

# BADBY PARISH NEWS

Summer 2012

## PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCILLORS

During the last few months, we have been advertising a vacancy following the departure of Chris Peel to pastures new. That vacancy was filled by John Collins at the last meeting and we welcome John on board.

However, another vacancy has now opened following the resignation of Sally Halson. Sally has increased work pressures with the Daventry Town Partnership and did not feel that she was able to give the necessary time to the Parish Council at the moment. The Parish Council thanks Sally for all work she has done during her tenure as Parish Councillor, especially in relation to sitting on the Village Hall Management Committee as one of the Parish Council representatives and wishes her well for the future.

The relevant procedures will now be put in place to fill the new vacancy.

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The Clerk to the Parish Council has requested that her hours be more regimented in order to fit in with her own increasing work load. To this end, the Parish Council has agreed that she will work primarily for Badby Parish Council on a Monday and on a Tuesday morning. However, there will be some flexibility for any emergency issues. Please note there is a new telephone number for the Clerk – 01327 310245.

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.

### ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2012, 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 2013.

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity offered to village organisations and County, District and Parish Councils to set out what has occurred during the previous 12 months and set out what plans they have for the future.

This year's meeting was particularly well attended and reports given by no fewer than 10 community organisations, in addition to reports given on behalf of our District and County Councillors.

## **CEMETERY**

Following an incident in the cemetery last year involving a falling headstone, the Parish Council has been carrying out safety inspections on all the headstones. Last month, a number of headstones had to be laid down as it was considered that they may pose a safety issue. The Parish Council is now in the process of trying to make contact with the families of those buried in the relevant plots in order to arrange repair of the headstones. The Parish Council will continue to carry out regular inspections.

## **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 2011/2012 and budget for financial year 2012/13 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 is in the process of registering ownership of various village greens which it has maintained for a number of years. These are greens which were registered as village greens, and so come under the protection of various legislation, back in the 1970s but they have never been registered under the ownership of the Parish Council. We understand from the Land Registry that consultation letters have been or will be sent to various properties bordering village greens.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Last year, the Parish newsletter requested that anyone wishing to help put together a Neighbourhood Plan should contact the Parish Council. Unfortunately, no-one came forward. However, the Parish Council has since been advised that the cost of putting together a Plan would be likely to run into many thousands of pounds and it has been agreed for the moment that no Plan will be drawn up.

Daventry District Council is looking at more economic ways of being able to put these documents together and the matter will, no doubt, be discussed further at Parish Council meetings once DDC advises what help is available.

## **PLAYING FIELD**

Some of you will already be aware that the Badby Cricket Club had its premises broken into a number of times over the last year. Unfortunately, some highly valuable grounds maintenance equipment was taken. The Parish Council has had an agreement in place with the Cricket Club for some years now which includes the Cricket Club being responsible for the mowing of the football pitch. However, because the necessary equipment was stolen, they have been unable to maintain the football pitch this year. The Parish Council is endeavouring to arrange for the area to be cut and returned to a playable form.

## **ROADS**

We have received notification from County Council that maintenance work is due to be carried out on the carriageway between the two 40mph signs on the A361. The works are planned to commence some time in July/August and will take approximately one week although this could be extended due to unforeseen circumstances. The Parish Council has no detail as to exactly when the work is planned. Again, this is weather-dependant.

## **TREES**

This time last year, the Parish Council was waiting for works to be carried out to both the old chestnut trees on The Green and wasn't quite sure to what length the works would need to go. There was a real possibility that the experts would feel that either one of the trees had to be felled for health and safety reasons. However, it was agreed that as much work as possible be carried out and then the trees be allowed the time to recover and see how they fared. The Parish Council agreed to have another inspection carried out on the trees in the Spring. This report has now been completed and we are pleased to say that the works carried out have been done sympathetically and have relieved the worst problems such that the immediate threat to the trees has been lifted. Regular inspections will, of course, continue. As a safety measure, a more permanent fence will be erected around one of the trees and the recently erected notices will remain in situ.

The Parish Council is very well aware of the meaning of these trees to the village as well as the physical and visual value that they have and would like to see them retained as long as they are in a safe enough condition and, to that end, it will continue to work in conjunction with inspectors and the District Council and heed their advice.

