerk Sharon Foster on 877094 or myself Mike Richards on 872116 for further information or come along to one of the meetings.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th May 2011, Mike Richards was voted to continue as Chairman and Karen Alexander as Vice-Chairman until the next Annual Meeting which will be held in May 2012.

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity offered to village organisations and the Parish Council to set out what has occurred during the previous 12 months and set out what plans they have for the future. As with the ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the Parish Council, all members of the public are welcome to attend.

## **FINANCE**

The internal audit on the figures for 2010/2011 has been carried out and the Annual Return now forwarded to the external auditor for verification.

The end of year figures for 2010/2011 and budget for financial year 2011/2012 have been set out at the end of this newsletter for your information. Throughout the year, the Parish Council will also review its quarterly figures at Parish Council meetings in order to ensure that the budget is monitored.

## **GREENS**

The Parish Council would like to pass on its thanks to Mike Warburton who, once again, provided a sack of spring bulbs which, with the permission of the Parish Council, were planted by children from Badby School.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Department for Communities and Local Government is asking communities to start building a vision for how their local areas should be developed in the future, as its Community Right to Build looks to shift power from Government and councils to neighbourhoods, thereby allowing people to deliver the homes and developments that they want to see built in their areas. Badby Parish Council is therefore considering establishing a working group to draft a Vision for Badby. In order to either put your views forward or become part of the working group putting together the Neighbourhood Plan, please either contact any serving Parish Councillor, the Clerk or come along to the next scheduled meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

## **PLAYING FIELD**

Some of you may know that there have been a number of break-ins at the Cricket Club over the last few years. There had been a let-up in criminal activity but unfortunately, the Club was broken into again earlier this month. The incident happened on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June with over £10,000's worth of equipment being stolen. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, they are requested to contact the Police.

The matter of the gate at the main entrance to the playing field being locked has been discussed at Parish Council meetings recently and, no doubt, will be discussed again.

## **STREET LIGHTING**

Parishioners are asked that any issues regarding street lights be reported direct to Street Doctor.

The phone number for Street Doctor is 0845 601 1113.

Both the County and District Councils are in the process of switching off some of their street lights in order to manage their current budgets and also to reduce their carbon footprints. Lighting levels have been assessed against a number of criteria with both Road Safety Officers and Northamptonshire Police being consulted and those lights which are due to be switched off will be clearly marked with a sticker. As the street lights in Badby village are the responsibility of Badby Parish Council and are therefore paid for through the precept raised by yourselves, the Parish Council would also like to make an assessment of whether some of the street lights in Badby could be switched off. It has already been advised that the electricity bill for the coming year is likely to rise by at least £300. To that end, the Parish Council would like to hear from any of you who have views on the subject of street lights. This can be done through speaking to any of the serving Parish Councillors or the Clerk, by email to [pc\\_badby@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:pc_badby@daventrydc.gov.uk) or coming along to the next Parish Council meeting due to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

## **TREES**

At the time of writing this newsletter, work is imminent on both of the chestnut trees on The Green. This work, as reported in the December issue, the Parish Council has been advised that considerable works need to be carried out on both trees. The work was due to take place recently but was held up until the trees had passed the point of being in full leaf. This delay served to give the trees as

much chance of recovery following the works, should they not be removed completely during the works. The works are now due to commence during the first two weeks of June, with on-site supervision of a Conservation Officer from Daventry District Council Planning Department. She, along with the contractor, will have the authority to make the decision as the work takes place to decide how much work is carried out.

The Parish Council is very well aware of the meaning of the trees to the village as well as the physical and visual impact of removing them and would like to see them retained if at all possible. However, safety also has to be taken in account. In the event of removing either of the trees, replacement trees will be planted by the Parish Council.

## **OTHER PARISH NEWS**

### **BADBY AND FAWSLEY WI**

Badby and Fawsley Women's Institute meet in Badby Village Hall every second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. We are a fun loving group who welcomes anyone new.

This year has seen an increase in our membership who have enjoyed many interesting speakers during the first half of the year, culminating in a performance of 'Not the Christmas Panto' written by and featuring members in key roles. Meetings to enjoy for the second half of the year include 'The Knightleys' an alfresco night at Fawsley, skin care and make-up, clinical hypnotherapy, our AGM followed by Fish & Chips, songs from the shows and our own Christmas dinner. In addition, a group of members regularly play Northamptonshire skittles and enter a team in the local annual WI competition.

For more information, or if you would just like someone to come with, do call Kate (700544) or Sarah (872193).

