

# The Badwell Broadsheet

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## A note from the Chair



What a packed couple of months we've had, and what a busy summer coming up!

First, welcome to our two new Parish Councillors, Bill Woodhall and Nick Harvey. It's great to have you on the committee, and we're looking forward to you both being part of the team. There are still a couple of vacancies on the Council, so if anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Clerk, Carole Rose, for more details - badwellashpc@outlook.com.

Second, a thank you - I've been re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council, and Steve Russell will be Vice-Chair. Looking back on the last year, we've achieved a lot, and we hope to continue this work into 2024!

Congratulations go to Richard Winch, who is our new District Councillor. It's a historic win for the Green Party - Andy Mellen tells us more about it in his column on page six.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors of this issue (and a couple of issues coming up), Clarkes of Walsham. Local businesses' support of our newsletter is paramount, and we appreciate your bumper sponsorship.

Finally, a quick mention for the organisers of The Coronation After Party. What a huge success that was (despite the rain). Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising this event. It's things like this that really bring our village residents together.

Enjoy the issue. If you have anything you'd like to submit to the next one, the deadline is 16th July 2023 - badwellash@hotmail.co.uk.

Wishing you all the best,  
Richard Morris  
Chair, Badwell Ash Parish Council



### In the village...

#### Monday

**Zumba**  
7-8pm, 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.

**Art class** starts in September  
Time TBC. Village Hall.

#### Wednesday

**Dog training classes**  
6:30-8:30. Village Hall.

#### Thursday

**Dog training classes**  
6:30-8:30. Village Hall.

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dates  
for your  
diary



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

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

**Yard Sale** *in aid of the new cemetery*  
9th July. 11am - 1pm.  
£10 to take part, but keep any profit.

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

**Summer Fayre** - 2nd Sept.  
2pm - 8pm. Village Hall

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

**Shopping Evening** - 20th Oct.  
7pm onwards. Village Hall

**Quiz Night** - 18th Nov.  
7pm. Village Hall

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

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# Summer at home

## In the kitchen

### Bara Brith (Welsh tea bread)



- 12oz dried fruit
- 8 oz soft dark brown sugar
- ½ pint of strong tea
- 10oz self raising flour
- 1 large egg
- Mixed spice to taste

1. Place the dried fruit, sugar and tea into a large bowl and soak overnight. If you're short on time, you can boil until it's soft - about 15 mins.

2. Preheat the oven at 150C / 300F. Grease and line a 9x5 (2lbs) loaf tin (or 2x1lb).

3. Add and stir in the flour, egg and mixed spice.

4. Bake for 1¼ hours until risen and away from the sides of the tin.

5. Turn out on a cooling rack and allow to cool.

6. Eat - it can be served with butter.

## In the garden

### Janet de Vries

Although I mentioned some jobs for June in my last article, there's so much to cover during the month and also July.

Hopefully, you have already planted your summer bedding, which is now getting established, so it will need continuous attention to deadheading, weeding around the plants and, most importantly, regular watering.

The first picture is of one of our borders showing a Ligularia in the left-hand corner, which will have yellow daisy-like flowers on burgundy stems later in the year. The large plant in the middle is a Spirea that has a mass of white flowers in the spring. It's a good border filler, as is the Pieris to the right of the picture that blooms in the summer.



Most of the planting in this border comes back every year. There's the Flamingo Tree, hebes, delphinium and lupins and also, mustn't forget hot lips salvia - a very easy to look after border.

You can get a colourful display with a few simple plants, as shown in this bed around the lamp. As the summer progresses, they'll bush out, so they need to keep deadheading and watering.



If you have fruit trees, you should feed them once a week. I use diluted tomato feed, and once the fruit has formed, I then hang wasp catchers containing diluted orange squash to attract them away from the fruit.

Hopefully, this year's crop will be more plentiful than last year's as the hot weather dried up the pears. We usually have more cooking apples than we know what to do with, but the 2022 harvest was very meagre.

