

Badingham ECHO



**Quiz 20th Anniversary, Local History Walk,
Spring Forward Brunch, Theatre Trip
- full details inside**

February & March 2023

BADINGHAM DIARY

Anniversary Village Quiz	Thu 2nd February	Village Hall 7.30
Kurling	Thu 16th February	Village Hall 7.15 - 9
Bacon Rolls & Coffees	Sat 18th February	Village Hall 10 - 12
Village Quiz	Thu 2nd March	Village Hall 7.30
Village Litter Pick	Sat 4th March	Meet at Café 10
Churchyard History Walk	Thu 9th March	Meet at Café 10
Kurling	Thu 16th March	Village Hall 7.15 - 9
Spring Forward Walk / Brunch	Sat 25th March	Café 10 / 12
Theatre Trip	Thu 29th March	Times to be confirmed
Village Quiz	Thu 6th April	Village Hall 7.30

Regular Events

Wednesday Walks & Thursday Strolls meet outside the Cafe at 10

Shop & Cafe open 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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Check for updates on www.badingham.org.uk

The deadline for the next Echo is **15th March**

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

Notes from the Editor

I asked Bob for his rainfall records for 2022, expecting it to be well down on the usual. In fact, we were only 2 or so inches lower than the average. Rainfall was 19.8 inches, with 240 dry days out of 365. We normally expect between 21 - 25 inches here in Badingham. Do your figures differ? I know we missed some of the showers that fell on the Fram road. I also recall those anxious summer days watching the smoke of field fires on the horizon.

Two years ago today, Badingham was white with snow. Last night was the coldest night since then, hence ice on the inside of my windows. My hot water bottle and flannelette sheets keep me cosy but here are a few of my tips on keeping warm when the temperature drops:

- ÿ Invest in a vest
- ÿ Close curtains to keep the warmth in
- ÿ Wear tomorrow's socks to bed
- ÿ Put today's clothes under the covers before getting dressed

What hints would you add?

Jean K reminded us to also pull curtains to keep the heat out in the height of summer. Jean was telling me before Christmas how good the people of the Badingham have been through the pandemic and times of limited mobility. She thanks the people of this village for their friendship and neighbourliness.

It may be cold and muddy but signs of Spring are on their way with daffodils pushing through and the first snowdrops flowering on Low Street.

Wishing you all the best, Tish

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Badingham Community Council Survives!

The fete lives on! As will many other great events the council has put on in the past, and some great new events are planned. But it was a close-run thing. Due to people leaving the existing members of BCC were, with great sadness, preparing to disband the council if no new members came forward, and in particular if no one agreed to take over as chair.

Which is where I came in. I read the note warning that BCC would have to disband and, despite a strong feeling that I couldn't possibly be the person they wanted, I got in touch before going to the AGM where I was elected the new chair. We also welcomed Roland as a member, and he immediately brought enthusiasm and ideas for next summer's fete.

So now the BCC *will* survive. But we want it to **thrive!** And to do that we need more members. That's where you come in.

STOP! Or *don't* stop reading! Don't think *I can't do that*, and skip to the next page of the tribune. I thought the same, yet now I'm the chair. Despite my nerves, the rest of the council have been wonderfully welcoming. Even if you're tempted by the idea of helping, I'm sure your brain is throwing up reasons why you shouldn't. Mine did! So let me tackle the most likely.

There's quite a few points below, but to summarise... **Yes, Yes, Yes!**

Yes we need you. **Yes** we want you. **Yes**, you **absolutely** are the right person. Let's run through the most likely concerns:

1. I don't really know what the council is about

I am guilty as charged. In fact while I was aware of the events I wasn't really aware the BCC existed until a couple of months ago, but the more I learn about it the more excited I am to be involved.

The BCC is separate from the parish council, and focuses on social events and bringing benefit to the village (alongside the café and the other great groups). The remit is deliberately vague there, so we can consider anything which could benefit the village whether it be something for kids and teenagers, something for those who've reached retirement age, or something everyone can get involved with.

