

# The Badwell Broadsheet

## A note from the Chair



Welcome to issue 92 of the Badwell Broadsheet.

Firstly I have some sombre news to share. The Parish Council were saddened to hear about the death of retired Parish Councillor Diane Donat in December.

Diane served the Parish Council valiantly for many years, only retiring last summer due to failing health. She was a very valuable member of our Parish Council and will be missed. Our condolences go to her family at this sad time.

February is officially the last month of winter, and March is the first month of spring. The seasons are changing fast, and so is our little corner of the Suffolk countryside.

A lot is happening in the villages - you can find some exciting things to fill your diary over the coming months, from quizzes to a Coronation party. And don't forget the winter warmer sessions that are continuing until the end of March.

The Parish Council have been busy too. In late January, we will have held the first meeting to consult you, the community, about the Neighbourhood plan. It will happen after this issue has gone to print, but we hope to have some positive feedback to update you in future issues.

My thanks go to Will and Sarah at Badwell Ash Holiday Lodges for sponsoring this issue.

My thanks go also to the Broadsheet team, including the contributors and distributors, for putting together another great edition.

It's lovely to still be getting great feedback about the new style. If you have anything you'd like to include in the next Broadsheet, the deadline is 16th March.

Best wishes,

**Richard Morris**  
Chair,  
Badwell Ash Parish Council.



Photo by Katy Haylock

## In the village

### Monday

**Zumba**  
7.00-8.00pm, Village Hall.

### Tuesday

**Silver Ash**  
2.00-3.30pm Village Hall.  
*In the small hall, once a fortnight.*  
Contact Angela 01359 258028

**Carpet Bowls**  
7.30-9.30pm. Village Hall.

### Wednesday

**Art class**  
1.15-3.15pm. Village Hall.  
Term Time only.

**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 March** for any submissions.

Or, if you'd like to sponsor an issue, please get in touch. Email [badwellash@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:badwellash@hotmail.co.uk).

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# At home

## In the kitchen

### White Chocolate Torte

The perfect dessert for your loved one this Valentine's Day. Or have it all to yourself... just because.

You can make this Torte in advance and pop it in the freezer ready for when you need it.

#### Ingredients

125g unsalted butter  
225g ginger or digestive biscuits  
750g white chocolate  
568ml double cream

White and dark chocolate to decorate (Maltesers are also a good option).

#### Method

1. Line and grease an 8in round Springform cake tin. (You can use smaller cake tins if you want to make individual servings.)
2. Melt the butter in a pan.
3. Crush biscuits finely in a large bowl and stir in the melted butter. Once mixed together, press into the base of the tin to form the bottom of the Torte.
4. Chop 700g of the chocolate and place it in a large bowl over a pan of simmering water. Add half of the cream and mix until smooth, leaving to cool until it's barely warm.
5. Whip the remaining cream into soft peaks. Gradually add it to the chocolate mixture. Once mixed, pour into the cake tin and place in the fridge to set.
6. Decorate the top of the Torte with grated chocolate or Maltesers.



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## In the garden

Janet de Vries

### Jobs in the garden for the Spring

Firstly, I want to wish you a belated happy new Gardening Year, and now there are lots of jobs to be done.

This is the time to prune Buddleja cutting back to the base to keep the vigorous shrub a reasonable size, so it stays bushy.

You should also cut down ornamental grasses you left over winter for interest in the garden before fresh shoots appear.

And, it's time to divide large clumps of snowdrops and winter aconites, once flowering is finished, to start new colonies.

Hopefully, you haven't cut the heads off your hydrangeas, as frost can quickly kill them off, so even though you may see green buds appearing, leave the trimming until the last frost.



Now is the time to prune your roses which is essential for their overall health, vitality and appearance. You can lightly prune in winter, but February/March is the key rose-pruning time to cut back most varieties. The exception is rambling roses, which are pruned in summer immediately after flowering.

The basic principles of pruning roses are the same as pruning anything else: cutting back hard will promote the strongest growth, while light pruning will result in less vigour. The other basic rules include cutting to an outward-facing bud to prevent compacted growth and

removing closely positioned stems that might rub or compete for space.

