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The Magazine of The Knightley Parishes

BADBY FAYRE

Sunday 13 September
on The Green 1 – 5pm

Fun Dog Show

Field Jammers music

Craft stalls

Mario's Ice Cream

Bottle tombola

Howe & Co chip van

Children's games

Face – painting

Classic cars & Motorbikes

Teas and home-made cakes in the village hall

Horticultural Society Show

- The Green CLOSED TO TRAFFIC from 12 noon - 6pm
- FREE CAR PARKING signposted off Chapel Lane

A community event to raise funds for St Mary's Church, Badby

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Services for September 2026

	6 September I Trinity 14	13 September II Trinity 15	20 September III Trinity 16	27 September IV Trinity 17	4 October I Trinity 18
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	10:00 United Benefice Service of Holy Communion CW at Preston Capes [MB]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	11:00 Holy Communion CW [CP]
Newnham				11:00 Holy Communion CW [CP]	
Charwelton	09:30 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]			17:00 Evensong BCP (Church) [GW]	18:00 Harvest Festival (Church) [CP]
Fawsley		11:00 Holy Communion BCP [GS]			
Preston Capes		09:30 Holy Communion CW [GS]		10:00 Morning Prayer BCP [Lay HW]	
Everdon		09:30 Morning Worship [Lay SR]		09:30 Holy Communion CW [CP]	

OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 22 September 6.30 pm Badby ESOW

SUNDAY READINGS

Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

Date	Feast	OT Reading	NT Reading	Gospel
6 Sep	Trinity 14	Ezek. 33 7-11	Rom. 13, 8-end	Matt 18, 15-20
13 Sep	Trinity 15	Gen. 50, 15-21	Rom. 14, 1-12	Matt. 18, 21-35
20 Sep	Trinity 16	Jonah 3, 10 - 4 end	Phil. 1, 21-end	Matt. 20, 1-16
27 Sep	Trinity 17	Ezek. 18, 1-4 & 25-end	Phil. 2, 1-13	Matt. 21, 23-32
4 Oct	Trinity 18	Isa. 5, 1-7	Phil. 3, 4b-14	Matt. 21, 33-end

FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY



at Badby
on 25 July 2026
Luca Stefano Delpippo
and
Reilly Root McWilliams
[by Rev'd Greg Shaw]

at Fawsley
on 25th July 2026
Christopher Michael Thomas Smart
and
Rebecca Louise Devlin
[by Rev'd Kim McCloghry]

at Badby
on 15 August 2026
Thomas Arthur Copestake
and
Chloe Megan Ingram
[by Rev'd Stephen Burrow]

at Fawsley
on 20th August 2026
Jack Henry George Yates
and
Jessica Louise Tagg
[by Rev'd Stephen Burrow]

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

EDITORIAL

I am pleased to be able to report that the move to install a second feeding station for the hedgehogs has been a success. There is much activity in both sites (revealed by the Trailcam) but somewhat surprisingly the animal most commonly triggering the camera is not a hedgehog - but mice! There was a most entertaining (for us) episode the other day when we could watch a cat desperately chasing a mouse round the shelter. The cat didn't succeed - or at least not while it was within camera range.

The hoglets are rapidly catching up on the adults in their weight and it is becoming increasingly difficult to differentiate the adults from the children.

John Clare "The Hedgehog"

*The hedgehog hides beneath the rotten hedge
And makes a great round nest of grass and sedge,
Or in a bush or in a hollow tree;
And many often stoop and say they see
Him roll and fill his prickles full of crabs
And creep away; and where the magpie dabs
His wing at muddy dyke, in aged root
He makes a nest and fills it full of fruit,
On the hedge bottom hunts for crabs and sloes
And whistles like a cricket as he goes.
It rolls up like a ball or shapeless hog
When Gipsies hunt it with their noisy dog;
I've seen it in their camps — they call it sweet,
Though black and bitter and unsavoury meat.*

On the avian front we have a multitude of small birds, (sparrows, finches of various varieties, and blue tits mainly) and this morning our breakfast was disturbed by the sudden arrival of 20 or 30 young starlings who suddenly descended on the feeders. They were fighting like mad for the food, but (presumably because of the numbers) they didn't manage to satisfy themselves and they didn't stay long.

