



# Badby Parish News

Summer 2016

First, a great thank you to everyone who attended The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic on The Green on 12<sup>th</sup> June. It was a wonderful turnout and the weather was good to us too when we needed it to be. Our thanks are particularly due to those who were involved in organising it so well and for providing a great range of food, drink, music, films and events. You'll see some photographs from the event within this edition.

A further thank you to everyone who turned out in May for the Clean for the Queen morning. We managed to fill many bags of rubbish as well as tidying up verges, greens and the BMX track after the ravages of the winter.

As reported below, we now have a defibrillator installed outside the Village Hall, available for public use in an emergency. It is simple and safe – the machine gives clear spoken instructions and you don't need training to use one. To go along with that, we are arranging training in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) skills and general first aid. There will be further information about these in due course, and hope we will get a good response.

I wish everyone a good and sunny summer!

Peter Cooper, Chairman

## Badby Parish Council, 2016

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To report problems with footpaths and rights of way: [paths@badby.org.uk](mailto:paths@badby.org.uk)

Any other information can be passed to the Parish Council via [www.badbyvillage.com](http://www.badbyvillage.com).

Parish Council meetings continue to be held on the second Monday of each month, starting at 7.30pm, with the agenda and draft minutes published on both noticeboards in the village and on the 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 to bring matters to the attention of the Parish Council during two Public Participation items on the agenda.

## **Cemetery and Graveyard**

We regret that there has been a period without a regular contractor to undertake mowing of the cemetery – we apologise that the grass became rather long during that time. We are pleased to announce, however, that a new contractor has now been appointed to undertake the mowing and he has already made an excellent start.

## **Defibrillator**

As Peter has said above, the defibrillator is now in place – attached to the outside wall of the village hall. We have had a number of volunteers come forward and CPR training will be taking place for them. However, should there be an emergency, there is no requirement for a trained person to be in attendance – full instruction on how to use the machine will be given at the time of use.

Steve Chandler (01327 703540, [steve.chandler@yahoo.com](mailto:steve.chandler@yahoo.com))

## **Parish Council finances**

The audited accounts for 2015/16 (see back page of this Newsletter) show that the Parish Council spent £24,483 against a budget of £17,935, and received an income of £24,771 against expected income of £17,398. The higher expenditure was particularly due to the need to pay for a new bus shelter on Pinfold Green, which was blown down in the winter, higher electricity costs for street lighting, and expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan. However, we were able to reclaim much of the costs of the bus stop on insurance and received a grant that covered all of the Neighbourhood Plan costs. Together these expenditures also explain much of the higher income received. While on the face of it, the year ended better than expected (reserves of £10,506 compared with expected levels of £9,581), we still had outstanding bills and commitments of around £2,000 net.

As we have reported in previous editions of this newsletter, the Parish Council is rebuilding its level of reserves after major unexpected expenditure on tree works and the removal of Japanese Knotweed a few years ago and we have put in place a series of higher than inflation rises in the precept (the amount each household pays as part of its Council Tax) to achieve this. With the level of reserves improving, we hope to be able to bring the increase back closer to inflation from 2017. In the meantime, we seek to economise on administration, and to keep the costs of contracts for mowing and other works under control.

Peter Cooper, Chairman

## **Greens**

Our village greens mowing contractor, Mike Freeman, will continue this year. Various repair work was carried out to village greens and areas around the village during the Clean for the Queen event. It would be very much appreciated if everyone could take care when driving close to village greens and try to ensure that they do not drive onto the greens which, during inclement weather conditions, can cause considerable damage and leave the greens looking unsightly.

## **Use of the village greens**

The greens in Badby are a major asset and one of the most significant features of the village. They are, by definition, available for everyone to enjoy and use, and the Parish Council ensures that they are used appropriately and that no damage is done to them. The Parish Council considers requests from organisations or individuals who wish to hold events on Greens or the Playing Field, such as the Badby Fayre, the Badby Horticultural Society Annual Show and the recent Picnic for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Requests are considered on a case by case basis, against a set of considerations developed by the Council, as follows:

1. Connection to Badby parish – linkage to a family, organisation, or local community, and any accompanying use of village amenities. (The Parish Council would be more likely to approve use if it were part of an event based in Village Hall, church etc.)

