

The Badwell Broadsheet

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New for 2019!

BINGO

1st Saturday of the Month

Next Meeting: 2nd Feb

Badwell Ash Village Hall

Doors Open 1.30

Eyes Down 2pm

Refreshments Available



Badwell Ash Parish Council Report

From the Chair:-

A Happy New Year to all Parishioners from the Parish Council.

As we start another year of debate and decisions, I am sorry to say that we are losing the services of our Clerk, Chris Garman.

Our thanks go to Chris for all he has done, with a view to assuring that the Council has conducted its business in the very best interests of the Parish and its residents.

As you will read in this issue an advertisement has been placed with a view to seeking his successor (see p 3). Could it be for you?

Yet more applications for planning are being sought, for two developments of over thirty houses on each. An application for fifty or so was refused last year. Remember you can have your say, for or against, as to what you want for your village.

You are welcome at Council meetings to express your views on village issues.

Clive Hawkins

Chairman Badwell Ash Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th February. Everyone is welcome to attend.

How Big will Badwell Get?

There have been applications for the creation of roughly 175 new dwellings in the parish of Badwell Ash in the past year. Applications for at least 43 new homes have been granted so far, while others await decisions, have been rejected, or are appealing.

There are plans for large scale developments such as the Shakerland proposal for 52 dwellings houses on the Hunston Road (rejected), the Warren Farm proposal for 40 homes at the junction of The Street and Langham Rd (awaiting decision), and several projects along the Broadway, including 33 new homes north of the Broadway (some projects granted, others awaiting decision). Many of these plans are outside the village envelope, but MidSuffolk District Council (MSDC) is being pressured to accept such proposals (see p2).

There have also been about ten applications from homeowners to build additional dwellings on their properties.

There have also been a handful of annexes granted permission. It is not known if the annexes will be permanent homes – ‘granny flats.’



Is there enough housing stock in MidSuffolk ?

Badwell parish had a population of 770 in 316 dwellings according to the 2011 census. If all the new homes were granted, the parish's housing stock would increase in size by more than 50%.

Would a larger population bring more amenities, or would it stretch current services?

You can find out about building applications in our area by putting ‘Badwell Ash’ into the search window on MSDC's planning website:- www.planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/ . You can give your comments about any application on the website and express your opinions at Parish Council meetings.

Revised 5 Year Housing Plan

MSDC's 5-year housing land supply was called into question last year, when its decision to refuse planning permission for 49 homes in Woolpit was overturned by the Planning Inspectorate.

They said that MSDC's policies were out of date and the council should look more favourably on applications. This led to worries that speculative developers would take advantage of the situation and apply for unsuitable planning permissions.

To counteract this, MSDC launched a new housing supply plan in mid-January, and has announced a 6-week public consultation about it. If the new plan is accepted it could mean that unsuitable housing applications could be more easily dismissed.

To view the plan, and to comment, go to www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/housing-delivery.

The consultation ends on February 28th.

Build it right with MDSC

Thinking about...

- Building an extension
- Internal alterations i.e. removal of walls
- Converting your garage/creating an annex?

MidSuffolk District Council (MSDC) can help.

We have a dedicated, independent and impartial team with specialist knowledge in the construction industry. We can guide you through the processes to make that all-important alteration to your home, whilst ensuring you meet mandatory Building Regulations.

We understand fitting home improvements around your job can be a challenge. Our team can fit in with your diary. Inspections can be booked by 10am on the day too, so no need to forward plan if that's not your style.

If you want to find out more about the services your local council offers, just speak to one of the team or visit: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/building-control/

Village Hall Report

2018 ended with a successful Spud lunch and the annual Children's Christmas Party.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events in 2019, this year we will try a couple of different events at the Village Hall. We are planning on a Medium night and also an Antique Evaluation Day, along with other planned events.

We would like to hear from you if you would like to see/attend an event you have in mind. As a committee we try to vary the events but any suggestions would be gratefully received.