Our garden is, like most others, extremely dry, and the only patches of green are where the

clover has taken over. I never thought I would welcome clover into the lawns but it is now a most welcome sight. At least it is green!

I confess that we found the recent eclipse rather disappointing, and nothing like as exciting as the last one in 1999. The birds certainly fell silent, but I don't think we would have noticed the light level falling if we had not been looking out for it. We were too late to get protective glasses, and we found that a colander was a poor substitute.



Two of our grandchildren on the other hand had a great view looking due west over the Atlantic from a beach at the western end of Brittany!! Lucky old them!

By the time you read this we will probably be complaining about floods and storms...!

O God, heavenly Father..... send us we beseech thee in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

David

PASTORAL LETTER

Festival of Creation in Christ

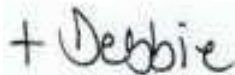
September brings with it a rich opportunity to celebrate God's gift of creation. This year, many churches across the Church of England will be exploring the new *Festival of Creation in Christ* resources, which invite us to see the whole created world through the lens of Christ. They remind us that creation is not simply a backdrop to God's saving work, but is gathered up in Christ, through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together.

This season also coincides with our many different Harvest celebrations. Harvest is a time to give thanks for the abundance of God's provision and for all those whose work enables food to reach our tables. It is also an opportunity to reflect on our responsibility to care for the earth and to ensure that its gifts are shared justly. As we thank God for the fruits of the earth, we are invited to consider how we can play our part in

cherishing creation and supporting those who lack life's basic necessities.

I encourage churches and individuals throughout the Diocese to make use of the Festival of Creation in Christ resources this autumn, which you can find on the Church of England website. Whether through worship, preaching, study groups or community events, they offer fresh ways of celebrating God's creation and deepening our understanding of our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that, through this season, we may grow in wonder, thanksgiving and hope as we seek to follow Christ, the one in whom all creation finds its purpose and fulfilment.

With every blessing,



*The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin
Bishop of Peterborough*

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 services will be on 22 September and 20 October.

(Ed. I apologise for the incorrect dates last month. Entirely my fault for importing an out of date entry!)

BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

Friday 25th September: The Seed of the Sacred Fig (2024)

Critically acclaimed political thriller, written and directed by Mohammad Rasoulof. Shot in secret in Iran, its plot centres on an investigating judge in the Revolutionary Court in Tehran, who grapples with paranoia as nation-wide political protests intensify and his gun mysteriously disappears, making him distrust his wife and daughters. "A searing indictment of oppressive rule, [it] functions both as compelling drama and powerful political statement." [160 mins, Farsi with English subtitles, 15 certificate]

FLU VACCINES

Unfortunately the company that supplies Byfield Medical Centre and other surgeries, with its annual flu vaccines has cancelled the order and they are unable, at this short notice to find another source. They have advised patients will need to visit a pharmacy for their vaccinations this year. Please be aware this issue will also affect some pharmacies too. They offer their apologies but it is out of their control. Housebound patients will be contacted by Northants ICB to arrange their vaccinations

BADBY FAYRE AND THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The society is delighted to be resurrecting the Horticultural Show after a 3-year break and it will be held in a tent on The Green as part of Badby Fayre on Sunday 13 September. There are cups galore to be won:

CB&M Felton Challenge Cup: Best overall entry

Best in Show Cup: Best floral display in a pot

Percival Warr Cup: Best vegetable collection

Best Garden Produce Cup: Best individual garden produce

Craftwork Cup: Best home-made craftwork

Wine Cup: Best home-made horticulturally based drink

Fred Payne Cup: Best onions

Christine Payne Cup: Best children's artwork

Photograph Cup: Best local flower, vegetable, or garden photo

Olde Forge Cup: Best overall entry from children

Best Home-made Produce Cup

A Surprise Prize for the Best Lemon Drizzle

This QR code leads to an entry form on-line. Please contact Sophie for details on



sophiefitzhugh@yahoo.co.uk

Closing date and time for entries 10am on Sunday 13 September

Exhibits will be placed in the tent 9-11am

Judging will be 11am – 1pm

Exhibits may be viewed 1pm-3pm

Presentation of Awards 3pm

All exhibits to be removed 3.30pm-4.30pm

Even if you do not want to enter the competitions – please do come, see our stall and chat

to one of the society's members about what we do and how to join.



