

# Our Badsworth Way

Issue 11. August 2019



Welcome to the 11th issue of our village newsletter.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this latest issue, especially Andrew Betteridge who provided the above photo which seemed perfect for this issue.

Due to school holidays we don't have the usual school update but normal service will resume in the next issue. In the meantime there's plenty of other news, so sit back with a cuppa and enjoy!

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# Village Day and Scarecrow Round-up

This year has been our 15<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Festival in the village and we had over 30 entries with 9 of those being from newcomers. Thank you to all of those who entered bringing your ideas to life and decorating the village with your creations.

It's always fun walking around trying to guess what all the entries are. This year we had 2 extra categories added to the competition which were the best newcomer and people's choice. For the people's choice we had over 30 votes on Fete Day and it was very close with the winner winning by 1 vote.

All the entries will be available to view on the village website shortly so please keep checking for updates.

I'd like to thank the judges who did a fantastic job of picking this year's winners and donating their time to the competition. Also, thanks go to Rogerthorpe Manor for sponsoring the competition.

This year's winners where.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Prize



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang  
Amelia, Andrew & Max Clutton

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize



Matilda  
Vicky & Chi Wong

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize



Mary Poppins  
Isabell & William Walker

# Village Day & Scarecrow Round-up

## Best Newcomer



Tin Man and  
Dorothy  
Mark Pronger

## People's Choice



Dorothy  
Carol Bevan

The Fete was held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and we had fantastic weather for everyone to join in the activities, which were held in the St. Mary's Centre and the village school. Attractions were varied and included the always popular bottle stall (where do all those bottles come from?), Altofts and Normanton Brass Band, children's entertainer, Village Plan stall and various children's games. If anyone has any pictures of the Fete Day that we could include on the village website then please send them on to me at [deanparkin70@gmail.com](mailto:deanparkin70@gmail.com)

The Fete Day wouldn't go as smoothly without everyone who volunteers their time to make the day a success for us all. So thank you to all of you for your enthusiasm and time. If anyone else can spare a few hours next year then please let us know when details start appearing in early 2020. We already have the first planning meeting arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> January. During the Fete Day, with all the activities including Katy's Pizza Parlour and the Village Plan stall, we raised £1,530 which was split as follows:

Church	£250
Village Plan projects	£370
School	£100
LGI Take Heart	£150
Children's Diabetes	£100
Prince of Wales Hospice	£180
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	£180
Maisies Mini Bus	£150
Community Festival Group	£ 50



# Church News

## Sunday Services

The church continues with the Sunday morning mass at 10.30am, with a visiting vicar at present until a permanent priest is appointed. Due to the parish boundary changes, i.e. the separation of Badsworth and North Elmsall churches, a longer time scale has been experienced. We have priests arranged to conduct the services until the end of November should they be required. Details of the church services and contacts may be found on the porch notice board.



Regards, Roy Fletcher, Churchwarden.

## Explore Inside

Have you ever heard of the Badsworth Beastie, or wondered where the village's war memorial is located? If so, then why not visit the church and take a look. We are pleased to say that St. Mary's Church is currently open to visitors on Thursdays from 10-00am to 3-00pm, and on Saturdays from 10-00am to 4-00pm but only until the end of September so time is running out for a visit this year.



There's a really informative guide book available which will tell you where to find things. Take along a donation and you can also help ensure we can maintain this valuable asset.

The opening is part of our commitment to English Heritage following a past grant. Given that the church needs more repairs we will no doubt be seeking further grants so if you can help by volunteering please contact Roy Fletcher, Churchwarden, on 01924 894391 or email [royflet@hotmail.com](mailto:royflet@hotmail.com)

# Mount Everest Base Camp Charity Trek



Most of you will know me as the organiser of the annual Scarecrow Festival but what you will not know is that I'm taking on the challenge of trekking to the base camp of the world's highest mountain in October of this year. This involves flying to a mountain-side airport where the runway is only 500 meters long and then making my

way up to base camp. The trek will take 8 days to reach base camp at a height of 5,364 meters (17,598 feet) and then 3 days back down. On each day I'll be trekking between 5 and 9 hours with 50% less oxygen when I get to base camp.

## Why am I doing this?

I'm taking on this challenge to raise funds for Versus Arthritis which is a charity that is close to me as my wife suffered from Rheumatoid Arthritis from the age of 12 until she sadly passed away at the age of 44 in 2016.

I am funding the trip myself so that all the money I raise will go to this fantastic charity so please check out my Just Giving page [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search for me if you would like to make a donation.

