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The Magazine of The Knightley Parishes

Sunday 14 September 2025

1 to 5pm

Badby Scarecrow Festival & Fun Dog Show

Stalls

Music

Displays



Teas

Cakes

Tombola

July 2025

No. 407

Badby ☿ Newnham ☿ Charwelton ☿ Fawsley ☿ Preston Capes



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Services for July 2025

	6 July I Trinity 3	13 July II Trinity 4	20 July III Trinity 5	27 July IV Trinity 6	3 August I Trinity 7
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW [CP]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	10:00		11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]
Newnham			United Benefice Service	11:00 Holy Communion CW [MB]	
Charwelton		09:15 Holy Communion BCP [CP]	of	17:00 Evensong BCP (Church) [Lay GW]	09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]
Fawsley		11:00 Holy Communion BCP [CP]	at		
Preston Capes	09:15 Holy Communion CW [CP]		Fawsley [+EC]	10:00 Pet Service [Lay HW]	

OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 22 July

6.30 pm

Badby

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SUNDAY READINGS

Principal Service CW

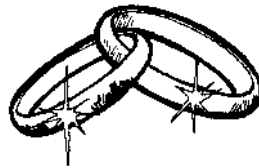
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Date	Feast	OT Reading	NT Reading	Gospel
6 Jul	Trinity 3	Isa. 66, 10-14	Gal 6, 7-16	Luke 10, 1-11 & 16-20
13 Jul	Trinity 4	Deut. 30, 9-14	Col. 1, 1-14	Luke 10, 25-37
20 Jul	Trinity 5	Gen. 18, 1-10a	Col.1, 15-28	Luke 10, 38-end
27 Jul	Trinity 6	Gen. 18, 20-32	Col. 2, 6-15	Luke 11, 1-13
3 Aug	Trinity 7	Eccles. 1, 2 & 12-14	Col. 3, 1-11	Luke 12, 13-21

FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

at Fawsley
on 24th. May
Daniel Matthews
and
Rachael Sharpe
[by Rev'd Stephen Burrow]



at Fawsley
on 21st. June
Luke Tunks
and
Andrea Leatherland
[by Bishop Ed Condry]

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

EDITORIAL

Shortly after the last Link all 9 blue tit chicks successfully fledged! As appears to be usual with tits, we have seen nothing of them since; no return to the nest, no hanging around waiting to be fed, nothing! That all contrasts markedly with many other garden birds whose young do not become self-sufficient so early. We are still seeing young black-birds, starlings and thrushes sitting around on twigs or the bird tables and being fed by attentive parents.

On 13th. June 4 swallow chicks also left their nest in the garage and now, when they are not out learning how to catch insects on the wing, spend a lot of time perching on the beams and defaecating on the cars. We spent an afternoon erecting plastic sheeting across nearly all of the garage beams as protection - the little ***** have now found new perches where they can do their business over those bits of the cars we did not manage to cover!!!

And then someone who has become a regular over the last couple of years is "Baldy" the blackbird. At some time, somehow, somewhere he lost the feathers on top of his head. It must have been a nasty injury and none of the feathers has re-grown, so he now has a bald patch on top of his head. Nonetheless he seems fit and well and is very active.

The other avian wildlife which has recently become more noticeable are the kites - and to a lesser extent the buzzards. They are now flying very low across the houses and gardens presumably searching for signs of any available carrion.

And still on the natural history theme, there has been a noticeable lack of bees and other pollinating insects in the greenhouse. The tomato plants are producing plenty of flowers, but few of these seem to be developing into tomatoes - which is of course the object of the exercise! Are others having the same experience?

Some of you have kindly been enquiring about my two great-nieces who survived the 7th. October massacre in Israel, and wondering how they are

doing in the current outbreak of violence. I am pleased to be able to say that their grandmother tells me that they are well and relatively safe in a new village with the other survivors from their old kibbutz, and thankfully not near any major cities.

