

Badwell Broadsheet

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Brains strained at Badwell Quiz?

The Annual Charity Quiz night was held on Friday 14th March at Badwell village hall. Some old teams were missed, but we welcomed fresh faces who, judging by their feedback, had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The overall winners were the 2 Tones, a mixed team from Walsham and Long Thurlow who, incidentally, we paired for the night and only met that evening.

Carole Evans and Maureen Norris provided some exciting biting, including cheese, grapes and chocolate. This was warmly received by our teams and provided a pleasant interlude to the proceedings.

Ted asked the questions so expertly devised by John, and we look forward to next year.

Put a note in your diaries around the second Friday in March 2009 for next year's quiz night.

In spite of all the usual publicity we had a low turn out this year – with 45 participants. However, it was a worth while event and both St Marys' church and the East Anglian Air Ambulance received £65 respectively as a result.

Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes and helped to create a warm and enthusiastic evening of competition. Who said the spirit of adventure was dead?

Ted Evans

Get past that 78th day!

The weekly Circuit Training that began in the New Year at the village hall is proving popular. Neal Bassett, a qualified PT teacher, runs the sessions on Thursday evenings.

With a weekly attendance between 12 and 20, Neal says his pupils are 'a good mix.'

'I had ladies phoning me up worried that there would only be fit footballers attending,' he said. But in fact the class is not only mixed sex, but mixed age (from 25 – 60, although Neal will accept people over 16) and of mixed ability.

'It's fun to cater for all the different fitness levels,' says Neal.

According to research, the 78th day after New Year, 18th March, is the most likely day for people to abandon their new diet or fitness regime resolutions. Keep it up, ladies and gentlemen, and well done!

Sessions cost £3.50 and are held at the village hall on Thursdays from 7-8pm.



School Sings at Snape

By Jordan Sylvester, Class 3

On Thursday the 6th March Class 3 of Badwell Ash Primary School went to a place called Snape Maltings. It has a huge and famous concert hall. Lots of schools were taking part in a week of music making called 'A Celebration of Schools' Music'. They all did very well.

The children of Badwell Ash School performed five short pieces; 'Windy Old Weather', a Norfolk sea shanty, accompanied by a piano accordion, a healthy food rap, a Scottish folk song 'Speed Bonnie Boat', a piece of instrumental music from Indonesia and a song from Burkina Faso in Africa.

The whole experience was brilliant and many parents were thrilled to see the class do so well. There were many kind comments; 'Every clap was richly deserved' said Mrs Le Grice, a school governor. 'What a superb evening' said Mrs Bartholomew, a parent.

'I was really proud of the class,' said Mrs Foster, Class 3's teacher. 'Every one gave their all to the performance. It was a fantastic experience!'



Charlotte lines up the pot

Cue the Youth Club

The Badwell Ash Youth Club (BAYC) has invented new ways to raise funding. With their start-up funding period over, the successful club is keen to raise some extra cash. The £1 session fees and the tuck shop keep the club breaking even, but Club Leader Stacey Hawes says; 'It would be good to have some contingency money, and we're also hoping to organise a Day Trip for club members in the summer.'

The BAYC, launched last summer, was set up after local young people asked the Community Forum to provide them with something interesting to do in the village. Thirty to forty 9-15 year olds now look forward to a regular Wednesday night treat.

With the Forum's help, the club was granted start up money from the Suffolk Acre local grant network. The grant enabled the BAYC to buy equipment ranging from pool tables to a Wii games console, and also funded the Club Leaders (adult supervisors) for

the first six months. The weekly Wednesday evening meetings are often themed, with events ranging from sports and food tasting evenings to quizzes and film nights.

Suffolk Acre have been very pleased with how well the club is supported and organised. However, sadly the grant money period has now expired. The club asked members what they would like to do and is putting on three money-raising events:

- ◆ Family Disco & BBQ at the Village Hall on 19th April
- ◆ A Sponsored Family Bike Ride on the 31st May. The ride will begin at the White Horse, and soft drinks will be provided along the route. A back-up car-and-trailer will be on hand for those unable to finish the course!
- ◆ A Fun Day on the 29th June. This will involve sponsored car washes, 'Sumo' fat suit wrestling and other excitements.

Everyone is invited to participate in any of the events, and the BAYC would welcome helpers for the bike ride.

Do you know someone who wants to join the club? There are a few spaces available. Call Stacey on 07845 119579, email badwellashyouthclub@live.co.uk, or come along on Wednesday at 7pm to the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting, 12th May

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 12th May, at 7:00pm. The Annual Parish Council meeting will follow on immediately afterwards, at about 7:30pm. All welcome.

Hello Again!

The Broadsheet has been away.

We hope to resume a regular newsletter, but we need your help. Please feel free to contribute articles, advise us of local events and send in notices and feedback.

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 welcome new volunteers to distribute the paper as some old hands have moved away. We will distribute as many copies as possible, otherwise please pick up a copy at the shop or the pub.

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.

Potash Lane Wind Farm: Good or Bad?