With regards to the trees on Pinfold Green, you will all by now have noticed that one of the trees was felled back in May. These trees are under the responsibility of the County Council rather than the Parish Council. Some months ago, a report was undertaken to determine the health of the trees. Following that report, a contractor was appointed to carry out the works recommended in the report. However, when the contractor arrived to carry out the works, they noticed that one of the trees had deteriorated considerably in the short time since the report had been done. NCC were left with no choice but to remove the tree – in line with health and safety regulations. The Parish Council wasn't made aware of the removal of the tree beforehand but, having spoken to NCC, they did point out that a decision had to be made on the day and there was no time in which to inform the Parish Council. They did, however, apologise for not having done so.

## **OTHER PARISH NEWS**

### **BADBY AND FAWSLEY WI**

Badby and Fawsley Women's Institute is part of the Northamptonshire Federation and was first formed in 1918. We are a welcoming and fun loving group of ladies who meet in Badby Village Hall at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of each month and have come a long way since the days of Lady Knightley. Today we have over 50 members some of whom travel from as far as East and West Haddon, Preston Capes, Watford and Daventry. Our committee always works hard to produce an entertaining programme. This year's meetings have included talks on fragrance design, women in Uganda, and our resolutions meeting was followed by a game of prize bingo. We look forward to an exciting and varied programme of meetings during the rest of the year, including a visit from the Master of Lord Leycester Hospital, learning about the History of Badby Church with a chance to ring the bells, a visit to Baytree Cottage in Farthingstone, listening to stories from the Auction rooms, a talk on the Gun Powder Plot, and our final meeting of the year is our 2012 Xmas Dinner with a visit from Santa.

We also enter a team in the Northamptonshire skittles league, and this year came third in our division. Skittles continues throughout the year with practise sessions at the Romer Arms and lunches (to discuss tactics we are led to believe) at various pubs around the county.

Our programme can be seen on the WI notice board in the Village Hall and we advertise forthcoming meetings in the Link and Gusher. For more information, or if you would just like someone to bring you, do call our President, Kate Earley (01327 700544)

## **BADBY FAYRE 2012**

The next fayre will be on Sunday, September 2, 2012. The priority is to raise funds for the church building and to have another whole-village community fun event. Just like for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee gathering, we close The Green to traffic for the afternoon to make it safe. We are looking for some good new fun fund-raising ideas to enliven the proceedings and break records. Perhaps those involved with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations would like to extend their participation! At the time of writing, we are looking for someone to run the white elephant stall and to store suitable donated items. Our previous stall holders are prevented by family health to commit for this year. Please surprise us by making contact with me on 01327 871806. The band, Morris men and the usual favourite stalls are already organised. There will be a display of working vintage agricultural machinery and the Annual Show on the same day. Book the date now!

Geoff Pullin

## **BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The first event of the year was a Wine and Cheese evening at Newnham Village Hall in February, followed by the Spring Plant Sale in Badby Village Hall in May at which there were stalls from local nurseries as well as donated plants, a sale of second-hand gardening books and homemade cakes and refreshments. In June, there was an evening visit to Johnnie Amos' garden in Flore. Upcoming events are a coach trip being jointly organised with Boddington Garden Club to Ashwood Nurseries in Staffordshire on July 15<sup>th</sup>, our annual Show on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, a further joint coach trip to RHS Gardens at Wisley on September 16<sup>th</sup>, our AGM and Quiz Night on October 19<sup>th</sup> and finally the Christmas Crafts Evening on December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join the Society or would like any further information on any of our events, please contact Zelda or Pete Shapter on 01327 872118 or [zelda@peteshapter.co.uk](mailto:zelda@peteshapter.co.uk)

## **BELLRINGING at BADBY**

The largest percussion instrument in the village is the fine ring of six bells in the church tower.

So far this year, 37 different people have rung the bells. On practice nights there are usually around 11 present, more from surrounding villages than Badby! Our bells have been used to train new recruits from Byfield, Welton and Kilsby in recent months with clappers tied (so you don't hear them), but nobody from Badby for a while. We need you. We welcome new recruits from 10 years old upwards to our traditional art, skill and social activity which gives a fascinating, never-ending, free, gentle, physical and mental workout. Come along on a Wednesday evening, bring a friend and see what it is all about.

There are seven villagers and another away at university who ring them for weddings, funerals and services on Sundays, with the need for an occasional import or two. Fourteen of us had a good ringing outing in Leicestershire and Warwickshire on May Day bank holiday organised by Angela Waldock. We rang two quarter peals for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. The first of Plain Bob Doubles was conducted by Richard Piner on June 2, which was the first quarter peal for Tim Woodliffe hunting the treble. Ken Ramsbotham conducted Grandsire Doubles on June 5. We expect to contribute to the Cultural Olympiad Work No. 1197 (All the bells in a country rung as quickly and as loudly as possible for three minutes) by Turner Prize-winning artist and musician Martin Creed, at 8am on Friday July 27.

