

Badwell Broadsheet

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Fancy playing Footie?

I have been asked by the parish council to try and get a grant to improve the football pitch. Suffolk FA has asked who would use the pitch if they gave us a grant.

We have a football team at the moment, but I think the FA would like to see more people use the pitch. Is anyone interested in starting eg a junior team, ladies team, senior team etc? Does anyone have any other ideas for uses of the pitch once it is done?

Please contact Stephen Rose on 07714273669.

In Aid of the Village Hall



**Coming
End Feb!**

Check
Signs
by
Village
Hall
Drive

Robbery at the Shop

Police are appealing for witnesses after the robbery of the village store in Badwell on 16th December. At approximately 5am two white men brandishing wrenches entered the shop in The Street, threatened the shop assistant, and left with an amount of cigarettes.

The shop assistant was not injured during the incident. A silver transit-style vehicle was recovered from outside the shop.

Enquires are continuing. Police would like to hear from anyone who saw the two men. Call Bury Priority Crime Team on 101 quoting ST/14/3368 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



**EVERY
2nd
SATURDAY
of the Month!
Village Hall**

Check signs at the end of Village Hall Drive

Church News

The following services will be taken at St Mary's Church by the Rev Pam Robson :



Family Service on Sunday 8th February at 11am. Stories, songs and craft for everyone; with refreshments

Mothering Sunday Service
15th March at 10am



Do come and join us for these services.

Angela Brooks, church warden, Tel: 259587

TOAD TIMES

It is coming up to toad time again! Between end of February and early April, toads will take their hazardous journey back to their breeding pools. For the last four years we have been helping toads cross roads at sites near Badwell Ash and in Walsham-le-Willows. Last year we saved nearly 1000 toads at these sites but saw quite a sharp decline in numbers at the Badwell Ash site - therefore the need for help is even more important.



Drivers – we need your help. Toads migrate after dark when the temperature is above 5°C on damp evenings. Look out for the toad signs and drive carefully and as slowly as is safe. If you can safely stop or go round a toad please try and do so. Also look out for the toad patrollers!

We have a great band of volunteers, but despite our efforts we know we lost several hundred toads last year. The more volunteers we have the more toads we can save. Could you spare a couple of hours once a week from late Feb to early April? No experience is required – we give a short training session and can provide equipment.

If you can help in any way, please contact ASAP:

Liz Miles tel: 258317 e-mail: miles.liz@gmail.com

Jill Whittaker tel: 259943 e-mail: jillwhit@uwclub.net

CALL FOR HELP!

Would you enjoy helping us to develop a project which will bring to life the work that has been done to identify the families and homes of the villagers of Badwell Ash in the run up to World War One?

If you want to know more, please come along to talk about this:



Date: **Friday 20th February**

Time: 7:30

Venue: Badwell Ash Village Hall

Or email donia.stick@gmail.com

DVD of Village Sign Ceremony on sale

The Village Sign & War Memorial ceremony which took place on 3rd August was filmed.

DVDs of the event are available and cost £3 per copy, with proceeds going to the Village Hall Fund.

Contact Karl Hottt, Parish Council Chairman, on karlhottt@me.com or 01359 258438

Village Hall Events News Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas workshop on the 10th of December where we made Christmas wreaths and garlands. We had a fantastic turn-out and it is hoped that everyone enjoyed themselves! We certainly shared a few laughs and a few glasses of mulled wine. Special thanks to Ashlea and Maureen Norris, Louise Stirland of Fleur de Lys and Tina Crellin for their help. We have raised £130 for the Village Hall funds.

Our carol-singing procession on the 22nd of December was another success raising £102. Our very own resident Father Christmas in his trailer sleigh with bells and lights toured the village again accompanied by the numerous singers. All children met along the way received a small treat from Santa. Thank you to all who came and joined us in our angelic singing and all those who gave generously, and to Norwich House for the warming drink to help us along the way. Special thanks to Richard Flack, Kenny Kelly and Mick Johnson.

