



Badby Parish News

Summer 2018

In recent months, a number of changes have occurred within the Parish Council. These were the departure of Chairman, Peter Cooper, after 6 years of service; the departure of Vice-Chairman, Karen Alexander after 10 years of service and the co-option of Edward Judd and Katie Griffiths to fill the vacancies.

Both Karen and Peter worked tirelessly on Parish Council matters for which the Parish Council is extremely grateful. We wish them both well in their continuing endeavours within the village community. At the same time, we welcome Ed and Katie on board.

As a short term measure, Mike Richards took over the role of Chairman for two months before Richard Piner took on the role in July. After serving the last 15 years himself, 10 years of which he was Chairman, Mike will be stepping down from the Parish Council after the September meeting. As a result, a further vacancy will arise providing another opportunity for a parishioner to consider joining the Parish Council, helping to maintain the good work of previous years.

The Parish Council consists of 9 members, each contributing their various skills and abilities, with a monthly meeting held from 7:30pm on the second Monday of each month in the Village Hall. It has an important role in managing the basic services within the Parish and representing the views of residents on both development and governmental issues relevant to our community. If anyone would like further information on becoming a Parish Councillor and contributing to this worthy and conscientious group, please contact any of the Parish Councillors or Sharon Foster, the Parish Clerk.

Badby Parish Council, 2018

Parish Councillors:

Steve Chandler	Katie Griffiths
Peter Johnson	Ed Judd
Naaman Ostah	Richard Piner
Mike Richards	Neville Snell
Martin Walton	

To contact the Parish Council by email:

For official Parish Council business & general enquiries: clerk@badby.org.uk
[01327 310245]

To contact the Chairman: chairman@badby.org.uk

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

As stated above, 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 a Public Participation item on the agenda.

Cemetery and Graveyard

Much clearing of undergrowth and removal of unwanted tree growth has been achieved in the churchyard during the past few months. In the process, remains of the boundary wall between the church and adjoining village properties have been uncovered. The Parish Council is in the process of obtaining quotes for making repairs to the boundary wall. The costs are yet to be confirmed but will be discussed in detail over the next few Parish Council meetings.

The cemetery continues to be well maintained by our contractors Frank and Fabien who also continue to take steps to even out the surface where possible and make cutting more effective and efficient.

Community improvement projects

The financial problems of Northamptonshire County Council have been well publicised, recently making national headline news. We are already seeing some of the knock-on effects of this. For example, cuts in the levels of winter gritting of roads and filling of grit bins have already been announced and, as a parish council, we are working to try to minimise the impact on Badby. Please see our report on grit bins in the Roads and Safety report below.

On the plus side, funding applications have been invited to the District Council to support community improvement projects and we will be looking to secure some of that for Badby. Issues which have been raised with the Parish Council and through the neighbourhood plan process in recent months are children's play equipment, street lighting, litter and dog waste bins, benches, church wall renovation. If you have any ideas and views on these or other possible village needs, please pass these on to one of your Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council finances

The audited accounts for 2017/18 are attached at the end of this newsletter.

Greens

A regular clean-up working party has been in operation for the last couple of years and meets once a month – usually on the 4th Sunday of each month between 10.00am and noon, gathering at the village hall. The purpose of the group is to carry out smaller maintenance and repair tasks as necessary. Anyone is welcome to join in and would be most welcome.

One of the tasks it's been carrying out is a natural wildlife area on the area behind the Village Hall. Our thanks go to Ben Allee for the provision of bark chippings which have been used as ground cover and to Peter Cooper for helping, not only with the work itself, but also for organising the layout and plan of the area.

Planning

Planning applications made by residents of Badby are submitted to Badby Parish Council as a statutory consultee. These are considered at Parish Council meetings, and sometimes extraordinary meetings are called where deadlines for comment back to Daventry District Council dictate.

Roads and Safety

Some of you may be aware that the County Council was looking to remove a number of grit bins from around the village. A decision has been made by the Parish Council to take over responsibility for filling and maintaining those bins from NCC. There will therefore be no impact on the safety of parishioners. It should be noted that the salt provided in all grit bins (whether by NCC or Badby Parish Council) is for use on public highways and footpaths ONLY and should not be taken for private use.

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).

Trees

The Parish Council thanks James Burton for the donation of two trees which have now been planted on The Green on the corner of the junction with Chapel Lane.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting

Another successful Annual Parish Meeting was held in April, again attended by over 50 residents who enjoyed a sociable, relaxed evening with Parish Councillors, other local government officials and many of the village's community organisations.

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. Keep your eyes on the noticeboards and website for next year's date and 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 Horticultural Society

Our news for 2018

Our programme of events for 2018 started with our Wine and Quiche Evening in April (originally in March but postponed due to adverse weather conditions!!) this year we had a talk by Darren Rudge, "the laughing gardener", about gardening using everyday household items rather than buying expensive garden specific products. It was a full house, and was well received. An excellent homemade buffet was laid on by Committee members.

Our Annual Plant Sale, was held on Sunday 13th May. There were plant stalls from local nurseries and donated plants and garden items from Society members. Refreshments and homemade cakes were available in abundance. The event was well attended, due in part to the weather being very kind to us, and the bluebells in the woods still looking wonderful. All profit made goes towards the costs of running the Annual Show.

Other events are the Annual Show on Sunday 2nd September, our AGM on Friday 16th November and Christmas Crafts Evening on Thursday 14th December.

