

Badwell Broadsheet

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School to federate with Walsham?

Badwell Ash School could merge with Walsham-le-Willows Primary School in September this year. 'We've looked at lots of options,' said Mike Hind, the Chair of Governors, 'but this seems to be the only way to secure a future for the school.'

At meetings for parents at each school on 6th May Governors set out how the schools could become a 'soft federation.'

The main change would be to have only one head teacher for both schools. Sue Roots, Badwell's head teacher, has applied for voluntary redundancy. Angela Hunter, current head of Walsham Primary has agreed in principle to run both schools. She would divide her time equally between the schools. Pupils and teachers, however, would not have to move between schools. The schools would each keep their Boards of Governors, and would still have separate budgets.

There used to be three full-time teachers at Badwell Ash. However pupil numbers have been dropping, and the school is struggling to keep its two full-time teachers. With predictions of even fewer children in the near future, the school might otherwise have to close. 'If the federation goes ahead,' said Hind, 'one of the big advantages is that both existing class teachers, who have contributed a lot to the school, would be able continue at Badwell Ash School.'

The meetings were part of the statutory process to create a federation. John Cox, Director of Education for the Diocese, and Frank Stockley, Senior Education Officer with the Local Education Authority, who are also involved in the future of the school, were present.

There is now a 6-week period where people can raise objections about the federation proposal. Objections can be sent to the school governors, care of the school.

School Fair

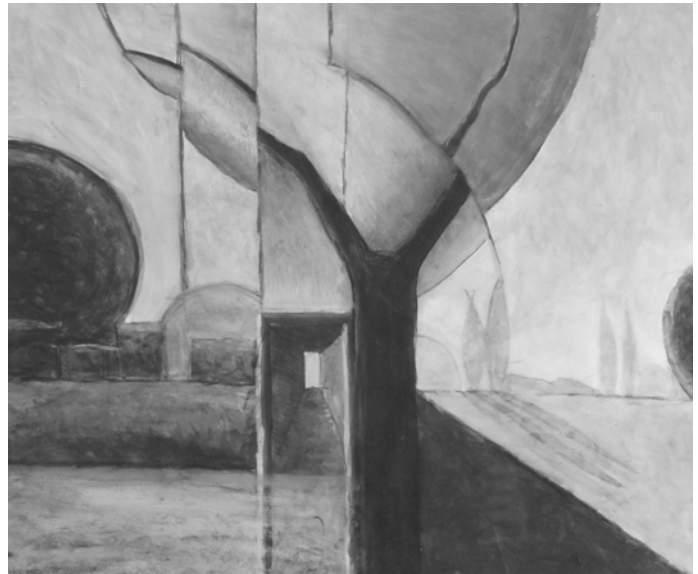
Come along to the School Fair at the Recreation Ground on 21 June. There will be a band, BBQ, games and stalls. The event will be held in the Village Hall if wet. 1.00-4.00 pm. All welcome.

Suffolk Open Studios

Over 130 Suffolk artists open their studios to the public in June. Badwell's own Adrian Rumbles is one of the artists in the scheme. Adrian paints landscapes in mixed media, oils, acrylics and watercolours, as well as creating welded steel sculptures which are displayed in his studio and garden.

Adrian's Open Days: June 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/29. 11.00-5.00 pm. Entrance free. Studio X, The Grange, Long Thurlow Road. Contact Adrian on 01359 259332 or www.thurlowgallery.co.uk

Information about the Suffolk Open Studios scheme is available in leaflets from local libraries, or at www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk



Adrian Rumbles: The Path, Spring

WI Open Meeting: Pakenham Water Mill

David Eddershaw will give a talk about the mill on June 12th. The Domesday book records a mill at the site of the current building, and Pakenham Water Mill is the last working water mill in Suffolk. Come and hear about its history, present and future. Visitors are welcome: £2 entry fee includes refreshments. 7.30 pm Lord Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield. Call June Ley, 259645, for more information, or help with transport.



Adam lands a big 'un!

Badwell's Fishing Lakes

Wander up the Back Lane beyond the last of the houses, and you'll see on your right the white gun towers of the Gun Club. The towers are situated by a large pond or lake, and sometimes you'll see people fishing here. Who are they?

Three lakes on this stretch of land are rented and managed by the West Suffolk College Fishing Club. The club's founder member is Brian Nunn.

'WSC Fishing Club is primarily a club for staff members of West Suffolk College,' said Brian. 'Members compete in a league, and have a yearly schedule of competition matches at fishing lakes around the area. Each year the winner is presented with a Club Shield.'

'The Badwell Ash lakes are our home grounds. We use the lakes for pleasure fishing and competition practice, and the large central lake is also used for home matches.'

The middle lake is the biggest. The club has dug out shallow, flat-bottomed areas for seating around the banks giving 13 equally spaced 'swims' (places to fish) around the lake.

There is a wide variety of fish found in the lakes;

carp, perch, skimmer bream, roach and rudd.