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PARISH NOTICES

BADBY

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website: www.badby-pc.gov.uk

	Reader	Sidesman	Coffee
6 Sep	J. Hall G. Nelson	J. Jordan C. Richards	C. Wakeford
13 Sep	J. Jordan F. Williams	G. Nelson N. Shaw	J. Hall
27 Sep	J. Hall F. Williams	J. Hall F. Williams	C. Richards

BADBY AND FAWSLEY WI

This month we welcome the return of
Kate Mawer who we previously much
enjoyed telling us about the history of her
Braunston Farm House. This time on
Thursday 10 September she will talk to us
about the work of the charity she
supports, Practical Action. This charity
helps developing communities to thrive in
the face of climate change. To arrange a
free taster visit or for further information
about this thriving and friendly WI, please
contact Jan Cooper on
jancooper2012@me.com or Jackie Peel on
jackiepeel22@gmail.com9

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Nelson
7 Sep: Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann
Syred
14: Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner, Helen
Morris
21: Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper
28: Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson.

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BADBY FAYRE 2026

We are all looking forward to Badby Fayre on Sunday 13 September, from 1pm to 5pm on The Green. The Field Jammers will be playing during the afternoon. The fun dog show, children's activities, a bottle tombola, many craft stalls, vintage vehicles, the Horticultural Society prize display, as well as fish and chips and ice cream vans. Tea and home-made cake will be available throughout the afternoon in the village hall.

The Green will be closed to traffic for the afternoon.

Details of the collection for the bottle tombola on Saturday 5 September are shown in the flyer.

The Fun Dog Show will be open for entries from 1.30pm with judging starting at 2pm.

The classes for the Fun Dog Show 2026 will be:

1. Most gorgeous puppy (under 12 months)
2. Loveliest lady dog
3. Most fabulous fella dog
4. Dog with the waggiest tail
5. Gorgeous golden oldie (7 & over)
6. Best simple obedience (sit, down, stay)
7. Best junior handler (under 12)
8. Best dog trick
9. Best biscuit catcher
10. Dog judge would most like to take home.

BADBY & FARTHINGSTONE CRICKET CLUB

The club has finally hit a rich vein of form with three more wins after a much-needed victory against Daventry Rugby Club.

Highlight was the annual Peter Mayne Memorial match against Braunston, in memory of a founder member of the club. This charity match raised a magnificent £734, split between Great Ormond Street Hospital and the MND Association. The club won by 24 runs with Linda Mayne presenting the trophy bearing her husband's name to home captain Charlie Ashmore.

A week later at the Open University, another win, bizarrely in a match almost a replica of last summer's victory, chasing 210 to win by one wicket in the final over.

