

Badingham ECHO



**Easter Service - Coronation Events - Bowls Club
Roll Up - Village Recipe Book - Crafting Morning -
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April & May 2023

BADINGHAM DIARY

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| Crafting Morning | Tue 4th April | Café 10 - 12 |
| Village Quiz | Thu 6th April | Village Hall 7.30 |
| Easter Garden | Sat 8th April | Church 10 |
| Easter Day Service | Sun 9th April | Church 10 |
| Kurling | Thu 20th April | Village Hall 7.15 - 9 |
| Bacon Rolls & Coffees | Sat 22nd April | Village Hall 10 - 12 |
| Bowls Club Roll Up | Sat 22nd April | Bowls Green 2 - 4 |
| Natter & Chatter | Friday 28th April | Village Hall 10.30 |
| BCC Music Night | Sat 6th May | Village Hall 7 - 11 |
| Coronation Service | Sun 7th May | Church 11 |
| Village Quiz | Thu 11th May | Village Hall 7.30 |
| Annual Parish Meeting | Tue 16th May | Village Hall 6 |
| Kurling | Thu 18th May | Village Hall 7.15 |
| Village Quiz | Thu 1st June | Village Hall 7.30 |

**** Change from regular date for Village Quiz in May ****

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 full details

Latest Village News & Events

Check for updates on www.badingham.org.uk

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

Please send your news / articles to Tish at Brick Kiln Farm , IP13 8LE
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Notes from the Editor

Happy Easter! .

From snowdrops to daffodils, the flowers along Low Street herald the changing seasons. Wasn't it a good job it was bright day when the power was off? What did you do to fill your time before the lights came back on?

The Badingham Diary looks busy once again. Congratulations to the Village Quiz which celebrated 20 years in February. In March, Ian was proud to announce that this year's quizzes have raised £1000 for good causes - and entertained us every month. Thanks to Ian and Margot for organising the evenings and to the quizmasters who prepare all those questions.

I also joined in the Litter Pick and Wendy's history talk / walk around the churchyard. Wendy had gathered a lot of information about past Badingham residents and we all learned something new. I hadn't realised that Doris Zinkeisen from the White House was a war artist, painting the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. If you have stories about people within our churchyard, Wendy will be glad to hear them.

In May we celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Sonja has been busy arranging the Music Night - I hope to have the same energy and enthusiasm when I am her age! It's disappointing that a larger community get together hasn't been planned for the coronation weekend but perhaps people will be galvanised in the coming weeks. Maybe the coming of Spring will be the spark needed for a simple bring-a-plate or bring a picnic gathering with some games for the children. It is 70 years since the last Coronation - what are your memories of that day?

With all good wishes, Tish

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BADINGHAM

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

This year really seems to be flying by, and the first major event the Badingham Community Council has planned is almost on us – a matinee trip to Lowestoft for a meal and to see a Sherlock Holmes play on the 29th. Michael has worked incredibly hard on putting it together and it should be a great day out.

We've also run two Natter & Chatter events which has been a great chance for people in the village to meet up and chat with those they know and to make new friends. The next two are Friday 24th March and Friday 28th April, both at 10:30 in the village hall. We'd love to see even more people come along!

The coronation celebrations are approaching fast. The BCC is putting on a music evening on Saturday 6th May, which Sonja is organising. See the ad in this echo for more details.

Finally, if anyone was almost convinced to think about joining the BCC Executive Committee by my piece in the last Echo then please get in touch and let me tell you more about it. We've had several new members recently, including myself, and all have been welcomed by the existing members.

Simon

simon.badinghamcc@gmail.com

Badingham Community Council Cake Stall

On behalf of the BCC, I would like to thank all those kind people who made cakes for the Table Top Sale in January. The profit was £45 + £10 donation. A big Thank You to Joyce who helped me man the stall.

