Badwell Broadsheet



A note from the Chair of the Parish Council.

Richard Morris - Chairman

Issue 100 - a milestone. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Badwell Broadsheet over the years. I think everyone agrees that this publication is an asset to our villages. We always welcome content if there's anything you want or need to share.

Along with some of the contributors to this issue, I welcome our new MP Adrian Ramsay and extend the Parish Council's congratulations on becoming the first Green MP in the East of England. If you want to get in touch with Adrian, you can find his details on the UK Parliament website: https://members. parliament.uk/

This issue's magnificent cover image was taken by Mark Saunders. Mark erected a Barn Owl box provided by the Parish Council in 2022. He also put up a Tawny Owl box and was lucky enough to have three Tawny Owl chicks the year before last.

This coming year, Simon (who makes the boxes) and Mark will install two more (very heavy) Barn Owl boxes down on the Village Hall playing field - although it's not expected any residents will move in for a year or two. What a lovely success story!

If you'd like to sponsor a future issue, submit something for publication, or have a question about The Broadsheet, you can email badwellash@hotmail.co.uk

The deadline date for the next issue is 16th September 2024.

Wishing you well.

Richard

Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI

Midge Hawkins - 01359 259399

As I write this I am wondering like most people just where our summer has got to! By the time you read this hopefully, it will have arrived.

On the 13th June, our WI celebrated our 100th Anniversary with a sumptuous afternoon tea at Badwell Ash Village Hall, attended by over 30 members. We were joined by Brenda Dyer from the South West Federation, various past presidents of our WI and representatives from the other WI's in the Blackbourne group. After a group photo and a toast, we sang Jerusalem and then sat down to enjoy our afternoon tea. We were entertained throughout the afternoon by Wayne Goodman, an incredible magician, and everyone went home with a beautifully wrapped lavender plant as a memento of our centenary afternoon. Grateful thanks to Great Ashfield and Badwell Ash Parish Councils for their donations which went towards our entertainment and gifts for the members.

On the 11th July our visit to the gardens of Columbine Hall was cancelled 24 hours before going due to unforeseen

circumstances. We managed at very short notice to book Fullers Mill Gardens at West Stow. We enjoyed a lovely relaxing walk around their beautiful gardens and also had tea and cake in the café. This was all part of our centenary celebrations for our members. Many of us also came home with plants that we had brought.

Our next three meetings – all listed below, are to be held in the Lord Thurlow Hall at Great Ashfield at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Afternoon meetings – December 2024, January 2025 and February 2025, are 2.30 to 4.30 pm.

8th August 2024 – Afternoon Members a very friendly one and we invite you to Garden Meeting at 2.30 pm with a Bring come and see what we are all about. All 8 Buy Sale. This is being held in the beautiful gardens of Kate & Ian Sadler.

12th September 2024 – This is an OPEN MEETING at 7.30 pm in the Lord Thurlow Hall. Our Speaker is Stephen Ashworth on "Kitchen Chemistry". Stephen H. Ashworth is a Professor of

Chemical Physics and Science
Communication at the University of
East Anglia. He has extensive
experience in delivering science shows
to audiences around the world. Come
and find out more about converting your
kitchen into a science lab! Ladies and
Gents, you are welcome to join us for
the evening. Non-members £3 which
includes refreshments and a raffle
ticket.

10th October 2024 – Evening Meeting at 7.30 pm in the Lord Thurlow Hall. Our speaker is Jonathan Housego talking about "How to help our Hedgehogs"

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.

Including:

- Parker's Farm House research
 - Pub research
 - The old Salvation Army house
 - Tower Tour
 - Pram race video
 - 100 years of the WI
 - Old maps

St Mary's Church

14th September 2024

9.30am to 4.00pm

Carpet Bowls

Clive Hawkins

It is a little quiet at present with no competitions taking place, although we still await the two matches, home and away, against Thurston for the Charlie and Vera Cup.

Our club nights continue throughout the summer giving members the chance to improve their skills for the forthcoming season and enjoy social time together.

We still need new members, so do come and give carpet bowls a try, it is an enjoyable game. It's a chance for modest exercise, a little skill and to meet other folks. Come and give it a go, Tuesday evenings at 7.30 in the village hall. If not sure, then give me a call on 01359 259399.

