

# ***THE LINK***

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***Badby ☿ Newnham ☿ Charwelton ☿ Fawsley ☿ Preston Capes***

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## Services for August 2025

	3 August <b>I</b> Trinity 7	10 August <b>II</b> Trinity 8	17 August <b>III</b> Trinity 9	24 August <b>IV</b> Trinity 10	31 August <b>V</b> Trinity 11	7 September <b>I</b> Trinity 12
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]	11:00 Morning Worship [GS]	<b>10:00</b>  <b>United Benefice Service</b>  of  <b>Holy Communion CW</b>  at  <b>Preston Capes [+EC]</b>	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay HW]	<b>10:00</b>  <b>United Benefice Service</b>  of  <b>Holy Communion BCP</b>  at  <b>Fawsley [GS]</b>	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]
Newnham				11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]		
Charwelton	09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]			17:00 Evensong BCP (Church) [Lay GW]		09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]
Fawsley		11:00 Holy Communion BCP [CP]				
Preston Capes		09:15 Holy Communion CW [CP]		10:00 Morning Prayer BCP [Lay GH]		

## OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 19 August

6.30 pm

Badby

ESOW

# SUNDAY READINGS

## Principal Service CW

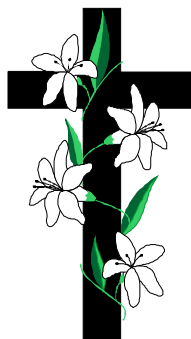
- for other services see Lectionary

Date	Feast	OT Reading	NT Reading	Gospel
3 Aug	Trinity 7	Eccles. 1, 2, 12-14 & 2, 18-23	Col. 3, 1-11	Luke 12, 13-21
10 Aug	Trinity 8	Gen. 15, 1-6	Heb. 11, 1-3 & 8-16	Luke 12, 32-40
17 Aug	Trinity 9	Jer. 23, 23-29	Heb. 11, 29 - 12, 2	Luke 12, 49-56
24 Aug	Trinity 10	Isa. 58, 9b-end	Heb. 12, 18-end	Luke 13. 10-17
31 Aug	Trinity 11	Ecclus. 10, 12-18	Heb. 13, 1-8 & 15-16	Luke 14, 1,& 7-14
7 Sep	Trinity 12	Deut. 30, 15-end	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14, 25-33

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### IN MEMORIAM

at Badby  
on 16 July  
Patricia Jacqueline Fox ("Trish"),  
[by Rev'd Celia Parkes and Ruth Mackman,  
Celebrant]



A former long-time resident of Badby, and more recently of Newnham, Donald "Don" Baseley was cremated at Banbury on 21 May.

*Grant them peace,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them*

# EDITORIAL

Firstly I would like to thank Philip Turvil for his regular monthly contributions “What to do in your gardens this month” over the last 12 months. I for one have found them very valuable, and others have said likewise. We have much appreciated your efforts Philip.

As I write this (on 19th. July) it is raining!! And I mean proper raining. Not a light drizzle, nor a tropical-intensity thunderstorm, but a good steady “gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath” as the bard has it. I can see the grass, and flowers and vegetables (not to mention the weeds!) perking up before my eyes. The experts seem to think that this will go on for some days yet, so have our prayers been answered? Let’s hope so.

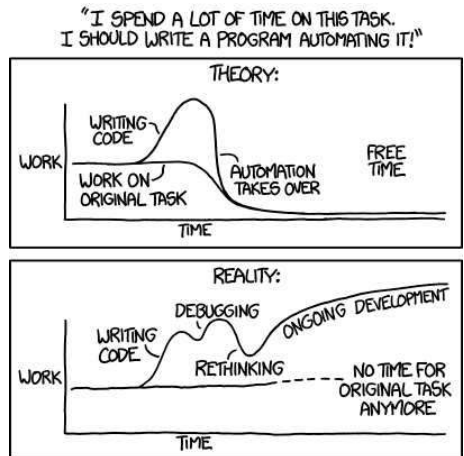
Lady birds have been out in force for some time now, and ever since they appeared I have been hoping that they would gorge themselves on the black fly infesting my broad beans (as I stopped using pesticides many years ago). But no such luck, they seem quite uninterested, and the beans remain covered with the aphids. What am I doing wrong?

