

Badingham ECHO

**You are invited to
A Celebration for
Midsummer's Day**



Saturday 21st June

2 to 4

in the Churchyard

Teddy Zip-wire - Nature Trail

Handicrafts - Circus Skills

Tea & Cake - Beer Tent

June & July 2025

BADINGHAM DIARY

Bingo Night	Wed 28th May	Village Hall 6.45 for 7
Ascension Day Service	Thu 29th May	Church 7pm
Sunday Tea	Sun 1st June	Café 3 to 5
Licensing of Rector	Sun 1st June	Rendham Church 3.30
Quiz Night	Thu 5th June	Village Hall 7.30
Church Repairs Workshops	Thu 12th June	Village Hall 2-4, 6-8
Kurling	Thu 19th June	Village Hall 7.15
Café Gourmet Evening	Fri 20th June	Village Hall 6
Midsummer Celebrations	Sat 21st June	Churchyard 2 - 4
Bingo Night	Wed 25th June	Village Hall 6.45 for 7
Quiz Night	Thu 3rd July	Village Hall 7.30
Kurling	Thu 17th July	Village Hall 7.15
Bingo Night	Wed 30th July	Village Hall 6.45 for 7
Book Sale	Sat 2nd August	Church 10 - 12 TBC
Sunday Teas	Sun 3rd August	Café 3 to 5

Regular Events

Table Tennis every Tuesday at 7.30 pm

Wednesday Walks meet outside the Cafe at 10

Badingham Café Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10.30 - 12.30

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

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 or call Tish on 638259

Notes from the Editor

The other day I came across the June & July issue of the Echo from 1985. Jocelyne and Errol Firth, who now organise our Kurling evenings, were the editors of the Echo back then. They had received a dozen entries for a Sunflower Competition - I wonder who won? The Community Council were busy organising the fete. Games included Coconut Shy, Darts, Coins in Tank, Nails in Wood, Wet Sponge, Splat the Rat, Beet the Buzzer, Spin the Wheel, Guess the Weight of the Cake and Rope Measure. Today's BCC are looking for helpers to run games at this year's fete - does that give you any ideas?

Back in 1985, Sonja was also organising a dog show and fishing matches to raise funds for the village. The Parish Council had made a £500 gift towards the restoration of the church, who were looking to raise £15,000. In those days, Badingham had a Sunday School, Brownies, Youth Club and WI. Anita's parents were organising the Community Council bus that ran to Ipswich for popular Saturday shopping trips - and asked that children under the age of 14 should be accompanied by an adult. I remember those trips to Ipswich, do you? I was very young at the time!!

Just as then, the community is reliant on many kind volunteers - special thanks to those still helping today who feature in the Echo from 40 years ago. Volunteering must keep you young!

For those of you who missed my turn as quizmaster, I have included the questions from my Badingham round for you to puzzle over. See page 24

Hope to see you around the village soon.

Best wishes, Tish

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BADINGHAM

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

I hope everyone has been enjoying the fantastic weather. Sunshine gives us the feel good factor – but we do need some rain, preferably in gentle showers overnight!

Table Tennis

7.30 every Tuesday there is an opportunity to play Table Tennis at the Village Hall. Cost £3 per session. Come along and have a go – you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Village Fete

The BCC is busy organising our major fundraising event of the year, the Village Fete. On Saturday September 6th between 1 and 4, the fete will be held in the grounds of the White Horse pub, by kind permission of the management team.

Ways you can help –

- ÿ Set Up and Take Down – moving chairs and tables
- ÿ Make a Cake for our Cake Stall
- ÿ Donate a Raffle or Tombola Prize
- ÿ Help to man a Stall
- ÿ Run a Sideshow – organise a game or competition

Have your own Stall – only £5 per pitch. Please ring Pauline to book your place on 01728 602542. Already several stalls have been booked.

All help will be very gratefully received. If you can offer help in any way at all, please call Wendy on 07831 751256.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Pauline

on behalf of Badingham Community Council

BADINGHAM
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
presents

Badingham Village Fete

Saturday, 6th September 2025
1 to 4

at the White Horse Inn

Games – Competitions –
Stalls – Home Made Treats

Fun for all ages!

