



# Badby Parish News

**Winter 2018**

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year from Badby Parish Council. After a huge effort from the Badby Neighbourhood Plan group over a long period of time, the Plan has finally been completed. Following an extremely favourable review from an independent examiner, the Plan has now been signed off by Daventry District Council. This has cleared the way for a referendum to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to allow all parishioners a say in whether or not the plan should be adopted. Please make sure you cast your vote, whether for approval or not, to ensure that the outcome is truly representative of how we want the future of Badby to look.

As previously reported, some very experienced councillors have left the Council in the last few months. However, I'm very pleased to say that the last of the vacancies created has been filled by Joanne Hind who previously spent seven years on the Parish Council over twenty years ago. That, along with the fact that she is a lifelong Badby resident, will bring welcome experience to the Parish Council.

With the planned council changes at District and County level due in less than a year and a half, I'm sure next year will be challenging, particularly as there are likely to be responsibilities passed down to town and parish level. For example, this has already happened with some of the grit bins in the village. Consequently we are having to take a hard look at budgeting (see below) for the coming year.

*Finally, I hope you all had a merry Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year.*

*Richard Piner, Chairman*

## **Badby Parish Council**

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Parish Council meetings continue to be 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. 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.

### **GOODBYE MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK**

Some of you will already know about the sudden loss of my lovely Mum earlier this year and the huge impact it had on me and my family. Some of you will have known her from the school playground, church or friendship connections. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank friends, members of the community and the Parish Council for all their support during what has been a difficult time. It certainly made me re-evaluate all that I was doing – being involved in the secretarial side of things at the Knightley Benefice and Badby School and Clerk to Preston Capes too. As a result, I have resigned from all the jobs and now work as a full time Ocado/Morrisons delivery driver. I am absolutely loving the new job and seem to have found my real niche in life – driving and chatting to people!

I had hoped to keep on working for Badby Parish Council but, alas, there aren't enough hours in the day and I don't want to get to a point where the Parish Council is not being served sufficiently well. So I have, somewhat reluctantly given 3 months' notice to the Parish Council. The 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 meeting will be my last.

I'd like to take this opportunity to formally thank everyone in the community of Badby for making my job such a pleasure to do. And also, to thank all the Parish Councillors I have worked with over the past 13 years. Parish Council meetings have been a joy to attend and you will always have a special place in my heart. I only wish that Parish Councillors got as much recognition for all they do as they deserve – without any pay! Please do support your Parish Council.

And so, this is my last newsletter. I wish the Parish Council continued success in the changes which are looming – nationally, district-wide, county-wide and, very importantly, within the village. Good luck to you all.

No news yet as to my replacement but I'm sure he/she will be welcomed with open arms and looked after as well as I have been.

Thank you and cheers for now (although I'll no doubt be bumping into many of you in the pub, walking in the woods or maybe even delivering your shopping).

Sharon Foster

## **BURIAL GROUNDS**

Members of the Badby clean-up group have been hard at work this year clearing the area behind the church, in particular the boundary with neighbouring properties. This has been partly to tidy the area up but also as a precursor to effectively restoring the boundary between the church and adjoining land. To reinstate the boundary wall to its original state will be very expensive and will therefore be a long term project.

A shorter term need is to ensure that we are financially able to deal with any repairs to the outer wall that borders pavement and road. Once again, these could prove to be expensive. In recent years other unplanned large costs such as Japanese knotweed eradication and the felling of unsafe trees on the green have put the parish finances under stress. We must ensure that we budget prudently to avoid this happening again.

## **Badby Neighbourhood Plan**

It was agreed at a full meeting of DDC on the 6<sup>th</sup> December that the Badby Parish Neighbourhood Plan should go forward to referendum of parishioners on the electoral roll on 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. The referendum is parishioners chance to have their say on whether this Neighbourhood Plan should be used to help determine planning decisions in the Parish alongside District, County and National Planning Policies.

Paper copies of the finalised plan are available for you to look through at The Maltsters, Badby (closed Monday), St. Mary's Church, Badby and Daventry District Council Offices or online at [badbyvillage.com/neighbourhoodplan/referendum](http://badbyvillage.com/neighbourhoodplan/referendum).

Please read the plan and cast your vote (a simple Yes or No) on 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. Polling cards will be issued shortly to eligible voters and the Polling Station will be Badby Village Hall.

