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***Badby ⌘ Newnham ⌘ Charwelton ⌘ Fawsley ⌘ Preston Capes ⌘ Everdon***

# THE KNIGHTLEY PARISHES

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## Services for November 2026

| | 1 November<br>**I**<br>ALL SAINTS | 8 November<br>**II**<br>3 bef. Advent<br>Remembrance | 15 November<br>**III**<br>2 bef. Advent | 22 November<br>**IV**<br>Christ the King | 29 November<br>**V**<br>ADVENT |
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| Badby | 11:00<br>Holy Communion<br>CW<br>[GS] | 10:50<br>Remembrance<br>[Lay SR] | **10:00**<br>**United Benefice Service**<br>**of**<br>**Holy Communion CW**<br>**at**<br>**Badby [+EC]** | 11:00<br>Morning Worship<br>[Lay ??] | **10:00**<br>**United Benefice Service**<br>**of**<br>**Holy Communion CW**<br>**at**<br>**Newnham [GS]** |
| Newnham | | 10:50<br>Remembrance<br>[AoN] | | 11:00<br>Holy Communion<br>CW<br>[+EC] | |
| Charwelton | 09:30<br>Holy Communion<br>BCP<br>(Church)<br>[GS] | 08:30<br>Remembrance<br>(Chapel)<br>[GS] | | | |
| Fawsley | | 10:50<br>[GS] | | | |
| Preston Capes | | 10:00<br>Holy Communion<br>Remembrance<br>CW<br>[CP] | | 10:00<br>Morning Prayer<br>BCP<br>[Lay GH] | |
| Everdon | | 10:50<br>Remembrance<br>[+EC] | | 09:30<br>Holy Communion<br>CW<br>[+EC] | |

## OTHER SERVICES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tuesday 17 November | 6.30 pm | Badby | ESOW |

# SUNDAY READINGS

**Principal Service CW**

**- for other services see Lectionary**

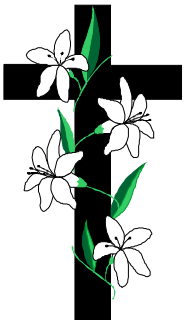
| Date | Feast | OT Reading | NT Reading | Gospel |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1 Nov** | ALL SAINTS | Rev. 7, 9-end | 1 John 3, 1-3 | Matt. 5, 1-12 |
| **8 Nov** | REMEMBRANCE | Wisd. 6, 12-16 | 1 Thess. 4, 13-end | Matt. 25, 1-13 |
| **15 Nov** | 2 bef. Advent | Zeph 1, 7 & 12-end | 1 Thess. 5, 1-11 | Matt 25, 14-30 |
| **22 Nov** | Christ the King | Ezek. 34, 11-16, 20-24 | Eph. 1, 15-end | Matt. 25, 31-end |
| **29 Nov** | Advent | Isa. 64, 1-9 | 1 Cor. 1, 3-9 | Mark 13, 24-end |

# FROM THE REGISTERS

IN MEMORIAM

at Newnham
on 5th. October
Charlotte Angharad Rees
*[by Bishop Ed. Condry]*

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



# EDITORIAL

Our small birds (gold finches, bluetits etc.) are back in force again, gorging like mad from the feeders, and the blackbirds are stripping the berries from the pyracanthas as I write - quite ignoring the rain. It is very noticeable that the pyracanthas especially are being denuded carefully from the tops down so that the hedge outside my study window is quite bare in its upper half.

The hedgehogs meanwhile are growing apace, and one has become quite huge. We often see him/her on the trail cam having an argy-bargy with a smaller one who is presumably just as hungry.

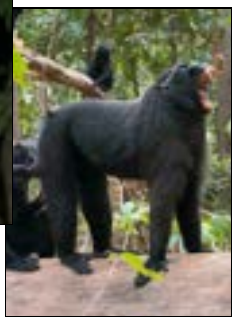
I have become quite impressed with AI of late (that's the "Intelligence" version by the way, not "Insemination"). I have had a little trouble with my printer, and I have found that the answers and advice I get from asking for help online produces some remarkably helpful and sensible replies - much more so than from the paid-for offerings, and with the distinct advantage that I can say "Nonsense! Try again." without upsetting anyone. And it's much cheaper!