### **BADBY FAYRE 2012**

This is a 'rest year', so please think up new ways of enlivening the next fayre due on Sunday, September 2, 2012. The priority is to raise funds for the Church building and secondly to have a whole village community fun event.

Geoff Pullin

### **BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Under our new chairmanship of Peter and Zelda Shapter, we held a successful Gardeners' Question Time at Newnham Village Hall in February with Johnnie Amos as question-master. Recordings of some answers were broadcast on BBC Radio Northampton. Our usual Spring Plant Sale helped to stock a lot of village gardens. We are looking forward to our Summer Garden Lunch on July 17 and to a coach trip to Malvern Autumn Show on September 25.

The annual show in the village hall and marquee on Sunday, September 4 is the pinnacle of our year. We look forward to lots of entries in the garden produce, flower arranging, jams, cakes, craftwork, photos and children's sections. Most of the classes stay the same but you may like to try-out the specified recipes and prepare for the photographic section using the following advance information.

#### **Recipe for Banana Cake to be used for Class 62:**

- 4 oz / 100g margarine
- 6 oz / 175g caster sugar
- 8 oz / 200g self raising flour
- 2 oz / 50g sultanas
- 2 eggs
- 2 large (or 3 medium) very ripe bananas, mashed

Preheat oven to gas mark 4 / 180°C / 350°F. Grease a 2lb / 900g loaf tin. Cream the margarine and sugar together in a bowl. Add the eggs then the mashed bananas, mix well. Mix in the flour. Pour mixture into the loaf tin, sprinkle top with some sugar for a crunchy top and bake for 40 mins then lower the oven temperature to gas mark 2 / 150°C / 300°F and cook for a further 30 mins. Turn it out onto a rack to cool

**Recipe for Shortbread to be used for Class 63:**

- 6oz / 175g butter (at room temperature)
- 6oz / 175g plain flour
- 3oz / 75g caster sugar
- 3oz / 75g corn flour
- 8" / 20cm fluted flan tin with loose base (greased)

Preheat oven to gas mark 2 / 150°C / 300°F. Mix all the ingredients together to form a dough ball which comes away cleanly from the sides of the bowl. Roll out the dough on a flat surface, to a circle, then transfer it to the tin. Lightly press the mixture evenly into the tin, right into the fluted edges (to make sure it is even you can give it a final roll with a small glass tumbler). Cook until golden brown (approx 1 hour). Remove from oven and with a palette knife mark into 12 wedges whilst still warm and dust with caster sugar. When cold remove from the tin and cut into wedges

**PHOTOGRAPHY** comprising classes 77 to 81

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 77. Photograph | Attention to detail |
| 78. Photograph | Food glorious food  |
| 79. Photograph | Engineering genius  |
| 80. Photograph | Outdoor pursuits    |
| 81. Photograph | Animal antics       |

Hints on showing:

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

**FOR CHILDREN** comprising classes 82 to 91**For Children up to the age of 7 years old:**

82. Monster made from vegetables, fruit & / or seed
83. Painting or drawing of flower or flowers
84. Miniature garden
85. Chocolate crispy cakes 6
86. Hand-made greeting card.

**For Children who are 7 to 12 years old:**

87. Monster made from vegetables, fruit & / or seed
88. Painting or drawing of flower or flowers
89. Miniature garden
90. Flap jacks 6
91. Hand-made greeting card.

We aim to distribute the full schedule and entry forms with the August LINK.

Our membership secretary is Cristine Orr, The Hollies, The Green, phone 01327 705589. Come and join us!

Geoff Pullin

**BELLRINGING at BADBY**

Isn't it funny how incurious the English are? I'm sure that you don't all know much about the centuries old and yet modern art and science of English bell-ringing – although I have taught quite a lot of you to control a bell at one time or another over the last thirty years! Nearly all the visitors that come to the tower are foreign, even if they are brought along by their local hosts. It used to be the same when the youth hostel was open. So come along through the door in the tower on a Wednesday evening any time between 6.45 – 9pm and prove me wrong. Find out about this traditional exercise with its physical, mental, historical and social aspects involving the largest percussion instruments in the village.

We get between six and seventeen people along on practice nights and average seven ringing before Sunday services. There are eight regular village ringers and a new resident joined us before Easter and is making good progress. A couple of lads turn-up when they don't have homework, cricket, rugby, or they need Duke of Edinburgh award 'ticks'! We are a friendly lot, men and women, between 14 and 71 years of age! We could do with some more recruits to help cope with absences for holidays, family visits, engine driving etc.