David



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PASTORAL LETTER

God on holiday

I have recently returned from a week's holiday in France. Whilst the journey was a little stressful, once we arrived I enjoyed a few days of relaxation, good food and wine and perhaps most importantly not thinking about work. It seems a simple calculation: time away from the office or workplace equals holiday.

Yet for many the reality of our lives is not quite so straightforward. My nephew works remotely and is almost never in the office. He is able to balance hours spent earning his keep with time spent doing the things he wants. But does that flexibility mean that he never really switches off? In contrast, I know there are carers who find it difficult to take any time away from someone in need.

I think it is safe to say that all of us need time to rest and recharge the batteries. But what does that rest and relaxation look like? Is it just to be away from work, or to do nothing? Is it to lie in the sunshine or go somewhere new, read a book or do something you've always wanted? What makes a holiday a holiday?

Not surprisingly, the word 'holiday' originally meant a holy day, that is specifically a religious festival or feast day, and for many centuries the only time someone might have away from their work was on a holy day. That's just a single day off mind, not two weeks in the sun.

This set me wondering what the Bible has

to say on holidays. For Jesus the religious festivals were significant, and he made time for them, but he did not appear to have made them a requirement for his followers. His most relevant instruction was that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath (Mark 2:27). The point being that the Sabbath day of rest was meant to be a blessing rather than a burden.

In his letters St Paul also gives a note of caution regarding festivals and sabbath days. His concern was for people to know what they were celebrating and why, so they didn't get drawn into something unplanned or inappropriate.

So how does that help us in our holiday decisions? Well first of all, a holiday should be a time that benefits us and those around us, where we are away from those things that might make us anxious or concerned. Our holidays should also be thought through so that they really do achieve what we intend, without then causing problems for say those still at work or being cared for otherwise.

Whatever you are planning this summer, if you can manage these things then a holiday really can be a blessing, whether it's a holy day or just time away from work.

Greg

Revd. Greg Shaw

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 22 July and 19 August.

BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

Friday 27th June: We Live in Time (2024)

In film-maker John Crowley's decade-spanning, deeply moving romance, Almut (Florence Pugh) and Tobias (Andrew Garfield) are brought together in a surprise encounter that changes their lives. Through snapshots of their life together - falling for each other, building a home, becoming a family - a difficult truth is revealed that rocks its foundation. As they embark on a path challenged by the limits of time, they learn to cherish each moment of the unconventional route their love story has taken. "Garfield and Pugh's palpable chemistry will snatch audiences' hearts before breaking them... a powerful melodrama that uses its nonlinear structure to thoughtfully explore grief." [103 mins, 15 certificate]

Friday 25th July: Maria (2024)

This biographical psychological drama follows the seven days before Maria Callas's death in Paris in 1977, as she reflects on her life and career. It stars Angelina Jolie as Callas. "Angelina Jolie unveils new highs within her emotional register... keeping this tragic biopic compelling even when its theatrics go off-key." (123 mins, R certificate)

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The big news from the Horticultural Society this month is that the phoenix will once again rise from the ashes. That's right, subject to ratification at an AGM, we have a willing and

able crop of new recruits for the committee. Tori and I really can't thank enough the brave few who have kindly stepped forward to support. I know that you are dying to meet them but rather than name them right now, I will let them introduce themselves in next month's update. Hint: many of you already know them very well. Tori and I hope to return to Badby at some point in the future when we will be sure to put our shoulder to the wheel and contribute to the wonderful village and community.



SUDOKU

[With thanks to Robin Baker]

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[Solutions on p. 11]

PARISH NOTICES

BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)
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	Reader	Sidesman	Coffee
6 Jul	J. Jordan J. Hall	C. Richards J. Jordan	J. Hall
13 Jul	N. Shaw F. Williams	J. Hall F. Williams	N. Shaw

Don't forget to check the Knightley benefice website for details of current services at St. Mary's. Just because we are in interregnum does not mean we are not up and running!