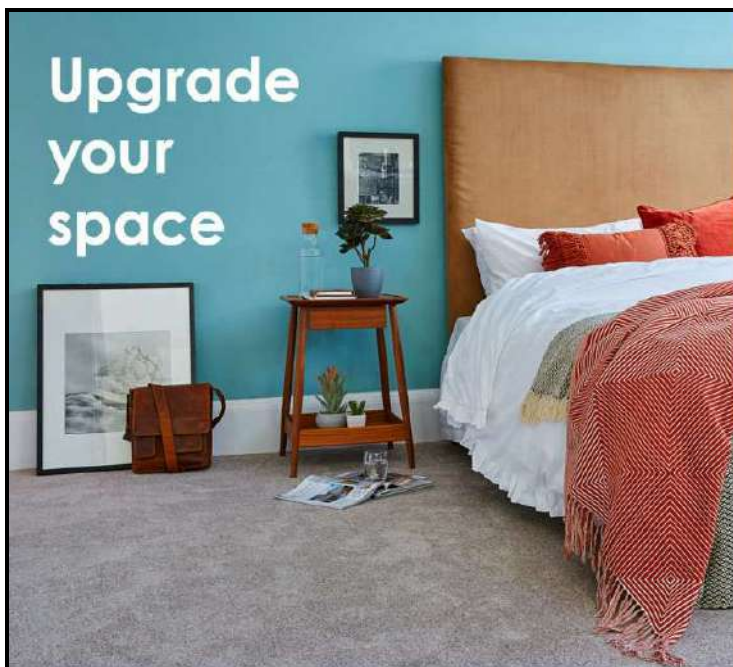
Earlier Charlie Ashmore's side regained the Pulpit Trophy in the annual home match against the Crooked Hooker, a team from Northampton Saints academy. This match sadly marked a fond farewell to Peter Collins. Peter, Badby born and bred, has served the club for decades as player, captain, chairman and more recently groundsman, but is now retiring.

There will be matches at Long Roods field on September Sunday afternoons: 13 (Open University); 27 (Ascott under Wychwood).

T 4 U

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RIDE, STRIDE & DRIVE

Entry forms and lists of participating churches on Saturday 12 September can still be obtained from Chris Richards, Meadow View, Bunkers Hill, Badby. Don't delay and get planning.

COFFEE MORNING

St. Mary's coffee morning will be on Tuesday 15 September from 10.30am to 12 noon. Come along and join us.

The September church draw and the annual bonus draw will be made around 11.30am. The winners in the July draw were 1st: June and Andrew Witcomb, 2nd: Peter & Christine Johnson, 3rd: Megan Bedding.

VILLAGE HALL

We will be holding a fund-raising Quiz Night on Friday 20 November. Fish and chips supper, bar and raffle. Reserve the date! Full details in the next issue of The Link, or contact Peter Cooper (peter.bvhmc@btinternet.com).



NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning
(ellen.henning@hotmail.co.uk)

200 CLUB DRAW

200 Club draw numbers are available, if interested please contact Elaine Gibbon on 07875 417860

AUGUST 200 CLUB DRAW

£50.00 Prize No 130 Mrs M
Messenger
£25.00 50 Mrs J Simpson
£25.00 132 Mrs C Garth

NEWNHAM VH COFFEE MORNINGS

A note to remind everyone that for September ONLY the September coffee morning is on the second Wednesday, i.e. 9th., as the hall is being decorated the week before.

RIDE & STRIDE & DRIVE 12TH SEPTEMBER

This is an event where cyclists, walkers and drivers seek sponsorship in return for visiting as many churches as possible. Proceedings are shared equally between the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and Newnham church. If you are interested please contact Nick Beer on 07544 398463 for sponsorship forms.

DAVENTRY FOOD BANK

Due to the ongoing cost of living crisis demand remains high. If you can spare a couple of basic food items please pop them in the donations box in the church porch. Thank you.

DAVENTRY BRASS UNDER THEIR NEW CONDUCTOR

There will be a Brass Band concert at Newnham Church on Saturday 26th September at 7.30pm. There will be a selection of lively modern and classical music.

Tickets that include refreshments are £10, they can be purchased from Mary Wood, 872670 or Jeff Lawrence, 705085. You can pay at the door, but the advance purchase of tickets helps us to plan ahead. Look forward to seeing you there.



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound
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	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
6 Sept	Fiona Spencer	Graham White
27 Sept	Elizabeth Bird	Chris Baker

Chapel Cleaning	
September	Fiona Spencer
October	Graham White

RIDE, STRIDE AND DRIVE!

Graham White is preparing to cycle on **Saturday 12th September**. If you would like either to join him on your unicycle, bicycle, tricycle or tandem, or in your car (yes, this year you really can drive!) or if you would like to sponsor him, please email him on grahamwhite1962@gmail.com or phone 01327 264393. Half of what is raised will

go towards the upkeep of our church, the other half will go to Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, from whose grants we have benefited in the past.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 2026

The Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th September will be held in Charwelton Village Hall from 10:00am - 12:30 pm. 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 charity, 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.