2. I haven't lived here long enough

I moved here with my family four years ago, which seems like nothing when some members have been here since before I was born (and I'm no

spring chicken). It doesn't matter! If you live here and you want to help then you'd be most welcome.

3. *I've never been involved in something like this and I won't know what to do.*

Well that goes doubly for me as I jumped straight in as chair. But the BCC members are a friendly and helpful group and they are all more than happy to give help and advice. That feeds through into the meetings which are relaxed with new ideas welcomed.

4. *Yes, but they don't want ME!*

We do. We really do. I know you'll find a million reasons to doubt that, but it's true. The more members we have the more we can do.

5. *I don't have any new ideas to bring.*

That's fine. We have more ideas than members to put them into action, so grab one you like and run with it, or just lend a helping hand with the others. But if you do have ideas of your own, we want to hear them.

6. *I don't have the time!*

You really don't need to commit too much time. The meetings are once a month, and we'd love to see you at some of the events, but beyond that you do what you can. If you have the time to take ownership of an event that's great, but just being part of the team and helping develop ideas will be hugely valuable too.

If you even slightly think you might be interested drop me an email at badinghamcc@gmail.com or give me a call on 07730 415432 and you can meet two or three of us for a chat. And maybe a beer or two. Don't worry, someone already went from "I'd like to help" before the beers to "I'll be Chair" after them. So that post is taken. Oh yes, that was me!

I'd like to sign off by saying thank you to everyone in the village involved in the various amazing events put on by all the organisations. We are incredibly lucky to have such a great community, and it played a huge part in my family and I feeling welcome to and part of the village. I've lived in a number of villages now, some a lot bigger, and none have had anywhere near this many things going on.

That email address again for any questions, queries, ideas or suggestions is badinghamcc@gmail.com or call me, Simon Goodson, on 07730 415432

BADINGHAM

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dates for Your Diary!

Wed 29th March - Theatre

Coach Trip to see Sherlock Holmes

matinee performance in Lowestoft, with stop-off for a meal

More details on page 11

Sat 6th May - Music

Music Night with live band

(Part of the Coronation celebrations)

Sat 17th June (Date TBC) - Family Fun

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Sat 2nd September - Traditional Village Fair

Badingham Fete

And more still to be planned...

Little Ernie 50/50 Draw

Thank you to everyone who supported us in 2022.

To be ready to start the draw on 1st April, please return your Membership Form to our Treasurer:

Bill Dicks, Fortuna House, Low Street, Badingham, IP13 8JS

Good luck!

Sonja (President BCC)

VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHTS

A quiz is 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

February 2nd - Marie Curie

March 2nd - Hour Community (Fram)

April 6th - British Heart Foundation

Please bring your own nibbles, drinks and glasses

£103 raised for Sue Ryder at the January quiz

Badingham Quiz Nights 20 Year Anniversary !



Thursday 2nd February
Badingham Village Hall
7.30p.m. - 9.30p.m.

Badingham Village Hall

Dear Village Resident

The village hall committee needs your input to make decisions on what events to plan for 2023. Please have a think about this and tell us what you would like us to organise. We are trying to achieve what's best for our village – the whole village from the very young to the old.

Teenagers – give us some idea of what you would like and maybe get involved too.

We have a super hall now and we want to see it used as much as possible.

In January we will also be starting to plan for development of the outside area at the back of the hall. This needs to be done in a way which will enhance the use of the hall and it will mean we can put on outside events too. Please have a look at the area and let us have your thoughts on what you would like to see us do.

Please contact any one of the committee or email:
Celia Cracknell cracknellcelia@gmail.com
or Martin Clark martinclark@gmail.com

Village Hall Volunteers

There will be a few volunteer sessions to do some of the smaller jobs around the village hall over the next few months as we improve the outside space. If you would like to join us for an hour or two please email Martin and we will let you know what is happening as plans develop.

Did You Know...?

