

# Badwell Broadsheet

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## Halloween Fancy Dress Party

At Badwell Ash Village Hall

On Wed 30<sup>th</sup> October

4pm-7pm

£2 entry inc Snacks, Face Painting,

Spooky Games & Fun



Prizes for best dressed

and best carved pumpkin.

## Help Design a Village Sign

The Parish Council would like to invite all adults and children to share their ideas for the design of a new village sign. Perhaps you have a great idea of how to encapsulate the village in an image?

Ideas can be either written suggestions or a drawing/sketch. Drawings don't have to be brilliant - the most important thing is the idea.

Suggestions are welcomed from everyone. Please hand your design into the village shop by 31<sup>st</sup> December.



**Family Bonfire & Fireworks**

**At Badwell Ash Village Hall**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 6pm**

**£5 per person or £10 per Family.**

**Hot Food & Drink available.**

## Village Hall Improvements

The new Village Hall committee, chaired by Alexis Farmer, has been making improvements to the hall.

The hall now boasts a fridge, microwave, new crockery and cutlery. The water heater has been mended, and pictures hung on the walls. Plans are also in hand to repaint the interior. Thanks to all those who contributed items or time.

These improvements are an interim measure to update the hall while applications for a substantial renovation are ongoing.

To get grants from charities, the lottery and government bodies it is often important to show that there is local support, and that fund-raising is taking place. To fill these requirements - and to offer a variety of fun nights out for us all - the Village Hall Committee has created an exciting line up for your diaries. See adverts in this newsletter for autumn and Christmas special events and come along to the monthly Bingo Nights.

The hall is available for hire, and offers a range of weekly activities - see the table on p4 for details.

## Badwell Ash Baby, Tots and Cake Group

Run by mums with little ones for  
mums/carers with little ones!

Every Tuesday 10.00-11.30

all year round

(inc. school holidays and after Bank holidays)

Badwell Ash Village Hall

£2.50 per family

A variety of fresh snack is served to the children along with milk or water.

We have a wide range of toys, books and art activities to amuse little ones and plenty of tea, coffee, and homemade cake for the grown-ups.

## Thurston College 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

If you have any connection with the College as a former student, parent or member of staff then come and join the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be a number of tours running and in the evening there will be a reception from 6 pm before we re-live the retro mood with a 70s, 80s and 90s Disco. The Disco starts at 7.30pm and runs until 11.00pm. Tickets will be £5 per person which includes your first drink. There will also be a licensed bar.

For Disco tickets or more information contact the College on 01359 230885 or email [alumni@thurstoncollege.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@thurstoncollege.suffolk.sch.uk).



**Family Fun**  
at  
Badwell Ash  
Village Hall

**Eyes Down**  
6.30

# Nights

Bar & Raffle      Prices from £3

**9th Nov, 14th Dec  
& 11th Jan 2014**

## Parish Council Report

Badwell Ash Parish Council held its scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September in the village hall. Mid Suffolk District Councillor Roy Barker and ten members of the public attended. During the public forum a number of parents with children attending Badwell Ash primary school advised they had met with officials from Suffolk County Council to discuss the future of the school. The Parish Council gave their support to the parents trying to keep the school open.

A member of the public is purchasing and planting daffodil bulbs on the verges at the beginning of the village. The Council thought this was an excellent idea and thanked him for his generosity.

The Parish Council had purchased an extra grit bin ready for the winter.

It was decided not to pursue the purchase of the BT kiosk as keeping it in BT ownership the village was able to retain a useable phone.

PCSO Vince Clarkson is continuing to make speed checks within the village particularly near the school. The PC asked for ideas for the design of a village sign either a written suggestion or a drawing/sketch.

The PC is looking to the community payback scheme to help with keeping the village tidy.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the village hall. As usual, all members of the public are invited to attend and an opportunity will be given at the start of the meeting for you to raise any matter concerning the parish with the Council.

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**East Anglia's Top Cover Band**

# SHATTERED?

**16<sup>th</sup> Nov**      **Badwell Ash White Horse**

## Save Stamps for Charity

A message from Liz Thornton

I will be grateful if you would save stamps, any value, any country, for me to send to the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) and the Royal National Institute for the Deaf (now known as Action On Hearing Loss).

Please leave c.1cm round each stamp and pop them through my letter box at Church House, The Street, Badwell Ash.      Thank You,      Liz.

## CAROL SINGING & CHRISTMAS PARTY

22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Carol Singing around the village  
from 3pm,  
Meet and end up at the village hall where the  
party begins at 6pm, free entry  
but please bring a plate & a bottle,  
children can visit Santa  
& there will be party games for the young & old.

## Robot Games

*RoboCup Junior CoSpace is a new worldwide robot simulation competition. Participants learn to program 'robots' on computers and play games against other teams. A team from Badwell Ash School went to the first competition held in England.*

On 27<sup>th</sup> September Sasha, Harry, Jake and I went to the Cospace Competition at the BT Tower. When we got there Sasha and I worked together on a laptop, with sheets to tell us what to do. After we had written our computer program we had to compete against other schools. Sasha and I lost because right near the end, as we were about to have our competition, one of the Cospace people lost our program. They did get another program running for us though. Harry and Jake won against all of the primary schools and the upper schools. We learnt how to program robots – It was a great day!