2. Commercial/non-profit basis – if there is a financial element, then what is the benefit to Badby and parishioners, and/or support for local charitable causes. (This is not excluding commercial interests, but looking at what local benefit it brings.)
3. Noise and disruption – time of day, day of week, finish time. Presence of external live or recorded music, and/or external electrical generation. (For a private event, we would expect the applicant to notify all parishioners in houses adjoining the area.)
4. Control of people – applicant expected to manage own guests and the public (recognising that Village Greens are public and cannot be fenced off or individuals refused right of way).
5. Parking – plans for dealing with parking for all participants, road closures, direction signs, etc.
6. Alcohol – no private selling or serving alcohol on Green. No drinking in public areas by under-18s. (Applicant to manage all arrangements.)
7. Condition of Green – leave area as found, clear whole area by next morning at latest, remove all litter, repair any damage to Green.
8. No responsibility on Parish Council – organisers must formally accept responsibility, hold public liability insurance as appropriate, and indemnify the Parish Council against anything outside Parish Council's direct responsibility.

The Parish Council would be interested to know whether parishioners feel that this approach, and the issues identified above, are appropriate and fair in addressing these requests for use of the Greens or Playing Field.

### **Parking**

Parking continues to be one the top issues that concern parishioners. It is inevitable in a small village with roads that were not designed for any cars, let alone the number and size of modern cars, that parking problems and road congestion will occur. We all know the dangers from cars parked near the A361 on Pinfold Green, the damage done to verges and greens from cars and vans passing each other on the narrow roads, and the inconvenience of parked cars turning wider roads into single-line traffic, not least at school delivery and collection times. Can I please ask everyone to be aware of the issue and to think about the effects on others when they park, please? And please help visitors to the village find convenient places to park.

### **Planning**

Following the report in the Winter edition of the newsletter, the Parish Council was informed early in 2015 that Daventry District Housing (as it was known at the time), which owns the former garages site at the bottom of Pound Lane, was considering developing the site. A planning application was duly received and, although the Parish Council and several residents made objections to it, permission to erect two houses (one 3-bed, one 4-bed) on the land was granted, taking some additional area from some of the gardens of houses on Pinfold Green.

### **Playing Field**

The football field has now been cut and we hope it will be used. The BMX track has also been cut and damage repaired to make it safe for use.

Please continue to clear up after your dogs on the whole area, it is a playing field for enjoyment by all. The field is a great facility and the Parish Council hopes it encourages families to use the safe open area.

*Karen Alexander*

### **Rights of Way**

Our local footpaths continue to get a lot of use from parishioners and visitors alike, and no reports have been received to date in 2016 on any major problems.

*Please continue to keep an eye out – and report - any restrictions or barriers to Rights of Way in Badby.*

*Andy Witcomb, Footpath Warden ([paths@badby.org.uk](mailto:paths@badby.org.uk))*

## Roads and Safety

Concerns have been voiced by residents regarding safety of the entrance to the village from the A361 onto Pinfold Green. We would ask all residents to take care when approaching the junction, especially at the start and end of the school day.

## 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 marked onto the majority of lamp posts and then notify the Clerk (Tel: 01327 310245 or email: [clerk@badby.org.uk](mailto:clerk@badby.org.uk)).**

## Trees

Recently the diseased Chestnut on the Village Green adjacent to Chapel Lane was removed because of its dangerous condition. The tree was purported to have been over 250 years old.

The Parish Council have been debating what would be appropriate for the area of the Green vacated, and a number of suggestions have been submitted by residents which have been considered.

From the discussions to-date, the Parish Council have narrowed it down to 3 options.

- ⊙ Leave the area open as it is at the present time
- ⊙ Plant a new tree similar in type to the Horse Chestnut removed and place a bench seat around the base.
- ⊙ Create a circular shrub bed and plant rhododendron/azalea bushes and place a bench seat around the bed.