Sonja

See Sonja's Call for Volunteers on Page 19

BADINGHAM
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

e *Music Night* f

featuring

e *The Occasionals* f

Badingham Village Hall

Saturday, 6th May 2023

at 7 pm

Tickets £15 / £13 for BCC Members

e Hot Supper f

e Bar * Raffle f

*** Lucky Number Ticket ***

Tickets from Sonja Russell 638268

geoffreyrussell268@gmail.com

Tickets non-refundable

Drinks from bar only please

Enterprise Badingham



Enterprise Badingham, together with the Café team, are planning to produce a Village Recipe Book, with any profits going towards village projects.

Do you have a favourite family recipe that you could share? What is your 'signature dish'?

We'd love some cake recipes from our café bakers but would also like to include other categories such as savouries, vegetarian options, cooking with herbs, desserts and preserves.

Please give or email your recipes to Annie Clark, Janet Barwell or Karen Bowe before the end of May (annie.clark@talk21.com, janet.barwell@btinternet.com, kr.bowe99@gmail.com).

Competition Time!

We would also like to invite all local children to design the back and front cover for the Badingham Recipe Book, and to provide a few illustrations to go alongside the recipes. These should also be sent to us before the end of May.

Prizes will be awarded to the best young illustrators.

Community Gardens



Enterprise Badingham would like to thank the Nature First Small Grant Scheme at East Suffolk Council for their generous award of £600. This money has helped with the maintenance of the Community Gardens and, most importantly, has enabled us to repair many of the plots. The grant has helped us to purchase good quality wood which will hopefully ensure that the gardens continue to flourish.

Karen

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

April 6th - British Heart Foundation

May 11th - East Anglian Air Ambulance

June 1st - St John's Church Badingham

Please bring your own nibbles, drinks and glasses

**** Please note the change of date for the Quiz Night in
May, owing to the Village Hall being used as
a Polling Station for Local Elections ****

£183 raised for Marie Curie at the February quiz

£114 raised for the Hour Community in March

We celebrated 20 years of the Quiz in the Village Hall on February 2nd. Andy Hill and I were joint Question Masters. This was really pleasing as Andy and I had started the quiz all those years ago.

With the aid of some donated prizes we raised £183 for Marie Curie. There were prizes for the winning team and runners up. A raffle was also held to raise further funds. The companies donating prizes were:-

Adnams

Waitrose Saxmundham

& Paddy and Scott's Coffee

A big thank you to them as they were all very cooperative once I informed them of the charity event.

An enjoyable evening - thank you to all those who took part. The next celebration will be in five years' time; hopefully in The White Horse where it all started.

Best wishes, Geoff Moore

Badingham Village Hall

Work on the terrace and garden area behind the hall has now started with more than thirty volunteer hours already completed in the last month. Thanks to Legs, Will, Ray, Maurice, Rob, Charles, Cam and Martin for making such a good start. A big thankyou to Bob Foster for removing all the old wood so quickly. If you would like to join the volunteer group let us know by emailing martintclark@gmail.com or rob.picton@me.com.



We will have a few more workdays in the next couple of months as the project grows and we do try to pick days with good weather!

As we develop the area we need more tools for gardening as well as basic hand tools. If you have any old ones lying around and you would like to donate them please contact Cameron cthomas7792@yahoo.com so we can arrange to pick them up. We are looking for anything from a hammer or spade to a leaf blower and hedge trimmer. They just need to be safe and in good working order.

A few dates for your diary:

Saturday 1st July

Coffee Morning for Village Hall funds

Friday 8th September

Music Night with The Man in a Hat

Friday 13th October

Ceilidh with Syzewell Gap

Friday 24th November

Winter Market in partnership with the Community Cafe

Celia, Amanda and Sally have been busy checking the catering and care-taking aspects of the hall as well as organising events. If you have suggestions for the future please get in touch with Celia cracknellcelia@gmail.com.

The Village Hall is now available for all sorts of functions from small training days using the meeting room to large family gatherings and parties with full catering arrangements. If you want to know more about what we can offer please get in touch with Charles charles@planetry.net.

