

# Our Badsworth Way

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Welcome to the second issue of our village newsletter.

Feedback from Issue 1 has been very positive and so thank you to all those who passed comment and to those who have contributed to this latest issue.

Details of who to contact and how to contribute can be found on the back page.

# Round Up of News

## Recent Crime Activity

Although we are fortunate to live in a relatively safe and secure village, some of you may be aware that recent months have seen a spate of serious crimes take place in the village including a house burglary and other thefts. Whilst some material possessions can be replaced, others cannot and the emotional distress and continuing anxiety caused by such crimes cannot be overstated. For that reason we owe it to ourselves and our neighbours to be vigilant. It is easy to be lulled into a false sense of security and leave windows open whilst we are out or even leave sheds and outbuildings unlocked. It is not so easy to deter the more professional burglar but we should at least look to minimise the risks. Below is a link to the Crime Prevention website which has some handy tips on how to make your property more secure. [www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/burglary](http://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/burglary)

## Police presence in the village

Partly as a result of recent crime, but also following discussions with Village Plan Committee and Parish Council representatives, the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are trying to be more visible in the village especially around school times. They are also working closely with the school to see what support can be provided to educate drivers especially regarding what many residents consider to be inconsiderate parking. The PCSOs are keen to conduct an education campaign before looking at enforcement. This includes issues such as parking on bends, footpaths and across driveways as well etc.

If you see the PCSOs in the village do have discussions with them as they are keen to engage with the community.

## Badsworth brothers selected for 2018 Commonwealth Games



Congratulations to both Max Lichfield and his younger brother Joe. Both have been selected for the Team England swimming squad competing at the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in Australia in April.

Max recently smashed the British National Record for the Individual Medley at the British Championships at Ponds Forge, Sheffield. His younger brother Joe, (European Junior Champion) won bronze in the same event. This was Joe's first senior national championship.

We congratulate both boys for their previous successes in world class championships and wish them all the very best for the Commonwealth Games.

# The Power of Volunteers

## Renovating The Lawson Hut

Current users of the very busy Lawson Hut will be largely unaware of the major actions that have produced what they use today. There have been times when no able-bodied maintenance teams have been available but, thanks to major financial help from Badsworth Parish Council and Wakefield Council, contractors put on the new roof, changed all the windows and built the storeroom. Locals have successfully tackled the following major projects:



Starting in 2006 the rear jungle was cleared, the rotten props holding up the hut were cleared, new concrete foundations and girder work were put in and Wakefield Task Force put down a new rear lawn.

Again in 2006 the ladies and gents toilets

were completely refurbished by local talent and the new kitchen was installed.



Starting in 2009 the poplar trees were cleared from the front, the crumbling wall taken down, new foundations put in and a time capsule installed. A new lawn was laid to the front and side and a flower garden established outside the wall. Financial help came from the BPC but local talent halved the cost.

New lighting throughout the main hall and bar area was then progressively installed. Team sizes varied from 2 to 12 across an age range of 7 to 75.

And to this day the Lawson Hut relies on volunteers to maintain it both inside and out and our thanks go to all involved!

# Conservation News

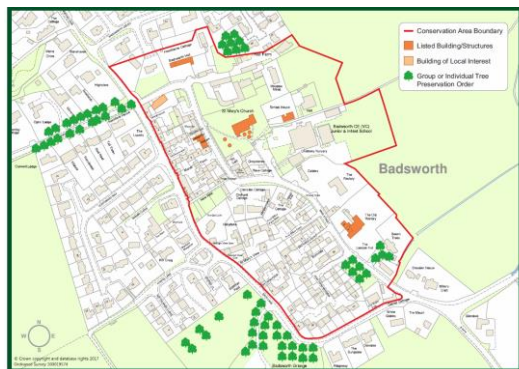
## Conservation Awareness Leaflet

One of the things people highlighted in last year's questionnaire was that, although they were aware of the Conservation Area, there was a desire for more information as to the boundaries and the implications of living within or near a Conservation Area. The Village Plan's Conservation Group have therefore pulled together a guide which you should receive along with this newsletter. Please keep it as a reference as this document has been done in conjunction with the Conservation Officer at Wakefield Council, as well as our own Parish Council.

