

# ***THE LINK***

*The Magazine of The Knightley Parishes*



Charwelton Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Charwelton Village Hall

£3 Entry for adults, children free:  
includes coffee, tea, and cake!

Please come along and help us raise as much  
money for Macmillan as possible!

## ***September 2025***

No. 409

---

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

---



# THE KNIGHTLEY PARISHES

[www.knightleybenefice.org.uk](http://www.knightleybenefice.org.uk)

An on-line version of this magazine in colour is available on the web site

## Services for September 2025

	7 September	14 September	21 September	28 September	5 October
	<b>I</b> Trinity 12	<b>II</b> Trinity 13	<b>III</b> Trinity 14	<b>IV</b> Trinity 15	<b>I</b> Trinity 16
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	<b>10:00</b>  <b>United Benefice Service</b>  <b>of</b>  <b>Holy Communion CW</b>  <b>at</b>  <b>Badby [MB]</b>	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]
Newnham				10:00 Holy Communion CW [MB]	
Charwelton	09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]			17:00 Evensong BCP (Church) [Lay GW]	18:00 Harvest Festival (Church) [GS]
Fawsley		11:00 Holy Communion BCP [CP]			
Preston Capes		09:15 Holy Communion CW [CP]		10:00 Morning Worship for Harvest [Lay HW]	

## OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 23 September      6.30 pm      Badby      ESOW

# SUNDAY READINGS

## Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

Date	Feast	OT Reading	NT Reading	Gospel
7 Sep	Trinity 12	Deut. 30, 15-end	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14, 25-33
14 Sep	Trinity 13	Exod. 32, 7-14	1 Tim. 1, 12-17	Luke 15, 1-10
21 Sep	Trinity 14	Amos 8, 4-7	1 Tim. 2, 1-7	Luke 16, 1-13
28 Sep	Trinity 15	Amos 6, 1a & 4-7	1 Tim. 6, 6-19	Luke 16, 19-end
5 Oct	Trinity 16	Hab. 1, 1-4 & 2, 1-4	2 Tim. 1, 1-14	Luke 17, 5-10

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### HOLY BAPTISM



at Newnham  
on 27th. July  
Alistair Douglas Ramon Wood  
[by Rev. Canon Ann Slater]

at Fawsley  
on 5th August  
Timothy Paul Gillespie  
and  
Gabriella Anouk Welton  
[by Rev. Lesley Tomalin]

*Shine as a light in the world,  
to the Glory of God the Father*

*Blessed are you, heavenly Father  
You give joy to bridegroom and bride*

### HOLY MATRIMONY



at Badby  
on 26th. July  
Thomas James Sheppard  
and  
Jessica Amy Jeffs  
[by Rev. Canon Ann Slater]

at Badby  
on 17th August  
Neville Clive Snell  
and  
Madeline Oldrey  
[by Rev. Canon Ann Slater]

### IN MEMORIAM



at Newnham  
on 16th. August  
Interment of Ashes of  
Pamela Evelyn Ashby  
[by Rev. Celia Parkes]

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

The funeral of Christopher Nelson will be held at St Mary's Badby on Wednesday 3rd. September at 2pm.

# EDITORIAL

Our swallows nesting in the garage (and making a terrible mess of our cars!) have produced a second brood, again of four chicks. The original 4 are also still in evidence, and most evenings all 8 can be seen perching on the beams.

For a good part of the rest of the day the village's swallows are starting to congregate on the various wires and are beginning to look ready for their annual departure for Africa. A good deal earlier than usual, but when they will actually depart remains to be seen.

Down at ground level we saw a young hedgehog out in the open at 5.30pm one day recently. They really shouldn't be out and about at that time of day but perhaps no-one had got round to telling him! We gave it a bit of hedgehog food which it ate, and then wandered off into the shrubbery.

Like many others we have had a marvellous crop of apples and plums this year. One branch of the plum tree was so heavy with fruit it broke off!

We have been putting out a box of the eaters "Discovery" at the gate for people to help themselves, and they disappear very quickly. Discovery is an early eater (not usually ripe just yet) and is quite delicious. The cookers (Bramleys, James Grieve and Howgate Wonder) also have very good crops of large apples, but they are not ready just yet. So if you want cookers, hang about and we will put those out before too long. In the meantime we just have to avoid being hit by the huge numbers of falling fruit!

A reader of the Daily Telegraph reports that when she was out blackberrying she was asked by a passing child what she was doing. "Picking blackberries" she replied. "Oh" said the child. "You can get them in

Tesco you know."

I do hope that is not the response we would get in this neck of the woods. Rather sad really.

*David*

**Would you  
like to advertise  
on these pages and reach  
nearly 900 households in the  
five villages?**

**If so please contact  
Penny Cory at  
knightleybenefice@gmail.com**

\* \* \* \* \*

**Advertising rates 2025**

	per ins.	per annum
<b>Back page box</b>	<b>£6.60</b>	<b>£79.20</b>
<b>Quarter page</b>	<b>£13.10</b>	<b>£157.20</b>
<b>Half page</b>	<b>£21.95</b>	<b>£263.40</b>
<b>Full page</b>	<b>£38.25</b>	<b>£459.00</b>



## **Kind Heart Yoga with Ruth**

Experienced teacher near Daventry.