The approach of Bonfire Night reminds me that as children growing up in Yorkshire we always celebrated Mischief Night on the evening of 4th. November - marking the work of the gunpowder plotters in the cellars of Parliament on the evening before their plan to blow the place up. The things we youngsters got up to were not as serious as that - just annoying for the neighbours. A favourite tactic was to tie a piece of string between the door knobs of two adjacent houses, knock on both the doors, and then stand back to watch the fun as both occupants tried to open their door at the same time!

One of our readers reports on their experience of trying, very nobly, to heed our pleas to support the Link advertisers.

The reader says "I noted your request in the October magazine to support the advertisers. Believe me, I have tried on 3 occasions and succeeded only once. One turned me down flat, one initially responded then ghosted me, and one despite not turning up when they promised, did eventually arrive and complete the job.
Whilst the magazine needs the money, it seems some advertisers do not!!"

Our son and d-i-l are now about half way through their round-the-world trip, and are currently in Indonesia. They are spending 6 weeks or so exploring that amazing country before flying off to Madagascar where they will meet up with their children for a week or so before continuing. The have sent us photographs of the most adorable little tarsiers, and one of a rather less adorable primate of some sort!!



And finally, Richard and Helen report that on a recent journey by car in Indonesia, they had a somewhat unusual experience when their local driver, hearing the call to prayer from a neighbouring minaret (something we experienced daily when we lived in Bahrain 60 years ago), stopped the car and asked them if they minded if he got out to pray. Not something which happens too often here.

*David*

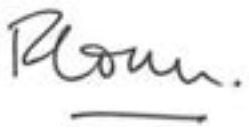
# PASTORAL LETTER

## Remember, remember

On 5 November 1605, Guy Fawkes was caught in the cellar beneath the House of Lords with 36 barrels of gunpowder. If the gunpowder had been successfully ignited, it would have completely obliterated the House of Lords, killed everyone inside, and devastated central London over a 500-metre radius. Fawkes gave a fake name, John Johnson, but was later "encouraged" to give his real name and the names of his fellow conspirators. On 31 January 1606, he was taken to Old Palace Yard in Westminster to meet a prolonged death, but fell from the scaffold, dying instantly.

In January 1606, Parliament passed a Thanksgiving Act making 5 November an official annual day of public celebration and church services. Over the last 400 years, the religious and state thanksgiving has become a public festival of fireworks, sparklers, toffee apples, and burning Guys on large bonfires. Something so significant has turned into a celebration, where parliament, democracy and Fawkes are largely forgotten.

Jesus is similarly forgotten in England today. Perhaps one thing we all need to "remember, remember," is to put Jesus back where he belongs. Advent is more than a calendar; Christmas is more than presents; Easter is more than chocolate. Start the day with Jesus and end the day with him. It's all about Jesus, and we miss out when we forget his beautiful presence in our lives. Or, as CH Spurgeon said: "To breakfast with the Lord and sup with him also is to enjoy the days of heaven.



*The Venerable Richard Ormston*
*Archdeacon of Northampton*

# BENEFICE PAGE

### EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short lay-led service is held once a month on a Tuesday evening. In November as usual it will be after the 3rd Sunday on 17 November but the next one will be on 8 December to avoid everything else that happens in the run up to Christmas.

### BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

**Friday 30th Oct: Hamnet (2026)**
Historical tragedy directed by Chloé Zhao, who co-wrote the screenplay with Maggie O'Farrell, based on her 2020 novel of the same. It dramatises the family life of William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes Hathaway as they cope with the death of their 11-year-old son Hamnet. It stars Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal, supported by Emily Watson. [120 mins, 12 certificate]

