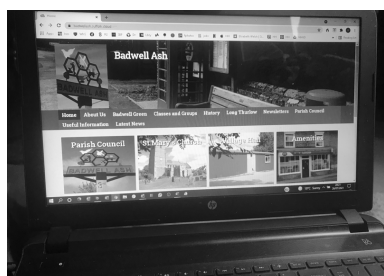


The Badwell Broadsheet

The newsletter of Badwell Ash Civic Parish, covering Badwell Ash, Long Thurlow & Badwell Green Issue #83 Aug 2021



NEW WEBSITE

Badwell's website has moved. Our new website is at:

badwellash.suffolk.cloud/

The site contains information about the village, the parish council, our amenities, the church, clubs and classes, buses and rubbish, our MP and councillors ... even copies of the Broadsheet.

Check it out.

For items, events or articles to add to the website, please contact

badwellashpc@outlook.com

??? The Badwell Ash Village Quiz ...

...is about to return – **BIGGER & BETTER** than before (well probably much the same but we are excited at the prospect!) Keep your eyes on the next Badwell Broadsheet for further details. We may not have confirmed details of venue and date (hopefully late October) but we have been gathering some tricky questions to test your quizzing expertise, so watch out for more news as we get it...

Parish Council Report

FROM THE CHAIR

The Parish Council (PC) is glad to return to person-to-person council meetings. Two have now taken place and, with attendance of both our County and District Councillors, a sense of reality has returned to proceedings.

Even with our online meetings throughout the lockdowns, we maintained "business as usual" for you, our community: for example, new posts have been erected for the new speed monitors, which will help with speeding issues through the village.



We've had reports of overgrown hedges and wheelie bins obstructing pedestrians on pavements. This is not socially acceptable.

Responsibility for both lies with the property owners. We ask that those concerned please do their civic duty, and ensure that footpaths are kept clear. A

reminder – wheelie bins should be put outside your property by 06.30 am on the day of collection BUT must be returned to the confines of your property by the end of the same day. Consistent failure to comply will risk the bins being confiscated by Mid Suffolk District Council.

The PC does not meet again until September unless an issue of paramount importance arises. Nevertheless the business of the council will, rest assured, continue.

When we meet again the format of the meeting will continue in a Covid-safe manner, for alas we fear it will still be with us.

Enjoy the Summer, keep well and stay safe.

Clive Hawkins, Chairman Badwell Ash Parish Council.

Badwell Ash Village Hall Open Again

The hall, with its newly refurbished kitchen, is open for business. Naturally we will be pleased to welcome back all of our regular clubs and users old and new, with the proviso that all are respectful of their fellow users in the face of the continuing Covid threat. After all we do not want to see the hall closed no sooner than it opens.

Respect for fellow users not only refers to the hall but also the Playing Field and Playground. We have a litter problem despite a highly visible yellow litter bin in place. Please use it and encourage others to do so as well. The cost of clearing litter falls to us all. Thank you.

The Committee continues to discuss plans for the future, both hall improvements and now, with more optimism, events. Look out for posters and social media news of Coffee Mornings, Sales and more.

Hall Bookings can be made via our official Jenny Jarvis, call 07933 525268.

Badwell Ash Village Hall Committee



CPR and Defibrillator training

The Parish Council is proposing to offer CPR training in the Village Hall at a date to be confirmed in the Autumn. The importance of CPR training has been making headline news in recent weeks and we thought it was pertinent to offer this to all residents along with how to use the defibrillator which is located in the telephone box in the centre of the village.

Depending on numbers wishing to attend, we will run either one or two sessions each lasting approximately 1.5 hours. The dates will be posted on the website and the PC noticeboard when arranged. Please email the Clerk to register your interest and/or attendance on badwellashpc@outlook.com.

West Suffolk Hospital Refurb

WSH is one of 40 NHS Trusts to receive Government funding for a new hospital. You can help plan what the new services and healthcare facility will look like. Please take the time to share your views by completing a short survey at [//bit.ly/newho5pital](http://bit.ly/newho5pital)

St Mary's Services

9.30am Holy Communion
15th August
8.00am Holy Communion
5th September
11.00am Harvest Festival
26th September

From the Parish Council Clerk

The PC is upgrading general litter bins and dog litter bins throughout the village this year and this will take place over the next few weeks. Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) requests that parishioners keep 'general' rubbish and 'dog litter' rubbish separate.

