

Badwell Broadsheet

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Goodbye and Thank You, Mrs Roots

Over 80 pupils, former pupils and well-wishers gathered at the Village Hall on July 18th to say goodbye to Sue Roots, who is leaving Badwell Ash School having worked there as teacher and then headmistress for 26 years.

The event was organised by the PTFA and the school staff. 'Sue was overwhelmed with her send off,' said Natalie Drake, chair of the PTFA. Balloons bedecked the hall, and on each table were pictures of events throughout Sue's time at the school. She was presented with a wooden rocking chair by pupils, parents and ex-pupils. She received other gifts including chinaware and a painting by Badwell's Henry Gill. The schoolchildren gave her a canvas hand-print picture.

'She will be missed terribly throughout the village,' said Emma Starling, one of the teachers. 'Sue was responsible for many of the Christmas plays and particularly liked writing silly songs. So as one of her parting gifts the children wrote *her* a silly song which included the line "she even taught my dad and mum," which shows how much of an influence she's had on the village.'

'I think she and I started at the school at about the same time,' said former-pupil and parent Lisa Jenkins. 'She was called Miss Blunden then. In my first year I kicked up a huge fuss about having my school photo taken. In the end I had my photo taken sitting on her lap.' Sue went on to teach three of Lisa's children, Chiara, Lateesha and Fred. 'She's been great,' said Lisa. 'I couldn't fault her.'

'Sue has always done her best for the children, parents and all the staff,' said governor Eileen le Grice. 'And we are very grateful for the sterling work Sue has done over the new federation. If it wasn't for Sue's co-operation and taking voluntary retirement the future of the school would have been very dismal.'

The school is federating with Walsham-le-Willows Primary School in September this year. Angela Hunter, current head of Walsham Primary will become Badwell's head too. 'Angela is very

enthusiastic and keen to make the federation work,' said Eileen. 'We expect it to work very well.'

'Sue will be sadly missed by the children,' said Natalie Drake, 'and we wish her all the best for the future.'



The church steps: showing their 600+ years of use

Updated entrance for Church

Several people, including County Councillor Jane Storey, have fallen foul of the uneven steps at the main door into the church. 'You need to be careful on the steps, especially when they're wet,' said church warden Angela Brooks. 'If people are looking ahead for a pew, or chatting and not attending, the unevenness combined with slipperiness can be a hazard. One parishioner skidded almost as far as the font.'

The Parochial Church Council met with representatives from the Diocese and English Heritage. The group considered various options, including boxing in the steps or turning the stones over, and decided that a handrail would be the best solution. But don't hold your breath - applying for grants, negotiating with the church architect, and trying to keep all bodies happy may make for a lengthy wait.

People in wheelchairs can access the church via the tower door. *Read more about the church on page 3.*

Pre-School thank Ashley

The Pre-school's covered outdoor area is proving a great hit with the Under 5s. 'The children can play outdoors when it's very sunny and even when it's raining now,' said Lynn Smith, chairperson of the Under 5s. 'We'd all like to thank Ashley Simpson for erecting the veranda. He volunteered all his time, and it looks lovely.' As a surprise, Ashley even provided the area with hanging baskets.

Light and Litter on Parish Council Meeting Agenda

Lighting the passage between Orchard Close and The Street came one step closer at the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 7th. July.

The council agreed to set up a site meeting with Suffolk Housing Society to discuss the positioning of a light for the passage. The Council's preferred option would be to position a street light on the side of No. 7, Orchard Close. If any local residents have any suggestions/comments to make about the scheme, please contact either the Clerk or any Council member.

Concerns about litter in the village was the other main topic for the meeting. The Council had received a complaint from one of the users of the village hall about the amount of litter strewn around the hall. There are bins on-site and the Council, on behalf of the village hall committee asks users and the public not only to keep the village hall area clear of litter, but also the village itself. The council employs a street cleaner, but there is so much litter in The Street that his time allocated does not allow him to keep other parts of the village clear.

Mr. Ryle of SWWAG told Council members how the group was monitoring the application for wind turbines at Wyverstone the action they are taking to prepare to oppose the planning application when it is submitted. He also asked whether SWAGG could establish a link between itself and the Parish Council. The Chairman felt the parish council could not comment on the scheme until planning application was submitted, but would welcome any update from SWAGG.

Planning applications relating to Warren Lodge, land adjacent to 1, Council Houses, Long Thurlow and Shillings Long Thurlow were discussed. The Council had no objections to any of them, nor any further comments they wanted to record.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 1st. September, 2008, in the Village Hall starting at 7:30pm. All members of the public are invited to attend and an invitation will be given to address the members if required.

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Members of the Parish Council: Arthur Diaper (chairman); Richard Pratt (vice-chairman); Clive Bassett; Simon Guise; Karl Hott; Penny Kirby and David Smith.

New Police Officer says no news is good news for Badwell Ash

PC873 Clare Wayman is Badwell's new police officer. 'I took over about two months ago,' she told the Broadsheet, 'and the good news is that there is little to say about Badwell in terms of crime.'

Based at Debenham Police Station (Phone: 01284 774100), Clare joins Police Community Support Officer PCSO3148 Vince Clarkson as Badwell's Suffolk Constabulary Safer Neighbourhood Team.

PC Wayman would like to remind residents that as people go on holidays they should remember to leave homes secure, with keyholders available in any emergency. Open windows and doors should not be left unattended and should be secured at night throughout the warmer weather. Vehicles left unattended during walks or at beauty spots should be left secured with no valuables visible.

Dates coming up...

