

Badingham ECHO



*Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

December 2023 & January 2024

BADINGHAM DIARY

Village Quiz	Thu 7th December	Village Hall 7.30 - 9.30
Magical Festive Lunch	Sun 10th December	Village Hall 12.15
Parish Council Meeting	Tue 12th December	Village Hall 7pm
Carols at the Café	Fri 15th December	Café 6 - 7
Kurling Xmas Party	Thu 21st December	Village Hall 7.15 - 9
Crib Service	Sun 24th December	Church 4pm
Village Quiz	Thu 4th January	Village Hall 7.30 - 9.30
Table Top Sale	Sat 13th January	Village Hall 10 - 12
Café Re-opens	Wed 10th January	Café 10.30 - 12.30
Kurling	Thu 18th January	Village Hall 7.15 - 9
Wine Tasting Evening	Fri 19th January	Village Hall 7pm
Coffee & Bacon Morning	Sat 20th January	Village Hall 10 - 12
Parish Council Meeting	Tue 30th January	Village Hall 7pm
Bingo Night	Wed 31st January	Village Hall 6.30
Village Quiz	Thu 1st February	Village Hall 7.30 - 9.30
Coffee & Bacon Morning	Sat 20th February	Village Hall 10 - 12
Ceilidh	Sat 20th February	Village Hall 7.30

Regular Events

Wednesday Walks meet outside the Cafe at 10

Shop & Cafe re-opens Wednesdays from 10th January

& Thursdays from February, 10.30 - 12.30

Church Services - Please see the Upper Alde Link for full details

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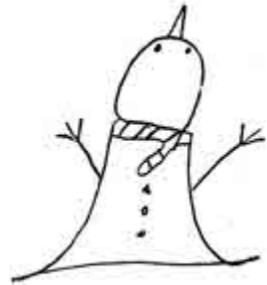
Notes from the Editor

'Tis the season of mincepies and marzipan... or something like that! With the Winter Market, Festive Lunch, Wreath-making and Carol Singing, the next four weeks will surely put us in the Christmas Spirit.

The children have been busy making Christmas cards at school this week - this is the way to draw a snowman now, so I'm told, with eyes skyward, looking for Santa. Last month our eyes were watching the rising water levels. I hope you escaped the worst of the flooding. I was called to rescue one damsel in distress; her car stuck not a mile from home. By the next morning that flood had gone but the water was accumulating a little way further along the road. After such a long spell of wet weather, the ground is saturated so be careful when you are out and about. And, unlike me, check your wellies are waterproof!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in news and articles for the Echo. Thanks are also due to our advertisers and all those poised to give a hand with each issue - Jennie for the printing, our team of collators who join me in the Village Hall shuffling the pages of the Echo and Link and our delivery people who take the Echo door to door.

With best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year, Tish



The deadline for the next Echo is **15th January**
Please send your news / articles to Tish at Brick Kiln Farm , IP13 8LE
or by email to BadinghamEcho@gmail.com or call Tish on 638259

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BADINGHAM

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGM Chairman's Report by Rob Johnston

This has been an interesting year for the BCC. Perhaps surprisingly, several of the challenges we have encountered remain issues related to lockdown and changes it caused in people's behaviour. Nevertheless in my estimation we met these tests robustly and our achievements have followed an upwards trajectory across 2023 - and we already see this continuing into the coming year.

So, we sold the shed! BVHC are doing a great job of developing the space it previously occupied and this should be an excellent resource for the village when the work is completed.

We were fortunate to begin the year with Simon Goodson as our chair. Simon set us an innovative agenda for the year ahead but unfortunately, midway through the year, changes to his work schedule meant he has been forced to spend a lot more time up in "that London". Pressed to allocate his time more carefully he has chosen to put feeding his children and paying his mortgage ahead of the tasks we had in mind for him. That's young people and their priorities these days, it's all self, self, self. Nonetheless, we remain optimistic we will eventually see Simon return, either back at the helm or in some other capacity as his time allows.

It is always much harder to fill the shoes of someone who has been a strong and effective colleague. When people leave due to gross moral turpitude or financial impropriety those remaining are likely to be satisfied with a replacement of any quality, Simon on the other hand has set us a high bar. However, given how the remainder of this year has unfolded I trust he will not be disappointed with how we have progressed those items he initiated. In this context, it has been invaluable to have access to the knowledge and expertise of Wendy in relation to how committees like our own should operate. In a very large part our ability to continue so seamlessly has been down to her input.

