

# Badwell Broadsheet

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## Silver Ash Jumble Sale

18<sup>th</sup> May

Village Hall

Doors open 2pm

Entrance 30p

Any enquiries, call Barbara 258918



## Red Cross Week

The International Red Cross & Crescent celebrates its 150th birthday this year. It is the world's largest humanitarian organisation, offering assistance wherever it is needed across the globe and in our local communities. Last year the British Red Cross helped 3000 people with free medical equipment loans in Suffolk. If you need a short term loan of a wheelchair, commode etc call us on 01284 727 252.

The Red Cross has introduced free Emergency Awareness events in Suffolk villages, showing communities how to prepare for emergencies and how to recover afterwards, and our Fire and Emergency Support Service attended three night-time house fires over Christmas, providing a refuge for families whilst the emergency services were in attendance..

The volunteer Event First Aid teams have been raising funds for new equipment . We have replaced the ambulance in Mildenhall and have new life saving

defibrilators in Newmarket. Last year Red Cross first aid volunteers attended over 100 community events in Suffolk. The new Red Cross Open Gardens leaflet will soon be available at libraries and tourist information centres. We've many new gardens to visit across Suffolk- so do join us for flowers, tea and cake.

Red Cross Week is May 5th-12th - please help us to raise £15,000 in Suffolk by holding a pub quiz, putting a collection can in your local shop or even jumping out of a plane.

If you would like me to talk to your local group about the work of the Red Cross (or for anything else) contact Jane Dow on 01284 727247.

**Every penny that we raise in Suffolk gets spent on helping people in crisis in Suffolk.**

## Badwell Ash Village Hall Update

After a period of management of the Village Hall by the Parish Council, a group of enthusiastic volunteers have come together to form a new Village Hall Committee. We have some ambitious plans based around developing the social life of the village and at the same time raising funds to help with the redevelopment of the Hall. The building project will make the Hall a much more pleasant place to be than it is at the moment as well as dealing with some of the current structural issues.

We recently held a Bingo evening with over 50 people attending for "eyes down" and we raised just under £200 for the Village Hall. This is going to be a monthly event and the next Bingo evening is on the 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm, look out on the village notice boards and in the shop for more details and put the 8<sup>th</sup> June in your diary as well!

We have all sorts of plans including erecting a Village sign for Badwell Ash (there will be a competition for the design, details later) What we really need is some help and would welcome anyone who felt they have a good idea to come along to our meetings and tell us about it and help us to make things happen.

Unfortunately the Village Hall was broken into last week. Nothing was stolen, as there is nothing there to steal! But the damaged doors and need to be replaced. The insurance excess is £250, which means that all the hard work put into the last Bingo evening will be spent

on getting the doors fixed, which is very frustrating for all involved. Alexis Farmer (secretary) has been in touch with Community Action and they have promised to come and do some work in the Village at no cost to us. So hopefully when the vandals are caught they will be given a community sentence and end up clearing up around the village - that would be justice in action!

Our meetings will be publicised and anyone is welcome to come along and get involved. Come and meet us and help us to make your Village Hall a much better facility for Badwell Ash.

*Simon Guise Tel: 258641*

### **VILLAGE HISTORY: CAN YOU HELP?**

We are a group of volunteers wishing to put together the history of Badwell Ash. We are interested in both "official" history and people's stories, memories and images of the village.

Do you have stories, photographs, maps, documents or any other information?

Do you know people whose knowledge might be of use?

We will come to you at your convenience and record everything for you - you don't have to write anything down!

Please contact: Julie on 259158 or Pat on 258538

### **Lake for anglers, says Brian Sutton**

We live at Shackerland Hall and own the lake area accessed by public footpaths from Hunston Road and Westley Way. I have been in communication with the Parish Council on the dog fouling issues in Badwell Ash and have offered my help and support as I have been having issues around the lake area because of the isolated nature of the land in relation to the house.