Also, remove stubby 'snags' (short, dead lengths of stem with no growth on them) and thin, twiggy stems, which are unlikely to produce anything worthwhile in terms of growth and flowering potential. It's also a good idea to sprinkle slow-release fertiliser around the base of the roses to promote good blooms in the summer.

If you're into growing fruit and veg, this is a very busy time. You need to finish pruning your fruit trees and soft fruits and sprinkle sulphate of potash fertiliser around the base to encourage fruiting.

It's also the time to Chit first-early potato tubers, standing them in trays in a light frost-free place. I use the trays that hold eggs.



If, like me, you've overwintered your fuchsias, these can be cut back. I like to leave about six inches of the stem until I see that new growth, and then I cut them nearer to the base. You should also increase the watering to spur them into growth.

This is just a snapshot of some of the jobs for the Spring, but for those just starting on your gardening journey or into your second year, these are handy tips before you get into the serious jobs of growing your own.

Until next time when I'll be talking about summer jobs, enjoy your gardening. It's one of the best therapies.

Janet.

# From your County Councillor

Andy Mellen - email: [andy.mellen@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:andy.mellen@suffolk.gov.uk), 07790 992619



After the political turmoil at Westminster last year, elections are probably the last thing on anyone's mind at the moment.

Whilst a general election looks to be some time off, we have local elections in May this year when a new set of councillors will be elected to Mid Suffolk District Council.

However, this election will be a little different as, following a change in the law, electors are now required to show photo ID to confirm their identity when voting at the polling station. This is a significant change to the previous procedure where you could just walk in, state your name, and if you were on the electoral register, you could vote.

The government has brought in this new legislation to combat voter fraud (a serious crime known as "personation") Although

there have been very few cases of this happening, and none in Mid Suffolk as far back as anyone can remember. The photo ID that most people will have is a passport or a driving licence photocard. (There is a long list of other forms of acceptable ID on the electoral commission's website).

There will, however, be a small number of people who don't have any of the approved forms of ID, and it is really important that these people are not disenfranchised – they can still vote. If you are in this group, you can apply to the District Council for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Document, which you can take to the polling station.

You need to be registered to vote first, and the application deadline is 5pm on Tuesday 25th April, to vote in the local elections on 4th May. (A government information campaign on this is just starting to appear). Alternatively, if you don't want to have to dig out your photo ID, you can vote from the comfort of your

home by registering for a postal vote – it's free, and you will receive your voting pack a couple of weeks before the election.

The form for this is available at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote) or call the council's electoral registration officer on 0300 123 4000.

Whatever you do, please use your vote, if only to respect those who fought and died in the past to defend our democracy.



## Citizens advice



December was an expensive month, with presents to buy and heating bills going up, and now I'm struggling financially. I've seen offers for 'Buy Now Pay Later' when I'm doing online shopping. It seems like a good way to spread the cost of some of the things I need, but how can I make sure I don't get into debt?

With everything getting more expensive, it's sensible to be thinking about how you can manage. There are lots of things you can do to try and stay in control of your money.

Before you start spending:

1. Work out exactly what money you have coming in and going out each month.
2. Be realistic about what you need for essentials like food and travel.
3. Take a look at the budgeting tool on the Citizens Advice website [citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting](http://citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting).

This can help you set a budget you can stick to.

You'll also be able to find tips on how to reduce your regular living costs, which

might be helpful if you're struggling to keep within your budget. While splitting payments with schemes like Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL) can be tempting, you'll need a plan to pay the money back. If you're using something like that repeatedly, you might be managing for now, but it could also be a sign that it's unaffordable in the long run. Keep a record of how much you owe in total.

Always ensure you understand what you're signing up for, how you'll make the repayments and what will happen if you can't pay on time. It's important to check the returns process for both the retailer and credit provider. Paying through BNPL may also affect the cost of postage returns if you've ordered online. The riskiest thing about it is that you're not guaranteed to be protected if something goes wrong. For example, you can't go to the Financial Ombudsman Service if you have a complaint.

If you turn to credit cards, overdrafts, or store cards for your spending, keep track of what you owe. You should prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first because not

paying these has the most serious consequences. On the Citizens Advice website, you can find information on what bills to prioritise and how to manage debts. There's also information on the support available for paying these and other bills.

