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## Services for April 2026

	5 April <b>I</b> EASTER	12 April <b>II</b> Easter 2	19 April <b>III</b> Easter 3	26 April <b>IV</b> Easter 4	3 May <b>I</b> Easter 5
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]	11:00 Morning Worship	<b>10:00</b>  <b>United Benefice</b>  <b>Service</b>  <b>of</b>  <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>BCP</b>  <b>at</b>  <b>Fawsley</b> <b>[AS]</b>	11:00 Morning Worship	11:00 <i>Holy Communion</i> CW [GS]
Newnham	11:00 Holy Communion CW [+EC]	X		11:00 Holy Communion CW [MB]	X
Charwelton	09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]	X		17:00 Evensong BCP (Church) [GH]	09:15 <i>Holy Communion</i> BCP (Church) [GS]
Fawsley	11:00 Holy Communion BCP [KM]	X		X	X
Preston Capes	09:15 Holy Communion CW [KM]	09:15 Holy Communion CW [MB]		10:00 Morning Prayer BCP [Lay HW]	X
Everdon	11:00 Holy Communion CW [AS]	09:30 Morning Worship [Lay SR]		09:30 Holy Communion CW [GS]	X

## OTHER SERVICES

For Holy Week services see p. 6

Tuesday 21st. April

6.30 pm

Badby

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# SUNDAY READINGS

## Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

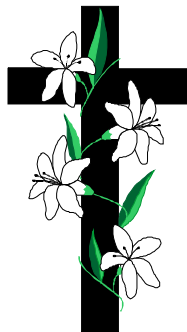
Date	Feast	OT Reading	NT Reading	Gospel
5 Apr	EASTER	Acts 10, 34-43	Col. 3, 1-4	John 20, 1-18
12 Apr	Easter 2	Acts 2, 14a & 22-32	1 Pet. 1, 3-9	John 20, 19-end
19 Apr	Easter 3	Acts 2, 14a & 36-41	1 Pet. 1, 17-23	Luke 24, 13-35
26 Apr	Easter 4	Acts 2, 42-end	1 Pet. 2, 19-end	John 10, 1-10
3 May	Easter 5	Acts 7, 55-end	1 Pet. 2, 2-10	John 14, 1-14

## FROM THE REGISTERS

IN MEMORIAM

at Badby  
on 27th of February  
Beryl Edith Bull  
[by Rev'd Kim McCloghry]

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



# EDITORIAL

The saga of the hedgehogs continues. I think there has hardly been a day all winter when there have not been some signs of a hedgehog visiting, and - importantly - feeding, We don't often get a visual sighting, but on the occasions we have it is clear that he/she is putting on weight which must be a good sign. Maybe there will be the patter of little hoglets in due course, which might do something to reverse the decline in hedgehog numbers. There are now only about 1 million left in Britain as compared with 30 million in the 1950s.

I read that researchers at the University of Oxford have found that hedgehogs can hear ultrasound noises at a much higher frequency than humans, dogs or cats. They have suggested that ultrasound repellers could be fitted to cars to warn the hedgehogs and stop them from being run over. It's a nice thought, but I can't help feeling that, nifty though some of them are, they may well not be able to respond and move away quickly enough to avoid a car hurtling down the road. On the other hand that suggestion might be helpful with regard to robotic lawnmowers.

The birds are active too. We have a pair of blackbirds assiduously building a nest in a tree outside the kitchen window, and they have now started taking in food; there are large flocks of goldfinches on the feeders, and I have just seen a sparrow outside my study window pulling a worm (presumably attracted to the surface by last night's rain) out of the ground. And of course there are our usual pair of kites constantly on the prowl over the trees along the old railway line, often accompanied by a pair of buzzards too.

