

Our Badsworth Way

Issue 16. June 2020



Welcome to the latest issue of our village newsletter. It has certainly been a challenging few months and life is very different to how we would like it to be but let's hope things are still moving in the right direction by the time this hits your doorstep.

As we head towards the start of summer, our plans for holidays may be on hold or looking a little different, but hopefully we can still look forward to some more nice weather and the chance to sit outside and start to socialise again – albeit on a limited scale.

The format and content of this issue will look a little different to usual but we hope you like it and that it provides you with useful information and a little thought provocation. Do let us know if you like some of the new features or articles!

Scarecrows 2020

Hopefully you are all finishing off your scarecrows when you receive this edition of Our Badsworth Way, if not you still have time to create one. This year the theme is an open one so you can use whatever you can lay your hands on, could even be a previous year's creation.

We normally make some straw available but in light of the current climate with social distancing I thought it best we give this a miss this year, so use whatever you can get your hands on.

If your scarecrows can be displayed during the original dates which are Wednesday 17th June to Wednesday 24th June I'll get them photographed for the village website and Facebook page. Feel free to keep them up longer if you wish.

Any viewings must of course be in line with government recommendations regarding social distancing that are relevant at that time.

Dean Parkin, 07952 494466, deanparkin70@gmail.com

If you need some inspiration, here's a reminder of last year's winner.



Keeping Badsworth Tidy

Over the past couple of months many more people have been walking around the village on a regular basis and have possibly been struck by the fact that keeping the village looking tidy is not always easy.

One area of concern has been the churchyard, although this is something which has not just become a problem since lockdown.

Reverend Charlene Smith, who is currently looking after the Church in Badsworth, is very keen to see the look and feel of areas of the churchyard enhanced and would like to request the support and assistance of volunteers from the village.

Our church can be dated back some 800 years and various graves within the churchyard are also of considerable age and historical significance. Importantly, the graveyard is in current use and areas around the more recent graves and memorial urns are looking particularly unkempt.

The Council does trim and cut the grass but this does not address some of the other issues. For this reason, we are looking to identify people from the village who would be happy to help with some clearing up – probably starting in mid-late July of this year. This way, we can do all the necessary tasks before the autumn weather takes hold.

The following are just some examples of the sort of areas we are looking to tackle:

- The old drainage gullies around the church itself need clearing and vegetation growing up the church walls needs addressing so as to minimise damp issues inside the building itself.
- Many graves are overgrown either with ivy or grass or both.
- An entire rubbish heap has accumulated in one area near the more recent graves and this needs clearing.

A specific plan and list of tasks is being drawn up and we are looking to liaise with Wakefield Council for the provision of suitable bags, equipment and collection of rubbish.

If you could spare a few hours or are happy to help in any way at all, please contact me on 07715 748656 or email: acook3043@gmail.com. We'll put out a reminder on social media nearer the time but please do contact me if you are willing and able to help as that will give an idea of numbers. Because the work is outdoors, we believe it will be safe but we will look to organise the activity in whatever ways best suit the restrictions in place in mid-July.

Many thanks, Anita Cook.

Life in Lockdown

Badsworth Emergency Support Team (or B.E.S.T.).

As the scale of the impending crisis became evident in mid-March, it was clear that many in the village felt a need to feel useful and to ensure that everyone in the village was well looked after. As a result, we created the B.E.S.T “helpline”. This is open to ANYONE in the village, regardless of age or circumstance, and is still operating, and we wanted to remind people that the team is still there to provide support if required. Volunteers can, if required, provide a variety of help such as collecting medication or prescriptions, small scale shopping, providing IT support and ideas as to how to use technology to prevent isolation, as well as just providing a friendly ear for anyone who wants to have a chat. We also have a number of dog owners on the list so we can provide dog walking services if you ever need them. Contact numbers are below and also on the Website so please don’t be afraid to call.



