



Badwell Broadsheet

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Happy Christmas



The Community Forum and Village Hall Committee would like to wish all parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

3-5 PM

BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL

Come and Join Us for FESTIVE FUN and begin your CELEBRATIONS HERE

SONGS by the CHILDREN of

Badwell Ash Primary School and Under 5's

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REFRESHMENTS /ROUNDOABOUT

AND MUCH MORE

School Art Project

Badwell Ash School recently opened its doors to parents, governors, members of local Adult art classes, and others in order to run a Community Art Project. It was held on three afternoons in October and was well attended throughout. Each afternoon entailed different activities. In the first week people worked in pairs to produce art using unusual combinations of materials. The second week was geared towards harvest celebrations; small groups produced their own very different pieces of art. The third week was used to decorate T-shirts which will be sent to the Blue Peter 'Send a Smile' appeal. The

T-shirts will be used as surgical gowns for children in other countries, such as India, undergoing surgery for cleft palates.

The feedback from the project was very positive. Everyone had a most enjoyable learning experience. Jenny Antoine (art tutor) mentioned how members of the art classes who attended felt inspired and took away several of the ideas to try out again for themselves. Hilary Foster (teacher) felt the children greatly benefited from working collaboratively with adults. There was wonderfully purposeful dialogue and some highly imaginative ideas emerged. The children asked to do something similar again.

Last week the school undertook a 'big art' afternoon, again with visitors. This time everyone produced an almost life-size crib scene. This will initially be on display in Stanton Church, along with several other displays, and afterwards at St Mary's Church Badwell Ash, in time for Christmas services. Our next major events to which everyone is invited include the Christmas Pantomime 'The Three Little Pigs' on Friday December 4th at 6.30pm, and - at the church - a Christingle Service on Friday 11th December at 2pm and a traditional Carol Service on 18th December, the last Friday of term, at 1.45pm.

Cards, emergencies and 0800 only



The phone box on The Street no longer accepts coins. The phone can still be used for emergency and 0800 numbers. Phone cards can be used by tapping the card details into the keypad, and you can make (costly) reverse charge calls.

The move was taken by BT to reduce running costs, but the company remains responsible for the box's maintenance. The Parish Council chose not to 'adopt' the box, which would have entailed removing the phone and the Council having to pay for maintenance, electricity, public liability insurance etc. The K6 Gilbert Scott-designed box has a Grade II preservation order on it.

A Letter from Suffolk Constabulary



Dear Badwell Ash Residents,

Reported Crimes

Since the 1st September 2009 there have been three reported crimes in the Badwell Ash parish.

On Friday 18th September an insecure garage in Long Thurlow was entered into and £240.00 worth of tools stolen. Incident No: ST/09/2843

Overnight Sunday the 18th October there was an unsuccessful attempt to remove Alloy Wheels from a vehicle in Richer Close. Incident No: ST/09/3189

On Friday the 23rd of October a Brushcutter was stolen from outbuildings at a remote property in Badwell Green. Incident No: ST/09/3239

If you have any information about the above crimes, please contact us.

Crime prevention

Garages and outbuildings are easy targets for thieves especially if not secure. If you keep expensive tools etc in outbuildings or garages, use a good quality lock and even consider an Intruder Alarm. Intruder Alarms can be purchased for as little as £10.00 - well worth the expense to protect your property. An Alarm sounding will usually cause offenders to flee and alert you to call 999.

Christmas 2009

It's hard to believe that Christmas has come round yet again - it seems to come round faster each year!

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Below are a few handy crime prevention tips for the weeks leading up to Christmas.

- Don't leave Christmas Presents on show.
- When you go out, close your curtains/blinds if you're leaving presents under the tree.
- If there are presents in your vehicle, make sure it is secure & cover any presents up.
- If you have a house alarm, set it before you leave & make sure that all windows & doors are secure.

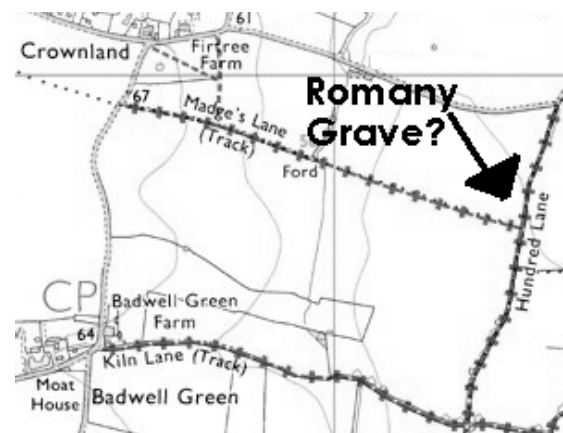
Happy Christmas & a Happy New Year from all of the Mid Suffolk Central Team,

PCSO 3148 Vince Clarkson & PC 873 Clare Wayman

Tel: 01473 613500

E-mail: midsuffcentral.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Remember in an emergency, ALWAYS DIAL 999



Romany Grave at crossroads?

The Broadsheet has discovered a local tale of a romany grave at the meeting-place of the parishes of Badwell Ash, Walsham le Willows, Westhorpe and Wyverstone, where a green lane forms a crossroads with Hundred Lane.

“...a gypsy is said to be buried beneath an oak tree. There are two oak trees here, but I could find no trace of the grave,” says Shirley Toulson in her book “East Anglia - Walking the Ley Lines & Ancient Tracks” (Wildwood House, 1979)

The Broadsheet would be happy to hear of any further information on this or any other colourful aspect of parish history.

