### Our Badsworth Way

Issue 3. April 2018



Welcome to the third issue of our village newsletter. Despite the usual signs that Spring is in the air, the month began with cold temperatures and flurries of snow at Easter. I am hopeful that by the time this issue reaches you the conditions will have improved significantly and we will be enjoying more Spring-like temperatures!

Thank you to all those who passed comment on our past issues and to those who have contributed to this latest issue. Please send contributions or ideas for the next edition no later than Friday 8th June 2018 to: Anita Cook, Editor, via email: <a href="https://hancock924@btinternet.com">hancock924@btinternet.com</a> or telephone: 07715 748656

# Badsworth Scarecrow Competition 2018

It's the time of year to now start thinking about your entries for the annual scarecrow competition. We've had a couple of planning meetings over the last few months to get the competition underway. This will now be the 13th year that we've done this and I'm hoping we can all make it a great success. I'd like to say a big thank you to Ann Slinger for organising the scarecrow competition over the past years.



The theme for this year was picked by the children at our village school and the theme is **Book Characters**. This should give us all plenty of ideas to choose from, Harry Potter to Mickey Mouse and Roald Dahl to your favourite super hero.

Scarecrow Week will run from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June and winners will be announced at the Village Fete Day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Scarecrows will need to be in place from noon on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes. Other prizes will include some retro sweet treats provided by another local company.

All you need to do now is drop me a note with your name, address, phone number and email address then drop your entry fee off.

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



### **Church News**

### Badsworth St. Mary the Virgin – open days



As we reported in the February issue, about five years ago the tower of the church was repaired at a considerable cost and a large part of the funding 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 so this year we wanted to make a special effort to achieve this and asked villagers to consider helping by giving a couple

of hours per week to 'church sit' between April and September.

We are pleased to say that St. Mary's church will indeed be open to visitors from April until September inclusive, on Thursdays from 10-00am to 3-00pm, whilst on a Saturday from 10-00am to 4-00pm.

The first record of the church is to be found in the Domesday book of 1086, whilst some of the modern structure dates from about 1350 to 1400. Visitors will be able to pick up a brief guide to the historical parts of the church along with a plan showing the locations and details of donors etc.

### 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 Saturday 12 May 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.



### **School News**

### **Outreach Group**

Our School Council visited the Lawson Hut to take part in some Easter crafts with people from the Prince of Wales Hospice. They had a very enjoyable morning making Easter gardens and having a friendly chat with the patients. The children wore odd

socks for the visit to support 'Sock it to Lymphedema

Day.'

### **Marrick Priory**

Our Year 5 and 6 children were given the opportunity to attend a week long residential in North Yorkshire. The children and staff had a very enjoyable time taking part in a range of outdoor activities including caving, canoeing, climbing and walking in the beautiful countryside. By the end of the week the children had worked in teams to complete challenges and they all encouraged each other to take part in first time experiences.

#### Science Week

Whilst our upper Key Stage Two children were out of school on the residential the rest of the school took part in our 'Science Enrichment Week'. The children all carried out daily investigations and made new discoveries. The children all had the opportunity to work in different classes and rotate round to have different experiences. Some children found out which paper towel was the most absorbent, which surface absorbed the most energy and how to make electricity from a lemon! Some of our parents kindly volunteered to come and speak to children about how they use science and maths in their daily jobs. We hope these visits inspired children to be engaged with the subject and understand how useful science is in our everyday lives.

#### **Forest Schools**

Each half term a class has the opportunity to work with 'Forest Schools'. In these sessions the children are taught about wild plants and tips on how to survive in the country. Since September the children have worked on developing an outdoor area in the school grounds. They have made a tee-pee so no matter what the weather they can get outside and enjoy the fun, engaging sessions. Over the summer term it is the opportunity of our Key Stage 1 children to get involved.



Easter has been celebrated in a number of ways throughout school. On Shrove Tuesday, Friends of Badsworth School (FOBS) gave the children the opportunity to purchase a pancake. These were obviously very popular and the children had a real treat enjoying a pancake with a friend. On Ash Wednesday Father Stephen led a service in church for the whole school so the children understood the true meaning of Lent. This was followed by our annual

Palm Sunday Parade and our Easter Service where parents were invited to join us in church to celebrate this special time. FOBS kindly made each child a chocolate nest as a small Easter gift. As a holiday task the children have the opportunity to enter a spring competition where they are asked to decorate a plant pot in the theme of 'Spring'. We are looking forward to seeing the range of pots when we return after the holidays.