In an attempt to resolve this I have given permission to the Bury St Edmunds Angling Association to use the lake and surrounding area exclusively for their club members. They will take control and appoint a bailiff to ensure the area is correctly managed and looked after. They will have authority to ask dog

walkers to keep dogs on a lead, use the public footpath, respect the environment and importantly prevent any re-occurrence of children swimming in the lake when we get any better weather. This in particular has been a big concern for us during past summers and has consumed local police resource.

Obviously we are keen to publicise this information and allow other local anglers to fish at the lake, but they would have to become members of the BSE Angling Club. The treasurer of BSE Angling is Steve Bull and he can be contacted on 07831494001 or email [stevebully@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stevebully@hotmail.co.uk) for further information. An annual season ticket is required, which runs from the 1st of April.

*Brian Sutton*

### **Police report : attempted burglary**

At midday on 1 April someone attempted to enter a residence on Orchard Way. The door was unlocked, but the owner was at home and the door chain was on. offender then fled. The occupier described him as:

Male; about 6'2" ; large build; greying brown short hair; wearing blue jeans and a dark blue jacket.

This was a deliberate attempt to steal from the property, as there is no public right of way nearby and you had to go walk down the resident's drive to get to the front door.

If you have any information, call Crime Reduction Officer Phil Kemp, Mid Suffolk Constabulary, Tel: 101 Ext:3388

### **School News**

The school is moving into what hopes to be an exciting and busy term. Staff are busy planning a topic on Castles and a topic on How does my Garden grow? to run alongside each other for the term. Plans are in place for a visit to Stanstead Mountfitchet Castle and a walk to Langham Church for Ascension Day. The children in Willow Class are now swimming weekly at RAF Honnington. Links to Badwell Ash Under 5's continuing with weekly visits to Oak Class. Staff are planning sports day and a special end of term service in the church in July. With the children's confidence in independent learning growing, and the school focus on supporting their growth, this looks to be a busy and exciting term. Watch this space for more news!

*Mrs K McGrath-Wells*

## Go Green

A company based in Badwell Ash wants us all to go greener and become better off in the process. Energywise East installs solar panels in Suffolk. 'Solar PV panels make you money, save you money and help you reduce the amount of electricity you draw from the national grid,' explains Marc Mason. 'You make money from every watt of electricity your panels make from daylight -it doesn't even need to be sunny. This is guaranteed and monitored by Ofgen, the government's energy regulating body. Your energy company will also pay you for energy you make from your panels but don't use, which is automatically fed back through your meter to the national grid.'

To join the scheme, homes need to pass a survey which calculates their energy performance. Energywise East carry out these surveys, and find over 90% of homes qualify.

'We have seven years of experience, and all our work is guaranteed, insured and certified,' says Marc. 'We work closely with our suppliers, we are independent and we believe our service is excellent.'

For more information call Marc Mason or Susanna Hornby on 01359 259721 or 07735 630860, or visit [www.energywiseeast.co.uk](http://www.energywiseeast.co.uk).

## Parish Council Report

The parish council met on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. 5 members of the council attended and 10 members of the public were present.

Again, the issue of dog litter was raised by the public. The council will consider further measures to try and stop this menace.

Thanks go to the volunteers who cleared the litter from the passageway between The Street and Orchard Close. Although the council employs a street cleaner, litter throughout the parish is an ongoing problem, and it has been reported that the junction of Back Lane and The Broadway is a popular spot for fly-tipping. The council have reported the matter to MSDC and they will monitor the situation and try to identify the perpetrators, and once identified will lead to a prosecution. If you know who is tipping here, or anywhere else in the parish, or can help identify the culprits, please let the council know.