The Badwell Ash History Society

Howard Newman - howardandrew1949@gmail.com

Badwell Ash in the mid-19th Century Part 3

The ancient feudal system had all disappeared by the 1850s, but the class system still played a very significant role in shaping society.

The social hierarchy was divided into several distinct classes, each with its own privileges and limitations. At the top of the pyramid were the aristocracy or the upper class. This included the nobility, landowners, and wealthy elites who held immense power and influence In the mid-19th century, Christianity in society. Beneath the aristocracy, there was the middle class. This group consisted of professionals, businessmen, and successful merchants. Next, we have the working class. This class comprised the majority of the population during the 19th century. They faced difficult working conditions, low wages, limited opportunities for social advancement and a short life expectancy.

There was no aristocracy living in the parish of Badwell Ash, although Baron Thurlow and Sir Henry Blake Bart lived in adjoining parishes at Ashfield Lodge and Langham Hall respectively.

However, there were several significant members of the middle class living in the parish. Perhaps the most important of these were brother and sister Hester Maria and George Edward Payne who lived at High House, now known as Badwell Hall.

There were great benefactors to the village and provided several cottages for villagers to live in and made several bequests to the church including the provision of the organ and the East window. Hester Maria left a legacy to the church, the Hester Maria Charity, which provides a small income to the church to this day.



Image: High House, now Badwell Hall

and the Church of England were allpervasive. People were expected to attend church every week and employers, especially the farmers, would ensure their workforce attended church. Overall, life in rural areas of Victorian England was centred around agriculture, the church, community, and a simpler way of living. Despite these challenges and limitations, rural communities maintained a much stronger sense of identity and resilience than they do today.

Throughout the C19 there were approximately eleven farmers in the parish who considered themselves middle class.

From the 1850s until WWI, between them, they employed, over 100 farm labourers, who were working class and who represented over 50% of the working population of Badwell Ash and Badwell Green and almost 25% of the overall population of the parish.

In the earlier part of the C19, there were only half that number of agricultural workers employed in the village.

The opening of the Ipswich and Bury Railway in 1846, far from taking workers away from the village, actually increased the number of men working on the land. This was due to the ability

of the railways to provide much faster access to the produce markets in London. This number of labourers remained fairly consistent throughout the latter half of the C19 and early part of the C20 until WW1.

The most significant farmers in the parish farmed over 1750 acres between them. They included Philip Parker and his son Samuel Parker who farmed over 330 acres from Parkers Farmhouse, Edward Easlea who farmed 222 acres at Chapel Farm, George Mayhew who farmed 311 acres from Tiptofts Farm, Alexander Moss who farmed 87 acres from Badwell Green, Thomas Francis and his son John Francis who farmed 265 acres from Shakerland Hall, John Turner who farmed 110 acres in Badwell Green, Edward Gowing of Cutcheys Farm who farmed 114 acres, George Payne who farmed 220 acres from High House (Badwell Hall), and Samuel Olle at Warren Farm with 98 acres.



Image: Parkers Farmhouse

The impact of WWI and the loss of many manual workers together with the advances in mechanisation, compounded by WW2, brought a close to agricultural prominence in rural communities like Badwell Ash. Today, the total percentage of people working in agriculture in the parish is just 3% of a much larger workforce.

MSDC Residential call for sites - FYI

This year MSDC put a call out for landowners to come forward with potential sites for development. Three sites have been put forward in Badwell Ash and 1 in Long Thurlow.

You can see which sites here: https://bit.ly/3xXfPBC

Please note that these sites have no status and are shown for transparency and information only at this stage.

They will later be subject to formal assessment and public consultation processes as the Joint Local Plan (JLP) https://bit.ly/3LnwUYv Part 2 progresses. Just because a site is being promoted, this does not

automatically mean that it will go forward as an allocation in the JLP or be supported for the development of the proposed use.

More information can be found here:

A message from our County Councillor

Andy Mellen - andy.mellen@suffolk.gov.uk

By the time you read this a significant multi-million-pound engineering project in our area will be underway – the demolition and reconstruction of a bridge on the A1088 at Stowlangtoft.