Small, friendly in-person group classes in  
Badby for all levels. 1:1 / 2:1 and  
private group classes are available.

Gentle flowing Hatha yoga, with elements  
of yin and somatics. Breathwork and  
relaxation – perfect for every body,  
mind and soul.

Contact Ruth on 07591 166551  
ruthmackman@btinternet.com or  
<https://bookwhen.com/kindheartyyogawithruth>

## PASTORAL LETTER

### The Season Of Creation

As we enter the month of September, many churches will spend some time focusing on the wonders of creation, with Harvest Festivals or other types of service. For some time now, the Church of England has named the period between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October as Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, where we can give thanks to God for his gift to us in creation. It was good to witness an uplifting in the recent meeting of General Synod, where further liturgical resources were discussed.

As well as giving thanks to God, this period of time provides us with an opportunity to recommit ourselves to care for all that God has made. As a Diocese, we share in the commitment of the Church of England to become net carbon zero by 2030, an ambitious target, but one that is very important, and reminds us of the fifth Mark of Mission, 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Maybe this is a month when you might like to think afresh about what you can do to help reach the target.

I am so encouraged to hear of churches that are engaging with Eco Church and delight that we now have some 'gold churches' amongst us. What an example they are!

Amongst the resources for Creationtide on the Church of England website, I came across this beautiful passage:

*In every acorn  
there is the potential for a forest;  
In every apple pip  
there is the potential for an  
orchard;  
In every soul  
there is the potential for your  
kingdom to be established;  
full of joy and peace and love.  
Lord, may your kingdom come  
in us and in all your creation.*

May this be our prayer

+ Debbie

*Rt. Revd. Debbie Sellin  
Bishop of Peterborough*

# 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 23 September and 21 October.

## 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.

### Saturday 13th September: Puccini's Gianni Schicchi (2015)

The only opera Woody Allen has ever staged, this version is a revival of his 2008 production for Los Angeles Opera, a hilarious send-up of classical Italian cinema stereotypes. Plácido Domingo takes the title role as a marvellous parody of a Mafia gangster. It's a hoot! The work is the third and final part of Puccini's Il trittico (The Triptych) – three one-act operas with contrasting themes, originally written to be presented together. The aria "O mio babbino caro" is one of Puccini's best known, and one of the most popular arias in all opera. 59 mins, Exempt certificate.

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Following the AGM on 6 August, Rich and Tori Green, having tendered their resignations as Chair and Secretary respectively, were thanked for all of their work. Neville Snell agreed to continue as Treasurer, Craig Howell Williams (craig.hw@btinternet.com) was elected as Chair and Sophie FitzHugh (sophiefitzhugh@yahoo.co.uk) elected as Secretary.

## SUDOKU

*[With thanks to Robin Baker]*

Puzzle No. 122 - Mild

	1	8				7	2	
2			7			8		5
6	7	3				1		9
			5	8	7		9	
			1		4			
	8		9	3	2			
4		2				6	5	8
3		1			5			4
	5	7				2	1	

Puzzle No. 123 - Difficult

3								9
5		8	1		2			
1		9				6	2	
			2		6	4		
6								2
		5	4		7			
	1	7				5		3
			9		5	1		7
9								6

*[Solutions on p. 12]*

# PARISH NOTICES

## BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)

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

	Reader	Sidesman	Coffee
7 Sep	F. Williams C. Richards	F. Williams G. Nelson	C. Richards
14 Sep	J. Jordan N. Shaw	F. Williams N. Shaw	G. Morley
21 Sep	F. Williams J. Hall	J. Jordan G. Morley	J. Hall
28 Sep	N. Shaw G. Nelson	C. Richards J. Hall	G. Nelson

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

w/b 1: Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson  
w/b 8: Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred  
w/b 15: Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner  
w/b 22: Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper  
w/b 29: Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson

### BADBY BELLS

Unfortunately, due to the amount of work that the bell hangers have in progress, the return of our bells has been delayed until at least the end of September.

### T 4 U

On Friday 5 September, 2.30 - 4.30pm in the village hall, whatever the weather, we'll be there with drinks hot and cold and delicious cakes. Come along and join us.

### SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND FAYRE

Badby's annual Scarecrow Festival will take place on Sunday 14 September. This year's theme is "my favourite hobby/pastime", and everyone is invited to walk round the village to see what our neighbours have created. On The Green from 2 - 5 pm there will be the Fun Dog Show, live music and many other stalls. Tea and cake will be available from 1pm in the village hall. All are welcome to come and join in with the fun!

The bottle collection for the bottle tombola will take

place on Saturday 6 September. Please put out your donation before 10am. Advance notice to [johind@talktalk.net](mailto:johind@talktalk.net) would be appreciated.