The hedgehogs continue to come to feed each evening, and we see copious amounts of hedgehog droppings on the lawns. We have not yet seen any young, but a neighbour has. What a splendid cheering thing that is. Another household in the village has also started to see hedgehogs. They may be the same ones of course, but let’s hope that the population is starting to rise again.

The swallow chicks I mentioned last month have eventually departed, and their hardworking parents are now in the process of rearing another brood. We can’t tell yet how

many, and I just hope that they fledge in time to join the others on their journey to South Africa (or wherever) in a few weeks time.

Do you ever find yourself trying to save time and effort with something - and then ending up like this?



David



## Historic dates in August

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 1 Aug 1740  | Rule Britannia sung for the first time |
| 1 Aug 1828  | Slavery abolished in Jamaica           |
| 3 Aug 1492  | Christopher Columbus set sail          |
| 4 Aug 1914  | Britain declares war on Germany        |
| 6 Aug 1881  | Birth of Alexander Fleming             |
| 6 Aug 1945  | First atomic bomb - Hiroshima          |
| 9 Aug 1945  | Second atomic bomb - Nagasaki          |
| 9 Aug 1757  | Birth of Thomas Telford                |
| 15 Aug 1945 | VJ Day                                 |

# PASTORAL LETTER

## Seeing things differently

August is a month that brings us 'the summer'... now I don't know about you but I often find myself wondering what that will mean, will it be full on heat of summer, torrential rain, cloudy cool days or all of the above!

We will simply have to wait and see and whatever faces us we will no doubt adapt whatever we are doing to fit the situation as best we can.

This sense of the need to adapt and see things differently brings to mind Bartholomew, one of Jesus's 12 disciples, mentioned in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's gospel never mentions Bartholomew but does mention Nathanael (the others don't) so many think that Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person.

I love Nathanael's first encounter with Jesus. Philip comes and tells him about Jesus of Nazareth to which Nathanael replies 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' It's a slightly grumpy response, maybe like those hoping for a lovely summer holiday weather in August; he's been let down a few times before.

Still, what happens next is a story of being completely turned around. Jesus tells Nathanael that he saw him under the fig tree before Philip called him. Nathanael is so surprised by this he changes from



sceptic to believer, and even more than Philip had said. Nathanael says to Jesus "you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel."

There are many times when we are sceptical or in doubt, but when we meet Jesus for ourselves our outlook can be transformed, when we realise we are known and loved by Jesus it changes everything.

Come rain or shine this August I pray you find some time to meet Jesus in the pages of the Bible, in the family of the church, in a quiet place (like Nathanael's fig tree), where you are seen and loved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Booker'.

*The Venerable Alison Booker  
Archdeacon of Oakham*

# BENEFICE PAGE

## EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This lay-led service is held once a month on the Tuesday evening following the third Sunday at St Mary's Badby from 6.30pm to 7pm. There is always a brief talk about someone inspirational. All welcome! The next dates are 19 August and 23 September.

## BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

### Friday 29th August: Benediction (2021)

The film follows the life of the acclaimed 20th Century English war poet Siegfried Sassoon as he is sent to a psychiatric facility for his anti-war stance. He embarks on a life-long quest for personal salvation through his experiences with family, war, his writing and his complex relationships. It's the final film made by the acclaimed British director Terence Davies before he died. It stars Jack Lowden, Peter Capaldi and Simon Russell Beale. It's a "profoundly affecting drama in the real-life story of a combat veteran whose poetry warned against the horrors of war." 131 mins, 12 certificate.



## SUDOKU

[With thanks to Robin Baker]

Puzzle No. 120 - Mild

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Puzzle 121 - Difficult

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[Solutions on p. 11]



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## .....More historic dates in August

- 15 Aug 1947 Independence of India and Pakistan
- 17 Aug 1896 First pedestrian in Britain to be killed by a car
- 22 Aug 1485 Richard III, last English King to be killed in battle, died at Bosworth Field
- 24 Aug 1875 Captain Webb sets off on the first swim across the English Channel
- 25 Aug 1919 World's first international daily air service begins between London and Paris.
- 27 Aug 1900 Britain's first long distance bus service begins between London and Leeds. The journey time being 2 days!