It also deserves a mention that a carol-singing visit to the Stowlangtoft Nursing Home took place too, where the residents were entertained and joined in the singing.

They were particularly pleased to see and hear the children sing the old and new favourites. Special thanks to Elaine Channen for organising this and our much needed refreshments, and to Richard Flack, Kenny Kelly and Mick Johnson and everyone who came.

Julie Evans

New Badwell Ash Local History Recorder

As from late 2014 I have taken over the role of the Village Recorder from Margaret Symonds who has been wishing to stand down for some time. This role is connected to the Suffolk Local History Recorders Scheme (SLHC). The SLHC is a voluntary group of historians who support and advise local Recorders and history groups to avoid the loss of historical records for posterity. My work will involve compiling an annual report which will be stored in the Bury Records Office. Any village in Suffolk can participate in this scheme and deposit these annual reports. At the moment some 290 villages are involved with this scheme.

For the 2014 Report I have been asked to submit a short précis of our parish and any notable historical events during the year.

Going forward, I will be collating any leaflets, photos etc. about life in the village and would appreciate if you would let me have any news for this coming year, and beyond that you feel should be included so that we can have a record of what will become tomorrow's history.

Please contact me, Pat Monk, either by email: patmmonk@gmail.com or speak with me in person – 01359 258538.

Great Ashfield and Badwell Ash WI

We are a like-minded group of ladies who meet at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month in the Lord Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield. To tempt you here are the talks for our next meetings:

Feb 12th --The English Gypsy Caravan by Geoffrey Kay

March 12th -- Savvy Shopping by Liza Jones

April 9th -- Circumnavigation Round the World by Containerships by Peter Hesketh. This meeting is an Open Meeting - all are welcome to this interesting talk.

Further details from Lyn 01359 259637 or Sue 01359 242422



Unfortunately, the children's play equipment was condemned at its annual safety inspection in October and was uneconomical to mend.

The Parish Council would like your ideas.

What kind of equipment would YOU like on the playing field?

Children: tell us what you would like

Teenagers: what do you want?

Adults: would you like outdoor fitness equipment?

If you have ideas let a Parish Councillor know OR
Email Sandra Brown, the parish clerk, at:
Sandra_brown60@hotmail.com or write to her at Chapel
House, Elmswell Road, Great Ashfield IP31 3HH

Parish Council Reports for Nov & Jan

A meeting was held on 20th November in the Village Hall; seven members of the public attended.

Reports read included information that the energy-from-waste plant was up and running, recycling centres now take extra items and MSDC have now banned sky lanterns from their land.

The Parish Council had a Highways site visit with Suffolk County Council (SCC) in October, highlighting various highways issues. The flooding in Hunston Road has been addressed. The drainage problem outside the old school building is listed as a priority, and flooding on Langham road has been passed to the water engineers at SCC who will be writing to the landowners concerned.

The Parish Council hopes to employ a maintenance person one day a month to carry out minor issues throughout the village including cleaning signage,

cutting back vegetation and keeping drains cleared.

There were no planning applications.

A meeting was held on 22nd January in the Village Hall eight members of the public attended.

County Councillor Jane Storey's report included that there would be a consultation on the closure of 9 Children's Centres in Suffolk. She agreed to help find out what was happening to the old school building and to find monies to help the PC with the cost of repairing the Village Hall driveway.

Suffolk Constabulary reported 3 crimes had been reported in Badwell Ash since the last meeting. 1x Robbery: business property – 1 x Criminal: damage to a vehicle – 1 x Burglary: other building with intent.

A tree preservation order had been served on a number of the trees in the grounds of the old school. SCC asked whether the community would be interested in incorporating the school playing field, which is owned by SCC, into the community playing field. The PC are seeking clarification on any costs involved but are happy in principal for this to happen.

A resident reported an increase in dog waste on the Crescent. One suggestion was to ring 101 to report the problem. Dog owners: please pick up after your dogs.

Three non- working street lights have been reported to SCC. Residents may report a non-working street light (unit number on each pole) to customer services at SCC by telephone: 03456 066067 or on their website.

