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Charwelton Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 21st September

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Charwelton Village Hall

£3 Entry for adults, children free:

includes coffee, tea, and cake!

Please come along and help us raise as much
money for Macmillan as possible!

September 2024

No. 397

Badby ☘ Newnham ☘ Charwelton ☘ Fawsley ☘ Preston Capes



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Services for September 2024

	1 September I Trinity 14	8 September II Trinity 15	15 September III Trinity 16	22 September IV Trinity 17	29 September V Trinity 18 S Michael & All Angels	6 October I Trinity 19
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	United Benefice Service of Holy Communion BCP at Fawsley [KM]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay GW]	United Benefice Service of Holy Communion BCP at Fawsley [+ EC]	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]
Newnham	X	X		09:15 Holy Communion CW [AS]		X
Charwelton	09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]	X		17:00 Evensong BCP (Church) [Lay GW]		18:00 Harvest Festival (Church) [GS]
Fawsley	X	11:00 Holy Communion BCP [CP]		X		X
Preston Capes	X	09:15 Holy Communion CW [CP]		10:00 Harvest Festival {Lay HW}		X

OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 17 September 6.30 pm Badby ESOV

SUNDAY READINGS

Principal Service CW

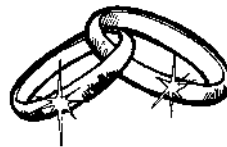
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1 Sep	Trinity 14	Deut. 4, 1-2 & 6-9	James 1, 17-end	Mark 7, 1-8, 14-15 & 21-23
8 Sep	Trinity 15	Isa. 35, 4-7a	James 2, 1-10 & 14-17	Mark 7, 24-end
15 Sep	Trinity 16	Isa 50, 4-9a	James 3, 1-12	Mark 8, 27-end
22 Sep	Trinity 17	Wisd. 1,16-2,1 & 12-22	James 3,13 - 4.3 & 7-8a	Mark 9, 30-37
29 Sep	Trinity 18	Num. 11, 4-6 & 10-16 & 24-29	James 5, 13-end	Mark 9, 38-end
6 Oct	Trinity 19	Gen 2, 18-24	Heb. 1, 1-4 & 2, 5-12	Mark 10, 2-16

FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

at Newnham
on 3rd. August
Holly Jane Edwards
and
Joseph Paul Merry
[by Rev. Dawn Stokes]



*Blessed are you, heavenly Father
You give joy to bridegroom and bride*

EDITORIAL

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ipmorantt!

Despite a reduction nationally in hedgehog
numbers (I blame the badgers) our hedge-
hogs go from strength to strength, coming
regularly at dusk for their feed - and probably
during the night too.

Gerard has kindly sent some notes from the
publication "Caring for God's Acre" which
might offer useful tips to encourage them.

** Facilitate their movement through your
garden, park, or churchyard. Avoid confining
them, as barriers can cause them to expend
unnecessary energy. Provide ramps out of
drains or steep drops.*

** Areas with long grass, dead wood, the bases
of stone walls, compost heaps, and leaf litter,
are often rich in invertebrates that hedgehogs
feed on. Avoid being too tidy. Pile up
deadwood in a shady spot.*

** Be cautious of hibernating hedgehogs that
resemble leaf footballs! Use sharp tools
carefully, especially brush cutters, and avoid
leaving bonfire piles overnight to prevent
hedgehogs from crawling into them.*

On a related natural history front, hasn't it
been lovely this year not to have had a
plague of wasps? Normally at this time it is

too dangerous to walk barefoot underneath
the apple trees, but this year not a sign. I
know they perform a very useful function in
pollination, and I wouldn't wish them any long
term harm, but it is good to be able to eat a
picnic without having to fight them off.

And we clearly once again have a pair of
buzzards nesting in the trees near The Splints.
They are hard at work now teaching their chick
how to forage for carrion and wheeling over
the village with their characteristic "mewing".

