

# Badingham ECHO

## Midsummer Celebration



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June



2.30 to 4 pm

Badingham Church Yard

Free Tea & Cake Games for Young & Old

Live Music Circus Tricks Beer Tent

A Community Event for All the Family



St. John the Baptist, Badingham



June & July 2026

# BADINGHAM DIARY

Bingo	Wed 27th May	6.45 Village Hall
Birding Walk	Thu 28th May	10 am Café
Champagne Brunch	Sat 30th May	12 - 1.30 Café
Village Quiz	Thu 4th June	7.30 Village Hall
Open Farm Sunday	Sun 7th June	11-4 Dennington Hall
Cycle Ride	Thu 11th June	10 am Café
Footie Night	Wed 17th June	8 pm Village Hall
Kurling	Thu 18th June	7.15 Village Hall
Midsummer Event	Sat 20th June	2.30 - 4 Churchyard
Bingo	Wed 24th June	6.45 Village Hall
Celebratory Picnic	Fri 26th June	6 pm Village Hall
Village Quiz	Thu 2nd July	7.30 Village Hall
Music Night - Lundy	Fri 3rd July	From 7 Village Hall
Sunday Teas	Sat 5th July	3 - 5 Café
Kurling	Thu 16th July	7.15 Village Hall
Pimms Night	Fri 17th July	From 7 Village Hall
Bingo	Wed 29th July	6.45 Village Hall

## Regular Events

**Table Tennis** every Tuesday at 7.30 pm

**Wednesday Walks** meet outside Cafe at 10

**Badingham Cafe** Wednesdays & Thursdays 10.30 - 12.30

**Church Services** see the Upper Alde Link for full details

**Mobile Library** 2nd Friday of month, 2.40 at Village Hall

The copy deadline for the next Echo is **15th July**

Please send your news / articles to Tish at Brick Kiln Farm, IP13 8LE or by email to [BadinghamEcho@gmail.com](mailto:BadinghamEcho@gmail.com) or call Tish on 01728 638259

## *Notes from the Editor*

We have lots to include in this edition of the Badingham Echo. Thank you to all the contributors, the event organisers and our advertisers, old and new.

There was a big turnout for the last bacon rolls morning and the Bowls Club roll-up the same day. New recruits have joined the club - good luck to the Badingham bowlers this season.

The children had a lot of fun at the Easter activity morning. I must ask Geoffrey for his cake recipe – deciding it was so good, Thomas brought some home for us.

Sonja and Geoff are passing on the baton of their Echo delivery round (High Road / Hollow Lane) to Rob. Thank you to all our regular couriers, those who have taken over rounds from others and those who have stepped in to cover holidays.

If you have some time to spare, there are calls for volunteers to bake cakes, mow grass and help in the Community Café. I could do with an extra pair of hands to serve teas at the Midsummer Celebration so please give me a shout if you can help out. I'm not a tea drinker so you might help avert a disaster!

Good wishes, Tish

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# BADINGHAM

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Weekly Table Tennis:** The table tennis group continue to meet on Tuesdays from 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is a fun and energetic way to get fit and meet other people. Do come along and give it a go we have equipment you can use so no need to buy before you try.

**Monthly Bingo:** Badingham Bingo is a popular activity held on the last Wednesday of the month. For £10 players get books for 16 games and also some raffle tickets. All money collected on the night is paid out in prizes after paying costs. Why not give it a go? Eyes down at 7pm.

**Monthly Quiz Night:** Held on the first Thursday of the month this is a fun way of getting together with friends and neighbours and looking after those important brain cells. Members of the BCC committee entered a table for the May quiz, and as well really enjoying the evening managed to come second! 7.30pm - 9.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Save the date:** Watch out for an exciting village event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September - more news to follow!

### Echo Delivery

After 30-odd years delivering the Echo, we are finding this wonderful job that much harder - especially after my car accident five years ago. Rob has kindly agreed to take on our delivery route. It has been great fun, very rewarding and we've met some lovely people. Sonja and Geoff

**Badingham  
Village Hall**



# **Footie Night @ Village Hall**



**WORLD CUP: ENGLAND VS CROATIA**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Bar open 8pm, kick-off 9pm**

*Entry £2*

**LIVE MUSIC**

# **Lundy**

**Mary-Jane & Keith Tyrrell**



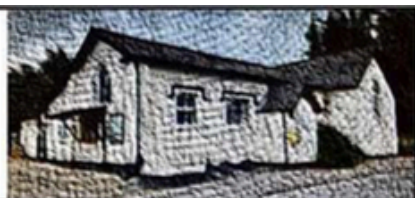
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm**