Badingham Village Hall was once the village school. Here's a photo from 1915 showing the pupils gathered outside. After the school moved to Rectory Road (still known by many as the School Hill), money raised in the village for the Home-coming Fund for Badingham's returning Great War servicemen, was used to purchase our Village Hall; ensuring old soldiers and all the community would have a place to meet.



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BADINGHAM CHURCH NEWS

A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

Why not start the New Year by joining us for
COFFEE AND A BACON ROLL
on **Saturday 18th February - 10am - 12 noon**
in Badingham Village Hall

Proceeds for Badingham Church and the Roof Repair Fund

Tea/Coffee/Juice, Bacon Rolls (also gluten-free/vegetarian) or Croissants

We look forward to seeing you

CRIB SERVICE - Always a very special time. Because space is limited in the chancel our carols were sung and our readings heard around the crib at the foot of the cross and again we were blessed with good weather. Our regular services are on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 11am. If you haven't been to a service for a while or are new to the village do join us, everyone will have a very warm welcome and we will be pleased to see you.

FOOD BANK - Thank you everyone who has supported the food bank collection point in the church, your donations are gratefully received. The collection point will continue to be available through January, February and March.

CLOTHES BANK - By the time you read this we hope that a clothes and shoe bank will have been installed on the edge of the Church Car Park. Donations to this will be collected regularly. Everything received is re-used, recycled or repurposed so nothing goes to landfill. A payment of 30p / Kilo which is £300 / Tonne will be paid into the Repair Fund for the Church. This is a new venture which we hope will help raise funds and also save waste. Please support it if you can.

ROOF REPAIRS - We hope that our 'Expression of Interest', which is the first step of our application to the National Lottery for a 'Heritage Lottery Grant' for the repair of our church roof will be submitted by the end of January. We pray for a successful outcome and that we will then be invited to make a full application. Meanwhile remember that the chancel of the church is open every day from 9am until 6pm for you to call in, say a prayer, or just sit in peace for a quiet few minutes.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - seems a while ago now. We were blessed with a pleasant evening weather-wise. It was a lovely atmosphere, lots of lovely people to talk to. We raised £340.30. £170 for The Roof Repair Fund and £170 for the church expense. Thank you so much to the cafe and all the people who helped to organize and make it such a success and to everyone who supported our gift stall and raffle.

*Reserve your seat for the
Badingham Community Council's first
event of the year!*

SHERLOCK HOLMES THE VALLEY OF FEAR



**Marina Theatre
Lowestoft**

**Wednesday
29th March**

Matinee Show

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contact Michael on 01728 638270 or email
michaelc36@hotmail.co.uk**

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NEWS FROM BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Change to PC Meeting dates: Please note that we've changed the frequency of when the PC meets. It was felt 2 months was too long but monthly too frequent so a compromise of approximately every 6 weeks was agreed. We'll try and publicise the forthcoming dates asap but the interim dates agreed are Wednesday 15 February, a delay due to the Clerk's holiday, followed by Wednesday 29 March.

Vacancies on the Parish Council: With the loss of Duncan, we are now down to only 5 Parish Councillors, not all of whom can make every meeting due to work commitments, which makes it very difficult for the PC to operate effectively.

We **NEED** 3 more people to put themselves forward to be Parish Councillors. The process is very simple and with local elections being held in May, this is an ideal time to give it a try as there are only 2 meetings (as detailed above) between now and those elections, when all PCs have to resign anyway and put themselves up for re-election. So you could come on board for 2 meetings and see how things operate and how you feel about staying on. We need a fuller Parish Council if we are to make the best decisions for Badingham and its residents so it really is up to you.....

You can contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk if you would like more information, or you can look on our website at www.badingham.org.uk

Thermal Imaging Project: We have the opportunity to borrow a Thermal Imaging Camera from 4 – 24 April from East Suffolk Council, to audit houses in our community for their energy efficiency.

With so few members on the Parish Council, this needs to be a community led project with volunteers running the project. The camera loan is free, so no cost is involved, but some online training to use the camera is required. The aim of the project is to raise awareness about insulation and help you improve the energy efficiency of your home. This could mean a reduction in fuel bills, better health and reducing your carbon emissions

What can you learn from a thermal imaging survey?