# PARISH NOTICES

## BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)

website: [www.badby-pc.gov.uk](http://www.badby-pc.gov.uk)

	Reader	Sidesman	Coffee
<b>3 Aug</b>	P. Wakeford J. Peel	G. Morley G. Nelson	C. Wakeford
<b>10 Aug</b>	J. Jordan C. Richards	J. Jordan C. Richards	A. Syred
<b>24 Aug</b>	C. Wakeford J. Hall	P. Wakeford C. Wakeford	N. Shaw

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR AUGUST

w/b 4 Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson  
w/b 11 Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred  
w/b 18 Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner  
w/b 25 Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper

### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR AUGUST

2 - 16 Karen Brown  
16 - 30 Ann Syred

### BADBY BELLS

With the bells gone, the clock won't be able to chime again till they are back in September. In the meantime, Badby ringing practices are continuing at a different tower each Wednesday evening. De-rusting and protective repainting of the bell frame began on 28 July.

### T 4 U

Come along to enjoy sunshine and friends in the village hall on Friday 1 August, 2.30 - 4.30pm. We'll be there with Summery cakes and drinks. No charge, just donations.

### SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND FAYRE

This year's Scarecrow Festival takes place over the weekend of 13-14 September, with the main event on Sunday 14 September from 2-5 pm when we will have stalls and live music on The Green courtesy of the Field Jammers, and teas in the village hall. The

theme for scarecrows this time is "my favourite hobby/pastime", e.g. sport, handicraft, gardening, music, dance – the list is endless! Making a scarecrow can be fun, creative, and all the family can get involved - and there are some great resources online. We just need to know where your scarecrow will be so we can include it on the map for visitors – a form is available from Jim McBeth (email: [twolittlegoats@btinternet.com](mailto:twolittlegoats@btinternet.com)) or one of the Churchwardens, Judy and Frances. As usual, we will be collecting bottles for the bottle tombola and contributions will be hugely appreciated – please look out for collection date on village website and Facebook.

### RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY SPECIAL

Gillian Dooley, an Australian author of 'She Played and Sang - Jane Austen and Music' will be giving an open talk on Tuesday 12 August in the village hall, 3pm. Please book with Angela Adams 07957 995944, £3 at door. Gillian has published and presented internationally on Jane Austen and, as a singer, she has curated programmes of music from Austen's personal collection since 2007. She is in the UK to speak at the 200th anniversary celebrations of Jane Austen's birth.

### ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING

On Tuesday 19 August from 10.30am to noon, come and join us to enjoy our refreshments with home-made cake and chat and see the Church draw being made. The July draw winners were: 1st: Gillie Morley; 2nd: Karen and Alan Brown; 3rd: June and Andrew Witcomb.

### CRICKET AT LONG ROADS FIELD IN AUGUST

Badby & Farthingstone Cricket Club are hosting the inaugural annual Peter Mayne Memorial Match on Sunday 10 August from 1.30pm. Peter passed away earlier this year. He was a founder member back in 2009, a loyal player and fine bowler. The friendly match will take place against Braunston Paddox, a club that Peter played with and against. Food and drink will be available. On Sunday 3rd. Aug. 1 pm start, the club will play Open University.

On Saturday 9th Aug. visually impaired Northampton Steelbacks will play London Metro from 1 pm.

## RIDE & STRIDE

On Saturday 13 September enjoy a day in the countryside calling on as many churches as you can. See the beautiful countryside and collect sponsor money for your local church. Obtain forms from Chris Richards, Bunkers Hill.

## BADBY AND FAWSLEY WI

Following on from our very successful and enjoyable Summer Garden Party in July, on Thursday 14 August we will be having an evening of Sanntangle – Making Impossible Art Possible! Enjoy having a go at this mindful and relaxing drawing method – no previous artistic ability required!

For further information about this thriving and friendly WI or to arrange a visit, please contact Jan Cooper on [jancooper2012@me.com](mailto:jancooper2012@me.com) or Jackie Peel on [jackiepeel22@gmail.com](mailto:jackiepeel22@gmail.com)



## NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning  
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### NEWNHAM'S CLEANING ROTA FOR AUGUST

August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. J Minor  
August 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. and Mrs. Wood  
August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. and Mrs. Wood  
August 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Rees  
August 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. J Minor

### A COFFEE MORNING THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to all those who supported the coffee morning on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>. July at our home Hillside, School Hill. The weather was warm, but all managed to have a seat in the shade, where they were able to chat and have refreshments. The sum of £190 was raised for church funds.

