

Our Badsworth Way

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It seems amazing that 12 months ago I was trying to compile the very first issue of 'Our Badsworth Way'. I hope that you enjoy it dropping through the letterbox and that it helps, in at least a small way, to make you feel part of the community.

As always, thank you to all those who have contributed to this latest issue. **Please send contributions or ideas for the next edition no later than Friday 8th February 2019** to: Anita Cook, Editor, via email: hancock924@btinternet.com or telephone: 07715 748656.



BADSWORTH
CofE School

School News

We have had yet another busy half term in school and as we approach Christmas more exciting things are taking place.

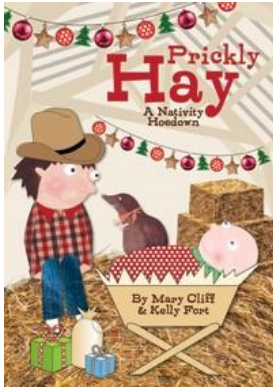
We have worked closely with members of the Outreach Group and have attended The Lawson Hut on a number of occasions. Year 4 and 5 children shared the work they'd been doing on Harvest linked to our Harvest Festival Service. Then, some of our Year 6 children visited to attend a session to work alongside the adults to create some collage art work. This session was enjoyed by everyone and the children had the opportunity to bring the completed artwork back to school. We will be working with them again before Christmas. We are always so proud of our children when we visit The Outreach Group- they always behave so well and speak confidently and politely to others.

Along with St. Mary's Church, the School held its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 24th November. A number of stall holders sold some lovely items such as candles, cards, beauty products and knitted Christmas gifts. Our Parent Association (FOBS) also organised a number of stalls and sold refreshments. The school had its own stall selling Christmas crafts that the children had made. Each class made something different so we could raise some money for school funds. The school choir performed and sang some Christmas carols to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Children also had the opportunity to visit Mrs Elf's Post Office to write their letter to Santa and post it in the special post box.



The day was a huge success, FOBS raised around £500 and the school stall raised £216. School would like to thank everyone who was involved with this day.



As Christmas approaches everyone in school is getting ready for this special time of year. Our Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 children are all learning lines for our nativity performance of 'Prickly Hay.'

Prickly Hay is a musical with a fun hoedown flavour. It is narrated by Sam, a hardworking stable boy, and features himself, his faithful friend Shrew and some very special visitors. The children will be given two opportunities to share their performance with parents so everyone can get into the Christmas spirit in school. Our Key Stage 2 children lead the school in church for our Christingle service.

The school hosted refreshments after the Badsworth Christmas Tree Light switch on on Wednesday 5th December. Two of our Year 6 children who live in the village were given the opportunity to push the lever for the tree lights to be officially lit. Before the big light switch on the church choir sang Christmas carols. Afterwards, while people enjoyed their hot chocolate, fireworks were lit to celebrate the occasion.

Once again, Rogerthorpe Manor have very kindly volunteered to host our Christmas Party so on Monday 10th December the whole school will walk there wearing party clothes to enjoy an afternoon of dancing and party games. We are always very grateful to Rogerthorpe Manor for their hospitality at this time of year.

On behalf of everyone at Badsworth School we would like to wish all the local community a very merry and joyous Christmas and all the best for the New Year.



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

Village Plan Activity

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to those who attended our first Annual General Meeting. Our Annual Report can be found by visiting the website: www.badsworthvillage.com The Report contains details of achievements to date, along with future plans and of course the published accounts for our first full financial year.



St Mary's Centre Clean-Up



The last clean-up was on 10 November and it made a huge difference. Volunteers managed to give the grass a trim despite the very wet conditions and we removed numerous bags of weeds, fallen leaves and even tree saplings and overgrown ivy and brambles. Thanks to those who came out to help...your efforts are much appreciated. Thanks are also due to Wakefield Council who made a special collection of the rubbish!

Traffic & Parking

The Village Plan Committee continues to push this agenda via the Parish and District Councillors. A meeting was arranged in late October to discuss a variety of issues and involved Parish and District Councillors, PCSOs, WMDC Traffic Management and the Chair of the Village Plan Committee. Some progress has been made since that meeting and you may have noticed rubber strips on Back Lane and Main Street recently. These were part of WMDC's traffic survey and measured the volume, nature and speed of traffic at those points in the road. Whilst some reservations have been expressed by the VPC regarding the location of the strips on Back Lane and the lack of strips on New Road, we are now awaiting the results.

WMDC have also been repainting the 20mph roundels and other road markings recently, although, at the time of writing, we are waiting for the bend near Badsworth Hall to be redone. The Parish Council has promised to follow up if required with WMDC.

Village Plan Activity (cont...)