Angela Waldock organised our annual ringing outing on May Day for 14 Badby practice-night ringers. After ringing at Stratton Audley, Twyford and Steeple Claydon we thought that we were

on an obstacle course as each had some challenging ropes or bells. Lunch at the New Inn, Padbury refreshed us for the more normal installations at Padbury, Maids Moreton and Lillingstone Lovell. It was a nice day out in villages that others wouldn't have much cause to visit.

Geoff Pullin, Tower Captain

### **DAVENTRY EXPRESS CORRESPONDENT**

Thanks to several 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 news of future events, their results and personal celebrations as far in advance as possible to Geoff Pullin (at [gcspullin@yahoo.com](mailto:gcspullin@yahoo.com) or on 01327 871806 or at 25 The Glebe). I have a fiendish long-reaching filing system so things don't (usually) get forgotten. My deadline is Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition of the newspaper.

Geoff Pullin  
Correspondent

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Last year continued to be a quiet year – the main local crimes being thefts of two landrovers – taken whilst their owners had jumped out to shut or open gates and also thefts which we think were at Staverton Hotel.

Badby NHW continues to have nearly 50 households in our group.

We have held two meetings during the year where we normally have police representation which is very informative.

The police issue warnings or concerns directly to members by email, for instance about distraction burglaries and lately advice on car key 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.

Members without computers are informed by means of our telephone cascade.

If anyone is interested in joining please contact Vivian Harries our secretary on 704521.

Colin or myself attend the Staverton Community Panel Meeting, normally held in the Crosstrees Public House in Byfield. If anyone has any issues that they would like us to raise, please contact Colin Cripps or myself.

The Staverton Beat Community Panel has speeding as its priority- the A361 at Badby and Cherwelton – the B4037 at Newnham and the Boddington road at Byfield.

The Safer Community Team will book 15 1 hour slots for enforcement cameras at these locations so beware!

Denis Wilson

### **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 03000 222 111.

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

Every three months your Safer Community Team chairs a Community Panel Meeting. Community Panels identify what the current issues are in each neighbourhood. Members will have sight of recent crime information, but more importantly will see reports of what local people are saying about issues that affect them.

This information is gathered on an ongoing basis through community consultation, such as surgeries. By using this information, as well as members' local knowledge, the panel identifies the main problems affecting the neighbourhood and agrees the priorities for the next three months. An example of how this worked at the last panel meeting were as follows:

Current local identified priorities (LIP's) were discussed which were parking issues in and around local villages. The LIP spread sheet which is produced by the local Safer Community Team (SCT) was presented at the meeting. The spread sheet was produced by the team to document all the work done to address the priority.

New LIP's were set and are speeding in specific locations: Charwelton - A361, Badby - A361, Newnham - B4037 and Boddington Road in Byfield.

The SCT will book 15 x one hour slots of enforcement at these locations.

A press release was issued to say how the SCT were going to address these issues and another at the end to say what they have done.

Community Panels should be made up of a cross section of the communities they represent, including those groups who are often under-represented, such as young people and people with disabilities, and local people are encouraged to get involved.

The next Community Panel meeting will be held on Monday 18th July 2011 at 6pm in the Crosstress Public House, Byfield.

If you would like any more information about Community Panels or anything else that concerns you, e-mail me at [carl.barton@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:carl.barton@northants.pnn.police.uk) or call me on 0791 904 3779.

I hope to see you at the next meeting.

PCSO 7005 Carl Barton

### **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, street lights, drains and footpaths. Contact details for St Doctor are:

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| 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. It is not confined to church material. Societies and clubs can contribute articles or future diary dates to Geoff Pullin (what, again!). Paid advertisements in the magazine can be arranged through Sharon Maplethorpe on 01327 263857.

### **VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall committee would like to thank everyone who baked cakes and helped serve teas over the bank holiday weekend. Thanks to your efforts, and the generosity of our visitors, we raised over £1000 for village hall funds.

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. Thanks to their fund raising efforts, several generous donations and grants from Daventry & District Housing and Northamptonshire Community Foundation, refurbishment/replacement of the main hall floor should take place latter this summer.

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**

Last year the website was transferred to a new software program making it easier and quicker to modify and edit.

Photographs in and around Badby have been added thanks to Parishioners. Links to local organisations and businesses, places to visit and local village sites have been added.

It is now some four years since it started and it would be very helpful if the village societies, clubs and organisations could check that their details are still valid as it is used particularly by newcomers for information.

Some organisations have still to submit details!