*Mary Wood*

## NEWNHAM WI

18th September WI meeting at 7.30pm in Newnham Village Hall

Iceland's Ring Round; an 800 mile tour of this beautiful country. A talk by Judith Dorkins. Visitors welcome £6 each.

## JULY DRAW

The winners of the July draw are as follows: -  
£50 prize - Joshua Heathcote No 84  
£25 prize - Mrs Joan Ferguson No 8  
£25 prize - Mr W. Nunneley No 125

## SCHOOL

Congratulations to all the children in KS2 for their fantastic performance of Super Stan on Weds 9th July. Two packed early evening performances and a matinée (mainly for grandparents) required a huge commitment. In a show with so many outstanding performances it seems unfair to pick out individuals, nevertheless a mention has to be made of Evie (Kite) whose solo had many of us in tears, and Mr Mead whose energy and enthusiasm knows no bounds! Well done all of you, a performance worthy of the Derngate !

After several days of extreme heat causing a number of schools to cancel their sports days Thurs 17th July dawned humid with some gentle rain and the day went ahead as planned. All children took part with great enthusiasm with Oak (red) eventually coming out on top, - remember it's taking part that matters! The morning concluded with a hilarious race for the teachers all of whom were in fancy dress. - needless to say Mr Mead won!

## ITALIAN FIESTA

6th September from 6.30pm. Italian Fiesta night in Newnham Village Hall. Four course rustic style meals. BYO drinks. £35 per head. Contact Kate for tickets on [kate@ciaoitalia.me](mailto:kate@ciaoitalia.me) or 07889 413678.

For further information on events in Newnham please visit our website [www.newnhamvillage.co.uk](http://www.newnhamvillage.co.uk)





## CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound  
(davidpound1939@talktalk.net)

	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
3 Aug	Fiona Spencer	June Pound
24 Aug	Penny Cory	Annabelle Orr

Chapel cleaning	
August	June Pound
September	Fiona Spencer

### RUSHDEN TOWN BAND CONCERT

We were pleased to welcome Rushden Town Band to the church, with the doors flung wide open and the Northamptonshire countryside filled with music. By the end of the evening, everyone was toe tapping and even the livestock in the field appreciated the mooooooosic! A big 'thank you' to everyone who helped make the evening possible, whether by lending gazebos, transporting tables and chairs, setting up, serving behind the bar or simply supporting the event. The evening raised in excess of £600 for the church, though final details of some bar expenses are not yet available. The band said they loved the rural setting of the church and, having really enjoyed themselves, are keen to return next year. If you weren't able to attend, check out the Charwelton village or the Rushden Town Band's Facebook page to see what you missed.

PC

### ADVANCE NOTICE HARVEST WEEKEND 3<sup>RD</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

This year we want to hold a Harvest Supper after having to cancel last year's event due to low ticket sales. At that time many said "*We were going to buy a ticket but hadn't got round to it.*" We need to know numbers well in advance for catering purposes so, this time, we are giving plenty of advance notice. There'll be an advert in the September Link with details of how you can get tickets. (We need to sell at least 40 to make the event viable.) Charwelton lends itself to the celebration of Harvest: be prepared for ticket sales in the first two weeks of September.

PC

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th September will be held in Charwelton Village Hall from 10:00-12:30. There will be an entrance fee of £3 for adults (children are free), which will include coffee, tea and cake! Please do come along and support this amazing cause, there will be lots of activities for children and adults to get involved with! If you have any questions, please contact Verity Spencer on [verity.spencer@outlook.com](mailto:verity.spencer@outlook.com)

### POP-UP COFFEE SHOP

A trial Pop-up Coffee Shop will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 16 Aug 0900-1200.

Tea Coffee Pastries and Cakes will be available to purchase. At this first event payment will be on a cash only basis.

Thanks; hope to see you there!