The Council would like to invite Parishioners to let us know their views on these alternatives before the Council Meeting scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016. This can be done by email to the Parish Clerk on [clerk@badby.org.uk](mailto:clerk@badby.org.uk) or by post to the Clerk – c/o 1 London Road, Daventry, Northants NN11 4DA.

## OTHER PARISH NEWS

### Annual Parish Meeting

Another successful Annual Parish Meeting was held in April. For the second year running, it was attended by over 50 residents who enjoyed a sociable, relaxed evening with Parish Councillors, other local government officials and many of the village organisations. Matters raised on the evening with Parish Councillors were what to do with the area on The Green following removal of the horse chestnut, how to bring the village community together, parking and concerns over driving safety within the village. These issues will be considered by the Parish Council so look out for further news.

This meeting is held every year, usually around mid-April and is an opportunity for all parishioners to meet, to hear about what has been happening and to debate issues that matter to them in an informal, social setting. Do take the opportunity to come along and enjoy free refreshments and good company.

## Badby Allotments Association

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

## Badby and Fawsley WI

The place to be on the second Thursday of the month is at Badby Village Hall. At 7.15pm fun loving ladies gather to natter and enjoy the fun and games arranged by a wonderful committee. We have already enjoyed some very good speakers, country walks, knitting, skittles matches, pub lunches, and a visit behind the scenes at Milton Keynes theatre with included lunch and a performance of the Bodyguard. Our own drama

group has given us a wonderful performance of a Sherlock Holmes mystery and we can't wait for more.

There is always something for everybody to enjoy and we welcome new members. New for 2016 is the launch of our book club. Our cake baking is always in demand so thanks to all the cake bakers and local chickens for their support.

If you would like to know more our programme it is advertised on the Badby Village web site and in The Link . For more information contact Kate Earley on 01327 70054.

*Kate Earley, President Badby and Fawsley WI*

### **Badby Fayre/St Mary's Church**

We are pleased to report that Badby Fayre will go ahead again this year on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September with all the usual attractions – a brass band, Morris dancing, children's amusements, a display of vintage agricultural machinery, dog show and a wide range of stalls. If you can contribute to the fun with a last-minute bright idea, we'd love to hear from you! Also, if you are new to the village and would like to get involved, do please get in touch.

In particular we will be immensely grateful for all offers of help either before or on the day, and for donations to the prize draw, bottle tombola and white elephant stalls. Also for home-made cakes, home produce and handicraft items. Please contact Frances Williams (tel. 437066), Marian Gulliver (tel. 705248) or Christine Richards (tel. 872116).

Residents of The Green, kindly note that the road between Courtyard Lane and Chapel Lane will be closed to road traffic from 1.30-5.00 pm.

### **Bellringing at Badby**

We had our May Day Bank Holiday ringing outing as usual. Fourteen ringers and two partners ventured into Oxfordshire to visit and ring at seven churches, each with six-bells in their towers: Chadlington, Spelsbury, Stonesfield, Tackley, Bletchingdon, Charlton on Otmoor and Middleton Stony. We had a pub lunch at the Cock Inn, Combe, which was ordered in advance. The rare sight of me using a mobile phone was observed on two occasions where, unusually, correspondents seemed to have forgotten our agreed visit. One correspondent confirmed that we were on the calendar for "tomorrow – Monday" and had to be gently advised that it was already Monday!

On Sundays, we are a few short of a full band more often than I like due to holidays and family commitments. Of the fourteen who went on our outing, only four were from Badby itself. Come and appreciate the fun of ringing.

Perhaps next year you would like to have an outing with us, so start training now! We are at the tower every Wednesday evening, usually from 6.45pm until 9pm.

More information on bellringing at [www.daventrybranch.btck.co.uk/LearningtoRing](http://www.daventrybranch.btck.co.uk/LearningtoRing)

*Geoff Pullin*

### **Badby Neighbourhood Plan**

Over the months of 2016, a group of parishioners have been developing the Neighbourhood Plan for Badby, using input from many parishioners.

