



Badby Parish News

Winter 2016

Welcome to the Winter Newsletter from Badby Parish Council. 2016 has seen several events of note – from the successful events on the Green to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday and Badby Fayre to the loss of the old Horse Chestnut. The Neighbourhood Plan Group has made good progress and expects to put out the draft plan for consultation soon (see page 6 below).

With so much going on, it can often be hard to keep abreast of all that is happening. *The Link* and this six-monthly Parish Newsletter are important means of informing residents, and *The Gusher* has a weekly column which adds to these. Further news is posted on Badby website www.badbyvillage.com and you can sign up to be sent emails automatically when information is added (see page 8 below).

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and we welcome members of the public who wish to attend, to listen, to contribute on matters on the agenda or to bring new matters to our attention. Agendas and minutes are posted on the two Parish noticeboards (near the bus-stops at Pinfold Green and opposite The Windmill) and are also available on the website.

Under a new Transparency Code introduced last year, the Parish Council is required to make more information available publicly through the website. You will find much already there, and more will be added as time goes on – keep an eye on it and let us know if there is more that you feel ought to be made available.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Peter Cooper, Chairman, Badby Parish Council

Badby Parish Council, 2016–17

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For official Parish Council business & general enquiries: clerk@badby.org.uk
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To contact the Chairman: chairman@badby.org.uk

To report problems with footpaths and rights of way: paths@badby.org.uk

Any other information can be passed to the Parish Council via www.badbyvillage.com.

If, for any reason, a Parish Council 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

Regular mowing through the summer and into the autumn by our new contractor has resulted in the cemetery remaining neat and tidy. Our thanks go to them for their hard work over this past year.

General maintenance to the cemetery has continued with a recent working party planting the beginnings of a hedge along the boundary of the extension area. This area has also had a new bench installed, kindly donated by a parishioner in memory of her late husband.

Work to extend the handrail by the side of the path up to the top of the cemetery as well as repairs to the handrail already in situ has recently taken place for which the Parish Council received a contribution towards the costs of via the County Council's Empowerment Grant Funding.

Defibrillator

Following the installation of the defibrillator machine on the wall outside the village hall, we are planning on holding a first aid training session in the village hall in early 2017, date to be arranged. This will be a general first aid course but will cover how the defibrillator works. However, if there is a need to use the defibrillator, anyone can operate it as the emergency services will talk the user through its use. You do not have to be medically trained to use the machine. It is hoped that an overview of the defibrillator will also take place at a Tea & Meet session in the village hall once the training has taken place. Keep your eyes out on various noticeboards for further information.

Steve Chandler (01327 703540, steve.chandler@yahoo.com)

Parish Council finances

The Council has set its budget for 2017/18, as printed at the back of this newsletter. Previous years' figures are in the first two columns, the current year's budget in the third, the budget set for 2017/18 in the fourth and the forecast for the following three years in the last three columns.

We ended 2015/16 pretty much on budget with a small surplus of £288 and reserves at £10,506, although the latter does not take into account some £2k in net liabilities from outstanding invoices at that time. The half-yearly review of the 2016/17 expenditure showed that while some areas were over budget (in particular, the cost of tree works as a result of the removal of the Horse Chestnut on The Green and a tree in the graveyard), we were likely to be much on target at the end of the year.

In setting the budget for 2017/18, our aim was to trim budgets where possible so as to keep the increase in the Precept (the amount paid by each household to the Parish Council as part of its Council Tax) as low as feasible. We were able to make some reductions to keep the Administrative costs low but in many areas (where external contractors undertake the work), it is likely that our costs will rise with the RPI despite seeking competitive quotations. It is hoped that the regular monthly working parties will enable us to do more ourselves but that can only make limited savings. We were conscious of the number of occasions over the last few years when we have found it necessary to make unexpected expenditure, such as expensive work on trees and the removal of Japanese knotweed, and thus the importance of maintaining an adequate reserve. The current low level of reserves was, therefore, a concern, and the decision was made to continue the policy, started two years ago, to build up those reserves. The result was, reluctantly, to agree to raise the Precept in 2017 by 4.7% – although this is more than inflation, in actual cash it amounts to an average increase of £2.63 p.a. per household, or 5p/week.

The Parish Council will be pleased to receive any comments or queries on these financial plans.

Greens

As we enter winter, may I make my annual request that care is taken not to drive or park on Greens and verges, please? In the wet weather the grass can be very badly damaged. Please also park considerately where you will not cause an obstruction, and remember that emergency and service vehicles – ambulances, fire engines, gritters, etc. -- must be able to pass easily when they need to get through our narrow roads.

