

BADBY PARISH NEWS

Summer 2014

PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to the Summer 2014 issue of the Badby Parish Council Newsletter, the first since I was elected by the Council as its Chairman in May. I should like to express the thanks of the Parish Council to Mike Richards, the out-going Chairman, for his wise and consistent guidance over the last ten years. His knowledge and understanding of the people and the parish has been invaluable to the work of the Council and I am glad that he will continue to be a member to offer that support in the future. My thanks go also to the other members of the Parish Council; we are fortunate in having such a keen and dedicated set of Parish Councillors.

We do, however, have a vacancy on the Parish Council since John Collins offered his resignation, as sadly he and Jill will be moving away from the village. We would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining the Parish Council. We should like to see as broad a representation from the parish as possible and would particularly welcome expressions of interest from those in areas of the parish not currently represented and from younger parishioners.

The Parish Council is keen to hear from you on your wishes for the parish. The Parish Council needs to know what issues concern you, and how you feel about matters coming up on its agenda (which is posted on the notice boards and website a week before each meeting). Do please come along to the monthly meetings (second Monday of each month) in the Village Hall, or contact us by phone, email or through the website. We have established new email addresses for contacting us, and these are given below. We look forward to hearing from you.
Peter Cooper, Chairman, Badby Parish Council

Newly allocated email addresses are:

Chairman	Peter Cooper	chairman@badby.org.uk
Clerk	Sharon Foster	clerk@badby.org.uk

Information can also be passed onto the Parish Council via the website: www.badby.org.uk.

Below is a list of the current Parish Councillors and their areas of special interest.

Parish Councillor	Area of Special Interest
Karen Alexander (Vice Chair)	Village Hall
Gary Bell	Trees
Peter Cooper (Chair)	Greens, NCC Rep, Roads & Safety
Richard Piner	Cemetery
Mike Richards	Street lighting, Trees
Neville Snell	Village Hall
Martin Walton	Roads & Safety
Andy Witcomb	Playing Field, Rights of Way

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the second Monday in each month, starting at 7.30pm, with the agenda and draft minutes published on both noticeboards in the village and website 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, again, notices will be posted on the noticeboards and on the website.

Members of the public are invited to attend meetings and are invited to bring matters to the attention of the Parish Council during two Public Participation items on the agenda.

CEMETERY

We reported in the last newsletter that the process of appointing a new mowing contractor was under way. Thanks go to Neil Kennedy who has done a sterling job on the cemetery for some years. The new mowing contractor has now been appointed – Chris Maull, who many of you know has very close connections to the village. Part of the contract includes extra strimming cuts which should keep the cemetery looking tidy throughout the summer.

Maintenance continues on headstones and other stonework. The Parish Council funds this where graves are over fifty years old and there are no relatives to deal with any problems. There are currently budgeted plans in place for replacing the old fencing that runs around two sides of the cemetery.

FINANCE

The Parish Council accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2014 are currently being audited and a detailed breakdown of expenditure and income will be available once it is completed. As well as being presented at the Parish Council meeting, they will also be available on the website.

The budget for the financial year 2014/2015 was agreed by the Parish Council earlier in the year and, as reported in the December Parish Newsletter, the Precept demand on Daventry District Council was raised by £1,500 (approximately 10%) - a decision not taken lightly by the Parish Council but rather a necessity following the depletion of funds due to extensive tree works and major unexpected expenditure required to rid the village hall of Japanese knotweed. The Parish Council's 5-year forecast currently shows further smaller increases although these will be subject to review. It is considered essential that the Parish Council have the ability to continue to manage and maintain the village to current standards.

A report of income and expenditure is given at each Parish Council meeting and a quarterly update against budget is also presented.

GREENS

The mowing season is now under way and the village greens are looking very well maintained. Please let us know of any issues arising with the greens.

PLANNING

The Parish Council continues to be part of the planning process and is consulted on every planning application within the parish. Any comments, either supporting or objecting to an application, are agreed at Parish Council meetings and then forwarded to the Planning Officer for consideration. Planning applications can be viewed at Daventry District Council's website.

The Parish Council has produced a Planning Policy Statement to provide guidance to residents and developers on the principles that the Parish Council follows in its assessment of any application for Planning and Development in the parish. It draws from the relevant DDC Policies and from discussions and decisions of the Parish Council over the past ten years. The Parish Council is seeking comments on the document, which is available from the website or by emailing the Clerk (clerk@badby.org.uk). Comments should be received by Monday 7th July.

As reported in the last newsletter, one of the most notable recent applications was that of a re-submitted wind turbine application at Furlong Farm. An appeal was been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate after the application was turned down by Daventry District Council. The hearing was heard in February and, as yet, no formal decision has been received.