As I sat in the sun composing this earlier, I was being watched by a robin up in his plum tree keeping a sharp watch for any invaders of his territory. Robins have a reputation for being

sweet, friendly little things, though in reality they are extremely combative defenders of their territory. And just now as we get ready for bed we turned on the camera in the blue tit's nest to find that one of them, having already built most of a nest, is now spending the night there!

Maybe I am just getting old and grumpy (and No. that doesn't require a comment thank you!) but why does life seem to get more and more complicated? I think most of us are familiar with emails, perhaps WhatsApp, and even the good old fashioned telephone, but why are we forever asked to cope with pms (whatever they are), Facebook, instagram, face time, and the rest? Oh, for a quiet peaceful life full of old familiar things.

*David*



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The services for Holy Week will be:-

- Monday 1930  
*Compline at Newnham*
- Tuesday 1930  
*Compline at Everdon*
- Wednesday 1930  
*Compline at Preston Capes*
- Maundy Thursday 1930  
*HC at Badby*
- Good Friday 1000  
*Stations of the Cross at Fawsley*

## PASTORAL LETTER

# Happy Easter

One Easter Sunday morning, as we reached 'The Peace' in our service, I said:

"Today, instead of saying 'peace be with you' we will try something different. Turn to someone and say, 'The Lord is risen' and they will reply, 'He is risen indeed!'" Everyone nodded and smiled. So, I approached a tall man in the front row. "George, the Lord is risen!" I said with suitably uncontained enthusiasm. He replied, in a rather gruff and unimpressed voice, "I know."

Perhaps on Easter Day, I should have stuck with the usual response: "Peace be with you." Why? Because that is the way Jesus greeted his disciples after his resurrection. "Peace be with you."

A friend of mine was once leading Collective Worship in his local primary school and asked the children what Jesus said to his disciples on that first Easter morning. A forest of hands went up. "Yes," said my friend, pointing at an excited

looking girl. "Happy Easter!" the girl replied.

Well, not quite.

"Peace be with you" was the answer he was looking for.



Before the world can experience a Happy Easter, there has to be a desire for that deep down, God-given peace. We watch the news on TV and there seems to be nothing we can do. Not true. We can start where we are – at work, at home or in the community.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God."

Happy Easter!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Ormston", with a horizontal line underneath.

*The Reverend Richard Ormston  
Archdeacon of Northampton*

# BENEFICE PAGE

## EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short 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. The next meets will be on 21 April and 19 May. There is always a brief talk about someone inspirational. All welcome!

## BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

### Friday 27th March: A Real Pain (2024)

Two mismatched cousins reunite for a tour through Poland to honour their beloved grandmother, but their old tensions resurface against a backdrop of their family history. Directed, written by and starring Jesse Eisenberg, supported by Kieran Culkin. [90 mins, 15 certificate.]

### Saturday 11th April: Verdi's Il Trovatore (The Troubadour) (2013)

"High flown, sprawling melodrama packed with all manner of fantastic and bizarre incident." One of the world's most frequently performed operas, best known for its so-called 'Anvil Chorus'. Elijah Moshinsky's vivid interpretation for the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, stars José Cura, Veronica Villarroel, Yvonne Naef & Dmitri Hvorostovsky. [172 mins, exempt cert]

### Friday 24th April: The Choral (2025)

A choral society's male members enlist in World War I, leaving the demanding choirmaster to recruit teenagers to perform Edward Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius. Together, they experience the joy of singing while the young boys grapple with their impending conscription into the army. Directed by Nicholas Hytner, screenplay by Alan Bennett, it stars Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam and Simon Russell Beale. "A quiet and consistent pleasure: an unsentimental but deeply felt drama... A beautiful, transcendent film." [108 mins, 12A certificate]

## BADBY OPEN GARDENS

Five gorgeous gardens in Badby, including one opening for the first time, will open for charity from 1-5pm on Sunday 17 May 2026. Please come along to see inspiring plants and unique garden features. Everyone is welcome, including families. Look for bright yellow signs on the day directing to gardens. Entry is £6 by cash or card at the gardens or book in advance via the NGS website (ngs.org.uk.). All proceeds go to the National Gardens Scheme. NGS is the biggest funder of nursing charities, supporting Queen's Nursing Institute, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Carers Trust, Hospice UK, Perennial, Parkinson's UK and others. There are refreshments available too at St Mary's Church in Badby, including cake, and all proceeds support the church. We can't wait to welcome you.