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BADINGHAM CHURCH NEWS



EASTER DAY - SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2023

Join us for our service to celebrate Easter at 10AM

Everyone is very welcome

Easter Garden

As last year we will try to create an Easter Garden at the foot of the church tower. If anyone would like to come along and help about 10am on Saturday 8th April please do so. Flowers and jars will be available but bring your own if you wish. Children will be especially welcome.

Easter Boxes

Rita will again be collecting our Easter Boxes. Please would you take your boxes to Rita and if you are unable to do so let her know - 638208 - and she will arrange for them to be collected.

Our Easter Boxes are very small with a slot in the top for odd coins etc to go in. They are collected each year about now and the money helps with the running costs of our village church. If you do not have one and would be willing to please also contact Rita.

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023

We will be serving

COFFEE AND BACON ROLLS

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

FROM 10AM - 12 NOON

Vegetarian, Vegan and Gluten Free options available.

Please come along and support us

Coffee and Bacon Roll Mornings will take a break through the summer and start again in September. Thank you all helpers and everyone who has supported us through the winter season.



**The Coronation of
King Charles III**
Our service at 11am
on Sunday 7th May
will reflect the Coronation of
King Charles III the previous day
All are welcome

Churchyard

On a wet and cold morning in March I enjoyed a guided walk, led by Wendy, around the churchyard and noticed the beautiful patches of violets that were in bloom. I also noticed the number of twigs and bits and pieces that have blown down through the winter. These need to be cleared up and put on the bonfire before mowing begins. If you are walking through the churchyard and can clear just a few it would help. Rita has volunteered to gather some and would welcome your company, so if you have some time to spare please give her a call - 638208.

Food Bank

Just a reminder - there is a food bank collection point in the Church Chancel. Patricia kindly keeps it emptied and sees that any contributions are taken to The Eye Food Bank each week. School Easter Holidays are approaching and help will be even more necessary. Thank you everyone who has supported this.

Clothes Bank

A reminder too, that we have a collection point for clothes / shoes / handbags that are no longer required on the church car park. Everything collected is re-used, recycled or re-purposed so nothing goes to landfill. Payments of 30p / Kilo will all be paid into the Roof Repair Fund for everything collected.

Ann 638288

*** NEWS FROM BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL ***

The next PC Meeting dates: Please note we have tweaked the frequency of Parish Council meetings to try and include as many Members as possible to those meetings, juggling days and dates due to work commitments and so on. By the time you read this we will have had the regular meeting on 23 March. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 16 May at 7pm** in the main hall. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM), when all elected members take up their new position and posts, with a number of set procedures to be followed at this meeting.

It will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Parish (APM) at 6pm, again in the main hall. This is an opportunity for all the various clubs and groups in the village, including the PC, to present an annual report to the village. Attendance is open to all parishioners. It is not a Parish Council meeting. ***Do come and learn about what has been happening in Badingham over the last year.*** We will also be inviting the owners of the pub to give us a brief update. All clubs are invited to attend the APM and will receive an email invitation to present a report.

Local Elections 4 May 2023: Please remember that you **MUST** bring voter ID with you when casting your vote in the Village Hall on 4 May. See page 20 confirming what are acceptable forms of ID.

We are also looking for new Parish Councillors. Regrettably long standing member and previous Chair, Sonia Frost, is hanging up her hat and will not be standing for re-election. After over 20 years on the Parish Council, she feels, quite rightly, that she has done her bit! We wish her well and would like to publicly express our thanks for the dedication and time she has committed to the PC over those many years. Thank you Sonia, your insights will be sorely missed.

And so we need ***YOU*** to take up the mantle and become a Parish Councillor as this leaves us precariously lacking in Councillors. We have several vacancies for which members can be co-opted at the May meeting if we do not receive any further nominations as decided by the local elections on 4 May. Please speak to an existing Parish Councillor or the Clerk for further information.

King Charles' Coronation: With so few Parish Councillors, the PC felt it does not have the manpower to stage any celebrations for the above event. Instead we will be planting a tree in the Churchyard to commemorate this auspicious occasion with a suitable plaque.

