

# The Badwell Broadsheet

The newsletter of Badwell Ash Civic Parish, covering Badwell Ash, Long Thurlow & Badwell Green Issue # 85 Dec 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR AND KEEP SAFE!!!

## Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight



**St. Mary's Church  
Badwell Ash, 5.00pm**

Traditional readings and carols  
24th December 2021  
EVERYONE VERY WELCOME

## CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



**SATURDAY 4 DEC  
10AM TO 12 NOON**

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US COFFEE, TEA & CAKES

IN AID Of Badwell Ash Village Hall and Playground



### Christmas has arrived at the White Horse Inn

We have the decorations up and exciting plans for the festive period!

**Christmas Eve:** we have the talented Adam Thomas (*below*) playing from 6pm-9pm, we will be serving mulled wine and mulled cider.



**New Year's Eve:** we are having an amazing freshly prepared Street Food BBQ from 12pm until late. We also have the fantastic Lick & A Promise performing live music from 8.30pm and taking us into the New Year.

We will be serving our award winning Sunday Roast menu all day on the 1st 2nd & 3rd Jan, booking is advised.

Please see our social media and website for more details of the opening times over the festive period.

### SUFFOLK ACCIDENT RESCUE SERVICE

## Christmas TREECYCLING Service



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**7th/8th Jan. 2022**

**MID-SUFFOLK REGION**

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- your local Emergency Medical Charity

£5 SUGGESTED DONATION

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## From the Parish Clerk

### Remembrance Day

The Parish Council would like to extend a vote of thanks to Mrs Baalham and her family for their superb efforts in decorating the war memorial and every single telegraph pole with poppies. Their efforts have been hugely appreciated and commented on by many of the residents and we hope it will be possible to remove them carefully and keep them for next year too.

### Parish Councillor vacancy

Despite having three applications for the vacancy on the Parish Council, none of them have followed through. Therefore this is an appeal for others to volunteer for this very worthwhile role for the benefit of all our residents within the Parish. No previous experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and common sense, to attend the 12 meetings a year. Do please consider it as we would very much welcome some new impetus. Details on our website or email the Clerk on [badwellashpc@outlook.com](mailto:badwellashpc@outlook.com)



### Playground

The Parish Council are very pleased to announce the installation of the benches and picnic tables down at the village hall. This completes Stage 1 of the Playground Project and any monies remaining will be held over for Stage 2 of the Playground Project.

## Parish Council Report FROM THE CHAIR

The November Parish Council meeting was, one could say business as usual, with Councillors, District Councillor and County Councillor present. Ongoing issues were discussed, a report on the new SIDS made, as well as planning matters. As I say, business as usual. This brings me on to how and why such business can take place for our wellbeing.

The 11<sup>th</sup> November, Armistice Day, the 14<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday, two poignant days in the year. Days when we remember all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who have been maimed or traumatised by conflict, in order that this country and its people may live in peace. The peace we enjoy today, the peace that enables this Parish Council and all Councils across the country to function for the benefit of all.

LEST WE FORGET

In closing may we the Parish Council wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Clive Hawkins  
Chairman, Badwell Ash Parish Council

## Badwell Ash Village Hall Report

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November and a Table Top Sale in the Village Hall which was attended by many both from within the village and further afield.

Our thanks to all who came, both buyers and sellers, all of whom expressed their satisfaction of the event. Teas, coffees and cakes were a great success, with some buying twice. The raffle also proved to be worthwhile. Next time we hope to see more attend, after all it is for your village hall.

Overall a success with funds raised going towards the continued improvement of the hall.

DON'T MISS the next event a special **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING** on **SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. All welcome, the more the merrier.

Badwell Ash Village Hall Committee

## Annual Badwell Quiz Report

Badwell Ash Village Quiz returned to the Village Hall on 29. October 2021. We would like to thank all of those who attended and contributed to the evening's success. Although numbers were considerably reduced, perhaps due to concerns about Covid and flu, the total amount raised was £260.60 which will be split equally between SARS and St Mary's Church. Thanks are also due for various donations.

We hope all of those who attended enjoyed the challenge of the questions which again covered a range of subjects - from the Fibonacci sequence and intricacies of travel along the Panama Canal to soap opera storylines : we try to appeal to all areas of expertise! At least it was a small step back to normality after 18 months of lockdowns and social distancing. We look forward to seeing even more of you next year!

## **From the Parish Clerk Cont/**

### **CIL**

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge which the District Council can levy on housing developments. A portion of this levy is returned to the Parish Council to spend on infrastructure needs within their community. The Parish Council would like suggestions from residents of this parish as to what to spend our Levy on during 2022. Please email your suggestions to badwellashpc@outlook.com

### **WANTED: Electrician**

The Parish Council would be very grateful for the services of an electrician to rewire the old Defibrillator in a new cabinet to the exterior of the village hall. Please ring The Clerk on 01359 259045 if you are able to help. Thank you.

### **Long Thurlow Defib**

Following a very successful CPR and defibrillator training event in the village hall, the Parish Council agreed that Long Thurlow should also have its own defibrillator and have accepted a quote to supply and install one in the village. There is however a difficulty in that the cabinet housing the defib needs to have a power source to keep the temperature between 5 – 10 degrees. Unfortunately there are no obvious sites to house this in LT as there are no public buildings so this appeal is for suggestions to house the defib. Please ring the Clerk on 01359 259045 to discuss. Cost of electricity will obviously be reimbursed annually by the Parish Council.

**Carole Rose**

Clerk to the Parish Council

## **Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI**

We are coming towards the end of yet another year but hopefully we are all beginning to feel able to move about more freely. Our meetings have been well attended and we have welcomed new members.