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR JULY

w/b 30 June Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper
w/b 7 Jul Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson
w/b 14 Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred
w/b 21 Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner
w/b 28 Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper

BADBY BELLS

On Sunday afternoon 1 June Susan Rose rang her first quarter peal, the treble to Plain Bob Doubles. Well done!

After practice on Wednesday 11 June, the ropes were removed ready for the bells to be lowered to the ground. This happened on time thanks to bell hanger Neil Deem working our volunteers hard: Martyn Parratt, Steve Brooks, Peter Johnson, Martin Walton and Anne Prestwick (a ringer from Nether Heyford) - see progress reports on the parish website <https://badby-pc.gov.uk/category/news/>. With the bells gone, the clock can't chime again till they are back in September. In the meantime Badby ringing practices are continuing at a different tower each Wednesday evening.

T 4 U

On Friday 4 July, 2.30 - 4.30pm in the village hall, whatever the weather temperature, we'll be there with drinks hot and cold and delicious cakes. Come

along and join us.

RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

There will be no Badby Recorded Music in July. However we will have an open meeting with speaker on 12 August

BADBY & FAWSLEY WI

Our Summer Celebration will be taking place on Thursday 10 July, outside if the weather is good, in the village hall if not. There will be drinks, nibbles, ices, a garden quiz and Summer hat competition. For further information about this thriving and friendly WI contact Jan Cooper on jancooper2012@me.com or Jackie Peel on jackiepeel22@gmail.com.

COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning will be at St. Mary's on Tuesday 15 July from 10.30am to noon. It is noticeably cooler inside the Church than outside, so come along to cool off! We look forward to seeing you.

The June draw winners were: 1st: Chris & Gerry Mundy, 2nd: Christine Richards, 3rd: Paul Fox.

BADBY VILLAGE HALL

At the AGM on 18 June, Chris Lofts was re-elected Chair and Peter Cooper Treasurer for 2025-26. The Annual Report for 2024/25 is available on-line at <https://badby-pc.gov.uk/community/village-hall/>.

Work is continuing on improving access to the Hall along the footpath. The Committee is planning a fund-raising Race Night on Saturday 8 November - details in due course.

CRICKET AT LONG ROODS FIELD IN JULY

On Sundays, 1pm start, Badby & Farthingstone will be playing Marton (6th), Crooked Hooker (13th), Napton (20th), SNCC (27th). They also have Wednesday 6pm matches: away to SNCC (2nd) and home to Olde England (30th). On Saturday 26th visually impaired Northampton Steelbacks will be playing Lancashire Lions.

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.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND FAYRE

Don't forget to get planning your scarecrow, with the theme "My favourite hobby". There are lots of useful sites giving advice on how to make them, and we gave details of one in last month's Link. You still have two and a half months to get it done before Sunday 14 September!

CONCERT REPORT

A concert by Harlem Jazz Orchestra in Badby Village Hall on May 24 with licensed bar run by Paul Fox and Mark Teulon, along with the sale of greetings cards made by Christine Turner from her water-colour paintings, raised £300 for the Northampton Domestic Abuse Services.



NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning
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HARRY FERGUSON

Harry was born on 6th September 1945 in Lewisham, south London. His father being in the Royal Navy, meant that during his early life he called a number of different locations "home". During his school years he developed an interest in music, performance and dance which became a passion for the rest of his life. He was a keen cricketer, cross country runner and cyclist.

In 1963 at the age of 18 he started his medical career, beginning his training in pathology at the London Hospital, Whitechapel. His "skill set" rapidly increased and he subsequently set up Immunology Departments at Wanstead Hospital, London and Kingston General Hospital, Hull. He later became a senior lecturer at Hull University.

Whilst working at Wanstead Harry met Joan and

they married in 1976. After a hectic early life together commuting they finally settled in Newnham. Their passion for dance and the 1930's and 1940's is well known to most village residents who regularly see them walking hand in hand dressed from head to toe in vintage clothes.

