

# Badwell Broadsheet

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**Please come to the**  
**BADWELL ASH COMMUNITY FORUM**  
**&**  
**VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**  
**(Playing Field & Recreation Ground)**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Village Hall**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**8 pm**

If there's something you want to talk about at the meeting, please contact chairman Neil Fleming on 01359 259625

**THE COMMUNITY FORUM IS  
YOUR FORUM. PLEASE COME.**

The Community Forum was set up in 2006 to help Badwell Ash develop community projects. It has been involved in many areas of village life, staging two summer fairs and a bonfire night, helping to set up the Youth Club, supporting the Under Fives, and even getting an extra litter bin for the village.

The Forum merged with the Village Hall Committee in 2007, since otherwise the hall would have had to close. It is now responsible for the upkeep and running of the hall, and with the support of volunteers has repainted the outside of the hall. Generous parish council funding has allowed it to start upgrading the interior of the hall as well.

The Forum also publishes this newsletter, and [www.onesuffolk.co.uk/BadwellAshCommunityForum](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/BadwellAshCommunityForum) a website on the OneSuffolk web community. The Broadsheet and the website provide information about the village, events and activities. Residents and businesses can offer ads/articles/notices for

publication in either or both places.

The Community Forum is here to do things for the community. If you have an idea for the village, or a problem, or need help with a local project, the Forum can help you approach appropriate organisations – public bodies, elected bodies or commercial enterprises. We work closely with the Parish Council and District Council, and have good relationships with both the County Council and local MP David Ruffley.

The Forum is yours. Please come and support it at the AGM, and come to the Barn Dance - organised for you!

*Neil Fleming, Chairman, Community Forum*

**Badwell Ash Community Forum**  
invites you to a



**Village Hall**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**7 - 10 pm**

**Rumbles Fish Supper included in Ticket Price**

*Buy tickets in advance or arrive before 7.30  
to guarantee your fish supper*

**Advance tickets from:**

- Rumbles Fish Bar
- Badwell Ash Village Shop
- The White Horse Inn

**Tickets**

Adults £7  
Children £5  
Family (2 adults, 2 children) £20  
Under 5s free

**Music by local band 'Clutching At Straws'**

**Bar provided by the White Horse Inn**



# FUN + GAMES



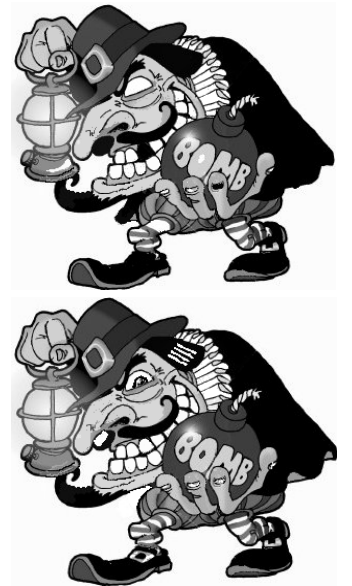
## Word Search

Can you find?

- **Guy Fawkes**
- **Bonfire**
- **Gunpowder**
- **Sparklers**
- **Catherine wheel**
- **Firework**
- **Roman candles**
- **Rockets**

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**Spot 10 differences between the two Guy Fawkes.**



**Q: How many aerospace engineers does it take to light a bonfire?**

**A: None. You don't need rocket science to start a bonfire.**

**Q: How many lawyers does it take to light a firework?**

**A: 23. One to strike the match and twenty-two to fill in the paper work.**

**Q: What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with a firework?**

**A: DINOMITE!**

'Fun & Games' is dedicated to Keeley, who asked for a children's section. Games by Hannah.

## School Christmas Fair & Production: 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

The school play will begin at 6.30 pm, with the Christmas Fair following on afterwards at about 7 pm. Both will be held in the school. All welcome.

## Under 5's thank volunteers

Following a plea in the last Broadsheet for help with their new playhouse, the Under 5's would like to thank Rachel Bolton's father John Bacon for laying the foundations and Vince Moore for putting up the playhouse.

## Thank you, Mrs Gosling

Mrs Gosling has volunteered her time selling poppies for the Royal British Legion for 47 years. She is reluctantly retiring and everyone would like to thank her for her time and energy.

**The Broadsheet would like to thank** those who volunteered to distribute papers following the plea in the last issue. We're still looking for someone to deliver just the 5 copies between St Mary's Crescent and the Hunston end of Badwell. Also we'd be grateful for anyone to volunteer to stand in when our regulars are ill or on holiday. Thank you.

**The Badwell Broadsheet** is published in association with the Badwell Ash Community Forum and is kindly funded by the Badwell Ash Parish Council. We will distribute as many copies as possible, otherwise please pick up a copy at the shop, pub, fish shop or church. Articles, information about local events, notices and feedback are welcomed.

The Broadsheet also welcomes advertisements. £20 for minimum 1/8<sup>th</sup> page advert for three issues.

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

## **Official Recorder: Margaret Symonds**

Official Recorders are volunteers who preserve data about the past, and record the present. Margaret Symonds has many records, boxes of photographs and a vivid memory of Badwell Ash over the last half century and beyond.

Margaret has lived all her life in Badwell Ash, and almost all of it in the grounds of Shakerland Hall on Richer Road.