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!

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND (3RD – 5TH OCTOBER) YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

With six weeks to go, and given the weather we've had over the last few months, the flower arrangers may find themselves struggling to source flowers. I'm sure they'd be very grateful if you have any flowers, fresh or dried, and any type of foliage with which they can

decorate the church. If you think you might be able to help, the team would be more than grateful.

Wouldn't it be fitting if we could decorate the church entirely with produce from the gardens of Charwelton? You'll be able to admire the displays on **Saturday 3rd** between 2pm and 4.00pm, with refreshments available. (If you'd like to help decorate the church or donate produce, please contact Graham on 01327 264393).

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

On Sunday 4th at 6pm we have our **Harvest Festival Service**, where all the good old harvest hymns will be dusted off and sung.

HARVEST SUPPER

Following the success of last year, we hope to hold our **Harvest Supper** on **Monday 5th** 6.45 for 7pm in the village hall. There'll be the usual three-course meal, with a licensed bar and, afterwards, the sale of produce. Please don't leave buying your tickets to the last moment: unless we can sell 40 by 25th September the event won't be viable. Contact Norman Blenkhorn 01327 260650 or normanblenkhorn@gmail.com for tickets (£12 for adults, £6 for under-16s). If you could provide a salad or make an apple crumble, please let Norman know.

VILLAGE HALL

August 10th saw the Village Hall Open Evening which was very well attended and showed off all the improvements that have been made using National Lottery Funding (Including the new windows).

There was also a demonstration of the new Robot Cleaner, and Coffee from the new Coffee Machine. The Prosecco was a welcome addition to the Evening and went down really well!

QUIZ NIGHT/FISH SUPPER

Friday 18th. September

Only a couple of tables left for this incredibly popular event so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.



FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

RIDE, STRIDE AND DRIVE

St. Mary's Church will be open for Ride, Stride and Drive on Saturday 12th September between 10am and 6pm.

FAWSLEY SINGERS

The Fawsley singers will be rehearsing in St. Mary's Church on Sunday the 20th September from 1.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come and sit in the church and enjoy their singing.



PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare
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	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning/ Flowers
13 Sep	Luke Bridgeman	Anabel Lewis-Bowen	Victoria Bridgeman
20 Sep	John Wilshire Frances Williams	Heather Wilson	
27 Sep	Bridget Whittaker	Peter Smith	

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month's meeting takes place at the village hall on Tuesday, 22nd September, when our speaker will be Rob Brewer. Rob retired from the police force seven years ago, since when he has been working as a film and television extra on everything from blockbuster films to advertisements.

To come and hear his fascinating stories, please contact our secretary, Diane French, at highlatches@aol.com to book. The talk starts at 8.00pm (doors open 7.30pm) and there is a charge of £6.00 which includes refreshments.

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Our coffee morning this month will be held on Friday, 25th September, from 10.30am. Just £1.50 gets you unlimited tea/coffee and biscuits, or add on a slice of cake for £1.00.

Jenni Hedges from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) will be joining us as ACRE is working with West Northamptonshire Council on a project called "Rural Wellbeing & Mental Health".

This is looking at the needs and interests of communities, providing an opportunity for residents to learn more about local wellbeing support and to share any ideas and concerns we may have.

DOG FOULING IN CHURCHYARD AND LITTER

Unfortunately there have been some more instances of this. Please can all dog owners be responsible for picking up and binning any deposits. It is so unpleasant for those who visit our church. We have a wedding on 5th September and must keep the churchyard clean and clear.

There has been litter and cigarette butts left by the seat at the rear of the church. Please take any litter home, and in this drought any danger of fire from cigarettes must be taken seriously.

RIDE AND STRIDE

Sunday 12th September. Walk, ride, cycle or drive. Get sponsorship. All in aid of Northamptonshire Historic Churches. Contact Pauline Clarke 07778445033 for further information and forms. We are anxious to give this event our best support for it is in aid of the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust who gave our church a generous grant toward the recent Roof works.

