

Badingham ECHO



December 2025 & January 2026

BADINGHAM DIARY

Winter Market	Fri 28th November	Village Hall 5 - 8
Festive Wreath Making	Wed 3rd December	Village Hall 6.30
Quiz Night	Thu 4th December	Village Hall 7.30
Village Festive Lunch	Sun 7th December	Village Hall 12.30 for 1
Kurling Christmas Party	Thu 11th December	Village Hall 7pm
Candlelight Carol Service	Sun 14th December	Church 7pm
Cafe last day of 2025	Thu 18th December	Café 10.30 to 12.30
Village Carols	Fri 19th December	Village Hall 6 to 7
Village Fesive Evening	Fri 19th December	Village Hall 7 to 10
Crib Service	Wed 24th December	Church 4pm
Cafe open	Wed 14th January	Café 10.30 to 12.30
Coffee & Bacon Rolls	Sat 17th January	Village Hall 10 to 12
Café open	Wed 21st January	Café 10.30 to 12.30
Café open	Wed 28th January	Café 10.30 to 12.30
Bingo Night	Wed 28th January	Village Hall 6.45 for 7
Wine Tasting	Fri 30th January	Village Hall 7pm
Café open	Wed 4th / Thu 5th Feb	Café 10.30 to 12.30
Quiz Night	Thu 5th February	Village Hall 7.30

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

**** Closed 19 Dec - 13 Jan ** Wednesdays only in January ****

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

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or by email to BadinghamEcho@gmail.com or call Tish on 638259

Notes from the Editor

Feeling festive yet? You definitely will be once you have attended a few of the functions in the Badingham Diary. We have five weeks of events bursting with holly, carols and mince pies in the run up to the bank holiday. Thank you to everyone who makes these occasions possible by giving their time and energy. Not just at Christmas but throughout the year - it sounds like there are plenty of plans to entertain us in the months ahead.

Thank you also for the team behind the Echo who are poised at very short notice to print, shuffle paper and deliver the finished magazine door to door. We have a regular team of 10 who distribute the Echo, another 10 who I can call on to help collate all those copies – 260x Echo and 850x Upper Alde Link. That's a lot of hours of printing that Jennie carries out for us.



As the first Thursday in January will be New Year's Day, Jennie has decided to delay the Quiz until February. I will be finalising my quiz questions over the Christmas break – I hope you can join us, this time we will be raising funds for the Village Hall.

On Sunday 14th December it is the Suffolk Tractor Light Parade, with 200 light-adorned vehicles setting off from the auction centre at Campsea Ashe from 4.30pm, through Wickham Market and towards Melton and Rendlesham. Don't forget to hurry back to Badingham for the church carol concert at 7pm, where energetic singing and mulled wine will warm you up.

Best wishes for a joyful Christmas
and a happy and healthy 2026, Tish

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BADINGHAM

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The BCC extends a very warm welcome to all the residents who have recently moved into our lovely parish. We hope you'll be happy here and join in what we do.

I would like to thank Moss & Co for allowing us to hold the fete this year at the White Horse. The fete was enjoyed by so many people, who came from far and wide. Also a huge thank you to all my committee and to the volunteers. Your help was greatly appreciated. We now look forward to the 2026 Village Fete.

Little Ernie Winners

July draw – Will Cracknell - August draw – R Macluskay

Sep draw – Michael Skinner

Retirement of BCC Committee Members

Rita Ruffles - A founding member of the BCC back in 1967, Rita was our longest serving committee member. Having worked hard and supported the work of the BCC for all those years, Rita was still lending a hand folding draw tickets at this year's fete. Well done and keep going Rita!

Pauline Skevington – Pauline was chairman of the BCC for many years and continued to support the BCC following her move from Badingham to Saxmundham. Pauline has dedicated so much time to the BCC over the years and we shall miss her very much.

Celia Cracknell – Over very many years, in her quiet way, Celia has supported many activities in the village including the BCC, Village Hall and Café. With sadness we will miss her on the BCC committee but we look forward to more of her wonderful scones and shortbread biscuits.

Bill Dicks – Our Treasurer Bill has put down his pen. He has worked tirelessly to keep our books in order and his advice to the committee was exceptional. Bill, you will be much missed too.