**Bar open from 7pm**

*Tickets £6*

*From: [www.ticketsource.com/badingham-village-hall](http://www.ticketsource.com/badingham-village-hall)  
or from the **Badingham Community Café***

# Badingham Village Hall



It's been a busy couple of months at the Village Hall. Along with the regular bingo, quiz nights, table tennis and curling sessions, we have had Ann Foster's Saturday coffee and (delicious) bacon roll mornings in aid of the church (she is taking a break now until the Autumn), and the church arranged a well-attended talk about church roofs. We also had a rockin' evening with the Blyth River Blues Band who were great despite being a guitarist down through ill health.

Coming up, Bar Nights continue on the third Friday of the month, except for June. Instead of the regular Friday Bar Night we will have a **Footie Night**, on Wednesday 17th June, where we hope to show England's first World Cup match against Croatia. The bar opens at 8pm with the usual drinks and nibbles, and the match starts at 9pm. Because it is a group match there is no extra time or penalties so will be finished before 11pm.

July's Bar Night will be on Friday 17th July and will be a **Summertime Pimms and Music** special! Hopefully in the herb garden if it's warm. The usual £2 entry for both of those. Note there will be no Bar Night in August.

We have another music event in July, local eclectic **acoustic duo Lundy** (Mary-Jane and Keith Tyrrell) will be performing on Friday 3rd July from 7.30pm, and the bar will be open from 7pm. Tickets will be available from Badingham Community Café or online at [www.ticketsource.com/badingham-village-hall](http://www.ticketsource.com/badingham-village-hall).

All proceeds from hall-promoted events go towards upkeep and improvements. You may have seen our new acoustic panels in the hall, these have made a huge difference to audibility. Previously the ambience in the hall was that of a large cavern; the reverberation has now been cut by two thirds and made it much easier to hear conversation. This was made possible by a grant from East Suffolk Community Partnerships and thank you to Gavin of GDR Property Care who did the installation. On the village hall page of the Badingham website you can hear the 'before and after' difference.

Keep checking the village website [www.badingham.org.uk](http://www.badingham.org.uk) and social media for news and updates.

## News from Enterprise Badingham

We had an excellent turnout for our weeding and mowing morning in April. The Community Gardens looked so much better for the hard work everyone put in. All the plots are currently taken but if you would like to find out more or go on the waiting list please contact Annie at [aelea1550@gmail.com](mailto:aelea1550@gmail.com)

The village oil syndicate currently has 30 members. Heating oil is delivered roughly every 3 months by Rix Petroleum who ring up each customer a week before delivery to see who wants oil and how much. Buying oil like this means the cost is kept down as much as possible and we get a small amount paid back each year which goes to support village projects.

If you are not yet a member and would like to join, please ring Rix Petroleum on 01953 457057 and ask about the Badingham village oil syndicate. The next delivery is during the week beginning 6th July.

# **BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

In the light of some comments made to the Parish Council about the speed at which some cars are driven along Low Street, the council is considering acquiring a speed indicator device that can be mounted on poles at either end of the 30mph zone. This would place the poles somewhere on the verge before the church at the northern end of Low Street and after the pub at the southern end, as you come into the village. The speed indicator device would be periodically moved from one pole to the other to keep its presence visible. We would be following the example of many villages in Suffolk in the effort to encourage drivers to keep within the speed limit along our quiet roads.

If any readers have other suggestions as to where this speed indicator could go, or have any comments about this proposal, please write to the Clerk at [clerk@badinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@badinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk) and the council will consider any suggestions.

Thank you. Andrew Lindesay, chair of Badingham Parish Council

## **NEW BUS SERVICE**

Travel to Framlingham or Laxfield, Stradbroke & Diss:

Four Times Daily, Monday - Saturday.

Please see the timetable on the Badingham Parish Council Website:  
[badinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://badinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Judy tells me the mini bus to Diss is a really good service. You can have an hour (for a supermarket shop) or 3 hours (for a look around town). Judy uses her bus pass but for others the cost is £3 a journey. The full timetable is included on page 31 but keep an eye on the website in case of any changes.

# **BADINGHAM CHURCHYARD**

## **BIODIVERSITY & QUIET SPACES PLAN**

A new system is being developed for managing the green space in the Churchyard, in conjunction with Suffolk Wildlife Trust and volunteer grass cutters. This will involve different frequencies of cutting, in order to support biodiversity whilst still recognising the Churchyard as a place of memory and worship.

Some areas will only be managed on a two year cycle; then scythed which should allow different types of native flowers to flourish. A plan identifying different areas will be on display in the church porch / Book Shop. Hopefully, this will make the Churchyard a lovely green space to visit.

## **GARDEN WASTE**

Could we ask that no garden waste from outside is deposited in the Churchyard. It would also be appreciated if visitors to graves could kindly take their waste home. This will hopefully minimise the volume of waste that has to be burnt.

It will also help us cut around the graves if you could kindly ensure that all items placed on graves are inside the plot space, as this will avoid damaging them or the mower.

## **GRASS CUTTING TEAM**

If anyone would like to join the maintenance group and help with developing this plan you would be most welcome to join in.

Thank you, St. John's PCC

A gentle reminder that this year's bike ride takes place on Saturday 12th September. Last year's turnout was really good and I look forward to another successful day raising funds for our church. Enjoy the Summer, Geoff Moore

# Badingham Community Café

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

Facebook: Badingham Café

Website: [badingham.org.uk/Badingham-Cafe](http://badingham.org.uk/Badingham-Cafe)



Some exciting events are coming your way soon; it would be great to see you there. Regulars and new friends are all welcome to attend but for some events you need to jump in quickly to secure a place. Our reputation for hospitality and a welcoming atmosphere has spread!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Bird Walk** – no booking necessary

We have some dedicated and hugely knowledgeable ornithologist types in our midst. To help you discover which feathered visitors are hanging out in the vicinity you can join Wendy Bainbridge, on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 10am**, when she will lead a local walk and be on hand to assist with locating and chatting about the birds. Bring binoculars if you have them and then stay on for refreshment and a chat. (there will be cake!)

### **Champagne Brunch** – booking essential

These bi-annual brunches are very popular and a great way for us to raise much needed funds to support the running of the café. The first of these gatherings takes place on the **30<sup>th</sup> May**. If you like to walk there is a ramble that leaves at 10a.m. and returns at midday. This is normally a 5-6 mile excursion. The route is weather dependant so we might be using field paths that can be uneven so walking shoes or boots are recommended. Brunch including a complimentary glass of champagne is £18 per person served between 12 and 1.30pm.

**Bike Ride** – no booking necessary

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 10 am** This is a new addition to our calendar. Many cyclists are to be seen out and about in the countryside and it's sometimes nice to have company so we have organised a cycle ride lead by Helen Walker. It won't be too extensive but will give you enough time to enjoy the beautiful countryside before refreshments at the café.

**Summer Celebratory Picnic** – booking essential

**26<sup>th</sup> June from 6pm** The café has an anniversary - we need to celebrate!!

The Café officially opened in 2016 and has survived, totally due to the amazing efforts of volunteers, to this day. So... we have an excuse for a party and are planning a celebratory picnic at the village hall on the Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June starting at 6pm.

Our awesome chef Thierry will be creating a cold buffet and suggesting some delicious wines to go with it. We ask that anyone attending bring a sharing dish of nibbles, dips or a small dessert so that we can make this a real community affair. Tickets for this are just £15 per person including a complimentary drink on arrival. If you have some young family members please bring them along too. Children accompanied by an adult are £5 each.

**Sunday Teas** – no booking necessary

As if all that isn't enough... we are delighted to say that Karen and Clark are generously giving up their time in hosting this Sunday afternoon special on **5<sup>th</sup> July 3-5pm**. Don't miss this event, it's such a wonderful way to spend a couple of hours. There are always delicious scones from the lovely Celia and cakes that will make the taste buds perk up.

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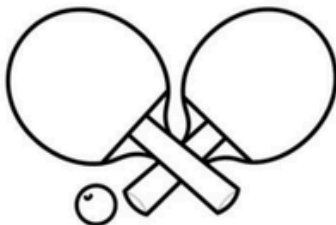
## **Memorial Sculpture for Janet Barwell**

In memory of, and as a celebration of a life well lived, we have commissioned a sculpted wall plaque to honour our dear friend Janet Barwell. We are so lucky to be able to call upon the talents of resident and artist Caro Burberry who has so well captured the essence of Janet's spirit and love of nature. This memorial will be unveiled later this year and will be on permanent display in the café.

Each week we open for delicious coffee/tea and homemade specialities. On Wednesday morning we have a walk that lasts for about an hour. We do go quite quickly which is providing an effective way of improving stamina and makes everyone feel less guilty about that cake that they really shouldn't eat but do anyway.

Finally... we love volunteers so if you have a bit of spare time and want to get involved, please let us know.

