

The Badwell Broadsheet

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Local Elections 2nd May

Exercise your democratic right to vote on May 2nd, when elections will be held for **MidSuffolk District Councillors**.

Ward boundaries are changing at the election to cut the number of District Councillors from 40 to 34. Voters in Badwell Ash parish will be voting within a new Walsham-le-Willows Ward.

Councillor Roy Barker, who has been Badwell's District Councillor for 16 years, has announced that he is taking this opportunity to retire.

A full list of candidates is not yet available.

Parish Council elections will also take place if any re-election of the current councillors is contested. Contact Badwell PCs new clerk, Carole Rose, at badwellashpc@outlook.com if you would like to nominate yourself as a candidate for parish councillor. Currently the seats are uncontested.

If you are not registered to vote, applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Friday, 12 April 2019. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>, or by post. Amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX by 5 pm on Monday, 15 April.



GREAT ASHFIELD & BADWELL ASH WI

Our last meeting in March which was an open meeting with Dr Andrew Mason from "SARS" was a great success and nearly £200 in Donations was raised for the cause. We would like to extend a big thank you to both our members and visitors who attended.

Our next meeting is on **April 11th** at Lord Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield, at 7.30pm when we have David Smith – a retired fingerprint expert giving an illustrated talk on **the use of fingerprints in crime scene investigations**. New members or visitors will be made most welcome.

Midge Hawkins, President

Badwell Ash Village Hall Public Meeting

14 May 7.00pm

Come along and meet the committee. We would like to hear your thoughts on what you want from your Village Hall.

We try different events but attendance is always low.

Support your hall

We don't want to lose this facility as well.

Easter Egg Hunt



GOOD FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2019

Easter Egg Hunt from Badwell Ash Church to Langham Church. 10.00am Start

Every child gets a free Easter egg. Booking only.
Please call Julia Evans on 07542778558 or Stephen Rose 07714273669
Raffle, refreshments and more!

Services at St Mary's



There will be a Service for all the Benefice Churches on **Palm Sunday**, 14th April at 10.00am and the following week upon **Easter Sunday**, 21st April at 8.00am. As always all are very welcome.

Visit by our two Bishops to St. Mary's Church, Badwell Ash

On Thursday 14th March, the Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Martin Seeley and the Bishop of Dunwich, Mike Harrison visited St. Mary's in Badwell Ash as part of their Lent Pilgrimage across Suffolk.

As far as we are aware, this is the first time that the two Bishops have visited St. Mary's Church. They used their stop as a lunch break, having been to Rumbles Fish Bar to buy fish and chips! Members of the PCC provided tea and coffee.

Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike are walking 90 miles over a ten day period starting at Southwold and taking in Redisham, Bungay, Metfield, Fressingfield, Eye, Rickinghall, Ixworth and finishing in Stowmarket



Pictured above in the nave of St. Mary's are Rev'd Pamela Robson, Bishop Martin Seeley, Rev'd Philip Merry, Stephen Rose, Churchwarden, and Bishop Mike Harrison.

St. Mary's Badwell Ash PCC

St Mary's Church Vacancy

If anybody has a few hours a month to spare and would enjoy using them in a voluntary capacity as Secretary to the Church Parish Council, then your help would be very much appreciated. Do contact myself; Philip Merry on 01359 258806.

Badwell Ash Parish Council Report

From the Chair:-

Elsewhere in the Broadsheet you will read of our new Parish Clerk and on behalf of the Parish Council I personally wish to welcome Carole to her new role.

Our thanks must also go to our outgoing Clerk Chris Garmen. Through Chris's endeavours, supported by the Council, he ensured that that Council became compliant as required by the laws governing local authorities.

Another new Grit Bin has been installed, with another yet to follow. More gradual improvements for the village.

Look out for the date of the village Litter Pick, the more hands the better. If it is not a day for you, you can always do your bit at a time to suit you.

Every little helps. Even around the Village Hall, which is after all a village asset.

With Spring upon us let's clean up and brighten up the village.

Clive Hawkins

Chairman Badwell Ash Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting, followed by a Parish Council Meeting will take place early in May. Check the noticeboards for time and date.