By various means of movement you aim and try to visit as many local churches as possible and seek sponsorship or volunteer to be on a rota to welcome people who visit our church during the day.

HARVEST POP UP SHOP
Sunday 4th October

In the Village Hall from 12.00. A delicious selection of homemade goodies locally cooked.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday 11th October 9.30

CHURCHYARD AUTUMN TIDY UP
Saturday 24th October 10.30 - 12.30

All helpers greatly appreciated. Please let Gerard Hoare know if you are available gerardjhoare@gmail.com
10.30 - 12.30 half time refreshments!

SAVE THE DATE - CAROL SERVICE
Sunday 20th December 3.30.

A traditional service of Lessons and Carols



EVERDON
Correspondent - Nigel Platts
nigelplatts53@gmail.com

	Sidesman / Reader
13 Sept	Jacqui Shackleton
27 Sept.	Sam Eastwood

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

We have services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month in September, our usual pattern.

On Sunday 13th September at 09:30 am, it's our normal Sunday Worship service taken by Sue Rose. It's a very informal, friendly service with popular well-known hymns and a talented organist. Everyone is welcome with coffee and breakfast served afterwards.

On Sunday 27th September at 09:30 am, we have a Holy Communion service which will be taken by a visiting priest, Rev'd Celia Parkes.

We have recently had work carried out in our churchyard under a scheme run by the Northamptonshire Crime Commissioner's Office. The Immediate Justice initiative provides an opportunity for



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low-level, anti-social behaviour offenders to opt to carry out community work, rather than go through the criminal justice system. Under supervision, offenders have been working in our Churchyard. On three mornings they have visited Everdon Church to carry out work that included grass cutting, removal of ivy from grave-stones and general tidying. The Church is very grateful for this effort and the contribution to our Churchyard.



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

- 1 Newnham PCC
- 2 Charwelton PCC
- 4 T4U Badby
- 8 Badby PCC
- 9 Newnham VH coffee morning
- 10 B&F WI
- 12 Ride, Stride & Drive
- 13 Badby Fayre and Annual Show
- 15 Badby coffee morning
- 18 Charwelton Quiz Night
- 19 Newnham Comedy Night
- 20 Badby Quiz
- 22 PC WI

- 25 PC coffee morning
- 25 Film Soc. BVH
- 26 Charwelton Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 26 Newnham Band concert
- 30 Benefice Council

October

- 3-5 Charwelton Harvest weekend
- 4 Preston Capes Harvest Pop-up Shop
- 7 Newnham VH coffee morning
- 17 Film Soc. opera BVH
- 24 PC churchyard tidy up
- 30 Newnham Bingo

November

- 3 Newnham PCC
- 3 Badby PCC
- 4 Charwelton PCC
- 4 Newnham VH coffee morning
- 8 Charwelton Armistice Breakfast
- 13 Newnham Movie Night cinema
- 14 Film Soc. opera BVH
- 20 Quiz BVH
- 27 Film Soc. BVH
- 27 Charwelton Christmas Bingo.

December

- 2 Benefice Council
- 2 Newnham VH coffee morning
- 5 Badby Church Fair
- 11 Film Soc. BVH
- 12 Badby bells - peal from 10.00am - 1.00pm
- 29 Charwelton Pantomime

"Doctor! doctor! I've got a peanut stuck in my ear"

"Well just pour in some chocolate and it'll come out a treat"

Notable dates in September

2 Sept. 1666 The Great Fire of London begins in Pudding Lane and rages for 5 days, but kills only 9 people.

3 Sept. 1939 Britain and France declare war on Germany.

6 Sept. 1620 The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth, Devon, carrying the Pilgrim Fathers to America.

8 Sept. 1944 The first V2 flying bombs kill 3 people in London.

11 Sept. 1915 Britain's first Women's Institute opens in Wales.

13 Sept 1902 Harry Jackson becomes the first person in Britain to be convicted on fingerprint evidence.

18 Sept. 1709 Birth of Samuel Johnson, compiler of the first English dictionary.

22 Sept. 1735 Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole moves in to

10 Downing Street.

24 Sept. 1776 The first St. Leger horse race is run at Doncaster, Yorkshire.

25 Sept. 1818 First transfusion of human blood is performed at Guy's Hospital, London.

26 Sept. 1580 The Golden Hind arrives in Plymouth harbour having sailed round the world under the captaincy of Sir Francis Drake. Drake plundered a few Spanish ships en-route to keep morale high!