We would be grateful if notice of events could be advised so that these can be put on the web in much the same way as in the Gusher.

If you have a local business and would like it included please send details to the webmaster – email to [badbyweb@aol.com](mailto:badbyweb@aol.com) – it is free!

The web receives hits from around the world and many every day from the UK – rising from 250 in March to 920 in May.

It acts as an advertisement for the village so the more information of activities etc the better.

## **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. There is a number of bins around the village, including a new one for Neneside Close.

### **Best Village Competition 2012**

Earlier this year, the Parish Council received correspondence re entering the Best Village Competition. It was considered that time was short and no entry would be made for 2011.

However, the Parish Council would like to consider entering in 2012 and, to that end, would like to ask whether there are any members of the Parish who would like to get involved. If you would like to help, please contact the Clerk – details at the end of this newsletter.

### **Cycle4Cynthia 2011 - Sunday 25th September**

This year's Cycle 4 Cynthia raises money for The Friends of Cynthia Spencer Hospice and the county branch of Macmillan Cancer Support. In the seven years it has been staged, C4C has raised over £150,000 with a record last year alone of £40k raised by the 800 riders who took part. The event is moving to Althorp on either 5, 25 or 50 mile routes. Details of the routes can be found at [www.cycle4cynthia.co.uk](http://www.cycle4cynthia.co.uk). Entry costs £10 for adults, £5 for children (under 12) and £25 for families and then entrants are encouraged to raise as much money as possible in sponsorship. Entry forms (and sponsorship form) can be obtained from Anna Murby on 07980 433130. It's a minimum of four per team but the more the merrier! Individuals can enter online at our website – [www.cycle4cynthia.co.uk](http://www.cycle4cynthia.co.uk).

### **Next issue**

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of December 2011. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Email: [pc\\_badby@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:pc_badby@daventrydc.gov.uk) or Telephone: 01327 877094).

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

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|                                 | BUDGET<br>2010-2011 | ACTUAL<br>SPEND<br>As at 31.03.11 | ACTUAL<br>RECEIPTS<br>As at 31.03.11 | BUDGET<br>2011-2012 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Administration</b>           |                     |                                   |                                      |                     |
| Clerk's salary                  | 4000.00             | 3315.09                           | 0.00                                 | 4000.00             |
| PAYE                            | 0.00                | 151.87                            | 326.87                               | 0.00                |
| Expenses                        | 900.00              | 602.52                            | 0.00                                 | 900.00              |
| Hall Hire                       | 400.00              | 398.00                            | 0.00                                 | 400.00              |
| Subscriptions                   | 250.00              | 304.05                            | 0.00                                 | 250.00              |
| Training                        | 100.00              | 25.50                             | 0.00                                 | 100.00              |
| Election costs                  | 0.00                | 0.00                              | 0.00                                 | 0.00                |
| Audit fees                      | 300.00              | 414.23                            | 0.00                                 | 300.00              |
| Insurance                       | 700.00              | 639.46                            | 0.00                                 | 700.00              |
| Newsletter                      | 200.00              | 133.25                            | 0.00                                 | 200.00              |
| Website                         | 0.00                | 109.45                            | 0.00                                 | 0.00                |
| Donations                       | 0.00                | 0.00                              | 29.00                                | 0.00                |
| Allotment Rental                | 0.00                | 0.00                              | 78.00                                | 0.00                |
| Interest Payments               | 0.00                | 0.00                              | 3.75                                 | 0.00                |
| Rent Pole & Stay                | 0.00                | 0.00                              | 42.05                                | 0.00                |
| Wayleave Payments               | 0.00                | 0.00                              | 0.00                                 | 0.00                |
| <b>TOTAL Administration</b>     | <b>6850.00</b>      | <b>6093.42</b>                    | <b>479.67</b>                        | <b>6850.00</b>      |
| <b>Burial Grounds</b>           |                     |                                   |                                      |                     |
| Churchyard Mowing               | 500.00              | 436.96                            | 0.00                                 | 550.00              |
| Churchyard Wall                 | 0.00                | 0.00                              | 0.00                                 | 0.00                |
| Cemetery Maintenance            | 1200.00             | 6706.37                           | 0.00                                 | 1200.00             |
| Rates                           | 100.00              | 58.06                             | 0.00                                 | 100.00              |
| Cemetery Repairs                | 200.00              | 0.00                              | 0.00                                 | 200.00              |
| Fees                            | 0.00                | 0.00                              | 1140.00                              | 0.00                |
| <b>TOTAL Burial Grounds</b>     | <b>2000.00</b>      | <b>7201.39</b>                    | <b>1140.00</b>                       | <b>2050.00</b>      |
| <b>Greens &amp; Verges</b>      |                     |                                   |                                      |                     |
| Maintenance                     | 2200.00             | 2715.00                           | 720.13                               | 2200.00             |
| Tree Management                 | 2500.00             | 100.00                            | 0.00                                 | 3000.00             |
| <b>TOTAL Greens &amp; Trees</b> | <b>4700.00</b>      | <b>2815.00</b>                    | <b>720.13</b>                        | <b>5200.00</b>      |
| <b>Street Lighting</b>          |                     |                                   |                                      |                     |
| Maintenance                     |                     | 401.35                            | 0.00                                 |                     |
| Electricity                     |                     | 1527.31                           | 0.00                                 |                     |
| <b>TOTAL Street Lighting</b>    | <b>3000.00</b>      | <b>1928.66</b>                    | <b>0.00</b>                          | <b>3000.00</b>      |
| <b>Playing Field</b>            |                     |                                   |                                      |                     |
| Maintenance                     | 300.00              | 309.92                            | 0.00                                 | 300.00              |
| Safety Inspection               | 50.00               | 40.00                             | 0.00                                 | 50.00               |
| <b>TOTAL Playing Field</b>      | <b>350.00</b>       | <b>349.92</b>                     | <b>0.00</b>                          | <b>350.00</b>       |
| <b>TOTAL Contingency</b>        | <b>2000.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>                       | <b>0.00</b>                          | <b>2000.00</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL Precept</b>            | <b>13000.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>                       | <b>13000.00</b>                      | <b>14000.00</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL Payments</b>           | <b>18900.00</b>     | <b>18388.39</b>                   |                                      |                     |
| <b>TOTAL Receipts</b>           |                     |                                   | <b>15339.80</b>                      | <b>19450.00</b>     |
| Bank accounts as of 31.03.11    |                     | Current                           | 3646.98                              |                     |
|                                 |                     | Deposit                           | 7500.00                              |                     |
|                                 |                     | Total                             | 11146.98                             |                     |



