

# The Badwell Broadsheet

The newsletter of Badwell Ash Civic Parish, covering Badwell Ash, Long Thurlow & Badwell Green Issue #82 June 2021

## NEW LAYOUT

The Badwell Broadsheet is trying out new layouts and new fonts while hoping to bring you the best of local news and events.

To comment on the new format, or on anything you'd like us to look into, email

[badwellash@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:badwellash@hotmail.co.uk)

## Services in St Mary's

**20<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am**

Said Communion.

Please check noticeboard for services in July.

*Philip, Parish Priest*



## White Horse Inn Open

The White Horse Inn is very pleased to have

reopened on the 19th May. Initially, we will be opening Wednesday to Sunday opening hours below:

**Wed, Thur & Sun 12pm - 10pm  
Fri & Sat 12pm - 11pm**

Our new grazing menu will be launched soon and will be available everyday from 12pm - 8pm. Follow us on Instagram and facebook for updates.

The grazing menu is a selection of hot and cold bite bites, all freshly prepared everyday onsite. Great to share as a group or if you can't make your mind up!

On Sundays we will still be serving our award-winning roasts.

Make like a horse...get grazing!

*The White Horse Inn*

Tel: 01359 258200

## We've gone Green! (locally)

While the elections on May 6<sup>th</sup> gave the Conservatives a larger majority on the Suffolk County Council (SCC), the Green Party also increased their number of councillors, gaining 6 more seats, including our constituency, Thedwastre North.

Candidate	Party	Votes	Outcome
AJIMAL Ursula	Labour	199	
MELLEN Andy	Green	1,472	Elected
RICHARDSON Harry	Conservative	1,226	
Spoilt Ballot	Spoilt Ballots	20	
STOREY Jane Caroline	Independent	706	
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,623</b>	

*Thedwastre North Results*



## From Andy Mellen – our new Suffolk County Councillor

I was very pleased to be elected as the County Councillor for Thedwastre North Division, which includes Badwell Ash and Great Ashfield, as well as villages through from Finningham to Woolpit. I stood for the Green Party, but I am very aware that many people voted for other candidates. I will do my best to try and represent everyone over the next four years, and a big part of that is listening to your concerns and finding ways to respond and help.

I will always try to attend Parish Council meetings, and can be contacted by phone or e-mail, details below.

I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Councillor Jane Storey, a past resident of Badwell Ash who was your representative for the past 19 years. Politics can be a brutal business and there are winners and losers, but Jane has been magnanimous, kind and helpful, and has given me extensive handover notes on local issues.

At the Council the Conservatives now hold 55 seats, a large majority, and will therefore continue to run the administration. We nine Greens have joined with four Liberal Democrat and two Independent Councillors to form the formal opposition, with the five Labour Councillors forming another small group. The overall picture is difficult: Suffolk County Council has seen its funding from central government reduced markedly in recent years, yet is still required to provide services to residents. I will do my best to ensure that the Council works for you. If you think I can help, please get in touch

SCC Councillor Andy Mellen(Green)

Get in Touch: Tel 01449 782971 or email [andy.mellen@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:andy.mellen@suffolk.gov.uk)

## Gun Club Running Again

Shoots every second Saturday 2pm; 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June...

Cold refreshments only

All welcome

Please use sanitiser provided

Please keep to Covid rules and Socially Distance at all times

Clay Pigeon Shooting Club, Back Lane, Badwell Ash



## Tim Passmore Gets Third Term

Conservative candidate Tim Passmore has been re-elected a second time as Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, taking 55% of the vote in May's election.



## Long Thurlow Artist Opens Studio

Hello fellow residents,  
Artists and makers across Suffolk are opening their studios in June in the Suffolk Open Studios scheme. This year, we have an app to help guide you around the county. I'm opening my studio at 9 Long Thurlow Row for the first three weekends in June 10am til 4pm. Hopefully you'll be able to visit some of the studios and if you pop along the road, do come in and say hello. (Please bring a mask. Hand sanitizer is available on the door. And only one family group in the studio at a time.)

Hope to see you soon!