# PARISH NOTICES

## BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)  
 website: [www.badby-pc.gov.uk](http://www.badby-pc.gov.uk)

	Reader	Sidesman	Coffee
2 Apr	P. Wakeford C. Wakeford	J. Jordan F. Williams	n/a
5 Apr	J. Jordan F. Williams	G. Nelson C. Richards	J. Hall
12 Apr	N. Shaw G. Nelson	P. Wakeford C. Wakeford	G. Nelson
26 Apr	C. Richards J. Jordan	J. Hall N. Shaw	K. Purnell



Happy Easter

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR APRIL

w/b 30 March: Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner, Helen Morris

w/b 6: Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper

w/b 13: Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson

w/b 20: Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred

w/b 27: Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner, Helen Morris

### CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS

The flower arrangers will be decorating the church with Easter lilies on the morning of Saturday 4 April. Please contact Jackie at [jackiepeel22@gmail.com](mailto:jackiepeel22@gmail.com) if you would like to make a donation to the cost of the lilies in memory of your loved one(s). Join us for communal decorating, all will be welcome!

### ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral roll for St. Mary's Church will shortly be revised. The churchwardens will be voted in for another year after the service on Sunday 12 April and we shall hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday 28 April at 6pm in St. Mary's. You are entitled to vote at this meeting if your name is on the electoral roll, so contact Judy to make sure your name is included.

## BADBY BELLS

The bellhanger and all the bells turned up on 2 March and with our valiant volunteers had all the bells back in place by the end of the week. Two additional visits on Wednesdays 11 and 18 March were needed to complete the final adjustments after which the first practice this year took place with stretchy new ropes. A special celebration is planned for Sunday 28 June: after the morning service, an afternoon of bells and barbecue will be held from 12 to 5pm for villagers and ringers, including ringing sessions and tours up the tower to see the finished work.

## T 4 U

A lovely Easter Treat in the village hall on Friday 3 April, 2.30-4.30pm. Everyone is welcome for tea, chat and Easter cakes. Do come - It's FUN.

## BADBY & FAWSLEY WI

On Thursday 9 April we will be welcoming our local KC, Gary Bell, to speak at our meeting about his "Preposterous Life". A fascinating evening no doubt awaits us! New members very welcome. To arrange a free visit or for further information about this thriving and friendly WI, please contact Jan Cooper on



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jackiepeel22@gmail.com

## RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Owing to holidays and illness we have  
cancelled April's meeting.

## COFFEE MORNING

We look forward to seeing coffee and tea  
drinkers at St. Mary's on Tuesday 21 April from  
10.30am till noon. Freshly made coffee, tea  
and cakes, and a chance to witness the  
monthly draw. The winners in March were: 1st  
Lee Thomas; 2nd Ann Cox; 3rd Jim & Ruth  
McBeth. To join the draw, please contact  
Frances Williams.

## BADBY VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is running its annual Bluebell  
Teas on Sunday 3 and Monday 4 May, 1pm to  
5pm. As usual, we will be managing car  
parking for those coming to see the bluebells  
and selling homemade cream teas and cakes.  
Do come along! We need volunteers to help  
serving in the hall, directing cars, putting up  
signage, and especially baking cakes! We  
would be grateful for however much time you  
can offer to help on either day. Please contact  
Ann Cotton (07710 406317) or Peter Cooper  
(07792 165529).

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at  
7pm on Monday 22 June. The agenda will be  
posted on noticeboards and the website. All  
residents of Badby or Fawsley aged 18 or over  
are warmly invited to attend.