PLAYING FIELD

Around 120 small trees and hedging whips have been planted this year by members of the Parish Council and willing volunteers. They are near the cricket pitch fence and along the hedge side of the football pitch. Most appear to be growing well.

The BMX track is little used, and is in an overgrown state, albeit usable for any interested riders. We would welcome feedback to the website - or directly to any Parish Councillor - on whether or not sufficient interest exists in a group making improvements and updating the track - or if we should consider restoring the area to its original field state. Either route will cost money and a dedicated group to carry out the work, but we welcome feedback please - or volunteers.
Andy Witcomb

RIGHTS OF WAY

Walking in and around Badby continues to attract many visitors, as well as local people. Proof of this (if needed!) is that the "Walks in Badby" page on www.BadbyVillage.com is the most visited page. We have managed to avoid the downpours that damaged many footpaths in 2013 so far this year, and the footpath warden continues to try to walk most of the Rights of Way in the Parish on an annual basis to ensure that signage is good, and stiles and gates in reasonable repair. Improvements to some stiles, by replacement with dog-friendly gates is planned.

NCC have been asked to liaise with some local landowners to ensure that where stiles are in a poor state, or where debris is restricting footpath access, they are meeting their obligations to see that all public Rights of Way on their land are easily accessed.

Please report any concerns, damage, or dangerous paths to the footpath warden, Andy Witcomb, via the website, or via 07967 604199.
Andy Witcomb

ROADS AND SAFETY

You will all be very aware of the recent works carried out to the northern section of the A361. At the time of going to print, the road has been resurfaced. The Parish Council would like to thank representatives of Northamptonshire County Council for their co-operation in getting the work done. We have been asked by NCC to keep them informed of any incidents which occur and so the Parish Council would ask that anyone witnessing an incident, please advise the Parish Council clerk. A record can then be kept of all incidents for future reference.

STREET LIGHT REPAIRS

If you see any street light within the parish which is not working properly, please take a note of the BPC Number which has been newly stencilled onto the majority of lamp posts and then notify the Clerk. There's a small number of lamp posts which have proved impossible so far to mark with a BPC number and so in the case of it being one of these which is not working, please note its exact location before notifying the Clerk: Tel 01327 310245 or email clerk@badby.org.uk.

TREES

The regular inspection of trees within the village has now taken place and the Parish Council is in the process of obtaining quotes to get recommended works carried out. The two main chestnut trees on The Green are not included in the inspection as they now undergo a separate inspection on a more regular basis.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

A VISION FOR BADBY

Back in the 1990s, a wonderful Parish Appraisal gave a snapshot of Badby at that time – but so many things have changed since then (in Badby and in the world outside) that a new document is needed.

A mixed group of Badby residents, encouraged by the Parish Council, is looking to create a plan for Badby which reflects parishioners' views, and which should give a stronger voice to be heard by district and county councils in future planning or policy decisions. The group, known as the Vision for Badby Group (or VfB Group) contributing their time, knowledge and opinions voluntarily include Karen Alexander, Peter Banks, Kate Brookes, Peter Collins, Peter Cooper, Jan Cooper, Brigit Cree, Clare Crouch, Kirsten Dollery, Sophie Fitzhugh, Rebecca Franzoni, Gordon Sapstead, David Warren and Andy Witcomb. The aim of the Group is to produce a new document to identify what aspects of Badby should be protected, what things might be changed for the better, and what fears and concerns people have.

A draft survey was trialled by 27 randomly selected households and their comments/feedback have been used to amend the questionnaires. The plan is to deliver the final surveys will be delivered this month to every household in Badby for return by the end of July with presentation of the results at the Badby Fayre on Sunday, 7 September. Copies of the survey forms will also be available to complete online on www.BadbyVillage.com.

Some questions which have already come up are answered below:

What's it all for? – Changes in the way that planning works could leave us at risk from inappropriate development. While the Government's Localism Act gives greater say to residents, relaxation of planning restrictions could work the other way, putting the aspects of Badby that residents value the most at risk. We believe that having a view of people's wishes and preferences will enable us to make a stronger case when decisions are made. Badby Parish Council has expressed interest in seeing the results of the survey, so that it can know how to respond to Daventry DC or to Planning Applications in a way that reflects the wishes of the residents. Many other villages are producing plans for the same reasons – you may have seen reports in The Gusher for instance about Flore Neighbourhood Plan.