**Dean Parkin – [deanparkin70@gmail.com](mailto:deanparkin70@gmail.com)**

# Badsworth Book

The book on the history of Badsworth is coming along and is now at the publishing stage so we're working hard to get everything laid out and off to print in the next couple of weeks.

The publication of the book is being financed privately and any profits from sales will be split among three chosen charities, namely:

- Prince of Wales Hospice
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Yorkshire Air Ambulance

I will hopefully have copies ready for sale by the end of September.



In the meantime, here are a few questions to whet your appetite...all the answers and more are in the book!

- Who was murdered in 1887 and why?
- Where did the original Badsworth Hall stand and who lived there?
- What is Badsworth's connection with the female pioneer of cookery book writing, long before Mrs Beaton?
- Who was The Grange built for?
- What's the story behind some of the people buried in Badsworth's graveyard?
- Where was the Post Office located at one time? It's not necessarily where you might guess.
- What did the village look like 100 years ago and what was life like for its residents?



Thanks for the support to date and I look forward to having the printed books ready for sale.

Anita Cook – [acook3043@gmail.com](mailto:acook3043@gmail.com)

# Village Plan Activity

## Refurbished Bench on Ninevah Lane

Following proposals to the Parish Council earlier this year, it was agreed that the bench on Ninevah Lane should be completely refurbished. Thanks go to Andy Betteridge and Barrie Slinger for all their hard work in coordinating materials and the actual construction. The new bench looks great and the materials should last a long time. Thanks also to Badsworth Parish Council for funding the refurbishment.



## Calendar 2020

Following the success of the “Reflections of Badsworth” calendar last year, the Village Plan Committee will be producing a 2020 calendar. We’ll let you know as soon as they go on sale!

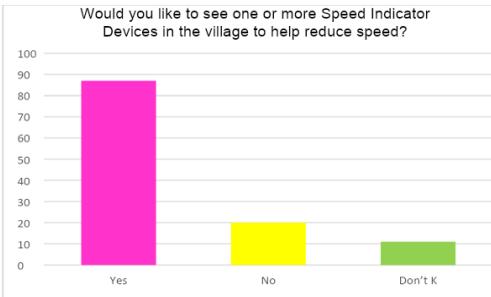
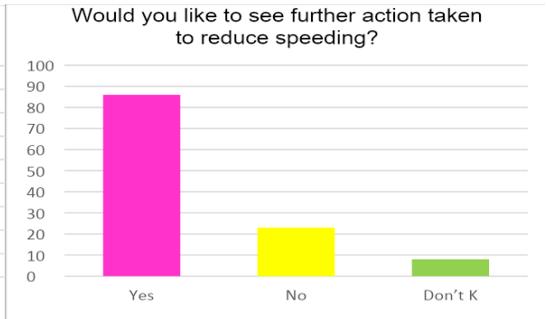
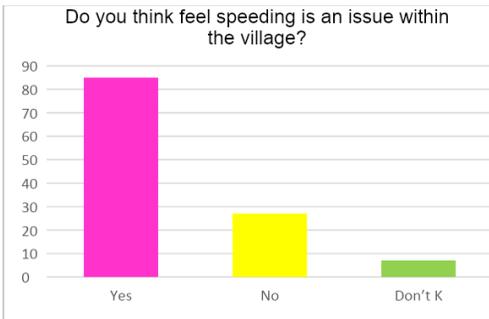


# Speeding Survey

## Results of Speeding Survey and Proposal to Parish Council

Earlier this year the Village Plan Committee decided to ask residents for feedback on the issue of speeding in the village. Although this issue had been covered in the 2017 questionnaire, it was felt we now had more objective data following Wakefield Council's Traffic Survey and that many felt the situation was worsening.

We received 125 completed questionnaires which represented a 45% response rate.



What is clear from the more recent survey is that, armed with some facts, there appears to have been a shift in opinion with regards to speeding. Around 70% of residents who responded felt speeding was an issue and would like something doing about it.

Suggestions ranged from:

- Cameras
- Speed bumps
- Speed indicators

In July, the VPC submitted the data and proposals to the Parish Council for consideration as any lobbying of Wakefield Council or actions to be pursued would naturally fall within their remit and powers.

