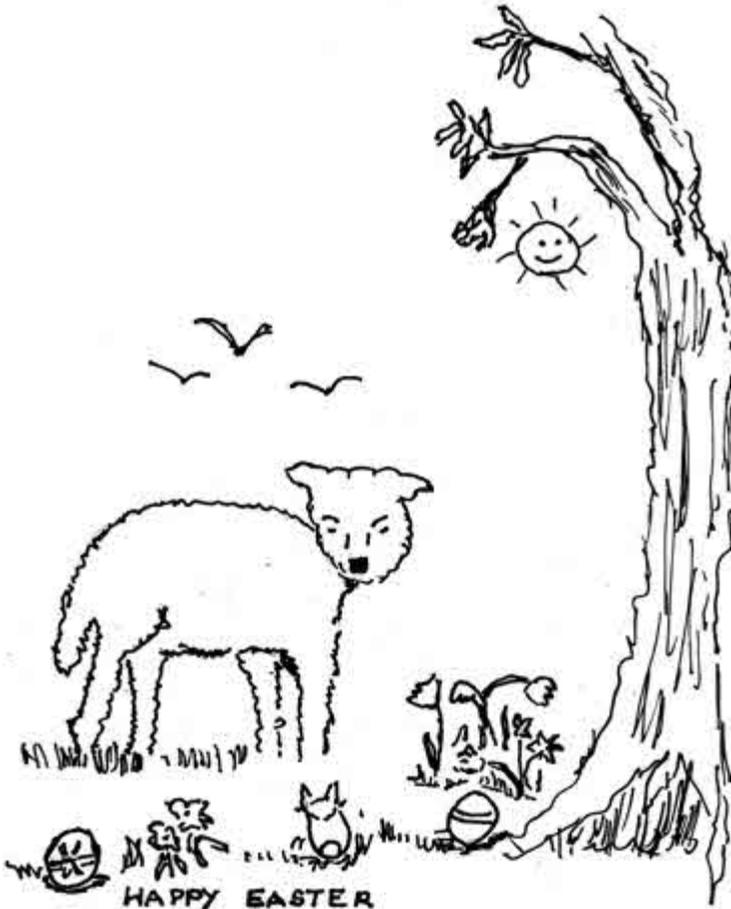


# Badingham ECHO



**April & May 22**

# BADINGHAM DIARY

Sunday Cream Teas	Sun 3rd April	Café 3 - 5 pm
Village Quiz	Thu 7th April	Village Hall 7.30
Birdbox Workshop	Thu 14th April	Village Hall 2 - 4.30
Easter Garden setup	Sat 16th April	Church 10 - 11
Kurling	Thu 21st April	Village Hall 7.15 - 9
Coffee, Bacon & Chat	Sat 23rd April	Village Hall 10 - 12
Parish Council Meeting	Thu 28th April	Village Hall 6.30
Village Quiz	Thu 5th May	Village Hall 7.30
Ceilidh / Country Dance	Sat 7th May	Village Hall 7pm
Kurling	Thu 19th May	Village Hall 7.15 - 9
Annual Parish Meeting	Thu 26th May	Village Hall TBC
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	Thu 2nd - Sun 5th June	Final details to follow

## Regular Events

**Wednesday Walks** meet outside the Cafe at 10

**Shop & Cafe** opens Wednesdays & Thursdays 10.30 - 12.30

**Table Tennis** Monday evenings, 7.30 in the Village Hall

**Church Services** - Please see the Upper Alde Link for more details

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or by email to [BadinghamEcho@gmail.com](mailto:BadinghamEcho@gmail.com) or call Tish on 638259

## *Notes from the Editor*

First and foremost, my apologies to Sonja for repeating her NHW news in the last issue. I hope there are not too many mistakes this time - but no promises!!

Thanks to Sonja for her Easter Greetings cover. It does feel like Spring with this sunshine, birdsong and flowers in bloom, doesn't it? Ish has written a tribute to Kate Evans whose snowdrops thrive along Low Street. We might have escaped the big winter freeze but power cuts took most of us by surprise. The novelty of candlelight soon wore off.

