

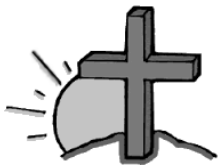


# Badwell Broadsheet



Happy Easter

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**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

**5<sup>th</sup> April 10 am**

**"Hallelujah Christ is risen"**

**Celebrating Easter Sunday**

**Family Holy Communion with Easter hymns**

## ***Benefice Change: Email from the Dean***

Dear Friends

I am writing to you as Rural Dean of the Ixworth Deanery, the area that covers the 27 churches from Ixworth to Hinderclay, from Hopton to Walsham le Willows. For several years the church communities have been talking about re-organisation within the local area, this began to take shape under the previous Rural Dean and I then took on responsibility with the church communities to see the work through. As from the 1st January 2015 this re-organisation began to take place. For those living in the Badwell/Walsham group, the Benefice was reduced in size from 8 churches to 6. Great Ashfield, Stowlangtoft and Hunston have joined Tostock, Norton and Pakenham. I took on a further 3 parishes and now have a responsibility to work with 8 church communities.

Joining the Badwell/Walsham group is Wattisfield and on the 1<sup>st</sup> March Revd Sam Long was made Priest in Charge of the church at Wattisfield as well as remaining Priest in Charge of the 5 remaining parishes.

Should anyone wish to discuss this matter with me further please contact me on 01359 250239 or david@dmesser.freeserve.co.uk

*Revd David Messer*

## ***Badwell's Priest retires***

I have decided to retire as Priest in Charge of the Badwell and Walsham Benefice. My tenure here will end on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

My last service in the Benefice will be a Benefice Service at St Mary's Church, Walsham-le-Willows on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 10 am. From 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 I will be on annual leave, preparing to quit the Rectory in early July.

*Rev Sam Long*

## **'Bring & Share'**

**Afternoon Tea**

**Monday, 6th April**

**3 - 5pm**

**in the Village Hall.**

All residents welcome

Please bring a plate of food

Tea & coffee will be available.



Residents are asked to bring old photos of the village and/or a photo of their eldest relative from the village. The History Group will have on display information on births, deaths & marriages in the village between 1559 - 1817

There will also be an opportunity to let the Parish Council know what items of play equipment/keep-fit items the village would like.

**All children will receive an Easter Egg**



In addition an



**EASTER EGG HUNT WILL TAKE PLACE  
FOR UNDER 12'S**

## **Badwell Ash SPRING CLEAN**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**SATURDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

meet at the **VILLAGE HALL 10am**

We need volunteers for a litter pick of the village. The Parish Council will supply gloves, litter pickers and bags.

A cup of tea and a slice of cake will be offered to volunteers after all the hard work!



## Have your say: Elections 7 May

The next General Election for Members of Parliament will be held on Thursday 7th May, combined with elections for our MidSuffolk District Councillor as well as Parish Councillors.

### Nobody cares more about your community than you and your local Parish Council

Parish Councils are made up of a number of councillors who meet regularly to make decisions on the work and direction of the Council. Councillors collectively decide and prioritise the nature of the activities that their Council will undertake.

- Councillors attend and participate at council meetings
- Raise matters to be duly considered
- Represent the whole Community

Parish Councils need active, interested and committed people to become Councillors and get involved in their work.

Stand for Election – Represent Your Community – Become a Councillor

Nominations for candidates are open from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March until 4pm 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Nomination papers are available from Mid Suffolk District Council or contact the Badwell Ash Parish Clerk; phone 242304 or email [sandra\\_brown60@hotmail.com](mailto:sandra_brown60@hotmail.com) for more information.

Silver Ash  
Jumble Sale  
16<sup>th</sup>  
May  
If anyone has anything to contribute please call  
Angela on 258028 or Maureen on 259306

Bric-a-brac  
Raffle  
Tea & Biscuits  
Jumble  
Cakes

Village Hall  
Doors Open  
2pm  
Entrance 30P

## Diocese to Sell School Building

The Parish Council has been informed by the Diocese that they intend to sell the former school building in The Street. The school moved to the purpose-built building in 1970 when the old school in Richer Rd became too small. It closed in 2013. The land for the school was bought from local landowner Roy le Grice by the then West Suffolk District Council, who passed it to the church authorities to build the C of E First School. The recreation grounds behind the school were gifted separately to the village by Roy le Grice, are owned by the village, and are designated a Special Landscape Area. See the Parish Council Report for more details (p4).