The Horticultural Society will be hosting a table outside the village hall with any home grown produce, fruit, vegetables etc.. at the Scarecrow Festival & Fayre this year. Any donations from jam, chutney, jelly makers would be very gratefully received. Please contact Sophie on 07866 428 650 or bring along on the day.

### RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

On Tuesday 9th. September, 2-4pm, members will bring to the village hall music from abroad: maybe a piece discovered on holiday.

### RIDE & STRIDE

The date for ride & stride this year is Saturday 13 September. Please get practising for cycling, walking and driving around as many churches as you can to support your local church.

### COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 16 September is the date for our next coffee morning in St. Mary's Church. Come and join us between 10.30am and noon, when you will be very welcome to enjoy our cakes, coffee, tea and conversation. And, of course, the Church Draw will happen during the morning!

The August draw winners were: 1st: Heather Piner, 2nd: Oscar Cunningham, 3rd: Pat & Peter McAlister.

It will soon be time to renew the Church Draw, and you will shortly receive a reminder for this so that all renewals are done by the end of September.

### BADBY VILLAGE HALL

We are holding a fund-raising Film Race Night on Saturday 8 November – doors open 6.45pm, first race 7.15pm. Tickets £19 including a tasty fish'n'chip (or alternative) supper. Licensed bar. Contact Peter Cooper (07792 165529, [peter.bvhmc@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.bvhmc@btinternet.com)).

And advance notice for your diaries: there will be a Wreath-making evening on Friday 5 December, free

communal Seasonal Singing on the evening of Wednesday 17 December and Santa's Grotto for children on the afternoon of Friday 19 December and morning of Saturday 20 December. More details in the next Link.

### CRICKET AT LONG ROADS FIELD IN SEPTEMBER

The Badby & Farthingstone Cricket Club will play Culworth Casuals on Sunday 14 September and Ascott-under-Wychwood on Sunday 21 September.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Our flood warden continues to work constructively with WNC, local landowners and the environment agency to try to mitigate against a repeat of last winter's flooding. Significant works have been carried out by WNC last month and further clearance of watercourses is planned. The Parish Council has distributed sandbags to households more likely to be affected.

The Parish Council acknowledges that, as in all villages, there are parking issues for some households, but villagers are reminded that parking on greens and verges is not permitted. Although tempting when they are very dry, this will cause significant damage once they become wet.

### BADBY AND FAWSLEY WI

On Thursday 11 September we will be having an interactive, informal session with a legal expert on Wills, Probate and Powers of Attorney. No doubt this will provide very useful information which we will all need at some time in our lives.

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  
([ellen.henning@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ellen.henning@hotmail.co.uk))

### NEWNHAM VH 200 CLUB

The winners of our August draw are as follows:-  
£50 prize - Mr & Mrs Bastin No 114  
£25 prize - Jo Burrows No 18  
£25 prize - Mr M Russell No 181

### SEPTEMBER'S CLEANING ROTA

September 7th. Mr. and Mrs. Rees  
September 14th. Mr. and Mrs. Wood  
September 21st. Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Wood  
September 28th. Ms. J Minor.

### BINGO

The church is restarting its Bingo sessions on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, as usual this will be in the Village Hall, doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Refreshments will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. You can come on your own or as a group and make it a competitive fun evening. We look forward to seeing those who have been to Bingo before and those new to Bingo.

### SCHOOL

During the school summer break FONS (Friends of Newnham School) supported by Cummins have been creating a sensory and sustainable garden and playground and carried out a number of tidying up jobs in and around the school. Thank you to all those who helped.

### FOOD BANK

Thank you for continuing to support the Daventry Food Bank. Demand remains ongoing so if you can spare a couple of food/toiletry items please place them in the donations box in the Church porch

### NEWNHAM WI

Newnham WI meeting Thursday 18th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall'  
A tour of the ring road of Iceland by Judith Dorkins.  
Come and learn about this unique country, its myths



and legends, history and geography. Guests welcome at £6 each.

NEWNHAM VILLAGE HALL  
AGM Thursday 11th September at 7pm

Please come along to hear what your committee has done over the last year and what plans they have for the coming year. Refurbishment and fund raising are high on the agenda. As always we are looking for more Trustees if you would like to help. For people who do not fancy this commitment but would like to do their bit we are also looking for people to sign up to "Friends of Newnham" to help ensure Newnham continues to have a great village hall and run great social events.

NEWNHAM GARAGE SALE

Saturday 27th September Newnham Garage Sale 10am - 2pm. A great opportunity to clear those unwanted possessions and replace them with some great bargains. To be included on the map for a donation to the village hall (£5 suggested) please contact Jo Burrows on 07540 405290. On the day, collect your route plan from the village hall where refreshments will be served.