## Conservation Appraisal and Management Plan

The Conservation Group are also working toward the adoption by the Local

Authority of an Appraisal and Management Plan for Badsworth in line with Wakefield Council's Local Development Plan guidelines.



This requires that the preservation and enhancement of the special character or appearance of the conservation area and its setting is secured by a programme of conservation area appraisal and management schemes to manage change.

The document will:

- identify aspects of the village that have special interest and character
- identify elements that are worthy of retention or enhancement
- identify elements that detract from the area
- enable review of the current conservation area boundary
- act as a framework for the control of development
- include proposals for the future management of the area.

An Appraisal and Management Plan will provide a rationale for decision making in the planning process so that heritage issues may be more readily taken into account when considering planning applications both within and on the edge of the conservation area.

# Church News

## Fr Stephen writes

This year 14 February was Ash Wednesday, the official beginning of Lent. Lent is a time in the year when Christians and non-Christians alike choose to give up something for Lent. In Church communities this is understood to be a taking on the discipline of abstinence. This year why not, instead of giving up things for Lent, take on another discipline; you could become involved in the Village Plan or help organise the Village Fete, you may volunteer to join one of the working groups looking at ways to enhance village life and experience. People are always needed to help with so many different things.

**Contact Anita Cook to volunteer – email: [hancock924@btinternet.com](mailto:hancock924@btinternet.com) or phone: 07715 748656**

## Badsworth St. Mary the Virgin

Sometimes it's a truth forgotten, St Mary's church is a Village church and as such an asset within the community that enhances the appearance of the village and functions as a place where villagers are able to celebrate Rites of Passage and mark significant events in the life of family and community alike. It is always available for Baptism, Marriage and Funeral services of people from the village whether worshippers or not. Another truth often forgotten is the responsibility that the village has towards this historic building.



About five years ago the tower of the church was repaired at a considerable cost, a large part of which came from English Heritage. One of the conditions of the grant was to have the church open for 42 days each year. The church has never yet fulfilled this obligation; in 2018 we are making a special effort to achieve this and would ask villagers to consider helping with this by giving a couple of hours per

week to 'church sit' between April and September. The more volunteers we can identify the less onerous the task becomes.

**Contact Roy Fletcher for more information or to volunteer - 01924 894391 or via email: [royflet@hotmail.com](mailto:royflet@hotmail.com)**



# Church News (continued)

## Easter Services

The Main Easter Services in St Mary's Church are as follows:

29 March	Maundy Thursday Communion	7.00 pm
01 April	Easter Morning	10.30 am

If you wish to attend a Palm Sunday or Good Friday Service, These are held at St Margaret's North Elmsall as follows

25 March	Palm Sunday	9.00 am
30 March	Good Friday	12.00 noon

## Easter - Did You Know?

Easter was originally a pagan celebration of renewal and rebirth honouring the pagan Saxon goddess Eastre. However, when the early missionaries converted the Saxons to Christianity, the holiday became known as Easter and the meaning of Easter subsequently changes.

Easter symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught in his three year ministry and the fulfilment of what was taught in the Jewish scriptures. It is Christ's victory over death, and his resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in him.

Easter eggs, also called Paschal eggs, were traditionally dyed or painted chicken eggs (some stained red to symbolize the blood of Christ), but a modern substitute is a chocolate egg wrapped in colourful foil. Traditionally, eggs were a symbol of fertility and rebirth but for a Christian the egg represents Christ's empty tomb and his resurrection.

*Thanks to Michelle Griffiths for the research and drafting of the above item.*

## St Mary's Centre Coffee Mornings



A coffee morning is held at the St Mary's Centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, the next being 10 March at 10.30am. There is a mini 'Bring & Buy' selling confectionery, books, jewellery and sometimes fresh vegetables. There is also a raffle as well as a friendly atmosphere so come along to meet and chat. Just a reminder that everyone is welcome, not just those who attend Church. The Church is a key hub in our community and its upkeep comes at a significant financial cost so please support this valuable asset. All newcomers are much appreciated.