Key contact points:

Anita Cook – 07715 748656

Glenys Richardson – 07879 478261

Sandra Broadbent - 07976 032022



If you do ring and don’t get an answer from one number please either leave a message or try one of the other contacts. Whatever you do, don’t feel you can’t ring, even if you just want someone to chat to. We have volunteers who “like to chat” and are, themselves, looking for company at the present time.

Getting Creative

Many people will have found their usual hobbies and leisure interests curtailed by lockdown, but many are adapting to new ways of working, so thanks to Jane Broadhurst for the following piece, which, if you’re looking to tap in to a creative streak, may be one to investigate.

“Before we moved to Badsworth 8 months ago, I was fortunate to be a member of a ladies sewing group - Inches Between Us. We were creating squares that were to be

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sewn together to create a wall hanging. This was to be displayed at Wakefield's Artwalk. As we can no longer meet as a group each week, the organisers, Dream Time Creative, have set up Doorstep Creations.

Every so often an A4 envelope arrives, with materials & instructions for a craft project. So far, I have created a rag rug, peg doll & a piece of foil art. My next project is to create a papier-mâché bowl.



I'm a creative soul, drawing, sewing, gardening & baking all help me go to my happy place. In these strange times, as we all try & embrace the new normal, I value my hobbies & interests more than ever."

Jane Broadhurst, Main Street.

Other people can get involved. They have a Facebook page, Dream Time Creative. Website: www.dreamtimecreative.org Email: hello@dreamtimecreative.org Dream Time Creative is a social enterprise company, working with both public and private funding organisations to empower the community through creativity.

Poetry Corner

Community Spirit.

It doesn't come in bottles
You won't find it in a jar
But it's something that we all can share
No matter who we are.

You won't find it in the local shop
Or on the supermarket shelf
You can only find it close to home
And you add to it yourself.

It's very nice to savour
And delicious to the eye
It makes you proud to be a part
And everyone should try.

It's easy to get hold of
And doesn't cost a lot
Just a little time and patience
Which most of us have got.

Anyone can give some
And add it to the pot
A bit of this, a bit of that
You really gain a lot.

It's a very special feeling
And warms the coldest heart
When you've made a contribution
And know you played your part.

So if you want to taste it
And add a little too
Just give with warmth and meaning
And God bless you.



Thanks so much to Diane West for this poem and a second one which is on pages 14-15.

News Updates

Staying Connected

We know that many people value Our Badsworth Way as a means of finding out what's happening in the village and simply feeling part of a wider community. Over the past two months it would have been nice to have been able to produce special issues of the newsletter, but practicalities around printing and distribution have made that impossible. However, we did urge everyone to gain access to the village website if at all possible as that could be used to share the latest information.



The village website is a great showcase for the village. There are a number of people and organisations linking back to the website, local history and genealogy sites in particular. It has been updated and reorganised over the last few months to make navigation easier. Since March the website has had over 1,200 views, an increase of 67%. The website address is www.badsworthvillage.com and if there is anything you want to see on the website, please complete the contact form and let me know.

The village Facebook page was relaunched at the end of March this year. No comparable stats for the same period as the website, but over the last 4 weeks posts have been seen by over 900 people, up by 73% over the previous period. There have been almost 1,000 engagements with these posts by liking, commenting and sharing - up by 37%. This is due in no small part to Colin Williams and his piano concert on VE Day. The video has been seen by over 600 people, thank you Colin!



You can find the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/badsworthvillage/> or search for Badsworth Village on your Facebook app. If you would like to get involved in posting updates - local news, information, quizzes or other items on Facebook send me a message.

Thank you for all your support. Jonathan Broadhurst

Cancellations

Needless to say, all social and leisure activities remain cancelled or postponed until further notice. This includes the monthly coffee mornings, film nights, Disparate Housewives, Craft Club etc. The Lawson Hut and St Mary's Centre are both closed to normal business.

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VE Day Celebrations

Despite the lockdown, people in the village managed to find innovative ways to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. I couldn't help feeling sorry for all those people who had spent months (if not longer) planning large scale national or community level events, only to see them cancelled or having to be rethought so as to comply with restrictions. The village-wide highlight of the day seemed to be a virtuoso piano performance of



songs from the 1940s from our very own Colin Williams. Colin's 30-minute concert was streamed live via Facebook and it was great to see how many people "tuned in" and commented on what a great event it was. Our thanks go to Colin for his time, effort and performance, and also to Rowena for filming so we could all share in it!