**Saturday 14th Nov: Handel's Xerxes (1999)**
Set in 470 BC, the opera opens with Handel's sublime aria ("Ombra mai fu") in which Xerxes, King of Persia, gives effusive, loving thanks to a plane tree for furnishing him with shade. This particularly highly acclaimed ENO production, directed by Nicholas Hytner, marked the 300th anniversary of the composer's birth, and was conducted by Sir Charles MacKerras. Ann Murray is in the title role, supported by Rodney Macann, Valerie Masterson, Christopher Robson, Lesley Garrett and Christopher Booth-Jones. [186 mins, English with subtitles, Exempt certificate]

### BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We will be planting 350 more daffodils around Badby village on Sunday 1 November. Meet at 11am outside The Maltsters, with refreshments in the pub afterwards. If you would like to join in please text Sophie on 07866 428650 or email sophiefitzhugh@yahoo.co.uk - you will need a trowel, spade and something to kneel on!

### POLICE BEAT BUS

Everdon in Stubbs Road 12 noon – 1pm, Thursday 12 November 2026.

Preston Capes 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Thursday 10 December 2026.

# PARISH NOTICES

## BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)
*website: www.badby-pc.gov.uk*

| | Reader | Sidesman | Coffee |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Nov | G. Nelson<br>P. Wakeford | P. Wakeford<br>G. Nelson | C. Wakeford |
| 8 Nov | J. Jordan<br>F. Williams | J. Jordan<br>F. Williams | J. Hall |
| 15 Nov | F. Williams<br>J. Hall | J. Jordan<br>J. Hall | G. Nelson |
| 22 Nov | C. Wakeford<br>G. Nelson | P. Wakeford<br>C. Wakeford | A. Syred |

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

w/b 2 Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred
w/b 9 Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner, Helen Morris
w/b 16 Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper
w/b 23 Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS

Many thanks go to the flower arrangers who decorated the church for our Harvest Festival. Also, special thanks to the Green Health Garden in Daventry who donated such a lot of magnificent dahlias!
Flower Rota: 24 October - 6 November Gill Nelson; 6 November Poppies for Remembrance.

T 4 U

A very important date is Friday 6 November from 2.30 - 4.30pm in the village hall. Tea, coffee, cakes and company.

BADBY & FARTHINGSTONE CRICKET CLUB

The annual match against Ascott-under-Wychwood saw the season end on another warm and sunny September afternoon. Ascott batted first and made a challenging 182 from their 35 overs. Hopes of a home victory were quickly dashed by a clatter of early wickets despite some late resistance. A disappointing end to an enjoyable season with more wins than normal.

Post-season activities started in early October with a successful club quiz, bingo and raffle night at Badby Village Hall. Eight teams of various sizes were fed and watered during an enjoyable evening with the winning team taking home a £50 prize. Thanks to those who took part, especially the landlord of the Heart of England pub in Weedon, who donated the star raffle prize.
Next up is the club's presentation night on Saturday 7 November, which we co-host with Braunston Paddox CC at Braunston Village Hall, 7pm start.

RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Visitors are welcome every second Tuesday in the month, to the village hall at 2 – 4pm to enjoy listening to recorded music. On Tuesday 10 November the theme will be Your First Record. Further details from Pat Eaton on 01327 705326.

BADBY & FAWSLEY WI

Christmas is coming, yes, it is! So, on Thursday 12 November Jane Cobbett will be helping us to make Christmas cards with a "new dimension". 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.com.

COFFEE MORNING

Now that we are firmly in the autumn it is good to meet for coffee and cake surrounded by St. Mary's heating, and we look forward to you joining us on Tuesday 17 November between 10.30am and noon.

## VILLAGE HALL

We still have tickets for our fund-raising Quiz Night on Friday 20 November. Teams of six, tickets £17.50 per head including a delicious fish and chips supper (alternatives available). Drinks to be purchased at the licensed bar. Doors open at 7pm, first round at 7.30pm. Enquiries and ticket requests to Peter Cooper (peter.bvhmc@btinternet.com, 07792 165529).
Dates for your diaries: Wednesday 16 December, 6.15pm to 7.15pm, Festive Seasonal Singing in the village hall. Free entry, all welcome. Friday 18 December, 3pm to 5pm, Santa's Grotto, for local children up to 11 years old. £5 per child, email badbysanta@gmail.com to book.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

St. Mary's will be hosting its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 5 December, 10.30am – 2.30pm. There will be craft stalls, soup, coffee and home-made cake. There will also be a church stall, selling your good quality unwanted gifts, so please get in touch with Jo Hind (07763 896754) to deliver any you may have. Please put the date in your diary for doing your Christmas shopping here in the village!

