

Babraham

SUMMER 2021

Well what a year . . .

that has been. The Parish Council were aware and hopefully provided help when it was needed during the lockdowns. We had all our meetings on Zoom which was handled very well by the team. A few councillors have come and gone and we thank them for all their help and of course we welcome our new people to the team and I'm sure they will continue to help the community. The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Team are also very active at the moment in trying to protect the village and give it the best chance in years of how things will look in the future. The NP is not all about development it also looks at the environment perhaps opening up new areas for public use and providing good facilities for the future.

MP Anthony Browne (above) visited us on a beautiful sunny day to see the detrimental effect the P and R and busway would have on our village. He's really behind us - he raised it in Commons and is personally arguing against it to Cabinet. I'm currently working on two articles I hope will get published. The fight goes on but having MP on our side is a real advantage. Hope you like the placards!



New development

The housing H1/B development on our border with Sawston is well under way and with people moving in already, I can hardly remember the green fields it used to be. The parish border will change and that development will then be in the Sawston Parish. The proposed new busway will run along side this development!

Traffic calming

Due to the extremely high cost of traffic calming we have decided to submit an application to highways for an assisted purchase, a PFHI, and installation of speed bumps, and this year we have been successful, therefore it is now implementing it. Not a quick process when dealing with Highways!

Parish council meetings

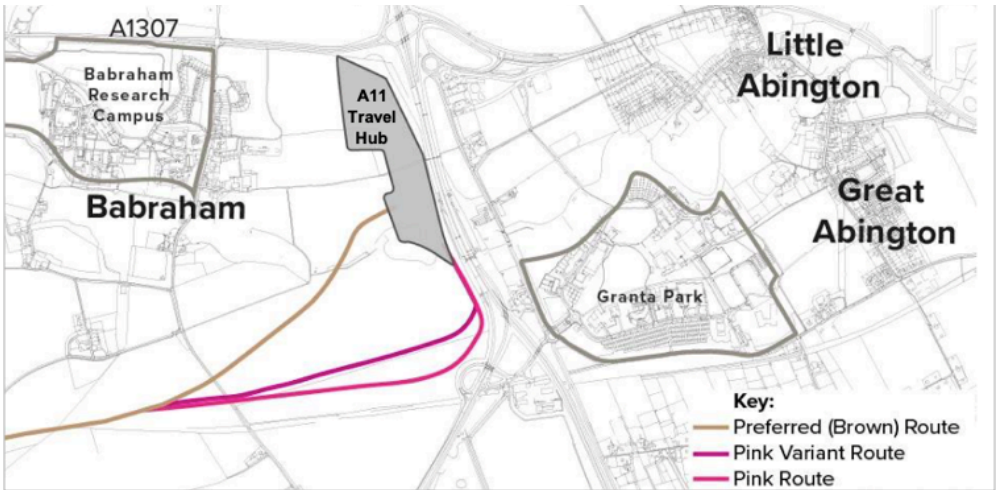
Just a reminder that the monthly meetings of the Parish Council are open to all. There is an opportunity for non-council members to speak, and the meetings are conducted in an informal manner. Please feel free to attend. They are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month (excluding December)

A small group of villagers have embarked on changing the look of the Pocket Park, not dramatically but in the hope we and others can enjoy what is quite a pleasant place to be.

It will take time but walk through every now and again to check. **We have a lovely village, lets work together to protect and keep it this way.**



Councillor Laurie leads the way



Park & Ride and designated busway

This is still going ahead at the moment and it will effect the village not just now but in decades to come. When this project is established they will want to build along its route. By the way do you all know this new busway would cut across the land between us and Sawston. See the map above, the brown line is the route, Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) would like to take. The Pink routes are other suggestions which would seem better for our village and environment. Nothing is set in stone yet so continue to write to GCP with your comments. we are trying to talk with GCP but they are reluctant to have us work alongside them to resolve any problems.

Great support from our villages which also featured on Look East TV and ITV Anglia and local radio! . . . may well help the cause.

The junction to the A1307

All done what is the feedback in the village, I live on the High Street and it has certainly reduced the lorries but there is still work to do there, speed bumps next I feel.
 Email robert.attwood@babraham-village.net



Campus Public Art tree planting day



Stuart Laurie, Chairman of the Parish Council and Robert Attwood were invited along with other notables from the Campus to help Tania Kovacs with tree planting for the new sculpture that she has created. There was a great turn out to help Tania to dig and plant.