Garden Bin Collections and Waste Disposal

Wakefield Council's Recycling Centres are now open again but with some restrictions in place, but at least it means that people can now safely dispose of any rubbish or items which have accumulated as part of the tidying and clearing out that many of us have done during lockdown.

We are also looking forward to the first **garden bin** collection since March. These collections are due to start this month and the **scheduled collection for Badsworth is Tuesday 23 June**. WMDC have written to everyone but you might want to make a note of that date! To get the latest information please go on the Wakefield Council website <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/bins-and-environment/bin-collections-during-coronavirus> although we will also try to publicise any changes on our Facebook page.

Update on School Opening and use of Public Footpath

The school is planning to begin a phased reopening from Monday 8 June. This is only for 3 classes and for key workers so by far not the whole school. As part of their risk assessment and following the Government guidance a scattered start and finish time is recommended. Along with this a one-way system for parents is also recommended for drop off and collection times.

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In Badsworth, this means parents will walk down the main school path and up Badsworth Way footpath between St Mary's Centre and the Church.

The amended start times range from 8.45am - 9.15am and the amended finishing times are from 3pm - 3.30pm.

This obviously means there will be more people on Badsworth Way at these times so the Head Teacher wanted to ensure local residents were informed. The footpath is obviously quite narrow so please be aware that the above times will be busier.

Parish Council Meetings

You may be aware that current government guidance prevents the Parish Council from meeting face to face at the moment. As soon as the guidance changes, the Parish Council will review the situation. It is unlikely that the Parish Council will be able to meet face to face until July at the earliest unless government guidance changes in the near future.

The Parish Council is continuing to operate during the lockdown even though it isn't meeting. A process has been put in place to enable the Council to make decisions and deal with issues that arise. The Parish Council can be contacted via email at badsworthparishcouncil@outlook.com.

Once Parish Council meetings resume, the Council has agreed to change the day that it meets to a Wednesday evening to accommodate other bookings at the Lawson Hut. So meetings will take place on the 3rd Wednesday every month at 7.30pm. A public forum will also be held from 7pm to 7.30pm to provide an opportunity for residents to meet councillors and talk about any issues they might have.

Parish Council Update on Hanging Baskets

We are pleased that the summer hanging baskets have now been delivered and put up round the village.

We hope this will bring some more colour to the village along with all the other flowers and shrubs that residents have planted.



Gardening Delight

Over the past few weeks, many of us have been able to spend more time in the garden, and many have become more adventurous with what we are trying to do, including growing fruit and vegetables. I, for one, have various forms of soft fruit growing in pots, and my favourite tomatoes are growing away nicely in a sunny spot at the front. Gardening can be both challenging and rewarding, but most of all it helps our mental wellbeing and can be FUN. We hope to have a regular page on gardening, thanks largely to our unnamed contributor below – “the clot with a plot”.

Allotment Life - Stories from a clot with a plot

“It seemed like a good idea at the time. We downsized our house and bought a cottage with a garden the size of a postage stamp. To be honest I can’t complain, no lawn to mow, only a few weeds to pull up and beautiful views of the Village. Definitely a good trade, but nowhere to grow veg, which is of course what you do if you’re after the Good Life. And to be honest, who wouldn’t want to get their hands dirty next to Felicity Kendal? Lifting up some stone paving and building a raised bed has provided some light gardening duties and attracted a fair few birds and bees. Sadly, no sign of Felicity Kendal so far.

Clearly, I needed a more serious looking patch of ground to work my magic. I am new to this gardening lark. I’m good at digging holes and making wonky wooden structures, which is part of the gardener’s skill set I know. It’s only a small stretch to filling said holes with seeds and small plants and letting nature do the rest. Can’t be that hard can it?