The Ceilidh, originally planned for April 2020, has been rescheduled for 7th May. I know Celia refunded most of her ticket sales but I kept hold of some of mine, thinking I was sure to be seeing people well before now - your names are on the list. This will be a fun evening of group country dancing for everyone, even the uncoordinated, like me!

Kurling is up and running again and the monthly Quiz recommences early in April - new time, place and day, so please check page 13. For the younger generation, Karen B has organised birdbox making for the school holidays and Ann would welcome little helpers to create an Easter garden outside the church. Find more details inside.

It is now over two years since I left my desk to work from home. Karen G rushed round to deliver the Echo before lockdown as it included details of how to find help if you needed someone to shop, walk the dog, collect prescriptions or just to chat to you. Karen's number is still on the back, if you need to be put in touch with someone who can offer a hand.

Take care, Tish

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# **BADINGHAM**

## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Hi Everyone,

Are you ready for some dancing? Syzewell Gap will be entertaining us with a Ceilidh in May. It was a fantastic evening at the last one, and if you bought a ticket from before when it was cancelled then fear not, it is still valid. All the details are in this edition. If you did purchase a ticket previously then please get in touch so we can confirm if you still want to go.

It's good to see the village hall in full swing again. In fact most evenings are now booked up, so Duncan tells me! If you fancy playing some table tennis we meet at 7.30pm on Monday evenings. All ages and abilities welcome.

Can I please re-issue a plea from the last edition? Like most voluntary organisations we rely on help from people willing to give up a bit of their free time, and we are looking for someone to be our secretary. We usually only meet every two months so it is not a very time consuming role and it would really help us out.

As always, keep safe and see you soon.

Best wishes,  
Duncan

Duncan Horrocks, Chairman 638325  
E: [duncan\\_horrocks@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:duncan_horrocks@yahoo.co.uk)

**STOP PRESS! The Platinum Jubilee is fast approaching (Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June) and we need ideas and help to organise it. There will be another planning meeting soon - please look out for notices on Nextdoor.**

### **LITTLE ERNIE DRAW**

Thank you to everyone who has kindly supported our fundraising lotto. We start the year on 1st April and wish you all Good Luck.

If you are interested in joining in, it's not too late - entry is just £2 per person per year. Contact our Treasurer Bill on 638453.

Sonja

**BADINGHAM**  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# Ceilidh

**Saturday May 7th - Doors open 7pm**  
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**638325 for tickets**

A ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) is fun evening of country dancing. The Caller will talk us through each dance – as long as you are enjoying yourself, you are doing it right.  
It's all about fun, not footwork!

# BADINGHAM CHURCH NEWS

## Saint John the Baptist Badingham

### EASTER BOXES

Because of concerns and restrictions caused by the Coronavirus, it has not been possible over the last two years to collect the Easter Boxes, little cardboard boxes people have in their homes for any loose change etc. for our church funds. If you have one of the boxes and would like it to be collected and exchanged for another one or if you would like to deliver it to Rita or Ann and exchange it for another box please contact please contact Rita - 638208 or Ann 638288.

If you have not had a box before and would be willing to have one please also contact Rita or Ann.

### COFFEE & BACON ROLL MORNINGS

Sadly it was not possible to go ahead with the February Coffee Morning in the Village Hall because the storms had caused some problems with power supplies and the Village Hall, along with Low Street and a large area of Dennington had no electricity. By the time you read this we hope to have enjoyed our March coffee and bacon roll morning. The next date is April 23rd, Saint Georges Day.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Over the last couple of years some of our volunteers who take a turn to help keep fresh flowers in the church have moved away and we would welcome some more help. If you, or someone you know, enjoys flowers and would be willing to take a turn, probably 2 or 3 times a year, please get in touch. You do not need to be a florist or do spectacular arrangements, just some fresh flowers in a vase at the altar. Flowers from your garden or green arrangements are lovely. Please give it some thought and if you would like to know a bit more or give it a try, contact Rosemary 660405 or Ann 638288.