## CHURCH BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The high level brushing down of dust and cobwebs from the internal church walls is scheduled for Friday 15 and Saturday 16 January 2027 with the lower level cleaning and polishing completed before Coffee Morning on 19 January. Anyone who would like to help will be most welcome, especially if you have a very long extendable cobweb brush! Please let Geoff know if you can help.

## NEW BADBY HISTORY GROUP

Thank you to everyone who joined our 'ideas' session in the Church on 24 September - we received lots of positive suggestions and support for starting a new Badby History Group. We are pleased to announce that the inaugural meeting of the Group will be at 7.30pm on Monday 18 January in the village hall - more details in the December Link. Plans for the group's activities include: talks and discussion sessions with experts and members on the village's history; recording oral histories; developing a Badby Heritage Trail; and creating a digital historical archive. For more information, contact us at badbyhistorygroup@gmail.com.

## MONTHLY CHURCH DRAW

The winners in the October church draw were: 1st: June & Andrew Witcomb, 2nd: Christine Warburton, 3rd: Hamish Brodie.

# NEWNHAM

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

Coffee morning on Wednesday 4th November in the village hall from 10.30 till 12 noon. All villagers very welcome.

The Friday Film Night on November 13th has been cancelled. It is proposed that it will now take place in the New Year.

## OCTOBER 200 CLUB DRAW

£50 - No 31 Jim Simpson
£25 - No 170 Ivy Cook
£25 - No 197 Carol Berrevoets

The 200 Club contact is changing so please ignore any previous reference to a contact for interested parties.

## SCHOOL NEWS

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friends joined the children for their Harvest Festival in the church. The service featured poetry, prayers and songs all on a Harvest theme. A special interlude featured Mason and Oliver on their guitar's and a Harvest story enacted by some of the children led by Rev John. Thank you for the ten huge bags of produce that were taken to the Daventry Food Bank where they were gratefully received.

### BAND CONCERT

On Saturday 26th September Daventry Brass Band returned to the church for an evening of lively modern and classical music. Under their new musical director they had "a rebirth". They were tight, musically passionate and confident and put on a real show. Well worth seeing again, excellent solos and a good choice of music including items from Star Wars, The Lion King and Abba. This is just one of the many compliments we received on behalf of the Band. Thank you.

### NEWNHAM WI

19th November at 7.30pm in Newnham Village Hall
David Askew from Northamptonshire will be coming to talk to the group about the wonderful walks the county has to offer. This is an open meeting so gentlemen are very welcome to attend. £5 for visitors.

## CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound
(davidpound@doctors.org.uk)

| | Reader/Sidesman | Flowers |
|---|---|---|
| **1 Nov** | David Pound | Elizabeth Bird |
| **8 Nov** | TBA | |
| **Chapel Cleaning** | | |
| November | | Ann Palmer |
| December | | June Pound |

### HARVEST WEEKEND

Beforehand, the word on the street was that so many flowers had 'gone over' after the hot summer that our traditional harvest floral display would be a casualty. But that ignored the resourcefulness of our flower arrangers.

Making full use of foraged greenery and berries, the church was once again a picture. On Saturday a steady stream of people, plus three dogs, were able to admire the work of the flower arranging team. So a heartfelt **thank you** to them all. (The soil in the village must be conducive to growing prize-winning produce, including a gargantuan pumpkin and bunches of tasty grapes, all home grown.) It was good, too, to have a full church for the Harvest Festival service.

Over the weekend we raised a significant sum which will be spent on maintaining our beautiful church. We were also able to donate to the Daventry Food Bank, who were extremely grateful for the car load of produce delivered to them on Monday morning.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There will be a short **Act of Remembrance** in the chapel, led by the Revd. Greg Shaw, at 8.30am on Sunday 8th November.