The PC was disappointed to see recently that graffiti had been sprayed onto the new play equipment down at the Village Hall playing field. This is mindless vandalism and has been reported to the Police, who will be making spot checks going forward. Why anyone would want to do this on children's play equipment is beyond comprehension and reflects badly on the village as a whole. Remember it is partly your Council Tax contributions which have paid for this equipment, so please respect our communal facilities.

The concrete bases for the proposed picnic tables and benches should be laid at the playing field soon, and thereafter the benches and tables will be installed. We had hoped to get this ready for the beginning of the summer holidays but it has been delayed by contractors and suppliers.

Carole Rose, Parish Council Clerk, badwellashpc@outlook.com

MidSuffolk District Councillor Rick Meyer's Notes

A few recent newsworthy items from the MSDC:

*External examination of the **Joint Local Plan** reconvenes in September. Developed with Babergh District Council, it will be one of the major documents guiding planning decisions, and will influence where development is to take place, alongside adopted Neighbourhood Plans and National policy.

*The joint councils are mapping biodiversity and surveying the tree canopy. The mapping covers wildlife corridors and council-owned public realm sites, as well as county wildlife sites and local nature reserves. It is a fundamental step for the councils' **Biodiversity Action Plan** as it will determine suitable locations for tree and hedge planting, and identify wildlife habitats and local green spaces. The survey's findings will be made publicly available via an interactive database, with measures including:

- how much carbon dioxide trees store
- how trees help reduce pollution and drain away rainwater (known as surface runoff)
- the tree coverage in each ward
- the quality and make up of tree coverage
- progress of diseases eg. ash dieback and chronic oak decline.

*Applications are now open for **Mid Suffolk District Councils' Locality Awards funding** – enabling communities to improve facilities, learn new skills and work towards becoming environmentally sustainable. Grants can be used for a wide range of projects, but must meet the councils' priorities for grant funding to help:

- create strong, thriving and connected communities
- support communities responses to the climate emergency
- promote resilient and healthy communities

Please discuss any requests for funding with me and I will forward the necessary application forms, if support is agreed. Please note that available funds are limited and organisations that have been supported in the recent past may not attract support during this funding round.

I hope you have a great summer, regards

Rick Meyer, MSDC District Councillor, Richard.meyer@midsuffolk.gov.uk



Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI Report

We are a friendly group of ladies who meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Lord Thurlow Hall in Great Ashfield. At most meetings we have either an activity or a speaker followed by refreshments and then a short business meeting.

Due to Covid we have been meeting recently outdoors, but plan to revert back to our normal meetings in August. Our planned speakers for the rest of this year are:-

August 12th Divine Radiance - Beauty with the "Tropics" range, which emanated from "The Apprentice".

September 9th Pip Wright on Whistlecraft - Pip Wright is an ex schoolteacher who will tell us the tale of Whistlecraft, a true story of a poacher who lived in the Rickinghall area, and, amongst other things, was convicted over a hundred times.

October 14th Jenny Gibbs - "An Englishwoman's Life in Rural Turkey." This is a follow-on from her first talk entitled "A Turkish Shirley Valentine", which was enjoyed by so many, and there will be an opportunity to purchase scarves and other Turkish products.

November 11th Alison Brain - back by popular demand. Alison will be telling us more about the children in a school and orphanage in Uganda for whom she raises funds by selling the lovely beaded jewellery that she will be bringing with her.

December 9th Margaret Brackenbury - we will be decorating a bottle with Christmas in mind. Further details of what to bring - apart from a bottle - will be given nearer the time.

All visitors are welcome to come. The £3 price includes a raffle ticket and refreshments. If you then wish to join the WI, the current subscription is £44.00 pa or pro-rata if you join mid-year.

Due to the changing Covid situation, if you are interested in attending the August meeting, please contact either Midge on 01359 259399 or Kate on 01359 242570 to check it is still going ahead.

For any further information please email kateasadler01@gmail.com

Open Letter from Walsham le Willows CEVC Primary School

Our school has been through a very difficult 18 months. In November 2019, Mrs Carolyn Taylor joined the school as Acting Headteacher for what she thought would be a couple of months but due to the Coronavirus pandemic and Mrs Hunter's retirement, she ended up staying until Easter 2021. We are very grateful for everything she did for the school, supporting the children, staff and families through the most difficult year anyone working in schools can remember. She has now got back to enjoying her retirement.

In April this year, Mr Ian Page joined us as Acting Headteacher. We would like to thank him for everything he has done in such a short space of time.