On behalf of the BCC, the members and the village, thank you all and enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

The BCC committee now consists of myself Sonja Russell (President), Rob Johnston (Chair), Michael Skinner and John Lloyd supported by Wendy Birtall (Secretary). Following the retirements we have seats to fill on the committee. If anyone is interested, please contact Wendy on 07831 751256.

If you would like to join the BCC and our Little Ernie draw, now is the time to do it. From April to September we hold the Little Ernie draw with half the money collected awarded as prizes and half towards BCC funds to further amenities that benefit Badingham and its community. If you have any suggestions, or indeed want to apply for funding, please contact Wendy.

Sonja Russell BCC President

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Colston Farm Bungalow, Badingham, IP13 8LB

We are looking for a volunteer Treasurer for the Badingham Community Council (BCC)

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Y Does your previous or current life experience include a background in finance or accounts?

Y Are you able to use spreadsheets and read sets of accounts?

Y Perhaps you have a good understanding of the purpose of accounting, and its role in governance?

We are a very small charity with the purpose of raising funds to support events and activities for the benefit of people living in Badingham.

You will receive lots of support to take on this role. We would love to hear from you if this is a volunteering opportunity you would consider being involved with.

Please contact Wendy for more information at:
badinghamcc@gmail.com or 07831 751256

BADINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Lots happening at the Village Hall!

We had our first **Pub Night** in October, with a bar selling real ale and a variety of drinks, and a games theme to the evening. It was lovely to see so many people there! The dartboard was a real attraction- did you know there used to be a very competitive Badingham darts team - perhaps we could resurrect one?

The next Pub Night is **Friday November 21st, 7- 10pm**, Earl Soham Brewery 'Victoria' on tap, and there will be a turntable for anyone who wishes to spin some vinyl.

The **Winter Market** will be on **Friday 28th November from 5 - 8pm**. Lots of stalls inside and outside with local crafts for all your present-buying requirements, with mulled wine and mince pies, and live music.

There will be a special **Village Festive Evening** on **Friday 19th December** with **carol singing for all from 6 - 7pm**, outside in the Herb Garden if the weather's ok, inside if not. Inside the hall the bar will be open until 10pm, and there will be seasonal songs performed by vocal group **Capstan Full Strength** and other entertainment.

Looking further ahead, on Friday 30th January 2026 we will again be holding a **wine tasting evening** with Case-Sera wines, to include cheese and biscuits and musical interludes! A merry time was had by all last year, don't miss it!

We will hold a **Ceilidh** again with renowned local band **Syzewell Gap**. On Friday March 27th we host an evening of music by the **Blyth River Blues Band**.

For all of these events, you will find details on the village website: www.badingham.org.uk

To book the village hall for an event, family get-together or party contact 07734 527808, badinghamvillagehall@gmail.com

Village Festive Evening



Carols for all 6–7pm

Bar open 6–10pm

Seasonal Songs performed by
Capstan Full Strength

Friday 19th December
Badingham Village Hall

BADINGHAM CHURCH BOOKSHOP

The recent special Book Sale raised £251. Thank you to everyone who donated/ bought books or just joined in. We set the sales tables up in the Chancel this time, to stay dry. That meant we were a bit tight for space but it all worked out. Invaluable help was given by Ann, Amber, Helen (cakes) and Andy C.



Although we sold a great many, there are still lots of remaining books which will be in the Bookshop over the next few weeks, so you will have a chance for a second look. Again, thank you to everyone who supports this fundraising venture.

Patricia

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH BADINGHAM



COFFEE & BACON ROLLS

It is hard to believe that our next mornings will be in the new year – 2026. The dates are:

Saturday 17th January

& Saturday 21st February

in Badingham Village Hall

10 – 12 noon

Vegan, Vegetarian and Gluten Free are available

It is always lovely to see people coming for a relaxed get together and chat. Do come along and join us. Everyone will be made very welcome.

All the profit from these mornings goes towards the roof repairs.

In October we made £61.32. As I write this, November's morning has not yet happened.