This will be followed by our traditional **Armistice Day Breakfast** in the Village Hall from 0900. Please book your place at this splendid (and very unhealthy!) breakfast with Ian at 07795604773 as soon as possible to ensure your place as it is always well attended.

That in turn will be followed at 10.50 for 11.00 by the **Wreath Laying Ceremony** at the War Memorial. Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish Meeting and on behalf of the Church, as well as individual ones by anyone who wishes to take part.
Last Post & Reveille, Sunset, and the National Anthem will be played by the Band of the Coldstream Guards (*in absentia*).

Last year's ceremony was attended by what was thought to be a record number of villagers.

### CHRISTMAS BINGO

The countdown has begun for Christmas Bingo on Friday 27th November in the village hall. See the front of the magazine for details.

### VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

The lead up to Christmas is always a busy time for VH activities and this year is no exception .

### CRAFTERS FAIR

Sunday 15 November 10.00am - 1.00 pm
A varied number of stalls selling a multitude of special items to buy and refreshments will be available to purchase

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 12 December from 2.30-4.00 pm
Lots of fun and games to keep all Charwelton kids and Grandkids happy.
Also I believe a very special visitor in a red suit and sporting a large white beard will be putting in an appearance !

### CHRISTMAS PANTO

This year the production is The Sleeping Beauty on 29 December at 3.30pm.
Adults £10 Children under 11 are £8.
Please book early to avoid disappointment.
A flyer will be posted on all the above events very soon.

### WREATH MAKING HELP STILL REQUIRED

If you can spare a little time to help with any of these tasks, please contact Penny on pennycory@yahoo.co.uk : Mossing rings (home working during November, rings and moss provided); cutting holly (Wed 2nd Dec 9.30am, local venue); bunch-making (3rd Thurs, 4th Fri, 2-4.30 pm, village hall); and final assembly (Sat 9 – 3.30 light lunch provided).

### THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

...on Saturday 12th December at 4pm in the chapel will follow the children's Christmas party in the village hall.

### CAROL SERVICE

The **Carol Service** will be on the 13th December at 6pm in the church. Once again, we invite you to bring presents for children and adults (male and female) in the care of Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service, and to lay these under the Christmas Tree during the service.

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Children's Society - very many thanks to all the box holders for 2026, the sum raised was £318.68.

## FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Our Remembrance Day Service at Fawsley Church will start at 10.50am on 8th November and will be conducted by Revd Greg Shaw.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We are holding our annual Fawsley Parish Meeting at the Fawsley Hall Hotel on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm. All residents and those just over the border of the Parish are very welcome.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – FAWSLEY

The Fawsley Singers will again be performing

their Christmas Carol Concert at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Fawsley on Sunday 6th December at 2.30pm. this annual event has been enjoyed by many, and residents from all our surrounding villages and towns are always very welcome. In addition to Charles Tarry playing guitar we will also be joined by Tamsen Flack playing the harp.

# PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare
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| | Reader | Sidesman | Cleaning |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 Nov | Philip Hoare | Mireya Weaver | Chris Wareing and Chris Farmer |
| 22 Nov | James Delingpole | Peter Smith | |

Flowers Jane Arblaster

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month's meeting takes place at the village hall on Tuesday, 24th November. Under the guidance of Tina Budsworth, members will be making a mandala bauble for Christmas.

Guests and prospective members are also welcome to attend – to book please contact our secretary, Diane French, at highlatches@aol.com by 17th November. The workshop starts at 8.00pm (doors open 7.30pm) and there is a charge of £6.00 which includes refreshments (plus a small extra charge for materials).

## VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning is on Friday, 27th November, from 10.30am to noon and will include a visit from Jenni Hedges from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England). ACRE are working with West Northamptonshire Council on a project called *Rural Well-being & Mental Health* which provides an opportunity for residents to learn more about local well-being support, and to share any ideas and concerns they may have. Preston Capes has been identified as one of the villages they would like to visit as part of their scheme.

## VILLAGE HISTORY EVENING

Friday, 13th November

Organised by the WI, this will take place at the village hall starting at 7.30pm.
The evening will start with a short presentation by Diane French entitled *What's in a Name?* and this will be followed by answers to questions already submitted. Displays will include historical maps, photographs and the WI archive.

Diane's village history books will be on sale, and there will also be a raffle.

Curious about any aspects of our parish's history? Then come along!

Entry is £9.00 (or £7.50 if booked in advance – email highlatches@aol.com) and includes refreshments. Children under 16 years are free.

## CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

Saturday 24th October 10-12.
Report to follow next month.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.00 Service in church, followed by Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.50

## POP UP CHRISTMAS SHOP

Sunday 3rd December 12.00 in Village Hall

Come along for delicious foods with a Christmas flavour as well as Heather's delicious sausage rolls, cheese scones and pastries to eat at once.

CAROL SERVICE
December 20th at 3.30

A traditional Carol Service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

9.30 taken by Rev Greg Shaw

# EVERDON

Correspondent - Nigel Platts
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| | **Sidesman / Reader** |
|---|---|
| **8 Nov** | Karen Kingston |
| **22 Nov** | Jacqui Shackleton |

SERVICES

Our Sunday service on 18th October had 33 attendees. It's good to see the old church with plenty of people in it.

In November, we have two Sunday services taking place. These are on the 8th and 22nd of the month.
We are fortunate to have Bishop Ed Condry leading the Remembrance Day Service. His services are always brilliant. This service starts promptly at 10:50 and we should all be seated by 10:45.
As always on Remembrance Sunday, the collection is donated to the Royal British Legion.
Bishop Ed returns two weeks later on 22nd November to conduct a Holy Communion service for the parish. This starts at 09:30.
At the end of each service, I always enjoy the coffee and croissants. It's become a very sociable gathering.
On 24 December we shall be holding Everdon Christmas Carols and Readings.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Harvest Festival in the church on 11th October was well attended and many bags of non-perishable food were donated for Weedon Food Bank. Many thanks for all those who contributed.

Our Harvest Supper in the Village Hall the next day was well attended with around 55 people present. It was an exceptionally convivial evening with excellent food (many thanks to Karen) and wonderful sausages (courtesy of Boars Hill Farm, thanks to JT). We raised just under £1,000 on the evening for church funds.

On Thursday 15th October the meeting of the Village Fete committee was well attended. A presentation of a cheque from the Fete committee to the church was made. The huge sum of £5,500 was given by the Fete to the Church's Restoration Fund, which can only be spent on restoring parts of the infrastructure that require attention.

A big thanks to everyone who assisted with Everdon Fete. Your contribution to the church is hugely appreciated.

# 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:

**November**
3 Newnham PCC
3 Badby PCC
4 Charwelton PCC
4 Newnham VH coffee morning
8 Charwelton Armistice Breakfast
9 Everdon PCC
10 Recorded Music Soc.
12 B&F WI
12 Fawsley Parish Meting
13 Newnham Movie Night cinema
13 Preston Capes history evening
14 Film Soc. opera BVH
15 Charwelton Crafters' Fair
17 Badby coffee morning
19 Newnham WI
20 Quiz BVH
20 Newnham History Soc.
24 Preston Capes WI
27 Film Soc. BVH
27 Charwelton Christmas Bingo.

**December**
2 Benefice Council
2 Newnham VH coffee morning
3 Preston Capes pop-up shop
3-5 Charwelton wreath making
5 Badby Church Fair
6 Fawsley Carol Concert
9 Everdon PCC
11 Film Soc. BVH
12 Charwelton Children's Christmas Party
12 Badby bells - peal from 10.00am - 1.00pm
12 Newnham VH 200 Club party
14 Newnham History Society AGM
16 Seasonal singing at BVH
18 Santa's Grotto at BVH
29 Charwelton Pantomime

**2027**
**January**
18 Badby History Group BVH
22 Burns Night Dinner BVH

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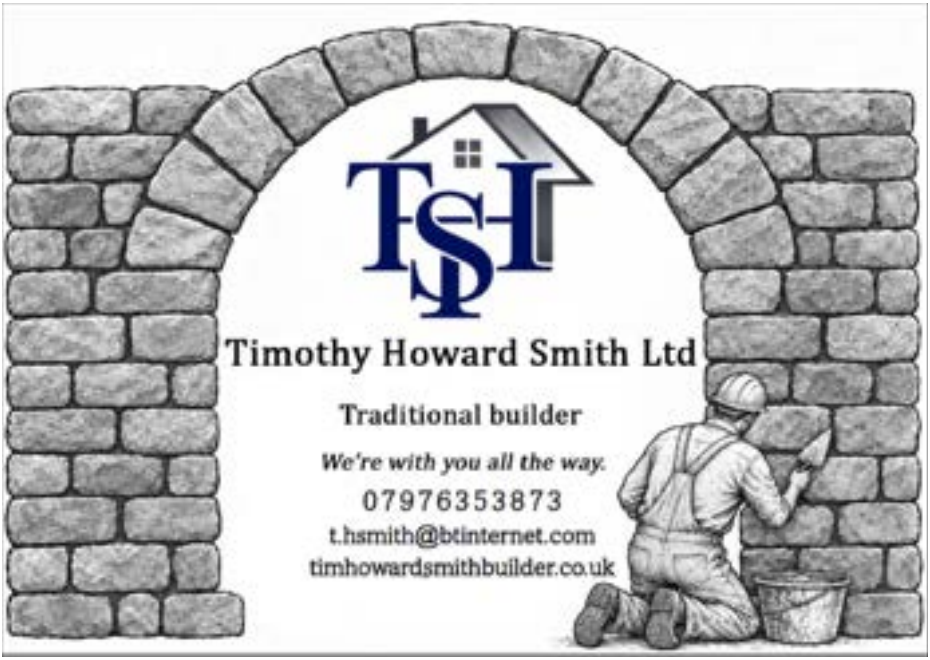

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Our last meeting took place on 5th October. In addition to routine administration and financial reporting, the main discussion items were flood risks, a speed indicator device and the church path.

As mentioned in last month's article, there are several activities we are involved in to try and minimise the impact of seasonal rainfall. We have been liaising with West Northants Council, supported by our ward Councillors, to clear a culvert where a brook runs beneath Badby Road. If the culvert becomes blocked, the flow of water is restricted which causes the water to back up into the fields, and eventually, as was the case two years ago, water floods over the road and into the properties on the south side of the road. That work has been partially completed and WNC will be returning to finish the job.
One of the consequences of water moving more quickly through the brooks and drains in the village is that a larger volume of water reaches the Nene, increasing the risk of it flooding and affecting properties along the bottom of Bradbury Road. Landowners have been clearing the river to increase the flow rate, but a potential bottleneck is the bridge over Preston Capes Road. We have made WNC aware of the condition of the riverbed in this location, and connected them with the Environment Agency. We also discussed whether we could provide assistance to the work of clearing the riverbanks. Whilst there was a clear desire to give support, we concluded that we would be acting beyond our powers and responsibilities to fund work which is outside the remit of the Parish Council.
At the time of writing, it's been raining all day, with the prospect of further rain in the week to come. Leaves are now falling and we will arrange for the gullies around the Greens to be cleared to try to prevent the drains from blocking. A heavy fall of leaves can effectively seal off the drains, causing surface water to run downhill towards the low points in the village. It is also good practice for residents to periodically check drains near their homes and try and keep them clear of leaves if they are able to do so.

On a separate note, we agreed a scheme to improve the surface of the Church path at the bottom of the slope to make it safer to walk on. We will also be clearing the path of leaves to reduce the build-up of leaf mulch which gets very slippery in wet weather.

8th November is Remembrance Sunday which is always marked by a ceremony at the War Memorial, near the Church. It is a moving event, as the men of Newnham who gave their lives in the war are named and remembered.

**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 2nd November**, starting at **7.00pm** in the **Village Hall**. For agendas and minutes go to www.newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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