Let me commence with describing a drier aspect of our work this year, before moving on to our more exciting achievements. Dry perhaps, but still certainly very important. We had become aware that our documentation was not as complete as we wished. We have spent considerable time this session in remedying this situation. We now have several Policy documents which we believe are more transparent in describing how we hope to operate. An over-

arching aspiration of the BCC is to be flexible in how we can meet the needs and wants of our community. We choose not to see ourselves as imprisoned by our paperwork, but rather wish these new documents to ensure we are in compliance with our responsibilities as a charity, increase the visibility of our internal processes to our members and improve our ability to achieve our goals in a way that seems both rational and even handed. We do not wish them to tie our hands.

We are indebted to Bill for the tremendous amount of time and effort he has invested in drafting these papers and I am especially grateful to Michael for both chairing and hosting working groups which have allowed their refinement. And, naturally to those other committee members who contributed their time to these ad hoc groups. We do hope members will look at these documents and feedback their thoughts so we can continue to shape them over time.

Making plans for the Fete this year was considerably hampered by finding the correct site on which to hold it, thus delaying our ability to make final decisions until quite late in the year. We remain grateful for the offers we received from various parties who were prepared to host us. In the end we were delighted to be able to return to the White Horse. I would thank Pauline and Michael for their efforts in both organising the day and re-establishing relations with the new owners and manager. Despite persisting changes in people's behaviour caused by lockdown, we were pleased to see so many villagers at this event. Far too many people contributed to making this a successful day, to allow me to name check them all, but having watched Rita and Pauline toil away distributing cake on what was the hottest day of the year, their part should not go unremarked.

We are lucky to have many very energetic and proactive committee members who have staged and supported a number of successful one off events throughout the year. For my part, I have found it exhausting simply watching them.

Michael's coach trip to the Sherlock Holmes matinee back in March was extremely popular and an outstanding success, though seems such a long way back now, certainly time for another one soon. Sonja's music evening to coincide with Coronation celebrations brought many villagers out to celebrate together. So many villagers - and so much celebration - we needed to restock the bar part way through the evening. Again, we hope this can be repeated soon. Not another coronation, let's wait a while for that, I refer to another a music evening

Most recently Celia's Bingo Evening in October has opened up a new activity which we hope will become a regular event. This will go forward on a trial basis in January and, if it continues to be well attended, we will fund it as a permanent event along similar lines to the monthly Quiz Night.

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BADINGHAM

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

BCC AGM Chairman's Report contd

It is always our ambition that events like these should either make money or break even, but our main goal, this year especially, was to bring neighbours together in a way which makes our village a more joined up and friendlier place to live in. In this spirit, we will shortly be staging Wendy's Wreath-Making evening followed soon afterwards Michael's Xmas Lunch in December. Both of these events are already fully booked, or very close to it. Sonja already has another music evening in place for May next year.

Inevitably, some sectors of the community are easier to reach than others, but our goal is always to be an amenity for the whole of the village. To this end, we have continued to fund the Echo and thanks to the sterling work of Tish this remains a valued and entertaining resource for the entire neighbourhood. We have recently recommenced the regular Natter and Chatter mornings started by Simon at the beginning of the year. This program is intended to try to help combat the loneliness we know has become endemic to communities similar to our own but, more modestly, we also see it as another opportunity for folk to meet with their neighbours and promote communication across our village.

Finally, as usual at this time of year, we will shortly be starting to distribute Christmas biscuits to our friends and neighbours who have reached the age of 70 and above. Refreshingly, many people are looking so youthful these days we might soon need to ask for ID. But new for this year we have extended this festive celebration to the other end of our age demographic by funding the presentation of gifts to children from Santa at the Winter Market later in the month.

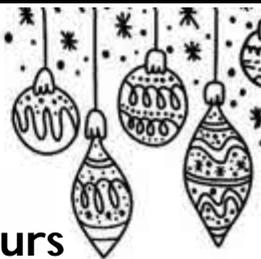
So, in conclusion, a full year and, in my opinion, a successful one and I commend this report to you.

It is gratifying to see so many membership forms arriving with our Treasurer and we thank you for your continued support. If you have mislaid your application form another can be downloaded from our website at <https://badingham.org.uk/community-council> and please feel free to contact Bill (bill.badinghamcc@gmail.com) if you need any assistance with its completion.

We look forward to meeting and working with many of you across the coming year.

Rob Johnston

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WHITE HORSE
BADINGHAM



Christmas Opening Hours

The Snug

XMAS EVE: 12 – 10
XMAS DAY: 12 – 2
BOXING DAY: 12 – 6
NYE: 12 – 10
NYD: 12 – 6

Restaurant

XMAS EVE: 12 - 8
XMAS DAY: CLOSED
BOXING DAY: 12 - 5
NYE: 12 - 8
NYD: 12 – 5



Carol Singing at the Café

Friday 15th December
from 6-7pm

Mulled wine and hot
blackcurrant will be served
- come and have a good sing!