There have recently been several postings
on the Charwelton Facebook page about
cars driving too fast up and down Church
Street, and sadly quite a lot of them appear to
relate to Sundays when many of us will be
going to or returning from church. So to avoid
giving the church a bad name, could we all
please be careful to drive VERY SLOWLY,
particularly round the bends at the bottom of
the road and over the railway bridge. That is
a popular walking route on a Sunday, particu-
larly for children and the elderly wanting to
take a quiet stroll. Let's keep them safe.

And finally, a couple of little quotations:
"When you point your finger 'cause your plans
fell through,
You get 3 more fingers pointing back at you."
Anon

"We are here on earth! to do good upon others.
What the others are here for, I have no idea."
WH Auden

David

PASTORAL LETTER

Tempus Fugit ... Time Flies

'Tempus Fugit' quipped Bond as the exploding watch was propelled across the floor towards the evil Blofeld. Well you don't need to work for the British Secret Service to know that one minute you're in your teens enjoying all of life's firsts and the next you've been there and got the T shirt. Life goes quickly and the police are definitely looking younger.

So it was only five minutes ago since the schools joyfully broke up for the summer hols. and now the new term is on the horizon. September is the time for new beginnings. Children join a shiny new class; teenagers head off into the scary world of work or the carefree (and expensive) world of university; the rugby season bursts into life at Franklin's Gardens, the home of the Premiership Champions; and churches crank up their kids' groups, home groups, social lives and community contact.

Tempus Fugit. Time flies. So let's make the best of it. Verse two of the old hymn, Awake my Soul, says:

*Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
and live each day as if thy last;
improve thy talent with due care;
for the great day thyself prepare.*



Or in plain English:

Make the most of every day and use your God-given gifts for Jesus, because one day we meet him.

Enjoy the new beginning that September brings; use your time wisely and well; be creative and sparky in your discipleship; and delight in every opportunity to serve the Lord Jesus

Tempus Fugit ... enjoy!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Ormston'. Below the signature is a horizontal line with an arrowhead pointing to the right.

The Venerable Richard Ormston
Archdeacon of Northampton

BENEFICE PAGE

EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short service is held once a month on the Tuesday evening following the third Sunday at St Mary's Badby at 6.30pm. There is always a brief talk about someone inspirational. All welcome! The next dates are 17 September and 22 October.

BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

Friday 20th September: Saving Mr. Banks (2013)

Historical drama centred on the development of the 1964 Walt Disney Studios film Mary Poppins. It stars Emma Thompson as the book author, PL Travers, and Tom Hanks as film-maker Walt Disney. The film depicts the author's fortnight-long briefing in 1961 Los Angeles as she is persuaded by Disney, in his attempts to obtain the screen rights to her novels. It was nominated for 5 BAFTAs, and both actors give exceptional performances. [127 mins, PG certificate]

For further information about the Society email banddfs@gmail.com or phone Karen, evenings only, on 01327 312158.

BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Think local, act local.

With fruits and vegetables ripening nicely, the focus of Badby gardeners this month is all about the scarecrow festival and village fete. In lieu of the annual show, the intent is to run a small stall which offers home-grown, (and, crucially, cheap) produce to villagers in order to raise money for local good causes, such as the church and village hall. Therefore, you are kindly requested to donate a few of your wonky carrots, unwanted apples and surplus plums to the stall. You have two options: either

turn up on Sunday 8 September with a bag of goodies, or else drop them into Rich & Tori on Saturday 7 September at Threeways, Church Green, Badby (opposite the 'youth hostel'). Thank you, in advance, for your kindness and support.



SUDOKU

[With thanks to Robin Baker]

Puzzle No. 98 - Mild

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Puzzle No. 99 - Difficult

[Solutions on page 11]

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PARISH NOTICES

BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)
website: www.badby-pc.gov.uk

	Reader	Sidesman	Coffee
1 Sep	R. McBeth S. Rose	P. Wakeford C. Wakeford	N. Shaw
8 Sep	P. Wakeford F. Williams	F. Williams J. Hall	G. Morley
22 Sep	J. Jordan J. Hall	F. Williams J. Jordan	J. Hall

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

w/b 2 Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson
w/b 9 Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred
w/b 16 Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner
w/b 23 Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper.