## **Clean Up Working Groups**

The regular monthly working parties continues to meet once a month to ensure that Badby continues to look good – keeping the greens and trees tidy, dealing with excessive growth along verges, cleaning road signs, litter picking, etc. The group has continued throughout this year to great effect with many repair and maintenance issues being dealt with – some of which we might have had to pay for previously. We are most grateful to those who have already lent a hand.

**The Clean-up Groups usually take place on the fourth Sunday of each month (although there is consideration of alternating the day with Saturday), 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 27th January – everyone is welcome, whatever age or skills! Keep an eye out on the website for further news.**

## **FINANCE**

As you may or may not be aware, the landscape for the councils of Northamptonshire has been changing considerably over the last year. With Northampton County Council effectively without the required financing for their financial obligations, the proposed unitary council which will see Daventry District Council amalgamating with other Councils and the continued pressure on finances in the Parish Council. Coupled with this, the Parish Council faces several financial challenges and obligations of its own to ensure that the village is kept to a required standard and its assets maintained.

It is a common misconception what the Parish Council can and can't do as well as what they are responsible for. We have a duty to maintain street lighting, manage trees, mow the greens and manage the church grounds as well as the cemetery and maintain the playing field. The roads, verges, pathways, rubbish collection as well as other areas are the responsibility at this time of DDC or NCC. Recently, some of the obligations of DDC have been passed directly to the Parish Council (sadly, without the related budget). We fear as a Council that this is a trend which will continue based on the pressures on budgets.

We are limited by the amount of money we can raise through our proportion of the council tax and are often faced with unexpected demands on budget which we have to cover within our own resources. In recent years, unexpected tree management costs as well as Japanese knotweed around the village hall has been a heavy cost with no related budget. As well as that, we are expecting repairs to assets and cost obligations to arise in the future (repair of church walls, future tree works etc).

As a Council, we have examined alternative methods of maintaining these areas - accessing funding both locally and nationally, contributions from private donors, accessing grants from the Community Investment Levy and so on. We have been successful in applying for some grants and unsuccessful for some (we have made 7 applications in the last quarter). Over a year ago, we started the "Village Clean Up" working parties which tackled works identified around the village which would have previously been undertaken by local councils/working parties but were no longer going to. Whilst this is supported by the same regular attendees, it is disappointing that, despite advertising, we do not see more attendance to enable us to maintain our village and complete these jobs. If all of the above becomes reality, then the Village Clean Up party would become even more critical in undertaking these essential tasks and I would urge you all to help in this project (it would be good to see double-digit numbers attend as we have plenty of jobs available).

As to the budget proposed for 2019/2020, the full listing is shown at the end of this newsletter. We have put provision in for continued tree works as well as additional monies for the church wall and the management of the grit bins (some of which were passed to the Parish Council from NCC). All other costs have been maintained at nil or minimal cost of living increases. The increase we are looking at is 13%. Whilst this may seem a high rise, this is entirely made up of provision for additional costs as mentioned above (trees, church wall, grit bins). When you put this into proportion, the total expenditure for the Parish Council is £21,000 or £88.61 annually per household which breaks down to only £1.70 per household per week.

It is our objective to maintain our parish to the standard that our parishioners expect and the reason why we all live here. We hope that you all share with this objective and would help the Parish Council to deliver it.

## **Highways, lighting and road safety**

Last year, NCC painted double yellow lines on an area of the highway at Pinfold Green. Concerns still remain about the safety of vehicles entering the village off the A361 from Daventry due to vehicles parked so please do be mindful when parking or driving into the village that, although the speed limit is 30mph, it might be wise to slow down even more to allow yourself time to avoid any adverse situations.

The Parish Council is in constant contact with NCC Highways over various highways issues but it should be noted that anyone is able to contact NCC through Street Doctor they see something which needs attention. Street Doctor is an online reporting system available at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) and alerting NCC to anything ranging from potholes to issues with drains, kerbs, rights of way, footpaths, street furniture etc.

However, when it comes to street lights, the Parish Council has responsibility for their maintenance. Parish Councillors do a regular walk-around to make sure that they are all working.

**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 by email: [clerk@badby.org.uk](mailto:clerk@badby.org.uk).**

### **NCC and other works**

Various requests have been made through the Street Doctor reporting system mentioned above and the Parish Council continues to press for regular updates.

### **Planning**

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee of any planning application relating to the Badby parish and is asked to make comment to DDC on all 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.

### **Roads and safety**

GRIT BINS and GRITTING this winter.

Northamptonshire County Council has reduced its budget for gritting and grit bins in the county.