Geoff Pullin, Tower Captain

## **BADBY CRICKET CLUB**

Badby Cricket Club is very keen to hear from any new players who live in the village and would like to join us for good fun, social and competitive cricket. We welcome players of both genders and all ages and abilities from beginners to experts! If you're keen to enjoy regular team cricket with a good bunch of players, please also contact our Secretary, Sue Cooper, on the number below. We look forward to hearing from many of you in the village on these possibilities and in reforging the very strong and long-standing links between the village and our club.

We are also keen to hear from any groups and clubs in the village who might like to make use of the excellent facilities in the pavillion and enjoy the wonderful views over the valley, on days during the week when the Club is not playing. In the pavillion, we have full toilet and kitchen facilities and parking for a dozen cars or so right outside. So, feel free to contact our Club Secretary - Sue Cooper on 01327 311 857, as we are happy to discuss the possibilities of sharing our pavillion with any interested parties from the village.

Mark Brown

## **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 [gcsspullin@yahoo.com](mailto:gcsspullin@yahoo.com) or on 01327 871806 or at 25 The Glebe). I have a system so things don't very often get forgotten. My deadline is Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition of the newspaper.

Geoff Pullin  
Correspondent

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Badby Neighbourhood Watch held its last meeting at the end of March. This gave us the opportunity to meet two of our local PCSOs, Matt Atkins and Les Conopo who came in the absence of Carl Barton. Matt gave us an update on crimes which had happened since our last meeting in October.

These included 1 Theft from a motor vehicle and three lots of criminal damage to motor vehicles. There had also been a theft from a farm building; criminal damage to a gate; and some builder's materials were stolen from a property in the village

It is of course a pity that there has been this much crime but we are in fact very fortunate to live in such a quiet and relatively trouble free place as Badby.

We normally attend The Staverton Beat Community Panel where we meet others from surrounding parishes and our PCSOs to discuss relevant topics and set policing priorities. At the moment, the priority is speeding on the A361... so be warned.

The next meeting will be held at The Cross Tree in Byfield on the 12<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30. Any parishioner is welcome to come and perhaps the PC might consider sending a representative.

Our membership remains stable but we are always looking for new members – it costs nothing, includes reduced cost for Smartwater kits and you receive crime information by email. Please contact me or Viv Harris on 704521 if you would like to join us.

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 101.

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 to identify what the current issues are in each neighbourhood. Members will have sight of recent crime information. 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.

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.

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.

Contact details for Street Doctor are:

Telephone 0300 126 1000  
Online [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk)

Street lighting issues are now being dealt with by NCC's service provider Balfour Beatty.

Contact details for Balfour Beatty are:

Telephone 0800 0850 257  
Email [enquiries@lightingnorthamptonshire.com](mailto:enquiries@lightingnorthamptonshire.com)  
Online [www.lightingnorthamptonshire.com](http://www.lightingnorthamptonshire.com)

### **THE LINK**

The team organised by Alan Roddis, delivers a copy of the Knightley Parishes magazine free to every house in Badby each month. The Knightley Parish is made up of the churches of Badby, Newnham, Fawsley, Charwelton and Preston Capes. 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 as a 'one stop shop' for the Link and the Gusher. 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 spring bank holiday weekend. Thanks to your efforts, and the generosity of our visitors, we raised £1000 for village hall funds.

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. In January, the committee appointed John Collins as its Secretary when Ian Bromwich stood down from the role. Unfortunately, the following month our then Chairman, David Pearce, retired for personal reasons. Over the last 10 years and more, Ian and David have been a driving force for development of the Village Hall. It is thanks to them, with support from the other committee members, that Badby has a Village Hall of which to be proud. At present, we have several vacancies on the Committee for representatives from hall user groups and need to appoint a regular Chairman.

Looking ahead, the Committee is planning redecoration of the main hall later this summer (a joint venture with the Cummins Community Support team) and are progressing a subsidence claim for the 1974 extension with our insurers.

The Village Hall is a valuable community facility and 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.

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**

I thought that this would be a good time to give an update on the Parish Council's website [www.badby.org.uk](http://www.badby.org.uk) . This has been operating in its present form since 2008.

The number of hits or visitors to the site is constantly recorded and appears to be growing. Last autumn we were getting around 800 hits a month. In the last 90 days however we have had well over 3k (3285 including 1088 in April alone). The favourite page in April (200+ hits) was the History of the Woods, and over the Bluebell Sunday weekend alone there were more than 90 visitors. Village and Local Events (132) , In and Around Badby (121), Parish Council (95) and Local Services (71) also attract interest in that order.