## SEGOVIA'S GUITAR LEGACY

On Saturday, 13 June, there will be a classical  
guitar concert in St. Mary's at 7.30pm. Put the  
date in your diary now. The concert will be  
given by Raymond Burley, one of Britain's most  
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## NEWNHAM

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### NEWNHAM PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

#### BADBY HISTORY EVENT

Are you interested in Badby's history, its places and people and how it has developed over the centuries? Following the exhibition back in 2018 a group of us are putting together a Badby Village History event in the village hall from 2 to 5pm on Sunday 12 July, looking at how Badby today links back to its long and diverse historical roots. We hope it will also act to find out whether there is support for a new Badby History Group. See more history at [www.badby-pc.gov.uk/history](http://www.badby-pc.gov.uk/history), and for more information about Badby History Group see <https://badby-pc.gov.uk/community/groups/badby-history-group/> or contact [badbyhistorygroup@gmail.com](mailto:badbyhistorygroup@gmail.com).

#### BADBY FAYRE

Planning has begun for the event on Sunday, 13 September which will include an annual show and fun dog show. Anyone willing to run a stall, children's games, help with parking etc will be most welcome to contact Churchwardens Judy and Frances.

After many years of service Mrs. Mary Wood has retired from the position of Churchwarden at Newnham Church. We are very grateful for all the work she has undertaken on behalf of the church. Fortunately Mary has agreed to be co-opted onto the PCC as a full member because, as Churchwarden, she was ex-officio.

Until a new Churchwarden is appointed any queries regarding the church or the burial of ashes in the area of cremated remains in the churchyard should be addressed to the PCC Secretary, Mrs. Janet Rees, Telephone number 01327 705394, or email at [jmr3349@hotmail.com](mailto:jmr3349@hotmail.com)

For any other matter concerning the churchyard please contact Newnham Parish Council who are responsible for its upkeep.

#### MARCH 200 CLUB

No 174 - Mr B Dupe £50  
No 12 - Mrs A Rushall £25  
No 61 - Mrs J Fenner £25

#### APRIL CLEANING ROTA

April 5th. Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Wood  
April 12th. Ms. Minor and Mrs. Ferguson  
April 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Rees  
April 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Wood

#### CHANGE TO SERVICE TIMES

The monthly Parish Holy Communion service, that takes place on the fourth Sunday of the month will now be at 11.00am NOT 10.00am. This change is due to Everdon joining the Knightley Benefice creating a need for a Priest to take two services in a morning.



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The Benefice Holy Communion services which take place on the third Sunday of the month remain at 10.00am, these services only take place about three times a year and their dates are published in the service rota at the front of the Link magazine.

### CLASSICS and COFFEE

On SATURDAY 25th APRIL from 10.00 am Jeff Lawrence will be hosting his 4th Classic (vehicles) and Coffee morning at 3, Westbrook, Newnham. If you have a classic/interesting car, motorcycle or other vehicle you would like to display contact Jeff asap on (01327)705085 or 0759801574. We still have some slots available.

Proceeds in aid of Church funds, all are welcome.

### NEWNHAM WI

On Thursday 16th April Newnham WI welcome Northampton Search and Rescue for a talk on the work of this wonderful charity. Ladies who are not members are welcome. Newnham Village Hall 7.30pm

### NEWNHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 23rd April - Lost and Found. Newnham History Society are delighted to welcome historian Jenny Dyer who will talk to us about Foundlings, the young children abandoned in 18th Century England and taken into apprenticeships in the big houses. Some suffered but others blossomed with the support of their employers. 7.00pm at Newnham Village Hall. Door open 6.30pm. Tickets on the night £6 (£3 members).



## CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound  
(davidpound1939@talktalk.net)

	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
5 Apr	David Pound	
26 Apr	Meryl Nicholls	
3 May	Fiona Spencer	

Chapel cleaning	
April	June Pound
May	Fiona Spencer

### QUIZ NIGHT

A fantastic evening! Well done to Jen for the questions and Dawn and Jen for their hosting skills, not forgetting Bev for organising the Raffle.

Also congratulations not only to "The Slow Eater" team on their maiden victory but to all those teams that took part and contributed to a wonderful fun-packed evening.

### VILLAGE HALL REFURB. UPDATE

The new hand rail has been completed (as I understand it has been road tested by several villagers and confirmed to be a great addition!) The new hot water system has been installed in the kitchen and is working well. We now hopefully move on to the heating system in the Hall and the replacement of two windows.

### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Sat 4th. April with the trail in the morning. (Sheets available from 10.00 am) The afternoon fun starts at 3.00pm in the VH. Refreshments will be available to purchase so please come along and make this a Family Fun Day.

### WARM SPACES

Despite the weather seeming to get warmer and because we have a small amount of

funding left we will be running one on Monday 13th. April 10.15-11.45 am.  
Please come if you can.

### 100 CLUB

Details of the 100 club winners are:-

January No 15 Willoughby

February No 29 Wilshire

March No 61 Walker

### EASTER SUNDAY

Our Easter Day service on 5<sup>th</sup> April will be in the church at 9.15 am and taken by the Revd Greg Shaw: do come and join us. If you'd like to help decorate the church on the previous morning, please contact Graham White 01327 264393.

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The APCM, to which you are warmly invited, will be on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 in the Chapel.

### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

If you wish to be added to the Electoral Roll, please contact PCC Secretary Penny Cory (pennycory@yahoo.co.uk) by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Could you spare a little time on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 10am to help move everything out of the chapel and into the village hall to enable the decorator to start work in the chapel? (It would be great if we could form a human chain between the two...)

### HELP REQUIRED

Brass Band concert 6<sup>th</sup> June

Could you:

- Lend a gazebo for the bar?
- Help set up the church?
- Help set up the parking and/or manage it

on the night?

- Help move tables and chairs from the village hall and back afterwards?
- Help publicise the event?
- Sell tickets?
- Serve at the bar?

If you can do any of these, please contact Penny pennycory@yahoo.co.uk or 01327 700550.



### FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

### LITTER PICK

A very big thank you to everyone who helped with the Fawsley litter pick on the 14th March.

It always makes a huge difference once completed.

### EASTER DAY

We welcome the Revd Kim McGloghry to Fawsley on Easter Sunday. The HC service will start at 11.00am.

Please join us for this special service.

### FROM BOHEMIA TO ROME

We are delighted to welcome Fiori Musicali again to Fawsley, for one of their special concerts on Sunday 10 May at 6pm.

This time, a fantastical musical journey from Bohemia to Rome including beautiful baroque music by Biber, Pachelbel, Plánický & Corelli in the serene setting of Fawsley's historic church.

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[www.ticketsource.co.uk/fiori](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fiori)

## PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare  
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	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning
5 Apr	Anabel Lewis-Bowen	Gerard Hoare	
12 Apr	Luke Bridgeman	Mireya Weaver	
26 Apr	Henrietta Appleton	Peter Smith	

### FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Please can the church be decorated on Easter Saturday, some positions may be compromised by the planned works in the North Aisle, but please place flowers elsewhere. Thank you very much.

### PERFECT PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

Monday 11th May at The Old Rectory. 10.00 - 12.30. The annual fundraiser for the church. Lots of plants for summer gardens as well as cakes for sale. Plus of course, coffee and biscuits. Please put the date in your diaries.

### CHURCH ROOF PROJECT

As this column has already reported, the re-covering of the North Aisle roof will commence in early April.

It is an expensive project and the PCC cannot thank all the local contributors and grant bodies sufficiently for providing the funds for the scheme.