*Jessica Smith Year 4*

## Badwell Ash School Report

Our new Reception children and new pupils in other years have settled well and are all enjoying school life. The children had a fantastic day at Lowestoft Beach learning about the RNLi and making Natural Art sculptures using ideas from the work of Andy Goldsworthy. Having postponed this trip in July due to bad weather we were incredibly lucky to have glorious sunshine and the children had great fun paddling in the sea too.

Willow class had an amazing day at Fressingfield Music festival, where they worked with teachers from the Royal College of Music in collaboration with other primary schools to learn a short performance piece. Meng Yang Pan, an international pianist, then played them pieces by Bach and Debussy.

The children made a beautiful display in the porch of the church for the School Harvest Festival which was also there for the village celebration too.

With the forthcoming village bonfire Willow Class are already planning to make a guy ready to go on the top. After half term with Space as our topic and have a mobile planetarium visiting. Craft club will embark on some Christmas crafts, and our annual Christmas festivities will include visiting Stowlangtoft Hall Care Home to sing to the elderly.

*Kelly McGrath-Wells Senior Teacher*

## Badwell School's Future Bleak

Despite the best efforts of parents and the wider Badwell community, the future of Badwell Ash Primary School is still shaky.

Following a hearty campaign to save the school in the summer, and with a vote by governors to keep the school open, the autumn has brought less good news.

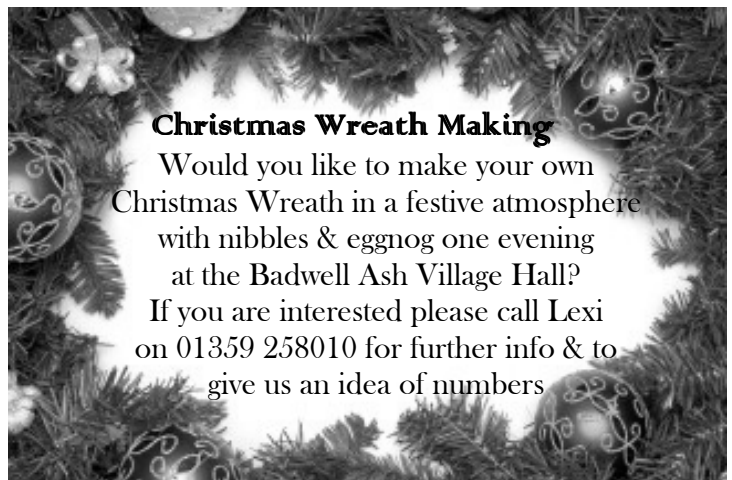
In September all but one governor resigned, saying that it would be more effective for Suffolk County Council (SCC) to temporarily take over running of the school. The SCC has appointed an Interim Executive Body and an Acting Headteacher, Margo Barker.

David Ruffley MP met parents who expressed their dismay and anger at the management of the school over recent years. Ruffley was sympathetic at the meeting, but said later in a press interview that he believed it would be 'extremely difficult' to achieve the 'massive turnaround' that the school needed.

An Ofsted inspection in September found that the school had fallen from 'Satisfactory' to 'Inadequate' in most areas and said that the school required Special Measures.

The only areas praised by the report were the behaviour of the pupils and the strong PTFA. The Ofsted report criticised the all areas related to the teaching, finance, leadership and management of the school. It criticised governors and the local authority for failing to find a partnership or federation with another school.

The school role has fallen below 30 and is reaching a critical level below which the school would be unsustainable. There are more pupils of suitable ages in the parish, but many parents have moved their children to different schools because of the continued management problems at Badwell Ash School.



### Christmas Wreath Making

Would you like to make your own Christmas Wreath in a festive atmosphere with nibbles & eggnog one evening at the Badwell Ash Village Hall?

If you are interested please call Lexi on 01359 258010 for further info & to give us an idea of numbers

## Watch Out: Burglars About

Police are warning residents and asking them to remain vigilant after a series of burglaries in Mid Suffolk.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> six properties were broken into in the area from Finningham to Stowlangtoft, Woolpit to Westhorpe.

A transit type white van with blue lettering including 'J' and 'C' was seen in the area around the time. Police are keen to trace the owner or driver of this van. Anyone with information regarding these incidents should call Bury Priority Crime Team on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**Oil Safety** should be considered with colder weather coming. Security lights and tank locks deter criminals. Consider investing in a tank alarm, some of which can be linked to your house alarm. Leave it unlocked for as short a time as possible.

Police recommend regularly checking the fuel level - during cold weather you may use more than you think, and if levels aren't checked it could lead to false reports that oil has been stolen.



The **Badwell Broadsheet** is funded by Badwell Ash Parish Council. Articles, local events information, notices and feedback welcome. Please contact the editor Sarah Brown at 259625 or badwellash@hotmail.co.uk, or leave pieces for inclusion with Ashley Simpson at the White Horse. We can't print what we don't know about.



## 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
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	Helen Mansfield	259004	Tuesday, 9.30-12:00pm,	Village Hall
St Mary's Church	Angela Brooks	259587	see church noticeboard	St Mary's Church
School PTFA	Victoria Morley		see school noticeboard	varies
Silver Ash	Barbara	258918	Tuesday fortnightly 2.00pm,	Richer Close Common Room
Under 5s	Charlotte Poole	259004	Mon-Fri:9:15-12, Fri:12-1 Lunch Club	Village Hall
Women 's Institute	Hilda Jackson	259944	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 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

**Octopus Oil Syndicate** Simon Keswick on 258212 Orders placed each March/August