You can contact me 01359 258373 or send me a message on 07842 811071.

*Chris Evans
Badwell Ash Village Hall Chairman*

VACANCY

Applications are invited for the post of
PARISH CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER
for Badwell Ash Parish Council

The successful applicant will be responsible for the administration of the parish council.

The Parish Clerk will be offered training to support this role and must be able to attend evening meetings (approx. 12 pa) of the Parish Council.

Salary: Negotiable in accordance with NJC scales 18 - 22 and depending on skills and experience.

Hours: 5 per week.

For further information contact:

Christopher Garman: Parish Clerk.

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WI OPEN MEETING

A Talk from SARS – Suffolk Accident Rescue Service

We extend an Invitation for you to join us for the evening – Gentlemen included.

We are holding the OPEN MEETING on
THURSDAY 14th MARCH

at the Lord Thurlow Hall in Great Ashfield at 7.30pm. Tickets/Donation - £3 to include a raffle & refreshments.

Our Speaker will be talking to us all about SARS. They provide specialist doctors and paramedics to assist the East of England Ambulance Service at the scenes of incidents where patients *require an enhanced level of care before* they reach hospital. The SARS doctors and paramedics are all unpaid volunteers who provide their services for free.

Do come and join us for an interesting evening. For all enquiries please telephone - 01359 259399

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - DO COME AND JOIN US FOR THE EVENING TO SEE WHAT THE WOMENS INSTITUTE IS ALL ABOUT



NEWS FROM IXWORTH FREE SCHOOL

My first term at Ixworth

My name is Hannah and I am 11 years old, I joined Ixworth Free School in September 2018. I have absolutely loved my first term here; it has been the greatest experience of my life so far.

I never dreamt that I would be so happy at senior school. I have many new lessons; DT, Philosophy and Ethics, French, Drama and Enrichment - where I have tried Football, Rugby, Team building and Debating. I go in every day feeling so excited for school to start. Early on, I was very nervous, maybe up until half-term, now I feel a lot more confident. I think it is because the teachers look after us and support us.

Even in the short time I have been at Ixworth, there have been lots of opportunities in addition to normal lessons. I have made new friends which I am very happy about as I was very worried that I would be lonely. I love the uniform, it is smart, comfortable and I feel proud and confident in it. The food here is gorgeous and I have tried lots of new things.

I look forward to the next fourteen terms ahead of me!

Hannah, Year 7

Ixworth Free School is a small school with a focus on knowing every student as an individual and providing the best education for every student. Our excellent Progress 8 score is +0.38; the national figure is -0.02, so our excellent score is significant for each and every pupil. Progress 8 is an accountability measure used by Government to measure the effectiveness of secondary schools in England.

**Ixworth Free School,
Walsham Road, Ixworth, Suffolk IP31 2HS
For more information or to arrange a personal
tour of the School with the Headteacher please
call 01359 234050**

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Do you find it difficult to get to college, to the shops, medical appointments or to visit your friends and family in the county?

If you live in Mid Suffolk and need to make a journey where there's no public transport available to you locally, MidSuffolk District Council's new **Connecting Communities** can collect you and connect you to an appropriate bus route or train link for onward travel so you can reach your destination quickly and easily.

For journeys where connecting to other services is inappropriate, end to end journeys may be possible.

Give our friendly team a call who will happily go through the options that are available to you and explain how to use the service, how to book your journey (at least a week in advance) and how to get to your destination.

Visit www.communities.suffolkonboard.com or

Call: 01449 614271

Booking hours: Mon-Fri - 9.00am - 4.00pm

Service hours: Mon-Sat - 7.00am - 7.00pm

How much will it cost?

Connecting Communities fares are based on average bus fare costs for journeys of the same or equivalent distance.

If you are aged between 16-19 years old, with a cashless **Endeavour Card** you can also get **at least 25% discount off full price adult fares**. Apply for your FREE Endeavour Card at www.endeavourcard.co.uk.