If, like many during this crisis, you find you can't afford to reduce your debts after paying your priority bills and essentials, seek advice as soon as possible. If you need specific support or don't feel able to manage your situation alone, contact Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk so they can help you find a way forward.

Everyone's circumstances are different, particularly when managing personal finances, so it's important to get the support that's correct for you.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can advise on this and other issues, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them at 01449 676060 or use the contact form at [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). More information and our opening hours can also be found at [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us).

# Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI

Midge Hawkins 01359 259399

One month into the New Year Already – how time flies!

Signs and the sounds of spring are all around us, and of course, the evenings are already getting lighter.

Our December 2022 meeting was a visit to the Yum Yum Tree Fudge Factory in Woolpit, where we were all welcomed with a delicious hot fudge drink before starting our tour. It was fascinating to hear about their journey from their kitchen in Thurston to their current premises. They are trying to be as sustainable as possible with solar panels and electric vehicles. We heard all about the manufacture of fudge, tasted some delicious samples and dipped into our purses to buy quite a few packets! It was a most enjoyable and informative afternoon.



For our January 2023 afternoon meeting, our speaker Sarah Woodhouse gave us a talk about ways to relax and sleep. It was a very interesting talk. Amongst other things, Sarah gave us a fascinating insight into reflexology and showed us how to do it on our hands. I'm sure we all sat at home that evening rubbing various parts of our hands! After refreshments and a chat, we got down to voting for the Resolutions, which are put forward by the National Federation WI Head Office each year. A very enjoyable afternoon.

Our next three meetings – listed below- will be held in the Lord Thurlow Hall at Great Ashfield at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.

## February 9th 2023:

Afternoon meeting – from 2.30pm. This is a member's meeting with no speaker, where we all get together for a chat, a cuppa and refreshments and enjoy each other's company.

## March 9th 2023:

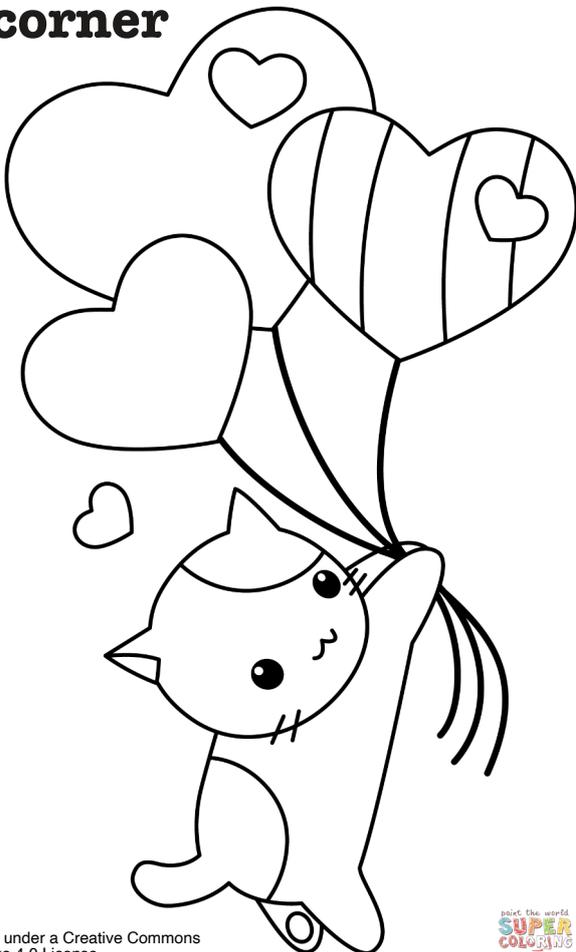
Evening meeting – from 7.30pm. This evening we have a talk about 'The Mercy Ships' – a hospital ships charity. Mercy Ships is an international charity based on Christian values that operates the largest non-governmental hospital ships in the world, providing humanitarian aid like free health care.

## April 13th 2023:

Evening meeting – from 7.30pm. This is an Open Meeting where we invite members of the public to join us. Our speaker this month is Mary Newton with a talk on 'A Forensic Scientist'. All visitors are welcome – both Ladies & Gents - £3 each, including a Raffle Ticket & Refreshments.

We would welcome any new members to join us. We are not a huge group but a very friendly one, and we invite you to come and see what we are all about. All visitors have one free meeting and then pay £3 for each of the next two meetings before deciding to join. This includes a raffle ticket and refreshments.