Crib Service at Saint John the Baptist's Church CHRISTMAS EVE at 4PM

4pm for a half hour
outdoor service
followed by Hot Fruit Punch,
Mince **Pies and Biscuits**



BADINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

First, a big thank you to Malcolm for his talk in October – the evening raised just over £650 for village hall funds which was a fantastic achievement. Thank you too to all the volunteers and committee members who worked so hard to make the evening a success and to everyone who attended and supported the event.

The Winter Market will have happened by the time this edition of the Echo hits the streets of Badingham and we are pleased that it is now a shared project with the Community Café. This will be the first event using the new outside area so we are looking forward to that and to developing it as a herb garden and a lovely outside space in the coming months.

Thank you to Michael Wigan and Badingham Farms Xmas trees for donating the Christmas tree again this year and to Enterprise Badingham for organising it and decorating it.

Our next events in the new year will be a wine tasting evening and a Valentines ceilidh with Suffolk folk band Syzewell Gap.

Friday 19th January 7.00pm. The Wine Tasting evening will include 8 exciting wines from around the world with cheese and biscuits. The evening will be led by Eve and Richard from Case-Sera wines. Advance bookings only for this event. For enquiries or to reserve places phone Celia on 01728 638332.

Saturday 17th February 7.30pm – by popular request a Ceilidh with music from Syzewell Gap and dances explained by caller Trevor Beckford. Tickets are £10 (£5 for children) and include a ploughman's supper. For enquiries or tickets phone Martin on 01728 638130.

Tickets are also available for both events from the Café or from www.ticketsource.co.uk/badingham-village-hall

Art and Crafts Class – we may be able to start a regular session in the new year if enough people are interested. If you want to know more or register an interest please contact Caro Burberry on caro@caroburberry.com or 07903 898804.

If you would like to join our ever-expanding group of volunteers or would like to receive email updates about village hall activities please contact Martin martintclark@gmail.com.

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By the time you read this the village Winter Market will have been and gone. Amazingly this is the 4th year that the market has been running and it now seems to be an established and popular village event. Hopefully the weather will have been kind to us this year and everyone will have had a great evening!

It was good to work together with the village hall committee this year – more heads to plan and organise the event, and of course a much larger indoor space for stalls. A huge Thank You to the many people who have helped in lots of ways - with the planning and organisation, publicity, setting up lights and gazebos, baking, and volunteering on the night. A special thanks to BCC for providing the presents from a certain white bearded gentleman this year; they were very much appreciated.

Early in October Karen and Maurice Bowe once again organised a very successful fund-raising morning for Macmillan cancer support in the café. This was very well attended and raised £335. Thanks to Karen and Maurice for their hard work and to everyone for all the bakes and cakes and for your support.

At the end of October about 17 walkers set out with Caroline on a 6 mile walk around Bruisyard and returned with appetites whetted, to join other diners in the café for the annual Clock Back brunch. Once again Richard provided us with a choice of delicious soups which we all enjoyed.

Everyone is invited to come and sing carols and popular Christmas songs at the café **On Friday 15th December from 6-7pm** There will be mulled wine and hot blackcurrant to oil the vocal cords, so come and have a good sing!

After that the café will be closed until **Wednesday January 10th** and will be open on **Wednesdays only in January** from **10.30-12.30** for coffee, tea, cakes, scones and soup. Wednesday walks leave the café as usual at 10am and the café will open fully again in February – Wednesday and Thursday mornings 10.30-12.30.

If you want to be kept in the loop about events at the café, please email the address below and ask to be added to the Friends email list.

Everyone from the café would like to thank you for your support during the year and wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

The Café Team

THE SLOW READERS BOOK CLUB

Meet alternate months on a Friday evening in the café for wine and nibbles and a discussion on the books we have read.

Call Caroline 638585

HAVE A GO AT KURLING

Join us in the Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7.15 - 9pm

£2.50 per person includes tea/coffee and biscuits

BADINGHAM & DENNINGTON BELL RINGERS

We meet for practice every Thursday evening at 7.30pm at Badingham or Dennington church

NEW RINGERS NEEDED

If you haven't rung before don't worry, come along and try, we will teach you how it's done.

Interested in having a go? Call Matt 638070 or Bob 638288

BOWLS CLUB

Interested in joining Badingham Bowls Club?

Call Ann 638760

We are a friendly, social club with the emphasis on enjoying the game - good results are a bonus!

BADINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

Our afternoon meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, when we enjoy tea and cake and a look around members' gardens.