This all goes to show how much attention the site is actually receiving. Perhaps some local societies could use the Events page more and local businesses could use The Local Services page to a greater extent. It will cost them absolutely nothing as it is all for free. Interestingly I have been contacted over the last 6 months by several people trying to trace their ancestors and in particular one from Germany and two from America tracing their family from a person named Roote who lived in Badby in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. A family descendant actually visited Badby last month and another is planning to come later this year.

This web site serves as a showcase for the Parish. The more information about us the better so I would particularly ask that village groups let me have up to date material about their activities and events. Perhaps PCllrs could help please by prodding their any friends involved in groups to do so.

Denis Wilson

## **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 are several dog bins around the village.

### **District Councillors**

In May, elections were held at District Council level and, due to changes recommended by the Boundary Commission, Badby no longer existed as a Ward. It is now a part of the Woodford Ward and as such, has been allocated three District Councillors. At the elections, Jo Gilford, Liz Griffin and Bob Patchett were elected District Councillors.

The Parish Council has written a letter of appreciation to Tony Scott who had acted as District Councillor to the Badby Ward for quite a number of years. Tony was a strident supporter of the Parish Council in a number of areas, specifically, road safety on the A361 and helped the Parish Council to get the flashing speed signs on the A361.

The Parish Council looks forward to similar support from our new District Councillors and wishes them success.

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Finally, the Parish Council would like to thank all those involved in the recent village celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, in particular Sarah Hartland-Swann, Pat McAllister, Sheila Gillings, Zelda Shapter and Richard Piner.

Despite the unpredictable weather, the event was a huge success as can be seen from a small selection of photographs below and several requests have been received to make the event more regular than every 10 years.

Thanks to members of the Badby Photographic Society for supplying the photographs.

The Parish Council was also represented at a Diamond Jubilee Picnic attended by the Queen held at Burghley House in Stamford.



## Next issue

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of December 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 310245).

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCILLORS

Over the last few months, we have been advertising for a new Parish Councillor on the noticeboards. At the last meeting, the Parish Council co-opted Chris Peel back after a short absence. This means that the Parish Council is up to full complement with a team of 9 Parish Councillors. Below is the list of your Parish Councillors, a contact telephone number and any area of special interest which they have been assigned.

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Martin Walton	300176	Roads & Safety
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Meetings taking place in 2013 have been arranged for:

7<sup>th</sup> January (not 14<sup>th</sup>),                      11<sup>th</sup> February,                      11<sup>th</sup> March,                      8<sup>th</sup> April,  
13<sup>th</sup> May,                      10<sup>th</sup> June,                      8<sup>th</sup> July,                      12<sup>th</sup> August,  
9<sup>th</sup> September,                      14<sup>th</sup> October,                      11<sup>th</sup> November                      9<sup>th</sup> December.

Meetings are usually held on the second Monday in each month, starting at 7.30pm, with the agenda being published on each of the two noticeboards in the village on the first Monday of the month. There is one noticeboard on Pinfold Green and another opposite The Windmill. If, for any reason, a meeting is postponed, a notice stating so is usually posted on the noticeboards. Extraordinary meetings may be held on occasion and, on these occasions, notices 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.

### CEMETERY

The Parish Council has been carrying out regular inspections of the cemetery grounds and, in the process of doing so, has had to lay down a number of gravestones which were considered unsafe. As a result of this, the Parish Council is now trying to draw up a database of the families who are responsible for the maintenance of each of the headstones so that, if in the future, other headstones are laid down, we will be able to make contact with the families in order to arrange their repair.

Parish Councillors have also come together to form a working party to carry out much needed maintenance to the fencing along the top of the cemetery. The hedging was cut back and new fencing erected. It has also been agreed that the fencing along the right hand side of the cemetery will be replaced during the earlier part of next year.

### FINANCE

The budget for the financial year 2013/2014 has been drawn up and will be ratified at the January meeting of the Parish Council. As it stands at the moment, the precept to be demanded on Daventry District Council will be £14,000. This is the same demand as has been made over the last two years.

## **GREENS**

The Parish Council is in the process of registering ownership of various village greens which it has maintained for a number of years. These are greens which were registered as village greens back in the 1970s, and so come under the protection of various legislation, but they have never been registered under the ownership of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has also recently sent out letters to those residents of properties immediately bordering The Green, Church Green and Pinfold Green and put up notices on the two village noticeboards relating to parking on village greens. The village greens are protected by their registration as village greens which was carried out in the 1970s. Part of this protection is from vehicles parking on them. The Parish Council kindly asks that residents, visitors and contractors do not park on the greens.