If a branch has broken and has half or

more of the bark intact, taping it can save it. Depending on the size, bind the wound with grafting or any other strong tape, I've used black insulating tape in the past, and it has been successful.

These are my potatoes of various varieties and are relatively slow because the weather has been so cold. The ones in tubs and bags are coming along more quickly than those planted directly in the ground and are a variety called Charlotte.



The proof will be how quickly they flower and what the crop will be, so I'll keep you updated once they start to yield.

We have other veg, which I'll show you once it is better established, much too early.

To keep the garden looking its best during the summer months, it needs work, but on a warm evening, sitting out with a glass of your favourite tippie, there's nothing nicer than enjoying the fruits of your labour, so happy summer until the next time.

Janet

## Carpet Bowls

### Clive Hawkins

The league season has now finished, and the club had varying results, with their position in the league not being what was expected. Never mind, there is next season to look forward to. The season's highlight is the team of four winning the Invitation Cup at Cockfield. Whilst the competitions are over, the club continues to meet every Tuesday evening to hone their skills and enjoy the social side of bowling. New members would be welcome. If you fancy having a go, please look in.

## Village Hall update **Village Hall events**

Clive Hawkins - Chairman of Trustees

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The committee held its regular meeting in March, during which the usual business was discussed but with emphasis on forthcoming events.

One such event was the Jumble Sale. Whilst hectic and hard work, the outcome was, as far as the committee was concerned, deemed a success.

The April meeting discussed business related to progression with legal documentation and the restructuring of managing practices that will ensure the future well-being of the hall. These, together with proposals for further improvements to the hall, were agreed to. But the main discussion centred around plans for the Coronation Party, for which a second meeting was held to ensure all was as ready as possible. We now know the outcome of those plans, for despite the weather, parishioners, families and friends, young and old, came out to enjoy the celebration. The committee wish to thank all those who attended for their continued support. Look out for the next event.

### The Coronation Afterparty

A huge thanks to everyone that attended in the pouring rain. Amazing to see so many families having fun. Thanks to the events team, months of planning and hard work on the day were worthwhile.

I have a long list of thank yous:

- Richard and Donna Pratt for sponsoring one of the bands
- Nick and Marie Harvey for the Marquee
- Thanks to both couples for providing our Badwell Beach
- Clarke's of Walsham for the wheelbarrow
- Everyone who donated bottles to the wheelbarrow
- Everyone who donated cakes to be sold
- Rolfe's of Walsham for the BBQ box quiz prize
- Rumble's for the meal deals.

We're already planning the Summer Fayre on Saturday, 2nd September and looking forward to seeing you all on the day.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Green Dilemmas - Are wood burners bad for the environment?

Richard Winch – [richard@winchmail.net](mailto:richard@winchmail.net)

I'm writing this in May as, hopefully, no one is still using their wood burner!

Roughly 8% of homes in the UK have a wood burner, and I confess that I am one of them. I like the focal point in the room, the flicker of the fire and the blast of heat on a freezing day. I am also attracted to the idea that if the electricity is cut off, I can still heat my home without relying on anyone else.

The trouble is that there is now increasing evidence that wood burners are bad for the environment. The main pollutant emitted by burning solid fuels like wood is ultra-fine particulate matter, also known as PM2.5. The toxins get lodged in the brain, heart and lungs. It is widely acknowledged as the air pollutant which has the greatest impact on human health, impacting respiratory and cardiovascular diseases and leading to asthma in the young and dementia in the elderly.

The overall scale of the impact of wood burners is hard to get your head around.

Research suggests domestic wood burners produce more small particle pollution than all road traffic in the UK. The problem has also increased significantly since 2010.

So where are we heading on this?

The first step was the "eco-design" standard which enables an 80% reduction in particulate emissions. However, even wood-burning stoves meeting the new standard still emit 750 times more tiny particles than a modern HGV truck.