Call Dee to check the venue on 621016



50th Anniversary Service of the Suffolk Historic Church Trust

Both Lynne and I were delighted to be asked to attend this special service at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral on Sunday September 17th 2023. The churches bike ride was started in Suffolk and now many other counties take part.

Representatives of all Suffolk villages who take part in the bike ride were in attendance, hence the Cathedral was almost full. We had to queue to get in, not something one usually associates with a church service.

There was a procession with much pageantry, including bikes! The Choral Evensong was by the Cathedral Choir with further singing by children from Sextons Manor Primary School. I sat next to a vicar from Mildenhall and soon decided not to try and match his singing. He sang lustily and loud.

An enjoyable event, we were very pleased to be representing Badingham.

Church Bike Ride - 9th September 2023

It was a shame to miss the Village Fete but I was already set to take part in the annual bike ride. This year I decided to cycle from my daughter's home in Bentley. I used to live in East Bergholt so thought it would be nice to visit some of the old haunts. It was I think the hottest day ever in September. My water bottle on my bike became hot water but thankfully every church provided refreshments. I enjoyed a good lunch at Polstead Cock, being pleased to sit inside out of the sun. The two most impressive churches I visited were Polstead and Stoke-by-Nayland. It was also lovely to see a lady gospel singer practising in a Stratford St Mary Chapel.

Most of the church recorders I met were ladies, many of whom informed me their husbands were either 'wrecked' or had passed away - quite thought provoking for us Gents! Those cycling this year were:

Geoff Moore

Di Bultitude - all the way from Wales, visiting friends & family

I was also informed a lady called Anne Smith from Bruisyard cycled for Badingham. At present I am not aware of her results. The total amount raised of which I am aware is £308. This is very pleasing from just the two of us.

Many thanks to all our generous sponsors and also to those acting as recorders in Badingham Church: Lynne Moore - Ann Foster - Joyce Probert - Ray Probert

Hope to see a few more cyclists next year, always the 2nd Saturday in September.

Geoff Moore

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH BADINGHAM

Application to National Lottery Heritage Fund

Applying for a lottery fund grant is quite a learning curve and is done in 3 stages. First you have to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). If, having considered your EOI, the lottery panel think your application might fit their criteria for a Heritage Grant, they invite you to submit a Development Phase Application.

Having been successful in our EOI we have spent the last 12 months preparing a Development Phase Application. This application involves groups in the community who will help to develop different opportunities and events that will benefit the wider community and the environment. If successful we have 2 years to complete the Development Phase and then we can submit an application for the Delivery Phase - repairing our church roof.

Our Development Phase Application entitled 'Hammerbeams, Heritage and Health - Restoration of St John's, Badingham' has now been submitted and we await the outcome.

Whatever the outcome, we would like to express our appreciation and thank the many people and partner groups who have been involved in the application for their help and support - Badingham Cafe, Enterprise Badingham, Badingham Village Hall, Badingham Parish Council, Badingham Community Council, Dennington School, Framlingham Library and Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Our Architect Ruth Blackman, our consultant Saul Penfold and by no means least our steering group who have had many meetings over the last 12 months to get this far and who will help to see the project through if we get the grant - Victor Warne, Alan Barlow, Paul Collins, Mike Williamson and Steve Evison.

Bob and Ann Foster, on behalf of Badingham PCC

The Church Wardens would like to thank our Priest in Charge, Martin, those who have helped to maintain services, the PCC and all the people who have cleaned, done the flowers, cut the grass and strimmed in the churchyard, done any odd repairs and jobs, locked and unlocked the church, printed, collated and delivered The Upper Alde Link or anything else to help maintain, care for and support our lovely parish church throughout the year.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very blessed and peaceful Christmas Time and a Happy New Year

Victor and Bob, Church Wardens

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH BADINGHAM

Harvest Lunch seems a while ago now but it was a very happy event. 44 people enjoyed a delicious lunch together, followed by an interesting talk from David Pryor on the Sutton Hoo Ship Project. We raised £267 for church funds. Thank you so much to everyone who helped on the day and who provided so many lovely puddings and to all of you who came along and supported the occasion.



CRIB SERVICE SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm for approximately 30mins

Followed by Hot Fruit Punch and Mince Pies

As we are only able to use the Chancel, space is limited and we will again hold the service at the foot of the tower by the nativity and under the light of the cross.

Chairs are available for those who have difficulty standing and rugs for your knees. Please wrap up warmly.

This is such a special service at such a special time as we join together to celebrate the birth of Jesus, hearing the familiar readings and singing the well-known carols.

***WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU
- DO JOIN US IF YOU CAN***

Bacon Rolls & Coffee Mornings

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Thank you so much to everyone who supported our annual fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This year we raised £375.20, which has been sent to the charity.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

We really appreciate your generosity and can't thank you enough.