Latest Village News & Events

Check for updates on the Parish Council's website:

www.badingham.org.uk

Village Facebook groups

Badingham Recorder - for recording events, sharing memories and archives

Badingham Village Community - for news, advice and help

Badingham Village Hall - Badingham Café - Badingham White Horse

Badingham Café CIC

Café email: Badinghamcommunitycafe@gmail.com

Facebook: Badingham Café

Website: badingham.org.uk/Badingham-cafe



Café Society comes to Badingham!

Our champagne brunch on **Saturday 10th May** was a great success. Our guests, some of whom had been on the spring walk earlier in the day, sat on the patio in warm sunshine beneath colourful umbrellas, sipping (real) champagne to accompany the delicious light savoury dishes which Wendy Birtall and her team had prepared. It was just as if a French impressionist painting had come to life; a delightful way to spend an early summer afternoon.



We must not forget to mention the **Easter raffle** for a magnificent hamper very generously donated by Sonja Russell and Jean Kelk. This was the centrepiece of the café in the weeks leading up to Easter and raised £105.00

On **Sunday 1st June** from 3.00 to 5.00 p.m. we have the first of our ever-popular **Sunday Teas**. What better way to spend an afternoon than sipping tea, eating cake— perhaps even a delicious cream tea—and enjoying the company and the conversation.

We shall then looking forward to our next event, the much-postponed **French Gourmet Evening** at 6.00 p.m. in the village hall on **Friday 20th June**. Tickets are almost sold out but you may be lucky enough to pick up a cancellation if you enquire at the café. As in earlier years, we are fortunate enough to call on the services of Badingham's resident gastro-nomic genius, Thierry, whose generosity and expertise always make for a memorable evening. There will be music, of course, to capture the flavour of the Parisian boulevards.

There will be another afternoon tea on **Sunday 3rd August**.

Finally, a reminder that the café is a non-profit-making organisation staffed entirely by volunteers. Our cakes and scones are also made by volunteers. We always need more help either behind the counter on Wednesday or Thursday mornings or with baking cakes and other goodies. If you think you might enjoy helping out please drop into the café and have a word with us. There will always be a recruiting sergeant on duty.

We love our customers and hope to see more of you. If you would like to be the first to hear about our events and activities you can visit the café or send a message to Annie at badinghamcommunitycafe@gmail.com.

A Thank You from Sonja -

Badingham Café Champagne Brunch

Thank you all so much for the lovely brunch we had cooked by Linda and, of course, the volunteers were excellent. The good company at the Codgers table made it all the more fun. Those who didn't go missed out on a very enjoyable time!!

Much love, Sonja xx

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH BADINGHAM

Update on Badingham Church Roof

We are progressing through the Development Phase of our National Lottery Heritage Fund grant. Thomas Ford & Partners have been appointed as our Architects and we have had meetings with their teams of experts. They have made visits to carry out their own inspection of the roof and have begun the process of drawing up repair and conservation specifications for the timber and stone work. This work will continue over the summer and autumn, ready for us to apply to The Lottery Fund for a Delivery Phase grant in the early part of next year.



We have also appointed an Activity Consultant, Hannah Battersby, and an Evaluation Consultant, Sarah Glover, from a company called Flying Geese. They will be joining us to help plan forthcoming activities and for this we need the involvement of the whole parish.

Two workshops, to collect your thoughts and ideas about what you would like to see happening, have been booked in the village hall. They are on -

THURSDAY JUNE 12th BADINGHAM VILLAGE HALL 2pm – 4pm and 6pm – 8pm

This is an opportunity for everyone to come and give us their ideas about what activities they would like to see in and around the church and churchyard and on what topics

We know that many people have moved into the village since the repairs needed to the roof were first discovered. Do come along to find out what the roof repairs is all about. We hope that as many people as possible will visit the workshops, it is so important that the thoughts of the whole village are included. This work is being supported with a Development Grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. We would like to record our thanks to them and to all Lottery Players.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH BADINGHAM

A CELEBRATION FOR MIDSUMMER'S DAY



**SATURDAY JUNE 21st
2 – 4pm
in Badingham Churchyard**

LOTS OF FUN AND LOTS TO DO

ZIP WIRE FOR TEDDIES FROM THE TOP OF THE CHURCH TOWER

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– BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC, IF YOU WOULD LIKE**

The only charge is for the beer, everything else will be free but there will be donation buckets for the repairs to the church roof

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

For those of you wanting to try teddies on the zip wire – it does not have to be a teddy, any soft toy will be good. They will be very securely strapped in before being towed to the top of the tower.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH BADINGHAM

Ascension Day, Thursday 29th May

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 7pm in Badingham Church. It is a busy week but please join us if you can.