Is the next step going to be an end to the sale of wood burners, the compulsory registration of existing wood burners, followed by a ban on their use? In London, wood burners are effectively already banned in new and refurbished buildings as the impact of a wood burner would exceed the air pollution limits.

So, if you already have a wood burner, what should you do? There are three obvious measures.

Get your wood burner checked so you can see how eco-efficient it is and act accordingly.

Ensure any logs you use have a maximum moisture content of 20% (they should ideally be kiln-dried). Before use, you should bring the logs inside at least 24 hours before burning.

There is no getting away from the obvious. The way forward is to reduce the amount you use the wood burner. This means maybe just using the wood burner for special occasions or when it's really needed.



# From the Parish Council

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## Flower Troughs



The Parish Council would like to extend their grateful thanks to Joyce & Margaret, Sarah, Caroline and Janet for their wonderful planting contributions to the four new flower troughs around the village. They will provide a very visible improvement to our village so thank you on behalf

of all the residents who will appreciate them.

## Dog poo bins

The Parish Council have recently installed the 12th (and hopefully last) dog litter bin in the village. These dog bins, along with 5 litter bins will hopefully keep our village neat and tidy and free from litter.



The cost of providing these and the regular weekly emptying costs amount to

approximately £1000 per year so the Parish Council would encourage everyone to take care and use them.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Mid Suffolk District Council, have also introduced a £1000 fine for anyone caught littering.

## Playing field regeneration

At a recent Parish Council meeting, your Parish Councillors have unanimously agreed to go ahead with a regeneration project for the playing field behind the village hall.

It is planned to incorporate exercise equipment for teenagers and adults along with wide paths for cycling, walking, scootering etc plus more benches and possibly a small football area in the middle with new goalposts and a basketball station.

We are going to commence with a thorough survey of the area to start with to ensure that the ground structure is suitable and then begin the detailed project plan.

Obviously this is not achievable overnight but we very much hope our residents will appreciate the amount of work and fund raising involved and bear with us until completion. Further updates will follow in due course.

## SID - speed sign

We're sad to report that the speed sign by Badwell Lodges (as you enter the village) has been disconnected more than once by possibly wilful damage. We've reconnected it again, but this behaviour is not acceptable, especially when people speeding through the village is a major concern to our residents.

## The deer and bent fence

Sadly we have to report that the fence around the children's play area was bent by a deer trying to run through it. We've managed to unbend the fence.



## AGM

At the AGM last month, the council voted unanimously for Richard Morris to remain as Chairman, and Steve Russell to be Vice Chair. Congratulations to you both, and thank you to both of you, and the rest of the Parish Council for everything you do.