Ann

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH BADINGHAM

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 14th December

7pm at BADINGHAM CHURCH

**Followed by mulled wine
and Christmas nibbles**



CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve,

Wednesday 24th December

4pm at BADINGHAM CHURCH

We look forward to welcoming you to this very special service
which will last 30 minutes

followed by hot fruit punch and mince pies

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO BOTH SERVICES

Do join us if you can at this very special time of year

On behalf of Badingham Parochial Church Council

A huge thank you to the many people who help to support and work to keep our lovely village church alive and in good order in so many ways and to everyone who is working on our Heritage Lottery application.

Yes, we have a roof to mend but with everyone's prayers and efforts we will hopefully, get there, even if it takes a while.

We wish Everyone a Blessed, Peaceful and Happy Christmas
Victor Warne, Church Warden

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH BADINGHAM



Update on Church Roof Repairs

The Diocesan Advisory Committee has in principal approved the issue of the roof repair (the Faculty), subject to some technical queries being answered. Our architect team is working on these at the moment and expect to have the queries answered within the next 2 - 3 weeks. After that, the Diocese will issue the Faculty, which is the church equivalent of planning permission. This allows us to carry out the repairs but doesn't provide the money to do it. That will come from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and a number of other benefactors, to whom we are applying at the moment.

As part of the fund-raising and in response to suggestions from the Activity Consultant surveys that were completed, we are hoping to have another talk in the village hall. This will probably be in February and be given by Dr Sarah Cassell, who will talk about the Angel Roofs in Suffolk Churches. Badingham Church has some painted angels which were installed when the hammer beam roof was erected some 500 years ago. Look out for more details, which we will publicise as soon as we have them.

As always, thanks to The National Lottery Heritage Fund for their support.

Remembrance Sunday

This year our entire service was around the War Memorial and the weather was amazing. Very different to some of the remembrance days I remember in years gone by when the ground has been white with ice and we have all been frozen. As we laid a purple wreath as a symbol of remembrance for the many animals that served and died in wartime, our congregation was joined by two incredibly well turned out and well-behaved horses and a dog. There was a cat not far away, but I am not sure many noticed. It was a very poignant and meaningful service.

Many people joined us in the church afterwards for refreshments and to look at the wonderful display of the timeline of the two world wars that Victor had worked so hard to prepare and which remained in the church for the rest of the week.

Hammer Beams Week in Badingham Café

The Café had an amazing Hammer Beams Week. All their takings were donated to the roof repairs; they made an amazing £305.50. Thank you everyone who volunteered in the café, baked cakes and supported them.

Badingham Quiz Night

The profit from the November Quiz was also donated to the church roof repairs raising £72.00. Thank you to Jennie, the Quiz Nights organiser, Geoff the Quiz Master and all the supporters who attended. Everyone's help is very much appreciated.

Ann

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride 2025



This year's bike ride took place on Saturday 13th September. Those taking part for Badingham were:

Charles Bainbridge, Mandy Houchin, Tina Neil, Chris Neil, Nick White, Charlotte Hamilton (my daughter), Geoff Moore

Charles, Mandy and Nick all biked around the Tunstall area which they enjoyed. Tina and Chris were more local and had a very interesting visit to The Old Chapel in Walpole.

Charlotte and I were also quite local. It was good to see some churches doing different things. In Great Glemham, there was an Arts & Crafts display. Worlingworth had a Book Fayre. In Cransford we chatted to three Doctors during a 5-minute visit, not something that happens too often. We moved on to Framlingham where we planned our lunch. All the Cafés were full and many were queuing to get in to them. Sadly, the Castle Inn had a broken coffee machine. We had better luck in Earl Soham with lunch at the butchers called Huttons. Here we had an excellent bite to eat, with very friendly service. Our last Church was Dennington and just before the heavens opened we made it home. We had a most enjoyable day.

The total amount raised was £595.75. A really good effort by all concerned, including those who were kind enough to sponsor us. Those recording visitors to our church were:

Rosemary Keable, Ann Foster, Lynne Moore,
Margot & Ian Wolstenholme

A big thank you to, all! It was a good day with pleasing results.

Geoff Moore GFMooore07@gmail.com

In aid of **Badingham Community Café**
and **Badingham Village Hall**

Winter Market

Hot Food!

