

The Badwell Broadsheet

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ST. MARYS CHURCH BADWELL ASH

26th of March
9.30am to 12.30

£1
SALE

Everything £1 • Refreshments • Tombola
Fundraising for St. Mary's Church
More information call Stephen Rose on 07714 273689

Badwell Ash Community Speed Watch (CSW) Report

Our CSW works in the Parishes of Badwell Ash and Great Ashfield. We have only 12 team members, 5 of whom are Badwell Ash residents. We are overseen by the Suffolk Constabulary, and they identify safe places from which we can work. Currently we have four of these, two in each Parish. To date they cannot identify a site with a safe run-off area in the village of Badwell Ash.

Team members have been vetted by the Police, trained on health and safety issues and the proper use of the equipment, and are covered by Police insurance. They work together in both parishes sharing resources provided by the Police, but we use a state of the art speed gun funded by Great Ashfield

Parish Council, capable of recording the speed of a vehicle at a distance of 1,500 feet (457 metres).



From the last 11 sessions in Badwell Ash 80 vehicles have been reported to the Police. A “warning letter” is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle, requesting them to keep their speed down. If the vehicle is recorded again a second letter is sent. If there is a third recording a final warning is sent informing them that if they are monitored speeding within the next 18 months their vehicle details will be passed on for further action. This could include the vehicle details being sent to Roads Policing or the Safer Neighbourhood Team for targeted intervention or a visit.

Data from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) at the entrance to Long Thurlow is being analysed to monitor the effectiveness of the CSW campaign. Currently the data indicates that about 50% of vehicles are driven through Long Thurlow at 30mph or less but the rest are travelling at an average of 36mph, with several in excess of 50mph.

If you would like to join our team, please email donia.stick@gmail.com

**Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash
Women's Institute**



Like me you have probably been keeping your fingers crossed that this year will

prove to be a better year than the last two. Unfortunately, we did not get off to a very good start, having to cancel our January meeting, but the committee felt that the health of all our members was extremely important and that we would put them all first.

Our December 2021 meeting had sudden, last minute changes due to our speaker not being available at the last hour. But regardless of this we all enjoyed an excellent get together before Christmas with a quiz which caused much laughter and puzzle games. All members had a Secret Santa Gift and the Christmas Decoration competition was won by Joyce, who made a beautifully knitted miniature washing line of Santa's clothing. This was auctioned off for our WI funds. The evening finished off with a drink and delicious eats.

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.

February 10th 2022: We have a member's **Social** evening. Having cancelled Gina Saunders for the last meeting we hope to welcome her back to give her talk about the St. Anthony

Nursery School in Malawi. Gina is a local lady and raises funds for the Nursery.

March 10th: We welcome "**Tools with a Mission**" – Their representative will tell us how they collect tools to make up kits to enable people to learn a trade and set up business in Zambia.

April 14th: This is an open meeting when we invite members of the public to join us. Our speaker is Stephen Poulter with his talk entitled "**To the Hammer Born**" – Confessions of an Auctioneer.

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.

My best wishes to you all.

Midge Hawkins

***Badwell Ash Parish Council
Report:
From the Chair***

The New Year is with us and let's hope it will be one that proves to be a better one, than that just past, for all of us in so many ways.

The December Parish Council meeting was business as usual, with all general issues discussed and actioned where needs be. Some issues planned for last year are still awaiting action by suppliers, delayed they tell us, due to Covid and other matters beyond their control. Rest assured we are pursuing them in order to see that these

issues are resolved.

The January Parish Council meeting saw several issues revisited, in order to ensure that when said issues are resolved the right decisions are made. This meeting saw the co-opting of a new member to the council, Mrs Lesley Yates. Although a relatively newcomer to the parish her anticipated new outlook and ideas will be welcome.

In all, two basically quiet months but as the weather improves and we are all able to move around more, look out for further developments in the Parish, for the benefit of all.

However, we must not forget or be complacent about the threat that Covid still presents to everyone.

A Happy New Year to you All.

*Clive Hawkins
Chairman*

Badwell Ash Parish Council

From Rick Meyer, Our MidSuffolk District Councillor



Continuing from my last article which introduced some of Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC)'s initiatives to become 'net zero' by 2030, I'd like to tell you about

some of our other plans.

It will not surprise you to know that Leisure Centres are high energy users due to the need to heat swimming pools and large spaces. As a result, replacing fossil fuel boilers with ground sourced heat pumps (Stowmarket), and adding solar panels to the roofs (both Stradbroke and Stowmarket) will make a significant impact on their carbon footprints. In addition, 70 solar carparks are in the process of being installed at the Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre in Stowmarket. The scheme forms part of a £2.8m investment which will provide energy to help run the leisure centre and support several electric

vehicle charging points; Mid Suffolk is one of the first rural UK councils to embrace solar car port technology.

We are also in the process of switching to a 'low-carbon' electricity tariff for our leisure centres and we are ensuring that this does not include electricity generated from imported biomass which we feel is not environmentally positive.

What next? There is much to be done with the fossil-fuel fired heating in Council owned or operated buildings, supported housing, and travel. The transitions for council housing and travel are more challenging and will include building upgrades and greater use of hybrid/electric vehicles. We are installing EV charge points across the Council's estate when it makes sense, such as Council car parks.

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This article was based on a long piece written by Cllr Jessica Fleming, Cabinet Member for Environment & Waste, MDSC



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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 with thousands of toads being killed on our roads every year, and they really **need our help**.

Toads usually **move after dark** when the temperature is above 6°C on damp evenings.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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 us protect these animals please contact:

Sylvie Fitch: 01359 341727
bob.sylvie@btinternet.com

LOCAL DRIVERS

We need your help too!

We put up toad signs with lights on when we are patrolling the roads.

Please take care, **slow down** and look out for our patrollers in the **Hi-Vis jackets**.

froglife

TOAD PATROL AT WORK

Village Hall Report

The Committee are pleased to report that the Christmas Coffee Morning was a great success. To all those who supported us: a big thank you. It was a pleasure to see new faces and as a result we sold out of hot sausage rolls, mince pies and cake. The Raffle with many attractive prizes, around thirty in all, was a big draw, no pun intended. It netted in over £225 alone. A good time was had by all. Look out for the next Coffee Morning and if you have any ideas for events we could consider, please let us know.

As a result of funds that have been raised over the past year we are pleased to report another improvement to the hall. The curtain that hung at the end of the hall above the toilets and kitchen has now been replaced, by a new clean fully finished wall, and what an improvement. Another step to improving your Village Hall.

However, due to unfortunate circumstances we have lost a long-time hirer of the hall and the Committee send their condolences to the related family.

A sad note to end on but we look forward to continuing to rejuvenate the hall for the future use of all.

Badwell Ash Village Hall Committee.

Church Services at St Mary's

27 th Feb	9.30am Holy Communion
20 th March	9.30am Holy Communion
3 rd April	9.30am Holy Communion

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Next Deadline: **March 16TH 2022**

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