Licensing of the Rector - Sunday June 1st

We are delighted that The Bishop has lifted the suspension of the Benefice. This means that the Benefice will now continue as the 6 parishes: Badingham, Bruisyard, Cransford, Dennington, Rendham and Sweffling.

The Reverend Claire Kiddy, currently Priest-in-Charge, will be licensed as Rector of the Upper Alde Benefice on Sunday, June 1st. The service will be at 3.30pm at St Michael's Church, Rendham and conducted by the Venerable Rich Henderson, Archdeacon of Suffolk.

Tea will be served in Rendham Village Hall after the service.

Please come along if you can and give Claire your support, everyone will be very welcome.

Easter Pilgrims

We were pleased to be able to once again welcome the Essex leg of the Pilgrims Cross for their coffee break on the Tuesday of Holy Week. That morning it rained, and 25 very wet pilgrims arrived from Framlingham at about 10am but left in good spirits and in sunshine on their way to Harleston. Their pilgrimage finished at Walsingham, where they were meeting with many other pilgrims from various places in the country on Good Friday and staying to celebrate Easter Day together on the Sunday.

Churchyard

Thank you everyone who is busy mowing and strimming to help keep the churchyard tidy. At this time of year, when everything is growing, it is a full-time job. If anyone can spare a bit of time to help, even if it is just for an hour, with some strimming or mowing please give Ron a call, his mobile number is 07791 606192. He will be pleased to hear from you.

Polite Notice

When you are walking your dog in the churchyard, please keep an eye on it and make sure you pick up its poo. There have been a couple of times lately when this has not happened and it is not nice to walk into. Thank you.

VILLAGE QUIZ

**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)

Please bring your own nibbles, drinks and glasses

Proceeds to local organisations and charities

5th June - EACH

3rd July - Framlingham Library

April - £75 raised for Badingham Village Hall

May - £60 raised for Addenbrooke's Charitable Foundation

Summer break - no quiz in August & September

Badingham website - badingham.org.uk

The Badingham website is run by the Parish Council. It has recently been given a fresh, more attractive look. With the permission of the PC, I will be making some additions and changes in the hope that it can better serve as a central source of current village information, complementing the printed Echo and the various disparate social media groups. As a start, the website now contains a Google 'village events' calendar. If you are looking to see what events in the village are upcoming, look here first. If you are planning a public event, please email the details or to ask for the necessary permissions to be able to add to it; you can add some detail to the listing such as location and a description, or a link to an external web site. The home page will highlight selected upcoming events and have links to some of the relevant Facebook pages. Please take a look, remember it is a work in progress: there are some gaps so any useful content, or comments, please email me at robpicton@me.com

Remembering Janet

Our dear friend Janet Barwell died peacefully on Monday 12th May at the St Elizabeth Hospice.

Since Janet moved to Badingham 17 years ago, she has been a constant source of inspiration and endless enthusiasm when supporting various projects in the village such as the Community Café and Enterprise Badingham. She has touched the lives of many, encouraging and motivating those around her with a unique energy and great vivacity for life.

Janet loved Badingham and the surrounding area and found great joy in watching seasonal variations as she strode through the fields and lanes around the village, appreciating the first snowdrop pushing through on the verges just as much as the sighting of a red kite wheeling overhead or the crop variations and changing leaves on the trees and hedgerows.

Janet's other great passion was listening to, playing and teaching music, and we were very fortunate to hear her accomplished piano playing at many village fund-raising events, Café themed meals and Christmas Carols over the years. It was always a delight to be walking past Janet's house when she was practising and to stop a-while and get lost for a few moments in the beautiful classical music drifting through an open window.

Janet will always be remembered for her abundant enthusiasm and generous friendship; those who knew her will miss her very much.

Wendy Birtall

Framlingham Ladies Choir



Summer Concert

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BADINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

The village hall committee, overseen by the Parish Council, continues to mount events and to make improvements to the hall inside and out. Work is ongoing to improve the drainage in exceptional rainfall. Successful events recently included a wine tasting evening with music, and Ceilidh with Syzewell Gap, and it is great that so many residents support these, along with the regular offerings such as quiz nights, kurling, Saturday morning bacon butties, and bingo and table tennis organised by the BCC. Remember the hall can be booked at a special rate for residents, if you are considering an event such as a party or family get-together. Contact 07734 527808 or email badinghamvillagehall@gmail.com

ART WORKSHOP – are you interested?