# Speeding Survey

The VPC requested that the Parish Council:

- Lobbies and obtains support from the three elected District Councillors for actions to be assessed, given the support from villagers.
- Puts forward the strongest possible arguments to relevant bodies for additional measures or actions to be taken eg:
  - WMDC – Speed Indicators or a viable alternative
  - WMDC – review of speed limiters within the 20mph zones as it appears that guidance suggests there should be more physical limiters within the village.
  - Police – education/enforcement
  - School – joint programmes of education of both pupils and parents – though it is clear that the School Run is not the main contributor to the issue of speeding vehicles.
- Works closely with the VPC at all stages



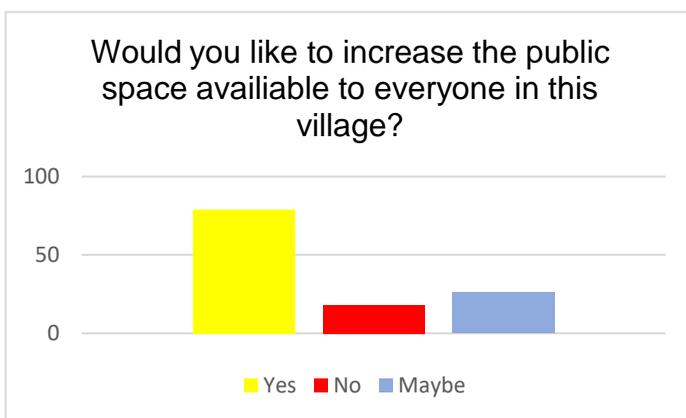
We acknowledged that that Speed Indicators or other speed warning signs and speed limiters would be expensive and may take some time to implement, but sought a solid commitment from the Parish Council that these suggestions be pursued to their fullest, not just in the short term, but over the longer term as well.

The proposals and data were discussed at the Parish Council meeting last month and we await detailed feedback. Their discussions are ongoing and no firm decisions have been made. This is likely to be discussed further at the August meeting and we will hopefully have an update in the next issue of Our Badsworth Way.

# Village Green Survey

In April 2019 a questionnaire was circulated to all village residents regarding the possible opportunities available on a plot of land stretching from the school playing field down towards the Rogerthorpe. The responses have provided some interesting and valuable results.

Out of the questionnaires returned (125) it found that 64% of people were in favour of increasing public space available to everyone in the village. Only 15% said 'No' with the remaining people being undecided regarding any future plans. Of the residents who participated, 38% were willing to pay an extra £15 on annual Council Tax to help fund and maintain the area.



Of the ideas suggested to the residents, the results are as follows:

- Multi-use sports area; 43% of residents were in favour, 31% said No, and the rest were undecided.
- Green parking; 48% were in support of green parking with 21% saying that it depends on the final plans and only 31% saying a firm No.
- Adult exercise equipment; this has split opinion with 44% saying No, 40% saying Yes, and the remaining 16% saying they were undecided.
- Covered sitting-out area; only 39% of people were in favour of the initiative, 42% saying No, and 19% saying they were undecided.
- Walking path; 55% of people are supportive of some form of walking path and a substantial 76% were in favour of planting more trees.

# Village Green Survey

As well as collating the simple Yes, No and Maybe responses, a great deal of work has been done to collate the comments of residents, as these are crucial to the future work undertaken. Broadly, these were as follows:

- A child's park was mentioned by many.
- A lot of people would like to see the area stay green and be used to attract wildlife, with some calling for a duck pond or small lake. Picnic benches were also mentioned repeatedly. People also wanted to see an area for community growing of plants and vegetables, the word 'nature reserve' was used.
- When sports pitches were mentioned it tended to be tennis or bowling, with some mentioning football and cricket. Also, a few people commented on a possible pavilion.
- A lot of people indicated that they would like to see it be an 'all age' area, useful to all the village no matter what age.

Of course, there were also concerns raised about any potential development and these included:

- Security i.e. would the area be lit? A lot of people had worries over anti-social behaviour and possible vandalism.
- Safety of the access to the site if used for car parking, also stopping any unlawful person accessing the site. Would school use the car park unless tarmacked?
- Maintenance and its costs
- The attraction of dogs and what that entails.

The Village Plan Committee has submitted the analysis to the Parish Council as it provided valuable data that should form the basis of the council's future plans. It is believed that plans on this scale need to be driven by the council with as much village support as possible. We are currently awaiting feedback from the council as to how this matter is to be progressed given its complexities.

# News, Events & Activities

## Ackworth Community Library – Volunteers Wanted

Ackworth Community Library needs volunteers to provide support in the library and has a range of role which may interest you. If you would like to be part of a warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere, volunteering with us may be a great way to meet people and work to provide a great service to the community. Whether you can commit to just one hour now and again, or several hours over one or more days each week, we would be delighted to hear from you.



For more information please contact Leah, our Library Manager, via [leah@ackworthcommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:leah@ackworthcommunitylibrary.org.uk) or by phone on 07984 691149.

