

Our Badsworth Way

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As always, thank you to all those who have contributed to this latest issue. If you have ideas for future content, or are running a group, or event, in the village that you would like to promote then please get in touch.

Please send contributions or ideas for the next edition no later than Friday 7th June 2019 to: Anita Cook, Editor, via email: hancock924@btinternet.com or telephone: 07715 748656.



BADSWORTH
CofE School

School News

We can't believe we have come to the end of yet another term and that spring has arrived - the school year is passing by so quickly.

The school has taken part in an Enrichment Week with the theme 'Victorians'. As part of this week the whole school came dressed as Victorian school children to experience a Victorian classroom. Each class was given the opportunity to have a lesson in the same style as children in the Victorian period. The children were all expected to write with their right hands, use chalk and slate, recite times tables and the alphabet and some children had to wear the dunce hat!



Children all looked the part by dressing as Victorian school children. The whole school had a Victorian style assembly- recapping the school rules, hearing a Bible reading, singing All Things Bright and Beautiful and The National Anthem. It was very different to the friendly, child led collective worships we have today.

Whilst the school was enjoying learning about Victorians, our Year 6 children were having fun at Marrick Priory Outdoor Education and Residential Centre in Reeth, near Richmond. This year the children had the opportunity to carry out a number of



activities including archery, high and low ropes, abseiling, camp crafts and a day walk to name just a few. On their return some children told me which activities they enjoyed the most. The low ropes were enjoyed because there were no limits and the children felt free, another popular activity was the high ropes where the children had to challenge themselves, particularly if they were a little afraid of heights, as at the end they had to decide if they felt

able to do the leap of faith. Some children particularly enjoyed the night line because they were blind folded and they had to work as a group in order to complete the course. This activity was a lot of fun!

On Shrove Tuesday, FOBS (Friends of Badsworth School) arranged for the children to buy a pancake. The children enjoyed this afternoon treat and were spoilt for choice when choosing their favourite toppings from strawberries, bananas, marshmallows, cream and chocolate sauce.

This Lent our children have taken a different approach to lent. FOBS gave each child a tube of Smarties and in return children were asked to give or carry out a good deed for others for 20p. Once Lent is over the filled Smartie tubes will be returned to school in order to raise money for FOBS.

We ended our term with our annual Easter service in church. Each class played an important role in sharing the main parts of the Easter story or in celebrating this special festival by using drama, songs, poems and stories. The service was a lovely way to complete the half term.

This term we have also said goodbye to Mrs. Jones who has retired as Headteacher. Mrs. Jones has worked at the school for 20 years as a teacher, deputy headteacher and headteacher. School has celebrated her retirement in a number of ways and we know she will be missed. We know what an impact she has had on the children and staff and everyone at school wishes her a very happy retirement.



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

Church News

Easter Services

- 18 April – Maundy Thursday
7.00pm – Mass – St Mary's, Badsworth
- 19 April – Good Friday
12noon – Solemn Liturgy – St Margaret's, North Elmsall
- 20 April - Holy Saturday
6.30pm – Mass – St Margaret's, North Elmsall
- 21 April – Easter Sunday
9.00am – Mass – St Margaret's, North Elmsall
10.30am – Mass – St Mary's, Badsworth
6.30pm – Evensong – St Mary's, Badsworth



Church Opening 2019

The church will be open on Thursdays 10-00am to 3-00 pm and Saturdays 10-00am to 4-00 pm to fulfil our commitment for the funding received to repair the tower. Informative guide books are available detailing points of interest, including the stained-glass windows, various memorials and other unique features of the Church. Parts of the tower are even mentioned in the Domesday book. Tea/coffee and biscuits are available and everyone is welcome to come along.

If you could spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnightly to help keep the Church open then please contact Roy Fletcher on 01924 894391 or email: royflet@hotmail.com.

St Mary's Centre Coffee Morning



Don't forget a coffee morning is held at the St Mary's Centre on the 2nd Saturday of each month. **The next one will be on Saturday 11 May at 10.30am.** Just a reminder that **everyone** is welcome.

Village Plan Activity

Questionnaire

You should receive, along with this issue, a short questionnaire from the Village Plan Committee which covers two very important village issues. Firstly, we have an opportunity to put together some serious, long-term plans to create a “Village Green” on the edge of the village, using what is currently Glebe Land (i.e. owned by the Church). There is enormous potential in what is currently an eight-acre plot, but we can only progress the project if there is support from the village as a whole to take this forward. Further details are given in the questionnaire.



The second issue covered by the questionnaire is that of speed control. Again, there are things we would like to do but we can only move forward if we have support from residents.