Harry was a parish councillor for many years and a past president of Daventry and District Probosc Club.

Newnham has once again lost a much loved character. RIP

NEWNHAM'S CLEANING ROTA FOR JULY

July 6th. Ms. J Minor
July 13th. Mr. and Mrs. Rees
July 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Rees
July 27th. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Wood

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The winners are as follows:-

£50 prize - the late Mr S Stafford - No 112

£25 prize - Mr & Mrs Thompson & Roy - No 52

£25 prize - Mrs D Crossan - No 20

SCHOOL

We invite villagers to come along and watch our KS2 children perform "Superstar" on Wednesday 9th July at 2.p.m. Fons will be on hand to serve refreshments. Please support the children and staff who have all been working very hard.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT !

Although it seems a long way off it's surprising how quickly time passes. Please put SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER in your diary when we welcome back the Knightley Singers to perform an evening of Christmas music and "sing-a-long carols " in the Church. We have flagged up this event early to avoid clashing with other local events More details nearer the time.

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning at home of Mary and Jim Wood
There will be a Coffee Morning, in aid of church funds, at the home of Mary and Jim Wood, Hillside, School Hill, on Thursday 10th. July from, 10.30am to

12.noon. Tea, coffee, cheese scones and cake will be served. We hope that you will be able to enjoy the garden, but if wet we will move indoors.

SUMMER FAIR & MUSIC ON THE GREEN
12th July

Dog show, stalls, food from Maria's Kitchen and two great bands, The Spitfires and Dr Moonshine. Grand Prize Draw with fabulous prizes. See Newnhamvillage.co.uk for more details

WI & HISTORY SOCIETY JOINT EVENT
17th July 7.30pm

The concealed revealed - a talk by Rebecca Shawcross (Shoe Curator at Newnham Museum) on the stance superstitions of concealing shoes. All welcome at Newnham Village Hall. Guests £6



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound
(davidpound1939@talktalk.net)

	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
13 Jul	David Pound	Elizabeth Cunningham
27 Jul	Amanda McCree	Denise Coles
3 Aug	Fiona Spencer	

Chapel cleaning	
July	Meryl Nicholls
August	June Pound

GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE FOX & HOUNDS

You will all be delighted to know that the pub Co-op Committee have appointed new tenants for the Fox & Hounds. Tom and Izzy Burton-Williams, who have lots of experience in the hospitality business, are in the process of moving in and plan to be opening for business on 4th. July. Further details of opening times, menus etc. will be circulated shortly.

We look forward to welcoming Tom and Izzy and wish them every success in their new venture.

100 CLUB

The winner for June is number 69 - Bev Walker.

VILLAGE HALL

The recent yard sale saw 18 yards selling, a perfect day for buyers and sellers, and nearly £400 raised to support the running costs of the Village Hall.

Friday 11th July, 4-6pm in the Village Hall

Come and try the latest craze: PICKLEBALL: free session with all equipment provided, will be run by West Northants Pickleball. Good fun for all ages and work up a thirst for early doors at the pub? Please let Trish know if you're coming, 07817973642 (for equipment).

BAND CONCERT

Don't miss out on the concert in the church on Saturday 5th July at 7.30.



After six concert-less years, we look forward to welcoming Rushden Town Band, just back from their tour of Germany. Their music caters to all tastes, from

film scores, through swing to the more traditional fare. There'll be a licensed bar and porta-loo, and the gates across the fields will be manned; so there's no need to worry about the cattle. Proceeds will help pay for repairs to the church roof. Please support us. If our essential fundraising events aren't widely supported, the future of our lovely church and chapel simply can't be secured.