IL

### FOX AND HOUNDS

The Fox and Hounds re-opened very successfully as hoped on 4th. July, when Tom and his excellent team put on a splendid welcome to a packed pub and garden. Things have continued in that vein and we look forward to enjoying the resurrected village pub. See [www.foxcharwelton.com](http://www.foxcharwelton.com) or the village Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/groups/173832128342633](https://www.facebook.com/groups/173832128342633)) for further details.

### GORDON BIRD

Message from a "locally grown hill-billy.

To my family and friends. Thank you very much for helping to make 29th. June "My Day".

Thank you

GAB

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY School in the 1940s

For those who passed the 11+ exam = a 5 mile cycle ride am & pm to Daventry. Satchel on their back, and a packed lunch.

Those who did not pass the 11+ = school bus door to door and a canteen lunch.

GAB

# FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

## ROAD CLOSURES

There has recently been an increase in both roadworks and road closures without any warning. These may just be an inconvenience or might have more serious consequences if you have an important appointment that you do not want to miss. All road works and closures are logged on a publicly available online map - [one.network](http://one.network) and you may wish to look at this if you are planning a route so as to avoid hold ups.

## RIDE AND STRIDE

The annual 'Ride and Stride' fund-raising event is taking place on Saturday 13th September. The idea is to cycle or walk/run to as many churches as possible in the day. If you wish to take part and would like to obtain sponsorship forms please contact Robin Baker on 01327 361585.



## PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare  
[caghoare@gmail.com](mailto:caghoare@gmail.com)

	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning
10 Aug	Heather Wilson	Gerard Hoare	Christine Purcell & Mireya Weaver
17 Aug	John Wilshire	Mireya Weaver	
24 Aug	Anabel Lewis-Bowen	Peter Smith	

Flowers Heather Wilson & Mireya Weaver  
Mowing 1-17 Peter Smith  
19-31 Alan Bray & Tim Redfern

## DATE FOR THE DIARY

Raising the Roof. Friday 12th September

We are facing a major roof replacement on the North Aisle of the church, raising money for this. Please support:  
Drinks, canapés and music in the garden at The Old Rectory, 18.30 - 21.00

Tickets available £20 all donations welcome and further information from Victoria Bridgeman [victoria@bridgeman.co.uk](mailto:victoria@bridgeman.co.uk)  
If you are unable to attend, there will be a Just Giving page set up shortly, details to follow.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 28th September at 10.00. Please bring your flowers and produce to the church on Saturday 27th

## RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday 13th September

As usual, the church will be open all day for visitors - V Brassey is looking for volunteers to 'Ride and Stride!' Cyclists and walkers who can get sponsorship, and hopefully volunteers to man the church, if they are able to get sponsorship too, even better. This is run in aid of the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, who will award Grants to churches who apply. Supporting this day is very important.

## POP UP SHOP Sunday 5th October at 12.00

Pop up Harvest Shop in Village Hall  
Lots of delicious cakes, tarts, jams and chutneys

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month's meeting takes place on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, at 7.30pm in the village hall. We shall be welcoming Kamran Imrani, a member of the volunteer group *Blood, Bikes & Babies* who will be telling us about the work he does delivering emergency supplies of blood and breast milk.

If you would like to join us please contact our secretary, Anabel Lewis-Bowen (361298 or [alewisbowen@btinternet.com](mailto:alewisbowen@btinternet.com)) as soon as possible.

## VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning will be on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, from 10.30am to noon. Unlimited tea/coffee and biscuits for just £1.00, with a small extra charge for cake!



# DIARY

This diary records the proposed dates of any benefice, parish or village events. We hope that this will help those planning such events to know what else is going on and therefore be able to avoid any unhelpful clashes of dates.

If you know, or become aware, of events which ought to be recorded please let David Pound, or your village Link correspondent, know.