The lakes are maintained by the club. The swims are kept clear, encroaching reeds are kept in check, and litter is picked up.

The club gets some financial help from the College's Staff Association, but relies on annual membership fees to keep afloat.

The club has some limited availability for local people to use the lakes for pleasure fishing. Local seniors, adults, children and families can join as associate members on a yearly basis. The club only accepts responsible members. 'People need to respect the environment. It's a beautiful place. It needs to be well-maintained and kept tidy; no littering or mis-use,' said Brian Nunn. Pleasure fishing is not permitted during Gun Club hours or during competition matches.

The Birds from Badwell have a family membership. 'We love fishing,' said Tracey Bird. 'It's addictive.' Sometimes the family takes a picnic and spends the day fishing. 'It's lovely up there, peaceful and beautiful. A great sport and a great day out.'

Call Brian Nunn for further information on 242879

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

Grass gets Greener on St Mary's Crescent

The grass is finally growing again on the green at St Mary's Crescent. What's been going on, and why did it take so long? Anglian Water have been updating the sewage pipes. 'The flow should be much freer,' said Paul Bradman, Anglian's Customer Response Manager. 'There were also worries about sulphide gas build-ups in the old sewers, which might damage trees. We totally re-laid the sewer, but we were held up with the weather being so unfavourable (in March and April).' Then they made the new manholes too high. So they had to bring in new soil to lift the level of the ground before reseeding the green with grass. Bradman apologised for the delays and any inconvenience.

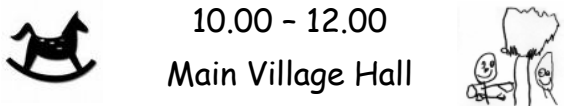
down a safe surface and fence the area. With the support of the Village Hall Committee the patio area will be covered to allow the children access to the outdoor environment all year round. This is particularly good for children who prefer outdoor learning. The staff will continue to develop the area over the next few months and this will provide activities such as gardening, a maths and language area, and a visual and sound area. The group accepts children from the age of 2 from 9.15 – 12.00 weekdays, and has a lunch club on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Dianne Moore

Outdoor Learning for Under 5s

Children at Badwell Ash Under 5s are enjoying the opportunity to play and learn in their new outside area. Network Funding has enabled the group to put

Parent and Toddler Group
Wednesdays
 10.00 - 12.00
 Main Village Hall
 0- preschool welcome
 £1.75 per family per session
 Run in conjunction with the Under 5s group



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 7.30 pm
Youth Club	Stacey Hawes	07845 -119579	Wednesday, 7:00-9:00pm, Village Hall

Dates coming up...

May 25	Sunday Eucharist	St Mary's Church	10.00 am
May 31	Coffee Morning in aid of St Mary's Church	Old Forge, Daisy Green	10.30-12.30 am
June 1	Langham Hall Open Garden	Langham	2.00 - 5.00 pm
June 7/8 & 21/22 & 28/29	Adrian Rumbles	Studio X, Long Thurlow Road	11.00-5.00 pm
June 9	AGM: Community Forum & Village Hall Committee	Village Hall	8.00 pm
June 12	WI: Pakenham Water Mill Talk	Great Ashfield Hall	7.30 pm
June 21	School PTFA Summer Fair	Recreation Ground	1.00 – 4.00 pm
June 29	Youth Club Fun Day	Village Hall	time tba,



Roll along to the Carpet Bowls Club

The Badwell Ash Carpet Bowls Club has been going strong for over 20 years. Members meet every Tuesday throughout the year at the village hall. Summer months are used as practice sessions, and from September to April they play in the Bury Carpet Bowls League.

The game of Carpet Bowls was designed to be played in village halls. The carpets are shorter and the woods smaller than other types of indoor bowls. An obstruction in the centre of the carpet forces players to use the bias of the woods, increasing the skill of the game.

At Badwell village hall sessions the club runs two carpets. The club provides all the equipment, including the woods and tea at half-time. Two teams of four play against each other on each carpet, and the teams swap over after tea break.

"It's a very friendly club," said a member. "Of course people like to win, but the main thing is to enjoy the evening."

The club currently has 15 members, some of whom come as far away as Diss, Stowmarket, Wyverstone and Hepworth. The youngest member is currently in their early 40s, but

there is no lower (or upper!) age limit.

The club welcomes new members. Anyone interested can come along on a Tuesday evening and try their hand with the woods, or just watch and enjoy a cup of tea. No one need to feel nervous about coming down to the hall as all members are willing to help newcomers get to grips with the woods. It is a great sport to play.

There is no dress code for practice sessions, though soft shoes need to be worn to protect the carpets. For league matches team shirts are worn, kindly sponsored by R&D Construction. The team is currently "about in the middle" of the Bury League. About eight clubs compete each winter, none farther afield than Great Barton or Honnington.

Meet: Tuesday evenings 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There is a 75p session charge.

Contact: David Frost 259548

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