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Don't let dogs attack livestock

Police are reminding dog owners to take to keep their dogs under control after two incidents in which sheep were injured in West Suffolk recently. The Rural Crime Team said, "We know that most dog owners are responsible. But despite repeated appeals, attacks on sheep and livestock by dogs continue to happen. Farmers have a right to shoot any dogs that are attacking livestock and nobody wants to see this happen. Dog owners or those walking dogs should know that they are responsible for any damage that the dog in their care commits. Anybody with any information about dog-livestock incidents are asked to call 101.

Pub Adds Another Bar

The White Horse Inn has reopened the large bar room, closed since 2015, after a refurbishment.

 Check out the Facebook page: 'The White Horse Inn - Badwell Ash'

Opening Times:- Sunday-Thursday 12:00-11:00,
Friday & Saturday 12:00-12:00

Church Secretarial Vacancy

St Mary's Church Badwell Ash has a vacancy for a Secretary on its' Parochial Church Council. This involves taking minutes and notes, whilst collating church business at the meetings, which are held up to 5 times each year. Also, there will be the receiving and disseminating of other church news from the central Diocese, and making the items of business available for discussion at the meetings. If you are at all interested please do contact Philip (The Priest) on 01359 258806.

New Care Directory Published

Looking for **information** on care and **support** in your local area?



A new, updated, independent Suffolk Care Services Directory gives readers crucial information on choices, how to access, and how to pay for care services throughout Suffolk.

You may have seen there's a huge amount in the media at the moment about the crisis in social care. If you're concerned about your care options, or want information on choice, this directory can help.

The Directory includes information on how to stay independent for as long as possible, the different care and support options available and what to look for when choosing a care provider. It also offers guidance on important issues such as paying for care and what financial assistance may be available from the local authority. There are comprehensive listings of all registered care services throughout Suffolk, plus checklists to help you ask the right questions when visiting services.

The directory will be available throughout the region from outlets including carers' centres, hospitals, GP surgeries, Age UK and the Alzheimer's Society. It can be downloaded from www.carechoices.co.uk and is also available in spoken word.

The Badwell Broadsheet is funded by Badwell Ash Parish Council. We will distribute as many copies as possible, otherwise please pick up a copy at the shop, pub or fish shop. Articles, information about local events, notices and feedback are welcomed. For any of the above, please contact the editor Sarah Brown on 259625 or email badwellash@hotmail.co.uk. Next Deadline: MARCH 19TH 2019

We can't print what we don't know about.

Local Parish Recorder Wanted

The role of Parish Recorder is still vacant.

Many of you will have seen the scrapbooks kept by Margaret Symonds during her time as Parish Recorder at history events in the church or village hall. Some people found photos of themselves as youngsters, or their parents or grandparents. Local history of this kind is not only appreciated by local people, but also by historians as part of Suffolk's history.



The primary aim of a Recorder is to **keep a record of today**, and to keep alert for overlooked, lost or unrecorded items of historical interest. You don't need to be a historian to take on this task.

It is entirely up to the Local Recorder as to how they approach the role and how much, or how little, is recorded. How much you do will depend on how much time you have to offer. You are not expected to cover everything, but anything that is recorded or saved will be worthwhile and much appreciated by future historians. Enthusiastic recorders with lots of available time might choose to start a project, eg a photographic survey of the parish, but others might be too busy to contemplate such an idea. It may only be necessary to collect the monthly newsletter and to keep a small diary of events and occasions that occur throughout the year. Most recorders make a scrapbook which involves collecting any leaflets, photos etc. during the year that they feel will produce a record for what will become tomorrow's history.

Recorders are also asked to write a short summary of the year's events to be sent to the Bury Records Office. At the moment nearly 300 villages are involved with this scheme. The aim is that all material of permanent value will be available to future local historians.

Pat Monk became Badwell's Recorder in 2014, but is unable to continue in the post.

If you might be interested in taking over the role please contact Pat. She would be happy to talk it through – call her on 258538 - or contact her by email: patmmonk@gmail.com.