The PC has agreed to employ a sub-contractor to carry out minor maintenance works throughout the village when necessary. One planning application was received for a new cart lodge at Rowan Cottage; the PC had no objections. Cllr Rose had met with Suffolk FA to look at ways to improve the football pitch and how to take this forward. The history group asked the PC for help in applying for grants to create a walk through the village with a phone app/leaflets describing highlights. A working group had been put together to help push this forward.

A BIG THANKS to fund raisers for the Village Hall who have raised £132 from Christmas events and £360 from Bingo.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 19th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Sandra Brown, Parish Clerk. Tel: 01359 242304
E-mail: Sandra_brown60@hotmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch meet Police

Mike Thomas, Long Thurlow's Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, attended a meeting held by the Suffolk Constabulary Safer Neighbourhood Team in January to discuss local policing and associated issues. Here is a précis of what was discussed:- It's better to dial 999 or 101 rather than try to contact the police via a local station. Stations like Elmswell are not always manned but there are always 5-6 officers and a sergeant on duty 24/7 in Mid Suffolk. If you want to meet PCSO Vince Clarkson & PC Clare Wayman, who cover our area, they regularly attend the Wyverstyone Saturday coffee morning and try to attend Parish Council meetings to keep abreast of concerns. There are also pop-up mobile police surgeries throughout Mid Suffolk. Register for Police Connect -which sends local crime info via SMS, phone or email -or find more information at www.suffolk.police.uk. The Police recommend that valuable items are registered on Immobilise (www.immobilise.com). Many recovered stolen items cannot be returned to owners because there is no way of tracing them. Interviews with convicted burglars have shown that

they frequently target homes at dusk at this time of the year and especially where there are no lights on and no car parked outside – i.e. before people return from work/shopping. Consider using lights on a timeswitch. The majority of crime in our area is domestic, and speeding in villages is the most common concern. Rural crime will be a police upcoming priority – one person has been arrested with a collection of empty drums suitable for diesel or heating oil Hare coursing will be another upcoming priority; 300 cases were reported in 2011, down to 30 in 2014. 30 too many. The next meeting will be held at Thorndon Village Hall at 7pm on April 27 and anyone is invited to attend.

Thanks to Silver Ash Organisers

After three years, Barbara Farrow has stepped down from her role of running the Silver Ash. June Tyte, who did the banking, has also passed on her role. Both remain members of the group. Angela Johnson and Maureen Howlett have taken up the reins. The **Silver Ash Jumble Sale** will be held on 16th May. If anyone has anything to contribute please call Angela on 258028 or Maureen on 259306.

Badwell Ash local organizations, clubs and groups

Organisation	Contact	Phone	Meets	Where
Art Class	Adult Education	01449 613903	Tuesday, 1:15 - 3:15pm	Village Hall
Ballroom Dancing	Malcolm Barnes	07780 527013	Friday, 8pm	Village Hall
Bingo Nights	Alexis Farmer	258010	Monthly, see village noticeboard	Village Hall
Bowls Club	David Frost	259548	Tuesday, 7:30pm	Village Hall
Gun Club	Tony Turp	259547	Saturday p.m. Fortnightly,	Back Lane
Parents & Toddlers	Victoria Morley	07760246011	Tuesday, 9.30-12:00pm,	Village Hall
St Mary's Church	Angela Brooks	259587	see church noticeboard	St Mary's Church
Silver Ash	Angela & Maureen	258028/ 259306	Tuesday fortnightly 2.00pm,	Richer Close Common Room
Women 's Institute	Hilda Jackson	259944	2 nd Thurs each month, 7.30 pm	Great Ashfield Hall
Zumba	Josie Sparkes	07786 210506	Monday 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Village Hall

Advertise your event on BBC Radio Suffolk. Call local co-ordinator, Paul Bassett on 258271 or email jemmarose@talktalk.net

Parish Council: Chairman Karl Hортt 258438 **Village Hall Bookings:** Penny Kirkby 259232 **Village Website:** <http://badwellash.onesuffolk.net>

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