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Winter 2011

## PARISH COUNCIL

### PARISH COUNCILLORS

The election of Parish Councillors back in May this year left the Parish Council somewhat depleted. Mike Richards published a plea for new members to come forward in the Summer 2011 newsletter and I am happy to report that three Parish Councillors have since been co-opted. The Parish Council welcomes on board Richard Piner, Martin Walton and Andy Witcomb. That takes the number of Parish Councillors up to eight with one vacancy remaining. This has been publicised on the noticeboards in the usual way. Anyone wishing to learn more about being a Parish Councillor can speak to any of the current Parish Councillors or the Clerk or just come along to any of the meetings and see what you think.

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

|                          |        |                             |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Mike Richards (Chairman) | 872116 | Trees, Greens, Cemetery     |
| Karen Alexander          | 310780 | Rights of Way, Village Hall |
| Gary Bell                | 878821 | Roads & Safety              |
| Sally Halson             | 872797 | Village Hall                |
| Chris Peel               | 871352 | Trees                       |
| Richard Piner            | 704093 | Cemetery                    |
| Martin Walton            | 300176 |                             |
| Andy Witcomb             | 872010 |                             |

Meetings taking place in 2012 have been arranged for:

|                             |                            |                           |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup> January,    | 13 <sup>th</sup> February, | 12 <sup>th</sup> March,   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> April,     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> May,       | 11 <sup>th</sup> June,     | 9 <sup>th</sup> July,     | 13 <sup>th</sup> August,   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> September, | 8 <sup>th</sup> October,   | 12 <sup>th</sup> November | 17 <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 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow on afterwards. There is a difference between these two meetings: The Annual Parish Meeting is convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council and is chaired by him. However, it is a meeting in which there is an opportunity for all community organisations as well as Parish, District and County Councillors to give reports on what has happened over the last year and what may be planned for the forthcoming year.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is the meeting where a number of formalities are carried out in order for the Parish Council to act lawfully. Amongst these formalities, the Chairman is elected for the following year as well as the Vice-Chairman. Although Parish Councillors are elected for a four-year term, these posts are voted on by the Parish Councillors on an annual basis.

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings and there are two sections in the ordinary Parish Council meetings where public participation is invited to speak on any matter concerning the Parish.

## **ACCOUNTS**

The accounts for the financial year 2010/2011 have been successfully audited. Again, no comments were received from the internal or external auditors.