Thank you also for your gift donations for the fete's tombola in September, which was a big success (on a very hot day!).

What a great village Badingham is!

PS We have had a very kind late donation of £40 towards our Macmillan fundraising. This has been paid into the charity's account and takes our total this year to an impressive £375.20. Thank you!



BINGO EVENINGS have been organised for the
last Wednesday of each month.

**** 31 January ** 28 February ** 27 March ****

Badingham Village Hall

6.30 for a 7pm start

Cash only

Please support this new venture.

If popular, we will continue to host this monthly event.

***** NEWS FROM BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL *****

**The next PC Meeting date is Tuesday 12 December at 7pm
in the small meeting room in the Village Hall.**

Please welcome our new Clerk, Caroline Byrne, to the Parish Council. Caroline lives in Laxfield and can be contacted in the usual way via email as detailed below. Caroline Emeny is leaving our employment as soon as the new Clerk is up to speed.

Grass verges: We want your opinion on how we should manage the grass verges along Low Street. Currently we cut the front section nearest the road, and leave the back longer to encourage wildflowers and biodiversity along this corridor. You may have a different opinion about how we manage this so please contact Cllr Welham with your thoughts in this regard. His email address is robwelhambpc@gmail.com, email being the easiest method so he can collate the responses. We need to gauge wider opinion before making any changes to our current program. Wildflower borders take a lot of management and are not as simple to police as you may think.

Recent Storms: As we write this in the aftermath of Storm Babet which was quickly followed by Storm Ciaran, it is obvious that some ditches are not being maintained as they should. East Suffolk County Council were quick to try and deal with the issues and they should always be your first port of call in the event of a flooding, or imminent flooding issue. Their website has a host of useful information which we have also included on our Badingham.org.uk website under Local Information where you will see a section on Flooding advice for your property with links to other useful sources of information.

A useful link for guidance and advice in preparing for a flood and protecting your property -

<https://www.gocompare.com/home-insurance/flooding-and-home-insurance/limiting-flood-risk-and-damage>

In extreme conditions you won't be able to stop flood water and you should always put personal safety above attempts to protect property and possessions. Despite this, there are steps that you can take to keep water out, to buy yourself time to preserve property and possessions and to limit the damage that flood water does.

In the event of an emergency and you don't know who to call, contact Cllr Lisa Sweeney and she will do her best to assist you: **07495 122404**

East Suffolk Council (ESC) also provide the following information on their website www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/emergency-planning-and-business-continuity/flood-emergencies/

Flooding guidance

Householders living in areas that have been flooded in the recent past or may be susceptible to flooding in the future are strongly advised to give some thought to flood protection measures for their property. Responsibility for protecting individual properties against flooding lies with the householder and not the local authority. All the following have live links on the ESC website.

- ÿ Flood alerts and warnings, and, five day flood risk forecast
- ÿ General guidance
- ÿ Flood Re - National insurance levy scheme for affordable insurance for those at risk of flooding
- ÿ Protect Your Property
- ÿ Flood resilience products for your home
- ÿ Report a flood in Suffolk

Additionally, ESC will be able to assist in the following ways, again live links on their website

- ÿ Assist in any evacuation or relocation of residents to rest centres during an emergency
- ÿ Assist with road closures and overflowing drains caused by flood waters
- ÿ Assist in the clean up after the flood waters have subsided
- ÿ Advise and assist residents after the event

Forecasts and warnings

Flood warning information, as well as guidance about preparing for floods, can be obtained from the Environment Agency website. When exceptionally heavy rain is forecast, the Met Office will publish local weather warnings.

Sandbags

In Suffolk, all the Local Authorities have taken expert advice and agreed not to provide sandbags to protect individual properties:

- ÿ They will not protect an individual property against flooding. Water can get into a house through doorways, utility access points and through

sewerage systems and can make the situation worse, as they can become contaminated with sewage.

- ÿ Sandbags are really only helpful to divert surface water on roads or from ditches – houses or businesses need proper flood defences fitting.
- ÿ Response agencies use the limited sandbags resources available in an emergency by deploying them in bulk to raise/repair existing flood defences or to divert water away from groups of properties.

Removable flood boards or gates, although more costly, are significantly more effective than sandbags in preventing water entry through doorways and air bricks and are therefore likely to provide better property protection during floods.

Landowners: If a watercourse is blocked, the landowner has a responsibility to clear the blockage and they should be informed that there is a problem. Very often this is an innocent mistake that does not require the intervention of ESC as the landowner will be able to clear the blockage. If you are unable to make any progress with the landowner, it may be necessary to report it to ESC, in which case you must provide as much information as possible. I think we consider ourselves lucky in Badingham to have responsible land owners and farmers who are quick to act on these occasions. Owning a watercourse makes you a Riparian Owner meaning you have certain rights, but also certain responsibilities. One of these responsibilities is to ensure that your watercourse is maintained to an acceptable standard.