On 5th January 2008, an application for the "Erection of two turbines up to 2.5MW each and up to 130metres (tip height)" was lodged with Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC). The proposed site for the wind farm is on land adjacent to Potash Farm, Wyverstone.

An anemometry mast has been set up and is measuring wind at the site to test the viability of the project. A Scoping Opinion has been issued by MSDC detailing the studies that need to be completed before the developers can submit their full planning application e.g. bird, wildlife & visual impact assessments.

The Badwell Broadsheet asked the developer, Wind Power Renewables Ltd, and a local protest group to give their point of view in 250 words. This is what they told us:-

right: SWAGG's illustration of the scale of the turbines



Wind Power Renewables Ltd

Potash Wind Turbines Update;

We were very pleased to receive from Mid Suffolk District Council their 'Scoping Opinion' the content of which we were surprised to read that there were fewer challenges than we expected and that boosted our confidence. Especially when we had positive support from a number of local Parish Councils.

We have been looking to locate a suitable blimp to fly at the site and are planning to do this during May/June this year when we have some still weather. We are pressing on with the surveys and have already completed the Phase 1 Habitat survey and as we expected there are no concerns. The report will be filed in the main Environmental Statement when we submit it for planning. We have taken on surveyors to complete the required breeding bird surveys and these are scheduled to start next month.

The Anemometry mast is giving better than expected results and as with the survey results the data will be published in the final report. EDF Energy have been commissioned to undertake the connection study and this should be with us within the next few weeks. This will confirm where EDF Energy wish us to connect, not where we would like to connect.

The Team at Wind Power Renewables
(see www.windpowerrenewables.com)

Stop Wyverstone Wind Farm Action Group (SWWAG)

SWWAG represents well over 500 signed-up members. We have been campaigning since last year, and our latest success has been to have our suggested additions to the Scoping Opinion adopted by the council.

We are convinced that the proposed site is wrong for many local reasons, including:

- ◆ Low efficiency – better offshore!
- ◆ Scale – visible from over 10km away
- ◆ Proximity to residential houses – much closer than recommended by many other wind farm developers
- ◆ Potential impacts on the health of local residents
- ◆ Loss of amenity value of local footpaths & bridleways, especially the Hundred Lanes network.
- ◆ Impact on local wildlife
- ◆ Concerns about site access for construction
- ◆ Potential problems with MOD radar & low flying aircraft

Our greatest concern remains that this may be our best (& possibly only) chance to stop this area from being covered with turbines, as once the precedent is set it will be very difficult to fight subsequent applications from this or other companies who want to build further turbines locally.

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SWWAG cont/

SWWAG is holding local meetings to discuss the proposal & our reasons for opposition to it.

Join us at 7.30 at one of these Village Halls:

- ◆ Westhorpe, Thursday 8th May
- ◆ Badwell Ash, Monday 12th May
- ◆ Wyverstone, Tuesday 20th May

If you care about the local area, please join us by e-mailing swwag@yahoo.co.uk or write to Membership Secretary, Grange Farm Barn, Potash Lane, Wyverstone, Suffolk, IP14 4SL.

"We must fight for our post offices"

By David Ruffley, MP

Rural post offices are the lifeblood of our villages. Yet they are under threat. The Government has ordered that 2,500 post offices must close nationwide. The public consultation on closures in our part of Suffolk commences in March 2008. As your local MP I want to do all I can to ensure that you continue to have access to post office services in your area. I have set up a petition, which I will present to Post Office Ltd, to enable people to express their support for their local post office. It can be signed at your local post office or online at: www.telldavidruffley.com

In some cases Post Offices will be replaced with so-called 'outreach' points that offer part-time postal services in, for example, village halls, pubs or mobile units. Nice idea – but will they work in practice?

Dates coming up...

March 23	Easter Sunday Communion	8.30 am	St Mary's Church
March 25	Community Forum meeting	8.00 pm	White Horse pub
April 10	WI: Cathedral Tower Talk	7.30pm	Ld Thurlow Hall, Gt Ashfield
April 19	BAYC Family Disco & BBQ	tba	Village Hall
May 12	Annual Parish Meeting	7.00 pm	Village Hall
May 31	BAYC Family Bike Ride	tba	Meet White Horse
June 29	BAYC Fun Day	tba	Village Hall

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Tower Talk

Horry Parsons, Building Manager of Bury Cathedral's Millennium Tower, will give a talk about the building project on April 10th. The tower is the only recent cathedral building development in Britain. The talk is part of the Women's Institute's successful programme, which has seen membership numbers increase. Visitors and members are invited to come to the meeting, which will be held at Lord Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield. The group is happy to provide lifts for anyone who needs transport. Phone: June Ley 259645

The White Horse Presents

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5th April From 7pm

Please book at the bar or call 259909

Badwell Ash local organisations, clubs and groups

Organisation	Contact	Phone	Meets when/where
Art Club	Adult Education ,Thurston	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- 367765	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
Under Fives	Dianne Moore	07703- 367765	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