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village website, and bookmark the home page:**

www.badingham.org.uk

- ÿ News from the Village Hall, St John's Church, Café
- ÿ Community Calendar and upcoming events
- ÿ Directory of services for residents and visitors
- ÿ Parish Council notices
- ÿ Badingham Community Council news
- ÿ Badingham Echo, current and previous editions

*Note that the web address above currently redirects you to
www.badinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk. Either address will work fine!*

Badingham Café CIC

Café email: Badinghamcommunitycafe@gmail.com

Facebook: Badingham Café

Website: badingham.org.uk/Badingham-cafe



News from Badingham Community Café

The Café has had a busy couple of months, and it's been lovely to see new faces on both sides of the counter, serving in the Café and also sitting and enjoying our home-baked produce with a cuppa. A huge thanks to all our regular volunteers, and also to the new Café volunteers and bakers who have been making delicious new bakes (both sweet and savoury) to be enjoyed by all.

The Autumn Brunch and walk on Saturday 18th October was a tremendous success. Those who took part in the walk arrived back at the Café to join our other guests and tuck into a hearty veggie goulash served with chunks of bread washed down with wine, followed by apple and almond cake with cream, and a hot drink. Keep an eye out for our next walk and food event in Spring 2026.

Our regular Autumn Village Litter Pick was again organised and run by Karen on the 1st of November. Unfortunately, there were fewer volunteers than usual to help. However, those who attended did a sterling job of tidying our lanes and pathways. Thank you, Karen for organising this event to keep our village tidy, and for the coffee and bakes provided afterwards for those who volunteered.

The Café hosted a fund-raising Hammerbeam Week on the 5th and 6th November. Our bakers pulled out all the stops to produce a delicious array of cakes and bakes, and we met regular guests and new faces helping to raise funds for Badingham's St John the Baptist Church roof appeal. The total amount raised is £305.50 – thank you to everyone who baked, ate cakes and donated money, and contributed to such a great cause.

The annual Winter Market will be on Friday 28th November from 5pm – 8pm at the Village Hall. The Café volunteers will be serving mulled wine and mince

pies outside, alongside a stall selling home-made cakes, bakes and produce. We'll also be raffling a fabulous Christmas Hamper that will get any festivities off to a great start! Our ever popular tasty chilli served with cheese and tortilla chips is back again this year, and will be served from the kitchen.

Café volunteers will be joining the carol singing on Friday 19th December at the Village Hall Festive Evening. The bar will be open and hosted by the Village Hall Committee from 6pm – 10pm. Please do pull on a festive jumper and come along and join us for an enjoyable evening amongst friends and neighbours.

So that our bakers and café volunteers have a well-earned rest, the Café will be closed after service on Thursday 18th December, re-opening on Wednesday 14th January 2026. We will be open on Wednesdays only on the 14th, 21st and 28th January, re-opening on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4th February.

We hope you'll be able to join us for the events we have planned, and you will be made very welcome when you pop into the café for coffee and cake at any time – we look forward to seeing you soon.

From Badingham Community Café we wish you all peace and happiness as 2025 draws to a close and 2026 commences.

Foodbank Collection

The box for village donations for the Foodbank is now in the Church. Any items you could donate will be most welcome. All recipients will have been referred from various welfare agencies.

All dry/ tinned or packet foods are needed, including personal hygiene items and petfood.

If you wish to donate Seasonal items for Christmas (childrens sweets etc) they **MUST** be donated by **MON 15th December**.

Thank you, Patricia

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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What do we do?

- Y Fund the Badingham Echo
- Y Provide grants to support local groups
- Y Purchased and maintain the village defibrillator
- Y Host and subsidise events such as weekly table tennis, monthly Bingo and Quiz Night, and the annual Village Fete, Festive Wreath Making Workshop and Festive Lunch

How do we raise money?

- Y Badingham Community Council (BCC) membership
- Y Little Ernie 50:50 prize draw
- Y The annual Village Fete
- Y Advertisements in the Badingham Echo

Who has received recent BCC grants?

- Y Enterprise Badingham
- Y Badingham Village Hall and Herb Garden
- Y Badingham Bowls Club

How can you help?

- Y Consider becoming a volunteer at BCC events
- Y Even better – become a BCC Trustee and join a small but enthusiastic committee working to raise funds and provide fun events and activities for the village
- Y Become a member of the BCC: for an annual payment of £5 per person you will be making a valuable contribution to village activities and events we support. Please complete and return the form included in this Echo
- Y Join Little Ernie for an annual payment of £5 and have 6 chances of winning one of the cash prizes drawn during the summer months

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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.