After several weeks of wandering around the village staring jealously at the well-tended plots, bursting with green shoots of, of... what is that? I ask my wife. Onions she says. Ah and what about those? Carrots. She turns and smiles. I can see those maternal instincts in her eyes. There there she’s saying, you’ll get the hang of it one day”.

Gardening Delight

Wise watering

It is rather bizarre trying to come up with some tips on watering your garden or veg patch when it is absolutely tipping it down outside, but given we've had such a dry spell, and we may have a dry, hot summer, it seemed worth sharing a few thoughts – hope they are useful.

- Always try to water in the cool of the day (i.e. early morning or late evening) otherwise it simply evaporates in the heat / sun.
- It's generally the roots of the plant that need the water so don't spray the leaves. Take the "rose" off the watering can or hosepipe and direct the water at the base of the plant and ensure you give it a thorough soak. Better to do this once a week, than give them a little spray every day as you want to encourage roots to grow deep. Obviously very delicate seedlings, or newly sown seeds, benefit from the rose attachment so they don't get washed away.
- Small pots and hanging baskets need daily watering, especially in hot, dry weather. Remember, terracotta pots are porous so they tend to lose moisture quicker than plastic ones.
- If you have tried growing vegetables for the first time this year then remember they can be very thirsty and will need regular watering, especially once they start to flower or fruit.
- If you are using containers then try to use large ones as they won't dry out so fast. If you have lots of small ones try grouping them together to make watering easier and quicker.
- Anything with flowers or fruits will benefit from being fed. The best way to do this is to get some liquid tomato feed and mix that in the watering can as per the instructions on the container. It's not just for tomatoes, and has the right formulation to encourage fruits and flowers rather than just leafy growth.



Church News

Message from Revd. Charlene Smith

Dear Friends,

The night before Jesus died, he washed his disciple's feet, his head leans upon their shoulder and then he challenges them to love one another. We have watched and seen that, which underlines our human frailty. Many hearts have been broken by the images and stories from this crisis that grips our world today, of those who risked their lives, in order to save others.

During these most challenging and dark times, there has been much disruption to our daily lives and rhythms. There has been financial difficulty for many and most devastatingly some have lost loved ones to this virus. This is the most important issue that we face, a global issue that has no discrimination.

Jesus in our Gospels speaks of the love which is practical, it is the love which demonstrates the kindness of God, to love one another. We witnessed to an overwhelming outpouring of love and generosity of spirit. An overwhelming response from local communities, local churches, businesses, agencies and individuals, meeting a basic humanitarian need. Selfless acts of kindness and generosity to help others, deliveries of food, prescriptions, checking in on neighbours and friends and calls to loved ones.

At this time, whatever your faith, I invite you to spend some time in prayer, silence or meditation as we gather together in solidarity and strength. To hold in your thoughts those who are displaced, in danger and seeking sanctuary. I pray that we continue to be motivated through compassion and encouraged to remain committed to helping each other and reach out to those suffering or in pain. I reassure you of my ongoing prayers, especially for key workers and carers, the sick and the vulnerable, for those who have died and loved ones who continue to mourn.

When we reach the other side, this community, like many others will look different, feel different and I'm sure will function differently. We will have experienced a new resurrection, and with the promise of the dawn a new community begins.

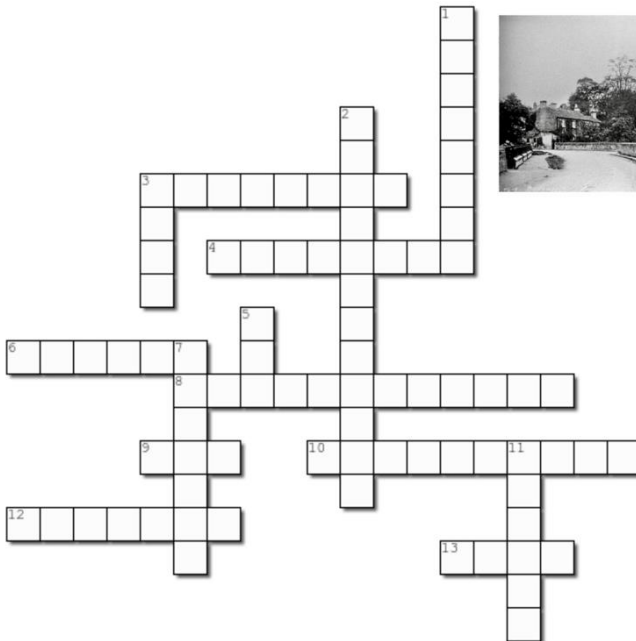
Keep safe!