Thermal Imaging Project: This has been cancelled due to the very limited uptake and the extensive training that would have required by our two volunteers. Prorate, it was agreed it was not worth spending time on. Thermal imaging apps are available for smart phones for anyone still interested in scanning their home.

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 do so by Tel: 01986 798422 (answerphone available if not in) or E: badinghamclerk@gmail.com

Caroline Emeny - Parish Clerk/RFO

Pete's Pond

As many of you know, this pond is a very special place for the Rous family.

We have been delighted to share it with locals but it must be understood that it is on private land and access to it comes with conditions. These revolve around respect – for the place itself, others who use it and most importantly the wildlife. We really appreciate the way that there has been “self-policing” over the years but just recently we have had cause to be concerned at some changes. We are finding rubbish lying around, dog poo bags have been left hanging on a hedge, a permissive footpath marker removed and a notice requesting that one side of the pond be left for wildlife has been destroyed. We have received a grant to restore the hedge but this itself comes with conditions that the restoration encourages wild life and we do notice that there are fewer nesting birds around the pond than we would expect. We could prevent access all around it but it seemed reasonable to have one side left undisturbed allowing a permissive path along the Southern side.

So please can we count on your support and help in keeping Pete's Pond special.

Robert Rous

Badingham Shop & Café

about 200 yards down from the church



Café email: Badinghamshopcafe@gmail.com

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Website: badingham.org.uk/badingham-cafe

The Café has been buzzing since opening again after Christmas. During the break Roger put up some new shelves giving us more worktop space and Caroline gave the cafe a fresh coat of paint. Many thanks to them both. Our bakers have been busy making a variety of delicious cakes and Scott's coffee is always popular.

We have already held several events in the café. On Saturday March 4 we hosted the Spring Litter Pick. Around 23 people generously gave their time to scour the village for litter and collected 18 sacks of rubbish. They then returned to the cafe for warming drinks and Karen's delicious scoffins, scones and new brioche/Greek yoghurt/blackcurrant jam combo. A big thank you to everyone for helping keep our village tidy. We will be holding another Litter Pick in the Autumn.

Despite the cold and wet weather, about 15 people turned up on March 9 for a really interesting walk led by Wendy around the churchyard. She had done a lot of research about the history of the graves and told us about women who used to live in the village and their achievements, as well as giving us lots of other local information. Everyone came back to the cafe afterwards to warm up. We hope Wendy will lead this walk again for those who were not able to come.

On Saturday March 25 we held the Spring Forward Brunch. Around 22 walkers set out on a 6 mile walk, returning to the cafe for Richard's delicious soups with bread and cheese. Other villagers joined them for the brunch, and a very good time was had by all.

Future Events

On Tuesday April 4 from 10-12 we are holding a new venture, a **Crafting Morning**, upcycling used Tetrapaks to make fun containers for plants, pens and knickknacks. The session is open to all ages and is free.

Wendy will be on hand to serve coffee, tea and our usual selection of delicious homemade cakes and scones. There will be free squash and a biscuit for children who must be accompanied by an adult.

We have quite a few tetrapaks but if you have any then please bring them along, also any Sharpies or waterproof pens.

Please book in the cafe or on the Cafe Email.

We have been busy planning exciting events for the summer, including the return of Sunday Teas, another Soirée Gourmande and an Italian evening. Watch out for more details in the next Echo out in June.

Sonja and Jean have kindly donated a lovely basket of goodies as a prize for our Easter raffle. Do come to the cafe and buy a ticket, just £1 each. The draw will take place on Wednesday April 5 at midday.

We are open as usual every Wednesday and Thursday morning from 10.30-12.30, and our popular walks continue every Wednesday leaving the cafe at 10am.

Thank you all for your support, we look forward to seeing you again soon.

The Café Team

Open Day Roll Up

The Badingham Bowls Club is a friendly club where the emphasis is on enjoying the game - good results are a bonus!