Events known about so far are:

## August

- 1 T4U
- 12 Recorded Music Society
- 14 B&F WI
- 16 Charwelton Pop-up coffee shop
- 19 Badby church coffee morning
- 22 PC PC village coffee morning
- 26 PC WI

## September

- 1 Badby bells due back
- 2 Newnham PCC
- 3 Charwelton PCC
- 12 PC "Raising the Roof" evening
- 13 Ride and Stride
- 13 Film Soc opera BVH
- 14 Badby Scarecrow Festival and Fayre.
- 20 Charwelton Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 23 Badby PCC
- 26 Film Soc BVH

## October

- 3 Charwelton VH Quiz Night
- 3-5 Charwelton Harvest weekend
- 5 PC Harvest Pop-up Shop
- 10 Film Soc BVH
- 18 District Bellringers at Badby
- 24 Film Soc BVH

## November

- 4 Newnham PCC
- 5 Charwelton PCC
- 8 Badby VH Event
- 9 Armistice Breakfast Charwelton
- 11 Badby PCC
- 15 Film Soc opera BVH
- 16 Charwelton Christmas Craft Fair
- 28 Film Soc BVH

## 28 Charwelton Christmas Prize Bingo

### December

- 4/5/6 Charwelton wreath making?
- 12 Film Soc BVH
- 13 Charwelton Children's Christmas party
- 14 Knightley Singers Christmas concert Newnham
- ? Charwelton Pantomime



## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Solution No. 120

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Solution No. 121

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## Are you sitting comfortably in your aircraft?

After every flight, commercial pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here are actual maintenance complaints submitted by pilots ("P") and solutions recorded ("S") by maintenance engineers.

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.  
S: *Left inside main tyre almost replaced*

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.  
S: *Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.*

P: Something loose in cockpit  
S: *Something tightened in cockpit*

P: Dead bugs on windshield.  
S: *Live bugs on back-order.*

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent  
S: *Cannot reproduce problem on ground.*

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.  
S: *Evidence removed.*

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.  
S: *DME volume set to more believable level.*

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.  
S: *That's what friction locks are for.*

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.  
S: *IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.*

P: Suspected crack in windshield.  
S: *Suspect you're right.*

P: Number 3 engine missing.  
S: *Engine found on right wing after brief search.*

P: Aircraft handles funny.  
S: *Aircraft warned to: straighten up, fly right, and be serious.*

P: Target radar hums.  
S: *Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.*

P: Mouse in cockpit.  
S: *Cat installed.*

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.  
S: *Took hammer away from midget.*

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### **Council Update**

The Council met on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. The main discussion items were speed reduction on roads through the village, a survey about communications, tackling flood risks, street lighting and the playground. Before I summarise the discussion at the meeting, I would like to thank all those involved in organising **Music on the Green** on 12<sup>th</sup> July. As always, it was well organised, well promoted and the presence of many local organisations, combined with excellent music and a beautiful summer evening made it a special event. It's an event which we, residents of Newnham, take for granted as a fixture of the annual calendar, but so many villages would love the opportunity to get together, socialise and enjoy great live music – for free!! **Thanks again to the Village Hall Management Committee who organised it.**

Back to the meeting - we discussed **speed reduction** options around the village. The Weedon Road speed indicator has been repaired and returned, and I fear it will continue to record speeds in excess of 30mph approaching the Mounts Lane/Poets Way junction. We continue to explore ways of reducing speeds here, but we also agreed to explore the introduction of an advisory 20mph zone within the village.

We agreed to conduct a **door-to-door survey of how people prefer to be communicated with**. At the moment, we promote events or share information via websites, the Link, noticeboards and Facebook but we don't know what medium people would prefer or what is most effective. By the time you read this, you should have been contacted by a Parish Councillor asking what would be best for you.

We discussed **flood prevention works** on Badby Road. The drainage team at West Northants Council have indicated that they will do some clearance work to improve the drains and flow of flood water around the Badby Road and Westbrook area in July.

We are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the **street lights** in the village. A rolling programme of replacing the bulbs was agreed in order to spread the significant cost evenly over multiple financial years.

Something we are not responsible for is **footpaths and stiles**, but the latter is something which several residents have complained about. Consequently, we have contacted West Northants Council about replacing some of the high and unstable stiles with more user-friendly alternatives. Watch this space!

In June, the external **inspection of the play area** took place. Other than some recommendations to address wear and tear, the play equipment was given a clean bill of health. The report also made recommendations relating to the fencing, stile and notices around the playing field. One point they highlighted is that exercising dogs is forbidden due to the site being a sports field and an area for children for to play in.

A quick reminder – we have a **vacancy for a new Councillor**. If you're interested, please feel free to contact myself or the Parish Clerk.

The minutes of this meeting, together with all minutes and agendas, are available on the Council website [newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk).

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