We hope you find the above information useful. Please retain it for future use.

The latest draft minutes are always published on the notice board at the VH and available on our website – www.badingham.org.uk . Please send information to me to update the village website – it is only as good as the information received. If you wish to contact the clerk, please contact the new clerk on Tel: 01986 798765 (Mon & Fri only - answerphone available if not in) or E: badinghamclerk@gmail.com .

Caroline Byrne – Parish Clerk/RFO

Help shape the future of Library Services in Suffolk!

The contract with Suffolk's current libraries provider is ending in May 2025. As Suffolk County Council looks ahead to awarding the new contract, your views about what you most value from your library services are requested. Also needed are your views on library outreach services, including mobile and pop-up libraries and what you would like to see more of from your library services in future.

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A Sycamore Tree, Lynn & Graham's 25 for 25 and an Explanation

Our son Graham and daughter-in-law Lynn celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary in October 22. To celebrate they decided to take on 25 challenges, which they would try to complete by October 23 to raise money for Cancer Research.

One of their challenges came from an idea from Gill Pickford who wondered if it would be possible to engrave on the tree stump the date that the Sycamore tree in the church yard, which had to be felled for safety reasons, had been felled. Lynn has done some engraving on wood using a hot wire, and so a challenge began.

The plan was to engrave the stump with the name of the tree and date. For this to be successful the wood had to be completely dry and we all know it has been a fairly wet summer, the stump remained wet and lots of new shoots grew out from the base. So, a new plan emerged. Graham and Lynn realised that the stump made a lovely seat with an equally lovely view across the Community Gardens and village beyond. The shoots were completely cleared on one side and those on the other were trimmed to form a shielding hedge, leaving just two shoots to grow on and perhaps become a new tree. The stump was planed to be more comfortable to sit on and between them they made a plaque which is beside the tree.

If you are walking through the church yard, look for the plaque, stop and rest for a few secluded moments of quiet peace and contemplation.

Their Just Giving page is open for a bit longer if you would like to see what their other challenges were and to support their fundraising. Go to www.justgiving.com and type in the search bar 'Lynn & Graham's 25 for 25' and click on their picture to donate.

Ann and Bob Foster

Badingham Recorder

Andy's Facebook group Badingham Recorder has grown to 75 members since being launched in January. Photos and memories of Badingham of yesteryear are shared along side newspaper clippings and recent images. It's definitely worth a look for anyone interested in Badingham, past and present.

Fred Birtall

Fred's family would like to thank everyone who knew Fred for their kind words, comforting actions and offers of support since his sudden death on 27th October.

Although Fred had only lived in Badingham since June 2019 he became well known for stopping to chat whilst on his walks up and down the village, and was a frequent customer in the Cafe, enjoying the cheese scones and the company of everyone he met there.

We are so very grateful his last few years were spent in such a wonderfully friendly village - thank you.

Wendy, Julie, Ian (Fred's children) and all of their families

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An Invasive Species



I meant to send this article earlier but as my mother said, "Geoffrey is very forgetful"...

Last winter I was working in the garden, the phone rang and I rushed indoors to answer it. I left the front door open. Whilst talking to my daughter, Alice, I heard the patter of tiny feet on the floor. I put the phone down and was very surprised to see a squirrel running around the house. I chased it around but it would not run out of the open door. I was absolutely amazed as to how incredibly fast it was. I managed to corner it in the smallest room in the house, put on some gloves and was hoping to grab it, however it shot out of the room and disappeared under various items of furniture, dodging under the 3-piece suite, bookcase etc.

After half an hour of searching I could not find it anywhere. I assumed it must have run out of the open door. I phoned my daughter back and she advised going around the house, making lots of noise, hitting furniture with a stick just to be sure that the squirrel had gone. This I did and there was no sign of the squirrel so I felt quite relieved.

The following evening Lynne and I settled down to watch television, the wood burner was alight, it was cosy and warm, then for no apparent reason there was a puff of smoke from the fire. To our amazement the squirrel appeared and sat in the middle of the lounge, having emerged from under the bookcase. This time I opened the patio doors to the back garden and managed to aid its escape. I was mightily relieved to see it run away.

They can drive you nuts!!!!

Geoff Moore

Church Book Shop

Thank you to all who are visiting the Book Shop both to buy and donate books. We have started to get more visitors now. There will be some special Christmas Books at the beginning of December, so please come and have a look when passing.