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound  
(davidpound1939@talktalk.net)

	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
7 Sep	David Pound	Graham White
28 Sep	Norman Blenkhorn	Chris Baker
5 Oct	TBA	

Chapel cleaning	
September	Fiona Spencer
October	Graham White

CHARWELTON MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Charwelton Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Saturday 20th September at Charwelton Village Hall from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. The entry fee is £3 for adults and free for children- this includes, tea, coffee

and cake! Please come along and help us raise as much money as possible for Macmillan, there will be lots of stalls and games for everyone to enjoy - we would love to see you! If you have any questions or would like to get in touch contact Verity Spencer using [verity.spencer@outlook.com](mailto:verity.spencer@outlook.com)

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING BOTTLE  
TOMBOLA DONATIONS

There will be a box in Charwelton Chapel from the start of September to collect donations for the bottle tombola. If you have any bottles that you would like to donate towards the Macmillan Coffee Morning bottle tombola please pop them in the box in the chapel. Many thanks!

TOWCESTER U3A VISIT

On the 6<sup>th</sup> August, a most glorious summer day, we welcomed 23 visitors from Towcester University of the Third Age. They were treated to a 30 minute talk on the church's 800 year history by Graham White and were enthralled by his tales and encyclopaedic knowledge of the church and churchyard. Even the roofers (see next paragraph) downed tools to listen to Graham's presentation.

CHURCH ROOF

At long last, the church roof repairs have been completed. Now we await a period of wet weather to see if the repairs were effective.

RIDE & STRIDE

Graham White and Freddy Arthur are preparing for their cycle ride on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like either to join or sponsor them please contact Graham [grahamwhite1962@gmail.com](mailto:grahamwhite1962@gmail.com) or 01327 264393. Half of what they raise will go towards the upkeep of our church, the other half will go to Northants Historic Churches Trust who award grants from which we have benefited in the past.

HARVEST WEEKEND 4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
please note slight change of plan

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> between 2pm and 4.30pm** the church will be open so people can enjoy the floral displays and refreshments. (If you would like to help decorate the church or donate produce, please contact

Graham 01327 264393).

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm the Harvest Festival Service** will be led by Revd Greg Shaw, where all the good old harvest hymns will be dusted off and sung.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 6.45 for 7pm the Harvest Supper** will be in the village hall. There will be the usual three course meal, with a licensed bar and, afterwards, the sale of produce. Tickets will be £10 for adults, £5 for school-age children. Please don't leave buying your tickets to the last moment: unless we can sell 40 by 26<sup>th</sup> September (contact Norman Blenkhorn 01327 260650 or [normanblenkhorn@gmail.com](mailto:normanblenkhorn@gmail.com)) the event won't be viable. If you could provide a salad or make an apple crumble, please also contact Norman.

VILLAGE HISTORY DAY

By popular demand another of our very successful Village History days is being arranged. These are always very well received and interesting and this next one will be on Saturday 31st. January in the Village Hall, running all afternoon and evening. This is a great opportunity to learn something of the history of our village, its inhabitants, its 800 year old church, its railway story, its school, who has previously lived in your house, and much else besides; not to mention amazing film footage of past village events.

Further details in due course, but please put that date in your diary now.

100 CLUB

The winners of the £50 prize in the last two draws are:

July No 40 Steve Cole  
Aug No 76 Ann Codling

PICKLEBALL SESSION.

Well attended (and competitive) taster session was held last month.  
To find out when and where the local sessions are, visit <http://www.westnorthantspickleball.com/>

CHARWELTON WALKS

4 lovely walks so far this year.  
No August walk, but the next one is Sunday

September 21st, meet at the pub at 10, 4-5 miles circular walk, everyone welcome, 2 or 4 legged



**FAWSLEY**

Correspondent - Vacant

RIDE AND STRIDE

The church will open on 13th September between 10am and 5pm for Ride and Stride visitors.. If you want to take part in this event you can obtain sponsorship forms from Robin Baker. Half the money you raise will go to a church of your choice and half to Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust.



**PRESTON CAPES**

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

	Reader	Sidesman
14 Sept	Kevin Smith	Heather Wilson
28 Sep	Philip Hoare	Peter Smith

Flower arrangers - Victoria Bridgeman  
Cleaning - Victoria Bridgeman  
Mowing 1st to 14th - Tim Wilson and Rob Williams.  
Strimming of meadow area -  
Mervyn Maddison and Gerard Hoare  
16th to 30th - Philip Hoare

NORTH AISLE ROOF

The Appeal for replacement of North Aisle Roof starts on Friday 12th September Drinks at Old Rectory.

The church North Aisle roof needs to be replaced before further damage. This is now an urgent matter, hopefully to be completed before winter, and has to be done before any of our wished interior improvements. Several Grants have been applied for, with no guarantee of success. We need to raise in excess of £60,000 Cast iron down pipes alone cost £9k - the church is a listed building within a Conservation Area.

This is an enormous challenge. Do you want your Wedding/Christening or Funeral in our church? Please support us. A Just Giving page is being set up. Further details to follow.

Fundraising starts on Friday 12th September with drinks in the garden at The Old Rectory 7-9, delicious canapés by Heather Wilson, wine and music from the Daventry Ukulele Band. Tickets £20, children free, from Victoria Bridgeman or Heather Wilson. Please book tickets in advance to help with catering.