CHURCH FLOWERS IN SEPTEMBER

31 Aug - 14 Sept: Kay Purnell
14 - 28 Sept: Elizabeth Hall
28 Sept - 12 Oct: Gill Nelson.

BADBY & FARTHINGSTONE CRICKET CLUB

The Sunday afternoon fixtures for September will be:
1 Crick Lions away, 1pm start; 8 Pattishall away; 22
Ascott under Wychwood at Longroods.

T 4 U

Friday 6 September at the village hall 2.30 – 4.30pm
is a great day, place and time to get together to drink
tea, eat cakes and talk about summer outings and
holidays.

BELLRINGING

The Wayfarers group of bellringers will be ringing our
bells on Saturday 7 September from 11 – 11.30am
during their outing in this area.
In this centenary year of the diocesan guild of bellringers,
the annual striking competition between the ten
branches of the guild will be held at Byfield on Saturday
14 September. On their way to Byfield, members

will be ringing at Everdon 2–3pm and here from 3–
4pm.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

You still have time to finish your scarecrow, ready for
the festival on Sunday 8 September. There will be a
band, the dog show, teas in the village hall (not in
the Church this time) and many stalls to enjoy.

RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

The meeting in the village hall on Tuesday 10
September from 2pm has been changed to music by
composers' or artists' names beginning with O.

BADBY & FAWSLEY WI

On Thursday 12 September we welcome the
astronomer Mike Frost who will be giving an enter-
taining talk about Rainbows – a fresh look at a famil-
iar sight, from Science to Folklore. To visit or join
this vibrant group of women, please contact Jan
Cooper on jancooper2012@me.com or Moira
Cooper on 01321 703292.

RIDE AND STRIDE

There is still time to organise your walk or cycle ride
in the countryside visiting as many churches as you
can fit in between 10am and 6pm on Saturday 14
September. Sponsorship forms can be obtained
from Chris Richards 07592 728256. 50% of money
raised is sent to the church of your choice.

COFFEE MORNING & CHURCH DRAW

The August winners of the church draw were 1st:
Geoff Pullin; 2nd: Rachel Brodie; 3rd: Hilary
Warburton.

Our next coffee morning at St. Mary's will be on
Tuesday 17 September from 10.30am till noon.
Other than our usual coffee, chat and cake we shall
make the monthly draw, as well as the draw of the
annual bonus prizes of £180, £80 and £40. Come
along to see who will be our lucky winners!

A reminder to the last few stragglers: you have until
the end of September to pay for the renewal of your
church draw numbers.

BADBY PARISH COUNCIL

The new goal posts on the playing field were installed in July. Thanks to all villagers who helped and particular thanks to Richard Green and Badby & Farthingstone Cricket Club for improving the playing surface.

Advisory 20mph speed limit signs will be installed at six locations in the village week beginning 26 August.

We still have a casual vacancy for a Parish Councilor - please contact clerk@badby-pc.gov.uk if interested.

VILLAGE HALL

The Management Committee is planning its events for the next half-year. There will be a Quiz Night in October / November (date to be confirmed) and we will be running the Burns Night Dinner and Country Dancing on 25 January 2025 following this year's very successful event. We are also looking to organise a festive event for all ages in December. Look out for full details of all these events in future issues of The Link. Enquiries to Peter Cooper peter.bvhmc@btinternet.com, 01327 703292).



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NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning
(ellen.henning@hotmail.co.uk)

JULY AT NEWNHAM CHURCH

11th. Coffee morning at the home of Jim and Mary Wood

19th. Funeral service for Ivor Haynes, taken by Bishop Ed. Condry

19th. PCC meeting

20th. Interment of Pat. Lawrence's ashes taken by Rev. Sue Faulkner

24th. Meeting of Benefice Council held at Newnham Church

27th. Churchwarden met with Chair of Parish Council to discuss maintenance of Churchyard.

28th. Holy Communion service taken by Rev. Cell Parkes.