We are hoping to host a water colour workshop run by artist Chris Bacon, around the middle of September. Please could interested people please ring Celia asap on 01728638332. It will be an afternoon session and last 4 hours. The cost will be £20 per person and refreshments will be available. You would need to bring your own equipment and before the day you will be given a subject to sketch onto your paper so you are all ready to go! This isn't a total beginner course. You could, if you prefer, bring your own project to work on and Chris will give advice.

THE WINTER MARKET – November 28th 2025

It's a long way ahead and we have summer to enjoy first but for information or to book a stall please get in touch through badinghamwintermarket@gmail.com

COMMITTEE

After two very successful years steering the village hall committee, Martin Clark remains a member but has passed the chairmanship to Rob Picton. The committee are very grateful to Martin for all he has achieved in that time, most notably the transformation of the rear of the hall into a beautiful and calming herb garden for all to enjoy. Thanks also to Amanda and Cameron Thomas who have been committee members for the last 2 years. We really need one or two more people on the committee to help keep the hall running smoothly: the main commitment is a short meeting once every six weeks or so, if you are interested please contact Rob rpicton@me.com.

We also have a fantastic group of volunteers who we couldn't achieve things without; if you would like to be added to the volunteer mailing list, please get in touch.



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News from Enterprise Badingham

We are delighted that the 4th and final booklet in our series of seasonal village recipe booklets 'From Garden to Kitchen' has now been printed. As with the other booklets, all the contributors are from Badingham - illustrations by Caro Burberry, poetry by Tamar Yoseloff, booklet design by Andrew Lindesay and recipes are favourites from people in the village.

You can buy the latest Spring edition for £3.50 or all 4 booklets for a special price of £12.50. They will be available at the midsummer celebration on 21st June or you can buy them from the café or order via email at badinghamcommunitycafe@gmail.com

Any proceeds from sales will go towards maintaining the community herb garden at the back of the village hall.

Gardeners have been busy and the plots in the churchyard are flourishing. The community gardens are a place to meet and chat as well as a place to grow flowers and veg and there is a super group of gardeners who support each other and work together. There is still one spare plot available. Please contact Annie on 01728 638130 if you are interested.

FOODBANK SPECIAL APPEAL

The Summer Holidays are an expensive time for all families but, for children who receive free school meals, school holidays provide an additional challenge for struggling families. The Foodbank tries to support them by supplying meals for these kids.

Starting at the beginning of July, Badingham Church will be launching a MEAL APPEAL. The Waveney Foodbank Depot have sent us suggestions of items that will be most needed:

Tinned meat	Tinned curry	Tuna
Instant / tinned potatoes		Tinned vegetables
Microwaveable packet rice		Pasta, Pasta Sauce
Biscuit bars (Penguins etc)		Squash

If you could donate a meal, or even one of the components, it would be really helpful. We will have a special receptacle in the Church Chancel (where the Altar is) at the start of July. Foodbank donations are decreasing nationally but, sadly, the need for help is increasing.

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:

4 March	Brimstone	
	Buzzard	x6
6 March	Peacock	
	Comma	
22 March	Chiffchaff	
25 March	Red Admiral	
27 March	Reed Bunting	
30 March	Heron	
31 March	Blackcap	
1 April	Orange Tip	
6 April	Swallow	Red House Farm
18 April	Holly Blue	
	Large Red Damselfly	
28 April	Brown Argus	
	Common Blue	Both very early - latter usually early June

EYES DOWN FOR BINGO!

Bingo at Badingham Village Hall
on the last WEDNESDAY of each month

*** 28 May * 25 June * 30 July ***

from 6.45 for a 7pm start

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Badingham Artists open their doors for Suffolk Open Studios 1st and 2nd Weekends in June

Sculptor Caro Burberry and painter/printmaker Gill Bedson are welcoming visitors to their home studios on Saturdays and Sundays 7th & 8th and 14th & 15th June for Suffolk Open Studios. Both exhibiting artists will be available to chat about their work 11am - 5pm daily.

This is a unique opportunity to see what we do in our creative spaces and, perhaps, purchase an original artwork. Free entry, selling exhibition, sculpture, paintings, drawings, prints, cards, courses.