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

### Village Plan Activity

### Village Plan document

The drafting of the 2018 Village Plan is well underway and we are hopeful of having this available in the next couple of months. The Plan will recap the feedback from last year's survey as well as highlight what has been achieved to date and, most importantly, what we are aiming to achieve over the coming years. The Plan will be a living document and inevitably things will change as time passes so our intention is to ensure it is reviewed at least annually.

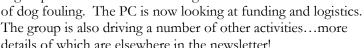
### Green & Pleasant Village

With the arrival of Spring the group has been busy looking at ways of enhancing the look of the village. The group obtained a quote to replace the 2 fibreglass planters on Main Street with ones made of locally quarried stone which will be more hard wearing and in keeping with the character of the village. This has been passed to the Parish Council for funding and

implementation.



The group also passed detailed information to the PC regarding potential new bins and bag dispensers aimed at addressing the issue



#### **Communications**



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. We are now close to being able to launch the new website and are just making final tweaks to the various pages. We'll let

you know when it's up and running! In the meantime don't forget there is still current information on the existing website <a href="www.badsworthvillage.com">www.badsworthvillage.com</a>

#### Conservation

The Conservation Group has been liaising with Wakefield's Planning & Conservation Officer to support the development and adoption of an Appraisal and Management Plan for the Badsworth Conservation Area. Unfortunately a lack of resources within WMDC has meant that they have confirmed they will NOT be able

to devote any time or resource to this document (which has been in draft form since 2014) and so for the time being at least we have had to put it on the back burner. This is extremely disappointing as this type of document would have official status and be able to be used to support planning and development decisions in the future. The Conservation Group is still fully committed to promoting the Conservation Area within the village and to raising awareness and support amongst residents. We will simply have to look at alternative ways of approaching the issues.

### Traffic, Parking & Road Safety

The issues which fall under the remit of this group are longstanding and complex so we never envisaged there would be any immediate solutions. Unsurprisingly, from a Local Authority perspective, Badsworth is not a priority area as injuries and accidents on our roads are thankfully rare. There has often been confusion regarding the enforceability of the 20mph limit and we are liaising with Wakefield MDC to clarify the position especially as it does differ depending on whether you are

a 20mph "limit" or a 20mph "zone".

We will continue to look at ways in which we can minimise instances of speeding within the village but feedback from the questionnaire last year seemed to clearly indicate that people were generally not in favour of additional speed reduction methods such as speed bumps as these can be detrimental to the environment as well as the overall look of the village.

One aspect of parking which we know people are concerned about is where people leave engines idling while waiting. We hope to hold discussions with a number of parties to look at how we can reduce this. This will have to be along the lines of a "Charter" or "Code of Conduct" but please look out for further news on this as we do hope to be able to move this forward in the coming months.



### A History of Badsworth

In the last issue we took a look at the early history of Badsworth. The story continues below and takes us from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century up to the 1850s. Our thanks go to Stuart Spacey for the articles. If you have researched aspects of the village which you think would make interesting reading please send in details.

### 17th to 19th Centuries

In the seventeeth century Badsworth was an estate village owned by members of the landed gentry. During the English Civil War (1642-1651) Parliament sequestered Badsworth from the Royalist (Cavaliers) Dolman family.

Sir John Bright was a captain and later a colonel in the Parliamentary (Roundheads) army who took part in the Battle of Wakefield and the sieges of Pontefract Castle. In 1653 Bright purchased the forfeited Manor of Badsworth. After the death of Cromwell he assisted in restoring Charles II to the throne for which he was created a baronet in 1660. He died in 1688 and was buried with great pomp in the chancel of Badsworth Church. There is an elaborate wall monument in the chancel which pays tribute to him.



By the eighteenth century Badsworth was a typical estate village with the Lord of the Manor residing in the Georgian Badsworth Hall.

In due course Badsworth estate passed by marriage to the Marquis of Rockingham and then to Lord Earl Fitzwilliam

Richard Heywood-Jones,

who bought the Badsworth estate from Lord Fitzwilliam in the 1850s, was the last family to own Badsworth.

More information on the history of Badsworth can be found at www.badsworthvillage.com

### **Coming Up**

### Calling all film buffs...

If you didn't manage to make it to the film / comedy evenings held earlier this month then you missed a treat. There have now been five cinema shows and several



slide projections and these have worked really well. There is now an excellent projection facility in the Hut which is also available for others to use.

Cinema is normally from DVD but the unit has an internet connection and can show anything from the Web.

If you have any queries or would like further information about the facilities please contact:

Andrew Betteridge: 07815 960264 or

Barrie Slinger: 01977 644853

Cinema will restart in the Autumn when the evenings are darker again.