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**JUMBLE
SALE** ★ ★

**Badwell Ash
Village Hall**

27 April Doors open 2pm

**Come along and grab
a bargain 30 pence entry**

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: MAY 19TH 2019

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

Ghostbusters?

'Have you had any ghostly goings on in your home?

Would you like a top team of paranormal investigators to help?



I'm a casting researcher from Back 2 Back Productions working on a very exciting paranormal TV series. We're currently looking for properties that are haunted and whose

owners might want them investigated to see what could be uncovered!

If you would like to share your story and take part in the series then please email the team – haunted@back2back.tv, or email or call me, Ryan Leigh on ryan.leigh@back2back.tv or 01273 447429

Thank you for your help in advance and I look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards,
Ryan Leigh

Known Ghosts of Badwell Ash

There is said to be a **haunted pond** on Shackerland Hall farm, one of the few ponds in all Suffolk to have its own name - "Nan Silvers", named for the jilted young woman who allegedly drowned herself there, at some date now lost. Nan Silvers, it is said, can be seen in the water of the pond on the night of the full moon.

The ghost of **Mrs Etteridge**, walks along Richer Road. Mrs Etteridge was most famously spotted in the 1920s by a yard boy at Parkers Farm (corner of The Street and Richer Road). This boy was watching a horseman digging his garden one evening, across the road from the old cemetery. As it became dusk he saw the figure of a woman walking beside the hedge. He did not recognize her but noticed that she had long hair, down to her waist. She seemed to pass through the hedge, crossed the road, and passed again through the cemetery hedge. On returning home, he told his father what he had seen and described the woman to him. His father recognized her as the wife of the farmer who had lived at Parkers Farm some years before.

On **Hollands Hill**, now officially 'Ashfield Hill'

the road which runs from Long Thurlow Rd down to Great Ashfield, there are reports of a "white figure" that walks there by dark.

The **White Horse Inn** has been a coaching inn since the fourteenth century. It is said that on New Year's Eve each year a ghostly coach and horses drives along the road from Badwell towards Walsham... and all who see it are supposed to drop dead or die soon after.

According to local legend the phantasm is the product of a curse. The story goes that the coach and horses knocked down and killed a small boy, whose mother pronounced the curse upon the driver, dooming him to drive his carriage forever.

If you have other ghostly stories of Badwell, we would love to hear from you.



Would you like to be the Recorder for BADWELL ASH?

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the 'future'.

A Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk



White Horse Inn News

Food is Coming

The kitchens will be opening in April to offer quality made-to-order food. Everything will be fresh, and where possible locally sourced.

Darts Players Wanted!

The White Horse is looking for male and female darts players to make up pub teams. If you're interested please come and talk to one of the servers behind the bar,

Pool The pub has two pool teams currently playing in the local league.



25% OFF any DRINK 5-6pm

Please note our **new phone number** 258200, which can be used for reservations and enquiries.

 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

Toad Times !



Between the end of February and mid-April, toads all over the country will come out of hibernation and begin their hazardous journey back to their spawning ponds. Common Toads are declining in the UK and need our help. Every year thousands of toads are killed on our roads.

If you wish to help them cross safely, why not **join us!** Toads usually move after dark when the temperature is above 6°C on damp evenings. We have set up patrols in Badwell Ash and Stowlangtoft. We welcome new volunteers for a couple of hours a week to patrol in teams of two or three. Short training, insurance and answers to all your questions are provided.

If you can help please contact us:

Sylvie Fitch tel: 241727, email

bob.sylvie@btinternet.com, or Ian Cassidy

tel:233285, email ian.cassidy4@btinternet.com.

Local drivers - we need your help too. We put up and light up toad signs when we patrol. Please slow down and look out for the patrollers in hi-vis jackets. Thank you.

Art Exhibition

St. Mary's Church, Badwell Ash



25-26 May 10.00am - 4.30pm

Mixed media exhibition including works in metal, wood, glass, paint and children's work. Tombola & Refreshments.

For more information please contact
Stephen Rose 07714 273669

Feature painting by Diana Chapman