**Be involved. Be heard.  
Be part of the Parish Council**

### Are you:

- Over 18 yrs age
- A qualifying commonwealth citizen or an EU citizen

### And/or:

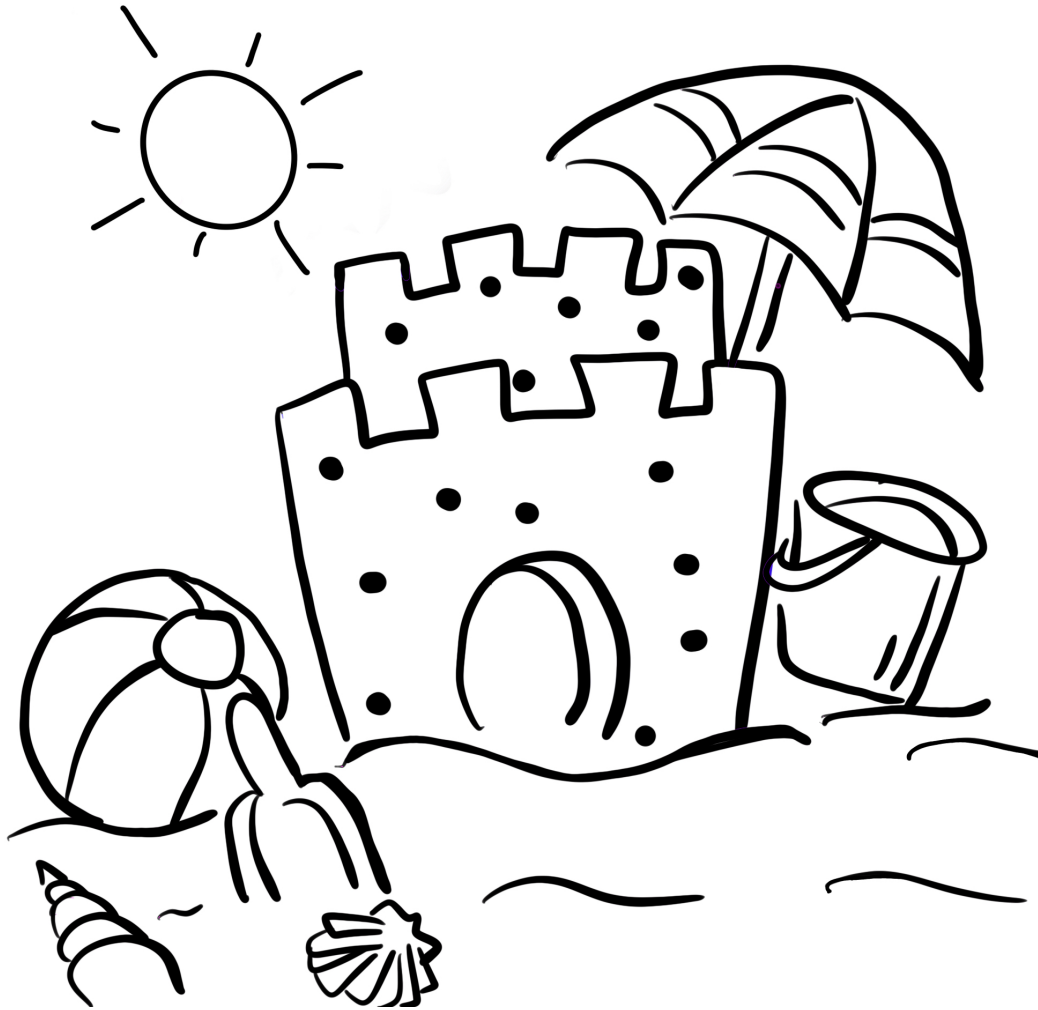
- A registered as a local government elector for the parish, or
- A resident in the parish for over 12 months (or within 3 miles)
- Have you worked in the parish for over 12 months

### Can you:

- Give at least an evening a month
- Give your ideas a voice
- Be part of the community

For more information, or an application for contact the Clerk, Carole Rose:  
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# Colour me in...



## Quick Quiz

1. Who was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin?
2. The wife of Kurt Cobain, this American artist released her own album in 2004 entitled "America's Sweetheart"
3. The Chrysler Building held the record for the tallest building in the world for 11 months. It still is (as of Wikipedia) the tallest brick building in the world. In which city would you find it?
4. A web search engine owned and operated by Microsoft, launched in June 2009.
5. What is a baby Kangaroo better known as?
6. The actress best known as the creator, writer and the star of Fleabag. She also starred in Solo: a Star Wars Story as L3-37
7. "The Storm on the Sea of Galilee", "Self-Portrait with Two Circles", "Bathsheba at Her Bath" and "The Return of the Prodigal Son" are all works by which famous Dutch artist?
8. Authorised in 1865 and opened in 1873, which railway line, ran by the GWR, ran through the Upper Wye Valley?
9. Paint (or emulsion) that is generally considered to have a flat finish with a sheen of less than 10%
10. The current team principal of the Haas Formula One Team. Previously managing director of Jaguar Racing and technical operations director of its subsequent incarnation, Red Bull Racing.