Revd. Charlene



Crossword

Test your knowledge of Badsworth with this quick crossword



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Across

3. A famous breed of dog in these parts
4. Followers of these evangelical brothers also established a Methodist chapel in Badsworth
6. Badsworth's famous army hut
8. Lord of Badsworth in 1066 (6,2,4)
9. This road is definitely not old
10. This lane shares its name with a former British speedway circuit
12. Badsworth's bin collection day
13. HMS Badsworth was this type of destroyer

Down

1. Our local, named after the reign of James I of England perhaps?
2. An area of special architectural or historic interest
3. There's one of these inside the church
5. We still have one of these
7. One of the Assyrian empire's greatest cities, eh?
11. Not the Hall or Manor

(answers can be found on the back page)

Poetry Corner

The C word (Covid19)

It started with a cough and was followed with a sneeze
The germs got carried through the air and started a disease.
It started first in China, then Italy and Spain
Now it's everywhere including here, life will never be the same.
The Government brought in measures to try and slow the spread
As we saw a daily increase of the numbers who were dead.
They introduced a lockdown and social distancing began
While the scientists find a vaccine, as fast as they possibly can.
It's not like anything known before it's hard to figure out
And meanwhile we all must do our bit, staying at home and not going out
The doctors and the nurses are working round the clock
To treat the sick and dying and they're running out of stock.
They're running out of masks and gloves and ventilators too
But everyone is mucking in, doing the best that they can do.
Apart from all the idiots who don't seem to understand or care
How serious this virus is and that it's lurking everywhere.
Covid 19 isn't fussy, it's got no prejudice
It'll gladly infect everyone, nobody will it miss.
It has a massive appetite and never has its fill
It likes everybody, young and old and it's strong enough to kill.
It never seems to sleep at all it's out there day and night
There are no signs it's going to pounce it's always out of sight.
It hides itself in droplets that travel through the air
Waiting for us to inhale it and spread it everywhere.

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There is no way to fight it yet, so common sense must prevail
Without full co-operation our efforts will all fail.
We need to stand united if we want to win this fight
And come out of this darkness and back into the light.
This time must be remembered and lessons should be learned
From the days we spent in lockdown and the freedom that we yearned.
We can't forget the ones who died and all those who fell ill
At the hands of Covid19, the unseen monster that could kill.
Life will never be the same, things are different now
But if we pull together, we will rise again somehow.
We just need to be patient and help each other along
And don't lose heart, no matter what, united we are strong.
It started with a cough and was followed by a sneeze
But if we stay indoors the air will clear and we'll have clean air to breathe.

Diane West

Please note, this is a slightly abridged version due to space constraints.

Crossword solution

Hope you had a go at the Crossword on page 13. The answers are given in the box at the foot of this page.

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We are always interested in knowing what you think of the newsletter so, given that we have tried some slightly different types of content this time around, we would be especially pleased to hear your thoughts and ideas as to how we can make it even better perhaps.

The next issue will be due out in August and the deadline for contributions is Thursday 6 August. If you have information you think we could include in the next issue please contact: Anita Cook, email: acook3043@gmail.com or telephone: 07715 748656.

For any queries relating to advertising please contact: Andy Betteridge on 07815 960264.

Across: 3. Foxhound, 4. Wesleyan, 6 Lawson, 8. Ilbert de Lacey, 9. New, 10. Rockingham, 12. Tuesday, 13. Hunt. Down: 1. Jacobean, 2. Conservation, 3. Font, 5. Pub, 7. Ninevah, 11. Grange