Why do people want Badby to change? – That's not the aim of the Survey. Importantly, the Survey is to find out what aspects of Badby should be protected. But we must recognise that there will be changes proposed whether we like it or not, and we need strong grounds to be able to respond to protect the core areas and aspects of Badby and the local area. So many things have changed (in Badby and in the world outside) since the 1990s Parish Appraisal and we feel a new document is needed that will identify what aspects of Badby should be protected and preserved, what things might be changed for the better, and what fears and concerns people have. Not all proposed changes will necessarily be detrimental: improving communication, getting affordable houses for our children, making the roads and surroundings safer, adjusting to more people working from home, for instance. The way of life, and expectations, of people today are very different from even 20 years ago. We owe it to the future generations who will live here to help Badby develop to meet those expectations.

What will the Survey cover? – The Survey covers housing and development, of course. But life in Badby is more than that – the social activities, how people travel and work, the growing effect of the Internet and telecommunications on our daily life, the needs and expectations of young people and families, etc. Badby has a traditional culture and way of life that needs to be preserved. Like the 1990s Badby Appraisal, we want to try to capture information about all these aspects so that we can better understand what people want and don't want to suit their way of life, and provide evidence and statistics for putting pressure on services (bus companies, health services, communications companies, etc.) to ensure that Badby is well served. Other responses could lead to residents setting up their own groups, services and networks to meet their or others' needs.

Comments and queries about the Vision for Badby project can be made via the website or to vision@badby.org.uk.

BADBY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

We currently have only one vacant allotment. Some require more work than others to get into condition and the association hopes to make limited improvements to the worst ones prior to letting.

If you are interested in an allotment, please contact Ian Bromwich 01327 301019 for more information.

BADBY & DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

Our big screen, state-of-the-art HD digital projector and Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound system, together with the Village Hall's comfortable theatre-style seating, ensure an enjoyable experience hard to match outside the commercial cinemas. In addition, every film screening is preceded by a 5 - minute illustrated talk. Attendance is restricted to members and their guests. Membership of the Society is open to anyone over 16 and resident in Badby or its surrounding villages, or by invitation of an existing member. £9 buys life membership of the Society plus a free first screening.

Standard ticket prices are £5 for members or £7 for guests (including light refreshments and tea or coffee). We have also built up a collection of more than 170 DVDs available for loan to members for just a £10 deposit, fully refundable on the DVD's return.

Each year we put on a short film festival. Previous film festivals have been themed on French films (twice), Shakespeare films and films about modern jazz. This year it'll be Indian films – but not Bollywood! Each festival has included a 3-course dinner for our members.

Jocelyn Hartland

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 very welcoming and fun loving group who meet at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of each month in Badby Village Hall. So if you are new to the village or yet to experience a 21st century WI group, would like more information or somebody to come with contact Kate Earley (tel: 01327 700544).

Our programme secretariat and committee always work hard to produce an entertaining programme for the year and make sure that members have an enjoyable evening. The full WI programme for 2014 can be found on the Badby Village Website and the WI Notice Board in the Village Hall with a reminder for the current month in the 'Link'.

Each year we enter a team in the Northamptonshire skittles league with practise sessions at the Red Lion in Hellidon. Players also meet for lunch on the 3rd Thursday of the month at various pubs around the county, non-playing members are always welcome.

Last year, our WI drama group reached the finals of the NFWI Challenge Trophy. The group write, produce and perform their own plays and are always on the lookout for new talent.

Earlier this year we formed walking and theatre groups. Theatre visits have included the Moscow Ballet Company and Fiddler on the Roof, with The Full Monty booked for November. Our inaugural walk from Fawsley to Charwelton was enjoyed by members, menfolk and dogs.

Kate Earley, President Badby and Fawsley WI

BADBY FAYRE 2014

Sunday September 7 will be Fayre Day. It runs every two years to raise money for the church building and to provide a nice community activity. We close The Green to traffic to make it safer. The Moulton 77 Band is booked as are the children's amusements and ice cream van.

I am pleased to say that I have more volunteers than usual at this stage to run stalls and activities but am still looking for more.

Any ideas, and especially volunteers to put them into action, are very welcome – contact me on 01327 871806 any time but soon.

Geoff Pullin

BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our news since the last Parish Newsletter...

We currently have over 70 members, and 7 Committee Members.

Our programme of events for 2014 started with our Wine and Quiche Evening in April, our speaker Michael Brown, a historical gardener, giving his talk on Death in the Garden, which was very informative, amusing and a bit gruesome! The buffet was again all homemade by Committee members. The event was very well supported which was brilliant, and we hope to use Michael's services again, as he has a vast repertoire of material.