### PREPARING FOR EASTER DAY

We thought it would be nice, this year, to create a small garden at the foot of the church tower where we had the Nativity Scene at Christmas. Would any young people like to come along on **Saturday 16th April** (Easter Eve) at any time between 10 am and 11am and help put some flowers in vases to place in the grass around the foot of the cross which will be there? If you would like to bring your own flowers and a jar please do, otherwise there will be flowers and jars available for you. I will look forward to seeing you and to your help.

# BADINGHAM CHURCH NEWS

## KATE'S LEGACY

Some of you will remember Kate Evans who used to live in Badingham. If you did not know Kate you may know of Kate's Cottage, where Kate used to live. Kate was quite a character. After several moves her final home was in Cornwall. Sadly she died earlier this year on 14<sup>th</sup> January at the age of 92 – just as the 1<sup>st</sup> snowdrops were beginning to show along the verge opposite the village hall. I am sure that many of you enjoy watching the various bulbs as they flower along this bit of verge along Low street, heralding once again the arrival of Spring. The bulbs were planted by various members of the village – I cannot remember which year, I think it was a Millenium Project – but the original inspiration for planting them came from Kate and each year when I see them I think of them as 'Kate's Legacy'. This year even more so.

Ann

## CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS

We are in need of help. Can YOU help us?

The church repairs have now got to the stage where we need to try and get grants to fund the repairs necessary. We are looking for people who are computer literate and would be willing to help us fill in the grant application forms which have to be done online.

We have also been told we need help from someone that is 'Public Engagement Competent'. In laymen's language, they need to understand the jargon that is used on the forms and to have some idea how to phrase the responses.

Do you have either or both of those skills and would you be willing to help us? You would not be on your own, we would be working with you, but it is essential that we have someone with a but more skill than us on computers. The more people involved the better.

Thank you, please get in touch if you think you can help or would like to know a bit more.

Bob Foster - 638288 & Victor Warne - 638357  
Church Wardens

# Badingham Shop & Café

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Café email: [Badinghamshopcafe@gmail.com](mailto:Badinghamshopcafe@gmail.com)

Facebook: Badingham Village Shop and Café



First a huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Sunday Teas in March. All the proceeds went to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and thanks to your generosity Malcolm was able to send off £270 - a fantastic effort, thank you.

Our next Sunday Teas are on 3<sup>rd</sup> April when Karen will be serving a selection of delicious cakes and scones in the café from 3-5pm.

There will be no Sunday Teas in May as it is the bank holiday weekend and lots of people will be off doing other things, but the café is open as usual every Wednesday and Thursday morning 10.30-12.30 for coffee, cake and a chat with friends and neighbours, old and new. If you have recently moved into the village or have been here a while but haven't yet been into the café, please do drop in and introduce yourself – it really is a very friendly and welcoming place.

We rely solely on volunteers to work in the café and to make all our cakes, and we do need more help to keep the café going. If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to help us, please contact Wendy for baking on 07831 751256, Annie on 638130 for volunteering or email [badinghamshopcafe@gmail.com](mailto:badinghamshopcafe@gmail.com) for more info. You can do as much or as little as you choose, it really is up to you.

There is a beautiful Easter hamper in the café to raffle, thanks to Jean and Sonja. Tickets are just £1 each, so come into the café to see the hamper and buy some raffle tickets.

Our Wednesday walking group seems to get bigger by the week. This is a lovely friendly group of people from Badingham and nearby villages who walk from the café every Wednesday at 10am for about an hour, returning for coffee and banter. Do come and join us, dogs are welcome too.

We have plans for some different events over the summer – more of that in the next edition of the Echo. Until then, stay safe and look forward to seeing you in the café.

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# **BADINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Sonja Russell

Lead Co-ordinator

Tel: **01728 638268**

Email: **geoffreyrussell268@yahoo.co.uk**



## **SPEEDING**

Residents are completely fed up with the flouting of speed limits in and around the village – and rightly so! In the future, vehicle registrations will be passed to NHW and the Police. Drop your speed – save fuel and save lives!

## **SLUG PELLETS**

Please be careful when exercising your dogs on the footpaths around fields, as any slug pellets that have been spread are lethal to dogs and can kill them within hours. If your dog eats these pellets, they will froth at the mouth. Go straight to the vet. It has happened to our dogs in the past; by doing this they survived.