The draft budget for the financial year 2012/2013 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and then forwarded to Daventry District Council. In essence, the budget prepared allows for no change to the current precept demand – remaining at £14,000. The agreed budget will be posted on the noticeboards once it has been ratified.

Budget reviews take place each quarter of the financial year at Parish Council meetings to ensure that the Parish Council's expenditure is kept within budget.

## **CEMETERY**

Following an accident in the cemetery earlier this year, an inspection of all headstones was carried out. During this inspection, a total of eight headstones were laid down as it was deemed that they were unsafe. Notices have been put on these headstones asking for surviving family members to contact the Parish Council with a view to getting the headstones repaired. A notice has also been put up on the entrance gate to the same effect.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

As during the last few years, free Christmas tree recycling by Daventry District Council is again taking place in the village. As in previous years, the sites will be Church Green and Pinfold Green. The collection will take place early on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Could anyone wanting to use this service please store their trees in the own gardens until the day before the collection – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January - especially if you are planning on using the Pinfold Green site. Pinfold Green is a very exposed spot and, in inclement winter weather conditions, trees can easily be blown onto the A361 which could, in turn, lead to a traffic accident. Despite the same request in last year's newsletter for consideration of this safety issue, a couple of trees were left earlier than requested and did cause an obstruction on at least one occasion.

## **GREENS AND TREES**

Grass cutting of the greens has been completed for this season and will start again in March/April 2012.

After the in-depth inspections carried out on the two horse chestnut trees on The Green and discussions with Daventry District Council Conservation Officers, the Parish Council had works carried out to the trees. As reported in the Summer edition of this newsletter, there was no way of knowing how drastic work would be until it actually started and could well have led to the removal of one or both trees. Fortunately, DDC planning officers worked alongside the contractor on the day and it was agreed that although significant removal took place, the trees were safe and should remain in place.

The Parish Council will, of course, continue to monitor the condition of the two trees, along with all the other trees within its responsibility in the village. Full and proper annual inspections take place and the Parish Council then considers the advice provided in the reports to prioritise any works which need to be undertaken to keep the trees in a safe and sound condition.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

As reported in the Summer edition, communities are being asked to start putting together a vision for how their local areas should be developed in the future. This document can be used by the Parish Council when making comment on planning applications received to add weight to its comments. The Parish Council is now working on the document and will be presenting its draft at Parish Council meetings. Any comments would be gratefully received.

## **PLAYING FIELD**

A new rubbish bin has been put up inside the playing field gate and a sign erected on the gate asking people not to park in front of the gates. Although these gates are kept locked, members of the Cricket club and Allotment Society do have constant access and, on a number of occasions, one of them has been denied access or exit because a car has been left parked on the concrete entrance way whilst the car owner has gone for a walk.

## **STREETLIGHTS**

Following the reduction in the number of streetlights lit by the County Council in Daventry, the Parish Council considered a similar policy. However, when the cost of each streetlight was taken into consideration along with the increased chance of accidents or incidents, it was agreed that the current levels of lighting be retained.

## **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**

Badby and Fawsley Women's Institute meet in Badby Village Hall every second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. We are a fun loving group of over 50 members and welcome anyone new.

2011 has seen an increase in our membership who have enjoyed many interesting speakers during the year, culminating with a visit from Santa at our Christmas dinner which had been cooked by our amazing committee.

We look forward to an exciting and varied programme for 2012. Meetings during the first six months will include the History of Juggling, Fragrance Design, Women in Uganda, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, a visit from the Master of Lord Leycester Hospital and a game of Prize Bingo.

In addition, a group of members regularly play Northamptonshire skittles and enter a team in the local annual WI competition.

For more information, or if you would just like someone to bring you, do call our President, Kate (700544) or Programme Secretary, Sarah (872193).

### **Badby Fayre 2012**

The next fayre is due on Sunday, September 2, 2012. The priority is to raise funds for the church building and secondly to have a whole village community fun event. We close The Green to traffic for the afternoon to make it safer for participants. If anyone has some good new fun fund-raising ideas to enliven the proceedings and break records, please surprise us by making contact as soon as possible and / or volunteering to do your favourite thing! Contact Sophie Bell, Stephen Gee, Sarah Hartland-Swann, Frances Williams or me on 01327 871806.

Geoff Pullin  
Chairman Geoff Pullin

### **Badby and District Photography Club**

Badby and District Photography Club meets on most Wednesdays in Badby Village Hall at 8.00p.m. We have a full and varied programme and would be pleased to see any new members in the New Year. Our meetings in January are 4th, 18th and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please look at website for further information - [www.badbyphotoclub.org.uk](http://www.badbyphotoclub.org.uk).