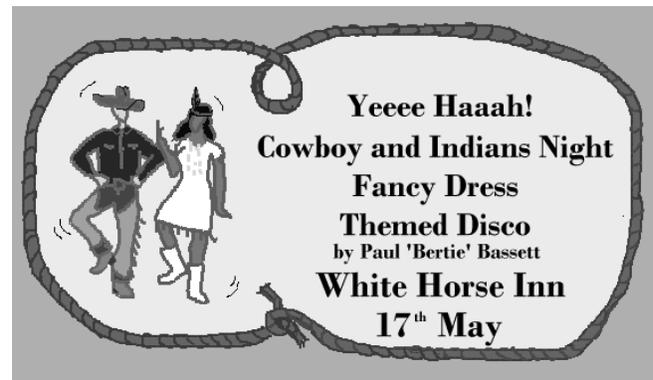
There were no planning applications this meeting, but

MSDC advised that a tree preservation order had been placed on the oak tree group near The Bailey and Elmtree House.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st. May, 2013, in the village hall starting immediately after the Annual Parish meeting, which will start at 07:00pm

Finally, this is my last report for the parish council as, I am sure you know, I have resigned from the council as of the end of March. Thank you all for your help and hindrance (more help than hindrance!) in making my term of 13 years interesting.

*Andrew Catchpole, Outgoing Clerk, Badwell Ash Parish Council*



**Yeeee Haaah!**  
**Cowboy and Indians Night**  
**Fancy Dress**  
**Themed Disco**  
by Paul 'Bertie' Bassett  
**White Horse Inn**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May**



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**Pub Quiz**  
**June 2**  
**7pm**  
White Horse Inn, Badwell Ash



**Rock, pop and soul band**  
**CROSSOVER**  
at The White Horse Inn **13 July**

Back by Popular Request



**Half Ton Man**  
White Horse Inn **3<sup>rd</sup> August**

### **The Under 5s say:**

"A huge thank you to all those who have supported us, made donations towards and helped raise funds for us. It is thanks to those people and the hard work and determination of the staff that we are still open. Our numbers of children are steadily growing and we are confident that we will continue to expand. We will be continuing to hold events over the next few months to fundraise to improve the outdoor facilities and towards daytrips for the children. And we are very keen to raise awareness of the Preschool outside of the village."

*Julie Evans*

### **Long Thurlow's Artists Open Studios**

Two artists in Long Thurlow are opening their studios to the public over weekends in June as part of the annual Suffolk Open Studios (SOS) scheme. They will also be showing at an Exhibition of all artists in the scheme at Blackthorpe Barns in May. All events are free.

#### Showcase Exhibition

Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham (junction 45 off the A14)  
18th -27th May 11am- 5pm

#### Sarah Brown Fleming

Pounde House, Long Thurlow Road. Tel:259625  
1/2<sup>nd</sup>, 8/9<sup>th</sup>, 15/16<sup>th</sup> June  
11am – 5pm

Sarah works mostly in oils, with some ink and wash and watercolour. She paints portraits, figures and still life. She undertakes commissions. This is her first open studio event for SOS.



#### Adrian Rumbles

Long Thurlow Gallery, The Grange, Long Thurlow Rd, Tel: 259332  
1/2<sup>nd</sup>, 8/9<sup>th</sup>, 15/16<sup>th</sup>, 22/23<sup>rd</sup>, 29/30<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 5pm



Adrian is a contemporary artist, painting in oils, watercolours, acrylics and mixed media. He also sculpts in steel. He draws influences

from the local landscape, particularly Badwell Ash's sand and gravel pits. Adrian undertakes commissions and runs workshops at his studio.

The locations of the studios will be signposted during the Open Weekends in June. Further information can be found in the SOS Directory leaflet available in libraries and some shops.



## Badwell Ash Fun Day



# July 13<sup>th</sup>

12 noon - 4pm

Birds of Prey , Majorettes,  
Dog Display Team, Kuk Sool Won

### Stalls, Food & Drink, Music and much more.....

at the Badwell Ash Village Playing Fields and Hall

### **Quiz Night report**

The Annual Charity Quiz Night in March made £300 for charity. Thanks to all who attended and we look forward to seeing you again next year. Bring some friends.

*Ted Evans*



## Night

11<sup>th</sup> May & 8<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm

At (and raising funds for) the Village Hall

**Thank you to those who Volunteered** to distribute Broadsheets after the request in the last issue.

**Any News?** Please call editor Sarah 259625, or email [badwellash@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:badwellash@hotmail.co.uk) with any news/events etc for publication – we can't print it if we don't know about it. The Broadsheet is funded by the Parish Council .