If your house is relatively new, already has insulated cavity walls and double glazing and feels warm – you might not learn much, except to get an even warmer glow after confirming your house is well insulated!

If your house is older and seems difficult to keep warm - you might learn exactly where the heat is escaping and get some ideas about where to insulate.

A thermal imaging survey might:

- ÿ identify places which might have draughts
- ÿ detect whether cavity wall insulation is patchy or missing
- ÿ detect areas with less loft insulation

The cameras use infra-red radiation which cannot pass through glass. This means the camera cannot see through windows, doors or walls. A thermal imaging survey will not invade your privacy as we will only see the outside surface of your house.

If you would like to be included in this exciting initiative, please contact the Parish Clerk so we can collate names and pass on further information etc. We need a minimum of 2 volunteers to run the project, and then, of course, we need households to put their properties forward for surveying. In both instances, please contact the clerk, details below.

The latest draft minutes are always published on the notice board at the VH and available on our website – www.badingham.org.uk . We receive a lot of interesting information about different initiatives that may be of interest to you, which we try to incorporate under the Homepage/ Village News on the website so do take a look.

If you wish to contact the clerk, please do so by Tel: 01986 798422 (answerphone available if not in) or E: badinghamclerk@gmail.com

Note the clerk is away from 19 February for 3 weeks so please bear this in mind if trying to contact her.

Caroline Emeny - Parish Clerk/RFO

Badingham Shop & Café

about 200 yards down from the church

Café email: Badinghamshopcafe@gmail.com

Facebook: [Badingham Village Shop and Café](#)

Website: badingham.org.uk/badingham-cafe



A Happy New Year to you all! The last time I wrote up the café news was just before the Christmas Market. We were fortunate with the weather this year –no rain, no gales and it was even quite mild. It was a great evening, and stall-holders and customers all enjoyed the festive buzz and friendly atmosphere. Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation and to all of you who came along to make it a truly memorable evening.

We ended the year with carol singing in the café, another jolly and festive occasion. Thanks to Janet Barwell for keeping us all together with her excellent keyboard accompaniment and to Bethany Picton for her beautiful solos.

It was lovely to have the café full of chatter and laughter again when we re-opened in January. From February onwards we are open every **Wednesday and Thursday morning, 10.30 – 12.30.**

Wednesday Walks leave from the café every Wednesday at 10am, just turn up; there is a walk around local lanes and footpaths whatever the weather, dogs welcome.

There are several extra events at the café in March. First there is the **village litter pick on Saturday 4th March; arrive at the café at 10am** to collect your implements and choose your route then return to the café for hot drinks and Karen's delicious scoffins. What a great way to spend a Saturday morning – a walk around the village, back to the café to enjoy the company of friends and neighbours (not to mention those scoffins) and at the same time you will have helped to smarten up our lovely village. Please let Karen know if you are able to take part on 07587 173755.

On Thursday 9th March, Wendy Birtall will be leading a **Churchyard History Walk.** Come along and discover things you never knew about our churchyard. **Meet at the café at 10am.**

Saturday March 25th sees the return of the popular Spring Forward walk and brunch. For those who are feeling energetic, there is a walk of about 5 or 6 miles which leaves the café at 10am. Brunch is served from 12 pm. This consists of a bowl of Richard's wonderful

warming soup (choice of 2 varieties) served with sourdough bread and a selection of cheeses and chutneys, all rounded off with a hot drink. The cost is £8 for adults, £4 for children. Please book via the café email or in the café.

The cafe is a non- profit-making Community Interest Company. Last year we were lucky enough to receive a small grant of £2600 which meant we could buy some much needed new equipment, continue opening for 2 mornings a week and put on 9 extra events during the year. We have a fantastic team of volunteers who bake cakes and work in the café.

If you would like to join our friendly team, please contact us via the café email or send a message to Wendy on 07831 751256 if you would like to bake, or Annie on 07909 968734 if you would like to volunteer in the café. You can do as much or as little as you wish.