Please look carefully at the questions and give us your feedback. Volunteers will collect the questionnaires around 26-29 April so please take a few minutes to complete them.

Green & Pleasant Village

The group is awaiting formal feedback from the Parish Council following submission of our proposal regarding the enhancement of certain areas of public space within the village. In the short term, two members of the Village Plan Committee have agreed to do some major renovation work on the bench down Ninevah Lane and this has been approved by the Parish Council.



Following the building of the two new stone planters (outside the school and on Badsworth Court), which has been arranged and funded by the Parish Council, we will be looking at planting schemes for the coming few months and beyond.

The dog poop bag dispensers have finally gone up in the village and, whilst it's already obvious that some people will still allow their dogs to foul the village, we hope they will prove useful to the responsible majority of dog owners.



Other News

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits the village on a Thursday, every 3 weeks. It calls at Badsworth Church 1.55pm to 2.10pm and then Badsworth Court 2.15pm to 2.25pm.

The dates of the visits for 2019 are as follows:

2 nd May	23 rd May	13 th June	4 th July	25 th July
15 th August	5 th September	26 th September	17 th October	7 th November
28 th November	19 th December			

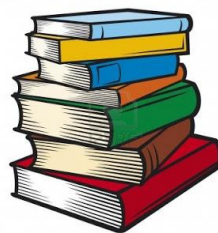
Fr Stephen's Retirement

You may be aware following Fr Stephen's piece in the last issue of Our Badsworth Way, that his last service will be Evensong on 12th May.

Following the service there will be a get together at 7.30pm in the St Marys Centre where everyone is invited. Tea and coffee will be served along with "nibbles". If you would like a drink then you are more than welcome to bring your own bottle/ alcohol. Please join us on the evening to wish Fr Stephen and Linda well in this new chapter of their lives.

New bins

Wakefield MDC have provided a number of new, free-standing bins, around the village which we hope will help prevent litter. Some of the older, less hygienic bins have also been removed.



Upcoming Events

Badsworth Scarecrow Competition 2019

The children at the school have been giving some thought to the theme for this year's scarecrow competition and they have decided on **Musicals**. Now is the time to start thinking about what you'll be placing in all your gardens. Scarecrow Week will run from Wednesday 19th June to Wednesday 26th June and winners will be announced at the Village Fete Day on Saturday 22nd June. Scarecrows will need to be in place from noon on Wednesday 19th June so that judging can take place. Entry fee is £3.



Judges like to see some straw in entries and we'll make some available for a limited time, details of which will be sent out nearer the time.

We are delighted to have Rogerthorpe Manor sponsoring the event again this year and will provide 1st and 2nd prizes. Other prizes will include some retro sweet treats provided by another local company. This year we'll be adding a couple of different categories for your chance to win a prize. These are People's Choice so you all get the chance to vote and Best Newcomer. We will also be adding some stamps at various scarecrows around the village to stamp your maps on the day, if you collect them all there will be a limited number of prizes available.

All you need to do now is drop me a note with your name, address, phone number and email address, then drop off your entry fee. Closing date for entries is Friday 14th June.

Dean Parkin, 11 The Croft, 07952 494466, deanparkin70@gmail.com

Badsworth Fete – 22nd June

The Fete Day on Saturday 22nd June will start at 11am, finish at 3pm and be located at the St Mary's Centre and School. There will be refreshments available in St Mary's along with the Ice Cream van. There will be entertainment during the day which will include a children's entertainer, brass band, church tower visits and splat the rat. We will include all the day's events in the next issue of Our Badsworth Way which will be out about a week before the Fete. We'll also have a bottle stall and Village Plan Committee stalls. The day will end with the tug of war.



Upcoming Events (cont...)

Request for Bottle Donations for Fete Day

Our bottle stand regularly raises over £500 for local charities so we would really like your help to keep us on track for another record breaking year.

Please can you donate bottle of any variety, shape and size: sauces, soft drinks, shampoo, wine, bubble bath, beer – basically, anything in a bottle!



Donations to be passed to Penny Wressel @ Dresden House, Main Street (by the Lawson Hut), ASAP and certainly by the end of May if at all possible.

Badsworth Film Club – Friday 10th May 2019

The film nights are now a regular and very popular fixture in the Lawson Hut on the second Friday in the month. Films to be shown are chosen by people who attend and the film in May is *The Blues Brothers*. The film starts at 7.30pm in the Lawson Hut. There is no charge although donations are accepted and ice creams are on sale in the interval. For more information, or to book a place please contact Ann or Barrie Slinger via annslinger@btinternet.com or phone 01977 644853. Please note Film Club will take a break over the summer due to the light evenings and will restart probably in September.