Greens -- creation of natural history/leisure area behind Village Hall

Previous Newsletters have outlined our wish to make the area behind the Village Hall more useful and usable. The intention is to put in a pathway through the trees, plant woodland flowers, and add bird boxes and possibly seats. The problem has been the tendency for some parts to become extremely boggy after rainfall. Hopes of draining the area have been unsuccessful, not least on cost grounds, and the current thought is to install a low boardwalk across the worst-affected area, and putting plants that will tolerate the wetter conditions around it. We are seeking advice from the DDC Conservation Officer, and would welcome comments from parishioners.

Badby Clean-up Groups

During the year, we started regular monthly working parties to ensure that Badby continues to look good – keeping the Greens and trees looking good, dealing with excessive growth along verges, cleaning road signs, litter picking, etc. We are most grateful to those who have already lent a hand.

The Clean-up Groups will take place on the fourth Sunday of each month, starting at 10:00am from the Village Hall, and finishing 12:30/1:00 pm. Please join us for the next Clean-up Group on Sunday 22 January – everyone is welcome, whatever age or skills!

If you spot anything in the village or parish that needs attention, please let us know, via the Clerk, Sharon Foster at clerk@badby.org.uk.

Planning

The Parish Council is asked to comment to the DDC Planning Committee on all Planning Applications and requests for Listed Building Consent within the parish. We follow a set of policy guidelines and preferences (available from the Clerk or the website) when assessing these, looking at each application from the perspective of the parish as a whole, e.g. the design in relation to its surroundings, the consequences for traffic, views within and over the village, etc. But we also need to understand what the applicant is wishing to achieve, and we will normally make a site visit to discuss the application with the applicant before the Parish Council decides on the response it will make to DDC. That decision is made at a Parish Council meeting with all planning decisions listed on the agenda. Any member of the public (including the applicant) is welcome to attend and make their views known.

Rights of Way

The footpath EB5 near the bottom of Bunkers Hill is overdue repairs to the stile, and to the steps, including a new handrail. NCC has advised this will happen before the year-end.

No other known issues with our wonderful network of footpaths in the Parish. Please continue to keep an eye out – and report - any tree falls or barriers.

Andy Witcomb (paths@badby.org.uk)

Roads and Safety

I have raised the difficulties with parking and traffic, and the dangers of the junction with the A361 at the corner of Pinfold Green, in previous issues of this Newsletter. The approval by DDC of the planning application for two houses at the bottom of Pound Lane will, in the view of the Parish Council, bring added problems. We have held several meetings with Northampton Highways, covering these and other matters, including:

- ⌚ Parking on the corner of Pinfold Green and the condition of the road and path in that area – we have applied for yellow ‘no parking’ lines on the corners and the road has been inspected but deemed not be in sufficiently bad state to require attention at this time. A formal one-way system around Pinfold Green, to avoid cars exiting onto the A361 at the Pinfold House junction, would involve major changes to the whole Green and a loss of much of the existing parking areas.
- ⌚ Condition of the bridge over the Nene and various severely-corroded service pipes – the bridge is structurally safe, although it is recognised that the width of the A361 at that point is narrow and forces larger vehicles closer to the pathway and bridge parapet than ideal.
- ⌚ Loss of the flashing 40 sign coming from the Banbury direction – this will be replaced.

Parking and traffic levels on Pound Lane – parking for residents and traffic levels during the ‘school run’ are difficult to solve (and not just in Badby). Introducing a one-way system, residents-only parking or other parking restrictions are either not possible or are likely to create their own problems. The Parish Council is arranging a meeting for local residents, the school and other interested parties to discuss the matter further and look at what can be done.

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 stencilled onto the majority of lamp posts and then notify the Clerk (Tel: 01327 310245 or email: clerk@badby.org.uk).

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting

Next year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday 28th April so pencil it into your diaries and calendars. This will follow the format of the previous few years as more of a village social event than a formal one with drinks and finger foods being served. Community organisations will, as usual, be invited to come along and show their wears.

Badby Allotments Association

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

Badby and Fawsley WI

By the time this newsletter reaches you, members of Badby and Fawsley WI (with best lipstick at the ready) will have enjoyed the excitement of a visit from Santa at the final meeting for 2016. Our home cooked Xmas feast will, as is our custom, have been prepared and served by our wonderful committee and a few special helpers.

2016 has been another successful year, our membership has grown to over 60 members and Badby village hall must be the place to be on the second Thursday evening of each month.

The programme for 2017 is ready with an interesting selection of speakers including the Northamptonshire gardening guru, Jonnie Amos, joining us in August. All our meetings are open for visitors: just let me (Kate Earley, tel: 01327 700544) know if you would like to come. Annual subscriptions are due at our January meeting (£39) - a small price to pay for all of our meetings, speakers, activities, outings, refreshments and fun.

The full WI programme 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'.