Green & Pleasant Village

The Green & Pleasant Village Group has revamped each of the village planters with colourful winter bedding and spring bulbs. Hopefully these should take us through to next summer when they will be refreshed again. Thanks to the Parish Council for funding the plants.



The group is also chasing the Parish Council (who are in turn now chasing WMDC) regarding the erection of the dog poo bag dispensers. Three have been purchased so we will hopefully see them in use very soon.

The Group also wrote to the Parish Council recently to request that larger grit bins be located on Back Lane and on Ninevah Lane, to replace the current small ones. This is to help cover dangerous bends and junctions where little or no council gritting is done. This request has been passed on to Wakefield Council so we'll have to wait and see what happens.

We have also been looking at other areas of the village which could be tidied up or planted with bulbs or other plants and we will be putting a detailed proposal to the Parish Council early in the New Year. It will be important to pick the right sites in terms of land ownership and maintenance but we are hopeful that we should not hit too many obstacles. If you have any views as to which areas of the village we should focus on then please do let us know.

Social Activities

We are conscious that the 78 Club has now folded and, whilst we are not looking to become a social committee, we are looking at how we can ensure that the Village enjoys a rich and diverse social calendar. We currently have two great venues in The Lawson Hut and St Mary's Centre and we are looking for ideas as to events we could organise or help organise. If you have any requests/ideas please speak to Barrie Slinger on 644853. It would be good to have events to attract a variety of tastes and ages but everything will depend on support from the village. We will always welcome extra pairs of hands or just fresh ideas.

Church News

From the Rector

Someone said to me the other day, 'What is the difference between Advent Carols and Christmas Carols?'

The simple answer is that Christmas Carols speak of God coming to earth; Advent reminds us of what the prophets tell us about the coming Messiah, the Virgin birth and, significantly, the promise of

that same Messiah's return at some future, unknown date. This set me thinking about the different perspective various people hold about the things we celebrate at this time of year.

For the majority of people Christmas is the celebration of a birthday: an excuse to give presents and to party.

For the Christian however, the birth of Jesus was just the beginning; we believe that Jesus' promise to return and draw us to himself will be fulfilled. We have no idea when this will be but this is the hope that sustains us.

Advent is the time in the Christian year when we are given an opportunity to consider our life and lifestyle; to ask ourselves the question, 'Am I ready for this returning Messiah?' If not, and how can we ever be fully ready; then we are able to consider the changes we need to make to our life and lifestyle.

Of course, we can only identify such changes if we are prepared to acknowledge our failings. Advent then, is a time of penitence when we can seek God's guidance and forgiveness.

The events of Advent are a little bit like our ancient ancestors telling stories around the campfire; we retell the story of the Old Testament in which we hear about God's relationship with his chosen people Israel.



Church News (cont...)

Then we tell the story of the New Testament and God's new relationship with us, the New Israel.

All of this helps us to celebrate the wonderful events of the nativity but with an eye to the future return of the Messiah. So we sing O come, O come, Emanuel (God with us!)

With Prayers & Blessings

Fr. Stephen

Christmas Services

Carol Service	16 December	6.30pm	St Mary's Badsworth
Christmas Mass	24 December	6.30pm	St Margaret's North Elmsall
Midnight Mass	24 December	11.30pm	St Mary's Badsworth
Christmas Morning	25 December	9.30am	St Mary's Badsworth
Sunday after Christmas	30 December	9.00am	St Margaret's North Elmsall
	30 December	10.30am	St Mary's Badsworth
Christmas Carol Service	30 December	6.30pm	St Margaret's North Elmsall

All are welcome! Fr Stephen

St Mary's Centre Coffee Morning



A coffee morning is held at the St Mary's Centre on the 2nd Saturday of each month. **The next one will be on 12th January 2019 at 10.30am.** Just a reminder that **everyone** is welcome.

Parish Council News

We have welcomed a new councillor to the Parish Council, Mr Tony Parkinson, and have been busy working to improve the village.

First Aid course

Yorkshire Ambulance Service are offering a free 2.5 hour First Aid Awareness course to residents in the village along with any family or friends that live in Yorkshire. The course is open to those who are 16 years of age or older.

The course covers things like how to recognise a suspected heart attack, CPR, how to deal with choking, how to deal with a suspected stroke and serious bleeding. The training will take place in the village and a Certificate of Attendance will be awarded to everyone who completes the course.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk by emailing him at badsworthparishcouncil@outlook.com or sending a letter c/o 14 High Farm Meadow, Badsworth, WF9 1PB. Please provide your contact details and give an indication of your availability.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council is looking to purchase a defibrillator and locate it in the vicinity of the school. The Council has applied for a grant towards the cost of the device and is just waiting to hear whether the application has been successful before proceeding with the purchase.