### PET SERVICE

The annual Pet Service was held in the churchyard on a pleasant morning on 27th July. It was well attended by three ponies: Bolty, Cobweb and Red. One Ryeland ram: Ebenezer. Fourteen dogs: Basil, Bertie, Bustle, Button, Daisy, Eugene, Lensky, Ralph, Rocco, Sooty, Sprout, Teasel and two Willows. Blossom and Benson cats, and Matilda the dog, sent their apologies. Twenty seven humans attended, all enjoyed refreshments afterwards. Drinks and biscuits, and apples for the ponies. It was a delightful service taken by Heather Wilson.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 28th September. 10.00 Family Service taken by Heather.

### POP UP HARVEST SHOP

Sunday 5th October to coincide with the October Bar in Village Hall  
Come along to purchase delicious pies, biscuits, cakes, preserves, honey, produce of all sorts.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Have you noticed bats flying around your garden during twilight? If you would like to find out more about these amazing little creatures, then come along to our meeting on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, to hear a talk by Steve Allen of Nene Valley Bats (affiliated to the Bat Conservation Trust). The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the village hall - 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, 27<sup>th</sup> September, from 10.30am to noon. Unlimited tea/coffee and biscuits for just £1.00, with a small extra charge for cake! We have a regular and loyal band of visitors, but it would be lovely to see a few new faces – come and join us!



## 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:

#### September

- 2 Newnham PCC
- 3 Charwelton PCC
- 5 T4U
- 9 Badby Rec. Music Soc.
- 11 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 11 Newnham VH AGM
- 12 PC "Raising the Roof" evening
- 13 Ride and Stride
- 13 Film Soc opera BVH
- 14 Badby Scarecrow Festival and Fayre.
- 16 Badby Church coffee morning
- 18 Newnham WI
- 20 Charwelton Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 23 Badby PCC
- 23 Preston Capes WI
- 26 Film Soc BVH
- 27 Preston Capes VH coffee morning

#### October

- 3 Newnham Bingo
- 3 Charwelton VH Quiz Night
- 4 Charwelton Harvest weekend open church
- 5 PC Harvest Pop-up Shop
- 6 Charwelton Harvest Supper and Sale

- 10 Film Soc BVH
- 18 District Bellringers at Badby
- 24 Film Soc BVH

**November**

- 4 Newnham PCC
- 5 Charwelton PCC
- 8 Badby VH Race Night
- 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?
- 5 Badby wreath making
- 6 Badby church fair
- 12 Film Soc BVH
- 13 Charwelton Children's Christmas party
- 14 Knightley Singers Christmas concert Newnham

- 17 Seasonal Singing BVH
- 19-20 Santa's Grotto BVH
- ? Charwelton Pantomime

**2026**

**January**

- 31 Charwelton Village History Day



**SUDOKU SOLUTIONS**

Solution 122

5	1	8	4	9	3	7	2	6
2	4	9	7	1	6	8	3	5
6	7	3	2	5	8	1	4	9
1	3	6	5	8	7	4	9	2
9	2	5	1	6	4	3	8	7
7	8	4	9	3	2	5	6	1
4	9	2	3	7	1	6	5	8
3	6	1	8	2	5	9	7	4
8	5	7	6	4	9	2	1	3

Solution 123

3	7	2	5	8	4	8	1	9
5	6	8	1	9	2	3	7	4
1	4	9	8	7	3	6	2	5
7	9	1	2	5	6	4	3	8
6	5	4	3	1	9	7	5	2
2	3	5	4	8	7	9	6	1
4	1	7	6	2	8	5	9	3
8	2	6	9	3	5	1	4	7
9	5	3	7	4	1	2	8	6

**Pots & Plans: what to do in your garden this September**

*Philip Turvil*  
 Garden designer in Badby  
 BrightenMyGarden.com

**Scarecrow festival**

See amazing scarecrows on the 13-14 September 2025 in Badby – including gardening-themed scarecrows and others inspired by hobbies and pastimes. Find out more via Badby's Facebook page or parish council website.

If you have a gardening question or planty story to share, I'd love to meet you. Please find me at the main event between 2-5pm on Sunday 14th. I'll have a stall near the village hall selling enthusiastic plants (with donation to charity).

**Get your trowel ready**

It's bulb planting season for spring colour. As the soil softens, it's time to dig deeper. Soon shops will be filled with bulb packets of daffodils, crocus, hyacinth, fritillaria, and many others. Or buy online where retailers take orders for delivery in autumn. When buying bulbs, choose a location you're unlikely to want to use for shrubs or perennials. Locations between permanent plants are useful. As are containers and spaces used for annual bedding plants. Or go all out - prioritise bulbs to add dramatic drifts through borders and lawns. A couple of choice varieties

can transform a garden in spring. Most bulbs prefer well-drained soil. If your soil is compact to slower draining, loosen soil and mix in compost or sharp sand into each hole. Place bulbs pointy-end up at 2-3 times their own height, so if a bulb is 5 tall, plant it 10-15 deep.