Firstly, this will mean that the main road through the village (Main Street etc.) will not be routinely gritted along with the A361 but only in more extreme conditions (forecast snow or temperature below zero degrees for more than 48 hours).

Secondly, five of the eleven grit bins in the village will no longer be maintained by NCC. The Parish Council has agreed to take over the maintenance of these bins and manage them to ensure there is grit available when needed. Please remember that the grit in these bins is for use on public roads and pavements **only** and not on private property.

### **Play Equipment**

One of the needs identified during the neighbourhood planning process was for more facilities for children in the village. This was backed up by a request directly to the Parish Council from several children in the village. The Parish Council has applied for and been granted match funding up to the value of £6,000 by Daventry district Council to buy play equipment. We hope to be able to purchase and install play equipment in the coming months. Possible locations are being looked at by members of the Parish Council.

## **GENERAL VILLAGE NEWS**

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Next year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April so pencil it into your diaries and calendars. This will follow the successful format of the previous few years – being more of a village social event than a formal one, with drinks and finger foods being served. The event is attended by Community organisations as well as County and District Councillors who will be able to update you as to what's been going on for the past year and what lies ahead.

## **BADBY SCHOOL**

The past few months have been very busy and exciting for everyone in school. A new heating system, air conditioning and carpets were fitted during the summer holidays. Building work on the new replacement classrooms started in October. Everyone is eagerly watching the progress. The steel frames of the new extension are now in place forming the size and shape of the new accommodation. It is hoped that the building work will be finished by March and children in EYFS and KS1 (4-7 year olds) will move into their new rooms. The old mobile classrooms will then be demolished.

In September, Year 4 and 5 children went on a residential visit to Everdon to take part in orienteering, country walks and other activities. Year 5 children also completed their Bikeability Course in September. At the end of the summer term, Year 6 children enjoyed a residential activity week in Suffolk. Linked to their curriculum subjects, other classes visited Cresswell Crag, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Woburn Safari Park and Cadbury World.

Sport continues to play a big part in school life. The football, rugby and netball teams regularly take part in matches and tournaments at local and county level. Children have also participated in athletics, golf, squash and archery days in recent months. Other clubs include art, gardening, knitting, handbell ringing, basketball and dance. For the third year, Badby School has teams entering the school Junior Strictly Dance Competition at the Derngate, with one of our teams achieving a top ten place.

Badby School supports several charities during the year. So far this school year, children have taken part in the big Macmillan Coffee Morning, completed activities to raise money for the NSPCC and dressed up for Children in Need. Gifts for the Harvest Festival, which was held in Badby Church, were delivered to the Mayday Trust in Daventry.

All children were involved in a variety of craft activities and poetry to learn about the Centenary of World War One. In addition, a small chair was decorated by Year 3 children as part of the Daventry Museum exhibition, Remembering the Fallen. Several KS2 children also helped decorate Badby Church with various poppy designs and crafts for Remembrance Sunday.

Children and staff dressed as book characters for a day in November to celebrate the launch of our reading project. A range of exciting new reading books has been bought for each year group and various activities will centre around these during the year.

Several months ago, a new group was formed for parents and toddlers. This is held in the school hall on Wednesday mornings from 9.00 til 10.30 and is open to all. There is no charge, except for a small donation towards tea and coffee and is a great way to get to know other parents and carers while the little ones play. There is also the opportunity to catch up with our Family Support Worker, Zoe Massingham, who holds a drop in clinic for parents on a Wednesday morning.

Just before Christmas, KS1 children performed a play, KS2 took part in Music on a Winter's Evening and there was a school carol service in Badby Church on the last day of term. Everyone was also very much looking forward to the Derngate panto and the Christmas Fayre.

The school currently has 168 children on roll and is full in almost every year group. Bluebells Pre-School continues to go from strength to strength. Please contact the school if you are looking for a place for your child.

## **Badby and Fawsley WI December 2018**

2018 has been a special year for Badby and Fawsley WI. 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. All of our members were presented with a booklet entitled ‘Recollections of the first hundred years of Badby & Fawsley WI’ which had been researched diligently by three committee members. To mark this event, the WI have also donated a bench to the village which the Parish Council have kindly agreed to locate and install on the Village Green.

Belly dancing was the flavour of our November meeting and in December our members enjoy their home cooked Christmas Dinner and await the arrival of Father Christmas and his Elf.