We are looking for beginners and new members - whether you have played before or not

Come along and have a go.

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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.



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| 3 January | Fox | |
| 6 January | Lapwing | c. 25 |
| 14 January | Fieldfare | 100+ Bowling Green Farm |
| 17 January | Treecreeper | |
| 31 January | Bumblebee | |
| 23 February | Greenfinch | At least 7 - largest number for some time |

I asked Paul's advice on a large, unfamiliar bug that I found clinging to a bedroom curtain on the night of the power cuts. It had presumably squeezed indoors out of the windy weather. Paul identified the photo as a Western Conifer Seed Bug. It is described as a large, reddish-brown squashbug that can reach 2cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in) in length. The bug is native to North America and was first reported in Italy in the late 1990s, reached Britain in 2007 and is becoming widespread in England and Wales. It feeds on the sap of pines, especially the seed cones, so I would probably have been quite safe even if I hadn't decided to throw it out the window!

Don't forget that Enterprise Badingham are collecting a list of wildlife seen in the churchyard and around the Community Gardens. They would welcome your contributions.

FRAMLINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB

We have returned to the superb and newly built
Castle Community Rooms in Framlingham

We play a 24 boards "Club" session on Mondays and
an 18 boards "Improvers" session on Wednesdays

Both sessions start at 2pm

Table money £3

New members and visitors warmly welcomed

If you are interested in playing bridge in a friendly social environment and would like more information, please contact Charles either at cs957@btinternet.com or on 01728 685019

BADINGHAM

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Sonja Russell - Lead Co-ordinator

Tel: **01728 638268**

Email: **geoffreyrussell268@gmail.com**



It is hard to believe Easter is once again almost upon us. We wish you all a Happy Easter – but with safety in mind.

LAWNMOWER THEFT

A 4-wheeled Bateson car trailer and orange Kabuta ride-on mower were among the items stolen after thieves raided a barn in a village near Halesworth on Friday, 6th January between 3.30pm and 7am the next day. Also stolen were Draper Oil Free 25l and Storm Force 50l compressors. Please be mindful of these burglars and make sure all sheds are locked up, have a security light and keys removed from vehicles. With any information, please contact Suffolk Police 101 quoting crime reference 37/1448/23.

DANGEROUS VAPES

More than 350 dangerous vapes have been seized locally. These vapes did not meet legal standards, often containing high levels of nicotine, contaminants or banned ingredients. You need to purchase from a reputable retailer and question strange looking packaging. Vapes should never be used by children, who are more susceptible to becoming addicted to nicotine which can cause damage to brains and lungs.

The Government recognises vapes are the number one tool in helping smokers quit effectively. My own thought is I gave up smoking many years ago with no vapes. I gave it up for Lent and never looked back. What do you think? Let me know your views.

HACKED BANK ACCOUNT

A warning to people doing online banking. Today I have heard that money had been taken out of someone's account; although assured this shouldn't happen because of security measures. The Barclaycard and debit card have been changed.

HATE CRIME

These acts of violent behaviour or hostility are usually motivated by hatred of a person's race, religion, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation. If you have had any problems, you can give information anonymously to Crime-stoppers on 0800 555 111.

We are fortunate not to have these problems in Badingham, as far as I know. We have a wonderful village with lovely people and I would be surprised if I heard anything so unkind.

Stay safe, Sonja

BADINGHAM

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Call for Volunteers

We would like our members, and villagers as a whole, to play a bigger part at helping the BCC at various events or activities we plan. It has been passed on to me that members have not been asked to help and this may be because we do not have your contact details. I know the village is very good at supporting us when needed and we would appreciate it if you could get in touch if you can lend a hand.

That brings me to tell you more about our Coronation Evening in the Village Hall – Saturday, 6th May 2023. The Band ‘The Occasionals’ led by Julia Last (nee Maclusky) and her Dad, Dr Kevin will be entertaining us. There will be dancing, if you would like to take part, or listen to Julia’s singing – a lovely voice. Tickets include a hot supper and there will be a draw and bar.