RIDE & STRIDE

Advance Notice - Ride + Stride 13th September
Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust annual 'Ride and Stride' event is on Saturday 13th September. Sponsorship of those from the Charwelton home team who cycle between as many churches as possible is divided 50/50 between the Church and the Trust. If you'd like to take part, or sponsor Charwelton cyclists, please contact Graham White 01327 264393 or grahamwhite1962@gmail.com



FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

QUINQENNIAL INSPECTION

The church is a grade 1 listed building and will be having a 5 yearly inspection by a specially qualified architect in July. These inspections always result in a list of repairs that need to be carried out to preserve the fabric. One small item we know will be on the list will be the need to varnish the small oak cupboard door in the churchyard, where coal used to be stored. Is there a volunteer who would willing to sand down the door and apply a coat of varnish (which we have)?



PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare
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	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning
6 Jul	Luke Bridgeman	Anabel Lewis-Bowen	Sylvia Delacoe & Sheila Bull
27 Jul	TBA		
Flowers - Toots Cowen and Pauline Clarke			

MOWERS

1st - 15th Tom Slay and Nick Tomlin
19th - 31st Alan Bray and Tim Redfern
Strimming - Mervyn Maddison.
Rear churchyard. Graham Stanton

PET SERVICE SUNDAY 27TH JULY AT 10.00

Our annual Pet Service in the churchyard for all pets, owners, children and non pet owners. A shortened service, maximum half an hour of blessing for all the animals, followed by refreshments for human and animal to follow.

This is always a much enjoyed event, please do come along, with or without a pet. Just bring a chair or rug to sit on. Everyone is welcome.

HARVEST POP UP SHOP

Sunday 5th October 12.00 in Village Hall. Lots of

homemade goodies for sale, come early to avoid disappointment.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

10.00 in church

PCC MEETINGS

Friday 4th July at The Old Rectory
Friday 19th September
Friday 14th November

THE CHURCH ROOF

Whilst it would good to have a refectory and cloak-room, the cost of the same with the utility connections would be immense; we have taken advice and agree that renewal of the north aisle roof covering is a greater priority and would be the best next investment to preserve the church.

Our architects are pricing this work, and we have had a recent Bat survey undertaken, for these fine creatures must be absolutely protected during all church building-works. It was found that although we do have bats passing through, but is no evidence of their breeding here, and we will make suitable provision to protect them.

LIVING CHURCHYARD

Do view the gradual growth of many more wild flowers that are coming back in the formerly closely mown rear churchyard. It is most gratifying to see what leaving longer grass as 'meadow' does. With no mowing and no cutting until late August, it provides opportunity for more seeds to drop and grow and provides vital shelter for invertebrates to breed. This does so much to protect and improve biodiversity which in turn supports pollinator species. We are pleased by the initial establishments of Yellow Rattle which has a parasitic and lessening effect on grass growth, whilst providing colour and feed.

Please collect any suitable seed that can be added.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our meeting this month takes place on Tuesday, 22nd July, at 7.30pm in the village hall. Our speaker will be Chris Carr giving a talk on "Policewomen of

our Time”.

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

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning will be on Friday, 25th July, from 10.30am to noon. Unlimited tea/coffee and biscuits for just £1.00, with a small extra charge for cake!



DIARY

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

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

Events known about so far are:

July

- 1 Newnham PCC
- 2 Charwelton PCC
- 4 Badby T4U
- 4 Charwelton F&H re-opening
- 5 Charwelton Brass Band concert
- 9 Newnham School “Superstar”
- 10 Newnham Coffee Morning - Jim & Mary Wood
- 10 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 11 Charwelton “Pickleball”
- 12 Newnham Music on the Green
- 15 Badby church coffee morning
- 17 Newnham WI/History Soc.
- 22 Preston Capes WI
- 25 Preston Capes VH coffee morning
- 25 Film Soc BVH
- 29 Badby PCC

August

- 12 Recorded Music Society

September

- 1 Badby bells due back
- 2 Newnham PCC
- 3 Charwelton PCC
- 13 Ride and Stride
- 13 Film Soc opera BVH
- 14 Badby Scarecrow Festival and Fayre.
- 19 Charwelton Quiz Night
- 20 Charwelton Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 23 Badby PCC
- 26 Film Soc BVH

October

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

November

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

December

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



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Pots & Plans: what to do in your garden this July

Philip Turvil
Garden designer in Badby
BrightenMyGarden.com

Tidy lawn edges

A quick run along borders with a half-moon edging tool or lawn edgers instantly smartens up your whole garden. It gives lawns definition and makes borders feel deliberate and well-tended. While you're there, pull out creeping grass and rogue seedlings. It's less glamorous than planting showstoppers, but crisp edges go a long way toward a well-kept look.