### Sunflower Competition is back!

The village sunflower competition proved a success when it was last run and so it's making a welcome comeback. This year there will be 2 main categories:

- Best Giant, including tallest plant as well as largest flower head
- Best Dwarf variety display for small gardens or containers

The variety you grow is entirely up to you but for those looking for sheer size we are making seed of 'Russian Giant' available at a cost of £1 for 5 seeds. For the dwarf display you can choose any varieties



and we are hoping to see lots of different colours. The final judging will be on the weekend of 15/16 September but we will also be coming round at the end of July and will provide an update on overall progress. Prizes will be awarded and no matter how many categories you want to enter the fee for the competition is just £1 so please do enter. All proceeds will go towards village activities and projects. To buy seeds, enter the competition and obtain our tips on how to grow sunflowers please contact Tania via tanpem@hotmail.co.uk or phone her on 01977 643603. Let's get everyone growing and everyone admiring the sunflowers in Badsworth this summer!

### **Coming Up**

### Tour de Yorkshire - Friday 4th May

The 2018 Tour de Yorkshire cycle event runs over 4 days from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May inclusive and is due to pass Badsworth on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May on Stage 2 from Barnsley to Ilkley. The route takes the race through Hooton Pagnell, South Elmsall, North Elmsall and then along the main A638 Doncaster Road heading towards Ackworth. In



along the main A638 Doncaster Road heading towards Ackworth. In the morning the Asda Women's Race follows the same route as the men but will most likely pass near here around 10.15 - 10.35am. In the afternoon the "caravan" of promotional vehicles is likely to pass by around 2.30-3.00pm, with competitors following at around 4.00-4.15pm depending on speed. Timings are subject to change and although it does not appear that there will be any road closures as such, there will no doubt be delays and disruption in the areas highlighted over the course of the morning and then the afternoon. Full details and latest news/information is on their website. https://letour.yorkshire.com/tour-de-yorkshire-2018

#### "Reflections of Badsworth" – 2019 Calendar

If you haven't already been out with your camera or looking at past photos of the village then now is the time to get your creative juices flowing!. The Green and Pleasant Village Group would like your entries for the 2019 Calendar. Entries should be submitted no later than 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to Michelle Griffiths via email griffithsmgrf@aol.com and should be either PDF or JPG files



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.

We are hoping to display the entries at the Village Fete and get feedback from the public before the final decisions are made as to which images we include. We would like to encourage entries from all age groups and it would also be good if entrants could include a line or two to explain why they have chosen their particular picture (though this is optional). Full acknowledgement will be given to the artists / photographers featured. 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 on 01977 643815.

### Village Plant Sale – Sunday 20th May

A plant sale is being held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at the St Mary's Centre and will run from 11am to 3pm. This will be a great time to buy some summer bedding plants or



treat yourself to new perennials, herbs or even vegetable plants.

If you have started off your own plants this year and are likely to have a few spares please do donate them, either by contacting the people below before the event, or just bring them along to the Centre before 11am on the day of the sale.

Refreshments will be available and we will also be having a raffle and tombola – with a gardening theme of course! All proceeds from the sale will go towards Village Plan activities over the coming year.

For further information, plant donations or offers of help, please contact:

Michelle Griffiths on 01977 645815 Anita Cook on 01977 651521

### Yorkshire Air Ambulance Fundraising – Friday 27th April



Della Rudenko, at The Old Chapel, will be holding a yellow themed fundraising coffee morning at her home on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 10am – 12 noon to raise funds for Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

#### Taekwondo

Taekwondo classes are held on a Friday night at the St Mary's Centre - 6.45pm start £3 per session - 1st session free - everyone welcome. For further information please contact Richard on 07947 279715. Why not try something new?

#### New Class at Lawson Hut

A class now runs every 3rd Wednesday of the month to awaken or deepen your meditation practice. To gain an understanding of what spirituality means for you to create your own spiritual tool box that can be used practically in your everyday life. The class is an opportunity for you to quieten the mind, understand spirituality, connect to the wisdom within you, meet like-minded people, relax, recharge and evolve - call Cath 07825 234222 to book your place, classes costs £8 and can be paid in advance or on the evening.



## 23rd.JUNE 2018

proceeds to local charities

# Scarecrow Festival

Wednesday 20th June - Wednesday 27th June



This year's theme is **BOOK CHARACTERS** 

> Contact Dean: 07952 494466 deanparkin70@gmail.com



Sponsored by: Rogerthorpe Manor and Parish Council

Issue 3 April 2018 12