28 Sept. 1745 'God Save the King' is sung for the first time at London's Drury Lane Theatre.

29 Sept. 1758 Birth of Horatio Nelson.

30 Sept. 1938 Misguided British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain says, after meeting Hitler in Munich, 'I believe it is peace for our time'.

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Our last meeting was 6th July as we don't meet in August so I will update some of the items with progress since the meeting.

We have been carrying out a number of repairs and 'odd-jobs' around the village:

- Several broken posts around the village greens have been replaced
- We have put up 'Welcome to Newnham' signs on the Staverton Road as you enter the village boundary
- Repairs to the wall on the Church Lane have been completed
- We have cleared the drainage gully at the junction of Church Street and Staverton Road
- Strimmed and sprayed the weeds around the school railings
- Cleared the undergrowth to widen the path in Wet Lane and around the Nuttery
- We have put up signs on the entrances to the playing field, encouraging dog owners to keep dogs on leads. We have received reports of dog fouling around the playing field and we would urge dog owners to be responsible and clean up after dogs.

Music on the Green was a fantastic event as always, and provided a great opportunity for the village to meet and catch up. Huge credit and thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee who organised the annual event, but also to the small army of volunteers who turned up to put up marquees. The Parish Council had a stall - it was a chance to discuss topical issues and answer questions people had, and we organised a light-hearted quiz about the village and the Parish Council.

We continue to liaise with WNC regarding the lease of space on the Playing Field which is fundamental to the **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** project. Thanks to the efforts of our ward Councillors, Rupert Frost and Charlie Hastie, we are making some progress with the landlord and the school exploring the lease options.

The annual inspection of the playground equipment took place in June. Other than wear and tear to the swings, which have since been repaired, the report gave the playground a clean bill of health.

Due to the dry weather, we have suspended the mowing of public spaces and verges. Mowing will resume once there is something to cut.

Miscellaneous items:

- **Potholes**, report them on www.fixmystreet.com. The more frequently an issue is reported, the greater the likelihood that the WNC Highways team will resolve it.
- The **'Friends of Newnham'** WhatsApp Group. If you are interested in supporting events in the village, such as litter picks or putting up a marquee, contact Judith Dorkins on judithdorkins@btinternet.com

The **next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 7th September**, starting at **7.00pm** in the **Village Hall**. For agendas and minutes go to www.newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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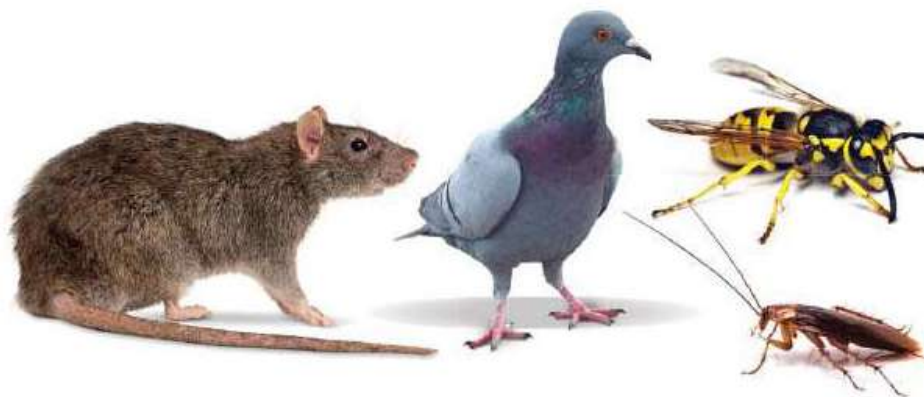
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