There are three Working Groups – Communications, Resources, and Project Management, each with specific tasks.

A successful Open Day was held in February in the Village Hall, when over 70 parishioners were able to learn more about the Plan being formed, view various exhibits and photographs, and participate in feedback, questions, and views.

A second Open Day is planned for Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>, again in the Village Hall. Make a diary note!

The planned schedule is for an Examination by Daventry District Council in December 2016, followed by a Referendum of all parishioners in February 2017, and final adoption by March 2017.

The group meets every 6 weeks in the Windmill; any parishioner is welcome to attend and observe, and can take part in the Public Participation session. Full regular updates and information is also to be found on <http://badbyvillage.com/neighbourhoodplan/>

If you want to help us, in any way, you should contact the Secretary, Gill Nelson on 01327 300034, via email: [gillian.nelson@talktalk.net](mailto:gillian.nelson@talktalk.net) or via the website.  
*Andy Witcomb*

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Our PCSO is currently Kev Thompson. He has served in Northants police for almost twenty years, as a special, a parish constable and, for the past eight years, in the role of a Police Community Support Officer.

PCSO Thompson covers the Staverton, Long Buckby and Crick beats. These have been merged into one including 40 villages and 13 schools.

It has been a quiet time for Badby of late with little crime. However we need to watch out for scams. The latest one for instance concerns parcels where a text is sent claiming that it could not be delivered and asking you to ring the number texted and give your details.

Please be very careful with your card and bank details. These should never be given to anyone you do not know. Your bank will never ask you for account or card details. **Never give your Password to anyone.**

If you would like to become a member of Badby Neighbourhood Watch, please contact Viv Harris on 704521. You will be very welcome.

*Denis Wilson, Chairman, Neighbourhood Watch*

### **Police**

Stephen Mold is the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire. Stephen is happily married to Nikki. They have a young family and are seeing first-hand how wonderful & challenging bringing up children in the modern world can be. Stephen had a normal upbringing; climbing trees, playing football and then joining the Air Training Corps. This taught him tolerance, how to work with others through team-work, the importance of taking responsibility and the value of public service.

Over the last 30 years, Stephen worked his way up through the ranks, from his first job unloading lorries through various senior roles onto running his own business.

Stephen is passionate about making sure everyone gets their opportunity to make the most of their lives. As the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, Stephen wants to ensure victims are put at the heart of everything he does. He is focused on addressing the problem with alcohol and drug fuelled crime across Northamptonshire, as well as working to end domestic violence. In addition to this, he also wants to make sure that the towns and villages of Northamptonshire are safe for children and free from those who wish to harm them, either physically or online.

Stephen is committed to protecting the number of frontline officers and believes that there is an ever increasing opportunity to exploit new technologies, to enable more officers to be visible on the streets of Northamptonshire tackling the issues important to local residents; rather than being stuck at stations filling out paperwork.

If you would like to contact Stephen, he can be reached at [Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk) or via post at:

Police and Crime Commissioner, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton NN4 0JQ

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](mailto:SCTDaventuryRural@northants.police.uk)

## **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](mailto:knightleybenefice@aol.co.uk).

## **Badby Village Website**

Most local clubs and societies now take advantage of the free publicity the village website gives to them, and everyone in Badby is invited to contribute any new, or revised information, via a simple e-mail to [badbyvillage2013@gmail.com](mailto:badbyvillage2013@gmail.com)

The website continues to attract viewings, with people from 90 different countries visiting; more than 8000 people are expected to visit by the end of 2016.

## **GENERAL**

### **Badby village news reporting**

"Why wasn't that in the paper?" (.. on the website, in the *LINK*.) 'They' will only know if you send, in 'good time', news of future events, the results and personal celebrations to me, at [gcsspullin@yahoo.com](mailto:gcsspullin@yahoo.com) or on 01327 871806 or at 25 The Glebe.

'Good time' means:

**Daventry Express**

**The LINK**

**Badbyvillage website**

*Geoff Pullin*

by Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition.

by 19<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

anytime.