### ***Table Tennis at Badingham Village Hall***



***Every Tuesday from 7.30pm***

***£3 per person***

***Improve fitness! Meet people!***



## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH

**COFFEE AND BACON ROLL MORNINGS** will take a break through the summer and hopefully begin again in the autumn. In March we made a profit of £58.50 and in April, for only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, we cooked all 150 rashers of bacon, filled 50 rolls (and served croissants) and sold out completely. giving us a profit of £152.50. All the profits are for the roof repairs.

**A big Thank You to the volunteers who come and help us each time and an especially big Thank You to all of you for coming along to support us and, we hope, enjoy time with our lovely Badingham Community.**

### **Badingham Church Roof Repairs**

For various reasons, (the number of documents and paperwork that needed to be prepared and a change of personnel within the National Lottery Heritage Fund) our mid-term review with Heritage



had to be moved to the end of June and will take place in the village hall after a visit to the church.

This meant that we were unable to submit our Delivery Phase application in May, as we had hoped. If everything is in order by the review we will hope to submit our application for the Delivery Phase at the beginning of August. It has been a long and rocky road and taken a huge amount of work to get this far; we need your thoughts and prayers that our mid-term review is successful.

With advice from Suffolk Wildlife Trust and as part of the Activity Plan for our application, a new management plan is being implemented in the church yard. Patricia is writing about this in more detail.

We continue to be grateful to The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Lottery players for their support.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH BADINGHAM

## MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION

*Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2.30 – 4pm*

*in Badingham Church Yard*

LOTS OF FUN & LOTS TO DO

- \* Tea & Cake \* Beer Tent \*
- \* Have-a-Go Games \* Circus Tricks \*
- \* Sugar Mice & Candy Floss \*
- \* Timeline of Historic Events \*

Enjoy the music of STEVE KEEBLE

The only charge is for the beer, everything else will be FREE but there will be donation buckets if you would like to give towards the repairs to the church roof

The church nave will be open for you to find out more about the planned repairs and the new Churchyard Management Plan will be on display in the Book Shop

*We do hope you will come along and enjoy this event with us*

## **SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH BADINGHAM**

**EASTER PILGRIMS AND CHURCHYARD EASTER ACTIVITY** - We were so pleased to be able to welcome the Essex Leg of pilgrims for their coffee break on their pilgrimage to Walsingham. They would later be joined by hundreds of other pilgrims from all over the country on Good Friday and would celebrate together The Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The Pilgrims were slightly later arriving than anticipated and their visit overlapped with the Easter Fun activity session we were holding for younger people, but it was all great fun. The Pilgrims left fortified for the next bit of their journey. The youngsters enjoyed creating Easter Gardens and contributed to the amazing Bug House, which is now permanently in the far corner of the church yard. If you haven't visited it yet, and added to the comfort of the accommodation there for bugs, you should try to do so. Thank you everyone who helped with either of these events.

Ann

## **BOOKS AND BELLS**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Sale in the Churchyard in April. We made £507 which was a great result. The village was filled with the sound of the church bells for just under three hours as our visiting bellringers completed their challenge of ringing a full peal. We were so pleased to host them.

We are always pleased to receive donations of your unwanted books - just drop them off in the Book Shop. We can collect larger amounts locally. Please ring 01728 638078.

Thank you again to everyone who continues to support our fundraising for our beautiful historic church.

Patricia

# Dennington Hall Farms

**Pete's Pond** – as the Green frogs begin to croak, may I take this opportunity to thank Badingham residents for their care for Pete's Pond. Teresa, Laura and I are most grateful as I know that a number of people help to keep it tidy and thank you to whoever retrieved the safety ring recently. To help us allow it to remain accessible, please do not spread the word on social media and please keep to public and permissive footpaths only. The other margins are for wildlife not walking. Do not hesitate to contact us if something is happening there that you think we may not approve of. Also, if you enjoy your walks around the pond perhaps consider a donation to either Badingham or Dennington churches, which are both in need of major restoration or a charity of your choice.

**Wildlife** – we currently have a good number of turtle doves here and are hoping that the pigs and scrubby hedges will help their numbers to increase. We have recently appointed Ben Johnson as our Wildlife Manager to help the farm wildlife flourish. You may meet him as he does his feeding rounds.

**Farming** – our Badingham fields are either in wheat or wildlife management this year. After harvest the fields to the North of the village will have a cover crop to be grazed by fattening lambs through the winter followed by oats drilled in the Spring. The first time that these fields have had animals grazing for many years. The Southern field will have a second wheat. Some fields are feeling the lack of rain, but most are still looking good. We expect an early harvest – but who can tell!