Whilst the work is expensive enough, working time is ultra precious for the work must be completed fast in April, to protect our resident Bats. So we are anxious for a smooth passage with tolerance of urgent deliveries and clear access to the churchyard gates, please. We apologise for inevitable pressure on parking and the extra traffic caused.

Please report any serious difficulties to Gerard Hoare.

The firm is The Leadworks PLC. The site boss will be Darren Guss.

The Easter Egg hunt will be most welcome as usual; it just needs avoidance of the scaffolding, and there may well be a portaloos in place by then!

Please make the Leadworks staff as welcome as possible. Thank you.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

No speaker this month, as April is traditionally the month that we discuss our annual resolutions.

### VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning will be on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, from 10.30am to noon. Tea/coffee and biscuits - £1.00. Slice of cake - £1.50.

From this month (through to August), the WI will be selling a small selection of cakes and plants at each coffee morning – come early to get the best choice!

Our monthly get-togethers go from strength to strength. New faces always welcome – come and join us!



## EVERDON

Correspondent - Nigel Platts  
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	Reader / Sidesman
5 Apr	Nigel Platts
12 Apr	Sam Eastwood
26 Apr	Karen Kingston

### SERVICE CHANGES

After Easter Sunday (5th April), the format of our services changes. Starting with Sunday 12th April, services will be held at 9:30 am, with coffee available afterwards.

The service on the second Sunday of the month will be informal Family Sunday Worship services. The service on the fourth Sunday of the month will be a more traditional Holy Communion (Common Worship).

### MARY HODGES

On 3rd March a Memorial Service was held for the late Mary Hodges, who will be much missed by her family and by everyone who knew and loved her. The large number of people in attendance paid tribute to a life well lived.

### BELLS

Bell ringing practice is held on most Monday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Experienced ringers and anyone wishing to learn is welcome to come along.

### VILLAGE HALL

A **coffee morning** is held in the Village Hall from 10:30 to 12:00 on the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

The ever popular and delicious **Bluebell Teas** will be served from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday the 25th and 26th April.

## EVERDON VILLAGE FETE

Planning is underway for the annual village fete which this year will be held on Monday 31st August (August Bank Holiday). The fun starts at 2:00 pm on the Village Green.


See our website, [www.everdonfete.org](http://www.everdonfete.org) for information as the details come together for this famous, fantastic event.



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# 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:

## April

- 4 Charwelton Easter Eggstravaganza
- 9 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 11 Film Soc. opera BVH
- 16 Newnham WI
- 23 Newnham History Society
- 24 Film Soc. BVH
- 25 Newnham Garage Sale
- 25 Newnham Classic Cars
- 25/26 Everdon Bluebell teas

## May

- 3-4 Badby Bluebell teas
- 5 Newnham PCC
- 6 Charwelton PCC
- 11 Perfect plant sale Preston Capes
- 12 Charwelton APCM
- 17 Badby NGS Open Gardens & Teas
- 23 Newnham History Soc.
- 24 Newnham NGS Open gardens
- 24 Bell Sunday Badby
- 29 Film Soc. BVH

## June

- 3 Benefice Council
- 6 Charwelton concert by Rushden Town Band
- 13 Segovia's Guitar Legacy. Badby Church
- 13 Newnham Quiz Night VH
- 14 Newnham Open Gardens
- 20 District bellringers at Newnham 3.30pm
- 22 Badby VH AGM

- 26 Film Soc. BVH
- 27 Everdon Back in Time concert
- 28 Badby Bells and barbecue

## July

- 2 Charwelton PCC
- 7 Newnham PCC
- 11 Newnham Music on the Green
- 12 Village History BVH
- 14 Badby PCC
- 16 Newnham coffee morning
- 18 District bellringers at Badby 3.00pm
- 18 District bellringers Charwelton 7.00pm
- 31 Film Soc. BVH