## 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. Horseshoe, Vesper and Funnel-Ear are all type of what?
2. A roadster; also a brand of outdoor ski wear..
3. An American coming of age comedy "The \_\_\_\_ Years".
4. Which chemical element has an atomic number 26?
5. Which character did Danny John-Jules play in Red Dwarf?
6. Which Danish music group released their hit single in Barbie Girl in 1997?
7. What makes up around 10% of the land area on Earth?
8. A prefix meaning larger or more effective.
9. A Colloquial name for a Sikorsky UK-60 helicopter
10. From the Latin Sciurus, what rodent is a member of the Sciuridae family?

Theme = Comic heroes/heroines (postfix man/woman/girl)

Quiz answers: 1. Bat; 2. Spider; 3. Wonder; 4. Iron; 5. Cat; 6.

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# Green dilemmas - Electric vehicles

Richard Winch - richard@winchmail.net

There are two main ways to reduce our global warming emissions from vehicles: reduce the number of journeys we take and move away from petrol and diesel vehicles.

The UK currently plans to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles from 2030. Whilst hybrid vehicles will still be allowed, if we want to get the full environmental benefits, this really means transitioning to electric vehicles.

Manufacturing electric vehicles produces more global warming emissions than manufacturing the average petrol vehicle. However, over their whole lifetime, electric vehicles have significantly less emissions and less local air pollutants. The full benefits of electric cars depend on the extent to which electricity production is non-fossil fuel based.

You can compare the running costs of petrol and electric vehicles by converting miles per gallon and miles per kilowatt hour into a price per mile. A typical smaller electric car costs just over 10p per mile to run versus nearer 20p per mile for an equivalent diesel car, i.e., your fuel bill would be halved. However, if you are always charging away from home, the difference will be reduced as the cost of electricity on a public charger will be higher.

The main issues, other than cost, for most people looking at buying an electric car, are

- the lack of second-hand vehicles,
- doubts about range,
- concerns about the speed of charging and the availability of the charging network.

Only 15% of new cars and just 2% of cars on the road in 2022 are electric, so it's going to be a while before the second-hand market develops.

Most modern electric vehicles now have a reasonable range, but if you want to preserve the battery life, you shouldn't consistently charge your battery above 80% capacity. This, combined with the fact that charging takes more time as the battery gets fuller, means that you are likely to end up charging more frequently than you might expect.

The situation with the charging infrastructure is mixed. There are around

35,000 electric vehicle charging points across the UK, but it is estimated that we need to add roughly the same amount every year for the next 8 years to meet the 2030 target.



A recent Which Report also highlighted a lot of dissatisfaction with the speed, availability and reliability of the public network. This is compounded by the fact that there are currently over 60 providers, all with different apps and payment mechanisms.

The bottom line is that if you buy an electric vehicle, it is better for the environment, and if you are charging from home, this can be easier and cheaper to run. If you don't have a home-based charging point (and this isn't an option for many people in built-up areas), you will end up paying more for charging, it can be more inconvenient, and longer journeys can be stressful.

We must solve the charging infrastructure issue if the transition to electric vehicles is going to happen fast enough. It's difficult to see how leaving everything to the market is going to work.

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## Village Hall update

Clive Hawkins

Saturday, 3rd December, saw the last event of the year held in the Village Hall and what an event. It was the Christmas Coffee Brunch Morning which was enjoyed by many. If you were not there, you missed the seasonal eats, the warm drinks, the friendly chatting and the festive music, which all made for a pre-Christmas atmosphere. Stalls selling Christmas goodies added to this, along with the Grand Christmas Draw, which proved a big attraction. The draw exceeded last year's in both the number of prizes and revenue. Thanks to all who contributed.

Please make a note of all the upcoming 2023 events in your dairies. You can see them on the right. Look out for our coffee mornings, which are great opportunities to meet and chat with others from the village.

As the village grows, so will our activities but only with your support. If you feel you can contribute as a volunteer and help at events, please get in touch.

The Village Hall AGM is due to take place on 8th February at 7pm.