Emilia has written about the startling white creatures she has seen.

Sightings at Pollards unless otherwise noted:

9 Sept	Weasel	Red House Road
24 Sept	Peregrine falcon	Circling towards Twin Oak Farm, then stooped westwards
2 October	Pseudoscorpion	Walking over my boot as I went to put it on
16 October	Brambling	Female, on feeders
23 October	Golden plover	25+

Have you seen the white deer?

Driving home from school with Granny on a sunny November afternoon, we came up passed Rooks Bridge when the snow white flanks of a pale deer flashed out onto the road. Back as golden as fresh baked bread he swerved across in front of us holding up the traffic. He made it to the far side but had a change of heart turned around and headed back where he had come from.

The grass was crispy white with the first frost of autumn. I looked out the window to see a snow white pheasant sitting proudly on the fence. A flash of red from his crown as he turned to scan his wintery domain.

Emilia Foster

We were saddened to hear of the passing of David Clarke of Cherry Tree Farm. Another loss for the farming community in this small corner of Suffolk, David was one of the few who had been raised in Badingham and worked here throughout his life. A large congregation gathered to pay tribute to David; hearing stories of his youth, family and farming life.

Our thoughts are with all those who have lost someone close in recent times.

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

BADINGHAM

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Sonja Russell - Lead Co-ordinator

Email:

geoffreyrussell268@gmail.com

New phone number: 07821 235834



Badingham

A warning – a report has come to me regarding a man seen on two farms in Badingham. He may have an accomplice, as often happens. Now the nights are drawing in, would people be extra careful in locking doors, windows, garages, sheds and cars. When you go out, leave a light on at night and music playing during daytime. Ideally, you should have security lighting and cameras. You can buy these at quite reasonable prices. Please keep an eye on your neighbours and, if you see anything suspicious, check in with them and contact me or the Police.

When you phone me, please leave your name. We are screening calls to avoid scam and nuisance callers. Thank you.

Christmas

The festive season is almost upon us... please remember to be extra vigilant at this busy time of the year. The opportunist thief is well aware that there are rich pickings to be had. Whilst out shopping please put your purchases in the boot of your car or cover them up. If you have an alarm or immobiliser USE IT – you would be surprised at the number of people

who don't. Always try to use a well-lit public car park. Remember that many expensive toys come in boxes as many other things do too. If you leave the empty boxes outside to be collected, you are advertising the fact that the contents are in your house!

Card Fraud

Contactless card fraud, while rare, can occur through methods like skimming (using a skimming device to steal information) or relay attacks (intercepting a card's signal to make a remote purchase). To prevent it, check bank statements regularly, carry your cards in a secure place like a front pocket or in a RFID-blocking wallet to make it harder for someone to read them without your knowledge. It is important to report any suspicious activity to your bank as soon as possible.

As another year draws to a close, on behalf of the co-ordinators of Badingham NHW and those kind people who help, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Sonja

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

4 December - Sarcoidosis UK

No quiz in January

5 February 2026 – Badingham Village Hall

October - £54 raised for the Air Ambulance

November - £72 raised for Badingham Church

A Magical Christmas in Framlingham!

Christmas in Framlingham, takes place on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th December 2025.

The festive celebrations will fill Market Hill and Framlingham Castle with lights, laughter, and plenty of Christmas cheer.

Friday 5th December (4 - 8pm) The festivities begin with the Christmas Tree and Light Switch-On, a moment that always brings magic to the heart of our town. Enjoy the glow of the lights, visit Santa's Grotto at Ruby Tyger (The Old Mews), and join the enchanting Lantern Parade from Framlingham Castle. There'll be live entertainment and delicious festive food on Market Hill the perfect way to start your Christmas season.

Saturday 6th December (until 4pm) The merriment continues with the Christmas Market on the Hill, the St Michael's Church Christmas Tree Festival and a Christmas Fair in the Castle Community Rooms. The town will be alive with seasonal entertainment and community spirit throughout the day..

EYES DOWN FOR BINGO!