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# School News

## Smiley SID

Our School Council met some volunteers from the village who were monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. The children learned about the mobile speed camera and how it worked. The camera lit up with a number to show the speed the vehicle was travelling. If the vehicle was below the village speed limit a smiley face also appeared. The children asked some questions to the volunteers:



Q: Why do you stand in the cold?

A: We need to make this village a better place and make sure that people go at the right speed and don't go too fast.

Q: Why did you do this?

A: So people don't go too fast and there aren't as many crashes in the village so people are safer.

## Pantomime

All our children and staff came back to school refreshed after Christmas and ready for the Spring Term. In January, Friends of Badsworth School, (FOBS) organised for a touring theatre company to visit school. The children enjoyed the pantomime, *Beauty and the Beast*. The story had some twists and turns compared to the well-known version. Volunteers from the audience helped set the table for a meal between Belle and the Beast and they did a great job. The children all learned the song and actions to contribute to the singing. A fun afternoon was had by all!

## Litter Picking

Each day of school, two of our Year 4 children volunteer to keep our school grounds tidy and free from litter. Using a long arm litter picker, they spend their morning and afternoon playtimes picking up rubbish from around the school site. This has linked nicely with some of our half termly themes such as Responsibility, Respect and Service where the children have thought about the responsibility they have to keep the local area clean and tidy, how they can show respect to the local environment and villagers to ensure they put rubbish in the bin and how they can serve their community by looking after Badsworth and our communal school field and playground.

## Walk around Badsworth

Our Year 5 children went out and about in the village for a maths lesson linked to converting a scale to metres. In the classroom the children looked at a map of Badsworth to familiarise themselves with the area and look at the route they were going to walk. The children then left their maps behind and went for a walk around the village. When they returned to the classroom they marked their route on the map in red pen and then placed string over the route. This distance measured was 42cm. The scale on the map was 3cm = 125 metres. Altogether the children walked 1750 metres.

## After School Clubs

Our Key Stage 1 and 2 children have signed up to our termly after school clubs. This term our Year 1 and 2 children are working with Elite Coaching on multi-sport sessions, playing a variety of competitive games and completing circuits all to encourage and promote children to be active and healthy. Our Key Stage 2 have a range of clubs. So far in baking club they have been making some lovely thumb biscuits and buns. In Dance club the children are working hard on a routine which they are performing at a Dance Festival in February at the Airedale Hut. In Craft club the children have been completing some digital art and pompoms ready for Easter crafts. Elite Coaching have also been leading some Key Stage 2 Multi-Sport sessions.



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**Creating an environment in which we 'CARE'  
Consider and respect everyone as Jesus taught us.**



# Village Plan Activity

## Overview

It will soon be 12 months since we issued the village questionnaire to residents and a lot has happened as a result of the feedback. However, the next step is to issue a public Village Plan document so that all residents can see and understand the direction in which we are moving and the specific projects or goals which the Committee and numerous other volunteers are working towards. The drafting of the Plan is underway and our hope is to publish it in the Spring.

## Green & Pleasant Village

The group has had a quite couple of months given the weather conditions but will shortly be setting its sights on plans for Spring and Summer. The group is in discussion with the Parish Council regarding potential replacement planters in the village as the existing structures are showing signs of rotting.



## Communication



Our next major project is to look at the village website to ensure it contains up to date information with regular new contributions and that it is able to be accessed from mobiles and tablets as well as PCs. Much preliminary work has already been done (thanks especially to Freya Raby and Andy Betteridge) and we have outline ideas as to what we would like the website to include.

## Social Activities and Facilities

A considerable amount of time and discussion has been going in to looking at how we can maximise the amount of green leisure space in the village and also potentially accommodate some of the suggestions made in last year's questionnaire regarding communal areas, play equipment and sports/leisure facilities. These discussions are still at an early stage and there are a number of early hurdles to get over. However, as soon as possible we will open up the discussion and present outline ideas as part of a village-wide consultation process.