## **COUNTY LINES ARRESTS**

Suffolk Constabulary had taken part in a national week of action against the on-going threat of drug dealing. Officers made 19 arrest, including offences for possession with intent to supply drugs. Drugs recovered were worth around £11,500 with cash of £4,500. They also seized 10 weapons including knives, crossbows and knuckledusters.

The force also carried out 43 welfare and safeguarding visits to properties which have been historically associated with dealing drugs. 30 vulnerable adults and children were spoken to terms of safeguarding measures.

County Lines is a term used to describe gangs and criminal networks establishing a drug market in rural towns and exploiting children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money, often by use of intimidation and violence.

## **DOGS OFF THE LEAD**

Back in the Autumn, an incident was reported of a lady walking her dog along the field edge of Mill Road. Two black retrievers appeared from nowhere and chased her small dog all the way to Peter's Pond. The gentleman was asked to keep his dogs under control. Please keep all dogs on leads and under control. Thank you.

Please note: Robert Rous has kindly asked you to not let your dogs go into Peter's Pond and one should respect his wishes.

**Contd overleaf**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Suffolk Police are reminding the public to take care in what you share online. It can be dangerous sharing details of your holiday plans, pets and possessions. Likewise, people need to refrain from posting stuff which could be upsetting to others. Often views are shared or repeated which are just not true. If I see false accusations being made, I will not hesitate to report it.

Finally, if you notice any suspicious activity or believe a crime to be in progress, you are urged to call the police immediately on 999. If you feel that you have information about a crime, call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Take care, stay safe, Sonja

## **KURLING**

**New players are warmly invited.  
No special skills or clothes required!**

**Kurling is a form of the game you've watched at the Winter Olympics, adapted to play in the hall. We throw or push our 'stones' at a target and it is suitable for all ages and abilities.**

**Join us in the Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Time: 7.15 - 9pm. Cost: £2.50 per person which includes tea/coffee, biscuits and lots of fun and chatter.**

**Joyce & Ray**

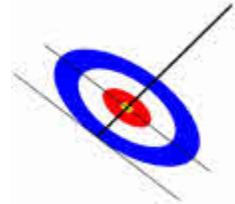
## **Heveningham Hall Country Fair Returns for 2022**

I am very pleased to announce that the Fair will be held this year on the weekend of 2/3 July. You can expect all the usual attractions and more details will be placed in the next issue.

As it has been 3 years since the last Fair, some people may have moved away and of course there will also be new people in the area. The Country Fair can only operate with the valuable support given to us by our amazing volunteers and so I would be very grateful if you wish to volunteer this year, that you contact Julie Collett as soon as possible so she can assess the number of volunteers available. The duties are not onerous and cover a variety of areas from car parking, patrolling the site and assisting the public, helping in the tea tent and more. You can volunteer your time from as little as 2 hours up to the whole weekend, the choice is yours. To volunteer or just to find out what's involved, email [juliecollett38@gmail.com](mailto:juliecollett38@gmail.com)

Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust is a registered charity and all proceeds are available to local charities. Charity number:1095403

Mike Stephens



## VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHTS

A quiz will be held on the first THURSDAY of each month  
7.30-9.30 pm in Badingham Village Hall

Tables of up to six people (£3 per person)

Proceeds to local organisations

**April 7th - East Anglia Air Ambulance**

**May 5th - E.A.C.H.**

**June 2nd - Lighthouse Women's Aid**

**July 7th - St John's Church, Badingham**

**Please bring your own nibbles,  
drinks and glasses**

## Coffee & Bacon & Chat

Saturday 23 April Saint George's Day  
Badingham Village Hall 10 - 12 noon



£5 for a bacon roll and a drink and free refill!

Delicious bacon rolls, real coffee and Yorkshire tea.

Vegetarian and gluten free options including veggie burgers, croissants or pain au chocolat. Squash or milk available for children.

We hope to see you there

# Badingham Parish Council

Meeting report – 3rd March 2022

At the last meeting of the parish council, a strategic plan was started. It is a list of actions and activities that the Parish Council would like to undertake and will be developed in the next few months. Items such as electric charging points, developing the play equipment in pocket park, new benches and dog waste bins, setting up a footpaths review, and how to better communicate with the public are all on the list. In future months, the Council will be organising a survey to get more ideas.

The Council applied for a substantial grant of £4000 to develop the area around the village hall and create a meeting space and garden for all. If successful, the Parish Council will contribute £1000 to the work. Council is also planning to apply for a grant to install a projector/sound system and screen at the Village Hall.

Planning application to construct a Hay and Straw Barn on land adjacent to the stables at a property in Orchard Rise was supported by Councillors.

The ROSPA report into Pocket Park is being reviewed and decisions made at the next meeting.

Following the retirement of the Clerk/RFO (Sue Piggott), Council decided to offer the post to a new applicant who, it is hoped, will start in April.

Next meeting Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 6.30 pm in the Village Hall. All members of the public are welcome.

K. Forster  
Interim Clerk/RFO.

## BADINGHAM NATURE DIARY

Paul shares his notable sightings from Pollards:

5 January	Golden Plover	High House, c.100
16 January	Marsh tit	
22 January	Lapwing	Pound Green Road, up to 200
5 February	Lapwing	Off Bruisyard Road, more than 20
	Golden Plover	Ditto, c. 150
12 February	Red Deer	Badingham Hall / Wood Farm, 3
19 February	Brambling	8 - highest count so far
27 February	Skylark	Wood Farm, singing



## **Badingham Parish Council is looking for new Councillors**

In recent months, things have been changing for the parish council. Two new Councillors – Maurice Bowe and Thomas Mountain - have been co-opted. The new chair of the Council is Sonia Frost and after many years' service and hard work, the Clerk, Sue Piggott, retired. Caroline Emery has been appointed to join us in April as the Clerk/RFO.

But, we need 4 more Councillors in order to be up to full quota.

### **So, what does a Parish Councillor do?**

Basically, look after and make decisions about local community assets and issues – for instance

- looking after the Pocket Park and its equipment
- ensuring that footpaths and verges are maintained
- providing benches, dog bins, and rubbish bins
- liaising with Suffolk Highways about road problems
- making recommendations about planning applications (note – East Suffolk District Council have the final say!)
- putting on community events
- providing grants to local community organisations
- providing green initiatives – for instance an electric charging point
- providing notice boards and a website
- developing relationships to be a lynchpin between the community, other groups in the area and the District and County Councils

And that is not an endless list. The list of powers that a parish council has is pages long from buying town clocks, maintaining war memorials and donating to the maintenance of the burial grounds.

Badingham Parish Council is wanting to move forward with new ideas and ways to work within the community but **we need more Councillors to do it**. At the last meeting, we started to develop a plan of improvements and actions for the village. This included items such as:

- Improving the area around the Village Hall into a community garden space.
- Installing an electrical car charging point and working on green/environmental initiatives
- Setting up a footpath working party to monitor and develop the footpaths
- Investigate the needs for more dog waste bins, benches and possibly a bus shelter.

The actual work in organising and administrating the Council is mostly done by the Clerk but Badingham PC would like to have enough Councillors that could represent



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the Council in other areas. For instance, appointing a Trustee of the Village Hall, assigning a Councillor to look after the land assets as well as Pocket Park, have a Councillor attend meetings of the PCC.

### **How much work is it?**

There is normally one meeting per month which lasts about 1 ½ - 2 hours. There is reading to do to be ready for the meeting and you may put yourself forward to take on a task outside the meeting. Every 4 years there are elections where, if you wish to, you stand for re-election.

### **Why do it?**

As a Councillor, you will be able to influence the Council on the issues that you think are important and raise items to be discussed. You will be able to pass on comments and suggestions and complaints that you have received in your day-to-day life in the village and feedback to individuals what the result was. Sometimes, Parish Councillors attend planning meetings at East Suffolk District Council to make representations on behalf of Council or work with Highways to improve the roads and environment. There is also a chance to be involved in raising grants for village improvements.

The role of Parish Councillor is unpaid but there is a lot of satisfaction to be gained when people in the village appreciate the Council for something that has been completed.

### **Who can be a Councillor?**

Basically, as long as you live or work in or within 3 miles of the parish, are on the electoral register and don't have a criminal record, you can apply. If you still aren't sure, then talk to one of the current Councillors or best still, come to a meeting. The public are always welcome. Our website, currently under review, has information about the meetings and the other Councillors.

### **How to apply**

Contact the Clerk or the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Council who will talk things through with you. Once you are happy to apply, then we would appreciate a short summary of why you are interested. Once you are co-opted or elected to Council, training will be provided and you'll find us a friendly bunch.

### **Contacts:**

Sonia Frost - Chair Email: [sfrostbpc@gmail.com](mailto:sfrostbpc@gmail.com) or call 01728 638453

Caroline Emery – Clerk Email: [BadinghamClerk@gmail.com](mailto:BadinghamClerk@gmail.com)

### **Our next meetings**

28th April, \*\*26th May, 23rd June, 22nd July, 22nd September, 27th October, 24th November, 22nd December

\*\*Note this will be the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual General Meeting as well as the Parish Council meeting.

# Enterprise Badingham

## BADINGHAM OIL SYNDICATE

Do you belong to the village oil syndicate?

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Each year they give us a rebate which we put towards village projects. This year we are using it to fund a bird box making workshop on April 14, and recently we have put money towards the repair of the vestry windows, re gravelling the church path and for new fruit trees in Pocket Park.

If more households joined we would receive a larger rebate and be able to fund more projects to benefit all the people on our village.

Please do think about joining. Thank you!

For any more information and how to join, please ring Janet on 01728 638089

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## FRAMLINGHAM UNITARIANS

**The Trustees of this beautiful Grade 2\* building in Bridge Street are seeking a Secretary/Administrator to manage the administration of the Trust.**

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## **Birdbox making workshop for families**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2pm - 4.30pm**

**Badingham Village Hall (and a trail in the churchyard)**

**Cost: £5 a family plus £7.50 for each bird box kit**

There will be extra birdbox kits available on the day.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust will bring the kits and all necessary tools.

Some additional activities will also be offered (for example, making a bird feeder).

Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult helper.  
All welcome – even interested adults without children!!!



Prior booking essential before 7<sup>th</sup> April.

For more information or to book a place please contact Karen Bowe on 01728 638060 or at [KR.Bowe99@gmail.com](mailto:KR.Bowe99@gmail.com)

Please do not book through SWT

## **BADINGHAM COMMUNITY LITTER PICK**

Thank you so much to everyone who joined the Badingham Community Litter pick in March. A lot of litter was collected and everyone met in the cafe afterwards for something to eat and a warming drink - a good time had by all!

Just a plea from one of our pickers - could people not put full poo bags in ditches. Please drop the bags in a bin or take it home; thank you.

We'll be arranging the next Litter Pick in October so watch out for details in the Echo and on NextDoor.

Karen

## **Memories of Dr. Kate Evans**

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 of a dear friend, Dr. Kate Evans, aged 93. Kate was a well-known and extremely respected resident within Badingham for many years, before moving to Pakefield and then to Dawlish in Devon.

For those who were privileged to know her, Kate, who was born in Accrington, Lancashire, was quite simply one of a kind – always fiercely independent, very determined and even when troubled with mobility problems, she didn't allow it to deter her from her love of gardening or swimming, especially in the sea, or her lifelong sense of adventure and the joy of travel.

Mildly eccentric perhaps, in the best possible way, she had a mischievous sense of fun and often a twinkle in her eye if something sparked her interest. Her cottage home in Badingham was called 'Lop Sop Tung' – Chinese for dustbin we believe, which was a good indication of her sense of humour. Her home was re-named 'Kate's Cottage' in her honour when she left Badingham.

Kate was always honest saying exactly what she thought – straight and to the point if she disagreed with a particular point of view. One knew exactly where one was with Kate, which was so refreshing.

Extremely well read and knowledgeable on so many levels, with a keen interest in philosophy and semantics, Kate taught

7<sup>th</sup> March 1928 – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
history for many years at Mills Grammar School, Framlingham. Ex-pupil, Bridget Heriz, artist and sculptor, who was also a previous resident of Badingham and her good friend, recalled Kates's love of life and that whilst teaching Kate gained a sabbatical to India. Upon her return to Mills Grammar, she presented herself each day wearing the various forms of Indian attire that a traveller to the country would encounter, giving her students a flavour and inspirational insight into the country she had visited. Following her time at Mills Grammar, Kate lectured at Homerton Training College, Cambridge then gained an MA and PhD at University College London. Kate was always studying, writing and learning throughout her life, something she always encouraged in others – age was never to be used as a barrier or as an excuse.

After she retired from teaching, as a very keen gardener, she gardened for quite a number of years at the Old Rectory, Badingham when it was known as the TM (Transcendental Meditation) Centre and was always happy to pass on to others her extensive knowledge and advice on all things horticultural. An advocate of self-sufficiency and vegetarianism, she was an environmentalist long before it became fashionable. She loved animals and was concerned that mankind was making a mess of and mistreating the planet we all share. We spent many an hour at her cottage discussing various issues of the day trying to put the world to



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rights. During this period Kate wrote '*Themselves Amazed*', an extraordinarily extensive, erudite and imaginative exploration of evolved human behaviour through "inquiry into the nature of human languages, conducted through the medium of English".

Many of her friends from Kate's earliest days living and working in Suffolk were artists, including Audrey Pilkington at Clock House Art Centre in Bruisyard, Angela Goshen at Bruisyard Hall and especially Peter and Millie Davies who lived at Shawsgate in the 1960s.

Wherever she resided, Kate was an active and enthusiastic participant and supporter of her local community. She was not adverse to writing numerous letters to councils, and those deemed to be in authority, if she felt her community was being threatened by cuts to services - especially bus services - or being inappropriately overdeveloped. As a Badingham resident she wrote articles for the Badingham Echo, arranged beautiful walks and planted, as part of the Millennium Project, daffodils and snowdrops on our village verges which flourish each spring.

Whilst residing in Pakefield she volunteered her services to the local library and led the battle to save her village green, which succeeded. She was passionate about equality, individuality, social justice and fair play and was never afraid, however unpopular, to put her head above the parapet and speak out for the causes she believed in.

Sue Bennett (nee Taft) also one of Kate's pupils who had moved to Devon, remembered how she and Kate thoroughly enjoyed their shared trips to Paignton Zoo and Shaldon's Little Zoo or visiting Taunton Museum to see the Saxon Torc - their trips always concluding with local ice cream being carefully and expertly eaten, with Kate "cleanly catching every drip".

Sue wrote that "Kate would want to be remembered for her love of life, of history, literature and travel", and the very strong memory that Sue took from one of Kate's letters to her was that Kate advised, "do stuff, travel and enjoy life when you're in your seventies - don't leave it to your eighties and beyond. You won't, or may not be able to do it thereafter".

Thankfully, with her usual steely determination and indomitable spirit, Kate continued to live her life on her terms to the age of 93.

When she passed away it was Kate's desire to be interred quietly and without great ceremony in a natural woodland burial ground near Tiverton, Devon. As always Kate never liked a fuss, especially when it was about her, but Dr. Kate Evans was a very special, wonderfully different and inspirational lady whose life, so well lived, deserves to be celebrated and always remembered. We will all miss her greatly.

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With thanks to all who contributed to this article.

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In a recent historic judgment, the Court of Appeal ruled that the College of Policing's guidance requiring non-crime hate incidents to be officially recorded by the police was an unlawful incursion to our freedom of expression.

As the trial judge noted, the man's tweets were "for the most part, either opaque, profane or unsophisticated", but this should not justify silencing his right to contribute to contentious political debates. The debate in question related to the relative importance of biological sex and self-declared gender identity in relation to single-sex spaces and sport. For some, this is an area of great contention but, whatever our views may be, we must have the right to freely express them.

The origin of police recording of non-crime hate incidents was well intentioned and came from the report into Stephen Lawrence's murder in 1993, which found institutional racism in the Metropolitan Police. As a result, racist incidents were defined as anything "perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person" and that non-crime incidents should be reported, recorded and investigated with the same commitment as real crimes. College of Policing guidance has since expanded to cover a number of other "protected characteristics" including gender.

Some police forces have even developed a track record for misinterpreting the law. For example, last February, Merseyside Police claimed that "being offensive is an offence".

In a world where the police don't have the resources to investigate non-crime incidents, partly because of the volume of reports generated by social media, the College of Policing tells police officers to record as hate incidents all those perceived by the person reporting them to be motivated by hostility, including unfriendliness or dislike.

This recent Court of Appeal judgment should be welcomed and has implications for freedom of speech which go way beyond policing: it rightly observes "how quickly some involved in the transgender debate are prepared to accuse others with whom they disagree of showing hatred, or as being transphobic when they are not".

We see this intolerance of different views everywhere: from Harry Potter actors condemning JK Rowling for her "hateful" views, to broadcasters or university students saying speakers should be "cancelled" for stating that biological sex is immutable.

There is no democracy without freedom of expression. In a world where it is possible to take offence at almost anything and everything, the police acting unlawfully to shut down legitimate political debate in 21st Century Britain should remind us that the most basic human rights should never be taken for granted.

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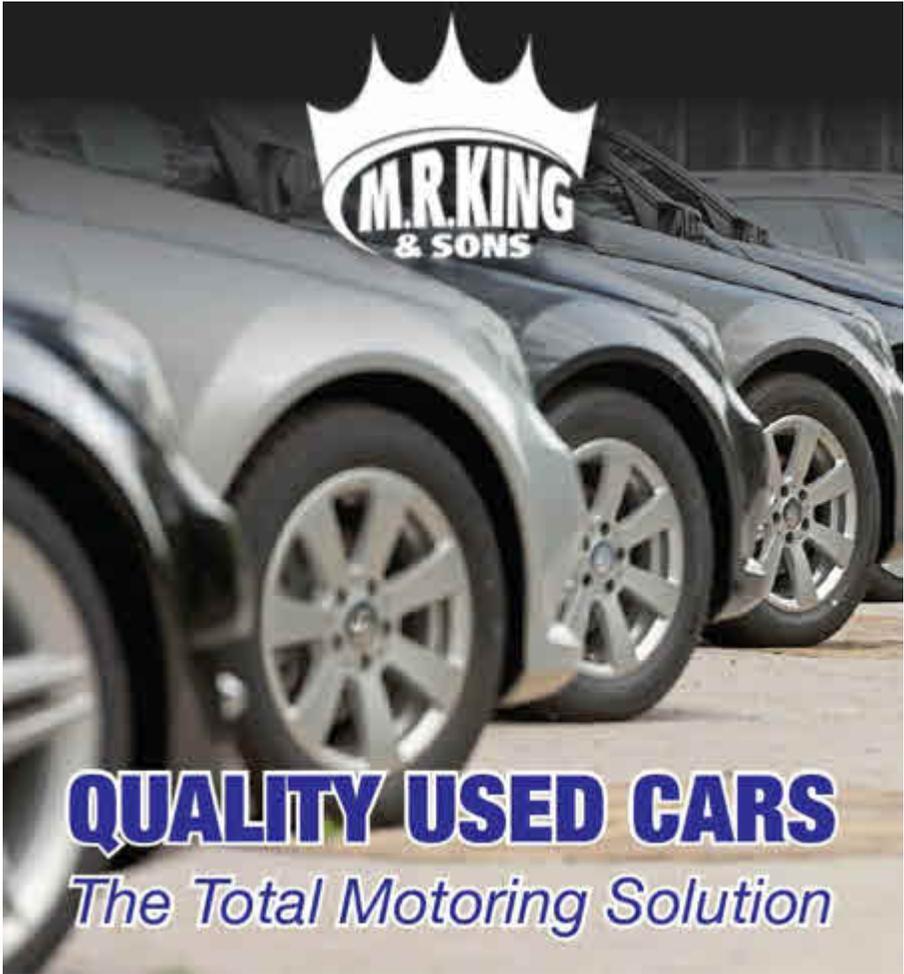
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