Tickets are limited to 50 – first come, first served. An evening not to be missed. Volunteers are needed to help set up the tables, at the door, to serve at the bar, to prepare and serve the food and tidy up afterwards.

Please contact Sonja ASAP if you would like tickets and / or can help out. Call 638268 or email geoffreyrussell268@yahoo.co.uk

Good quality draw prizes would also be appreciated – unwanted gifts?!

Thank you, Sonja Russell – President BCC

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Driving and Parking

- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge

Local travel

- Older Person's Bus Pass funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- Oyster 60+ Card funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- Freedom Pass

Proof of age

- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

Other government issued documents

- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Anonymous Elector's Document

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

You can apply for a FREE voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate, if:

- you don't have an accepted form of photo ID
- you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you
- you're worried about using an existing form of ID for any other reason, such as the use of a gender marker

You need to register to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline in the elections on 4 May 2023 is 11:59 pm on Monday 17 April.

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

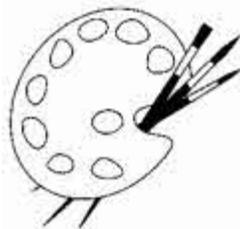
Thank You!

Rosemary would like to thank everyone who sent cards, phoned or visited her after her operation. After another week or two, hopefully she will be able to drive again and will be seen around the village in the bright orange car!

A Painting by Dr John Powley

I have been fortunate to obtain a Suffolk Painting for my chosen charity from my sister Kris. In due course you will know the charity, once the painting is handed over and the sale is advertised in the Echo. This is to be done by online auction, with the village to take part.

John has sold many of his works of art in aid of the Eastbourne District General Hospital, with cash raised helping to buy expensive equipment. John was a former general surgeon and very much involved in overseeing the new hospital being built some years ago.



John Powley pursued a parallel life as a most successful painter. On three occasions, his work hung in the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition. He was elected to the prestigious Wapping Group of Artists in 2000. They paint the London Docklands, landlocked Henley and east coast harbours such as Maldon, Aldeburgh, Dunwich and Southwold.

John knew Maggi Hambling and having received an invitation to view her studio and have a mug of tea, he went along to see her... how nice for one prestigious painter to meet our prestigious Suffolk artist, Maggi!

Sonja Russell (John's sister-in-law)

What did you do in the pandemic?

I thought it would be a good idea to gather some Lock Down memories of how we Badingham residents coped with restrictions on our daily lives. For most it involved a huge change, confined to their homes and separated from loved ones, while others were expected to carry on working to support us. Did you master video calls? Did you start a new hobby? How did you manage working from home? What did you encounter on your daily exercise jaunts? I would love to share your stories in a future issue of the Echo. Tish



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I have long championed the need for brown-field development to be prioritised ahead of building on our precious Suffolk countryside and for planning decisions about new housing developments to be taken with our local communities at their heart.

It is because of my belief in protecting the countryside from over-development that a few years ago, I worked with other MPs to block suggested changes to the planning system. These changes would have potentially reintroduced a form of regionally set housing targets by the back door, as well as fast-tracked developments without proper local consultation or scrutiny. These changes were wrong and I am pleased to have played my part in stopping them.

However, the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, currently going through Parliament is different. The Government has listened to my views and is now set to reform the planning framework that will benefit local communities here in Suffolk.

A key part of the reforms will see a new development plan system put in place at a local level, meaning that plans decided by local communities will be given much higher priority, with a presumption that the local plan must be followed unless there is a very strong reason to override it. This is a significant step forward given the amount of work that goes on in our local communities to inform local plans. I am also especially encouraged to see the introduction of a “use it or lose it” clause, which will prevent developers from stockpiling land and gaming the system. In future developers will lose

their planning consent unless they proceed to develop the site in a timely manner.