If you are new to the village or haven't yet been in the café, please do pop in and say hello. You are guaranteed to receive a warm welcome.

The Café Team

BADINGHAM COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

SATURDAY 4 MARCH 2023

Please join us for the next Badingham litter pick on **Saturday 4 March**. It'll be a great fun morning so, if you can help, please meet at **Badingham Café on Low Street** at around 10 am – collect your picker, hi viz jacket and bin bag and pick your route. Collect for as long as you like and then join us back in the café for a hot drink and a scoffin, scone or a new little delicacy we may try!

If you'd like to take part, please let Karen know on 07587173755 – we need to make sure we have enough refreshments!

We have special pickers and hi viz jackets for children so they're also very welcome.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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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.



3 November	Marsh Tit	First sighting for a while
14 November	Common Darter	Possibly last dragonfly of the year
16 November	Red Admiral	Ditto butterfly
20 November	Greenfinch	x3 – first for a while
12 December	Robin	x5 – a bit tense around the feeders
16 December	Waxwing	Colston Hall – Sonja Russell
17 December	Lapwing	x12 High Road



Badingham Parish Recorder

My name is Andrew Hill and I've just undertaken to be the village Local Recorder.

This is a voluntary role, overseen by the Suffolk Local History Council, who have Recorders in many Suffolk parishes. One of our tasks is to keep a record of day-to-day life and note changes in the parish. This will be available for future historians to understand what it was like to live in our villages during our lifetime. Each year I write and submit an Annual Report, which is deposited in the Suffolk Archives.

Recorders are often people who are interested in local history and who appreciate how important old documents, records and photographs are for research purposes. If you are having a clear-out of any Badingham related items, no matter how old or new, do get in touch. I can arrange for them to be re-homed with the Suffolk Archives (or any other appropriate archive).

Andrew Hill

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Instagram [@badingham.recorder](https://www.instagram.com/badingham.recorder)

Facebook.com/groups/Badingham.Recorder

BADINGHAM

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Sonja Russell - Lead Co-ordinator

Tel: **01728 638268**

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



Hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas.

I think it is high time the Police started listening to people's concerns; they have ignored the public far too long. So often when I give advice to people who have suffered from anti-social problems the response is "it's not worth saying anything, they won't do anything about it. I find I have to pressurise and point out that it's their responsibility for looking after the public! I was told at a police meeting "Sonja, I wouldn't want to come up against you!" They know what I am like when I have a bit between my teeth!

One Chief police officer from his Nottingham force concluded his own officers did not pay enough attention to the victims of crime – the people they are supposed to serve. We certainly need more officers patrolling the streets and villages instead of dealing with low level crime or sitting behind their desks (secretaries can do all that) and not having the time for important offences, burglary, theft and drugs.

Where are the 20,000 police officers and more to come?

County Lines Drug Dealing

A man from Hertford has been sentenced at Ipswich Crown Court to 40 months in prison - which I thought far too lenient. Officers attended a property after intelligence was received that drug dealing was going on. He was taken to Martlesham Investigation Centre for questioning. He was charged with three counts of supplying of Class A drugs, namely cocaine.

Colletts Farm Dairy Wormingford

This may not be in our area but you need to be mindful of these burglars. They have vans and travel from one farming area to another. They broke into a property the week before Christmas, taking poultry orders and frozen food valued at thousands of pounds.

Ferrari Theft

A 35 year old man crashed a stolen Ferrari in Ipswich. He was also charged with criminal damage to a Mercedes, theft of two sets of gold clubs, fishing rods and bicycles. Also theft of an ID card, a sat nav and a key fob – and he was also charged with driving without insurance. The sentence was 2 years prison and 12 months' drug rehabilitation.

Fake Emails

In one week, Action Fraud received over 277 reports of separate supermarket giveaway scams where people are encouraged to click on a link to confirm their details. **DO NOT DO IT.** You can report scams such as these to report@phishing.gov.uk

Householders across GB will receive a £400 non-refundable discount off their electricity bills via the Government's Energy Bill Support scheme. There is no need to apply for the scheme so please do not be caught by a scam email asking for your bank details.