NOVEMBER CLEANING ROTA

1/9 Mrs Cooke and Mrs Wood

8/9 Ms. J Minor

15/9 Mr. and Mrs Ferguson

22/9 Mr. and Mrs Rees

29/9 Mr. and Mrs. Wood

NEWNHAM WI

Newnham WI is back from its summer break and will be meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on September 19th. Our Speaker will be from the Magnolia Barn and will be giving us an overview of painting techniques for "Fabulous French Chic" up cycling furnishings and furniture.

Please feel free to join us for this evening, you will be very welcome. A small fee of £3.00 on the door which will include refreshments is payable. For further information on Newnham's programme and joining the WI please telephone either Sophie on 07711123981 or Chris on 07927465404.



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound
(davidpound1939@talktalk.net)

	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
1 Sep	Fiona Spencer	Graham White
22 Sep	Norman Blenkhorn	Chris Baker
6 Oct	<i>Elizabeth Bird</i>	

Chapel cleaning	
September	Fiona Spencer
October	Graham White

THE HARVEST WEEKEND
Friday 4th Oct – Sunday 6th Oct.

Celebrating our rural heritage.

HARVEST SUPPER
Friday 4th Oct 7.00 in the village hall

The weekend gets off to a nutritious start with our traditional Harvest Supper. Tickets from Norman Blenkhorn 01327 260650 normanblenkhorn@gmail.com £10 (adults), £7 (12 and under). Do come and join us for a three course meal with lubricants from a licensed bar plus entertainment.

OPEN CHURCH
Saturday 5th Oct and Sunday 6th Oct
between 2pm – 4.30pm.



Come and see the church in all its Harvest glory and marvel at the artistry of our highly skilled flower arrangers. Tea and coffee will be available.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
Sun 1st Oct at 6pm.

The weekend closes with a celebratory Harvest Festival service where we'll sing the popular harvest hymns. All gifts of tinned food, packets and fresh produce bought to the service will be taken to the Daventry Food Bank. (They are always very grateful for the contributions provided by the people of Charwelton.)

WHIST DRIVE

The village hall whist drive is on Monday, 16th September at 7.30pm,

CHARWELTON MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Charwelton Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Saturday 21st September from 10am-12:30pm at Charwelton Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy tea, coffee and cake. Entry is £3 per adult and children are free. There will be lots of activities for children and adults to get involved with. We can't wait to welcome you! :)
From 1st September there will be a box in Charwelton Chapel for any donations for the tombola.

100 CLUB

The winner of the August draw was number 33 Meryl Nicholls.

CHARWELTON WALKERS GROUP

Charwelton walks
Sunday 1st September is the date for the next walkers group meet. We are planning a walk to Woodford Halse (and back), which is just under 4 miles. Hopefully suitable for your four legged companions. We usually stop halfway along for a quick break. Bring a tippie of your choice and any snacks you fancy. You're really welcome; come and join us, meet initially at the Fox & Hounds at 10 a.m.

Chris and Trish



FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

FIORI MUSICALI

Fiori Musical are performing a concert in the Church at 6:00pm on 13th September. It will be a celebration of the fruitfulness of Autumn with music by Bach, Telemann, and Morel. Tickets are available online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/fiori and will also be available at the door.

RIDE AND STRIDE

The church will open on 14th September between 10am and 5pm for Ride and Stride visitors. If you want to take part in this event you can obtain the sponsorship forms from Robin Baker. Half the money you raise will go to the church of your choice and half to Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust.



PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare
caghoare@gmail.com

	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning
8 Sep	Gerard Hoare	Anabel Lewis-Bowen	Tic Bridgeman
22 Sep	Kevin Smith	Peter Smith	Flowers Tic Bridgeman

GARAGE SALE/CAR BOOT.
Saturday 31st August

Still time to book a space.
Come along to browse and catch a bargain.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday 22nd September 10.00

Please put any donations of flowers and produce in the church on Saturday 21st.

HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION

Monday 23rd September 19.00 for 19.30 in the Village Hall. Numbers are limited, please book your tickets now. £15 from Claire caghoare@gmail.com

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

This will take place in October, date to be agreed.