The Parish Council would also ask that any vehicles parked by St Mary's Church are parked sensibly and with consideration for those living in the area. There have been occasions when residents have had their drives blocked by people attending church.

## **PARKING**

The Parish Council has been made aware of a number of occasions in recent months where vehicles have been parking very close to the junction of Pinfold Green and the A361. There have been a few near misses when vehicles entering the village from the Daventry direction suddenly come upon parked cars directly in front of them and are either unable to see round them or have to come to an abrupt halt when something is approaching from the opposite direction. We would ask that everyone considers the safety of where they are parking.

## **PLANNING**

The Parish Council continues to be part of the planning process and is consulted on every planning application within the Badby parish. Any comments, either supporting or objecting to an application, are decided at Parish Council meetings and are then forwarded to the Planning Officer for their consideration.

One of the most notable applications during the last few months has been the wind turbine application at Furlong Farm. Although this was turned down by Daventry District Council's Planning Committee, an appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate and a resubmission of the application in a different form has also been lodged at Daventry District Council.

## **RIGHTS OF WAY**

Since taking over from Karen Alexander as Path Warden for Badby Parish at the end of 2011, I have walked all of the many Rights of Way in the parish, with the prime objective of ensuring that they are well signed, and accessible for the majority of parishioners and visitors.

There are three types of Right of Way in Badby Parish: -

**Footpath** - open to walkers only

**Bridleway** - open to walkers, horse riders and cyclists

**Byway** - open to walkers, cyclists, horse riders and horse drawn vehicles.

The majority are Footpaths and Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) numbers them all on a Right of Way map. This enables me to be specific when reporting the need for a repair to a stile, a major obstruction (falling walls, vegetation/trees obstructing passage,

etc.) or any work that needs to be carried out by NCC or by the Landowner whose property the Footpath crosses.

In putting up about 30 new or replacement Rights of Way signs (circular with black arrows) at various points in the Parish, I have endeavoured to make sure our many visiting walkers don't get lost so easily! A number of stiles have been replaced or mended over the year by NCC but with the financial cutbacks affecting their ability to respond as quickly as in the past, we still await some repairs, in particular to a stile on EB5, between Bunkers Hill and the back of Stoneway. As long as I am aware of all such needs, I keep as much pressure as I can to move us up the NCC repair list!

Members of the Parish Council also spent considerable sweat and energy clearing most of Footpath EB3, which runs from the bottom of Stoneway towards the A361, and which was heavily overgrown after the wet summer, as well as having fallen stone walls restricting access. While this appears to be little used, it is important we keep all local Rights of Way accessible, so that all residents and visitors can enjoy the beautiful countryside around Badby.

I would welcome any parishioner to report any missing signage, broken stiles and gates or any obstructions, to me, as they walk themselves and their dogs around the Parish. My contact details are elsewhere in this Newsletter – or just stop me when you see me out walking!

Andy Witcomb

## **TREES**

We reported in the summer newsletter that fencing would be erected around one of the chestnut trees on The Green. This has now been completed and, I am sure you will agree, the fencing fits in very nicely with the views across the Green.

Also, as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the Parish Council applied for a number of small trees from the Woodland Trust for planting in and around the village. Badby School also received a pack and so students and Parish Councillors have planted trees both within the school grounds and up at the playing field. The main tree in each pack was a Royal Oak which has been taken from the Queen's Royal Estate. One has been planted on Pinfold Green and the other within the school grounds. At the moment, the trees are extremely small but we hope to watch their growth over the coming years.

The annual tree inspection which takes into account all the trees under the responsibility of the Parish Council had been carried out and a contractor has now completed most of the Priority 1 works. As usual, all trees within the village will be inspected on an annual basis.

## **VILLAGE PLAN**

Many in the village will remember the Badby Village Appraisal produced in the 1990s. The Parish Council is considering whether a new village plan should be produced. A new plan would be as representative of as many residents as possible, and would lay out what Badby is now and what we wish to be in the future – the things people like and those they don't, the key features to be preserved, the priorities for the young and old, people's concerns and wishes for their children and families, and the actions needed to see the continuation of Badby for future generations.

Its purpose is not just to be a planning document, to be used in deciding on building developments, but a broad statement covering the village and its life, including such matters as

- the history, statistics and demography of Badby,
- social and cultural structures and societies,
- the natural environment, historic structures and areas of outstanding impact,
- communication and transport links,
- health and social support issues,
- educational services and facilities for young people,
- leisure and recreation, for residents and visitors.