You might have barely noticed this small bridge when driving over it previously, but it carries an A-road over the Sapiston stream, a small brook which eventually flows into the Micklemere, and during a routine inspection nearly two years ago the structure was found to have deteriorated and need replacement.

A temporary weight limit was put in place to stop the bridge from collapsing under load, and after lots of planning, budgeting and liaison with various stakeholders, Suffolk County Council's highways officers have started a fivemonth project to take down the old bridge and construct a new one in its place.

Unfortunately, the work requires a full closure of the A1088 between the

Spinney crossroads at Stowlangtoft and the Ixworth roundabout, and this will inevitably have an impact on Badwell Ash and other villages.

Partly this is because residents from here have to take other routes to avoid the closure, but also there will be displacement of traffic off the A1088.

Whilst the official diversion route is via the A143, either down to Bury or up to Scole, and local haulage firms have committed to using these routes, it is impossible to control traffic which will try to find its way through local routes.

However, a lot of thought and effort has gone into designing and putting up lots of extra signage on the feeder routes, long before road users get to the closure, so hopefully, this will push traffic onto suitable routes rather than through our villages.

In anticipation of any extra displaced traffic, there will also be temporary speed restrictions in place between

Stowlangtoft and Badwell Ash: 20mph in the villages, and 40mph in between them. There will be plenty of signage letting drivers know, so please do adhere to these new restrictions. If all goes well, the bridge will be rebuilt and the road re-opened before Christmas.

Lastly – a couple of businesses in Norton are very concerned about the loss of passing trade during the road closure. The Norton Dog, which has been under new management for the past year, and the filling station next door. I know we also have an excellent pub here in Badwell Ash, but those Norton businesses would be very grateful for your continued custom. You will still be able to access Norton by going through Hunston to Stowlangtoft and turning left.

If you have concerns about this or if I can help you with any County Council-related matter, please get in touch.

Bardwell Tractor Run

We are delighted to let you know the Bardwell Tractor Run will be coming through Badwell Ash on **Sunday 1st September** – for the exact timings/ updates please take a look at the Bardwell Tractor Run Facebook page, approximate timing at the moment is around midday.

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Suffolk Mind's mission is to make Suffolk the best place in the world to talk about and take care of mental health. It is a local independent charity, that does not receive direct funding from national Mind.

Suffolk Mind needs to raise it own money to develop services, education, advice and support for people in Suffolk.

Supporting Suffolk Mind in 2024 is more important now than it ever has been. For example, in 2019 their freephone information and support line received around 700 calls a month. It was staffed by volunteers, for just a few hours a day, and often people would wait up to a week for a call back.

Suffolk Mind now staff this information line with paid employees, full time during the week, using funds from general donations and fundraising. The team are now handling on average 100 calls/emails EVERY DAY. It costs around £52,000 a year to keep this info line open and Suffolk Mind do not receive any funding from the NHS or local authority for this work

With your help and donations Suffolk Mind can keep this vital info line open and meet their aim of making Suffolk the best place in the world to talk about and take care of mental

For more information please visit https://www.suffolkmind.org.uk or call 0300 111 6000

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The Neighbourhood Plan

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We are nearly there!

Since the last update we have arrived at the point where the whole Neighbourhood Plan has been written and is being put together as we speak.

And although it is still only a draft, it's a lot!

We are now about to present it to the Parish Council to ask them to formally agree to it being opened up for consultation with the whole Parish.

We intend to do that consultation in early September, once the schools are back.

We will almost certainly do it by holding

drop-in sessions - one at the weekend and one on a workday evening - just as we did in the dark days of January.

Look out for leaflets and posters like last time. You will have a job to miss them.

Those first drop-in sessions and our later household survey gave us a very clear idea of the issues that were uppermost in your minds and which you wanted to see addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan.

We hope and think we've covered all your major concerns but the only surefire way of finding out is to turn up!

As we keep saying, Neighbourhood Plans are community-led planning

policy documents that guide future development in the parish. (And if you're still not certain what our Neighbourhood Plan is about, check the link which has all the answers).

The pressure to build new houses is not going to go away and the new government has made it abundantly clear that housing is one of their priority issues. Our Parish is not likely to completely escape that pressure.

The quicker our Neighbourhood Plan is finally agreed upon - with robust policies and clear design codes in place, reflecting your views - the better equipped the Parish Council will be to defend the things we value most.