REMEMBRANCE LUNCH

Forward Date for Sunday 10th November A roast lunch for limited number in the Village Hall. More

details to follow next month.

PCC MEETING

Tuesday 1st. October. 17.00 at Preston House.

CHURCH CAR PARKING

We are aware parking spaces are scarce, this is particularly understandable when builders vehicles etc are there, although this does not apply on a Sunday. It is important to park along the churchyard wall to Old Rectory gate as close as possible without blocking it. This should take 5 cars. Any offers of driveway parking would be much appreciated. With road closures and proposed yellow lines in the High Street, the problem can only get worse... We are not due another Benefice Service here until November.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our speaker this month will be Steve Pateman, owner of the shoe-wear business that inspired the *Kinky Boots* film and musical. If you would like to join us on Tuesday, 24th September, at the village hall please email our secretary at alewisbowen@btinternet.com by the previous Friday (20th). Entrance is £6.00, which includes refreshments.

For anyone who receives/reads their *Link* promptly, this is just to let you know that the WI will be selling a delicious selection of home-made cakes at the Old West Farm car boot sale on Saturday, 31st August (10.00am to 1.00pm) – come and pick up a tea-time treat!

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning is on Friday, 27th September. Come along from 10.30am to noon to enjoy "bottomless" tea/coffee and biscuits for just £1.00 (small extra charge for cake). All villagers and their guests welcome!



DIARY

This diary records the proposed dates of any benefice, parish or village events. We hope that this will help those planning such events to know what else is going on and therefore be able to avoid any unhelpful clashes of dates.

If you know, or become aware, of events which ought to be recorded please let David Pound, or your village Link correspondent, know.

Events known about so far are:



September

- 3 Newnham PCC
- 4 Charwelton PCC
- 5 Floral Bee Badby VH
- 6 T4U Badby VH
- 7 Bell ringing at Badby 1100
- 8 Badby Scarecrow Festival +
- 12 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 13 Fiori Musicali Concert Fawsley
- 14 Ride and Stride
- 14 Bell ringing at Badby 1500
- 16 Charwelton Whist Drive
- 19 Newnham WI
- 20 Film Soc. BVH
- 21 District bellringers at Newnham
- 21 Charwelton Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 23 Preston Capes Harvest Supper
- 24 Badby PCC
- 24 Preston Capes WI
- 27 PC VH Coffee Morning

October

- 1 Preston Capes PCC
- 4 T4U Badby VH
- 4 Charwelton Harvest Supper
- 5/6 Charwelton Open Church
- 11 Charwelton Quiz Night
- 12 Film Soc. opera BVH
- 25 Film Soc. BVH
- 25 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 31 Badby church electrical repairs

November

- 1 Badby church electrical repairs
- 5 Newnham PCC
- 6 Charwelton PCC
- 10 Charwelton Armistice Day Breakfast

- 10 Preston Capes Remembrance Sunday Roast
- 12 Badby PCC
- 16 Film Soc. BVH
- 17 Charwelton Christmas Craft Fair
- 22 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 29 Charwelton Christmas Prize Bingo
- 29 Film Soc. BVH

December

- 6/7/8 Charwelton wreath making days
- 8 Fawsley Candlelit Carol Concert
- 13 Film Soc. BVH
- 29 Charwelton Beauty & the Beast Panto.

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Solution No. 98

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Pots & Plans: what to do in your garden this September

Philip Turvil, Garden designer in Badby.

Keep 'em going

Bedding plants get tired in September after the excitement of summer. Their flowers slow down and pests and disease may worsen. This includes garden favourites such as petunia and busy lizzie.

But you can keep their spirits up by continuing to feed plants (a liquid organic feed is most helpful). Remove faded flowers, too, and keep watering plants in containers where leaves may block the rain getting to the soil/compost. The autumn frosts will put an end to most summer bedding plants, but extra love in September will continue the colour for longer.

Neat and tidy

September is a great time to neaten up conifer hedges for winter. Some other faster growing hedges too.