## August

- 5 Benefice Council
- 21 Film Soc. BVH
- 31 Everdon Fete

## September

- 1 Newnham PCC
- 3 Charwelton PCC
- 8 Badby PCC
- 13 Badby Fayre and Annual Show
- 19 Newnham Comedy Night
- 25 Film Soc. BVH

## October

- 3-5 Charwelton Harvest weekend
- 17 Film Soc. opera BVH

## November

- 3 Newnham PCC
- 5 Charwelton PCC
- 10 Badby PCC
- 13 Newnham Movie Night cinema
- 14 Film Soc. opera BVH
- 27 Film Soc. BVH
- 27 Charwelton Christmas Bingo

## December

- 2 Benefice Council
- 6 Badby Church Fair
- 11 Film Soc. BVH
- 29 Charwelton Pantomime



## Notable Dates in April

- 3 April. 1721 Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister of Britain.
- 9 April. 1806 Birthday of English engineer and inventor Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Perhaps the greatest of the 19th-century engineers
- 10 April. 1633 Bananas, never seen before in England, went on sale in a London shop.
- 12 April. 1606 The Union Flag becomes the official flag of Britain.
- 14 April. 1983 The first cordless telephone went on sale in Britain.
- 16 April. 1746 Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) was defeated at the Battle of Culloden.
- 19 April. 1775 The first battle in the War of American Independence took place at Lexington, Massachusetts (Britain 1 – Colonists 0).
- 23 April. 1616 Death (on his 52nd. birthday) of William Shakespeare, playwright and poet. He left behind a wife, Anne, two daughters, Judith and Susanna as well as a wealth of literary treasures.

### **Feast day of St George, Patron Saint of England.**

- 24 April. 1858 At the second attempt, the biggest bell in the world, Big Ben, is finally ready for hanging in the clock tower of Westminster Palace, London
- 28 April. 1770 English naval explorer James Cook arrived in Botany Bay, Australia, the first European to do so.

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### **Council Update**

At the Council's last meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the main topics for discussion were drainage issues, the mowing contract, councillor recruitment, the Annual Parish Meeting, end-of-year financial reporting and a litter-pick.

Since last month's update, significant works have been carried out by WNC to **clear the drains and culverts on Daventry Road**, leading up to the Staverton crossroads. So far, the works appear to have been effective in keeping more surface water off the road and in the ditches. Thanks go to the WNC Highways team and to our ward councillors, Rupert Frost and Charlie Hastie for their lobbying. Thanks also to Deidre Mobbs who grabbed the opportunity to plant snowdrops around the new ditches!

As mentioned previously, I would encourage people to use the '**fix-my-street**' tool ([www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)) for reporting issues such as pot holes to West Northants Council's Highways team. Issues logged are investigated and responded to, outlining the findings and what remedial action will be taken. If Highways are aware of a problem, they are more likely to fix it.

By the time this Link is circulated, we should have had a litter pick and tidy-up in and around the village in support of the Great British **Spring Clean Initiative**. Hopefully the event will have been well supported and the village gets a good spring clean.

Following our Parish in the Pub evening on the 25<sup>th</sup> February, we attracted interest from three people interested in joining the Parish Council. We are currently working through the process for filling the two vacancies.

As we move further into spring, the snowdrops have been replaced by the daffodils and the village is a pleasure to walk in and drive through. We are two cuts in to **the new mowing season**. If you feel that areas near you are not being mown, please contact myself or the clerk at the email addresses at the top of this article to tell us the location and we will liaise with the contractor.

If you want to have your say about something in the village, or you would like to know what local organisations do, then I encourage you to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. It is not a meeting of the Parish Council; it is a meeting of the Parish of Newnham and as such it is open to all organisations and the public. There will also be wine and nibbles.....

A reminder, if you want to be on the Parish Council Email List to receive topical and current emails, contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk) **Please note that because of the bank holiday on Easter Monday, the next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.** The agenda for this meeting is available on the Council website [www.newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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