Remember - It is Your Village – Your Village Hall. In closing the Committee wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

*Dates  
for your  
diary*



**Quiz Night** - 3rd Feb. 7pm. Village Hall

**Village Quiz night** - 17th Mar. Village Hall  
(see ad on page 6 for details)

**£1 sale** - 18th Mar. Church

**Jumble Sale** - 1st April.  
1pm to 3pm. Village Hall

**Easter Egg hunt** - 7th Apr. Church

**Coronation After Party** - 6th May.  
Time TBC (evening). Village Hall

**Plant Sale** - 13th May. Church

**Art Exhibition** - 24th-25th Jun. Church

**Quiz Night** - 7th July. 7pm. Village Hall

**Church Open Day** - 26th Aug. Church

**Late Summer Fayre** - 9th Sept.  
Time TBC. Village Hall

**Jumble Sale.** 14th Oct. Church

**Shopping Evening** - 20th Oct.  
Time TBC. Village Hall

**Wine Mans Bluff Quiz** - 18th Nov.  
Time TBC. Village Hall

**Festive Christmas event** - 2nd Dec.  
10am to 2pm. Village Hall

For village hall events, please contact  
*Caroline Morris*  
cdv\_11@hotmail.com | 07843 248411

For events at the church, please contact  
*Stephen Rose* - 07714 273 669

**Village Quiz Night**

In aid of Suffolk Accident Rescue Service and St. Mary's Church

Friday 17th March  
7pm

£7.50 per ticket  
Ploughman's supper included  
Maximum teams of 4

Tickets available from  
Badwell Ash Post Office or  
call  
01359 259428

Badwell Ash Village Hall

## **Not just a sports club.**

*Walsham Le Willows Sports Club,*

Not many realise this, but Walsham-Le-Willows Sports Club is not just the venue for the local football team. It's much more. Yes, there are sporting activities run by the club such as cricket, walking football, walking netball, cardio tennis and bowls (and if all goes well a small gym and a petanque pitch will in the future be added) but there is a very large social side to the club. For example, Sunday night Bingo is played a couple of times a month while popular quizzes are also organised, and Friday night live music is a feature during the summer months.

In addition, on Saturday 18th March, there will be an Irish night with a disco and tickets at £5 in advance or £7 on the night with Irish-themed food included with admission.

Following on last year's Queens Jubilee party (which was a roaring success) and the Christmas party, similar events are planned for this year, with the King's Coronation coming up.

So this is a club where fun and fellowship are the name of the game, and with a yearly membership cost of just £15 for adults, it's surely worth getting involved even more so if you are new to the area.

So come along and join up and please note the following contact details.

Membership Secretary  
**Mrs. Cheryl Powles**  
Email : [mrsp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mrsp@hotmail.co.uk)  
Tel: 01359 221908



## **BADWELL ASH EASTER EGG HUNT**

**FROM BADWELL ASH CHURCH  
TO LANGHAM CHURCH  
FRIDAY 7TH OF APRIL.  
10.00AM START.**

£3.00 PER CHILD. EVERY CHILD GETS AN  
EASTER EGG. BOOKING ONLY.  
REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE AT LANGHAM.  
PLEASE CALL JULIA ON 07542778558. OR  
STEPHEN ON 07714273669.

## **ST. MARYS CHURCH BADWELL ASH**

**18th of March  
9:30am to 12:30pm**



# **SALE**

**Everything £1 • Refreshments • Tombola  
Fundraising for St. Mary's Church**

More information call Stephen Rose on 07714 273669

# From the Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Carole Rose. [badwellashpc@outlook.com](mailto:badwellashpc@outlook.com) / Visit the villages' website: [badwellash.suffolk.cloud](http://badwellash.suffolk.cloud)

## Badwell Ash Gun Club

It's never great to highlight negative points, but we must make the community aware that at some point over the past few months, vandals removed the lifebuoy and its bracket from the tall hut on the Badwell Ash Gun Club's (BAGC) land.

We subsequently found the life ring, but the holder - including the screws - has vanished. This is criminal damage and should never be tolerated.

The PC has offered the BAGC a new lifebuoy, and we'll install it soon.

The lakes change rapidly within those grounds and can be very deep. The lifebuoy mustn't be tampered with.

The last thing we want is a repeat of the tragedy widely publicised last year when boys got in to trouble and drowned in a lake in the north of England.

The landowner has now put up a warning sign highlighting the dangers.