Before cutting your hedge, first prepare your space so it's clear and safe to access. Then prepare your tools so they're sharp and safe. Next add a guide to cut to. I like using bamboo canes with string attached to mark straight edges (or sometimes curvy edges).

Finally, prepare yourself, with a cup of tea. Plus protective gloves, goggles and ear protectors (if using mechanical trimmers). I like taking breaks to rest my arms and brush up clippings as I go. This also feels nicer than rushing or having a huge amount to clear up at the end. Biscuits help. As do Elvis songs on loud speaker. Just saying.

Is that gardener relaxing...

Nope. It's a Badby scarecrow... The theme this year is 'summer holiday' for our community festival on the 8th September 2024.

Are there stray materials around your garden that could transform into a scarecrow? I might use my old pots. Or stuff empty compost bags. Maybe miscanthus flowers for hair... Enter your scarecrow for just £5 with proceeds going to charity. See the August Link for details.

Oh, and please say hello to me on the day. Brighten My Garden is sponsoring the festival and I'll be sharing growing tips and selling plants from 1-5pm near the village hall.

Get your trowel ready

It's bulb planting season for spring colour. As the soil softens, it's time to dig deeper.

Soon shops will be filled with bulb packets of daffodils, crocus, hyacinth, fritillaria, and many others. Or buy online where retailers take orders for delivery in autumn.

When buying bulbs, choose a location you're unlikely to want for shrubs or perennials. This reduces disturbance. Locations between permanent plants are useful. As are containers and spaces used for annual bedding plants. The best locations also help hide the dying growth of bulbs after they've flowered, at a least a bit.

Bulbs need care as for other plants, so grow varieties that best suit your garden's aspect and soil conditions. Ideally feed and protect the plants too.

You might even indulge in a bulb planting tool. They're inexpensive, but save a lot of time and effort if you have quite a few bulbs to get in. They make a good present.

Philip is a Badby-based designer with 20 years' experience including Kew Gardens. Philip provides budget-friendly design and build options for small and large gardens. Enjoy year-round colour and control with expert plant selection and convenient layout. Book your free consultation and quote on 07701 296621 or philip@brightenmygarden.com. See Philip's services and five-star reviews at www.brightenmygarden.com.





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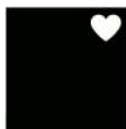
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Council Update

The Council does not meet in August so this update will focus on other matters.

The **Parish Clerk role**. We had a good response to our advert and attracted a strong field. At the time of writing, we have made an offer to an experienced Clerk who currently serves a number of Councils. This appointment will make a significant difference to the capacity of the Council and the workload of the Councillors.

As you will hopefully have noticed, the **gate-effect entrance signs** to the village have been installed. These have been funded through a grant from the Safer Roads initiative, and form part of our approach to help reduce speeding through the village. Many thanks to Councillor Sally Armstrong who delivered this project.

The most significant element of the **drainage improvement programme** has been completed. Inevitably, it hasn't rained since the new drains and gullies were installed so we have still to see the results but it is clear that there has been considerable investment in this project from WNC, for which we're very grateful.

This month marks the end of an era for the Council. Having served on the Council for 6 years, **Jim Simpson** is 'calling it a day'. On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank Jim for all he has done. His knowledge of the Council and how it operates has been invaluable, his commitment and tenacity have delivered many 'wins' for the Parish, and he is always a willing and energetic member of any working party. He will leave a huge hole on the Parish Council.

Jim's departure, together with two other resignations in recent months, leaves the Council in a precarious position with regards to the number of Councillors we have. If we lose two more Councillors, we lose our status as a Parish Council and our functions will be absorbed by West Northants Council. For this reason, I appeal again for new Councillors. The minimum commitment is attendance of the Council meetings which take place monthly. Whilst I'm not claiming that they rival the **comedy nights**, we try to keep the meetings upbeat and as informal as possible, whilst still 'getting the job done'. We are a relatively new Council, keen to enhance the already high quality of life in this special village. If you are contemplating it, or have a nagging feeling that you ought to, please feel free to contact any of us for a chat - **"Your Village Needs You!"**

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