## Report from our County Councillor

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



### A Green Revolution in Mid Suffolk?

You have probably seen in the news the results of the recent local elections for the district council – a decisive result here in Mid Suffolk, with the Green Party taking 24 out of the 34 seats.

Whilst Green councillors have helped lead many local authorities in coalition, this is the first time in the UK (and only the second time anywhere in the world) that the Greens have had a full, clear majority on a local council.

While I represent these villages on the county council, I'm also on the district council representing Bacton, the next ward along the east. By the time you read this, I will have been confirmed as leader of the council for the next four years.

So what will this change mean for the people of Badwell Ash, Great Ashfield and beyond? First, you now have a Green district councillor representing you: Richard Winch, who stood at the election, taking over from Rick Meyer. (Having seen Rick Meyer at work for the last four years at the council and on the planning committee, he was a great representative for these communities. I know he will enjoy having more time for sailing now that he is no longer a councillor).

Your new councillor, Richard Winch, also brings a wealth of experience to the role. I know he has already spoken to many of you whilst out and about campaigning.

I have been asked several times what differences are a Green administration likely to bring? Here are three changes that we hope will make an immediate impact: We are going to put some extra resources into tidying up the district this summer – more staff to collect up litter along

our major roads, as well as empowering parishes to do more litter picking at the local scale.

Secondly, we want to make the planning system more open and accountable – a lot of communities feel that planning is something that is “done to them” rather than “with them”. We want to hold some planning committee meetings out in the district rather than in Ipswich, and we are going to encourage communities to develop their own neighbourhood plans, with residents involved and engaged.

Lastly, we want to spend £2m of the council's reserves on insulating homes ahead of next winter. These are immediate actions, but we will also have medium and long-term aims which will emerge over the next few months. We want to work locally to make a difference while addressing global problems like climate change.

## Wildlife corner

### House martins are now red listed.

Help them by protecting their mud nests on your home and installing artificial nest cups at least 2m high and under an eave.

Help the house martins of Badwell Ash!

This is a nest cup

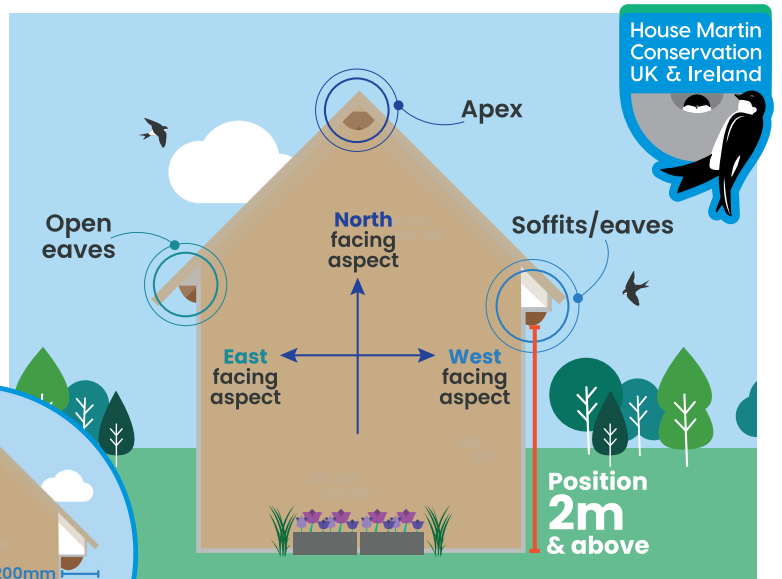
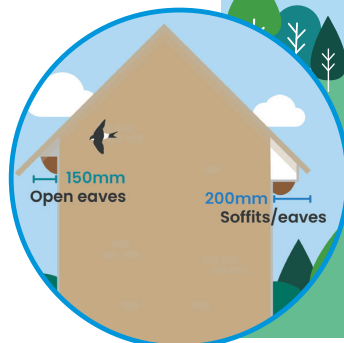


### Where should you place a nest cup?

The first place house martins will prospect will likely be the apex, the next favoured positions are open eaves and soffits/eaves. North, east and west aspects are good but care should be taken when placing nest cups on south facing orientations. Eaves will need to have a deep enough overhang to create shade throughout the day. All nest cups should be placed at a **minimum 2m height** from the ground.