**Open Days** – we are opening the farm as part of LEAF's Open Farm Sunday on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 11.00 to 16.00. You are all welcome to this free event where we show the farm and will be joined by other rural businesses.

Then, after harvest we plan to have a BBQ for residents of Dennington and Badingham on Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> – if you would like to “save the date”.

## **Contact details :-**

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Laura Rous    laura@denningtonhall.com    07979858022

Ryan McCormack – Farm Manager    ryan@denningtonhall.com  
07305382337

Ben Johnson - Wildlife Manager ben@denningtonhall.com 07581034676

Please always feel free to make contact to whoever you think is appropriate.

A dark blue poster for a quiz night. At the top, two yellow lightbulbs are shown from the side, with a string of small white lights hanging between them. The main title 'QUIZ NIGHT' is written in large, glowing yellow-outlined letters. Below the title are two horizontal white lines. The date and time 'THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 7.30 pm' are written in white. Below that is the location 'Badingham Village Hall', also with two horizontal white lines underneath. At the bottom, the quizmaster's name 'Quizmaster Geoff' is listed, followed by the price '£3 per person' and the instruction 'Bring your own drinks & nibbles' in a smaller white font.

# QUIZ NIGHT

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THURSDAY  
4TH JUNE

7.30 pm

Badingham Village Hall

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## **Emily McQuade writes -**

I am writing to you from Hargeisa, in Somaliland, in the Horn of Africa. Some of you might know that Somaliland declared itself an independent state from Somalia in the 1990s after years of civil war. It's a long way from the green fields of Badingham. I find myself in the desert more often than not, under the hot Somali sun, listening to unfamiliar birds and looking out over a vast, sandy vista.

Life out here is a little different. Minefields plague nomadic farming communities, and unexploded ordnance is regularly picked up by children who don't know any better. Working for The HALO Trust, we help clear millions of square metres of contaminated land left behind by past conflicts, while also providing life-saving explosive ordnance risk education.

Home for me will always be Badingham. Every time I come back, I'm reminded of what a privilege it was to grow up safe and protected from the hardship of conflict — purely by luck of birth. Running through neighbours' back gardens and along overgrown footpaths, I never once feared where I might step.

Despite the challenges here, I have been warmly welcomed by the Somali people and the communities we serve. I drink far too much sugary tea and have eaten more goat and camel than I ever thought a former vegetarian could manage. The kindness is everywhere. It's a reminder that those with different beliefs, languages, and ways of life have so much to teach us.

It's easy to focus on our own lives and lose sight of what truly matters. In many ways, we are more similar than we think. So I hope you're all enjoying the spring in Suffolk — my most favourite time of year. And if you get the chance, please look up The HALO Trust and the work we're doing across the world. Everyone should have a place like Badingham to call home!

Emily McQuade

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We are Duncan and Elaine who live on Mill Road in the village – you may have seen us running as we trained for a half marathon recently in May. Let us introduce ourselves – we have lived in Badingham since 2013. I work full time at Framlingham College as Head of Swimming and can also be found at Framlingham Castle during the holidays helping visitors with admissions, the shop or café. Hubby is in insurance. We have two daughters, now flown the nest.

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# Summer Dining

Rustic Tipi dining most Saturdays & every Sunday until the middle of September

Join us for delicious local food served in our giant tipi under the wide Suffolk skies, beside a roaring fire...

## Saturday Suppers...

**2 courses £29, 3 courses £35**

See our website for available dates. Bookings for supper essential, reservations via our website, phone or text.



See our website for Wood Fire Cooking Workshops in June and September

  
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**THE TRACTOR BOYS** We are great fans of Ipswich Town Football Club and have followed the Tractor Boys for many years. Can others of you remember when Ipswich won the FA Cup in 1978? After they triumphed in UEFA Cup we decorated the Village Hall with blue and white ribbons and celebrated with a dance. Hearty Congratulations to our Tractor Boys on your second promotion to the Premier League this century - stay up there this time!! Sonja & Geoff and the Russell Family

**The Laxfield Charter Fair** takes place on **Saturday, June 6th**, celebrating the 800th anniversary of the village market being granted its royal charter. The market starts at 9.30 with over 35 stallholders. Afternoon festivities include live music, maypole dancing and traditional fun and games. The Laxfield & District Museum and a Flower Festival in All Saints Church are open all weekend – with cream teas served in the church.

# BADINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Sonja Russell - Lead Co-ordinator

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Good news – I haven't had any reports of late. Quite remarkable.

## **Dog Walkers**

Please do not let your dogs off the lead on farmland, especially where there is livestock. I recently heard of a case where a Suffolk dog owner has been banned indefinitely from keeping dogs after her dogs left nearly 50 sheep dead or injured. The owner was ordered to pay compensation to the farmer and court costs. If your dog has killed a sheep, or been involved in a livestock worrying incident, you must immediately contact the local police on 101 (or 999 if the attack is actively ongoing and you need urgent assistance) and inform the affected farmer.

## **Home Security**

Many burglaries are a crime of opportunity but there are a number of steps you can take to improve security and put off burglars.

- Ensure doors and windows are locked – even if you are popping out for a short while or are in the garden.
- Fit deadlocks to outside doors and key-operated locks to windows
- Don't hide your spare keys in obvious places.
- Keeps gates and sheds well secured and ensure garden tools and ladders are locked away.
- Homes in darkness can be a target for thieves – leave a light on or, better still, put your lights on a timer and leave a radio on.
- Do NOT keep large of cash in your home.

We have security lights and cameras around the bungalow. This is a good idea and not as expensive as you might think. Ours is linked to the TV, allowing us to look back at camera footage.

# The Quiet Gardener

Experienced professional gardener has availability to work at a country house with owners who are interested in the care and development of their gardens.

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## EYES DOWN FOR BINGO!

Bingo at Badingham Village Hall

on the last WEDNESDAY of each month

**\* 24 June \* 29 July \***

from 6.30 for a 7pm start

Cash only

£10 for 2 books and raffle tickets!

Refreshments served at half time  
or bring your own snacks and drinks

*Call Celia for details 638332*

## Dennington Village Fete

Saturday 4th July

From midday

miniature train

BBQ

lots of activities

## BADINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH contd

### **Prison Footballers**

Football is still being played in jails and in the rehabilitation of prisoners. Hundreds of prisoners have been on coaching courses which are supplied by football clubs' foundations. While many former players have also given their support in an ambassadorial capacity. Football has been good for many the prisoners. For some it leads to a good career or take the chance to give something back. I'm delighted that this initiative continues.

### **In Pursuit of the Criminal**

Forensic Science has come a long way since the 60s and 70s – even the 90s! It is the use of scientific methods and knowledge to investigate crime. Forensic means used in or suitable to courts of justice. The term comes from the Latin forensis, meaning “public” and forum, meaning “court.” Forensic evidence is presented and interpreted in court. Forensic Scientists gather evidence from the crime scene and places that may link the suspect to a crime – or prove him or her innocent.

Take care, have a good Summer, Sonja

## **Watercolours Classes**

A course of 5 lessons led by professional artist  
and teacher Susan Boddy

[susanboddy.com](http://susanboddy.com)

begins on 15th September 10am -12 in Badingham Village Hall

All abilities welcome. Bring your own materials

**£15 for each 2-hour session**

Tea, coffee & biscuits provided

For more details contact Susan on 07811142014 or  
email [susanboddy54@gmail.com](mailto:susanboddy54@gmail.com)

## BADINGHAM LADIES LUNCH GROUP

We are a very friendly group of ladies who have been meeting informally for lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at various pubs and cafes in the local area. This month we decided to meet at Dunwich for fish and chips. If anyone would like to join us, we would be pleased to have your company. Contact Sonja on 07821 235834 or email [geoffreyrussell268@gmail.com](mailto:geoffreyrussell268@gmail.com)

## Dennington WI

What we've been up to so far this year -

**January** - 'What's Your Passion' members gave us an entertaining insight into their hobbies and interests.

**February** - Judy Raymont, an enthusiastic charity shopper, showed us how she had transformed many of her buys into classy outfits. She very kindly gifted us all a necklace made up from mixed beads from charity shops

**March** - Chris Parfitt showed us interesting, colourful slides describing his time spent in Thailand

**April** - SHELTER - Maya Brodie Dowden gave a moving and interesting talk on housing the homeless and the problems encountered

**May** - WI Resolutions + talk by Donna Roche on Qi Gong and Breath work.

**June 10th** - 'Silver & Gemstones' talk by Marianne Brame

**July 8th** - 'The Forgotten Bees' - talk by Hawk Honey

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Joyce Probert - [probertj@btinternet.com](mailto:probertj@btinternet.com)