Mobile Library

New, up to date information about the mobile library, which visits the village every 3 weeks, has been placed in the noticeboard near the school. The dates of the visits for 2019 are as follows:

17 th January	7 th February	28 th February	21 st March	11 th April
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			

New Noticeboard

The Parish Council has purchased an additional noticeboard to improve the amount of space available for Parish Council notices. This has been done in response to a suggestion from a resident in the village. The new noticeboard will be installed in the near future.

Community First Responders

Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) NHS Trust is looking for volunteers to join their Community First Responder (CFR) scheme in Badsworth and surrounding areas.



CFRs are volunteers who provide immediate life-saving care to members of their local communities in an emergency medical situation, such as heart attack, breathing difficulties or a collapse, in the vital minutes before the ambulance arrives.

They are trained in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) which delivers a controlled electric shock to restart the heart. CFRs also carry portable oxygen.

Laura Williams, Community Defibrillation Trainer for YAS in West Yorkshire, said: “CFRs make a valuable contribution to their communities. We know that in many medical emergencies the first few minutes are critical. If effective treatment can be performed within those first minutes, lives can be saved and disability reduced.

“Volunteers come from all walks of life. Many volunteer as a CFR to gain experience, to help their local communities and some people have had personal experience of a loved one needing prompt medical attention and can see the value in this initiative. Being a CFR can be extremely rewarding and I would encourage anyone who may be interested in taking on the role to get in touch.”

Full training is given to successful applicants who need to be over 18 years old, physically fit and hold a full driving licence having never been banned from driving with no more than three penalty points. Yorkshire Ambulance Service will also run Disclosure and Barring (DBS) checks on candidates.

Anyone interested can find out more by email: yas.responders@nhs.net or phone: 0333 1300516.

Crime Prevention

As we approach the Christmas and New Year period it seemed timely to think about how people can minimise the risk of being a victim of crime, especially burglary. We therefore asked our Neighbourhood Police Team to provide some tips to residents which we hope you will find useful. Please be aware that just this week we have seen serious criminal activity in the village and we would urge everyone to look out not only for their own property and personal safety but also that of their neighbours.

Neighbourhood Police Team Crime Prevention Tips



There has been an increase in daytime burglaries (both homes and garages), especially around the rural areas of our district. MO on homes: smash window/door, MO on garages: force/bend door. Suspects are targeting

jewellery and cash within the home and pedal cycles from garages.

As the nights are darker by 16:00 there are a number of crime prevention measures that can assist in securing a property and making it look occupied:

Fake TV/Simulated TV – Gives the illusion that someone is at home watching TV. It has a built-in light sensor that will turn on at dusk and can be set for +4hrs or +7hrs. The LED lights on the screen change colour and flicker at different times giving the impression to the outside that someone is at home watching TV. Low consumption costs and safer than leaving a TV on.



Digital Lamp timers – Set lamps/lights to go on and off at different times each day giving the impression the house is occupied.

Crime Prevention (cont...)

Window vibration alarms – Stick onto your window or glass door and as soon as vibration is detected the alarm will sound. Loud 120db alarm and will automatically stop after 25 seconds then reset. Warning sign on the back so visible from the outside.



Wireless shed and garage alarms – Motion detector alarm that can be wall mounted or free standing. 4-digit code to arm and disarm

it. Allows 10 seconds to deactivate on entry.



Video doorbells – Get instant alerts, to your phone, when visitors press the doorbell or trigger the built-in motion sensors (you can set



your own detection distance - can be set to cover your garden, driveway, path). 20 second video of each motion detection. Also features Live Time view. You can see, hear and speak to guests from your phone/tablet/PC via the app. It has infrared night vision and is weather resistant. Links into your wifi and has a built-in rechargeable battery. 180-degree field of view.

If you spot non-urgent suspicious activity West Yorkshire Police would encourage you to report this by telephoning 101 or via the On-Line Reporting facility (101 Live Chat) which can be accessed via the Internet. This will allow a log to be created and officers dispatched. If residents wish to contact the Neighbourhood Police Team directly it is advised that they do so via the NPT mail box. The email address is:- southeast.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Of course, if you think a crime is in progress or the matter is an emergency then call 999.

Other News

Badsworth Film Club – Friday 11th January 2019

After some thought we will have to forgo the December show as numbers will be lower than normal and part of the presentation team will be away. The next show will be on Friday January 11th when we will feature **THE GRADUATE**.

For more information, or to book a place please contact Ann or Barrie Slinger via annslinger@btinternet.com or phone 01977 644853.