At only 50 p each, the books are a real bargain. All proceeds support the Church.

We can collect donations of books locally - Patricia 638078

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank collection box is now in the Church.

Please drop in any of these items that you can. Even one will help.

• Tinned Fruit / Vegetables

Tinned Fish / Meat

• Puddings / Readmade Custard

Biscuits

• Treats for Children (all ages)

Pet Food

• Personal Toiletry items: Soap, Toothpaste, Feminine Items etc.

NATIVITY PLAY AT HOLLESLEY

Brendan Behan, an Irish writer and playwright, was born in Dublin in 1923. Aged sixteen, he was sent to the borstal (prison) at Hollesley Bay. He wrote an autobiographical account of this detention in *Borstal Boy* (1958).

In the last week of November, the Matron asked fellows she met in the corridors to go the library where she was picking the cast for the Nativity play for Christmas....

Matron called Ken over and told him he is going to act St Joseph. Joe looked over at him and said: "That there Kenneth, 'e shouldn't be Joseph –e's C of E." "You silly b*****" said Charlie, "we got St Joseph and Jesus Christ, the lot, in the C of E church. Same as you 'ave."

The door opened and a girl came in. "She's the wife of Mr Hackbell, the young screw over the farm" said a Welsh bloke behind us. She's going to act the Virgin Mary. "I'll be the Holy Ghost" said Joe. The Welshman was afraid I should burst out laughing and embarrass the girl, amongst a lot of strange blokes and

borstal boys. "She's a smasher all right" said Joe. "She is that", said I.

Matron called the rest of the boys over and gave them their parts. Joe wanted to be the 'baby'. Charlie and Jones were shepherds, told Gordon to go and get your horse – head shepherd.

Chewlips, Jock and Tom Meadows were Innkeepers and census-takers. Joe and I were picked for two Wisemen. Tatty Lloyd, the Welsh bloke, had a lovely singing voice – he was to sing a carol.

We had the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve. The screws all brought their families to it. Matron told us she was very pleased and proud of us; and so did the squire.

On Christmas Day we had a big dinner, with duff and Old Licker put rough cider into it, which was very decent of him, even though the blokes said he had a b***** great barrel of it up in his house sent to him by his brother in Devon.

Happy Christmas to those Hollesley Boys and to all in Badingham. May 2024 bring peace, good health and happiness to us all. Sonja x

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Proceeds to local organisations

December 7th - Lighthouse Women's Aid

January 4th - Badingham Community Council

February 1st - RNLI

£100 raised at the October quiz for BCC

Quiz Nights are sponsored by Badingham Community Council

BADINGHAM NEIGHBOUR- HOOD WATCH

Sonja Russell -
Lead Co-ordinator

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Badingham

Once again I have good news – no crimes to report! Let's hope this keeps up.

Flooding

I sincerely hope everyone has kept safe. I have seen pictures of flooding in Fram many years ago. I can remember when sandbags were put up against doors on Riverside. The road was flooded but nothing like on that Friday.

Nuisance Callers

More than 76k people have backed a Which? campaign lobbying the Government to take action on nuisance calls. There are a lot of people who fall into this trap - listening to recordings, talking to anyone who is scamming you. Put the phone down and block them – Press 3 and they do not return back! We hardly get them.

Locked Out

In most cases the immediate response it to use a mobile phone. The Master Locksmiths Association will help you find someone near you – or contact a friend to see if they know someone. Sorry I can't help you on that one – be careful of rogues!

Choosing a Reliable Tradesman

- ÿ Ask neighbours, family and friends for recommendations
- ÿ Do not agree work to be carried out until you have obtained at least three quotes which state what work will be carried out, the fully inclusive price and when work will be carried out, the fully inclusive price and when the work will be started and finished.
- ÿ Any work carried out by the tradesmen must be of reasonable quality and completed within a reasonable time limit.
- ÿ Ask for information about the tradesman's insurance cover.
- ÿ Arrange time and date for the tradesman to call and start work.
- ÿ Check the work that has been done and the charge is correct. Do not feel pressurised into having work carried out immediately.
- ÿ Any problem contact the Citizen Advice consumer helpline on 0345 404 0505.

Shoplifters

This year has seen the most ever incidents. The Government is considering tagging shoplifters with a GPS tracking device. Reminder – there is CCTV in shops so you are likely to be caught.

Christmas Shopping

Please be vigilant. Keep your handbag close, put your parcels out of sight - in the boot of the car and in a safe place at home.

Have a Happy Christmas and New Year from all the NHW Coordinators.

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BADINGHAM NATURE DIARY

Paul shares his notable sightings from Pollards and around the village. We would love to hear what you have spotted, in your garden or on walks around the village.