**Collect Seeds**

Save seeds from favourites like poppies, nigella, or calendula. Dry them thoroughly and store in labelled envelopes. It's a satisfying way to preserve your best performers - and save money.

**Refresh containers**

Bedding plants get tired in September after the excitement of summer. Flowers slow down and pests and diseases worsen. But you can keep their spirits up by continuing to feed plants (a liquid organic feed is most helpful). Remove faded flowers and tidy up dead growth too.

**Fill gaps**

Sedums, asters, and Japanese anemones are still going strong. Pop them into bare spots to keep borders lively and support pollinators into autumn. There are also perennials with good autumn colour, such as Gillenia and Aruncus, and many shrubs that turn amazing colours, such as Euonymus alatus, Callicarpa, and Acer.

My best wishes to you and your garden



## Enjoy year-round colour & control in your garden

### Book your FREE garden consultation & quote



Expert plant selection & planting to make life easier  
Garden layout & build focused on look, feel & function  
3D visualisation shows your design before lifting a spade  
Budget-friendly options for small & large gardens  
Badby-based team with 20 years' experience  
First class communication



**Brighten My Garden**

Your reliable garden designer

01327 604042

07701 296621 

hello@brightenmygarden.com

www.BrightenMyGarden.com

## Selling Your Home?

- Experienced, Local Estate Agent
- Locally based, Local Knowledge
- Property Valuations with Reports
- Professional Photography & Floorplans
- Printed Quality Property Brochures
- Rightmove, Zoopla, On The Market
- Social Media Coverage
- Accompanied Viewings with Debbie
- Weekly Marketing Updates
- Total Care from Valuation to Completion



**DEBBIE COX**  
Your personal estate agent 

0777 301 7523

debbie.cox@exp.uk.com

debbiecox.exp.uk.com





**New Gardens**  
garden design and build

**WE CREATE TIME**

**TIME TO ENJOY OUTDOOR LIVING**  
MAKING MOMENTS WITH LOVED ONES  
AND FRIENDS

**TIME TO ENJOY NATURE AND BEAUTY**  
AS A HAVEN FROM OUR BUSY LIVES

**CONTACT US TODAY TO BOOK A FREE CONSULTATION**

📞 07971 107128  
✉ info@newgardens.com  
🌐 www.newgardens.com




Review our work on  
Trustatrade.com

Unique. Bespoke.  
Collaborative.

We work with  
you to design  
the outdoor living  
space of your  
dreams

*For professional design, installation & maintenance services, contact ...*

# Mugleston's

**PLUMBING 🔥 HEATING**

**Andrew Mugleston, Everdon**  
office@muglestons.co.uk  
www.muglestons.co.uk

**Tel: 01327 604406 Mob: 07947 315860**

- Installation / maintenance / repair of Gas and Oil boilers and appliances
- Installation of bathrooms, kitchens and heating systems
- Smart thermostats, Multi-zone and other system upgrades
- Electrical works

**5-star approval rating under the Trading Standards 'Buy With Confidence' scheme**









**Colette Marie Flowers**

**Bespoke Floral Design to order**

info@colettemarieflowers.co.uk  
31, Lawn End, Frog Lane, Upper Boddington

📷 #colettemarieflowers  
📘 @colettemarieflowers

07711 088426  
01327 264804





Independently owned, personal & caring service.

# earwax removal centre

BANBURY

Book your branch visit today on

**01295 557008**

3 White Lion Walk, Banbury OX16 5UD

## Blocked ears?

Let us clear them safely for you with our microsuction and water irrigation professional earwax removal service.

The safe way to remove troublesome earwax.

- Hard and impacted earwax specialists
- NHS trained and experienced
- HCPC registered
- Safe and painless



[www.thesenseofhearing.com](http://www.thesenseofhearing.com)

Part of The Sense of Hearing Ltd



# RAPIDO

PRINT SOLUTIONS

## Did you know Daventry has its own High Street Printers?



Pull up Banners • Business Stationery  
Wall Planners • Branded Clothing • Point of Sale

**Same day service on certain types of work**

Visit us: The Print Centre, 33 High Street, Daventry, NN11 4BG

Call us: 01327 601166

Email us: [sales@rapidoprintsolutions.co.uk](mailto:sales@rapidoprintsolutions.co.uk)

[www.rapidoprintsolutions.co.uk](http://www.rapidoprintsolutions.co.uk)

**Pride ♥ Passion ♥ Printing**



## **NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**CHAIRMAN – Gary Hammersley**

07887 634936 [chair@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:chair@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**CLERK – Kevin Carr**

[clerk@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Council Update**

The Council does not meet in August, so this article will cover some of the work going on in the background.

Over the past month, members of the Parish Council have attempted to call on all households in the village to carry out a short **Communications Survey**. The purpose of this was to find out how residents keep up to date with what's happening in Newnham. We asked whether people regularly use the village website, Facebook, The Link and/or the various noticeboards.