## **CHIP VAN**

Following requests, a mobile fish and chip van will be visiting the village each Wednesday at 7.15pm. The van will be located at the bus stop by Pinfold Green.

## **DOG FOULING – NEW ENFORCEMENT POWERS**

*Please continue to clear up after your dog around the village. Bag it, bin it, it only takes a minute.*

*We have 4 designated dog poo bins around the village and the bags can be deposited in any public waste bin. Be responsible and considerate of others.*

*Please also clear up on the playing field where children may be using the field, you wouldn't like your child or grandchild to fall over in the fouling.*

*It is now a DDC requirement that you must have the means to clear up after your dog at all times you are walking them and fines can be issued, also if caught or reported for dog fouling there is a maximum fine of £1,000.*

## **FLY-TIPPING**

People caught fly-tipping in Daventry District can be instantly fined £400 under new measures by Daventry District Council (DDC).

The Council's Environmental Improvement Service is introducing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for small-scale instances of fly-tipping to tackle the problem more effectively. Previously offenders could only be prosecuted through the courts, which can be costly, time-consuming and often involve lengthy investigations.

The new powers have been introduced under The Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalties) Regulations 2016. DDC has set its Fixed Penalty Notice for fly-tipping at £400, reduced to £300 if paid within 10 days of the offence.

There are currently between 60 and 100 instances of fly-tipping a month in Daventry District. It is hoped that the new FPNs will act as a deterrent to help reduce instances of small-scale fly-

tipping. However the Council will continue to pursue court prosecution where offences are serious and it is in the public interest to do so, or when an offender refuses to pay a fixed penalty.

If anyone witnesses a fly-tipping please report the incident by calling the contact centre on 01327 871100 or by logging the details via DDC's website.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Unfortunately, due to the low numbers of people using the mobile library, this service has now been stopped and will no longer visit Badby village.

### **VILLAGE NETWORKS**

This is advance notice that the Village Networks advice vehicle is expected to visit Badby in September, October and November: probably one day in each month.

The vehicle is full of information with professional experts giving free and independent advice on, amongst other things, better deals for gas, electricity and heating oil/gas (bring your statement along); basic/beginner computer lessons, volunteering opportunities, money advice including welfare benefits and universal credit, debt counselling, pensions and job seeking advice and support. Information on dates and the location of the vehicle will follow in The Link and will be advertised on Parish Council noticeboards. For more information about the advice available, please contact Nick King on 01327 358264, email him on [nick@snyb.org.uk](mailto:nick@snyb.org.uk) or see [www.snyb.org.uk](http://www.snyb.org.uk).

### **QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

The weather in the morning wasn't looking good at all whilst we were setting up for the Picnic for the Queen on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June but, luckily, everything changed around lunchtime and the sun came out in time for the afternoon. Many residents of Badby, old and young, came along with their picnics and blankets and enjoyed the musical entertainment throughout the afternoon. The children were kept busy with a quiz and races whilst the adults relaxed in the sunshine.

At 3.30pm, everyone retired to the village hall to enjoy a glass of bubbles and a rousing rendition of the National Anthem as well as a slice of one of the many birthday cakes donated to the occasion, with the crowing glory being the most magnificent (and delicious) three tier white and gold cake kindly donated by Debbie Walker.

Our thanks also go to Peter Wakeford for generously donating the straw bales used for outside seating as well as 2 kegs of beer, Paul Sweeney and his fabulous, talented band of musicians, and Nev Snell for the use of his marquee. Thanks also go to the army of ladies who put the event together, especially Karen Alexander.

Hopefully, everyone will agree that it was a lovely afternoon and bought members of the whole village community together. As a result, we will be looking at possibly putting on another event later this year so do keep an eye and an ear out for details.

Overleaf is a selection of some of the many photographs of the day.

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#### **Next issue**

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of December 2016. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Email: [clerk@badby.org.uk](mailto:clerk@badby.org.uk) or Phone: 01327 310245).

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