Kate Earley, President Badby and Fawsley WI

Badby & District Horticultural Society

We have finished this year with 61 members, and the Committee now stands at 9, with Geoff Pullin resigning following many years of hard work on our behalf, for which we thank him.

The Annual Show for this year was held on 4th September, as part of the biennial Badby Fayre. A big thank you to all who exhibited, and/or supported us and to those who didn't - what were you thinking!!! There's always next year...

Awards presented at the show were:

- 🕒 The Felton Perpetual Challenge Cup (most points in all classes) - Bernard Cross
- 🕒 Floral - Helen Burton
- 🕒 Flower Arranging - Trish Fox
- 🕒 Certificate of Merit for Floral Art - Karen Alexander
- 🕒 Garden Produce - Bernard Cross
- 🕒 The Royal Horticultural Society's Banksian Medal - Bernard Cross
- 🕒 Percy Warr Cup (collection of veg) - Bernard Cross
- 🕒 Fred Payne Cup (onions) - Bernard Cross
- 🕒 Best in Show - Bernard Cross
- 🕒 Sue Papworth Cup (Preserves) - Ann Farenden
- 🕒 Home Produce - Ann Farenden
- 🕒 Craftwork - Mark Teulon
- 🕒 Photography - Roger Alexander
- 🕒 Christine Payne Cup (most points in children's sections) - Alexi Baker Stroud

Congratulations to all of those above and others who won class prizes, and a huge thank you to all those, without whom the event could not have happened.

Our AGM was held on Friday 11th November, with a talk being given by Sue McNally, Head Gardener from Sulgrave Manor, the event was well attended and Sue's talk was informative and amusing. Our last event of 2016 is our Christmas Crafts Evening on Friday 9th December, 7.30pm in the back room of The Maltsters, Badby. The Committee has already met to arrange a draft programme of events for 2017, including Wine & Quiche Evening, Friday 3rd March, and Spring Plant Sale on Sunday 21st May.

Up-to-Date Details of all our events can be found in the Link each month, on Facebook, <http://badbyvillage.com/badby-horticultural-society/> and on Membership cards.

For membership enquiries please contact 01327 872118 or zelda@peteshapter.co.uk

Zelda Shapter, BDHS Chair

BADBY FAYRE

We would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who helped make Badby Fayre happen again this September – by running stalls and activities, donating goods and produce for sale and setting up and clearing away. Thanks also to everyone who bought draw tickets or came along on the day to spend their hard-earned cash, raising a total of £3,382 for church restoration. We already have some ideas how this event could be improved in 2018 but would welcome all suggestions and a wider involvement in the organising group. If you can help, please get in touch with one of the Badby contacts listed on the back page of the monthly Link magazine.

Bellringing at Badby

Some 70 people gathered in Church to bid farewell to Ken and Eleanor Ramsbotham who have now moved to Devon. The event was organised jointly by the Parochial Church Council and ringers. Ken has rung at Badby for over 400 services, at 760 practices and has rung 19 quarter peals – the last of which was specially arranged as a farewell on November 19. Eleanor used to ring before taking on organ-playing duties in 2002 and rang for 117 services, at 254 practices and her one and only quarter peal. Eleanor has been a churchwarden since 2014. The ringers and the Church will miss them both.

With Ken moving, we are left with only five active ringers in the village and are looking for more volunteers to train. Come and appreciate the fun of ringing and get ready for our ringing outings next Spring. We are at the tower every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm until 9pm.

More information on bellringing at www.daventrybranch.btck.co.uk/LearningtoRing

Geoff Pullin

Geoff Pullin, Tower Captain

Badby Neighbourhood Plan

Good progress has been made to completing the local Plan. There are three Working Groups – Communications, Resources, and Project Management, each with specific tasks.

A second Open Day was held on September 25th in the Village Hall, when over 100 parishioners were able to learn more about the Plan's progress, and give feedback and views on the future for housing in the Parish.

The latest schedule is that the draft Plan will be ready for a 6 week local consultation period within the Parish by the end of June 2017; after that period of feedback and comments, the Plan would go to DDC and an Examiner. The latest advice from DDC is that the Referendum for the BPNP will be in the first 3 months of 2018.

Recent other Referenda in DDC villages (including Flore, Brixworth, Moulton, and Kilsby) have shown a turnout of around 33% of the possible electorate. A simple majority applies, with a Yes/No vote.

The BPNP group meets every 6 weeks, normally in the Windmill Inn; 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 or via the website.

Andy Witcomb, Chair BPNP

Neighbourhood Watch

Denis Wilson, Chairman, Neighbourhood Watch

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COMMUNITY JUSTICE SECURITY

As Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, my primary aim is a simple one: to make Northamptonshire safer.