# 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.



*Sightings at Pollards unless otherwise noted:*

3 March	Peacock	
5 March	Brimstone	
10 March	Chiffchaff	
13 March	Red kite	
19 March	Comma	
20 March	Bee fly	
23 March	Siskin	
	Bee orchid	x26 on rear lawn (leaf rosettes)
4 April	Cormorant	x 7 - flying east
6 April	Orange Tip	
7 April	Blackcap	
8 April	Small tortoiseshell	
10 April	Swallow	
12 April	Red admiral	
16 April	Holly blue	
25 April	Green-winged orchid	x7 (naturalised)
	Small yellow underwing	
	Speckled wood	
27 April	Small copper	

## **National Garden Scheme – Open Garden at The Priory**

National Garden Scheme Garden Opening. Nick and Clark are planning on opening their garden on Sunday 30 August - the bank holiday weekend. More details in the next Echo.

## **FRAMLINGHAM LADIES CHOIR**

40th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Friday 17 July 2026

12 Noon at the

United Free Church,

Framlingham

Free Admission -  
Refreshments provided

## **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!

## **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 ALWAYS WELCOME**

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

## **TABLE TENNIS**

Every Tuesday

7.30 pm

in the Village Hall

£3 per session

All welcome

## **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 Helen on 638055



Preparations are well under way for this year's Heveningham Hall Country Fair on 27th & 28th June.

New this year we have the Mini Monster Trucks for our younger visitors to have a go!! As well as action-packed displays in the main ring, there will be the usual music, animals, tractors and lots, lots more!

We always call for volunteers for the weekend. Any newcomers who would like to get involved, please contact me - we would love to have you on board! The Volunteers Meeting, with the ever-popular Drifters Fish & Chips, will be on Tuesday 23rd June at 6.30pm. Just as a reminder, all those that help have free entry to the Fair and all we need is a couple of hours of your time. Then, you can enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

I look forward to seeing many of you again and thank you for continued support. Our villages receive significant financial help from the Heveningham Country Fair Trust and much of this is down to your support each year!! [julie.collett@countryfair.co.uk](mailto:julie.collett@countryfair.co.uk)

### **FILM NIGHT @ Dennington Village Hall**

On Friday 12th June we will be showing *Hamnet* (certificate 12A), the highly applauded film that re-imagines the story of the writing of Hamlet. The film starts at 7.30, with the Bar and doors opening at 7.00. Tickets are £5 (£3 for 12-16 year olds).

We will take a break over the summer but will be back in September, including a special showing for Halloween of a psychological ghost story, *The Presence of Snowgood*. The director, Leigh Tarrant, a Dennington resident, will be interviewed about the making of the film and there will be opportunities to ask him your own questions.

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**Service 118 Eye, Stradbroke, Laxfield, Framlingham, Ipswich**

**Monday – Friday** (Schooldays only)

Stradbroke	07:15	Ipswich, OCM	17:15
Laxfield	07:21	Otley College	17:35
<b>Pound Corner</b>	<b>07:30</b>	Framlingham, White Horse	17:59
<b>Badingham, White Horse</b>	<b>07:31</b>	<b>Badingham, White Horse</b>	<b>18:06</b>
Framlingham, Bridge Street	07:51	<b>Pound Corner</b>	<b>18:08</b>
Otley College	08:19		
Ipswich, Old Cattle Market	08:43		

**CATS (Coastal Accessible Transport Service)** 01728 830516

**Booking hours:**

Mon-Fri - 8.45am - 4.00pm

CATS provide transport services to people in coastal towns and villages when access to public transport is not available. Volunteers drive minibuses, wheelchair friendly vehicles or use their own cars.

**Service hours:**

Mon-Sat - 7.00am - 7.00pm

**Route 522 from Peasenhall to Leiston, via Saxmundham**

Bus leaves Peasenhall Chapel St at two hour intervals from 07:53 to 13:53, calling at Waitrose Saxmundham at 08:16 to 14:16 and Leiston High St at 09:26 to 15:26. Returning to Peasenhall at 09:52, two hourly to 15:52.

**Katch bus service - operated by CATS**

KatchaLift.com operates between Fram, WickhamMarket, Campsea Ashe and Snape. Book via the app or call 01728 635939 (8.30am to 4pm).

**High Suffolk Community Bus**

Mini bus from Tannington and Woringworth make regular trips to Ipswich, Diss, Bury St Edmunds and Norwich. See [Combus.org.uk](http://Combus.org.uk) for more details.