Aug 14	WI: Garden Meeting Holly Cottage, Long Thurlow	3.00 pm
Aug 17	Sunday Eucharist St Mary's Church	10.00 am
Sep 1	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sep 7	Morning Service St Mary's Church	10.00 am



Detail of the War Memorial window, showing the regimental shields of Badwell Ash men killed in the Great War.

St Mary's Church

The church at Badwell Ash is almost certainly the oldest building in the village. The building of the chancel probably started in the reign of Edward III (1312-1377).

The church is built almost entirely of Suffolk blue flint, which abounds in the village. Stone and gravel were pushed by the glaciers of the last Ice Age, and left as a deposit as it retreated northwards. We are probably just on the edge of where this glacier reached before retreating again. The stone which built the church was probably taken from the land between the church and the river, which over the centuries has become marsh meadow land.

The church itself has many interesting features, including an unusual revolving lectern, and two beautiful stained glass windows. One of these is in memory of those from the village who gave their lives in the two World Wars. Most villages erected memorials to their dead, but the people of Badwell Ash decided to have their memorial inside the church. This window, in the Lady Chapel, has in its centre Christ on the cross with St George and St Michael on either side. St John is shown kneeling beside the cross. Fourteen people from Badwell Ash died in the First World War. A great sacrifice for so small a village.

It has become customary on Christmas Eve to hold a Carol Service at 5 pm, when up to 200 candles are used to illuminate the church. This service has become so popular that there is usually only standing room left by the time the service begins. Unfortunately, this attendance is not shown during the rest of the year. However, anyone wishing to come along to any of the services will be made very welcome.

Unfortunately, many churches have found it necessary to keep their churches locked, but thanks to two very public-spirited villagers, we are able to keep ours open every day.

Roy le Grice

The Badwell Broadsheet

The Badwell Broadsheet is published in association with the Badwell Ash Community Forum and is kindly funded by the Badwell Ash Parish Council. We would like to thank volunteers who distributed the last issue, but we didn't get all round the village. **NEEDED: More volunteers to distribute the paper** – just one street would be useful. We will distribute as many copies as possible, otherwise please pick up a copy at the shop or the pub.

Please feel free to contribute articles, advise us of local events, and send in notices and feedback.

The Broadsheet also welcomes advertisements for a small charge.

For any of the above, please contact the temporary editor Sarah Brown at 259625 or sarahbrownfleming@hotmail.com, or leave written notices with Ashley Simpson at the White Horse.

Badwell Ash on the Internet

The Community Forum internet site can be viewed at:-

<http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/BadwellAshCommunityForum/>

Any businesses or services that operate in the parish can be included on the 'Local Companies' page at no charge – the website is for the community. Email the site or contact as above.

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Eating in Badwell Ash

Eat Out...

The White Horse

Publicans Ashley and Tracy Simpson continue to make improvements to our local.

Residents will all have noticed the colourful flowerbeds brightening up The Street.

There have been other refurbishments too. A new covered area gives smokers a weather-free retreat.



The rear garden and courtyard have been cleared and provide friendly enclosed areas for sitting outside during the summer months.

The pub has recently leafleted surrounding villages to advertise its delicious home-made food. 'The leaflets

have been very successful,' said Tracy. 'We've had new custom from places like Ixworth and Stanton, and customers have been very complimentary about the food.'

The menu features food made on the premises using local produce where possible.

or Takeaway...

Rumbles

Just over a year ago the fish shop came under new management. Joint owners Sahin Bas and Kazim Ozcan, the chef, are well settled in now. 'We are developing a good clientele,' said Sahin. 'We have many regular customers who come back again and again because they like our food. This makes us happy.'

Cod and chips remains the firm favourite, though fried chicken, introduced by the pair when they took over, is also selling well. 'They do an excellent job,' said one satisfied customer who had come from Finningham for his supper when the Badwell Broadsheet called in. 'The food is great.'



Opening hours:-

Monday - Thursday	12.00 - 2.00 & 4.00 - 9.00pm
Friday & Saturday	12.00 - 2.00 & 4.00 - 9.30
Sunday	Closed

Rumbles will remain open all summer.

Food is served:-

Tues-Thurs 6.30 - 9.00

Fri & Sat 12.00 - 2.30
& 6.30 - 9.00

Sun 12.00 - 3.00

Specials:-

Thursday
Steak Night £5

Friday
OAP 2-course lunch £6.50

Sunday
Roast & Dessert £7.95

Badwell Ash local organisations, clubs and groups

Organisation	Contact	Phone	Meets when/where
Art Club	Adult Education	232204	Tuesday, 1:15 - 3:15pm, Village Hall
Bowls Club	David Frost	259548	Tuesday, 7:30pm, Village Hall
Circuit Training	Neal Bassett	259897	Thursday, 7:00 - 8:00pm, Village Hall
Gun Club	Tony Turp	259547	Saturday p.m. Fortnightly, Back Lane
Parents and Toddlers	Dianne Moore	07703- 367756	Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00pm, Village Hall
St Mary's Church	Angela Brooks	259587	see church noticeboard
School PTFA	Natalie Drake	258298	see school noticeboard
Silver Ash	Jenny Jones	259609	Tuesday, fortnightly, Richer Close Common Room
Under Fives	Dianne Moore	07703- 367756	Weekdays, 9:15 -12:00pm, Village Hall (12:00-13:00 Lunch Club)
Women 's Institute	June Ley	259645	2 nd Thursday each month, Great Ashfield Hall
Youth Club	Stacey Hawes	07845 -119579	Wednesday, 7:00-9:00pm, Village Hall