### Placing the nest cup under soffits/eaves

Primarily, it is important that the nest cups' top boards are butted up tight to the eaves or soffits and the side/s against the rafters where possible. The reason for this is to minimise exposure to the elements and predators.



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## Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI

### Midge Hawkins

Spring arrived with some vengeance – cold, frosts, rain, storms and sunshine; a bit of everything that has kept us well and truly on our toes.

Most of us will also have seen the Coronation of King Charles III with its superb pageantry for which our country is well known. Many villages held parties, and despite the awful weather, the one organised by the Badwell Ash Village Hall was much enjoyed by the many people who attended.

Our April Open Meeting was well attended. Our speaker Mary Newton gave a talk on 'A Forensic Scientist'. Mary had a forty-year career as a Forensic Scientist. Based in Lambeth South London, they had some high-profile cases from murder to rape. Three of her most widely known cases were Dennis Nilsen, Stephen Lawrence, and Lyn and Megan Russell. An excellent speaker who held us all riveted to some of the more gory cases and was also very amusing. A most enjoyable evening.

Our May meeting was our AGM and a Coronation-themed member's evening. We had a competition for a posy in a teacup won by Bronwen Harvey, followed by a challenging Royal quiz. Each member was also given a Commemorative packet of wildflower seeds. All of our committee were re-elected for the next twelve months.

After seeing a report on the news, Carole Rose - one of our members, did some research, and we decided that as a WI, we would support the Love Grace Handbag Appeal.

Grace Millane was tragically murdered whilst travelling in New Zealand in December 2018. Grace loved a handbag, and in her name, her family started collecting handbags and filling them with useful items for women in need at local refuges and further afield.



What started as a target of 50 has now reached over 12,000. Each bag contains basic toiletries for women who arrive with nothing. As a WI, we have collected 32 bags. Carole, who had the initial idea, has seen the project organisation all the way through and has kindly offered to take them to the collection point in Essex – see the photo of our WI Committee with the bags collected.

Our next three meetings – all listed below, are to 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. Afternoon meetings – December 2023, January and February 2024 are from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

**8th June 2023:** Our speaker is Tony Strowger – Jewellery.

Tony Strowger is a Jeweller based in the historic heart of Bury St Edmunds. He has a workshop on the premises where all work is undertaken for all jewellery repairs and bespoke handcrafted jewellery. It is sure to be an interesting evening.

**13th July 2023** – Afternoon: This afternoon, we are visiting Moat House, Little Saxon

**10th August 2023** – Afternoon: This is a Member's Afternoon Garden Meeting. Venue TBC

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 new visitors have 1 free meeting and then pay £3 for each of the next 2 meetings before deciding whether or not to join.

This includes a raffle ticket and refreshments.

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

## St Mary's Church

### Stephen Rose

We had a fantastic morning at our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday. Nearly 100 children attended, plus probably twice as many accompanying adults.

Thank you to everyone who took part.



## Badwell Ash Village Quiz

### Pip Bond

Badwell Ash Village Quiz: An enjoyable evening was held on Friday 17th March and £293.39 was raised, to be divided equally between St Mary's Church and SARS. Many thanks for the donation of the hall rental fee by a local family, for the raffle prizes, and to everybody who attended.

(The organisers are already planning the next quiz and have promised to make the questions a bit easier next time!)

## Art Exhibition

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



**24-25 June** 10.00am - 4.00pm

Mixed media exhibition including works in metal, wood, glass, paint and children's work. Tombola & Refreshments.

For more information please contact  
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Feature painting by Catherine Bremner

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