## Traffic, Parking & Road Safety

This Working Group is currently without a leader so if anyone would like to help us out it would be really helpful. (Please contact the Editor in the first instance – contact details are on the back page) In the meantime the Village Plan Committee as a whole is trying to drive forward a few initiatives.

# Traffic & Parking

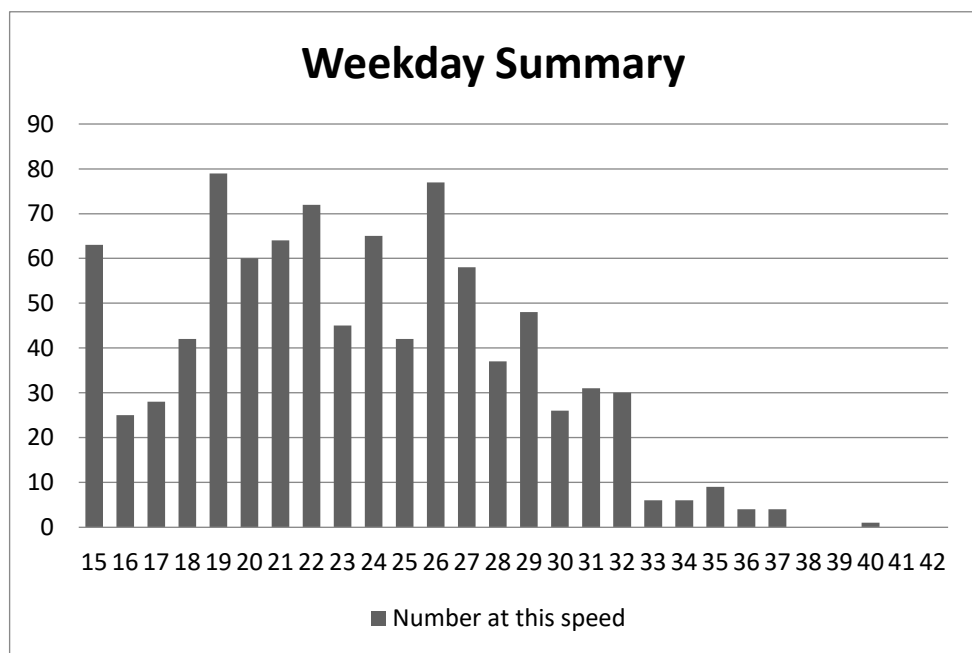
## Analysis from Smiley SID week



Having the Speed Indicator Device in operation in the village for a week last year proved extremely useful.

Not surprisingly, volunteers noted that they could see and hear vehicles slowing down as they approached the high viz jackets and electronic device – although there were one or two exceptions.

The device was used at a variety of times of the day and in several different locations. Inevitably, at school times there was often chaos although this did bring down the average speeds recorded. What surprised some of us though was the duration of the school run periods – often extending to an hour at each end of the day.



Higher speeds were generally recorded at weekends and lunchtimes with the highest speed recorded at 46mph coming in to the village on New Road. The chicane seems to have two quite different influences on traffic – it slows it down when traffic is coming out of the village but it can also encourage others to speed up when the coast is clear.

## Follow up traffic survey



As a follow up to SID week the Village Plan Group is requesting a full traffic survey to be conducted which will give accurate assessments of traffic and speed levels in and out of the village. This type of survey was last conducted around 13 years ago and led to the implementation of the 20mph speed limit so there's no doubt it's time to do another survey.

## Other follow up actions

As traffic and parking are such big issues in the village this will continue to be an area of focus not just in the short term but longer term too. Many of the problems cannot be solved quickly or easily but there are no doubt things we can do and we will be looking at a variety of options.

The Village Plan Group has requested the Parish Council to look in to getting 20mph “repeater signs” for the village as it would appear that these (or other traffic calming signs/structures) should be in place at regular intervals. One thing we suspect from our SID analysis is that the current signage is not sufficiently prominent and as people pass through the village they don't seem to realise the speed limit is 20mph.