Joff Duck

## Book the Village Hall

Some classes are coming back to the hall – contact your class provider. If lockdown ends on 21 June, as we all hope, the hall will be open to bookings. Call Jenny Jarvis 07933 525268

## Parish Council Report

FROM THE CHAIR

Summer is almost upon us, a time for fun and enjoyment but let's not be too hasty, for Covid has not gone away. We still need to protect one another to keep our country and of course our Parish safe.

The Parish Council held another zoom meeting last month in which we were joined by two of our parishioners, whose input was valued.

As we move into a new administrative year there have been some changes in officials at county level. The recent County Council elections has seen us lose our long standing and supportive Councillor Jane Storey. Our thanks go to Jane for all the help, both financially and personally that she was able to give the Parish in the past. We welcome our new County Councillor Andy Mellen and look forward working with him in the future, towards further improving our Parish. By the time that this article has been read the Parish Council will once again have concluded a person to person council meeting which has been a long time coming. In doing so we have begun to get back to a little normality.

The Council has a programme of further improvements to the Parish for the forthcoming year. These we feel will enhance the environment of the Parish for the benefit of one and all.

Keep well, stay safe and please remember Covid is not over yet.

*Clive Hawkins*

*Chairman, Badwell Ash Parish Council.*

## Village Hall Report

The finishing touches mentioned in the last Broadsheet article are now in place in the new kitchen. It is ready for use. Those who have had the privilege of seeing it first-hand have been impressed.

With the Government announcing the opening of Stage 3 the Village Hall will be able to be used again. However this will be subject to any Covid rules and regulations that remain in place at any point in time.

Prior to Polling Day in May the hall was thoroughly cleaned and will continue to be, as we have employed a new cleaner on a regular basis. The remedial work previously reported has been carried out. The re-laying of the patio, and the re-roofing of the canopy above it, outside the small hall has been completed - more steps along the road to improving the facility.

The future is looking brighter and the Committee hope to be able to announce some forthcoming events soon.

*Badwell Ash Village Hall Committee*

**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. Adverts for events happening in Badwell Ash Parish are printed for free. For any of the above, please contact the editor Sarah Brown on 259625 or email [badwellash@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:badwellash@hotmail.co.uk).  
Next Deadline: **July 16<sup>TH</sup> 2021**  
**We can't print what we don't know about.**

## Mid Suffolk Gateway 14 Gets Go Ahead

In his Spring 2021 Budget Chancellor Rishi Sunak confirmed that “Freeport East” will become one of Britain’s new tax-free ports. Freeport East will include parts of the ports of Felixstowe and Harwich, as well as new industrial developments - Gateway 14 at Stowmarket and Port One at Great Blakenham. Goods arriving into freeports from abroad are exempt from some taxes and tariffs. Goods can be re-exported without taxes being paid. Taxes will only be due if goods are moved elsewhere in the UK. The government hopes new freeports will help regenerate deprived areas. Companies in the sites will be offered temporary tax breaks, including eg property taxes and workers’ National Insurance payments. Gateway 14, owned by Mid Suffolk District Council, is located at Junction 50 of the A14 (near Stowmarket’s Tesco), and will connect the ports to the UK motorway system, and provide business, warehouse and industrial spaces.

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SAMANTHA, CARE WORKER

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[www.suffolk.gov.uk/bookatest](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/bookatest)



## News from Our MidSuffolk District Councillor, Rick Meyer:-

As I write this article the grip of the pandemic has receded and normality is tantalisingly close. MidSuffolk District Council has also started to change and teams, hastily constructed to handle the pandemic, are being disbanded and council staff are returning to their normal functions. Council officers have made great efforts to ensure help during the pandemic has been available to those who need it. Examples include efforts to dispense tens of millions of pounds of grants on behalf of the government and their support for the fantastic community response we have seen to care for the vulnerable in our society. I should also acknowledge the part played by support staff who have been instrumental in keeping council operations flowing relatively freely, often under intense pressure; at one point over 3,500 users were successfully working at home. Many of the Covid modifications the Council made have been found to be highly beneficial; for example, remote working flexibility saves time and money. As a result, we're now acting to keep positive as we return to "normality". A similar process is no doubt happening across our region as businesses adapt to a different environment to the one they operated in a year ago. This post-Covid recovery phase received a big boost in the Council's Budget when it was not only able to maintain all existing services at pre-Covid levels despite a fall in revenue and increased costs, but had the reserves necessary to enable it to inject an additional £4m to support Mid Suffolk's pandemic recovery.

In addition to the Council's efforts to support Covid recovery, economic outlook within Mid Suffolk recently got another considerable boost with confirmation that the Freeport East bid by Felixstowe and Harwich, which includes the Mid Suffolk Gateway 14 Project, has been successful (see left). The new status offers significant tax advantages and the Gateway 14 site has already seen an increase in enquiries from potential occupiers, keen to profit from the significant benefits that being a Freeport will bring. The net result will be substantial benefits being accrued by Gateway 14's ultimate shareholder, Mid Suffolk District Council and through them – you.

I believe that, as we start to leave Covid 19 restrictions behind us, hopefully never to return, we can be very positive in the short, medium, and long-term over the economic outlook for our District and Suffolk as a whole. The challenge is to ensure that the financial benefits that result from developments such as Gateway 14 reach all in society, especially those who suffered the greatest financial impacted during the lock downs we have experienced over recent months. This is a challenge that your District Council takes very seriously and the additional £4m of spending available this year will allow us to target specific areas within the economy, housing, climate change response and our communities, to ensure we all share in the advantages of living in such a wonderful place.

Regards

**Rick Meyer** (Conservative)  
Mid Suffolk District Councillor

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## Long Thurlow Book Swap Reopens

Subject to the weather a book stall to take, borrow or swap will be put out at the entrance to the drive of 4 Willow Drive, Long Thurlow at weekends starting on Saturday 29th May. The Beileys started the scheme last year during lockdown and it proved very popular.

As before the books will be free to take or borrow and you can bring books of your own to exchange - but no CD's or other media please.

Anne says "We do have some new books to put out plus some from last year and we are very grateful for the various offers of additional books. As space both for display and storage is limited, could those who have offered to bring books please just donate one or two additions initially please. If we start to run out, or the stall needs refreshing we'll let you know! Happy reading and let's hope we get some weather for lazing outside before too long!"



## Local Plan Hearings

Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils' Joint Local Plan 2018-2037 examination hearings will

start at **09:30** on **21 June** at **Ipswich Town Football Club**.

For details and to attend/listen to the hearings see [midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan](http://midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan)

## History Society Report

The Badwell Ash History Society has not been able to hold any "face to face" meetings since the beginning of the original lockdown. So, with the hoped-for relaxation of restrictions in June, we hope to convene our first "post lockdown" meeting shortly thereafter.

During lockdown, we have been collating our 'Then and Now' pictorial section for the website [badwellashheritage.co.uk](http://badwellashheritage.co.uk). We have an extensive collection of old photographs and postcards of the village but are always looking for more to publish on the website. Additionally, we would be pleased to hear from anyone with photos of their houses over the years so we can compare these with the historical images. Any photos lent to us will be scanned into digital format and returned promptly.

Please contact Pat Monk [patmonk@gmail.com](mailto:patmonk@gmail.com) if you have anything you feel might be of interest.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Pat, Chair Badwell Ash History Society

## Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI Report



Things are finally looking a lot more hopeful that we may soon be getting back to what will be a new normal for us all.

We held another Zoom meeting in April with a talk by Cherry Mullins about 'The Tales of a Tour Manager' which was both informative and amusing.

By the time you read this we hope that we were able to have our May meeting on the playing field in Badwell Ash with most of our members attending. Weather permitting both our June and July meetings will be in member's gardens courtesy of two of our members.

Fingers crossed that if all is still going well - thanks to Boris's roadmap, then we hope to get back to normal for our August meeting in the Lord Thurlow Hall in Great Ashfield on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

We have lots of new families moving into our villages and we extend a warm welcome to any new members to come and join us as a guest. We are not a huge group but a very friendly one and we invite you to come and see what we are all about. Please feel free to ring me for any further information on 01359 259399.

Meanwhile stay safe and well.

My best wishes to you all.

Midge Hawkins – President

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