A group of members of the Parish Council is looking into the costs and benefits of producing a new plan, and the Parish Council will decide whether to go ahead in the New Year. If you have any thoughts on the idea, then please let any of the group members know – Peter Cooper (703292), Karen Alexander (310780), John Collins (438693) or Andy Witcomb (872010).

## **OTHER PARISH NEWS BADBY AND FAWSLEY WI**

Badby and Fawsley Women's Institute is part of the Northamptonshire Federation and was first formed in 1918. Today we have over 50 members some of whom travel from as far as East and West Haddon, Preston Capes, Watford and Daventry. We are a very welcoming and fun loving group of ladies who meet in Badby Village hall at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of each month.

Our programme for 2013 includes the following entertaining speakers and activities –

January	History of Bone China
February	Country Customs with a Valentine's Day theme
March	Hearing Dogs for the Deaf
April	Lilies for Easter
May	WI Resolutions and Out with Old and In with the New
June	Safety and Security in the Home and Community
July	Proms in the Park with Pimms and Puddings
August	Birds of a Feather (RSPB)
September	Ascot comes to Badby (wear your best hat)
October	AGM with Fish & Chips
November	Demonstration of Felting and making it into jewellery
December	Christmas Dinner

We also enter a team in the Northamptonshire WI skittles league, with monthly practise sessions at the Red Lion, Hellidon.

Our full programme can be found on the WI notice board in Badby Village hall and each month in the Link. New members and guests are always welcome and/or if you would someone to come with you please contact any of :

President – Kate Earley	01327 700544
Secretary – Kathryn Dickinson	01788 510405
Treasurer – Ann Cotton	01327 705175

## **BADBY FAYRE 2012**

It was dry with high continuous cloud on Sunday, September 2 until about 4pm when the Moulton 77 brass band played 'Blue Skies' and the sun shone and people stayed longer than usual!

The hay had not been fit to take from the field due to the summer of poor weather, but still David Fennell and Don Baseley were able to assemble 18 tractors, five assorted trucks and a mechanical organ accompanied by working demonstrations of wood working machines powered by six more tractors. £258 was collected for air ambulance funds. The continuous display of old photos was a popular accompaniment to teas in the church. Many CDs were sold on the day and copies are still available from Jocelyn Hartland-Swann. The Green had a backdrop of large children's amusements with a bungee run as a new feature. The stalls did good business all afternoon. The barbecue, fun dog show, cake stall and prize draw raised record amounts. The bottle tombola sold out for the first time.

The fun dog show just kept going with a constant queue of competitors serenaded alternately by the band and the Brackley Morris Men. In the background, the bagpipes and French hurdy-gurdy produced unusual music.

The financial result was a net contribution to church restoration funds of £4,825.16 which is a record amount! Thanks again for everybody's support and to the two people who have given their time to suggest improvements for 2014!

Geoff Pullin

## **BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

In July we jointly ran a coach trip with Boddington Garden Club to Ashworth Nursery, Kingswinford, West Midlands, which was enjoyed by all who went. The Annual Show on 2nd September was again well supported, but it has been a difficult gardening year, with so much wet weather since the hose pipe ban was imposed!! Many thanks to all who exhibited, and to those who didn't there is always next year...

Awards presented at the show were:

- ✚ The Felton Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate of points in all classes – Sue Ingham
- ✚ Floral – Catherine Wakeford
- ✚ Flower Arranging – Dorothy Tarry
- ✚ Garden Produce – Sue Ingham
- ✚ The Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal – Sue Ingham
- ✚ Percy Warr Cup – Sue Ingham
- ✚ Fred Payne Cup for onions – Norman Hirons
- ✚ Best in Show – Sue Ingham
- ✚ Sue Papworth Cup – Carole Pullin
- ✚ Home Produce – Christine Jennings
- ✚ Craftwork – Phillippa Watkins
- ✚ Photography – Richard Bird
- ✚ Christine Payne Cup – Cameron & Emilia Shaw
- ✚ Turned wooden cups made by the late Frank Barnstaple for children's classes went to Annabel Robinson and Cameron Shaw.

Congratulations to all of those above and others who won class prizes. Many thanks to those who entered, helped, made the marquee available, judged, served teas and donated

cakes. If there is an area of exhibit which you feel is not covered adequately by the Show's current classes, please let us know as we are always open to new ideas. On 16<sup>th</sup> September, we had the second of our joint coach trips, this time to the RHS Gardens at Wisley. This event was well supported and the weather although not brilliant, honoured us with some sunny spells and didn't rain. The gardens were beautiful and many plants and other miscellaneous gardening items from the garden centre, found their way back with us on the coach.

At the AGM in October, the committee was re-elected with the exception of a Membership Secretary and a Treasurer. Cristine Orr, our Membership Secretary, has moved away from the village and we thank her for the many years of her time and the expertise she gave to the Horticultural Society and wish her well. David Pearce, our Treasurer, sadly passed away in October and will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by many in the village, as he had devoted much of his precious time to village projects over the years. Peter and Zelda Shapter remain as Joint Chair, Sue Ingham as Secretary and Angela Waldock as Catering Coordinator. After the formalities of the AGM were concluded, we held a Nature Quiz. Six teams entered and competition was fierce, the winner, by a close shave, were the Rose Buddies.

Some events being organised/considered for 2013 are:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Quiche and Wine evening at Badby Village Hall  
with a talk on cider making by Virtual Orchard

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Coach Trip to Malvern Spring Show

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Plant Sale at Badby Village Hall

June/July tba - Summer High Tea

Sunday 1 September - Annual Show

Sunday 29 September – Malvern Autumn Show

October - AGM

Membership fees remain at £3.00 per person or £5.00 for two living at the same address. For membership enquiries please contact 01327 872118  
Peter & Zelda Shapter, Joint Chair

### **BELLRINGING at BADBY**

After the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, we heralded the London Olympics at 8.12am on Friday, July 27 by raising and lowering the bells in about three minutes as part of the Cultural Olympiad Work No. 1197 (All the bells in a country rung as quickly and as loudly as possible for three minutes) devised by Turner Prize-winning artist and musician Martin Creed. On the previous Friday, we had a swiftly summoned practice at the behest of BBC Radio Northampton which they broadcast live from the tower!

During its July summer tour, the Turret Clock Group of the Antiquarian Horological Society visited Badby church clock which is now thought to have been made in the 1780s but installed in 1822. It was a bit of a crush as they took it in turns to climb the ladder to the platform in the middle chamber of the tower but were able to confirm the recently retrieved history of the clock and left a good donation to church funds.

At the time of writing, so far this year the bells have been rung for 48 practices by 41 different people; for 31 services, including Margaret Lewis' funeral; the wedding of Zea Marengi & Paul Smith and half-muffled ringing before the Remembrance Day family service, by 23 different people; four quarter peals and once by Daventry Branch ringers before walking and ringing at Newnham then to Everdon for its Bank Holiday Monday fête. Our initial training sessions from 6.45pm on Wednesdays are being used by Carolyn from

Farthingstone, Jackie and Suzanne from Byfield and Brian from Kilsby. We still need more Badby recruits to keep the bells ringing on Sundays as we all seem to go away far more than we used! At least service times have returned to a more fixed rota so we can predict better when we are needed, compared to last year!

To illustrate the fraternity of bell-ringers - there were touring ringers from the USA eating in the Windmill on a Wednesday evening in July, unaware of our practice night, but they had rung at Badby before!

During the past six months a new rope has been fitted to number 4 bell to replace the worn out one fitted in 1994 and a new stay fitted to the same bell to replace that fractured by an over enthusiastic heave during October.

We are pleased to acknowledge the gift of five small handbells, owned by the late Norman Bull, who lived in Everdon for many years but originated in Badby where he used to ring in the 50s.

Geoff Pullin, Tower Captain

### **DAVENTRY EXPRESS CORRESPONDENT**

Thanks to several regular providers of information, I am able to keep a weekly input to the Village and District Diary feature of the Daventry Express. Special thanks go to Richard Piner for providing a monthly update of Badby bird notes.

Please send news of future events, their results and personal celebrations weeks in advance if possible to Geoff Pullin (at [gcsspullin@yahoo.com](mailto:gcsspullin@yahoo.com) or on 01327 871806 or at 25 The Glebe). I have a system so things don't very often get forgotten. My deadline is usually Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition of the newspaper

Geoff Pullin  
Correspondent

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Our last meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> October was attended by 6 members and our PCSO Carl Barton. The main purpose of these bi-annual meetings is to meet our PCSO and discuss any problem areas. Carl reported that despite a few minor incidents we live in a relatively crime free village. The main focus for the next 6 months would be speeding on the A361 which is also the feelings of the Community Panel.

Our next meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm in the village hall. We will be electing a new chairman at this meeting so we are looking for volunteers please.

Denis Wilson

### **POLICE**

With Christmas around the corner, please be extra vigilant. Leave nothing on show in your car as opportunists are on the look out at this time of year. The increased value of precious metals, including gold, means high value jewellery has become a target for criminals.

If anyone witnesses any suspicious activity near their home, they should report it to the Police on 101. If anyone suspects there is an intruder in their home they should call 999 immediately.

Anyone who would like crime prevention advice, can contact Northamptonshire Police on 101 or their local Safer Community Team via our online contact form at [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk) and click on Do It Online button.

Here is some useful crime prevention advice:

- Invest in a safe and ensure that it is secretly fixed to a brick wall.
- Alternatively, consider using a bank safety deposit box to store gold or high value jewellery.
- When wearing jewellery in public, be cautious and discreet to avoid attracting unwanted attention.
- Photograph each piece of valuable gold or jewellery with a written description - this will help in appealing for information and returning it to you if it is stolen. Ensure you also have an agreed valuation from your insurance company.
- Make sure your jewellery is marked with a product appropriate for use on jewellery - visit [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com) for property marking products.
- Remember to lock all external windows and doors including rear and side entrances when you go out.
- Consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme or, if there is no local scheme, why not start your own?
- Review your current home security arrangements to ensure that they are adequate. When addressing security, consider the value of your belongings kept within the home.

Telephone numbers to remember.

Emergency (crime in progress):	999
Any other contact with Northamptonshire Police:	101
Dedicated Police Neighbourhood Watch Line:	432436
Crime Stoppers (to remain anonymous):	0800 555 111
Doorstep Action Network (DAN):	0345 023 070 702

[SCTDaventryRural@northants.police.uk](mailto:SCTDaventryRural@northants.police.uk)

PCSO 7005 Carl Barton

### **STREET LIGHTING REPAIRS**

Street light repair requests can be reported to EON at:

Tel: 01604

Email: [parish.repairs@eonenergy.com](mailto:parish.repairs@eonenergy.com)

Or by emailing the Parish Clerk.

### **THE LINK**

The team organised by Alan Roddis, delivers a copy of the Knightley Parishes magazine free to every house in Badby each month. Please support the advertisers who cover the printing costs. The magazine is not confined to church material. Societies and clubs can contribute items or future diary dates to Geoff Pullin as a 'one stop shop' for the Link and The Gusher. Paid advertisements in the magazine can be arranged through Sharon Maplethorpe on 01327 263857.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

Thank you for your generous donations in memory of our former chairman David Pearce, our new oven and hob was installed in the Village Hall kitchen at the end of November. 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. On December the 31<sup>st</sup>, we will join with the PCC to host a New Year's Eve party (3 course meal, licensed bar and a glass of bubbly) – tickets cost £17.50 from Sarah Hartland-Swann. This will be followed by our traditional and extremely popular Burns Supper and caller led Country Dance on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> January - contact Dick Earley (tel: 700544) to reserve your place for a night to remember – tickets cost £17.50 (licensed bar and vegetarian option).

The Village Hall is a community facility and 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.

Looking forward, the Committee is planning redecoration of the main hall in early spring and is progressing a subsidence claim for the 1974 extension with our insurers. 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**

Again the normal request to village organisations – please let me have updates of contacts, content and events. Any local businesses are welcome for a free entry on the site. The number of hits is now averaging over 2000 a month so it is worth keeping up to date.

The website address is: [www.badby.org.uk](http://www.badby.org.uk).

Denis Wilson

## **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 are several dog bins around the village. The Parish Council is now looking at putting a new bin somewhere on or around Church Green.

### **Good news for domestic oil users**

**First year savings.** The Northants ACRE bulk oil buying scheme for oil users throughout Northamptonshire has now completed a very successful first year of operation. Individual members are enjoying average savings of around £80 per year. We'd be delighted if you'd like to join our growing membership as this will help to maximise our ability to negotiate the lowest possible prices for the benefit of all. Now would be a great time to join the syndicate and get the benefits for your heavy winter usage.

**Dual Fuel opportunity.** We are currently investigating a new opportunity for further savings for those who use both oil and electricity. Our professional negotiators would be

able to take the electricity needs of our oil members and negotiate bulk purchase of their electricity too. A dual fuel opportunity for those reliant on oil! However, before we take this further we would ask for your feedback as to whether it is something that would be of interest to you.

**For more details** on these opportunities, please contact Northants ACRE.

*www.northantsacre.org.uk*

01604 765888

We are a non-profit countywide organisation whose purpose is to support the needs of those in Northamptonshires's villages and rural areas.

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



### **Next issue**

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of June 2013. 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 310245).

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