A new President and Committee were elected in October and have an exciting programme for 2019. In addition, we have a number of interest groups, and the leaders of our skittles, drama, book club, local walks, Knit Wits and outings groups will make you welcome. The full WI programme can be found on the Badby Village Website and on 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 come along or ring our President Kathy Day, tel: 01327 438582 if you would like someone to accompany you. All our meetings are open to visitors (£4) - just let Kathy know if you would like to come.

Kate Earley  
Badby and Fawsley WI

### **BELLRINGING at BADBY**

We have attracted an average of 11 people on practice nights since the summer. Frances has been making keen progress and young Moyo has recently joined us and is well on his way to controlling a bell. Since a CCTV system was installed during the Pew Platforms Project, even the experienced ringers continue to be mesmerised with seeing the bells ‘live’ as we ring. We put out another monitor for those in the church attending weddings and other suitable occasions to see the bells in action. In August we were delighted to have a visit from Susie visiting her father George Hartshorn and persuaded her to ring for the first time since leaving home for university. She successfully demonstrated that ringing a bell is a skill once learned is never forgotten!

We have managed to ring all six bells for only six out of fourteen Sunday services and then with help from Byfield, Charwelton and Newnham. We still need more recruits to keep numbers up for Sunday ringing. Bring a friend and have a go – it takes time but is very rewarding! Come and see us ring out 2018 and ring-in 2019 at 11.30pm and make a new year’s resolution to learn to ring in time for next summer’s outings!

Altogether this year we have rung for five weddings. One of those was when the Badby bride was rung out of the village on her way to marriage at Princethorpe College.

We joined in the Ringing Remembers national scheme and rang specially at 12.30pm on November 11 with the bells ‘open’ for the centenary of the celebration of the 1918 armistice. We were privileged to have the two churchwardens, Susan and Frances, ringing.

Carole and I tested the renowned fellowship of bellringing more than usual in the summer, having happily been welcomed to ring at Toronto Cathedral and Truro Cathedral!

*Geoff Pullin*

## St Mary's Church

The long-anticipated pew platform repairs and reordering of the Church finally came to fruition this summer, despite delays by the archaeologists, and a service of Thanksgiving was held in July led by Bishop John, Bishop of Brixworth. Since then the Church has hosted several weddings in addition to our regular services, and two baptisms using the font in its new location near the children's corner in the South Aisle. The new open platform area at the West end is proving an excellent facility, in particular for serving teas during the Open Gardens and Badby Fayre as well as our new regular coffee morning on the third Tuesday of each month, and the replacement heating system is proving much more flexible and responsive than its predecessor. Although we can expect to have to replace the Nave roof covering in the fairly near future in order to be able to renew some rotting roof timbers, it is good to be able to enjoy a break for now in the relentless cycle of repairs and fundraising, and we would like to thank everyone who has donated so generously and made it possible to reach this point.

In November we learned that our Rector of eight years, Reverend Sue, will be leaving us for pastures new. She has been offered and has accepted the position of Vicar of Dallington and St James in Northampton. It means a return to an urban parish for Sue, who came to us from Byker in Newcastle, and we wish her every success. Badby will therefore enter a period of what the Church of England terms "interregnum" pending the appointment of Sue's replacement. Working with our counterparts in the other parishes of the Knightley Benefice, we hope to be able to maintain a regular cycle of services, several of which are lay-led, with the assistance of visiting clergy to administer Holy Communion. We feel sure we can count on the support of parishioners during this challenging time and look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible at our services and social events.

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING ARRANGEMENTS

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS**

**NO LONGER A CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SERVICE FROM ANY OF THE 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.

## Police

Email addresses for Daventry Police Station contacts:

Sergeant Sam Dobbs	<a href="mailto:sam.dobbs@northants.police.uk">sam.dobbs@northants.police.uk</a>
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## 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 by emailing knight[leybenefice@aol.co.uk](mailto:leybenefice@aol.co.uk).

Our thanks once again go to Alan and his wife Win for all their hard work in getting the copies of The Link around to each and every household in the parish – whatever the weather.

## 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 Neighbourhood News column.

*THE LINK:* by 19<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

**badbyvillage.com** website: anytime.

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## 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](mailto:badbyvillage2013@gmail.com)

*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'. You will be sent a confirmation email which you must respond to.*

## Next issue

The next issue of Badby Parish News will be published in June 2019. To contribute an article, email [clerk@badby.org.uk](mailto:clerk@badby.org.uk).

**May I, finally, take this opportunity of wishing you all,  
on behalf of myself and all your Parish Councillors,  
a very happy 2019.**



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