Fingers crossed!

From the Parish Council

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New MP - Adrian Ramsey for the **Waveney Constituency**

As you may be aware our political boundaries changed for the recent General Election and we are no longer part of Bury St Edmunds constituency. We have joined the Waveney constituency and our new MP is Adrian Ramsey.

their congratulations to Adrian was successful at the recent election and who represents the Green Party along with our existing County Councillor -Andy Mellen and District Councillor – Richard Winch. We look forward to a positive working relationship with you all over the next four years.

Badwell Ash Bus Service

The Parish Council have been made aware of the problems with the bus service throughout the village and can only sympathise for the huge frustration and inconvenience it is causing to residents. Richard Winch is in contact with both the bus company and the County Council and will do his best to The Parish Council would like to extend try and find a solution to this much missed service. Hopefully, by the time this goes to print, our village bus service will be back in operation.

Badwell Ash Playground

A couple of weeks ago our newly installed exercise area down at the playing field was targeted by hooligans who thought it was appropriate to throw clay, mud and stones all over the new equipment and tarmac area - leaving it for others to clear up. Unfortunately there were no witness reports to this incident but please remember that you (the taxpayers) have helped paid for this equipment for the use of the whole village and so if you do see anything, please report it to a member of the Parish Council (their details are on the noticeboards) as we will not tolerate this sort of behaviour by the minority spoiling it for the majority.

Village Hall update

Clive Hawkins - Chairman of Trustees

In my last article in the Broadsheet, I told you of what we have achieved to improve the Village Hall. All of these improvements needed money to fund them. In order to do so we have been fortunate in obtaining funding from various sources, in particular those available from County and District Councils with the support of our Councillors Andy Mellen and Richard Winch respectively. A big thank you to you both.

The next phase of the improvements

will prove costly and what we are proposing I mentioned in my last Broadsheet article. Undaunted we are continuing in our quest, however, if anyone in the parish has ideas as to what you would like to see incorporated In the meantime, all of the committee or be held at the village hall please let the committee know.

We are still continuing with our fundraising, all be it at short notice we had to cancel the recent Quiz Night. Our apologies to any disappointed would-be attendees. The Coffee

Morning is now set for Saturday 14th September, see you there. The next Quiz Night is the 11th of October but book early for this event.

continue to see that your village hall is there for your use and to encourage more bookings ensuring its **Badwell Ash** future. VILLAGE HALL

Green Dilemmas - Air source heat pumps

Richard Winch - richard@winchmail.net



Domestic heating accounts for roughly 14% of UK carbon emissions.

Air source heat pumps are often promoted as a potential solution. The theory is that we need to use electricity produced by renewables, not gas or oil for our heating.

Here are some of the key questions often raised about air source heat pumps.

Can they cope with cold weather? 60% of buildings in Norway and 40% in Sweden now use air source heat pumps. This is a fairly convincing argument that they can work in cold temperatures.

Are they more complicated than conventional boilers?

This varies depending on the type of property but for most older properties

this is a fair statement. You need to carry out a survey room by room and the house insulation, types of radiators, type of pipework and water tank requirements all need reviewing. Most new developments are now fitted with air source heat pumps as they can address all these issues at the design stage.

Aren't there horror stories?

A badly installed heat pump system can is no longer true. cause problems but nearly all issues relate to problems with the installation.

Do you need place.

Are the running costs expensive? Heat pumps are more efficient than gas or oil boilers but at the moment the price of gas and oil per kWh is much cheaper than electricity. This means the improved efficiency is often offset by the increased cost of electricity. The quoted running costs of heat pumps are often lower or on a par though this partly reflects the additional insulation that has taken place.

Are the installation costs high? There is a £7,500 government grant for installing heat pumps. The total cost will depend on all the extra work required to ensure the overall system works. Installing an air source heat pump in an average house is much more expensive than putting in a traditional boiler but you do get the government grant.

Are they noisy?

Some older models were noisy, but this is no longer true.

Do you need planning permission? Heat pumps need planning permission if they are in the line of sight of other properties.

If you are thinking about installing an air source heat pump you need to ensure that your installer really knows what they are doing. There are a number of companies who are offering survey, design, own labelled heat pumps, installation and warranty as well as financing and they will sort out the grant and any planning permissions for you.