Marianne Follett (secretary)

## **Bell Ringers**

Since the last newsletter, the bells have been rung for two funerals and two weddings, besides the services which changed their timings from October. We struggle to find village ringers for all of these and have to seek help from other towers. The new service pattern has prevented a certain amount of doubling up which could be done before, with Daventry, Holy Cross, being the biggest loser of ringers from our parishes on more occasions now! Practice nights attract around 12, many from surrounding villages, who recognise an enjoyable practice when they see one!

We would like to welcome new recruits from the village – any age. Come along on a Wednesday evening to see what it is all about or slip in before one of the many special Christmas services or to watch us ring out 2011 and greet 2012. Safe and free instruction and training is provided and you can make progress at your own speed depending how much time you can spare with visits to local towers readily available.

Tower Captain Geoff Pullin

## **Church**

### Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration

As I'm sure all readers are aware, 2012 marks the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Badby Church would like to organise a village celebration of this landmark event on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and would welcome volunteers to form an organising committee. The purpose is not to raise funds for the Church or any other organisation, but rather for villagers to come together and celebrate the Jubilee. Ideas so far include a family "bring and share" picnic on the Green, with games and activities for the children, fancy dress competition, and maybe a "tug-o'-war". Many of you may remember similar events in the past for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 and Golden Jubilee in 2002, a tradition we think is worth continuing and building upon. If you would like to help in whatever way –with ideas, or help beforehand or on the day itself, please get in touch with Sarah Hartland-Swann on tel. 872193 or Frances Williams on tel. 262930.

### Church Re-Ordering

Regrettably, the Church roof was twice hit by metal thieves this autumn. Subject to planning consent we are proposing to replace the lost lead with something which, whilst in keeping with the rest of the roof, is less attractive to burglars. However, these days insurers inevitably limit what we can claim for losses of this type so at best we are still faced with a shortfall of £6,000 to complete the repair.

Despite this set-back, we are at last getting close to starting the re-ordering of the church interior that we outlined back in 2008. We are currently finalising our plans with the church authorities and hope to start work in 2012. The adoption of an electrical solution in upgrading our heating system (rather than gas as originally proposed) not only makes the project more affordable but also makes it easier to phase work as funds become available. The current priority is still the replacement of rotting timbers that support areas of the wooden flooring, but thereafter we will move on to more positive measures to make the church more user-friendly.

To date, assuming no more unforeseen calls upon our funds, we have about one-third of the total required and as usual we will be holding fundraising events during 2012 which we very much hope you will support.

Frances Williams

## **Daventry Express Correspondent**

Thanks to several 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 update with Badby bird notes.

Please send news of future events, their results and personal celebrations as far in advance as possible to Geoff Pullin (at [gcsspullin@yahoo.com](mailto:gcsspullin@yahoo.com) or on 01327 871806 or at 25 The Glebe). I have

a fiendish long-reaching filing system so things don't (usually) get forgotten. My deadline is Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition of the newspaper.

Geoff Pullin Correspondent

### **Badby & District Horticultural Society**

Since the last Village News, we have enjoyed several events.

In July our Summer Garden Lunch was, at short notice moved from the garden of Dr and Susan Rose in Newnham to Staverton Village Hall, due to inclement weather. The event was still very enjoyable, and as the weather cleared up later in the day, a number of people paid a visit to the garden after the meal. Many thanks to our Catering Manager, Angela Waldock, and her team for their efforts at this event.

At the end of September, we visited the Malvern autumn show, which, despite more bad weather in the morning, was enjoyed by all, the coach returning with a luggage store full of plants and garden accessories.

The Annual Show at the beginning of September, was again well supported, with more flower entries than the previous year and a similar number of entries in the vegetable department. Baking and home produce sections were slightly up on 2010. So many thanks to all who exhibited.

- The Felton Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate of points in all classes – Helen Burton
- Floral – Dorothy Tarry
- Flower Arranging – Pauline Bird
- Garden Produce – Helen Burton
- The Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal – Helen Burton
- Percy Warr Cup – Helen Burton
- Fred Payne Cup for onions – Geoff Jennings
- Best in Show – Helen Burton
- Best Exhibit – Pauline Bird
- Sue Papworth Cup – Carole Pullin
- Diploma for Excellence for the best collection of fruit – Matt Moser
- Home Produce – Charlotte Shaw
- Craftwork – Jenny Ingham
- Photography – Chris Searle
- Christine Payne Cup – Lydia Moser
- Turned wooden cups made by the late Frank Barnstaple for children's classes went to Lydia Moser (x 2) and Cameron Shaw.