Wild life around the village

February 50+ Lapwings arrived on the proposed P&R field, Cambridge Road. They stayed a few days, feeding and resting. Some unusual visitors were six Barnacle Geese (left) who were here feeding on the farmland for a short time. Lovely to see them.



April Fieldfares (right) started to

appear on the cricket pitch before moving to nearby farmland.

May Arrival of House Martins and swallows down by the reservoirs, with Swifts arriving later on in the month.

The reservoir (you will need to have the Farms permission to visit) had plenty of activity during the year and you could well get to see Tufted Ducks, Herons, Mallard with ducklings, Pink Footed Geese, Pochard Ducks, Little Grebe, Common Sandpiper and Pied Wagtails, Egrets, Canada Geese with goslings and coats.



The river Look out for which have been spotted and various times Kingfishers, Moorhens, Otters, Stoat running along Blackdam weir caring food for their young

Browns Meadow Buzzards not so many this year only two compared to five from last year . . . was this due to so many hi-vis people digging up the fields for the proposed new car park!

There are still plenty of Kites, Kestrels, Barn Owls, Great Spotted Woodpeckers and Muntjac Deer to be seen in our area. Take a close look down Rowley Lane and you could well spot Yellow Hammers, Dunnocks, Wrens, Robins, Goldfinches, Bluettits, Great Tits, Skylarks and Chaffinches.

I even spied our Grey Partridges on the Sawston Road fields. Late news a Nuthatch has been seen. Keep you eyes open we want to add to this list.

Jane Goody



The Defib

We have a defibrillator which is situated by the post box in the heart of the community. Thanks to Charlotte for having the idea. We hope to have a few sessions from Richard Bandy when the covid restrictions allow on how to use it!



War Memorial

Chris Morris has cleaned the stone and it looks really good, thanks Chris good work.

We have three new editions

- 1 A **new bench** for the High Street, the old one will be moved to the Pocket Park, giving us two there, it is a lovely spot!
- 2 A **library box** which we hope you will put into good use. It will be situated in the heart of the village near the War Memorial.
- 3 Lastly a **new noticeboard** will arrive one day, Covid has delayed the make of but we hope it will arrive in the not to distant future.



We have a new website check it out

**[www.babraham-village.net/
community/babraham](http://www.babraham-village.net/community/babraham)**

Church News

We are very sad to bid farewell to our Lay Reader, Sara Merritt who is relocating to Suffolk shortly. We are very grateful for her contribution to church life as secretary to the PCC, host to the Wednesday Housegroup, Better Brew cafe and Fairtrade outlet and the charity shop St. Peter's chest. She has been an enthusiastic supporter of carol singing round the village and offered a Christmas Family Service regularly. She provided a venue for the popular film nights run by the (now happily retired) vicar. We will miss her hospitality and vibrant and colourful personality and wish her every happiness in her new home.

We are delighted to share the good news that our new vicar, the Rev. Kathryn Waite will be inducted in St. Mary's, Sawston on June 21st. and will officiate at her first service here in St. Peter's on Sunday, June 27 th. at 3 p.m. Please come and welcome her! It is our Patronal day when we host an afternoon tea for The Friends of St.Peter's (of whom many of you are members).

More happy news in that we have had two marriage ceremonies in June, Jessica Woodward, formerly of this village and her fiancé,David, and also Rebecca and Mark currently residing in Babraham. We wish them every happiness in their lives together.

We are hoping to provide refreshments in the church on the first Saturday's from 2 to 4 p.m. and look forward to seeing

you. We open the church every weekend for the spring and summer between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for anyone who would like to visit.

We can now offer toilet facilities as the lengthy and costly project is completed. Many thanks to all who worked so hard on this project, particularly Richard and to all who contributed so generously. There will be a plaque commemorating the Friends and major donors..

Our roof requires more maintenance disappointingly soon after the last repair so we appeal to your generosity yet again!

Many thanks for your support and encouragement. Sheena (co-church warden). We are grateful to the Parish council for continuing with the grass cutting in the church yard, it always looks lovely. It is a special place and so nice for families to be able to make use of the space for picnics. But of course be mindful of the river and please take litter home with them.

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Monday: Lynton Way, Sawston - 6.30pm

Wednesday: Lynton Way, Sawston - 6.30pm

Thursday: The George, Babraham - 9.30am
Lynton Way, Sawston - 7pm

Angela will put you
through your paces

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