The village community should remember that the BAGC land is private land, and if you intend to use the fields, you need permission from the land owner.

The Badwell Ash Gun Club kindly tolerates people walk their dogs on their land when the firing range isn't being used, but all too often, dog mess has been left for the landowner to clean up. If you choose to walk your dog on the field, please respect it, and clean up after.

Your support in making sure our village stays safe would be appreciated.

## Winter warmer

Our winter warmer sessions have proved popular and will continue to run through to the end of March from 10-2.



## New lights

There have been new lights installed at the Village hall. There's now one bollard on each side of the main entrance and one tall light at the far end of the car park in the very dark corner. They're LED solar lights that drop down to 30% light to reduce light pollution - keeping the village safe.

## Long Thurlow gates

Those of you who drive into (and out of) Long Thurlow should have noticed the new 'gates'. These are ready to be painted and make a lovely entrance to the village.



## Play area

The Parish Council is delighted to inform you that two further pieces of play equipment have been added to the children's playground and are ready for use. The last addition will be a multi-coloured octagonal table and bench, which will be added in the Spring. This will complete our plan for the under-12s play area. As promised, we can then turn our attention to Stage 2 recreational facilities for older children and adults.

## Long Thurlow Defib

There is now a defibrillator in Long Thurlow. It's located next to the bus shelter as you come into the village from Badwell Ash. It's on the right hand side, just past the new gates.

Should you need to use it, you should phone 999 and they will talk you through how to give CPR with the defib.



## Street cleaner

Unfortunately, we no longer have a Street Cleaner in either Badwell Ash or Long Thurlow, which is a great shame and means that the pavements have remained very difficult to negotiate covered in wet leaves. We would love to hear from anyone wishing to take on a few flexible hours each month to keep our lovely villages clean and tidy. **Please email the Clerk at [badwellashpc@outlook.com](mailto:badwellashpc@outlook.com) for further details for either village or perhaps even a combined role in both.**

# This issue is sponsored by:



**Badwell Ash Holiday Lodges** is a peaceful retreat set in 5 acres of gardens, lakes and woodland. Five luxurious lodges, each with private over-water deck, hot tub, bbq and exclusive fishing.

We're happy to offer a discount to our fellow villagers, and we'll always try to accommodate your friends and family for short stays if we can.

We moved to Badwell Ash in 2020 and have enjoyed getting to know our neighbours, the village and the local area. Please contact us with any queries at [info@badwellashlodges.co.uk](mailto:info@badwellashlodges.co.uk) or on 01359 258444.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Will & Sarah x

## PARISH COUNCIL OF BADWELL ASH

### VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the recent resignation of a Parish Councillor, we have a vacancy on the Council with immediate effect.

Applications are invited from residents who are interested in joining the Council and playing an active part in our villages and community and who meet the legal requirements for this vacancy which are:

- \* I am over 18 yrs age
- \* I am a qualifying commonwealth citizen or an EU citizen
- \* I meet one or more of the other requirements, as indicated below:
  - o I am registered as a local government elector for the parish
  - o I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-option occupied, as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish
  - o My principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish
  - o I have during the whole of those twelve months resided in or within 3 miles of the parish

Please contact the Clerk for an application form on:  
[badwellashpc@outlook.com](mailto:badwellashpc@outlook.com)

The closing date for applications is 28 February 2023. The co-option process will be undertaken at the Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 14 March 2023.

Mrs Carole Rose  
Clerk to the Council  
Old Pit Cottage  
Richer Road  
Badwell Ash IP31 3EU

A colorful poster for 'Toad Patrol' with a dark blue background and green foliage. At the top, the words 'TOAD TIMES' are written in large, bold, green letters. Below this, there is text about toad hibernation and declining numbers. A photograph of a toad is shown in a white-bordered box. Further down, the text 'HOW YOU CAN HELP' is written in green, followed by details about local patrols and volunteer opportunities. A 'LOCAL DRIVERS' section explains the need for toad signs and Hi-Vis jackets. At the bottom, there is a 'froglife' logo, a photo of a toad, and a triangular warning sign that says 'TOAD PATROL AT WORK' with a toad illustration. Contact information for Sylvie Fitch is provided.

**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 241727**  
[bob.sylvie@btinternet.com](mailto: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**