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

*** 26 November * 28 January ***

from 6.45 for a 7pm start

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LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY

Poetry and me (and a partridge in a pear tree) With Jennie Fontana, an evening talk and poetry readings. Jennie's book *The Great Alignment* is on sale in local book shops. Monday 1 December at 7:00pm book at the library.

Art Exhibition Our current featured Art Exhibition until the end of January is by Framlingham Art Society. There are other opportunities from early spring onwards, so please drop in and have a chat if you would like to display your work.

100 Years Celebration - In November we celebrated 100 years of having a public lending library in Framlingham.

Fall Prevention Classes - These have started but you can still self-refer for a place on one of Strength and Balance Classes, more information in the library or via the Suffolk Community Libraries website.

Health and Exercise equipment - Did you know that you can borrow health equipment such as blood pressure monitors and exercise equipment such as weighted hoops and kettle bells from the library? Take a look at the health pages of Suffolk Community Libraries.

Free SIM cards - If you're struggling to get online, you can get a free SIM card from libraries which are preloaded with data, calls and texts to help reduce digital exclusion. The Good Things Foundation provides the SIMs for free with Suffolk Community Libraries managing the scheme. If you don't have a working mobile phone number or mobile data, it can make life very difficult to apply for jobs or benefits and people in this position are least able to afford a regular mobile phone contract. Full details from the library.

Police Drop-ins - Thursday 18th December 10:00-12:00

Know Another - Tuesday 2 December 10:30-12:30 a drop-in session for those interested in alcohol reduction

Christmas Stories - As part of the Framlingham Christmas celebrations we will be reading stories for children at 3:15 in the library on Friday 5th December. Local shops and businesses will be taking part in Christmas in Framlingham by hosting a festive tune to discover as you wander through the town. The trail maps will be available in the library - see how many songs you can find!

See you in the Library, Vivia

A Christmas Story from Sonja

A star in the sky, an angel's voice
Telling the world "rejoice, rejoice!!"
Shepherds looking after their flocks by night,
Wise men following the star so bright.

No room at the White Horse Inn today
But in a shed a manger of hay
Was where the Baby Jesus lay

Keep this story in your heart
When Christmas draws near
And may God bless you all
Throughout the New Year



Christmas Concerts in Framlingham

Framlingham Ladies Choir Christmas Concert

A lunchtime concert of festive music
Friday 19th December at 12 noon
at St Clare's Church, Fore Street, Framlingham

Free entry - refreshments provided

Rabble Chorus Christmas Charity Concert

Sunday 21st Dec at 7pm In St Michael's Church, Framlingham
A lovely evening of atmospheric music to start your Christmas

Free performance and refreshments
with a collection at the end in aid of Hour Community

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.

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www.badingham.org.uk

DOUBLE STREET ADVENT CALENDAR WINDOWS

For those unfamiliar with the event - Double Street is the small, historic Framlingham street opposite the church entrance. The display takes the form of an Advent calendar with a decorated window being revealed each day from the 1st to the 24th December. The windows will be on display until Sunday 4th January and are best viewed after dusk.

This is a free event but we do hope that visitors will donate generously to our chosen charities, which this year are both MND [motor neurone disease] related. One is the local support group for MND sufferers and the other is the national MND charity.

There will be collection boxes in the street and a QR code for online donations, which will be displayed on advertising material and in the street. Please remember that participants cover the cost of their display and all advertising so all donations go to the chosen charities.

This year some windows will have an Elf hiding in the display and the challenge for everyone [not just children], is to find them all. Entry forms giving details of the competition will be available in the library from Monday 1st December.

FRAMLINGHAM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL in St Michael's Church

A church full of Christmas Trees decorated by local voluntary groups and organisations.

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER

5 - 8pm A special preview evening when all the twinkly lights can be seen at their best. Along with the Rector's Mulled Cider and stalls.

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER

10am - Lights switched on and scrummy cakes and Fairtrade beverages served. With a wide variety of stalls.

10.45am Welcome the Pop Chorus

12 noon - 2pm - Hot soup and rolls from the Framlingham Guides

The trees will be on display until 4pm on Sun Jan 4th.

Free entry daily 10am to 4pm.

Donations gratefully received to go towards maintenance of the church.

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
Window Cleaner	Prestige Window Clean	07538 585431
Fresh Fish Van	Spencer Wightman	07929 097124
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	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