Our Annual Plant Sale, was held on 11th May. There were plant stalls from local nurseries and donated plants from Society members and refreshments and homemade cakes. The event was well attended and we hope to see many of the young plants bearing fruit at the Annual Show!

Our next event is a coach trip to the Hampton Court Flower Show on Sunday 13th Jul, which we hope will be an enjoyable day with good weather.

Other events on our programme are the Annual Show in September and the AGM in November. Completing our programme for the year is our Christmas Crafts Evening in December.

In addition to our events programme, we have recently started holding monthly Pub Meets on the third Thursday in the month, in the back room of The Maltsters Public House. All are welcome, it's a very informal chat session.

If you would like to join the Society (£5 for single membership, £9 for two at the same address) or would like any further information on any of our events, please contact Zelda Shapter on 01327 872118 or zelda@peteshapter.co.uk or contact any member of the Committee. All our events are advertised in the Link each month, on the Badby Village website and on Facebook.
Zelda Shapter, BDHS Chair

BELLRINGING at BADBY

On practice nights we average about eleven and get good mutual support from surrounding villages.

During the past year we have rung the bells for about 40 services and three funerals, one wedding and one christening. With holidays and illnesses taking their toll on availability, we need to make sure that we can have six people ready to ring for each service so we are looking for anyone who would like to have a try and perhaps take up this fascinating traditional English social, physical and mental exercise. Initial training sessions from 6.45pm on most Wednesdays are open to anyone, age 10 years old to 70+ years young to come along to the tower. If this time is inconvenient, phone me on 01327 871806 to sort out alternatives.

A practice night team came 4th in the whole diocese in a competition for rhythmical ringing held at Crick in April.

We had an extended May Day Bank Holiday outing this year, when 14 of us stayed at Leyland and rang in five towers in south Cumbria so far as Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday; Liverpool Cathedral and both towers in Leyland on Sunday; and 5 towers in Cheshire and one in Staffordshire on Monday as we rang our way home.

Last year we trained 13 Year Six children from Badby School in ringing tower bells on Tuesday afternoons. They made good progress despite the very short rope-time each had. This year we have begun with the 17 children in Year Six. We hope we shall find one or two who want to carry on out of school hours and join in our activities!

Geoff Pullin, Tower Captain

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We now have a new PCSO Jane Coaley who has moved from Woodford Halse to the Staverton Ward.

We have had a quiet year, the last significant crime being a burglary in The Glebe. Between 7th & 10th March there was a forced an entry whilst the owners were away on holiday. Some items were taken.

Community Panel – the next meeting is on Wednesday 21st May 2014 at 6.00 pm at The Cross Trees Public House, Byfield when you can meet our PCSOs and discuss policing priorities. These currently are speeding on the A361 and on the road from Byfield to Woodford.

NHW signs will be checked and new ones erected in the next month or two.

If anyone would like a Smart Water kit these may be supplied for about £25.

Denis Wilson

POLICE

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

SCTDaventuryRural@northants.police.uk

PCSO Jane Coaley

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 Foster who can be contacted on 07526 248501 or knightleybenefice@aol.co.uk.

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, the good weather and the generosity of our visitors, we raised £1,972 for village hall funds.

Under the guidance of their chairman, Ian Bromwich, 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. Sadly, John Collins is standing down as secretary when he moves away from Badby later this month and the committee thank him for all his work over the past three years. In consequence, the committee are on the lookout for a new secretary, so if you can spare a few hours and are prepared to step up to the challenge please contact Ian (tel: 01327 301019). As with all buildings, the fabric and fittings of the village hall need to be maintained, and the committee work hard organising fund raising events to pay for these. During the last six months, societies/clubs have new notice boards, crumbling brickwork has been repaired/repointed, remedial work for the subsidence claim has been completed and the outside has had a coat of paint. Plans for the next six months include tidying the boundary with the village green and installing new front doors.

The Village Hall is a community facility and is available for hire by individuals and local societies/clubs/interest groups at a modest charge. There are a few times available for regular bookings during the day, but evening slots are becoming congested - contact Catrina Signey on 879137 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 (tel: 01327 700544), for details of Gift Aid donations. Badby Village Hall Management Committee

BADBY VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Badby Village website continues to attract visits from within the community, and from the many visitors who want to find information on Badby Woods, local walks, Bluebell Sunday, etc.

Some interesting statistics follow - this for the last 6 months since the new website was introduced.

- People from 48 different countries have been to the website - UK has the most, followed by USA, Australia, Brazil, Sweden and Germany.
- The most popular pages (after the Home page) are Walks Around Badby, Events Calendar, Bluebell Sunday, and Badby Woods. Proof that many visitors are increasingly using the site.
- There have been 12,716 visits to the website; the highest number in any one day were the 256 visits on Sunday May 4th - Bluebell Sunday!