Property Updates

NHW works within Data Protection guidelines. Your NHW Controller is Sonja Russell who is responsible for membership and consent forms being sent out.

It is helpful to have a record of villagers' addresses and contact numbers so we can easily get you when issues arise. This has helped many times when I need to contact someone urgently.

While there is no need for current members to reaffirm their consent for data to be used for purposes of communication and scheme admin, those new to the village will need to contact me, please. It is also vitally important to let me know of any property name changes.

Co-ordinators can deliver Welcome Packs and newsletters to every home in Badingham. They do this without collecting personal information. Therefore, Data Protection legislation does not apply to this activity.

Volunteer Co-ordinators needed – Areas 2, 6 & 8 - please contact me.

Holidays

If you are away on holiday, don't inform the world that you are having a lovely time on a hot, sandy beach. Criminals will presume your house is empty and its contents easy pickings.

Take care, Sonja



Community Gardens

There is one plot still available if anyone would like to take it on.

If you are interested please contact Janet on 638089.

Home Energy Advice Service

Do you want to improve your home and reduce energy bills?

The aim of this service is to support householders with free advice on energy.

So far the service has helped over 40 householders with advice on practical measures to improve their home insulation and also more detailed advice on renewables such as solar panels and heat pumps. This advice service can support another 60 householders before the end of March 2023.

All you need to do is call Groundwork on 01473 350370 to go through some simple questions or complete the home audit checklist www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SuffolkHomeEnergyAudit

Improving Air Quality At Home

East Suffolk Council have issued advice to only burn seasoned/dry firewood on open fires or woodburning stoves this winter, in a bid to improve air quality in homes and improve your health.

Burning wet or unseasoned/green wood is inefficient as it takes a lot of heat to boil off the water before the appliance can give out heat into the room. In turn, this creates a lot of smoke, tar and particulates which can damage your chimney and appliance and contributes to air pollution.

- ÿ Consider burning less
- ÿ Only burn dry (seasoned) wood
- ÿ Buy 'Ready to Burn' fuel
- ÿ Use the correct fuel for your stove and flue
- ÿ Don't burn treated waste wood or rubbish
- ÿ Consider using smokeless fuel
- ÿ Check new stoves are Defra approved
- ÿ Use your stove in line with the manufacturer's guidance
- ÿ Regularly maintain and service your stove
- ÿ Get your chimney swept regularly

There is further information on the East Suffolk website at <https://eastsuffolk.co/woodburning>

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 - and lots of fun and chatter

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.

If interested in having a go, give Matt Lunn a call: 638070

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

Thank You Messages

A big Thank You to Patricia for organising the Table Top Sale. A lot of time was spent on the organisation but we were rewarded by a lovely atmosphere at the sale - on a miserable January morning. Hopefully similar events can be organised for the future - using the Village Hall and bringing the community together. Well done Patricia.

Christmas Gifts from the BCC were delivered to 21 Badingham households. Thank you to all recipients who sent Thank You messages - it is always good to know that residents who had their gift left outside did receive them. Happy New Year to you all, Pauline

Thank You!

Those of you who didn't go to the Harvest Lunch missed out on a great meal and entertainment from Framlingham's singing postman, The Man in the Hat. The whole afternoon was most enjoyable; meeting up with friends and having a good chat. Thank you to Bob and Ann and their helpers.

The Clock-Back Brunch on the 29th October was a truly wonderful way to celebrate the arrival of Autumn. Those who missed out, missed a treat. As usual, we were not let down and the food was great. Many thanks to the Café committee and helpers. Thank you so much for our lovely Fish & Chip Supper with crackers etc at the Kurling Christmas Party. Tony Kelk won the nearest the pin competition and we were entertained by Stephen's cheery accordion music and Tish's Guess the Carol picture game. Thanks to Joyce and Ray for all that they do for organise these fun evenings.