## History Group: Plaques for soldiers' houses?

Many of you will recall the 100-year commemoration of the WW1 we had in the village in August last year. Thanks to the efforts of so many people we have a war memorial with the names of all those men from Badwell Ash who gave their lives defending their country.

Most of the houses where these men and their families lived still stand in the village today. As part of an ongoing history project we are planning an information "walk" through the village of Badwell Ash, and the houses associated with the WW1 soldiers will have plaques on/next to them. It is currently thought that they will be engraved in stone. A sample of such a plaque, along with the latest update on the WW1 project, will be offered for your attention at the Village Tea on the 6th of April, where your opinions as well as any questions you may have, will be welcome.

*Donia, Pat, Stephen, Julie*

## Open Letter to Residents of Badwell

A very big thank you to all the kind and thoughtful people who helped clear the awful mess from my recycling bin which was dumped along The Street in Badwell Ash on the evening of 21<sup>st</sup> Feb by vandals who also trashed the bin.

Grateful thanks are also due to all those who continue to drop used stamps through my letter box (Church House) in aid of the blind and deaf. Please continue and many thanks.

*Elizabeth Thornton*

## NORTON PRE-SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

*Since the closure of the Badwell preschool, several children from Badwell now attend Norton preschool and after school clubs.*

Unfortunately the building is nearing the end of its usable life. Over £100,000 needs to be raised and we are asking the local community to help us.

Norton Pre-School is an important asset to a rural community like ours, providing vital childcare and education for children aged 2-5 years old and also a breakfast and after school club for children at Norton Primary School.

We have many fundraising events planned for the near future and hope that you will support them. If you can help in any way with fundraising or have any ideas please speak to a member of staff or committee member. Tel: 232736 Mobile: 07792 349928 e-mail: [thenortonps@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thenortonps@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Toys Wanted**

Do you or any of your family have soft toys, of any size, that are no longer played with?



THE EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE can process these and raise funds towards this worthwhile charity. They are not destroyed, simply washed thoroughly, bagged and tombola-ed at our fund raising events. Everyone gets a prize, the toy makes some little person happy whilst you contribute to the charity. If you have some no-longer wanted toys, then please either contact me and I will collect them, or deliver to me at Woodpeckers, Long Thurlow. Thank you all.

*Ted Evans (tel: 258510)*

## **Three bailed after Badwell Ash & Stanton robbery incidents**

Three people arrested in connection with attempted armed robbery at the post office at Badwell Ash and an armed robbery at the post office in Stanton were bailed in late February pending further enquiries. The 29-year-old man of no fixed address, a 29-year-old woman and a 32-year-old man both from Rougham, must return to the police in April.

The incidents took place on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. At 7.10am two men, one carrying a hand gun and the other a hammer entered the Badwell shop and demanded money. The member of staff ran from the premises, followed by the offenders. They left in a blue Peugeot believed to have been stolen the previous evening from Bradfield St George. At 7.35am two men matching the same descriptions and carrying the same weapons entered the store in The Street, Stanton and stole £100 in cash, along with 200 cigarettes and some tobacco.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February a car was set alight in Chapel Lane, Wattisfield. This was confirmed as the stolen Peugeot 306 from Bradfield St George.

The police have released CCTV footage of the burglars. Although the images do not show facial shots they give reasonably clear pictures of the clothes they were wearing, which may help to identify them. To see the photos visit a police station or email

headquarters@suffolk.pnn.police.uk . Anyone with information relating to these incidents is asked to contact Bury St Edmunds CID on 101 quoting reference BR/15/96.

## **Keep Valuables Hidden**

Police are reminding people to keep valuables out of sight in their homes as well as their vehicles following a spate of home burglaries across mid-Suffolk.

In the early morning of 17<sup>th</sup> February, a window at a house on Long Thurlow Road was damaged, entry gained and a bag of coins, a chequebook, a Dell laptop and an Acer Chromebook stolen from within.