For full details see the Suffolk Open Studios Art Directory online at www.suffolkopenstudios.org

Caro Burberry - 3 Allums Yard, Low Street IP13 8JS (venue 28 in the SOS Art Directory). www.caroburberry.com 07903 898804.

Gill Bedson - Chapel Farm, High Road IP13 8LY (venue 12 in the SOS Art Directory). www.gillbedson.co.uk 07794 365049.



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THE SLOW READERS BOOK CLUB

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

Call Caroline 638585

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

BADINGHAM

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Sonja Russell - Lead Co-ordinator

Email: **geoffreyrussell268@gmail.com**

New phone number: 07821 235834



Badingham

As far as I know, not having had any reports from anyone for NHW, everything is OK.

What is Stalking?

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust defines stalking as 'a pattern of fixated and obsessive behaviour which is repeated, persistent, intrusive and causes fear of violence or engenders alarm and distress in the victim'.

Stalking can happen with or without fear of violence. It can consist of many types of behaviour, including being followed or harassed, malicious or unwanted calls or emails, property damage, regular unwelcome gifts, physical or sexual assault. If the behaviour is persistent and clearly unwanted, causing fear, distress or anxiety, then it is stalking and you should not live with it.

If you are being stalked, contact the police or get advice from the National Stalking helpline: www.suzylamplugh.org 0808 802 0300.

Call 999 if you or someone else is in immediate danger.

Been Scammed?

Hourglass (formerly Action on Elder Abuse) works to protect and prevent abuse of vulnerable older people. Its services include a confidential freephone helpline which provides advice and support to victims and those worried about a neighbour or friend. A peer support volunteer programme brings older people together to support each other.

Call their confidential hotline: 0808 808 8141 or visit wearehourglass.org

Take care and look after yourselves and neighbours,

Sonja

Art Forensics

As the saying goes, “every picture tells a story”. Art Forensics assists in the detection of forgeries, deception and stolen property. Authenticity is key to an artwork’s value. Even an inferior picture by a famous artist will fetch a higher price than an excellent one by a forger. I can tell you that myself, having witnessed this happen within our own Art Society. A picture was hung up at one of our exhibitions and the person who did it was caught. Being chairman at the time, it was my responsibility to sort it out!

These days, with sophisticated forensic technologies, it is hard to fake paintings, statues and other artefacts to hoodwink the experts. Forensic scientists study suspect paintings under various lights. A forger might make a picture look convincing to the naked eye but x-rays and infrared light do not deceive. A forger has to be extremely talented to produce an ‘old masterpiece’ without resorting to any modern materials.

Sonja

BADINGHAM CHURCH BOOKSHOP

The special Book Sale we held in the Churchyard in April went really well. We raised £240 from the Sale of the higher quality, more unusual Books that had been donated to the Bookshop. Ann served coffee from her mini outdoor cafe and Annie distributed loads of her excess rhubarb. Everyone sat around in the Spring sunshine, chatting and looking at books.



We are planning another Sale on August 2nd, more details to follow.

All donations of books always welcome; just leave them in the Bookshop. Many thanks, as always, for village support for the Bookshop.

If anyone from the Community Garden would like to have a table selling their excess produce or plants of any type at the next event, they would be very welcome! Just let me or Annie know.

Patricia



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Badingham Quiz Questions

1. In which decade was the Badingham Community Council founded?
2. On which road will you find Gypsies Corner?
3. Badingham once had 3 manors - can you name them?
4. What shape is the Seven Sacraments font in Badingham Church?
5. The village extends to roughly how many square miles?
6. Badingham's population in 2011 was 489. What was the number in 2021?
7. The Roman Road that passes through Badingham starts at Peasehall and leads where?
8. Which family are buried in the tomb by the altar in the church?
9. How did Factory House earn its name?
10. Name the Badingham pub which closed in the 60s.

Answers on page 27

FRAMLINGHAM LIBRARY

Redevelopment

Our new Children's Area is due to be fully complete by the end of June. During the works we will do our best to keep you informed and make alternative arrangements or extend loans when necessary.

Changes to our Library Service

Suffolk County Council is bringing the library service in-house. We don't yet know how this will affect what we offer at the library, but we will still be offering lots of amazing services and activities. We'll share updates as soon as we have them; keep an eye on our social media and website for the latest news.