In addition to our events programme, we also hold monthly Pub Meets on the third Thursday in the month. All are welcome, it's a very informal social event.

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 any member of the Committee. All our events are advertised in the Link each month, on the Badby Village website and on Facebook.

Badby and Fawsley WI

Our first meeting of the year started with 58 ladies renewing their membership for the coming year. In February we celebrated our centenary with cake, fizz, vintage comedy, and a fancy dress theme spanning the fashions of the last 100 years – everybody looked amazing.

In March we enjoyed a cooking demonstration using WW2 rations and were surprised by the taste, texture and appearance of the end products. In April members enjoyed a talk on Lamport Hall and gardens which has just been followed up with a visit and guided tour.

We have much to look forward to for the rest of the year including a sausage making demonstration by one of our members and an introduction to Belly Dancing. In addition, we have a number of interest groups, and the leaders of our skittles, drama, books, local walks and outings groups will make you welcome.

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'.

We meet on the second Thursday evening of each month in Badby village hall, doors opening at 7:15pm. If you would like to make new friends or renew old acquaintances please join us or ring me, Kate Earley, tel: 01327 700544 if you would like someone to accompany you.

All our meetings are open to visitors (£4) just let me (Kate) know if you would like to come.

Kate Earley

Membership Secretary Badby and Fawsley WI

Badby Fayre/St Mary's Church

Badby Fayre will be taking place on Sunday 2nd September. We wish the organisers all the very best and hope the good weather continues so as to bring out the crowds.

Bellringing at Badby

We have attracted an average of 13 on practice nights since Christmas with the added benefit of Frances Williams and three others who started to ring late last year. Sadly three of them have given up for the summer but we hope to see them back. We also have a couple of girls from Daventry undertaking bell-ringing skills as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. We still need more recruits to keep numbers up for Sunday ringing. With very few services this year due to the major works in the church and the Rector's indisposition we still rarely manage to ring all six bells. Bring a friend and have a go – it takes time but is very rewarding!

May is our outings time.

In 2016 Badby ringers Ken and Eleanor Ramsbotham moved to Witheridge, Devon. Seventeen ringers and spouses associated with Badby ringing, set off on Friday of this May Day weekend for a ringing super rally for Devon. On Saturday, joined by Ken, we rang at Rewe, Tiverton St Peter and Cruwys Morchard. The Witheridge pub provided lunch and Eleanor walked us to their new home. Then we rang at Witheridge, East and West Worlington and Lapford before eating in Crediton. Here a proper but belated farewell present of Susan Rose China was presented. After Sunday at leisure, we set off on Monday to ring our way home at six towers along the A361, starting at Durston, Somerset, then Ashcott, West Cranmore, lunch at the Strode Arms, then into Wiltshire at Seend, Avebury, where tea was available in church, and finally Highworth.

With the major church project completed it is good to have several weddings to host and ring for and to show off our cctv system which provides guests with a live view of the bells ringing in the belfry. *The Daventry Branch coach ringing outing left Lodge Road, Daventry in [Hunter's](#) new midi-coach with Brenda at the wheel, spot on 8.30am. Travelling via Cold Ashby we soon made it to the A14, M11 and arrived in Trumpington. At this super 10cwt Taylor eight we settled into the diet for the day of call changes, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. The next journey was a preview because we passed the lunch pub, then the third tower to reach the second tower at Little Shelford! Access to the gallery ringing room was up a modern wooden spiral, but although the tenor was a light 8cwt they went much heavier than their weight. Back to Great Shelford to experience an easy going, despite the off-putting length of rope showing, but anti-clockwise eight. We coped well under Carole's direction. Pre-booked lunch at the Square and Compass followed after Brenda had displayed her party piece of reversing the coach through the narrow car park access into the pub's car park, to the praise of the landlord! Heavy rain meant that we had to make a dash for the coach afterwards so as to arrive at the very sturdy tower at Haslingfield. We battled the very odd-struck bells before moving on to Little Eversden and finally to Fenstanton. A refreshment stop was made at The Crown, West Haddon where we narrowly avoided a karaoke evening!*

Geoff Pullin

Badby Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan draft has been forwarded to an inspector and, once the inspection is cleared, a referendum will be held in the village.

Neighbourhood Watch

Membership of the Neighbourhood Watch has declined in recent years to the point where an emergency meeting was held and a call put out for members. Unfortunately, the take-up was minimal and so a decision was made to disband the Neighbourhood Watch group for Badby village. I am sure you will join me in thanking those who have been involved in the Neighbourhood Watch in recent years, including Denis Wilson and Colin Cripps.

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
SCTDaventryRural@northants.police.uk

The Link

Our thanks goes to the team organised by Alan and Win Roddis which delivers a copy of the Knightley Parishes magazine free to every house in Badby each month. Their diligence in getting a copy through each and every letterbox is very much appreciated.

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.

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

Badby Woods and the removal of bluebells

This year's display of bluebells in Badby Woods was magnificent. However, the Parish Council received reports of bluebells being dug up by individuals and removed from the woods – sometimes in arms-full.

Bluebells are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) which prohibits anyone from digging up bulbs in the countryside. Bluebells were also listed on Schedule 8 of the Act in 1998 which makes trade in wild bluebell bulbs or seeds an offence.

GENERAL

Badby village news reporting

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.com website: anytime.

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Next issue

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published at the end of December 2018. Anyone wishing to contribute an article should contact Sharon Foster (Email: clerk@badby.org.uk or Phone: 01327 310245).

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