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## New Bus Service from Diss to Framlingham

🕒 = Pick up only   🕒 = Set down only

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<u>Bus Station (adj), Diss</u>	-	10:15 🕒	13:21 🕒	15:33 🕒	18:21 🕒	
<u>Waveney Road (opp), Diss</u>	-	10:19	13:25	15:37	18:25	
<u>High School (opp), Eye</u>	-	10:31	13:37	15:49	18:37	
<u>Hartismere Hospital (opp), Eye</u>	-	10:32	13:38	15:50	18:38	
<u>Town Hall (opp), Eye</u>	-	10:33	13:39	15:51	18:39	
<u>White Hart (opp), Stradbroke</u>	07:10 🕒	10:48	13:54	16:06	18:54 🕒	
<u>Nursery (adj), Ashfield Green</u>	07:12	10:53	14:00	16:11	-	
<u>Village Hall (opp), Laxfield</u>	07:16	10:59	14:06	16:17	-	
<u>Pound Corner (S-bound), Badingham</u>	07:25	11:06	14:13	16:24	-	
<u>White Horse (S-bound), Badingham</u>	07:26	11:09	14:16	16:27	-	
<u>The Dennington Queen (o/s), Dennington</u>	07:29	11:16	14:20	16:34	-	
<u>Shelter (adj), Framlingham</u>	07:46 🕒	11:22 🕒	14:26 🕒	16:40 🕒	-	

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<u>Shelter (adj), Framlingham</u>	07:51 🕒	11:25 🕒	14:30 🕒	17:18 🕒	
<u>The Dennington Queen (opp), Dennington</u>	07:57	11:31	14:36	17:24	
<u>White Horse (N-bound), Badingham</u>	08:01	11:35	14:40	17:28	
<u>Pound Corner (NE-bound), Badingham</u>	08:04	11:39	14:44	17:32	
<u>Village Hall (adj), Laxfield</u>	08:11	11:45	14:50	17:38	
<u>Nursery (opp), Ashfield Green</u>	08:17	11:51	14:56	17:44	
<u>White Hart (o/s), Stradbroke</u>	08:22	11:56	15:01	17:49	
<u>Town Hall (adj), Eye</u>	08:37	12:11	15:16	18:04	
<u>Hartismere Hospital (adj), Eye</u>	08:38	12:12	15:17	18:05	
<u>High School (o/s), Eye</u>	08:40	12:13	15:18	18:06	
<u>Station Road (opp), Diss</u>	08:52	12:19	15:24	18:12	
<u>Bus Station (adj), Diss</u>	08:56 🕒	12:23 🕒	15:28 🕒	18:16 🕒	

This is the new local bus timetable from [Simonds.co.uk](http://Simonds.co.uk). **Route 482** operates Monday to Saturday, linking Diss to Framlingham, via Eye & Stradbroke. There are four full journeys each way per day, with additional journeys in the morning & evening providing connections at Framlingham to Ipswich Buses 118/119 to Suffolk Rural College & Ipswich.

# BADINGHAM DIRECTORY

<b>Emergency Services</b>	<b>Use your grid reference</b>	<b>Dial 999</b>
POLICE - Framlingham	Fire Station, Saxmundham Road	Dial 101
	Staffed by volunteers on Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri	9am - 1pm
DOCTORS	Pembroke Road, Framlingham	01728 723627
DENTIST	Framlingham Dental Surgery	01728 723651
VET - Castle Vet Group	Pepperwash Lane, Framlingham	01728 723480
VET- Framlingham Vets	Station Road, Framlingham	01728 621 666
Peasehall Post Office	The Street, Peasehall	01728 660 060
Little Oaks Playschool	Michele Cole	07585 913605
Primary School	Dennington	01728 638206
High School	Thomas Mills, Framlingham	01728 723493
Library	Bridge Street, Framlingham	01728 723735
Newspapers	Patricks of Framlingham	01728 724414
DIY Materials	Framlingham DIY	01728 723505
Window Cleaner	Prestige Window Clean	07538 585431
White Horse Inn	WhiteHorseInnBadingham.org.uk	01728 666475
Church	Ann Foster	01728 638288
Community Council	Rob Johnston	07939 235417
Community Gardens	Annie Clark	01728 638130
Neighbourhood Watch	Sonja Russell	07821 235834
Oil Syndicate	Annie Clark	01728 638130
Parish Council Chair	Andrew Lindsay	
Parish Council Clerk	Caroline Byrne	01986 798765
Village Hall bookings	Charles Bainbridge	07734 527808

Remember, if you **Need a Hand** while you can't get out and about, there is a team of willing people ready to help - call Karen on 07587 173755