

The Badwell Broadsheet

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From the Parish Council Chair:

When I last wrote I said that we as a Parish Council were preoccupied with the effects of Coronavirus. This is still the case although the situation is easing. Whilst still holding “virtual” meetings our programme of changes and improvement within the Parish, that I said were on hold, are now beginning to come to fruition. Our Parish Clerk will tell you more, for it is by her constant endeavours that these are now taking place.

Whilst Council matters have in general been on the quiet side, the interests of all Parishioners has rest assured been well attended too.

With no Parish Council meeting in August, be it virtual or real, it is hoped to hold a regular meeting in September subject to Covid regulations at the time. Please check village noticeboards for dates and times.

Keep well and stay safe.

*Clive Hawkins.
Chairman Badwell Ash Parish Council*

From the Parish Clerk

Since the last Broadsheet went to print, the Parish Council are pleased to report that the streetlights in The Street and Richer Road have been upgraded to LED lighting. This will be a huge improvement to the lighting in the village during the winter months. The remaining roads of Richer Close, Back Lane and Long Thurlow are scheduled to be upgraded next year. We also have a new oak noticeboard which has been installed next to the telephone box which should make it easier to read the Parish Council notices going forward. (The old noticeboard in the school gardens is due to be removed by the developers). Just two of our projects successfully completed for the benefit of the village. Hopefully by the Autumn there will be more news on other projects.

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Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI

Although the Covid 19 Virus is still very much with us, the Government has been regularly issuing us all with new guidelines.

All village halls and meeting places have recently been issued with very lengthy guide lines for re-opening. Unfortunately there is so much that has to be done and implemented before they can open back up again in as safe a way as possible.

Our Federation has also just sent out guidelines for possibly opening up meetings again, but there is an awful lot of procedures to go through and to be implemented before this can happen.

We have all got used to lockdown, and moving forward for some of our members may not be easy. So we on the committee have to make the decisions for opening up again, for all our members, to ensure each individual member is protected.

We hope that you are enjoying the monthly newsletters from Kate and the fortnightly online newsletter ‘The Hive’ which the SW Federation sends out to us. It certainly helps keep us all in the loop and up to date on what is happening.

We hope that it won’t be too long before we can start having our meetings again but we shall only do so once we have been through a full risk assessment. Your safety and wellbeing is paramount to us.

Meanwhile I still urge you all to Keep Safe and Well. My best wishes to all.

Midge Hawkins - President

From the Gun Club

Badwell Ash Gun Club will resume the shooting Season on August 1st. To aid social distancing, no cartridges or refreshments will be sold, instead of the normal 50 birds we will reduce the round to 40 birds over 5 stands. Shooters will be sent round in socially distanced squads, and dedicated scorers, so no scorecards or trap released buttons have to be handled by patrons. Due to lack of signal at the ground, payment is to be made by cash, and exact money is required please, which will be £10 per round. We hope you understand.

Regards B.A.G.C. team

Badwell Ash Village Hall

As many will be well aware the Village Hall has been closed during the Covid lockdown. Whilst understandable, it has meant that the clubs and other users of the hall have not been able to enjoy their recreational pursuits.

The Committee are currently making plans to reopen the Village Hall but this can only be done subject to Covid rules and regulations being adhered to.

To ensure cleanliness in the hall, a new cleaner has been appointed who is fully aware of the needs demanded as a result of Covid 19.

The Committee despite the Covid virus is having to maintain the fabric of the Hall. Minor maintenance issues have been dealt with. However one major issue needing attention was the repair and resealing of the roof. This has now been done well in advance of the Winter weather.

The Playing Field is open for all to use but the dropping of litter, as has been seen during this Covid period, is not acceptable. **“DON’T BE A TOSSER”** take your litter away with you please.

As and when restrictions are lifted, fund raising and other events will be held but only when it is safe to do so. Look out for notices of forthcoming events.

Stay safe and look after your locality.

Badwell Ash Village Hall Committee.

Road Accident Appeal- Badwell Ash

Officers are appealing for witnesses or information following a serious road traffic collision in Badwell Ash.

Police were called on 30 July, following reports that a white Ford Transit had left the road and collided with a tree in Badwell Road.

The driver was flown by air ambulance to Addenbrooke’s Hospital after sustaining life-threatening injuries.

Officers are appealing for witnesses or dash-cam evidence. Call 101 quoting CAD 138

Farming Equipment Stolen

High value farming gps equipment has been stolen in mid Suffolk.

One of the thefts took place between 10-11 July from a farm in Elmswell. Offenders entered the yard and drilled the lock out of five vehicles stealing the GPS systems. The value stolen in this incident is estimated be in the region of £100,000.

Please call Stowmarket police if you know anything or have been offered gps equipment. Farmers and landowners are asked to review farm security.

Dog Thefts

Suffolk Constabulary is warning pet owners to take extra care after a rise in dog thefts. Organised crime groups are actively targeting working breeds. Dog owners are advised to review security of any outdoor kennels.

There have been 12 confirmed cases where dogs have been stolen within the county this year, most working gun breeds. 17 dogs and puppies were stolen from kennels in one incident near Barton Mills on 6 July.

Gardens should be well secured with fencing or hedges, while gates should be kept locked.

Owners are advised not to leave dogs out in open gardens and yards when they are not at home and, if possible, they should be brought into the house overnight.

Ensure your dog is chipped and, if neutered, mark the dog’s tag as such as this makes them less attractive to thieves that may want to steal them for breeding. When out walking, if you let your dog off the lead, don’t allow it to leave your sight.

Anybody with any information contact Suffolk police via: suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/existing-report-update or tel 101.

Annual Church Ride and Stride

The Annual Sponsored “Ride & Stride” will take place on the 12th September. As the event name implies, people either cycle or walk around any number of the churches taking part in the scheme and ask sponsors to pay per church visited. The idea started in Suffolk, and has now been adopted nationwide. This fund-raising event is the main source of income for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), enabling it to make repair and restoration grants to churches and chapels of all denominations. The event may be slightly different because of Covid constrictions. Check shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/

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