Love Sonja x



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Bygone Badingham

Sally C kindly passed on some copies of the Echo from years gone by. In the Feb & Mar 1997 issue, we read that the Badingham Community Council was already making plans for the Millennium - when Badingham craftsmen made seats to commemorate the changing of the years.

The BCC was also planning for the summer fete. The fete was to be held on the stretch of ground between the Village Hall and White Horse, with street entertainers, fancy dress and tug-o-war competitions and a car boot sale. The festivities were to start at 12 noon with an early evening disco for the youngsters followed by another disco for those who could stay up late and partake of the specially arranged drinks licence.

34 children ("of various ages, shapes and sizes") had attended the Christmas party the previous month; entertained by Punch & Judy and tables laden with food before Father Christmas made an appearance.

There were reports from the Badingham Brownies, the Maypole club, the WI and the Badingham Handbells. The Village Hall committee were planning to clear and level the car park to create more parking spaces - and a cup of coffee at the White Horse would cost you 75p!

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Badingham, White Horse	07:31	Badingham, White Horse	18:06
Framlingham, Bridge Street	07:51	Pound Corner	18:08
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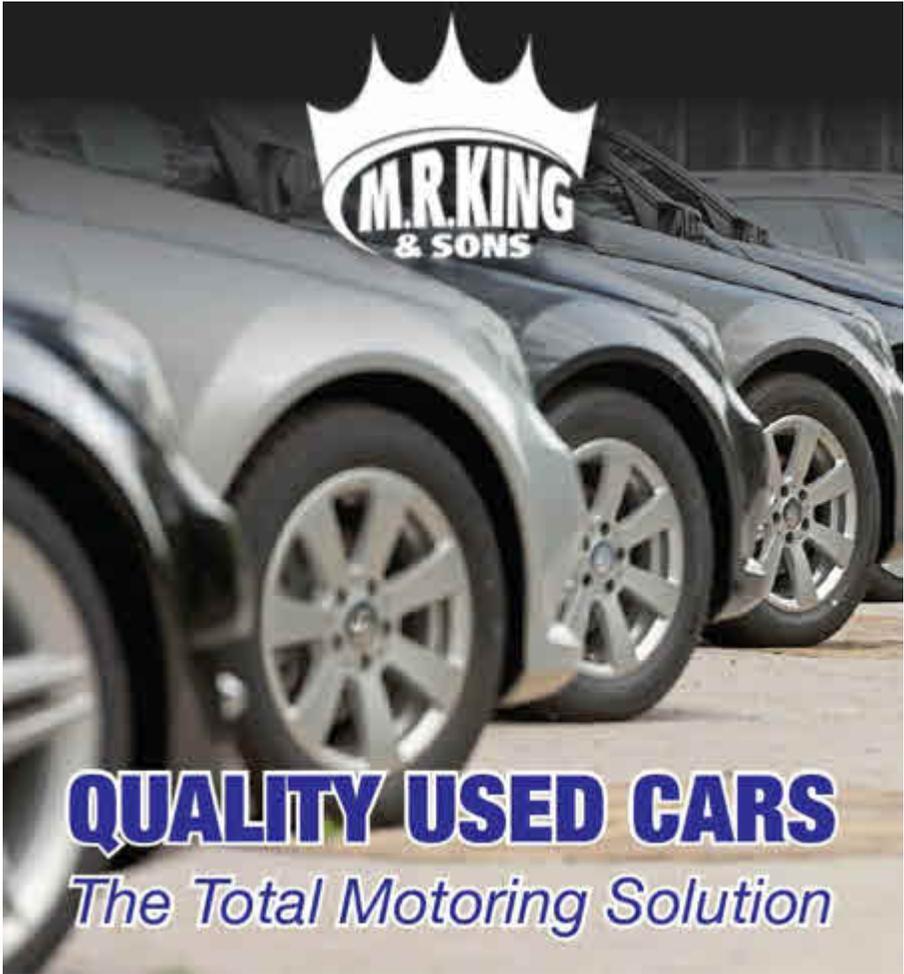
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