We are delighted to say that in April we successfully recruited a new Headteacher, Mrs Maxine McGarr, to start in September. She has already started working with Mr Page and some other members of staff to ensure there is a smooth transition.

At Christmas, Mrs Mecrow made the decision to retire. She has been at the school for many years, and we were very sad to see her go but hope she has lots of adventures when everything opens up more. She is currently still working at the school one day a week as our Special Needs Coordinator. The governors and everyone at the school would like to wish her a very happy retirement and thank her for all of her hard work and dedication during her time at the school.

We would like to finish by saying 'Thank you' to the whole school community. The staff have worked incredibly hard finding a new way of working, at times teaching children in school as well as setting work for children at home. Families have somehow had to find new ways of juggling home-schooling, looking after younger children whilst often continuing with their own jobs. The people who always amaze us the most though are the children; they have shown resilience and have had so much enthusiasm when they have come back into school. It is lovely seeing them enjoying being together with their classmates and working in school as they should.

The Governing Body of Walsham le Willows CEVC Primary School

ST. MARYS CHURCH BADWELL ASH

SAT. 21 AUGUST
10.30am - 2.30pm

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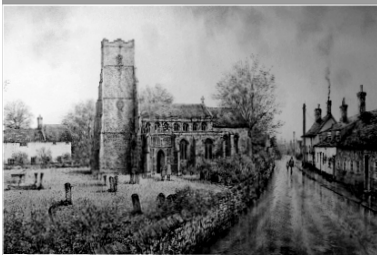
SALE

Everything £1 · Refreshments · Tombola
Fundraising for St. Mary's Church

More information call Stephen Rose on 07714 272669

Art Exhibition

St. Mary's Church, Badwell Ash



18-19 Sept. 10.30am - 3.30pm

Mixed media exhibition

Tombola & Refreshments

For more information please contact
Stephen Rose 07714 272669

Feature painting by Reg Sizer

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Next Deadline: **Sep 16TH 2021**
We can't print what we don't know about.

News From Suffolk County Council (SCC)

From our SCC Councillor, Andy Mellen (Green Party)



Now that the local elections are receding into distant memory, I am learning how to do the work of a County Councillor. A significant part of the role is casework, ie following up on issues or problems that residents want resolved. This is the nitty-gritty of local representation: trying to get a pothole filled in, a blocked gully cleared, an overgrown hedge cut back so that drivers can see clearly at a junction. Some things can be solved fairly easily and quickly with an email or a phone call. Other problems are knottier and far more difficult. The issue of speeding in our villages is one that comes up almost everywhere, yet it is a complex problem that cannot easily be solved with the resources that are available. If we could have a police speed enforcement camera in place permanently that might solve the problem, but they currently only come for the occasional hour in certain locations. So communities are left with other options: trying to influence drivers' behaviour with flashing speed signs, speedwatch teams and other measures that remind people to slow down. I am supporting speed signs in several villages through my locality funding pot.

One other factor that could increasingly help reduce speeds is the monitoring of driver behaviour through GPS technology, either installed by the insurance company or often part of modern cars' set-up. Young drivers in particular can get the cost of car insurance brought down if they agree to the installation of a "black box" which assesses their speed compared to the legal limits, monitoring their performance and giving feedback to the insurers. I had a lift in a friend's modern car recently – the onboard GPS knew exactly where we were and what the speed limit was at all times on the journey, once we reached our destination it gave him a score for safe driving. This technology could have a greater role to play in keeping our streets safe for everyone in the future.

In other news: Suffolk County Council has commissioned a review into some aspects of special education provision, after pressure from concerned parents who feel that the Council is not providing what it is legally obliged to do. A team from Lincolnshire Council are conducting the review and will report back before the new academic year starts. The Council are also engaged with the governments "bus back better" programme, reviewing how bus services are commissioned and provided. England is to get 4,000 electric buses, we should get our share here in Suffolk but only if we can fund a proportion of the cost.

Finally, foliage. The last 6 weeks, with periods of wet and warm weather, have seen an enormous amount of growth on verges, hedgerows and footpaths. Council contractors are out there cutting, but it's taking a while to catch up. If you see a particular problem, please do use the online reporting tool, (<https://highwaysreportingsuffolk.gov.uk>) which can be used to report overgrown footpaths etc – and also anything from faded road signs to potholes. If you think I can help, please get in touch: Andy.Mellen@suffolk.gov.uk or 07955 434435

Andy Mellen, SCC