Parish Council Report

The parish council met in the village hall on Monday 2nd November, 2009. All members were present.

Village Hall: structural problems

A structural survey has shown that although the walls and roof are structurally sound, the floor base is not, is sinking and needs major repairs. Members agreed that Mr. Hortt and Mr. Pratt would investigate and obtain costs for repair as a matter of urgency. It is possible that the hall could be closed while repairs are carried out.

Heavy Lorries Increase?

Concerns were raised about the increasing numbers of HGVs running through the village. These lorries have a legal right to use the route through the village as it is a Council designated lorry route. The problem has been exacerbated because the A1088, a more suitable route, is closed to HGVs.

Please tidy up after yourself at Recycling Bank

The residents neighbouring the village recycling banks were fed up continually cleaning up after users. They warned that they would stop doing this unless users kept the area cleaner themselves. The council asks that all users of the recycling banks

Dates coming up...

Dec 4	School Christmas Panto : The 3 Little Pigs 6.30 Badwell Ash First School
Dec 5	Christmas Bazaar 3.00 Village Hall
Dec 10	WI: Christmas Party 7.30 Lord Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield
Dec 11	School Christingle Service 2.00 St Mary's Church, Badwell Ash
Dec 24	Carol Service by Candlelight 5.00 St Mary's Church, Badwell Ash
Jan 11	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 Badwell Ash Village Hall
Jan 14	WI: Members Evening 7.30 Lord Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield
Jan 26	Community Forum – all welcome 8.00 White Horse

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have more consideration to the people living nearby and dispose of their materials in a more responsible way.

Children's play equipment is for all children out of school hours

Some residents had asked for a play area to be established. It was agreed that the play equipment at the school was for the use of all children when the school was closed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Monday 11.01.10, in Badwell Ash Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend, and address the meeting if desired.

Andrew Catchpole, Clerk to Badwell Ash Parish Council

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Allotments



There is now a clear possibility that allotments could be provided in Badwell Ash. The matter has to be considered by the Parish Council and for this to happen 6 written requests for allotments must be received. If you have any interest please express this to Andrew Catchpole, Clerk to Badwell Ash Parish Council, address as above.

Women's Institute report

We have had a good year with a variety of speakers and events. Sally Rourke's Life as a Roving Reporter for Anglia ITV and Helen Taylor's talk about her adventure Rowing across the Indian Ocean were among the highlights.

New members are always welcome. The next meeting is December 10th - our Christmas Party, We start the New Year with a members evening Jan 14th, 2010.

Great Ashfield and Badwell Ash W.I. meet at Lord Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

Sheila Catchlove

Need a Babysitter? Reliable babysitter Badwell Ash/Long Thurlow. £5 an hour. Call Kate on 07913 068155

Village Hall Floor Sinking

The Village Hall is urgently in need of repair. Users of the hall may have noticed that cracks in the floor by the doors have been repaired. Worries about these cracks led to a structural survey being carried out, which has shown that although the walls and roof are structurally sound, the floor is not. The floor was built as a separate 'floating' base, but its foundations have compacted and the floor is sinking into the marshy ground below. The floor has torn away from the skirting boards. Cracks have also appeared in the internal kitchen and toilet walls as the floor supporting them subsides. Major work is required.

The Parish Council has formed a sub-committee to investigate different repair options. It is considering removing the internal walls, digging out the floor and re-laying the concrete pad on supporting walls. This would require the closure of the hall and the Under 5s area for some time.

Alternatively it is investigating a process which pumps foam into the subsoil through holes drilled in the floor. The foam expands and hardens, providing a firm footing. The foam can lift the floor back to the position it started in, closing the cracks in the wall. The work would take 2 days. This process may be the least disruptive for users of the hall.

Costings for the different options will also be considered.

It is hoped that the cost of the repairs can be met with help from the Parish Council, MidSuffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council,

together with some funding from local charities.

The Village Hall Committee had hoped to update the toilet and kitchen areas of the hall in the near future. This project has been put on hold as new funding will have to be found.

Any suggestions for fund-raising would be gratefully received.

Look for a Village Hall Survey in the next edition of the Badwell Broadsheet.

Handyman for Village Hall

The Village Hall is looking for a handyman willing to take on minor repairs at an hourly rate.

Call Karl Hortt on 258438 for more information

Wind Farm: refused again

MidSuffolk District Council refused a second application for two 130m wind turbines at Potash Farm, Wyverstone, in October.

Planners refused the scheme for several reasons including worries about the impact on nearby homes and that there was no proper decommissioning plan. Andy Hilton of Wind Power Renewables Ltd said the company would appeal.

Badwell Ash Primary School PTFA

The PTFA continues to be an active force at the school. In October a table Top Sale raised £206 to be used for the benefit of school and playgroup. Each child is being offered a daily drink of milk at snack time and the PTFA continues to provide funding for sport coaching, play and educational equipment and much more. Recently a slide has been fitted to the play frame to the particular benefit of the younger children.

Our next event is the CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on 5th December at the Village Hall (see p1). All are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

If you are able to make any donation/ contribution to the Raffle/Tombola/cake stall then please leave items at the school office.

Do you have an old shed you would like to get rid of? The PTFA are looking for a sound storage facility and any offers would be gratefully received.

Louise Boucher, Chairperson PTFA

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