In the War, when her sister became ill from the noise of the doodlebugs, she was moved with her twin sisters to a convent in Felixstowe.

‘We three slept in a room with a nun in the corner,’ said Margaret. ‘Sometimes we’d watch the gunners practise – they used to tow targets out to sea behind a boat.’

During the holidays Margaret returned to Shakerland. When a US plane was brought down on Jacobs farm, the explosion blew out windows in the Hall. At harvest time extra help was provided by prisoners of war – Germans with the corn and Italians with the sugar beat. An ancient guard with a 12-bore gun brought the POWs daily from the camp in Rattlesden.

Margaret left school in 1949 and returned to work on the farm.

‘I don’t blush,’ said Margaret, ‘after all the things I’ve seen on the farm.’ Having regularly helped with the artificial insemination of cows, calving and putting the boar to the pigs, you can see why. But Margaret mainly worked with the horses and the tractors. One

of her favourite jobs was fooling the rooks. Rooks were very partial to oat seed, and would follow the rows and take the oats. So to fool them she would cross-harrow the field.



Margaret liked to drive fast, and once drove a tractor to Bury in 10 minutes.

The farm used horses up until the 1960s. Suffolk Punches were used for the heavy loads. ‘They were huge and very trustworthy,’ said Margaret. ‘When we were about four or five they were so tall we’d run under them.’

Margaret remembers her grandfather’s story of how his Punches were almost commandeered for the army in the First World War. A colonel ran his hands down the legs of one horse, who kicked out, so the colonel decided not to take them. ‘Best thing that could’ve happened,’ said Margaret. ‘Loads of Suffolks were taken for the War. They were good pullers, and not having feathered legs like Shires they were more useful in the mud. But at the end of the War they didn’t bring them home. They sold the horses off to butchers in France. That’s why the breed suffered and was almost lost.’

As well as Margaret’s memories about her own past, she has records and memories of other events in Badwell’s history. We hope to report further in future issues.

## **Parish Council Report**

The Parish Council met Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>. November, 2008, in the Village Hall.

Suffolk Housing Society has withdrawn their offer to part-fund the erection of a street light in the passageway between Orchard Close and The Street. The Council feels this light is necessary for the convenience and safety of users and will go ahead with the scheme. It will fund the whole project if necessary, but it is hoped some locality funding will be available from SCC.

## **WINDOW CLEANING**

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Three planning items were discussed. Members did not support the change of use of land at Westside Stables to commercial equestrian use. Nor did they support the application to replace Green Farm Cottage with a suburban style house, along with other considerations. Whilst they had no objections to two dwellings on land adjacent to Sylvan, Long Thurlow, they felt that the application would be turned down because Long Thurlow is now designated "open countryside" (see below).

Councillors and the police reported to the council, and Tony France, co-ordinator for Community First Responders spoke about their work and urged members of the public join the scheme (see right).

The application for two wind turbines at Wyverstone has been received by MSDC, but the council had yet to receive copies. A special planning meeting will be called to discuss this proposal in the very near future (see below).

The next full parish council meeting will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009, in the Village Hall starting at 7:30pm. All members of the public are invited to attend and an opportunity will be given to address the members if required.

*Andrew Catchpole, Clerk to Badwell Ash Parish Council*

### **Wind farm application in**

The planning application for the proposed wind farm at Potash Lane, Wyverstone has been submitted and is being processed.

If you are *for* or *against* the scheme and you want your views to be heard, you need to write to or email (again if you've done so before) MidSuffolk by mid-November, as the decision could be made as early as 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Write to John Pateman-Gee, Senior Planning Officer, MidSuffolk District Council Offices, 131 High Street, Needham Market, IP6 8DL, or send emails to [John.Pateman-Gee@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:John.Pateman-Gee@midsuffolk.gov.uk).

Quote the planning application number: 3342/08.

For more information on the scheme see:-

For: [www.windpowerrenewables.com/](http://www.windpowerrenewables.com/)

Against: [www.swwag.org/](http://www.swwag.org/)

### **Long Thurlow is now 'Open Countryside'**

MidSuffolk County Council's new Core Strategy designates Long Thurlow as 'open countryside'. This means in practice that any development proposals there are unlikely to receive planning permission.

### **Wanted: Community First Responders**

Volunteers are needed for a new service provided by the East of England Ambulance Service. Community First Responders will be trained to attend Emergency (999) Calls received by the ambulance service, providing potentially life saving treatment often before the ambulance arrives.

It can take between 8 – 19 minutes for an ambulance to reach people in rural areas. The first eight minutes are the most vital for some cases, including cardiac arrests. Cardiac arrest claims around 150,000 lives in the UK, with survival rates of around 5% outside hospital. If First Aid and a defibrillator are available quickly, the chances of survival increase considerably.

Responders are only asked to attend emergencies such as heart attack, and not dangerous incidents such as fights. They are trained free of charge in basic life support, oxygen therapy and the use of a defibrillator. They need to be caring, healthy, able to drive and should be prepared to give up a few hours of their week. Ideally a group of around 10 Community Responders would be available 24/7 for their locality.

The service is already available in some local villages including Woolpit, Elmswell, Norton and Tostock Since starting in December last year, Responders in this area have been called out 114 times.

The CFR team also needs support in raising money to buy equipment.

Contact Tony France and his team on 01603 481220.

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