As you might expect, the responses were varied with all methods used to a greater or lesser extent. It was clear however, that not everyone knows about the new village website. This is an excellent one-stop shop to find out about upcoming events from the various village groups and organisations, and we highly recommend that people take a look at this – [newnhamvillage.co.uk](http://newnhamvillage.co.uk)

We also invited residents to join the **Newnham Village Email group** so we can share important village news via a monthly update from the Parish Council. To date, over 140 households have indicated that they would like to be on this mailing list. If you haven't yet signed up for this, you can do so by emailing [clerk@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk). We will also try to reach the households who have not yet been contacted.

We continue to lobby West Northamptonshire Council regarding the discussed **flood prevention works** on Badby Road. Some work has been done to improve the drains and flow of flood water around the Badby Road and Westbrook area, but we are keen that further work is carried out to ensure that gullies and drains are clear for the autumn.

Work has been carried out to service the **speed indicators** around the village, to ensure that these continue to remind drivers that they are entering a 30-mph area, and to capture data about the speeds people are driving. This data is shared with West Northants Council and the police. Further to the reference in the previous Link, we have continued to communicate with West Northants Council about replacing some of the **high and unstable stiles** with more user-friendly alternatives. We are trying to establish responsibility, the necessary permissions and explore external funding opportunities to make the stiles safer and more accessible.

A quick reminder – we have a **vacancy for a new Councillor**. We meet monthly, and aim to progress the subject areas covered regularly in the Link updates. If you're interested, please feel free to contact myself or the Parish Clerk.

The **next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September**, starting at **7.00pm in the Village Hall**. The agenda for this meeting, together with all minutes and agendas, are available on the Council website [newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)



**FOR ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS!**

year planners  
illustration & animation  
mugs  
logo design  
fine art prints  
leaflets  
roller banners  
calendars  
cards  
sticker sheets  
menus  
comp slips  
PVC & mesh banners  
postcards  
branded table cloths  
wedding stationery  
posters  
letterheads  
folders  
document binding  
greeting cards  
duplicate pads  
bookmarks  
pens  
pads  
photo prints

**Open Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm**  
 Unit 10 Baird Close • Drayton Fields Ind Est • Daventry • NN11 8RY  
 01327 301669 • [info@image-it.co.uk](mailto:info@image-it.co.uk) • [www.image-it.co.uk](http://www.image-it.co.uk)

**image it!**  
ON DEMAND PRINT

**John White**  
*FUNERAL DIRECTORS*

*Independent Family Owned  
 Private Chapel of Rest  
 24hr Personal Service  
 Pre Payment Plans Available*

John & Jane White • Tim & Karen Barrett

188 Watling Street East  
 Towcester, Northants NN12 6DB.  
 Tel: 01327 359266.  
[mail@johnwhitefunerals.co.uk](mailto:mail@johnwhitefunerals.co.uk)  
[www.johnwhitefunerals.co.uk](http://www.johnwhitefunerals.co.uk)

**BUILDING PROJECTS**

**EXTENSIONS**

**ALTERATIONS**

**01327 878 105**  
**07763 831 058**  
[wortley.bros@gmail.com](mailto:wortley.bros@gmail.com)  
[wortleybros.co.uk](http://wortleybros.co.uk)

**Wortley Bros**  
**Building Contractors**

*building the future - restoring the past*

Cliff's Barn • Daventry Road • Badby • NN11 3BD

# HAWK



## PEST CONTROL



**All Pest Species Covered**  
**Commercial & Domestic**  
**Pest Prevention & Control**  
**Call Out & Contract**  
**Safe, Fast & Affordable**  
**Fully Qualified & Insured**

**CALL TODAY**

**01604 866934**

**07825 811564**

[hawkpestcontrol@gmail.com](mailto:hawkpestcontrol@gmail.com)



Follow us on Facebook @hawkpestcontrol

[www.hawkpestcontrol.co.uk](http://www.hawkpestcontrol.co.uk)

# CHURCH OFFICERS & INFORMATION

[Telephone codes 01327 unless stated otherwise]

[www.knightleybenefice.org.uk](http://www.knightleybenefice.org.uk)

**Rector:** Vacant

**Benefice Secretary:** Vacant

**Benefice Treasurer:** Vacant

**Ministry Team:** Gerard Hoare, Susan Rose, Graham White

**Lay Pastoral Minister:** Graham White

**Benefice Children's Officer** Susan Rose (879053)

**Parish Visiting:** Requests for visiting should be made to the co-ordinators who will pass them on.

**Link Editor:** David Pound, Forge End, Church Street, Charwelton. NN11 3YT 260006 [davidpound1939@talktalk.net](mailto:davidpound1939@talktalk.net)