Anyone with information about this burglary is asked to contact the Police on 101 quoting ref ST/15/489.

On 20<sup>th</sup> February a home on Hunston Road in Badwell Ash was broken into, searched, and a Meiner 16-bore side by side shotgun and a jewellery box were stolen.

There was also an attempted break in Westhorpe on the same evening.

Police believe the incidents may be linked and are asking anyone who may have seen anything suspicious or anyone with information about either incident to call Suffolk Police on 101, quoting reference ST/15/515 for Badwell Ash or ST/15/513 for Westhorpe.

## **Suffolk Walking Festival**

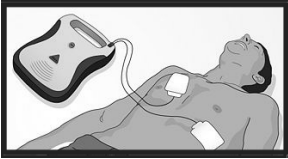
The annual Suffolk Walking Festival takes place 9th - 31st May. The programme is packed with over 90 guided walks around medieval villages, market towns, along the coast and through gentle landscapes across the county.

The eclectic mix of walks includes Sketch Book Strolls for children (there's also one for adults) with a local artist around Brandon Country Park, Food Glorious Food, a 7 mile hike through Thetford Forest, and Beachcombing for Beginners on Felixstowe beach. Follow in Benjamin Britten's footsteps along 'Curlew River', walk the Horseshoe Trail and learn about horse racing in Newmarket or walk in the footsteps of Thomas Gainsborough or John Constable.

Visit [www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk) to look at the programme and to book your tickets or pick up a brochure from your local tourist information centre.

The village has now received a defibrillator which will be kept in the Post Office until a cabinet is purchased.

## First Aid and Defibrillator Use Training



Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Village Hall  
9.45am – 12noon

Anyone over 12 years old is welcome to attend. A Community First Responder has kindly agreed to carry out basic first aid and use of a defibrillator training in Badwell Ash village hall on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 9.45am to 12noon all ages over 12 are welcome to attend. Only twenty places are available so please contact the clerk on: 01359 242304 or email: [sandra\\_brown60@hotmail.com](mailto:sandra_brown60@hotmail.com) if you wish to book a place by Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April.

## Parish Council Report

A meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall 9 members of the public attended. County Councillor Jane Storey and District Councillor Roy Barker did not attend the meeting.

A Community First Responder talked about the use and installation of **defibrillators**. A defibrillator has been accepted on behalf of the village, this will be kept at the Post Office until a heated cabinet is purchased to allow the defibrillator to be installed outside as soon as possible. Training has been arranged (see left)

**Suffolk Constabulary** reported 1 crime had been reported in Badwell Ash since the last meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February there was a burglary along Hunston road. The current police priorities are: reducing rural crime and incidents of hare coursing and speeding.

A letter has been received from the Diocese in regards to the **former school building**; they intend to sell the property. Any such sale must comply with the Charities Act (2011) and be conducted in a manner

advised by a chartered surveyor. This normally means open marketing followed by informal tender or an auction. The have confirmed the will keep the Parish Council informed of any developments.

Some laminated posters had been purchased and distributed to try and raise awareness of **dog owners** need to clean up after their dogs and put the waste bags in bins.

The **History Group** is working hard on an application for funding.

A **'Spring Clean'** of the village on Saturday, 18th April will start at 10am at the village hall (see p1).

The **next meeting** of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Contact the Parish Clerk on: [sandra\\_brown60@hotmail.com](mailto:sandra_brown60@hotmail.com) or tel: 01359 242304

*Sandra Brown, Parish Clerk*

## Newmarket Catalytic Converter marking event

Police in Newmarket are holding a catalytic converter marking event to help prevent theft. The day is aimed at owners of vehicles with a high ground clearance, such as vans and 4x4s, which tend to be targeted by thieves due to the ease at which they can get underneath them. Get your vehicle marked free of charge, between 9-4pm on Thursday 19 March at ATS Euromaster Ltd, 4 Bury Road, Newmarket, CB8 7BP. You must make an appointment in advance by contacting ATS direct on 01638 662521. Further information can be obtained by contacting PCSO Shirley Bradnam at Newmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Special



Bar Prices from £3

**10<sup>th</sup> April** **JACKPOT GAME**  
**FREE BUFFET**