Congratulations to all of these and others who won class prizes. Many thanks to those who entered, helped, made the marquee available, judged, served and donated tea and cakes. If there is an area of exhibit which you feel is not covered by the Show's current classes, which you think may be of interest next year, please let us know.

At the AGM in October the committee was re-elected with the exception of Jennie Hayes who stood down. Peter and Zelda Shapter remain as Joint Chair, Sue Ingham as Secretary, Cristine Orr as Membership Secretary, David Pearse as Treasurer and Angela Waldock as Catering Coordinator. After the formalities, we were treated to a very interesting and sometimes humorous talk by bee expert, Celia Davies, entitled "A Garden for Bees".

Our last event for 2011 was held on 4<sup>th</sup> December and was a Christmas decorations demonstration and workshop in Badby village hall.

Some events organised for 2012 are, a Cheese and Wine evening at Newnham Village Hall Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – speaker to be arranged, Plant Sale at Badby Village Hall Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Annual Show Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, AGM October. Other events which we are planning, are a trip in June/July to Johnnie Amos' Garden, a coach trip to RHS' Wisley Gardens and a village wide Diamond Jubilee celebrations ... watch this space.

For membership enquiries please contact 01327 872118  
Peter & Zelda Shapter, Joint Chair

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

We continue to have nearly 50 households in our group.

We hold two meetings during the year where we normally have police representation which is very informative.

The police issue warnings or concerns directly to members by email, for instance about distraction burglaries and lately advice on car key 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.

Members without computers are informed by means of our telephone cascade.

If anyone is interested in joining please contact Vivian Harries our secretary on 704521.

Colin or myself attend the Staverton Community Panel Meeting, normally held in the Crosstrees Public House in Byfield. If anyone has any issues that they would like us to raise, please contact Colin Cripps or myself.

The Staverton Beat Community Panel continues to have speeding as its priority- the A361 at Badby and Cherwelton – the B4037 at Newnham and the Boddington road at Byfield.

Denis Wilson

### **Police**

#### **Protecting your home**

As the nights draw in domestic burglaries tend to rise. There are two key ways of protecting your home. Create the impression that someone is there and make sure adequate security measures are in place. People often draw their curtains when they go away, but this is a clear signal that the house is unoccupied. It is better to keep the curtains open, and move any valuables out of easy sight of the window. Milk and other deliveries should be stopped, and it is also important to ensure that mail cannot be seen.

Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye. Twenty per cent of all household burglaries are carried out by entering through an unsecured door or window.

Alarms also make burglars think twice.

#### **More tips for keeping your home safe**

Be careful not to advertise holiday plans on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter.

Don't announce you are away on answer machine messages.

Create the impression you are at home with timers turning on lights and radios.

Ensure sheds are secure too or consider moving valuable items inside.

### **101 is now the main number for people to contact Northamptonshire Police when it's less urgent than 999.**

Members of the public should call 101 to report crime that has already happened and other incidents or concerns that do not require an emergency response.



The website acts as an advertisement for the village so the more information of activities etc the better.

We are also getting a few requests about relatives who may have been born in Badby in the 16th century – does anyone have an interest or knowledge of this field?

## **GENERAL**

### **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations are due to take place in early June 2012 and the Parish Council will be considering at it's January meeting what contribution it can make to celebrating the event within the village. Any ideas can be passed on to any of the Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk or come along to the January meeting and put your idea forward.

### **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, including a new one on the corner of Neneside Close. Dog waste can also be taken home and placed in domestic black bins. New dog control orders have come into effect recently and will be carried out by Daventry District Council. An "Environmental Crime Reporting Booklet" has been published. The purpose of this booklet is to enable information to be fed back to the District Council which will be used to target the limited resource we have available to enforce against the small minority of residents who continue to cause littering, dump rubbish, let their dogs foul, etc. This booklet is available from Paul Knight at Daventry District Council.

In addition to the booklet, please be advised that three Dog Controls Orders which make the following actions an offence came into force on 1st December 2011:- (1) failing to pick up after a dog has fouled, (2) failing to place a dog on a lead when directed to by an authorised officer, and (3) not excluding a dog from a fenced/enclosed children's playground.

### **Next issue**

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of June 2012. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Email: [pc\\_badby@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:pc_badby@daventrydc.gov.uk) 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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