## St Mary's Centre Coffee Mornings



There is a regular coffee morning at the St Mary's Centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10.30am to 12noon. There are usually cakes and scones for sale as well as a mini 'Bring & Buy' selling home made confectionery, books and house plants. 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.

**PLEASE NOTE: the dates for the September and October coffee mornings have changed due to holidays and will now be: 7 September and 6 October at the usual time**

## Macmillan Coffee Morning – 28 Sept at the Lawson Hut

Della Rudenko and friends will be hosting a coffee morning at the Lawson Hut on Saturday 28 September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The provisional timings are 10.00am to 12 noon but posters will no doubt go up around the village nearer the date and we'll include details on the village website too. There'll be plenty of tea and coffee plus homemade cakes to choose from. Please come along and support this worthy cause.



# News, Events & Activities

## Film Nights

Make a note in the diary...we are launching the season with Calamity Jane on Friday Sept 6th followed by Private Function on Friday Oct 11th. Open from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

## Calamity Jane - Friday September 6th in the Lawson Hut



The film show will be in the Lawson Hut on Friday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. The performance is free, but donations are welcome. There will be an interval when ice creams will be on sale but feel free to bring your own drink. To ensure easy viewing we are limiting numbers to 40 so please e-mail Barrie on

[barrieslinger@gmail.com](mailto:barrieslinger@gmail.com) or

[annslinger@btinternet.com](mailto:annslinger@btinternet.com) or phone 644853.

## Yorkshire Night – Double Bill – Friday October 11th

Shaky Duck Productions are hosting a Yorkshire themed double bill in October, starting with a gentle look around Yorkshire in pictures and music, followed by the comedy film, Private Function, which was filmed in Ilkley, Ben Rhydding and Barnoldswick, with a script by Alan Bennett. Places are limited so please contact Barry Shakespeare on 645407, or Steve Duckett on 648529 to book a place.

**‘Private Function’** - In the summer of 1947, Britain prepares to commemorate the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip. To get around food-rationing laws, Dr. Charles Swaby (Denholm Elliott), accountant Henry Allardyce (Richard Griffiths) and solicitor Frank Lockwood (John Normington) are fattening a black-market pig for the big day. Egged on by his wife (Maggie Smith), meek Gilbert Chilvers (Michael Palin) steals the swine, but the couple must conceal it from inspector Morris.

Admission to film nights is free, just bring your own drinks and snacks if you like. Donations are, of course, welcome, to help meet the cost of the film licence.

# LITTLE NOTION

Yoga . Movement . Wellness

Always wanted to try Yoga and need some calm in your life?

Why not give it a go in a friendly, non judgemental class? Every Monday at St Mary's Centre, Badsworth.

## Village Yoga

6.00pm - 7.00pm - Yoga For All

7.15pm - 8.00pm - Power Yoga

Classes £6

Call Jess on 07947 331980 or book online & check out our other classes via our website [www.littlenotionyoga.com](http://www.littlenotionyoga.com), or check us out on Facebook - Little Notion Yoga

## Unsung Heroes

Following the Fete and other events, Barrie and Ann Slinger wanted to thank a couple of unsung heroes who have contributed to village events but who rarely get a mention. Yvonne and Nigel, who run the café in Pontefract Bus Station, have been giving bread and cakes to a wide variety of events for years (Fete, Church and Village Plan). They have done this quietly and without fuss.

They start work in the early hours of the morning, six days a week, baking and setting up their excellent café, yet still find time to donate to local activities. On behalf of the whole village, a big THANK YOU.

# Forthcoming Events



ROGERTHORPE MANOR HOTEL

**31<sup>st</sup> October Kids “Spooky Halloween Disco” 4-6pm** – Bring your own carved pumpkin, face painting available (not included in cost), fancy dress, hot dogs and juice £10 per child – A supervising adult must be present.

**13<sup>th</sup> November Ladies Lunch “Blooming Christmas” with Mel Colley of Passion Flowers @ 12.30pm** – 2 Course Lunch with arrival fizz, tea & coffee and flower arranging demonstration £25.95pp

**5<sup>th</sup> December Murder Mystery “Gangsters & Molls” at 7pm** – Dinner & Entertainment £29.95pp

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Magical Christmas Fayres 10.30am until 4pm both days (Stalls available to exhibit please ask for details)

We also have our delightful Jacobean Pub available to dine or just join us for a drink! – serving delicious food Mon-Sat 12noon until 9.30pm & Sundays Carvery & Sunday Menu 12noon until 8pm.

