The Badwell Broadsheet

The newsletter of Badwell Ash Civic Parish, covering Badwell Ash, Long Thurlow & Badwell Green

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Coffee
MORNING
Sat Oct 7 10-12pm
Badwell Ash
Village Hall

Coffee, tea, cakes, book stall, raffle
ALL WELCOME

Halloween
and
Fireworks
27th
From 6pm
October
Badwell Ash

Halloween fun and games. Fireworks display after 7pm
Hot Food and Drinks available
Adult £4  Child £2  Under 5’s Free

Quiz Night
In aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance and St. Mary’s Church

£6 per ticket
Ploughman’s Supper included
Maximum teams of 4

Tickets available from Badwell Ash Post Office or call 01359 259428/258641

St. Mary’s Church Badwell Ash

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 12 Nov.
10.15am

Followed by walk to the War Memorial for 10.50am
(Refreshments in the village hall afterwards)

For more information please contact Stephen Rose 07714273669
PARISH NEWS

From the Parish Clerk:-

WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council have co-opted a new councillor to fill the vacancy left by Louise Boucher. A warm welcome to Diane Donat. Diane lives in Austin Close and her contact details are on the Parish Council pages of the village website http://badwellash.onesuffolk.net/. The Council now has its full complement of seven councillors.

INFORMAL FOOTPATHS

Informal footpaths, sometimes known as permissive footpaths, are not formal legal footpaths but ones that have been used regularly, sometimes over many years. There are a few around Badwell Ash and there have recently been difficulties with some being blocked or restricted. The Parish Council has been asked by some residents to make them formal rights of way and be recorded as such by Suffolk County Council. However to do this a set process needs to be followed to establish that the paths have been in regular use over a number of years. Therefore, to be able to take this further, the Parish Council needs at least six people to act as witnesses and provide statements they have used the routes without permission or hindrance and between them over a period of 20 years. Can you possibly help? If so, please contact Chris Garman, Parish Clerk on 01359 221600 or email badwellashpc@outlook.com.

From the Chairman of the Parish Council:-

SEPTEMBER The Curry and Race Night took place on the 15th Sept. The food was enjoyed by all, as was the fun of the racing. The event raised a significant sum of money that will go towards the Village Hall and Playground - facilities provided for all Badwell Ash Parish residents. Moving on to Parish Council matters.

I attended a recent planning meeting at Thurston called by the Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils regarding what is known as the Joint Local Plan. It is a plan relating to the amount of housing that will be required within the districts until 2036. Hundreds of houses, together with associated business properties and the much needed infrastructure, are proposed, and needless to say very few towns and villages will be immune to these plans.

However, there is currently a Consultation Document available to which comment can be made up until the closing date of 10th November 2017.

If you believe such an issue is of concern to you and you wish to make your opinion known the following website is available for full information-- www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan

Clive Hawkins, Chairman, Badwell Ash Parish Council

Badwell Ash & Great Ashfield Women’s Institute Calendar

Oct 12th Painting a glass for Christmas

Nov 9th ‘Nothing Like a Dame’ by Horry Parsons

Dec 14th Christmas Party

Visitors are always welcome to join us for any of our meetings at the Lord Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield. Just come along for a 7.30pm start. For more information phone Lyn on 259637, visit www.thewi.org.uk or find us on Facebook.
Speedwatch
We are pleased to record that the joint Badwell Ash/ Great Ashfield Community Speedwatch was able to start active speed monitoring using a speed gun from the last week of August. The object of the exercise is to reduce average driving speeds on the main routes through our communities and, yes, to report to the police any vehicles recorded as unreasonably exceeding the 30 mph limits. The police act on these reports.
To get to this point we have had to go through a process to have monitoring sites approved and to train volunteers. You may have noticed a number of new roadside signs in Long Thurlow and Great Ashfield telling drivers that they are in a speed watch area. When the volunteers are out and active additional temporary road side signs will also warn drivers. So the combination of 30 mph speed limit signs, permanent and temporary Speedwatch signs, and volunteers in high vis jackets should make even the most distracted driver think!
At the moment we don’t have a site approved in Badwell village itself, but we are still working on that and are hopeful that we will get one approved soon.
Please consider that the volunteers are doing this with the best of intentions and giving up their time to help their community. Speeding traffic is a danger particularly to children, less active residents and pets; and with traffic volumes increasing it has become an increasing problem. In the unlikely event of volunteers suffering any form of threatening behaviour, verbal or other abuse this will be reported to the police.
In due course the Speedwatch team will be supplemented by active speed signs, the so-called SID. Sites for these are already approved in Badwell and Great Ashfield. Information from Speedwatch and the SID will be provided to the Parish Councils and over time will give a much better picture of the speeding behaviour in our communities which can then guide future road planning decisions.

