

# Badwell Broadsheet

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*The Village Hall's internal walls have been made safe*

## **Village Hall update**

Emergency repairs were made to the Village Hall in January. The internal walls between the main hall and the kitchen and toilet areas were reduced in height, and cracks were made safe.

The floor of the hall was constructed as a 'floating pad', separate from the external walls. The pad is sinking into the marshy soil and hard core beneath. The internal walls built on the floor and supported by it have been cracking dangerously. A Structural Engineer declared that the hall was uninsurable as it stood.

(The Under 5s area was built with a separate foundation and has remained open and unaffected by these problems.)

The emergency repairs, though a trifle unsightly, meant that the hall was closed for only a short time and is now open for use again.

The Village Hall Committee are now applying for funding to properly renovate the hall. It hopes to complete the improvements during the summer holidays, to least inconvenience regular users of the hall.

Since all internal walls will have to be knocked down and rebuilt, this is the moment to consider the layout of the hall and make any changes that users might want. Should there be more storage? A separate disabled toilet? A larger kitchen? A

different entrance? Do we need the stage?

Your views are important. Here are three ways you could get them known:-

**Questionnaire** Enclosed in this Broadsheet is a questionnaire about the village hall and other village facilities. Please take the time to fill it out, and return it as shown on the form.

**Meeting** Come along to a meeting about the Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the White Horse, 8pm.

**Open Village** The Community Forum is organising an Open Village afternoon, on March 7th. Come down and take a look at the state and the layout of the hall, and have your say in its makeover.

Local groups, clubs and classes will also be represented at the Open Village Afternoon, so this is your chance to find out about classes, clubs and groups in the local area (for a full list of groups see p4)



**Badwell Ash Community Forum  
& Village Hall Committee**  
invite you to an

## **OPEN VILLAGE AFTERNOON**

**Your chance to:**

- + find out about village groups
- + meet your neighbours
- + see the repairs and look at the plans for the village hall
- + have your say

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
**3.30 - 5.00pm**

**Badwell Ash Village Hall**

Free tea and cakes  
(and the odd glass of wine)

## East Anglian Air Ambulance

About three years ago I had a minor heart attack and much to the surprise of my GP and the delight of the little lad next door, the East Anglian Air Ambulance descended from the sky to come to my aid.

Unfortunately I didn't get the airborne ride as the land crew who arrived shortly afterwards, took me to hospital, but after a while I got to thinking perhaps it would be a good idea if I gave some time to helping the Air Ambulance help someone else.

Contacting the Ipswich office and meeting with the area fund raising organiser, Nichola Whymark, given a bit of an interview. Nothing serious but a general chat at what a volunteer fund raiser does, I was recruited to the ranks.

Being a volunteer doesn't commit you to specified times and hours; you give what time you can. Being a former lecturer, I go and speak to organisations, clubs and so on to raise awareness of the Charity and broaden people's knowledge of the service the EAAA does for you, the general public,

No government funding here except for the paramedics that fly with the aircraft. There are 8 or so Doctors who give of their free time to assist and fly with the helicopter on a rota basis. Did you know it flies seven days a week and a shift can sometimes be as long as eleven hours?

The average journey time from incident to A&E is only 13 minutes and since the EAAA was launched in 2000 it has flown over 10,000 missions. Pretty impressive. So that is over 10,000 families, individuals, sons, daughters, boyfriends, girlfriends, dads & mums, grandparents that have been saved from unhappiness and misery by the action of a charity. The East Anglian Air ambulance.

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## Annual Charity Quiz Night

### Friday March 12th

Badwell Ash Village Hall

Commencing 7.30pm.

Light refreshments in entry cost.

Wine sales.

Teams of 4 players. £4 per player

Please telephone the name of your team to 01359 258510.

*Thank you for your support, Ted*

There are events going on all through the year in Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge and Bedfordshire that help raise money to keep this wonderful service in the air. We have two helicopters now, Anglia 1 that serves Suffolk & Norfolk and Anglia 2 serving Cambs. and Beds.

I have met some lovely people, been to all sorts of events and had a great time, simply assisting this superb service stay functional.

2010 is a celebratory year: 10 years serving you the people of East Anglia. We always need volunteers. If you have a bit of time to give please do so. If not support the service where you see a collecting tin, after all the motto of the EAAA is:

We need you today, you may need us tomorrow.....but I hope you don't.

Think about it will you, please? Contact the area office on 01473 745007 or for an informal chat myself on 01359 258510.

*Ted Evans.*

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## Cash on offer for 2012 Open Weekend Events

The Suffolk Culture and Sport Partnership and the Community Cohesion and Inclusion Delivery Partnership are offering grants for groups planning to hold 2012 Open Weekend events.

Despite the date in the name, the 2012 Open Weekend event is an *annual* UK-wide celebration of art, culture, sport and everything that makes up the London 2012 Games. It is an opportunity for local community groups to showcase themselves and inspire others. Last year Open Weekend events provided great opportunities for people to experience the range of sport, art and culture available and try something new.

The intention is to show how people and communities right across the UK can benefit from the Games and is part of the vision for London 2012 to inspire lasting change.