Coffee Morning in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance – 27th April at St Mary's Centre - 10am to 12noon

A coffee morning will be held on Saturday 27 April to raise funds for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. There will be some great homemade cakes as well as other refreshments and a few stalls for added interest. We're planning a great Tombola stall too so do come along and enjoy a cuppa with us to raise money for this great charity. *Contact Della Rudenko for further information on 07770 209391.*



Feature article

What Badsworth means to me...

I only moved to Badsworth in 2014, so I've presently only lived here for four and a half years, it has however been part of my life since I was nine years old and I've been drawn here ever since. As a young girl I used to spend hours in Badsworth cemetery sitting with my friends, excitedly sharing ghost stories. Had my parents known I'd walked all the way from Upton, I'd have been in serious trouble, but it was well worth the risk.

I always felt there was something magical about the place and I used to tell myself as a teenager, 'One day, I'll live there.' I told all my friends and family how much I'd love to live there and as I got older and married and had a family of my own, I introduced them to the village. My son is buried in the church grounds, opposite the church entrance and my eldest two daughters went to the school here. As a family we have been a part of this village for a long time and it has been a part of us. It was inevitable that when the opportunity arose, we would live here.

It's a beautiful place and there is so much history. I love the charm that Badsworth has, from the moment you set foot here. Whether you enter from New Road or from the Beaconfield Road, as I used to all those years ago as a starry eyed nine-year-old, there is an air of beauty and mystery, like a well-hidden secret. Writer David Gerrard describes the village in 'The Hidden Places of Yorkshire' as 'a jewel. A delightful village of old houses and mature trees.' It certainly is a hidden gem.

I love being part of the community and there is so much here to see, no matter how much time I spend looking, I can always notice something I hadn't before, whether it's a tree in the field or a different part of the wall that can be seen around the village. I am lucky to have quite a large portion of that wall in my own garden. It's the boundary between us and our neighbours. It's a beautiful wall. It would be so easy to walk around the village and not notice it, but I have it on good authority that that wall is three hundred years old. Three hundred years old and still going strong. Imagine the people, the lives and the secrets that wall has witnessed over those years.

The church, the wall, the scenery and the history are all part of the charm and the beauty that is Badsworth. What's not to love!

Written by Diane West, Badsworth resident.

If you would like to contribute an article or other information please do contact the Editor as it's always great to have items from other residents.

Forthcoming events at Rogerthorpe Manor



16th June	Father's Day Lunch with a FREE Pint for Dad	Treat Dad or the special gentleman in your life by treating him to a special 3 Course lunch this Father's Day in our beautiful Oak & Rose Rooms for just £19.95 per person
9th June	Wedding Fayre	Join us and a selection of top wedding suppliers at our Spring Wedding Fayre. Our wedding experts will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and to tell you everything you need to know to make your special day perfect! Doors open from 11 - 3pm. Free Admission & Free Parking.
14th June	Daniel East tribute to Ed Sheeran	Prepare to 'Sing' as Daniel East performs Ed Sheeran's biggest and best tracks live with uncanny accuracy! Armed with a Boss Loop Pedal and a guitar, Daniel has already swept the country's most prestigious venues with his charisma and talents. Includes Two Course Meal followed by a disco all for just £29.55 with a glass of fizz on arrival, Discounted Classic bedrooms will be available for the night at just £50 B&B

Concert & Afternoon Tea

Badsworth was alive to the sound of music on Saturday 6th April as more than 60 people attended a music concert in the church, followed by Afternoon Tea in the St Mary's Centre.



Concert goers were treated to a varied programme including Colin Williams on the organ playing tunes as varied as those from JS Bach to George Formby. Thank you Colin for a brilliant performance! Colin was followed by a ladies Barbershop quartet called Incognito who sang a number



of songs and even got the audience joining in at one stage. Lots of toe tapping was noted!

After the concert people were treated to a full, sit-down Afternoon Tea in the St Mary's Centre, with homemade sandwiches, scones with cream and jam and of course a wide selection of beautiful cakes.

The Village Plan Committee hosted the event and we would like to thank all those who came along to support it. The feedback on the day was truly heart warming and made all our efforts worthwhile. One resident very kindly said that the afternoon tea was better than Betty's! Being a big fan of Betty's I think that is extremely kind.



I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated cakes and raffle prizes to the event, and also to those who gave their time to help with preparation, serving and of course the clearing up afterwards.

We didn't set out to make a surplus from the event, we just wanted to host a great village-wide event, but in the end it looks like we will have made a surplus of over £120 (due largely to donations and the raffle). All surplus funds are being donated to the Church and St Mary's Centre, as both venues were provided free of charge.

Thanks again, Anita Cook

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