Suffolk’s towns and parishes already have the power to develop their own neighbourhood plans. Thanks to these important reforms, top-down regional housing targets will be a thing of the past, and Whitehall civil servants, many of whom have never set foot in Suffolk, will lose the power to impose massive new housing developments on our area.

These new reforms will also help to increase the accessibility of neighbourhood planning by allowing Parish Councils to produce simpler, easier to produce ‘neighbourhood priorities statements’, which will undoubtedly be welcome news to our hardworking local Parish Councils.

Whilst I welcome these positive reforms, I am continuing to fight for new laws to allow a community right of appeal against a planning decision. Currently, developers have the right to appeal but communities do not. It is time to level the playing field. Bad planning decisions need to be challenged, and residents deserve the right to do so.

Finally, I am pleased to see that under the proposed reforms, new Local Plan Commissioners will be introduced to support or, if councils fail in their statutory duties, to take over plan-making, in tandem with a new set of measures to increase the effectiveness of planning enforcement.

These new planning reforms are an important step in the right direction, and I shall continue to do all that I can as an MP to ensure our local councils have better tools to make the right planning decisions in the future.

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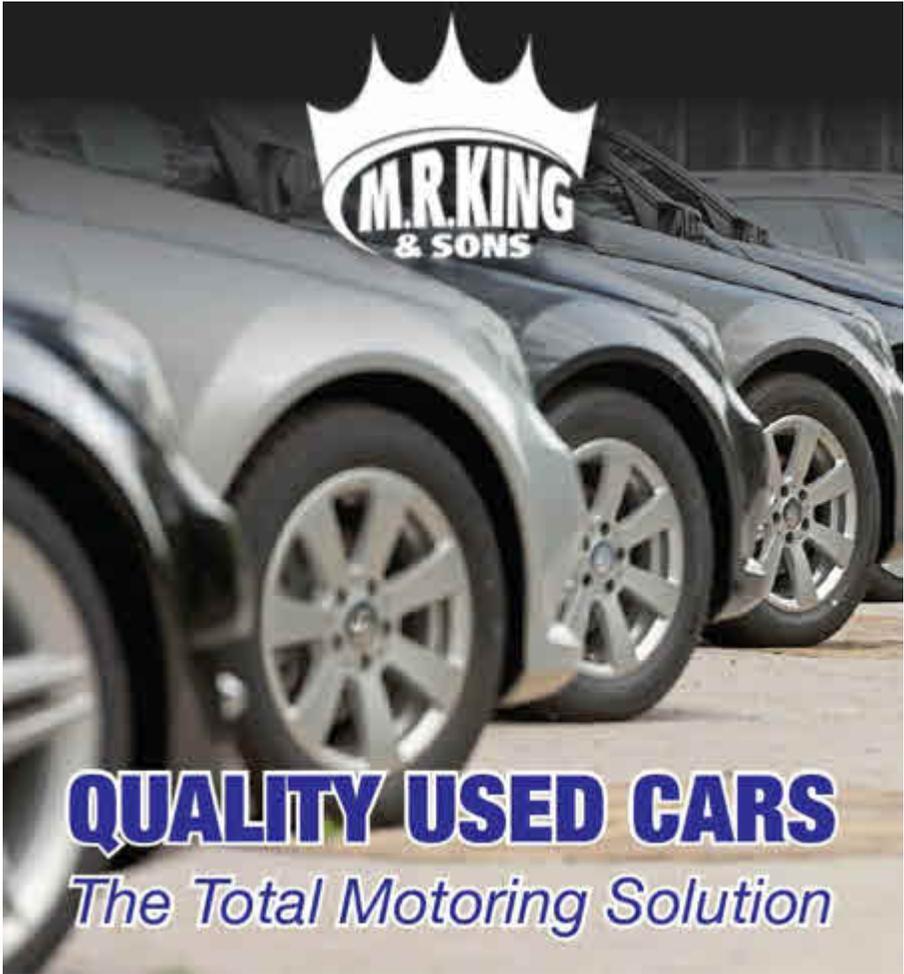


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