25 Sept	Spotted flycatcher	x2?
2 October	Migrant hawk	Egg laying in willowherb stems
4 October	Pyramidal orchid	First basal rosette of next year's
8 October	Meadow pipit	x9 High House
	Skylark	x2 High House
9 October	Redwing	c. 6

I happened to listen in to bird song on the Merlin app for a couple of minutes on similar days to Paul. These are the calls which Merlin picked up:

15 Sept Blackcap, Blue Tit, Dunnock, Crow, Linnet, Robin,
Spotted Flycatcher, Wood Pigeon, Wren

8 October Blackcap, Blue Tit, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Great Tit,
Long-Tailed Tit, Meadow Pipit, Robin, Pied Wagtail

Then, at 7pm - Redwing, Tawny Owl

This was quite comical - I was up the fields with my nephew, watching his Dad drilling wheat. We heard a Tawny Owl calling from the wood, across the field. Thomas called back, with his best owl impression, and was repeatedly answered - with the Merlin app recording both as our feathered friends!

DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Geoff and I thank you all for your messages and lovely cards, wine and flowers. Louise showed us the wedding photo which she put on Facebook – don't we look young!! It seems a long time ago but I can remember it well. Dad and I organised the wedding as mother was in hospital. The church was decorated for Harvest Festival.

We celebrated 25 years with a party at Colston Hall. At 40 years, we celebrated with a big party at Dennington Village Hall. The Sunday being Harvest Festival, Geoff and I went to church with the families and re-took our vows, then a family lunch at the Dennington Queens Head. For 60 years we celebrated over three days! On the Saturday, 18 sat down for a family meal at Great Glemham – this time the grandchildren are grown up!!

Now, the old codgers are back to normal as possible.
Thank you all again, Sonja



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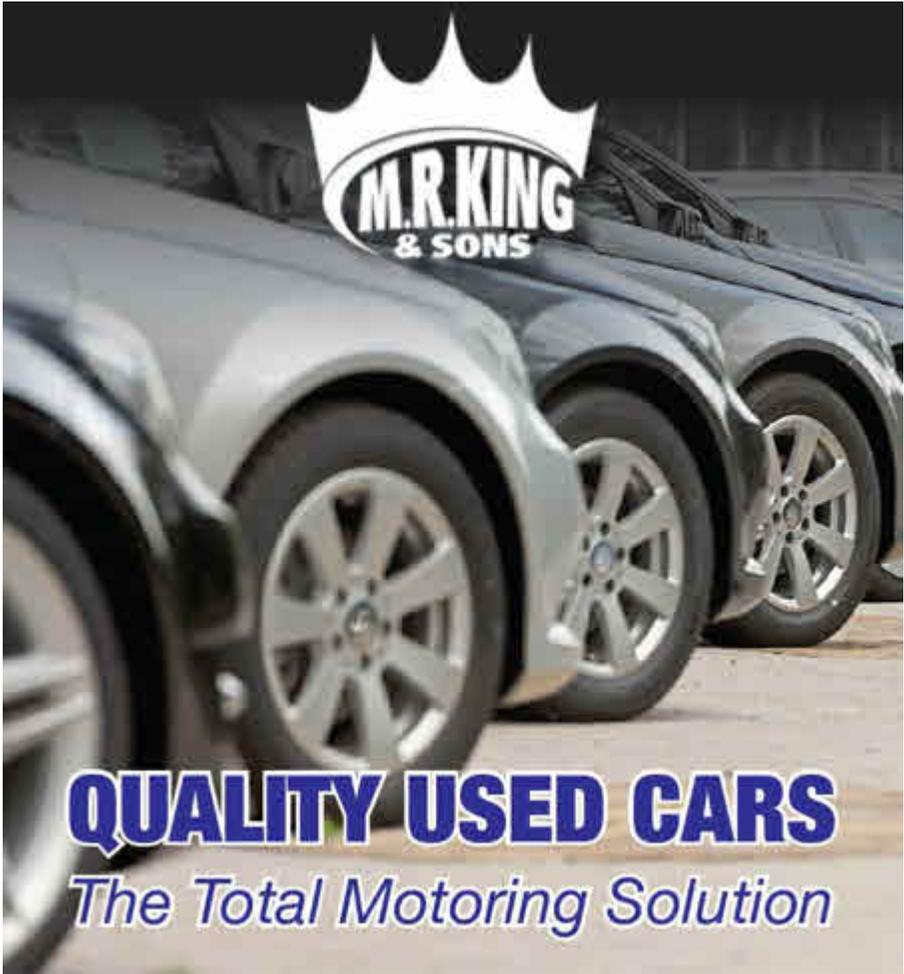
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