Three people "manage" this website - Ann Skinner, Denis Wilson, and Andy Witcomb; with weekly support from Geoff Pullin; we encourage every individual, and especially local organisations and businesses, to feed us as much information as possible, either regularly, or whenever you have an event, news, or information to share!

You can also follow and engage with us with BadbyVillage on Facebook, and Twitter @BadbyVillage.

One final thing about the Website - Badby Parish Council welcome everyone to contact them via the website on any matters of interest, concern, suggestion, or issues. Don't be shy - use it as a community website, or you can Facebook or Tweet us as well if you prefer! We will respond, promise!

Andy Witcomb, Ann Skinner and Denis Wilson

GENERAL

Badby village news reporting

Please send news of future events, their results and personal celebrations as early as possible to me, at gcsspullin@yahoo.com or on 01327 871806 or at 25 The Glebe.

My deadlines are: Daventry Express: Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition, Badby Village website (www.badbyvillage.com) – anytime, The Link – the 19th of the previous month
Paid advertisements for the Link can be arranged through Sharon Foster on 07526 248501 or knightleybenefice@aol.co.uk

Defibrillator

During the latter part of last year, the Parish Council was asked to consider purchasing a defibrillator machine for emergency use within the village. The matter was duly researched and discussed by the Parish Council and it was agreed that, due to the high cost of purchasing and maintaining a machine and the perceived challenges of providing full time responders, no purchase would be made. However, earlier this year, the Parish Council was again asked to consider the request with information provided on various parish councils which have gone through the process and now provide such a service to its parishioners. On that basis, the Parish Council would now like your views. The East Midlands Ambulance Service are generally in favour of installing the units in villages and indeed many are being installed daily. Some 130 villages have already been identified as being more vulnerable and they are being targeted by EMAS. However, the community will have to pay for them. The cost for a basic machine is £800 to £1000 but with a cabinet, they can cost £2000+.

The procedure adopted when an emergency occurs is that a 999 call will identify whether the caller is within 200metres of a machine. If so, they will be directed to the machine and given the code to open it. It is "idiot proof" to operate and will provide vital help in the 5 minutes or so available to avoid permanent damage to the victim. In the meantime, an ambulance/Paramedic team will be dispatched to the location. This is in addition to the use of the defibrillator, not an alternative.

Training in the use of the unit will be provided by EMAS and will be a 4 hour course for up to 12 people. The machines carry out a self-check every night. EMAS will check them over occasionally and will ensure they are still working after each use. Other than that all that is needed is a visual check by someone and a call to EMAS if it is felt that the machine needs attention. Less than 1% of all machines currently in use have been vandalised, but they come in a strong stainless steel cabinet with a push button security code.

The Parish Council has considered the matter further and may be willing to consider part-funding the purchase and installation of a machine, *but only if sufficient interest and support is shown by residents*. It is felt that a minimum of 6 people would be needed to make the scheme viable.

Volunteers are required who would be willing to co-ordinate and operate the scheme. If anyone is interested in either financially supporting providing a machine or being part of the co-ordination group, please let the Parish Clerk (Sharon Foster) know, by telephone (01327 310245) or email (clerk@badby.org.uk) no later than **Monday 14th July**. The matter will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting being held that evening.

Individual Electoral Registration (IER)

As of 10th June 2014, everyone will take individual responsibility for registration onto the electoral roll instead of the previous household form used. Any new applications to register will be made by individuals. They will have to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. All currently registered electors will have their details checked against Government records so that they can be confirmed under IER. The vast majority of those on the current register will be automatically transferred to the 'IER register' without having to do anything.

Nourish/School Meals

Northamptonshire County Council are looking to recruit staff locally on a part-time basis to serve hot meals in schools. Anyone interested should contact Theresa Rose (Tel: 01604 367288, Email: nourish@northamptonshire.gov.uk).

World War 1 Commemorations

Monday 4th August 2014 will be the centenary of the United Kingdom entering into the first World War. Daventry District Council and partners aim to commemorate this historical landmark by holding various commemorative events as from March through to November and Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November 2014 that will hopefully touch every age group within the district. In particular, a Centenary Fete and Old Fashioned Sports Day event is being held on Saturday 9th August from 12-5pm on The Hollows Playing Field in Daventry.

Next issue

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of December 2014. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Email: clerk@badby.org.uk or Telephone: 01327 310245). The views expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily represent those of the Parish Council unless expressly stated. Edited and produced by Sharon Foster – Clerk on behalf of Badby Parish Council.