In order to ensure that everyone is working towards the same shared goal, I've already undertaken a great deal of work to ensure that Northamptonshire Police will play a central role in both the development and delivery of the new Police and Crime Plan for the county, rather than this simply being a strategy set by my team and I.

This is why - for the first time - a joint workshop for members of staff from the Force and my Office was held to develop ideas for a joint strategy. I want the force and my team to deliver the Police and Crime Plan, but I also want everyone to want to deliver it.

Northamptonshire is a large place. It's home to nearly a quarter of a million people, there's over 300,000 domestic properties and 268 parishes, which are joined together by a network of over 2500 miles of highways. Our current budget for policing Northamptonshire is around £122million. Although this might sound a lot, given the size our county and ever increasing challenges we face, it means we'll have to make some difficult decisions on how our limited resources are allocated.

This is why the opinions and experiences of every single person in the county matters. Please do head to www.YourPCC.co.uk and let us know what you think.

Finally can I wish you all a Happy Christmas and should you need any help or assistance, please contact me at: commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk.

Stephen Mold
Police and Crime Commissioner, Northamptonshire

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.

St Mary's Church

When the timber floors below the pews were found to have rot, the immediate infestation was dealt with some years ago. The damage was not fully repaired at the time but is now urgent. The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC) thought that whilst major work was being undertaken, it was a good opportunity to make the church more adaptable for different functions by removing some of the fixed pews and to improve access for wheelchairs and buggies. Some nine years ago the church's architect designed a scheme to meet these requirements, which has been displayed in the church for several years!

The work consists of

- ① repairing the floor timber joists in the front half of the church and the vestry,
- ① moving the font further to the south from the doorway,
- ① removing the pews from the rear half of the church,
- ① forming a platform across the rear half of the church at one-step height with a gentle slope to the central aisle,
- ① sloping the main path and porch floor to the new platform level (this will complete a step-less entrance so that all users of the building enter the same way),
- ① providing chairs, tables and exhibition stands for the new platform area,
- ① replacing the 60 year old electric heating and
- ① improving the soak-away for external drainage around the porch entrance.

Extraordinarily it has taken until October 2016 to obtain the formal approval and the authorising Faculty – the Church of England's equivalent to planning permission.

During this time funds have been accumulated from several Badby Fayres and other special functions but it must be said that enthusiasm waned because of all the delays, not to mention having to fund replacement of lead stolen from the roof in 2011!

The Restoration Fund has now reached £68,000 - over half way. Donations towards this work, small or large, will be greatly welcomed by the PCC (Account Name: PCC Badby Church Restoration Fund; account no: 07106240; sort code: 30-92-55).

The most likely way to fund the remaining £62,000 is through the Heritage Lottery Fund "Our Heritage" scheme, so the PCC will be making a bid. To do this, the PCC needs to show how it is going to enable people to learn about the past of this 14th century building in an active way, for example by research, training, guided tours, events, new interpretation materials, and so on.

To this end the PCC wants to set up a registered charity to specifically work at these secular heritage aims and raise funds for the project. If you have skills and time to assist, administer, publicise, web master or anything else, please contact Frances Williams on 01327 437006 or williamsf333@aol.com.

Badby Village Website

Keep up to date with all that happens in Badby!! Take advantage of the free publicity the village website gives to you! Everyone in Badby is invited to contribute any new, or revised information, via a simple e-mail to badbyvillage2013@gmail.com

The website continues to attract viewings, with people from 90 different countries visiting; more than 20,000 visitors have been on the site since it was launched, and there have been 58,000 views at the 450 posts. You can also sign up to email notifications. To do this, go to the bottom right hand side of the Home page and you'll see a box containing a page symbol with a '+' sign on it and the word 'Follow'. Once you've pressed on the symbol, just enter your email address into the box and press 'Sign me up'.

GENERAL

Badby village correspondent

Please send news of future events, the outcome and personal celebrations to me in 'good time'. The same item reported twice is better than no report at all!

'Good time' means:

Daventry Express: by Sunday evening for the following Thursday's edition.

The *LINK*: by 19th of the previous month.

Badbyvillage website: anytime.

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WASTE AND CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING ARRANGEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO LONGER A CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SERVICE FROM VILLAGE GREENS. REAL CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE COLLECTED FROM YOUR HOUSE IF PLACED BESIDE THE BROWN BIN WHEN GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS RESUME IN THE NEW YEAR. OTHERWISE, THE TIP IS ANOTHER PLACE FOR DISPOSING OF YOUR TREE.

DDC have made separate arrangements and households across Daventry District are being made aware of Christmas and New Year arrangements for waste and recycling collections.

Next issue

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of June 2017. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Email: clerk@badby.org.uk or Telephone: 01327 310245).

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



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