We are also cognisant that the volume of school traffic does put significant pressure on the village. This is not an easy problem to solve but is definitely on the list of priorities and will be looked at as part of our wider plans to create “green” and communal space on the edge of the village.

# A History of Badsworth

Over the next few issues of the newsletter we thought it would be interesting to take a look back at the village's history and, where possible, share some old photos. Our thanks go to Stuart Spacey for the articles, the first of which is below. If you have researched aspects of the village which you think would make interesting reading please send in details (see back page).

## Domesday Book to the 20th Century Part 1

Badsworth is listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Badesuorde. It was held by Ilbert de Lacy who had one and a half ploughs, thirteen villagers and 11 small holders who had five ploughs. There was a church and a priest and the village was valued at three pounds.

This seems to indicate an Anglo-Saxon settlement with open fields around a nucleus of houses and it is believed a wooden Saxon church.

The present St Mary's Church dates from the fourteenth century and fragments from an earlier church building was found within its fabric. The nave walls are thought to be partly Norman whilst the chancel arcade and the door in the north wall of the nave are thirteenth century.

The Anglo Saxons set up many "springline" villages which offered an assured good quality water supply from natural local springs. Close to the edge of the village, heading out to Thorpe Audlin on the north side of Badsworth Way, can be seen the legacy of the strip system in the somewhat corrugated appearance of the field to gain more surface area whereby each peasant was allocated a number of ploughed strips in the open field.

The village today still reflects its past, being of "nucleated" character with the Church of St Mary's as its central focus. It is thought that there was a village green situated close to the church at which a community well was situated for use by the villagers. There remain several wells in and around the village – some still useable, but others filled in or disused.

Whilst the village is of nucleated character, its shape is broadly rectangular and typical of many villages in the north of England.

*NB: A nucleated village or clustered settlement is one of the main types of settlement pattern. It is one of the terms used by geographers and landscape historians to classify settlements. It is most accurate with regard to planned settlements: its concept is one in which the houses, even most farmhouses within the entire associated area of land, such as a parish, cluster around a central church, which is close to the village green.*

# Coming Up

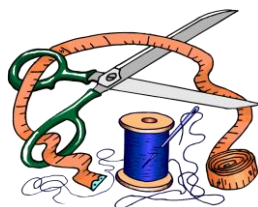
## Activities at the Lawson Hut

The Hut can be booked for multiple uses for £7 per hour or at a special rate of £25 for up to four hours for parties. All enquiries via [SueMatthews1@me.com](mailto:SueMatthews1@me.com) tel 01977 650730 or 07553 855108.

Below are the contact details for regular events and activities so please get in touch if you are interested in any of these or would like further information.

### Monday

9.20am - 11.30am - Pilates - Becky Ashley 07813 839888  
2pm - 4pm Craft Club - Mary Pacey 01977 643912  
After School Club until 6 pm - Lisa West 01977 640011  
7pm - 9pm Computer Club - John Wilson 01977 641359 or 07729 257311



### Tuesday

10.00am - 11.30am Toddlers - Linda Hughes 07870 322149  
After School Club until 6 pm - Lisa West 01977 640011  
6pm – 7pm Fitness (except 3rd Tuesday in the month) - Gail Roberts 07702 23221  
3rd Tuesday in the month Badsworth Parish Council (except August)

### Wednesday

After School Club until 6 pm - Lisa West 01977 640011  
2nd Wednesday - W.I - Elaine Wall 01977 620333 or 0777 2943284  
3rd Wednesday - 6.30pm – 8pm new group starting 21st March -  
Mind Body and Soul - Cathy Copley 07825 - 234222  
4th Wednesday - Pilates - Becky Ashley 07813 839888



### Thursday

After School Club until 6 pm - Lisa West 01977 640011  
6.30pm - 7.30pm - Pilates - Becky Ashley 07813 839888



### Friday

9.30am - 1.30 Prince of Wales Hospice Support Group - Jo Schofield 01977 781468  
After School Club until 6 pm - Lisa West 01977 640011  
6pm – 7pm - Fitness - Gail Roberts 07702 23221  
3rd Friday 8pm - 10.30pm - Disparate Housewives - Rebecca Mill 01977 649697 or 07714 572190