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Coffee Morning – Saturday 14th September 10am - 12pm

Quiz Night - Friday 11th October 7pm

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In the garden

Janet de Vries

Jobs in the garden during August and September.

Flowers

Now is the time to collect seeds as they ripen from plants such as aquilegias, sweet peas and love in the mist. Choose a dry day and carefully put them into brown bags or envelopes, marked up with the contents.

You'll need to deadhead dahlias and other perennials to encourage a constant display of blooms. Make sure you keep camellias and rhododendrons well watered throughout the summer while their flower buds are forming to get a good display in the spring - although this year they were flowering a lot earlier due to the mild winter we had.

Thinking how we garden is going to change as we are not getting distinctive seasons and things that have usually been done at set times of the year seem to need to happen earlier or later - and we're going to have to adapt.

One plant that doesn't seem to be affected is the lavenders and this year we have had a lovely display but once flowering is over you need to prune the plant to maintain a compact bushy shape but avoid cutting into old wood.



Image by freepik

If you have rambling roses you need to prune them removing up to a third of the stems that have flowered and tie the rest to supports. This will avoid any branches snapping during the autumn/ winter with high winds, which we seem to get regularly.

If you have done summer bedding in pots or hanging baskets keep watering and deadheading regularly adding

tomato feed fortnightly to prolong your displays. I have to admit that this year I've not done any hanging baskets as they seem to get battered with the continuous wind and rain we have experienced this summer which does spoil them. I've tended to go for pots, grouped together which makes watering easier and have avoided bedding plants that need continuous deadheading like petunias. These look stunning in a large display but you must have the time to deadhead every day.

Vegetables

Be vigilant for signs of tomato and potato blight, removing affected plants immediately to prevent spread. Potato blight is characterised by dark, withered leaves.



Image by freepik

If you have grown strawberries then you need to plant well-rooted strawberry runners into new beds. I've had a very dismal display this year and have decided that they need more sun. I've only had 2 decent-sized plants so I'm going to dig these up, discard the others and invest in a strawberry tower which I can stand in an area of full sun next year. Sometimes you have to bite the bullet and think "This is not working" and start again.

If you have tomato plants outside, you now need to pinch out the tops, as further flowers are unlikely to produce fruits that have time to ripen.

Blackberries and raspberries now need to be protected with either fleece or netting - there are lots of hungry birds

around just waiting to strip the nice juicy fruits from the branches.



Maintenance

Although it only seems like yesterday I was cutting the laurel hedges, now is the time to tackle this job. You should use secateurs rather than a hedge cutter to avoid half-cut leaves that turn brown. However, for some of us who have all our boundaries as laurels, this would not be practical.

Clear weeds from cracks in paving and driveways before they get established, dig out problem weeds in your lawn and sow green manure to fill any bare ground.

Remove suckers from roses and around the base of trees and give your wisteria a summer prune, shortening all long side shoots to about 20cm. Prop up any clumps of tall border plants that are starting to flop, using canes and string or twiggy sticks.



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I can't believe that we're reaching the end of summer - 21st September is the official date and when I next write to you we will be in the autumn but until then I hope that you are still enjoying spending time in your garden and have managed to use your garden furniture to sit with a cold glass of something to enjoy your efforts.

Until the next time, happy gardening.

In the Village...

Sunday

Yin Yoga I 10am-12pm. Village Hall (small hall)

Monday

Pilates I 12-1pm. Village Hall (large hall) Rainbow's I 4.30 - 5.45. Village Hall (small hall)

Tuesday

Silver Åsh I 2-3.30pm. Village Hall. (small hall, once a fortnight.)
Carpet Bowls I 7.30-9.30pm. Village Hall.

Wednesday

Dog training classes I 6.30-8.30. Village Hall.

Thursday

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Coffee morning 14th Sept. 10am-12pm. Village Hall

History exhibition 14th Sept. St Mary's Church

Quiz night 11th Oct. Doors open at 7pm. Quiz starts at 7.30. Village Hall

Jumble sale 12th Oct. St Mary's Church

WI Christmas Fayre 9th Nov. 2.30pm. Village Hall

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