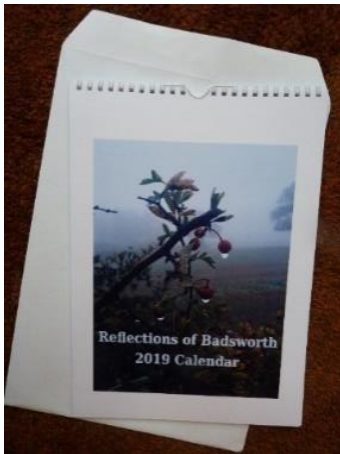
Christmas Fair – St Mary’s Centre

Many thanks to all those who visited the stalls at the St Mary’s Centre on 24th November for the Christmas Fair. They raised £858, including the sale of refreshments. Proceeds will go to St Mary’s Church.



Reflections of Badsworth 2019 Calendar

We are pleased to say we had a great response to our calendar competition with numerous entries, from which we have selected what we hope you will agree are 13 great images. Many thanks to all those who submitted photos / illustrations.



The calendars have been selling well but we do have a small number left which are available for sale at £4 per copy. **If you haven't already snapped up a copy, they can be obtained from Anita Cook (01977 651521).** The calendar is A4 and comes complete with envelope. Apart from being a great addition to your own home they can also make ideal Christmas presents for friends and relatives. All images / photos were taken by Badsworth residents.

Other News (cont...)

An appreciation of Ken Palmer 1943-2018

Ken was born in the village and lived here all his life. His family have farmed the area for generations. He was a skilled craftsman and his work for the village is to be found in several locations. For the Lawson Hut he fitted the kitchen, built the 5-bar gate, was the lead builder on the rebuilt front wall and girder supports for the back of the Hut. Several of us worked with him but he was the master builder who knew how to do it. On the building of Badsworth Way he was the joiner who knew how to drive posts and erect fences. For the church he was the stone mason who rebuilt steps and flooring. The village has lost a major contributor.



(Thanks to Barrie and Ann Slinger for this kind contribution)

Autumn Fair – in aid of Epilepsy UK

The Autumn Craft Fair, organised by Jenny Parkin, in aid of Epilepsy UK, raised £400 and thanks go to everyone who supported the event. Special thanks to the ladies who made cakes!

Badsworth Then & Now

We are pleased to say that work on our new book has begun and we are rather excited at the prospect of getting it published during 2019. The book will hopefully be a nice light, but informative, one with as many photos as we can use. We already have quite a few pictures and material from research that has been done by others in the past, but we could always use some extra photos. We are particularly looking for photos of the village prior to the major developments which have occurred in the last 30+ years. It would be great to be able to do some “Then & Now” montages to show how various areas of the village, or individual buildings, have changed.

If you have anything you think might be of interest then please contact Anita Cook (hancock924@btinternet.com or 651521). All material lent to us will be catalogued and originals will be returned as early as possible.

Reporting Matters to Wakefield Council

People often ask what can be done regarding issues such as overgrown shrubs and trees partially blocking footpaths, potholes, or even dog mess on pavements. The answer is that all of these things, and many more, can and should be reported directly to Wakefield Council. This can be done in one of two ways, dependent on your preference.



You can telephone their customer service department on **0345 8 506 506**. Alternatively, all manner of issues can be reported on-line via the Council's website www.wakefield.gov.uk

To report matters on-line you will need to set up what's called 'MyAccount' but this is straight forward and once you've done it you can log in any number of times and report any issues you feel the council should deal with. This might be fallen leaves accumulating in the roads, drains being blocked, fly-tipping or litter issues and of course dog dirt (especially if on pavements or footpaths).



Once you have logged an issue you will receive confirmation and also notification of when the Council has closed the case. I recently notified them of a build-up of fallen leaves affecting the gullies and drains and was pleased to see the sweeper come through the village the following day.

Loved and Looked After

If you need extra help to walk your dog, either on a regular basis or just once in a while, then give me a call. I will love and look after your dog and ensure they have fun while getting essential exercise. What's more, I'll ensure they come back in a clean state if that's your preference. I work closely with people and their dogs to ensure everyone is happy. I am fully insured and DBS checked so you can trust every aspect of the service.



I live in Badsworth so reputation is important to me. For details of the services and relevant charges please contact me.

Jo Lee 07912 951314



ROGERTHORPE MANOR

JACOBAN CELEBRATING 21 YEARS 2019

We are delighted to be celebrating 21 years in The Jacobean Pub in 2019. With a NEW updated Menu **coming Soon!** With a host of new dishes to choose from along with special nights including "All things Steak", "Spanish Night", "A Visit to Greece" & "Fresh from the Sea" to name a few!

Our special nights will run across Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings giving all our guests the opportunity to join us.

We will also be celebrating memorable dates such as Robert Burns, St Patrick's Weekend & Yorkshire Day.



*Wishing all residents and their friends and families a very happy
and healthy time over the Christmas and New Year period*