Robin Kneale, Speedwatch coordinator for Badwell Ash

Frauds & Scams: Stay Informed
Police are reminding residents to be alert for telephone scams following a recent spate of fraudulent calls claiming to be from the tax office. To cut down nuisance calls register for the Telephone Preference Service. This official, free opt out service lets you register your preferences and prevents most unsolicited sales calls. Visit www.tpsonline.org.uk or call 0345 070 0707.
For advice on keeping yourself safe against scams sign up for Police Connect, a service which sends you for free the latest policing news for your area via e-mail, text or phone. Visit the Police Connect page on www.suffolk.police.uk, or find them on Twitter or Facebook.
Report incidents of fraud to Action Fraud www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 1232040.
You can also sign up to the Trading Standards weekly email alert on rogues and scams targeting Suffolk at www.suffolk.gov.uk/JoinTheFight.

Badwell Art Class: Places available
There are still a few places left in the art class run by West Suffolk College’s outreach programme in Badwell’s village hall. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 1.15-3.15pm and are taught by Badwell resident and artist Jenny Antoine. See details and enrolment information for the Painting and Drawing Workshop course No 17LP0947CHA at www.westsuffolkcollege.ac.uk, or phone 01284 716301.
Badwell Ash now has Two Websites

The Badwell Ash History Society’s website is now live online. Visit www.badwellashheritage.co.uk for information about the parish’s past. You can find information about the parish through the centuries, the church’s history right up until the recent clock restoration (and a drone’s-eye view of the church) and the society’s news and events. You can also contribute your memories to the site.

Other information about the village can be found at www.badwellash.onesuffolk.net. This site includes pages about eg local clubs and groups, amenities, the Parish Council and the village hall. There’s also useful information and website/phone contact details for local trains/buses, doctors, councillors/MP, electricity, rubbish collections, schools and libraries etc.

Local businesses and groups are welcome to add their information to the site (no charge) – contact badwellash@hotmail.co.uk.

In search of your First World War Family

The Badwell Ash History Society is looking for memories of your relatives who lived in the parish of Badwell Ash and who served in WW1. To commemorate the end of WW1 in 2018 the History Society is researching the lives of those who served in The Great War, both those who survived as well as those who died who are commemorated on our war memorial.

We’re being assisted by The Heritage Lottery Fund which has given us a grant towards a WW1 Heritage Trail to remember the lives of the 65 men who went to serve their King and Country. Without your personal memories, memorabilia and photographs of your relatives the stories of these brave men are incomplete.

We would like to know about your relatives, their families, wives and children, their schooling, the jobs they left behind and may have returned to. We’re also keen to find out about their homes in the parish so we can ensure that future generations do not forget the brave sacrifice that these men made.

If you have any memories, old photos, war medals, school reports, letters or any other memorabilia, please get in touch. Even if you just want to chat to us about your relatives, we would love to hear from you.

Contact either:
Dave Steward - davesteward72@gmail.com, tel 07858 752179 or Pat Monk - patmmonk@gmail.com, tel 258538
www.badwellashheritage.co.uk

And for your diary: In December

2nd Dec – Children’s Christmas Party
Village Hall, 12 noon - 2pm
B4 Live Band
White Horse Inn, 9pm – 12 midnight

6th Dec – Spud Lunch
Village Hall, 12pm - 2pm

10th Dec – Christingle Service (see above)

24th Dec – Carols by Candlelight
St Mary’s Church, 5.00pm

25th Dec – Christmas Day Family Communion
St Mary’s Church, 9.30am.