Prepare for spring

Too early? Not for sowing 'biennial' flowers such as honesty, sweet William, and wallflowers. These plants grow leaves in their first year and flower the next. Sow seeds in July for colour in spring 2026. Although since it's summer, make sure the delicate seedlings don't dry out. Help your young plants by using larger trays/pots and shade them from the midday sun.

Support late bloomers

Tall perennials like Helenium, Phlox, and Aster are putting on height fast. Tie in or stake now while access is easier.

Harvest and sow

Pick courgettes before they turn into marrows, and lift garlic once leaves yellow. Sow quick crops like salad leaves, beetroot, or even dwarf French beans for a late harvest. It's not too late for colour, either - try late sowings of annuals like Nigella or Calendula.

Summer pruning

Ground cover Geraniums usually flower again if cut back to about four inches after flowering. While lavenders stay bushier and neater for longer if their flowers are cut off as they fade, cutting shoots back to healthy growth (a dome shape looks best).

On the shrubbier side, established Philadelphus and Deutzia will flower better next year if shoots which flowered this year are cut back by a third or so. Cut back longest stems to a strong growing side-shoot.

If you have trained fruit trees, now's the time to shorten the longest side shoots of branches trained as fans, espalier, cordon, and step-over. Cut back to a few leaves to focus your tree's energy on fruiting and increase airflow and light.

My best wishes to you and your garden.



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Council Update

The Council met on the 2nd June but I would also like to give an update from the **Annual Parish Meeting** which took place on the 28th May.

The **Parish Meeting** goes back to medieval times as the mechanism for making village-wide decisions in the days before local councils. Newnham's Parish Meeting is attended by all the organisations which operate in the village – **the Parish Council, the School, Friends of Newnham School (FoNS), the Church, the Village Hall, the WI, the Guides, the History Society, the Book Club and the Bellringers**. The meeting is also open to members of the public.

Each organisation gave a presentation on the main events of past year and gave some insight to plans for the ahead. I think its fair to say that everyone at the meeting was impressed by the **range and volume of activities each organisation provides** for the village. Several people commented that they had no idea so much was taking place which prompted a discussion about the value and quality of the village website for raising awareness and promoting events and activities (newnhamvillage.co.uk). I would like to acknowledge and **thank the volunteer members of all the organisations** listed above who do so much to make this a vibrant and active community. Without these organisations the village wouldn't have the amenities and events we currently enjoy and I would urge everyone to support local initiatives and thank local bodies whenever possible. Full versions of the presentations are available on the Parish Council and village websites.

On the subject of thanking volunteers, I would like to thank Sally Armstrong for all she has done for the Parish Council. Sadly, Sally has had to resign from the Parish Council and she will be genuinely missed. On the positive side, it does create an opportunity for someone else to step forward and join the Parish Council! If you're interested, please feel free to contact myself or the Parish Clerk.

The Council meeting itself dealt with largely standard items. There was an interesting conversation with a local resident about traffic speed in and around the village and we will continue to explore options for reducing vehicle speeds to the legal levels. Ongoing items on the agenda included renewing the allotment lease, lobbying the Highways Department regarding flood prevention, street lighting maintenance, exploring how we influence the improvement of stiles around the village and year end financial reporting.

The minutes of this meeting, together with all minutes and agendas, are available on the Council website newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The **next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 7th July, starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

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