Groups, organisations and town and parish councils can apply for a grant of up to £500. The money should be used towards the cost of holding a local cultural or sporting event during the Open Weekends of July 2010 and 2011. The 2010 Open Weekend will be held on 23rd – 25th July.

For details of who is eligible, and how to apply for a grant please visit [www.openweekendinsuffolk.com](http://www.openweekendinsuffolk.com), or email [Katrina.Copping@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Katrina.Copping@suffolk.gov.uk). Alternatively telephone Ipswich 264654 for an application form.

### Letter to the Broadsheet



Just thought I would drop you a line regards the gypsy grave. I know the spot well as I lived on Crownland Rd for 11 yrs and have either walked or ridden all those green lanes since they have recently all been opened up. I still ride past the tree at least twice a week. It is very obvious where the gypsy is reported to have been buried as the old oak tree looks very dead on the cross roads and rather eyrie! It was not removed when they were opening up the green lanes, due to a possible curse! The reason some people were buried at crossroads was so the spirit would be confused and would not be able to find its way back, so my better half has informed me!

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The other tale from that area I have heard is that Mary Queen of Scot lived at Westhorpe Hall. She was reported to ride by horse or carriage along those lanes. The original hall was burnt down and the current old people's home is near or on top of the original site. The Walsham le Willows History Group are very active and have lots of info regarding local history and tales! There is another tale about a carriage and grey horses on the road between Walsham and Badwell, where they ran down a person and at a certain time of the year - needless to say around midnight - it is not advised to be on the road! I can't remember who told me all these tales. Hope this keeps the interest up. There must be some older residents who know of these tales?

*Amanda Braham*

*(Interested in Walsham History Group?  
Contact Maureen Turner on 258496)*

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### Parish Council Report

The parish council met in the village hall on Monday 4th. January, 2010. All members were present. Cllrs. Mrs. Jane Storey and Mr. Roy Barker reported on behalf of SCC & MSDC respectively.

The main discussion was again the problem concerning the village hall. The PC heard from the Village Hall Committee that Uretek Ltd. had dug sample inspection trenches and confirmed that the soil under the hall floor was suitable for their process. It was estimated that the total costs would be in the region of £15000, which was a preferred option to that of piling and replacing the floor, which was about £25-30000. The VHC were in the process of obtaining funding from SCC & MSDC but asked the PC to donate any shortfall. This could be as much as £10000, but more likely less than that. The PC agreed in principle to donate any funds it had available to ensure the village hall stayed open. It was agreed the PC would meet again on

25th. January to confirm that they would donate any funds needed once the VHC had been able to confirm one or two points raised by the PC.

The other main agenda item concerned the adoption of the council's budget and setting of the precept for 2010/11. Because of the floor problem and other forthcoming high expenditure for the village hall

and anticipated costs for repairing the churchyard wall, members decided that the parish precept would be increased from £6500 to £10000. This means the council tax for parish purposes, for a band D property, for example would be about £33.00.

The current cold spell has highlighted a lack of road grit bins throughout the village, some of which seem to have "disappeared". The PC hopes to address this problem, though its unlikely to be able to do so in the immediate future.

The next full meeting will be held Monday 11.03.10, in Badwell Ash Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm. As usual, all members of the public are

### ***Dates coming up...***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>When</b>
Feb 14	WI: Frolic, Fervour and Fornication by Pip Wright about Unusual finds in Parish Records	Great Ashfield Hall	7.30
March 2	Community Forum & Village Hall Meeting	White Horse	8.00
March 7	Open Village Afternoon	Village Hall	3.30 – 5.00
March 11	WI: The Work of the ACWW	Great Ashfield Hall	7.30
March 14	Mothering Sunday service	St Mary's Church	10.00
March 21	Benefice Eucharist	St Mary's Church	10.00
April 4	Easter Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	8.30

invited to attend and an opportunity will be given to address the members if required. A Notice of Meeting and Agenda is put on the parish council notice boards about a week before each meeting.

*Andrew Catchpole, Clerk to Badwell Ash Parish Council,  
Tel: 01449 780150, email: ladywell@lineone.net.*

### ***Church thefts***

The police report three thefts of lead from rural churches in Suffolk in January. Please be aware of these incidents and report any damage or any suspicious activity around churches to 01473 613500. In an emergency call 999.

### **Badwell Ash local organizations, clubs and groups**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Meets when</b>	<b>Where</b>
Art Class	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 & Toddlers	Dianne Moore	07703-367756	Wednesday, 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 2.00pm,	Richer Close Common Room
Under Fives	Dianne Moore	07703-367756	Weekdays, 9:15 -12:00pm, (12:00-13:00 Lunch Club)	Village Hall
Women 's Institute	June Ley	259645	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, 7.30 pm	Great Ashfield Hall
Youth Club	Stacey Hawes	07845 119579	Wednesday, 7:00-9:00pm,	Village Hall

**Village Hall Bookings:** Jenny Jones 259609

**The Community Forum & Village Hall Committee** meets the last Tuesday of every month at the White Horse at 8pm. Contact Karl Hорт [karl.hortt@btinternet.com](mailto:karl.hortt@btinternet.com) or Clare Morgan-Hare on 258833. The Village website is at <http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/BadwellAshCommunityForum>