A Mystery in Abstract: The Hat Comes to Framlingham Library

This summer, the mysterious artist known as The Hat presents their first full collection. 30 bold abstract works bursting with colour and intrigue. Rumours swirl about the artist's identity - could there be a local link? The exhibition runs through July to mid-August, with art for sale and one piece auction to support the library. Stay tuned for further details!

See you in the library! Vivia



Dennington C of E Primary School

150th Birthday Celebrations

Thank you to all who came to celebrate with us on Saturday, 10th May at the school. The atmosphere was incredible, with beautiful weather setting the scene for an unforgettable day, including traditional maypole dancing and heartwarming reunions with past pupils and staff who shared their fond memories of the school. It was fun to see people searching for their names in the school punishment books!

We were also deeply grateful for the generous donations that made the Victorian fairground rides accessible to all children free of charge, particularly Counsellors Stephen Burroughes, Owen Grey and Vincent Langdon-Morris, and Dan Mayhew with Sizewell C Community Funding, Dennington Charities, Hatcher Components and other generous benefactors from our parents and community.

We were able to raise £2,000 raised to be put towards our new library and sensory room. We are still fundraising for this and if you would like to contribute you can on our fundraising page:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/150-dennington-school>

Lastly, we would like to say a big thank you for the generous donations for our raffle including: The Co-op, RSPB Minsmere, Waterstones, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Colchester Zoo, Jimmys Farm, Morrisons, The Fox and Goose, Deben Inns, Dennington Queen, Watson and Walpole, The Suffolk Show and Ipswich Football club.

LOCAL TRANSPORT

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
Pound Corner	07:30	Framlingham, White Horse	17:59
Badingham, White Horse	07:31	Badingham, White Horse	18:06
Framlingham, Bridge Street	07:51	Pound Corner	18:08
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

Service hours:

Mon-Sat - 7.00am - 7.00pm

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.

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 Worlingworth make regular trips to Ipswich, Diss, Bury St Edmunds and Norwich. See Combust.org.uk for more details.

BADINGHAM VILLAGE HALL



Our spacious hall has a kitchen and bar area,
with plenty of tables and seating

To hire the Village Hall please contact:

Charles Bainbridge 07734 527808

Badinghamvillagehall@gmail.com

Hire rates from £9 per hour.

Full pricing, terms and conditions online at

www.badingham.org.uk

Quiz Answers

1. The Community Council was founded in the late 60s.
2. Gypsies Corner is just beyond The Priory, on Laxfield Road.
3. Badingham Hall, Colston Hall and Okenhill.Hall.
4. The Seven Sacraments font is octagonal
5. Badingham extends to roughly 11 sq miles.
6. Badingham's population decreased by 1 between 2011 and 2021.
7. The Roman Road from Peasenhall leads to Coddendam.
8. William Cotton and Lucy Rous are buried in the tomb by the altar.
9. Factory House was involved in the manufacture of flax.
10. The Bowling Green public house closed in the 1960s.

Happy to be corrected on any answers!

Farming Update

With little spring rain, we're grateful for our heavy soil's capacity for retaining moisture and hopeful that the forecast is right for a soggy Bank Holiday weekend! The last few days have involved lots of paperwork – checking everything is in order for our farm assurance audit and waiting for the go ahead to complete our application for an environmental grant.

The Red Tractor auditor visits annually to inspect the farm and check records for traceability, training, agronomy and equipment servicing along with risk assessments and pest, soil and nutrient plans. All produce leaving the farm needs to meet Red Tractor standards.

After the threat of legal action, the Government is due to reopen the Sustainable Farming Initiative for farms which had started an application before the current scheme abruptly closed. This scheme pays for actions which deliver for nature. With worldwide crop prices low, some options proved more popular than expected and caps had already been introduced to limit land going out of food production.

Do not be alarmed if you meet a hen on the footpath – we have a wanderer who we hope doesn't wander into the path of a fox. I've warned her about the buzzards too. Poultry restrictions were lifted last week and the hens are enjoying a good scratch in the dirt and a dust bath.

BADINGHAM DIRECTORY

Emergency Services	Use your grid reference	Dial 999
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
Peasenhall Post Office	The Street, Peasenhall	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
Taxi Service	Country Cars	01728 724377
Window Cleaner	Prestige Window Clean	07538 585431
Fresh Fish Van	Spencer Wightman	07929 097124
Church	Ann Foster	01728 638288
White Horse Inn	Moss & Co	01728 580107
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	Thomas Mountain	07984 033345
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