It has been lovely to see all our members who have come to our last two meetings which were both thoroughly enjoyed by us all. Jenny Gibbs enthralled us with her life in Turkey which is so different to how we live here in the UK. Alison Brain told us more stories about the orphanage in Uganda whom she raises funds for here in the UK and how they had coped with the covid pandemic.

Our next three meetings – all listed below, are to be held in the Lord Thurlow Hall at Great Ashfield at 7.30pm. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>:** With Margaret Brackenbury - we will be decorating a bottle with Christmas in mind. We just ask that you bring an empty wine bottle with you!

**January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022:** We have Gina Saunders talking about the St. Anthony Nursery School in Malawi. Gina is a local lady and raises funds for the Nursery.

**February 10<sup>th</sup> 2022:** We have a member's Social evening.

We would welcome any new members to join us. We are not a huge group but a very friendly one and we invite you come and see what we are all about. All visitors are welcome to join us at £3 to include a raffle ticket and refreshments.

Please feel free to ring me for any further information on 01359 259399.

The Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI would like to pass on to you our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

My best wishes to you all.

Midge Hawkins

## ***From Rick Meyer, MidSuffolk District Councillor***

As "normality" creeps closer it is very pleasing to hear that Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) received national recognition at the Public Sector Transformation Awards 2021 for their innovative support of communities through Covid and beyond – winning Bronze in the overall Council of the Year category, Silver for service improvements by the Planning Enforcement team and Gold for the Virtual High Street initiative supporting local retailers.

Babergh and MSDC are the first rural UK councils to switch their fleet to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) – slashing carbon emissions by up to 90%. HVO, one of the cleanest fuels on the market, also significantly reduces nitrogen oxide emissions and particulate matter. HVO also supports a circular economy, as the fuel is solely produced from waste cooking oil.

Our 35 waste lorries are the first to transfer and will be followed by smaller public realm / housing services vehicles. Ditching diesel is a major step in our Carbon Reduction Management Plan, which aims to reach net zero carbon by 2030. Before HVO, the fleet represented just over a quarter (26%) of the councils' total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, approximately 880 tonnes per year. Will the fleet smell of chips? – we shall see!

MSDC has agreed a new Well-being Strategy which maps out the councils' commitment to helping residents live happy, healthy and independent lives. The strategy has three long term outcomes:

\*Families lead active, healthy, safe and independent lives and manage their own health & well-being

\*Sustainable and inclusive places, and spaces, which maximise health & well-being opportunities and benefits

\*Health inequalities will be reduced.

The Council has allocated significant additional resources to ensure that the strategy delivers tangible positive results on the ground.

Regards and Happy Christmas

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



## Volunteers Wanted

Citizens Advice is looking for new people to join their team. Volunteers are based in the Advice Centre in Stowmarket. You don't need any specific qualifications or experience to volunteer, just an interest in working with people to make their lives better.

Anyone interested in finding out more can visit [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer) or contact Tina Hovell, Volunteer Recruiter, on 01449 676060.

## Badwell Website

Don't forget to check out Badwell Ash's website:

**[badwellash.suffolk.cloud](http://badwellash.suffolk.cloud)**

and the history website:

**[badwellashheritage.co.uk](http://badwellashheritage.co.uk)**

## From Andy Mellen, County Councillor

Whilst I get a steady trickle of e-mails and phone calls from residents needing help or advice, one issue turns this into a flood: Road closures, and particularly, road closures where the signage is poor. Unfortunately, Badwell Ash and nearby villages have suffered a plague of these in recent months, and my inbox has been red-hot as a result. Roads can be closed for planned works or emergencies and its usually the latter that creates most problems. In emergencies the utility companies get straight to work and notify the Council later, throwing up inadequate signage in haste.

The sign "road closed ahead" is completely useless when it lacks the critical information – where the road is closed. And when they do put the location of the closure, it's often confusing. This is incredibly frustrating, and I continue to press the Council for a better level of service in future.

I sincerely hope for no road closures over the festive period! I wish all residents a peaceful and happy Christmas, and hopes for a better 2022.

Andy Mellen, County Councillor



## Citizens Advice Service Offers Advice about Energy Bills

*Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk offer people free advice on issues like benefits, debt, employment and housing. This article offers some advice about energy costs this winter.*

The cost of energy is very high at the moment and it's causing many people to worry. Normally we would suggest switching to a better deal, but there aren't a lot of good deals out there. However, there are still other small ways you can keep your bills down.

Little everyday things can help; make sure televisions and other electronic devices are switched off and not left on standby; wash clothes on a lower temperature; and only fill the kettle with the water you need.

Turning down your main thermostat by 1 degree can save you around £60 on your energy bill. Spending one minute less in the shower each day, a family of four could save £75 a year on energy and water bills.

One way of cutting costs in the long-run is to invest in good insulation if you can afford to. If you're renting, ask your landlord to do this.

You may be able to get financial support to help insulate your home under the Energy Company Obligation scheme. Contact your energy supplier for more information. If your home is not connected to the gas grid you may also be able to receive help under the Home Upgrade Grant scheme through your local authority.

There's other financial support available for paying your energy bills, depending on your situation. For example, if you're a pensioner with a low income or receive Universal Credit or other means-tested benefits, you may be entitled to the Warm Home Discount. This gives you £140 a year to go towards your bills.

### If it gets too much

If you falling behind on your energy bills, then Citizens Advice can help. Our Advisers can look at your budget to see if we can help you save money and check that you're claiming everything that you're entitled to, including Warm Home Discount.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). For more information and our opening hours go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk)