

The Badwell Broadsheet

It wasn't that long ago we were celebrating our longest-serving Sovereign's platinum jubilee. Now we mourn her passing and look forward to the new era of His Majesty King Charles III.

Whether you support the Royal Family or not, it's a momentous occasion for us as a nation.

We all offer our condolences to the Royal Family at this sad time.

The last few months have been busy in our villages. There have been lots of social events taking place - many are mentioned in this issue. It's lovely to see our little corner of the world waking up after the enormity of the pandemic.

The Parish Council have been busy too. We've made changes at the playground, the footbridge on Back Lane has been replaced, and the bird boxes questionnaire had an excellent response - to name but a few of our activities.

Sadly, there has also been some vandalism that we've had to repair. The picnic benches near the playground were victim to a portable BBQ, meaning some of the slats had to be replaced. And the crossbars on the goalposts aren't designed to be swung on.... If you know who did this, please have a word. A few people shouldn't be ruining our village for everyone. To put it right, it costs us as a whole community. We all contribute to the Parish Council funding, meaning we can't spend money on other, more worthwhile causes.

To end on a positive, thank you to everyone who has been so supportive of our changes to The Broadsheet. It's really great to hear the comments and remarks. Don't forget, if you have anything to contribute, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes, and I hope you enjoy this issue.

Richard Morris,
Chair, Badwell Ash Parish Council.

**In memory of
Her Majesty
Queen
Elizabeth II
1926-2022**



In the village

Monday

Zumba
7.00-8.00pm, Village Hall.

Tuesday

Silver Ash
2.00-3.30pm Village Hall. *Once a fortnight.*
Contact Angela 01359 258028

Carpet Bowls
7.30-9.30pm. Village Hall.

Art class
1.15-3.15pm. Village Hall.
Term Time only.
20/9/2022 to 29/11/2022 (excluding 25/10/2022)

Wednesday

Dog training classes
6.30-8.30pm. Village Hall.

Thursday

Dog training classes
6.30-8.30pm. Village Hall.

Anything you'd like to tell the village?
The next deadline is **16th November**
for any submissions.

Or, if you'd like to sponsor an issue,
please get in touch. Email
badwellash@hotmail.co.uk.

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At home In the kitchen

Spicy pumpkin soup with cheesy toasts

Preparation & cooking

Preparation: 10 minutes

Cooking: 1 – 1½ hrs

Serves 4 – 6 (depending on how hungry you are)

As we welcome autumn, let's make the most of the seasonal vegetables with a delicious pumpkin soup.

Ingredients

1 large pumpkin, about 1.5-2kg (Don't throw away the seeds, toast them in a medium oven or in a dry frying pan)

1 – 2 onions, depending on size, finely chopped

3 tbsp olive oil (you can use extra virgin oil but might need to add a little bit more)

1 tsp ginger, peeled and finely chopped or dried ginger will do

2 garlic cloves, crushed and chopped

2 tbsp garam masala

2 tsp ground coriander

2 tsp ground cumin

½-1tsp chilli powder or smoked Cayenne pepper (add to taste) – you can also add a sprinkle at the end if you feel the need for heat!!

800ml – 1ltr of vegetable stock

100ml double cream or crème fraiche, with a good dollop extra when surviving

Optional: if you want to give the soup more texture, add 3-4 boiled potatoes.

First step

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Cut the pumpkin in half and then half again, making it easier to scrape the seeds out with a spoon (keep the seeds for toasting). Cut the quarters into rough chunks, and don't remove the skin. Put them into a big enough bowl to take all the pieces at once. Put the olive oil in a small bowl; add half of each spice, mixing together and then season with salt and pepper. Drizzle the mixture all over the pumpkin chunks. Mix everything together so that it's all coated in the oil. Transfer to a baking tray. Spread out evenly and roast for 45-50 minutes, giving them a good shake halfway to ensure they haven't stuck to the baking tray. Then flip them over for the remainder of the cooking time. The pumpkin should be very soft when poked with a knife. Once cooked, remove it from the oven and let it cool for a few minutes.

Optional: Peel the potatoes and parboil them until they start to go soft. Once cooked, remove from the pan and place on the side to cool. Wipe the pan out and move to step 2...

Second step

Add the remaining olive oil to a large saucepan (save on washing up and use the pan you cooked the potatoes in). Place on medium heat and fry the onions. Season and add more oil if needed mid-way through cooking. They should take about 10 minutes to go soft and slightly coloured. Now tip in the remaining spices, including the ginger and garlic. Cook the onion mixture for a few minutes until you can smell the spices cooking gently, as they will release a lovely fragrance. Pour in ⅔rds of the stock and increase the heat to a gentle simmer.

Optional: you can add the parboiled potatoes to the pan at this point.

Final Step

The pumpkin should be cool enough to touch by now. Watch those pinkies! Use a spoon to separate the flesh from the skins. Combine the pumpkin with the stock in a pan and compost the skins (if possible). Now it's time to blend the soup with a hand blender. (You can blend in a normal blender, but make sure the mixture has cooled enough, so you don't risk getting burnt.) Remove from the heat and blend. You'll know it's been blended enough when it's a creamy and smooth consistency. Time to taste and add seasoning if needed. You can also add additional chilli or a pinch of garam masala to increase the heat. Put the pan back on a low heat and fold in the cream or crème fraiche until it's gently simmering. Now transfer to warmed bowls, add a dollop of cream, seeds if you toasted them or the Cheesy Toast - whichever takes your fancy. Then relax and enjoy (and let someone else do the washing up...).

Cheesy toasts

Ingredients

8 slices of baguette, cut on the diagonal

1 garlic clove, cut in half

50g edam, finely grated

Method

Rub both sides of the bread with the garlic. Grill on one side until golden, turn the bread over, cover with edam and grill until it's bubbling.

Serve at once with the piping hot soup.

In the garden

Janet de Vries

Winter can be difficult for garden wildlife with food in short supply. Fortunately, you can do plenty of things in the garden in autumn to help wildlife get through the winter months.

First, avoid disturbing potential shelters such as leaf piles and compost heaps. These can be used by hedgehogs and toads to hibernate.



Then rake up leaves from lawns, driveways and borders and put them into black sacks to rot

down to make leaf mould. This can then be used to enrich the soil in the spring.

Plant bulbs in the autumn, ready for a lovely display in the spring. Nothing lights up the garden better than spring bulbs. They give a burst of colour before most perennials, trees and shrubs have got going and mark the start of longer, brighter days. You can enjoy colour from bulbs from February until May with some planning.

As a rule of thumb, bulbs need to be planted at a depth of around three times their size. Spring bulbs generally need sun or partial shade and free-draining soil, so if your soil is very heavy, incorporate some horticultural grit when planting.

Now is a good time to start some gardening chores, such as

- cleaning out empty pots,
- looking at the inside of water butts to ensure they're not green,
- tidying the shed, and
- ensuring all your tools are clean and sharp, and ready for use.



Our next copy of the Broadsheet will be just before Christmas. That's when you'll need to prepare to plant your spring crops and tidy up your shrubs and trees.

Until then, happy gardening, Janet.

From your County Councillor

Andy Mellen - email: andy.mellen@suffolk.gov.uk, 07790 992619



Now we are moving into autumn (my favourite time of year), it's easy to forget what an extraordinary summer we have just experienced.

19 July saw the hottest temperature ever experienced in the UK, 40.3°C.

This hot weather, combined with a long dry spell, gave rise to a spate of field fires across the county, with our brave fire and rescue services stretched to the limit.

Farmers have struggled to keep crops green and growing, and unfortunately we weren't the only part of the world to experience extraordinary weather this summer – much of Europe sweltered under a lengthy heatwave, western

Canada experienced record-breaking temperatures and more recently we have seen devastating floods in Pakistan.

Scientists are now completely confident that climate change is playing a part in our weather, increasing the severity of droughts, the intensity of rainfall and the strength of storms.

For many years global warming has been discussed as an abstract concept, a future problem. Suddenly we're discovering that the change is here, and now. As someone once said, if you're not frightened by climate change, you haven't understood it properly – and that's one of the responses we can feel: fear and panic as we face an uncertain future.

The other response I often see is to ignore it, and hope it goes away.

Citizens advice



I've got loads of problems with my house that I've been putting off fixing - a faulty boiler, a window that won't shut properly, broken light fittings. The list goes on! I want to sort it out but I've had bad experiences with dodgy builders in the past. How do I find someone I can trust?

Making home improvements can be stressful, but there are a few steps you can follow to help it go smoothly.

First, find a Trading Standards 'approved trader'. It's also worth checking if they're a current member of a trade body. Trade bodies have codes of practice and can help resolve problems if things go wrong. Ask who they're registered with and then check the trade body's website.

For any gas and electric fixes, only use certified traders - it's dangerous to use someone who doesn't know what they're doing. You can check the Gas Safe Register at gassaferegister.co.uk for a list of traders and use a registered electrician from electricalcompetentperson.co.uk who can certify their own work.

It's always helpful to get references or recommendations where possible. Ask your friends, family or neighbours if they know of anyone they'd recommend. You can also ask the person you hire for examples of work they've carried out in the past. Try to avoid contractors who won't give references - it's a sign they could be dishonest.

When you find someone, ask for a written quote - this is different to an estimate. A quote is legally binding and the tradesperson can't change it without a good reason - for example, if you ask for extra work to be done. It's worth comparing quotes from several contractors to make sure you're getting a fair price.

Next, get a written contract. This should cover exactly what you're paying for and everything you've agreed on, including timings, payments, who will pay for materials and any subcontractors if needed. When it comes to payment, it's best to opt to pay in stages rather than upfront. Try to pay by card if you can - this can give you extra safeguards if something goes wrong.

Finally, make sure your trader is fully insured. Keep copies of receipts and your written contract. These will be important as evidence if things go wrong. It's also helpful to take photos of any problems if they arise.

If you have a problem with a contractor and you're not sure what to do, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on other issues, 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. For more information and our opening hours go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

Neither of these responses is particularly helpful: Yes, there is a problem, and we need to start living differently if we want our children and grandchildren to have a habitable planet in the future. But despair and fear are not helpful or good motivators.

I draw hope from the attitudes of our young people, who are often very aware of the issues and challenging us to change and make a difference. There is hope to be found too, in the actions of individuals, families, community groups, and even occasionally local authorities who are facing the problem head on, and striving to make a difference.

Our Wildlife

Katy Haylock

It's that time of year again, when we're nearing the hibernation time for hedgehogs.

They love to nest and hibernate in compost heaps, leaf piles, and purpose-built hedgehog houses of course! They have also been known to go under sheds and tarpaulin.

If you find a female with babies it's best to re-cover them so you don't disturb them. If this isn't possible or the hedgehog is injured, or out in the daytime and looks in poor condition please contact a local hedgehog/wildlife rescue – or a vets.

Take care tidying your garden (especially when using strimmers) as there may be a hedgehog snoozing under the grass, leaf pile or compost pile.



You can help hedgehogs and other wildlife by leaving out a shallow dish of water for them. If you want to really help hedgehogs, talk to your neighbour about creating a hedgehog highway between your gardens by cutting a hole or digging a dip for them to go under. Plus leaving a quiet wild corner or leaf pile in your garden may encourage them to pay you a visit!

Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI

Midge Hawkins 01359 259399

We're truly saddened by the news of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and offer our deepest condolences to the Royal Family. She was a loyal and dedicated member of the WI for 80 years and never failed to show her support for the WI throughout her time as Queen. We thank her for her dedication, service and fellowship. Many of our members have fond memories of her and will treasure these for years to come.

On the evening Her Majesty the Queen passed away, we couldn't cancel our meeting as both members, and the speaker, were on their way. We opened our meeting by welcoming our members & speaker, and we observed a minute's silence for Her Majesty.

Our speaker Liza Jones gave us a very interesting talk. 'Behind the Bathroom Door' covered the evolution of ablutions, bathing and personal hygiene through the ages, which was very amusing and uncovered some quite remarkable facts for our entertainment.

Our July meeting, a Members Garden Meeting, was held in the beautiful garden

of Kate & Ian. As you can see from the pictures, it was a beautiful sunny day, and we just relaxed, chatted and enjoyed tea and cakes provided by the committee. Our thanks go to Kate and Ian for having us and making us so welcome.



Our next four meetings – all listed below, are to be held in Lord Thurlow Hall at Great Ashfield at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Afternoon meetings – December 2022, January and February 2023 are 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Although the time is to be confirmed.

13 October 2022: Our speaker for the evening is Robert Leader, who will talk about 'In search of secret Suffolk', which sounds extremely interesting, and we should all learn of new places to visit in our beautiful county.

10 November 2022: A Christmas craft evening when the members will be making various craft items. I'm sure it will be a very lively evening!

8 December 2022: This is an afternoon visit to YUM YUM Fudge in Woolpit. Time to be confirmed.

12 January 2023: Afternoon meeting – Our speaker Sarah Woodhouse will be talking about relaxation and sleep.

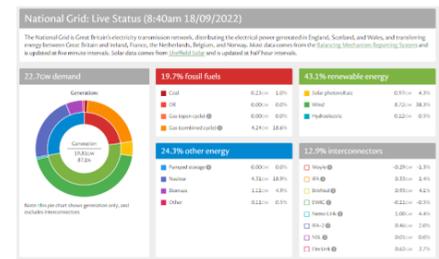
We welcome any new members to join us. We're not a huge group but a very friendly one, and we invite you to come and see what we're all about. All visitors are welcome to join for £3, including a raffle ticket and refreshments. Please feel free to ring me for any further information on 01359 259399.

Green dilemmas - Energy costs

Richard Winch - richard@winchmail.net

There is a lot of discussion about how we can produce more energy. The other side of the equation is whether we could reduce or modify our consumption. This really means changing the timing of electricity use, installing home insulation and being more careful about usage. The problem here is that it requires a lot of little actions that may seem pointless but together could make a real impact.

Smoothing our electricity use could significantly reduce the amount of expensive gas that's used as at any point in time we use renewables first, then nuclear and the shortfall must be topped up with gas. The Economy 7 tariff only makes sense to households who have over 40% of their usage at night as the daytime tariff is so high. On a standard tariff it won't save you money to use electricity in non-peak hours but if enough of us did this it would save the country money and reduce fossil fuel consumption.



You can see in real time how our electricity is generated - <https://grid.iamkate.com>.

A nationwide insulation programme has often been discussed but never quite materialised. This could quickly reduce the amount of gas and oil that we use.

There are some limited grants available for cavity wall and loft insulation but at the moment it's down to each citizen to work out what to do on their own.

There are of course some things we can do that are not super expensive like blocking letter boxes, cat flaps, other draught proofing, insulating tanks and pipes, using heavy curtains etc.

- There are loads of websites with energy saving tips such as:
- Turning the thermostat down by 2-3 degrees can save up to 10% on fuel.
 - Get someone qualified to check the temperature settings on your boiler.
 - Only heat some rooms and use radiator thermostats.
 - Wash clothes less, on a cooler wash and avoid using the tumble dryer.
 - Reduce shower time and look at the shower head type.
 - Check all light bulbs are energy saving.
 - Don't leave unnecessary devices on standby, and

- Use the microwave not the oven.

If you have a Smart Meter you can monitor your electricity usage and get more detailed information by linking the meter to a phone app.

Here are some example costs (priced at the recently announced price cap) for different electrical appliances based on a typical one-off use (e.g. a 45 minute tumble dryer cycle, TV on all evening etc.):

| Cost per use: | | Cost per use: | |
|-----------------|------|---------------|------|
| Tumble dryer | 0.77 | TV | 0.05 |
| Oven | 0.68 | Kettle | 0.04 |
| Dishwasher | 0.68 | Microwave | 0.03 |
| Washing machine | 0.28 | Light bulb | 0.02 |

Without subsidies the cost could easily be at least double. So, each time I use the tumble dryer it might cost me 77p and I could also be putting 77p on the national debt!

Kids corner



Quick quiz

And there's a theme (again). So get that, and it should help you with the answers you aren't sure about...

1. What's the name of the 1st postage stamp?
2. Which battle of the Falklands War saw Col. H Jones awarded the Victoria Cross?
3. A steak cooked less than rare.
4. International airport serving Boston, Massachusetts.
5. Jesus' mother.
6. Scottish river, site of a disastrous railway bridge collapse in 1879.
7. Name the British Prime Minister during the seven years war in the 1750s and 60s.
8. Woodworking tool that can be round, half-round or flat and wood, cabinet or bastard.
9. Agricultural by-product of the dry stalks of cereal plants after the grain and chaff are removed.
10. Name for a clamp used to hold radially symmetrical objects like a bar in a lathe.

Quiz answers: 1. Penny black; 2. Goose Green; 3. Blue; 4. Logan; 5. Mary; 6. Tay; 7. Pitt the Elder; 8. Rasp; 9. Straw; 10. Chuck
Theme: Berry

Badwell Ash History Society

Pat Monk - patmmonk@gmail.com

On Saturday, 3 September, the Badwell Ash History Society held an exhibition in St. Mary's church. It was our fifth village history exhibition, but the first for over two years.

We welcomed 83 interested visitors to the church to view the exhibition. The display included updated gravestone research from the gravestones around the church and the bottom part of the Richer Road cemetery. There was also a village pictorial 'Then and Now' and several aerial photographs of Badwell Ash from the 1980s.

The famed village Recorder books made another appearance. They drew a lot of interest, as did the 1987 White Horse Pram race video!

Copies of booklets relating to St Mary's church and the former village windmill were on sale along with the DVDs. All

these, including booklets about the B17 crash in 1944 and a "Lest We Forget" booklet about the men who died in the two great wars, are available to buy in St. Mary's. Please take a look and ask us any questions.

With the addition of some lovely cakes and refreshing cups of tea and coffee, all visitors had an enjoyable time with us.

Anyone is most welcome to join our group, so please contact me.





Silver Ash Jumble Sale

Badwell Ash Village Hall

Sat 19 Nov. 1pm – 3pm

...including a raffle and tombola.

Come along and pick up a bargain!

St Mary's Badwell Ash

**Informal Harvest Festival Service
non communion**

Sunday 9th October 9.30am



Refreshments

Opportunity for those who have little or no experience of church services and worship to see a more worship friendly style

Those who have not been to church for a long while and would like to explore coming back

Harvest hymns

Your Police Your Say

PUBLIC MEETINGS

SUFFOLK POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER TIM PASSMORE, A CHIEF OFFICER AND THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

PUBLIC MEETINGS 2022

| DATE | LOCATION |
|-----------------------|--|
| Thursday 29 September | Wherry Hotel, Bridge Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft NR32 3LN |
| Monday 3 October | Online via Microsoft Teams. Go to www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk to register |
| Thursday 6 October | Cedars Hotel, Needham Road, Stowmarket IP14 2AJ |
| Tuesday 11 October | Suffolk New College, Rope Walk, Ipswich IP4 1LT |
| Tuesday 18 October | Mildenhall Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds IP28 7JX |

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP

Meetings start at 6.30pm, the online meeting starts at 6pm. For more details go to www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk



Village Hall update

Clive Hawkins

In the last issue, I wrote suggesting a potential quiz night to be held in September. By the time you read this Broadsheet, many of you will have taken part in the event.

There's more about the quiz on the back page. But thank you to all who came and supported us.

Future events to put in your diary:

Table top sale

29 October 2022 10am until 2pm
Tea, coffee, and cakes.
Tables will include crafts, gifts, bric a brac, toys, books etc.
To book a table, call Jenny on 07933 525268. £5 per table.

Christmas coffee morning brunch

2 December 2022 10am until 2pm
Sausage rolls, bacon rolls, tea, coffee, mince pies, cakes and a Christmas raffle.

Look out for the notices and posters. Please let us know if you could help at either event.

As well as organising events, the committee are working on more ways to improve and maintain the hall for the future. To do this, we constantly need to raise funds. Your support at all events is important and most welcome.

The committee offer their condolences to the Royal Family for the sad loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

From the Parish Council

The playground



You'll have noticed that the fencing surrounding the children's playground near the village hall has been completed and looks very smart. We can now get the remaining two pieces of children's play equipment installed and a picnic bench suitable for little ones.

Please remember that this playground is for children up to 12 years old.

This work has been made possible due to the Community Infrastructure Levy we receive from MSDC. (You can read more about the CIL on the government website.)

The Parish Council will now be able to look at Stage 2 facilities for teenagers and adults. We're also exploring allowing dogs on the playing field.

Joint Meeting – Parish Council and Village Hall Committee

On 11 October at 7pm in the village hall, the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee will hold a joint meeting.

This is our chance for both committees to plan and work together. It's also your chance to come along and put forward your ideas for improvements and additions to your village or to discuss problems.

We very much look forward to meeting everyone.

Back Lane footbridge

On the photo, you can see the footbridge at Back Lane has been replaced.

Big thanks to Steve Russell from the PC for driving this project forward through with MSDC. It's much appreciated by all the local walkers.



Spring clean & bulb planting



We're planning another village litter pick on 12 & 13 November as our event in the spring was so successful.

With a nod toward improving

the fauna and flora of the village, we're also hoping to plant bulbs around the perimeter of the playing field, ready for next spring.

Both events will start at 10am on Saturday and Sunday. It'd be great if you could spare an hour on either day and come to the village hall in your old clothes for litter picking or with a trowel or a bulb planter.

Back Lane potholes

The Parish Clerk heard back from SCC Highways. Six of the existing potholes in Back Lane were attended to within 48 hours of notification. This is marvellous news.

Unfortunately, no sign of a total re-surface as we are way down the list, but this will certainly help!

Flower troughs

We're hoping to improve our village's 'green' impression by installing flower troughs at four significant points of the village.

These'll be both ends of the village alongside the Badwell Ash village sign adjacent to the War Memorial, and in the centre of the village alongside the Defibrillator Phone Box.

The Parish Council will supply the troughs and compost. We've been lucky enough to already have at least four volunteers willing to care for an individual trough throughout the year. This is brilliant news and will make a wonderful impression for visitors to our village.

November Parish Council Meeting

We've invited Stefan Henriksen, our Police Community Engagement Officer, to attend our Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 8 November. Stefan will be on first at 7pm. All residents are welcome to attend and ask questions or get advice on subjects. Whether they're related to the Neighbourhood Watch, traffic/speed, safety after dark in rural villages, or anti-social behaviour etc.

Please do come along as we don't often get the opportunity to have a face-to-face discussion with our Police force.

Bird boxes

We had a great response, with 34 people from the villages showing an interest in having a box installed.

We've had requests for all of the species from the list we published in the last Broadsheet.

We hope to install over the coming months 15 Owl boxes, 10 Swift/House Martin boxes, 7 Bat boxes and 2 Kestrel boxes.

This is a great example of how one person in the village can make an impact.

It was presented to the council, taken forward and we are looking to install the boxes in the near future. We'll report on how successful they've been in future publications.

An interesting fact I've learnt during this process is that a Swift needs a 5m drop from its nest to allow it to fly away safely. This is compared to a House martin that only needs a 2m drop...who knew!? Once again thank you to Katy Haylock for submitting this idea to the Parish Council.

As always, if you have any great ideas on how the Parish Council can improve the village please come along to the next meeting or submit your ideas to the Parish Clerk.

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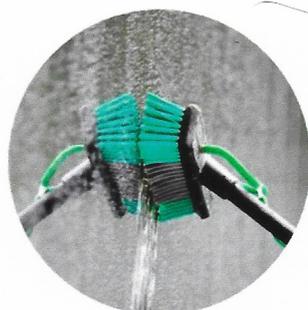
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What We Offer

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- Frames & Sills
- Conservatories
- Fascias & Soffit Cleaning



- Based in Suffolk, covering surrounding areas



Our Clients

- Regular Clients
- One Off Visits
- Residential
- Commercial

07779779729
01359 258697

My name is Martin and we moved to Badwell Ash over a year ago.

I own Glaze Window Cleaning and we are branching out into the local areas. We clean all window frames, glass, fascias, soffits and conservatories. **For a free quotation please call either of the numbers above to book a quotation.**

We use the water fed pole system a Pure water window cleaning which involves tap water that has been stripped of naturally occurring minerals.

The minerals in the water are measured using total dissolved solids (TDS). Known as deionization, the water dries spot-free leaving surfaces professionally clean without the use of chemical additives.

I look forward to hearing from you. Martin

The village quiz

We had the inaugural Village Quiz on 16 September. Doors opened at 7pm, and it went on 'til late.

Thank you so much to everyone who came. We had a great turnout, with lots of new faces. And it was amazing to see so many people who wanted to support the event and have a good time together.

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee, we couldn't have wished for a better evening.

Also, a huge thank you to Alison Rachel Charters for all your hard work in pulling together the quiz questions and giving up your evening to be a truly fabulous quiz master.

With questions ranging from 'What year did Queen Victoria die?' To 'name the Weasley Children from the Harry Potter books (extra points given if you could do it in order)', we scratched our brains and got those grey cells working.

Before it started, we observed a minute's silence honouring Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. A sad reminder, but it certainly didn't dampen spirits.

Congratulations to the winning team - Milo's Muppets, who came top out of the 18 teams who entered.

The Village Hall Committee intend to run the event again in the early new year, by popular request. But as always, we'd like feedback on what the villages believe we could do differently to continue to improve this kind of event.

We'd also be interested in knowing of any other events you'd like the Village Hall Committee to consider running in the future.