# Coming Up

## Calling all film buffs...

Badsworth Computer Club have installed a digital projector and screen in the Lawson Hut which is licensed for film shows. If you would like to participate in any way or just have ideas as to what you would like to see then please contact:

Andrew Betteridge: 07815 960264 or

Barrie Slinger: 01977 644853

## Craft and Collectables Fayre – St Mary's Centre, 25 March

A craft and collectables fayre has been organised by Jenny Parking to raise money for Epilepsy UK. The event will take place in St Mary's Centre on Sunday 25 March between 10am and 2pm. If you would like to take a stall please contact Jenny on 01977 650707

## Tour de Yorkshire



The 2018 Tour de Yorkshire cycle event runs over 4 days from 3-6 May inclusive and is due to pass Badsworth on Saturday 4 May along the main A638 Doncaster Road heading towards Ackworth. This will not only provide a great spectator event but also some inevitable traffic disruption as local roads will be closed. Full details of road closure etc won't be known until nearer the event but if you'd like further information visit their website.

<https://letour.yorkshire.com/tour-de-yorkshire-2018>

## Sunflower Competition

The village sunflower competition proved a success when it was last run so we are planning to do something similar again this year. We will no doubt have a number of categories and potential prizes. We're still working on the final details but for further information or to register interest please contact Tania via [tanpem@hotmail.com](mailto:tanpem@hotmail.com) or phone her on 01977 643608.



## Village Plant Sale

We are looking to hold a Plant Sale – probably in mid to late May -which will be an ideal time to buy or donate spare bedding plants as well as tender veg or anything else garden-related. Date and details in the next issue but do contact Anita Cook if you would like to help in any way.



# Coming Up

## “Reflections of Badsworth” – 2019 Calendar

As we mentioned in issue 1, the “Green and Pleasant” Group are looking to produce a calendar for 2019 which would be on sale later this year. Each month the calendar will feature photographs or artwork submitted by Badsworth residents or children from the school.



Images could include scarecrow day, seasonal scenes, local views or things of interest as well as images that reflect life in the village past or present. The possibilities are endless but should be a “reflection of Badsworth” in some way, including being a reflection of what Badsworth means to you personally.

Further details on how to submit entries will be included in the April newsletter but it is hoped that judging will take place around the Village Fete Day in late June to give time for the calendar to be produced. Full acknowledgement will be given to the artists/photographers featured so start getting those creative juices flowing and the cameras out! All proceeds from the sale of the calendars will go towards funding projects and initiatives under the Village Plan and will therefore benefit the village and its residents.

For more information contact Michelle Griffiths on 01977 643815.

## Yorkshire Air Ambulance Fundraising

Della Rudenko, at The Old Chapel, will be holding a yellow themed fundraising coffee morning at her home on Friday 27 April to raise funds for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Final details will be in the next issue, or speak to Della.

## Badsworth Fete and Scarecrow Festival 2018



Following a couple of planning meetings we are pleased to say the Village Fete will take place again this year on Saturday 23 June centred around St Mary's.

Scarecrow Week will run from Weds 20 June to Weds 27 June.

More details will be included in our April issue.

# Future Contributions

## Who to Contact

We hope that you have found this latest issue of Our Badsworth Way to be of interest.

Our aim is to produce the newsletter approximately every two months and the next edition will be in mid/late April 2018.

The intention is to provide all residents with comprehensive information on a wide range of aspects of life in the village – from forthcoming events to regular news updates and features.

We very much welcome ideas for future content including additional features or information you would find helpful.

### Who to contact:

**If you are involved in running a club/activity within the village please do help us to promote your group by sending information to the Editor.**

**Please send contributions or ideas for the next edition no later than Thursday 12 April 2018** to: Anita Cook, Editor, via email: [hancock924@btinternet.com](mailto:hancock924@btinternet.com) or telephone: 07715 748656

If you would like to join me on the Editorial team please do let me know as it would be great to have some help pulling together content for future issues.

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