**Copy deadlines - Editorial, 20th of the month; Advertising 18th. of the month please.**

**Advertising:** [knightleybenefice@gmail.com](mailto:knightleybenefice@gmail.com)

## BADBY

### Churchwardens:

Frances Williams, 25 Westhorpe Lane, Byfield, Daventry  
NN11 6XB 07717 337048 [williamsf333@aol.com](mailto:williamsf333@aol.com)  
Judy Jordan, Thyme Cottage, Vicarage Hill, Badby  
NN11 3AP 07752 384969 [judyjordan27@gmail.com](mailto:judyjordan27@gmail.com)

### Secretary:

-

### Treasurer:

Frances Williams, 25 Westhorpe Lane, Byfield, Daventry  
NN11 6XB 07717 337048 [williamsf333@aol.com](mailto:williamsf333@aol.com)

**Visiting co-ordinator:** Judy Jordan (07752 384969)

## NEWNHAM

### Churchwardens:

Mary Wood, Hillside, School Hill, Newnham. NN11 3HG  
872670 [jimandmarywood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jimandmarywood@yahoo.co.uk)  
Vacant

### Secretary:

Janet Rees, 33, Bradbury Road [jmr3349@hotmail.com](mailto:jmr3349@hotmail.com)

### Treasurer:

Jim Wood, Hillside, School Hill, Newnham. NN11 3HG  
872670 [jimandmarywood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jimandmarywood@yahoo.co.uk)

**Visiting co-ordinator:** Jeff Lawrence (705085)

## CHARWELTON

### Churchwarden:

Graham White, 8, Council Houses, Charwelton.  
NN11 3YT 264393 [grahamwhite1962@gmail.com](mailto:grahamwhite1962@gmail.com)  
Vacant

### Secretary :

Penny Cory, 3, Lindrick Close, Daventry. NN11 4SN  
700550 [pennycory@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pennycory@yahoo.co.uk)

### Treasurer:

Freddy Arthur, Harcourt House, Church Street, Charwelton. NN11 3YT 07815 057729  
[mfreddymarthur@gmail.com](mailto:mfreddymarthur@gmail.com)

**Visiting co-ordinator:** Graham White (264393)

## FAWSLEY

### Churchwardens:

Vivienne Baker, Lakes Rise, Fawsley NN11 3BA. 361585  
[v.j.baker@outlook.com](mailto:v.j.baker@outlook.com)  
Vacant

### Secretary:

Vacant

### Treasurer:

Robin Baker, Lakes Rise, Fawsley NN11 3BA. 361585  
[FawsleyTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:FawsleyTreasurer@gmail.com)

**Visiting co-ordinator:** Vacant

## PRESTON CAPES

### Churchwardens:

Gerard Hoare, Old West Farm, Little Preston. NN11 3TF 361263 [gerardjhoare@gmail.com](mailto:gerardjhoare@gmail.com)  
Claire Hoare, Old West Farm, Little Preston. NN11 3TF 361263 [caghoare@gmail.com](mailto:caghoare@gmail.com)

### Secretary:

Mireya Weaver, West Field House, Little Preston. NN11  
3TF 361201 [mireyaweaver@aol.com](mailto:mireyaweaver@aol.com)

### Treasurer:

Edward J. Giles, Hall Farm, Preston Capes, NN11  
3TA. 07780 688988. [giles@gbgp.com](mailto:giles@gbgp.com)

**Visiting co-ordinator:** Gerard Hoare (361263)

*The Link is printed by Image IT, Baird Close, Daventry*



### LM Pest Control

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| * <b>Moles</b>     | * <b>Foxes</b>   |
| * <b>Rodents</b>   | * <b>Pigeons</b> |
| * <b>Rabbits</b>   | * <b>Corvids</b> |
| * <b>Squirrels</b> | * <b>Wasps</b>   |

We cover a large range of pest problems, so please get in touch for advice  
**07964 396145**  
 lukemaplethorpe@gmail.com



### Premium Boat Brokers & Wharf Services

#### We sell:

Smokless Coal  
 Red Diesel  
 Calor Gas Exchanges  
 Logs and Kindling

**01327 342211**

hello@rugbyboats.co.uk / www.rugbyboats.co.uk  
 We are behind the Narrowboat Pub, Weedon, NN7 4SF

## DIFY:

### Why do it yourself?

Local Handyman services  
 (Based in Charwelton)

- Painting and decorating
- Kitchens
- Bathrooms
- Woodwork
- Tiling
- Flatpack assembly
- Curtain rails/picture hanging



## All jobs considered

Call John McCree on 07913 587005  
 Email cree61@live.co.uk

## GARDEN SERVICES

Garden Clearance  
 Fencing  
 Tree Work  
 Patios  
 Turfing

For a FREE no obligation  
 estimate call:

James Maplethorpe  
**01327 263857**  
 or  
**07817 762188**

## TREES



## LOGS

### Cutting Edge

Fully Certified and Insured Arborists

**FREE QUOTATION**

Contact: James Burton BSc. NPTC Cert

**01327 702038**

Visit our NEW WEBSITE

**[www.treesandlogsdaventry.co.uk](http://www.treesandlogsdaventry.co.uk)**

Tree Surgery   Firewood  
 Stump Grinding   Consultancy