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Thankyou

Cathy Miah
17 Springfields

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Note the changes to collection dates around **Christmas** and **New Year**.

Note: Garden waste collections, for those who have paid for them, normally coincide with the collection of the blue recycling bins.

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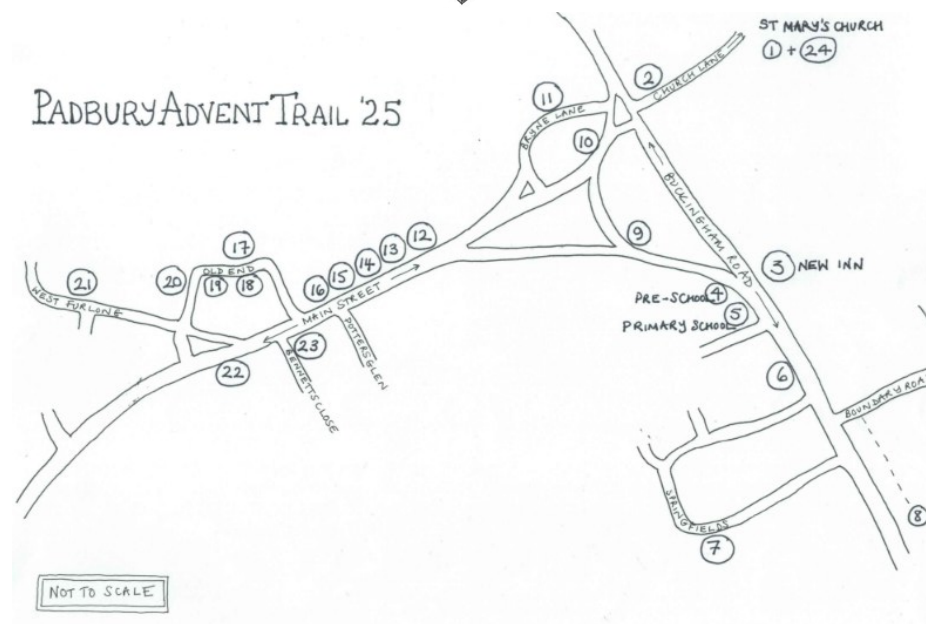
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Once again, the **Padbury Advent Trail** will be a highlight leading up to Christmas.

Each day in December an advent window will be unveiled in a Padbury village window creating a walkable advent calendar that the whole community can enjoy.

The window displays are typically illuminated from late afternoon until about 7pm.

The trail starts and ends at St Mary's, Padbury (please see the map of the trail). Also look out for daily posts of each window display on the **Padbury Village Facebook** page.

Best wishes for a truly magnificent Christmas and a happy new year to you and your family from all of us on the Padbury Parish Pump team.



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CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S

It's been a good year; sometimes the church might seem apart from the village, being the 'other' side of the main road but that's just the building; it is great that village and church work together on many fronts showing that it definitely is NOT two communities but 'ONE FAMILY' who care not only about each other but also about their environment. We have welcomed **Revd Quentin** and his family into our midst and look forward to what 2026 has to bring. There is lots happening at church in the period up to Christmas and everyone is most welcome to join in any of the services or festivities.



14 December 5 pm Carol Service with Lessons and Carols followed by wine and mince pies. It would be good to have an Ad Hoc Choir at the Carol Service, do get in touch if you would love to sing and be a part of it. (kaybradley@sky.com 07449 353474)

Christmas Eve 4 pm Christingle - a wonderful way to start celebrating Christmas - perhaps we are all children at heart!

11 pm Christmas Midnight Mass at St Mary's. - the return of this service that has not been held post-covid

Christmas Day - 10 am Christmas Holy Communion at All Saints, Hillesden.

If you have visited Hillesden Church, known as 'The Cathedral in the Fields', you will know how beautiful it is. If you haven't, what better time for a visit than on Christmas Day? You will be amazed at this wonderful building and are assured of a warm welcome but it was built in the 16th Century so wrap up warm!

The church is aware that this time of the year can be very difficult for some, if you need help or just want to talk, don't hesitate to get in touch.

For more information or assistance, contact **Revd Quentin Chandler** (quentinchandler27@outlook.com) or **Kay Bradley**, churchwarden (kaybradley@sky.com)

All the latest news from St Mary's can be found in the Monthly Edition of the **Lenborough Lantern**. It is not practical to print and deliver the Lantern to every household in Padbury, but it is available as follows:

- On-line via the Village Facebook page.
- Via e-mail. If you do not already receive a digital or a hard copy, and would like to do so, please get in touch.
- The latest copy is on the Noticeboard in the church porch.

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The New Inn Padbury

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CHRISTMAS

Opening Hours



CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday 24th Dec: 3pm ~ 11pm

CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday 25th Dec: 12 noon ~ 2:30pm

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Saturday 27th Dec: 3pm ~ 10pm

QUIZ NIGHT Sunday 28th Dec: 3pm ~ 10pm

Christmas Quiz from 7pm

Monday 29th Dec: CLOSED

Tuesday 30th Dec: CLOSED

NEW YEARS EVE Wednesday 31st Dec: 6pm ~ LATE

NEW YEARS DAY Thursday 1st Jan: 2pm ~ 8pm

Friday 2nd Jan: 4pm ~ 11pm



Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful 2026!

WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER / JANUARY ISSUE



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Please submit items for the Pump to the editor by email no later than Friday **23rd January 2026**. Any copy or changes received after 25th January **will not be included**.

As 2025 rolls around to an end and 2026 takes over, I wonder whether you are as surprised as I am to find me editing this new issue of the Padbury Parish Pump. You see, I've moved. I'm now 100 road miles away from Padbury and living, alone except for Charlotte my cat, in my mum's old house in Kent.

Provided nobody objects to your magazine being edited from so far away, I guess I can continue. And it does allow me to maintain close contact with the village and the many friends I have made there.

However, if you would like to take over the responsibility for editing the Pump, then please contact Carol Swannell, the Parish Clerk, on **07961 827302** or by email through parish.clerk@padburyparishcouncil.com for details .

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As usual, I would like to thank the Parish Council for helping to fund The Pump's production costs, to thank the regular contributors of the articles without which the magazine wouldn't be as interesting, to thank Sylvia Patchett and her team for distributing the Pump, and to thank you all for taking the time to read the Pump.

As before, there will be a colour copy of this issue available on the Padbury Parish Council website after it has been circulated to all households in the village.

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PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS

Padbury Parish Council would like to wish all our residents a wonderful and restful holiday full of the joys of the season and a happy new year to all!

PADBURY CHRISTMAS TREE

We would like to thank **Phillip and the Webb family from Folly Farm** for donating our beautiful Christmas tree situated adjacent to the New Inn. Thank you also to the volunteers for erecting the tree and to **Fred Morris** for kindly allowing us to use his power to put on the lights on for all to enjoy.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT THIS YEAR

It's the time of year when the Parish Councillors like to reflect on the tremendous support we have received from residents in all shapes and forms to make Padbury a wonderful place to live.

A huge 'thank you' to all our volunteers and village stewards who have generously given up their time for the benefit of all the residents. Without this generosity, residents would find a greater increase in their council tax bill.

These jobs include the installation of a new village gate on the A413 by Chris Hill, Cllr. Dinwoodie and others. Also, the installation of the Tommy and Poppy signs to commemorate Remembrance Day, the Speedwatch team and others.

Thank you again. Your support is both valued and appreciated.

ACCESSING HELP FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

Any Buckinghamshire residents needing emergency support or help with food and/or energy should contact the council's Helping Hand service using the online form or by calling **01296 531 151**. This service is available during office hours but is closed at weekends and on the public holiday days over Christmas and New Year.

Anyone in immediate need of food who cannot wait until the next working day when the Helping Hand service is open – and has no other avenue to help – should contact the council's Emergency Social Work Team on **0800 999 7677**. They will not be able to provide food on Christmas Day when the shops are closed, but otherwise can provide immediate help and advice in an emergency.

Many foodbanks will be operating different opening days and times over the Christmas period – residents who need to access a foodbank will need a referral from the council's Helping Hand service, or another similar support service, so please contact the Helping Hand service in the first instance if you or someone you know needs to use a foodbank.

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THE VILLAGE CALENDAR

When	What	Where
6 Dec	Local Crafts and Produce	Village Hall
9 Dec	Parish Council Meeting	Padbury Pavilion
* Refer to the village Facebook page, Parish website, Village Hall website or this and future issues of The Pump for information.		
** Coffee mornings at the Village Hall are held from 9:30am on the first Friday of every month.		

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Padbury Community Speedwatch Group.

Please contact Carol (Parish Clerk) via: Tel: **07961 827302** or
Email: parish.clerk@padburyparishcouncil.com

If you see anyone sleeping out on the streets in Buckinghamshire, please contact StreetLink online or call **0300 500 0914**. They will notify the council's dedicated outreach workers. If you see anyone you believe to be under the age of 18 and/or are concerned about the health or welfare of anyone that you see sleeping rough, please call 999.

Residents who may be finding this time of year challenging or lonely, or are experiencing difficulty with their mental health can find help and advice on the NHS Buckinghamshire Talking Therapies webpage. In addition, there are some top tips on mental health and being 'kind to your mind' during the festive period at Health and Wellbeing Bucks.

Information about additional support can be found on the council's cost of living webpages.

Online advice is available 24/7 from Citizens Advice Bucks, plus the national advice line is available during office hours on **0800 144 8848** if you need immediate advice.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Padbury Parish Council has set up a public engagement sub-committee to look at the best methods of sharing information with residents and to improve communication.

As always, residents are welcome to attend parish council meetings. The times and dates of our next meetings are at the bottom of this article. We also communicate information via The Pump, on the village noticeboards, and on the village Facebook page.

PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

We have recently set up a planning sub-committee to look at planning applications, particularly those that may be more complex including the proposed development adjacent to Springfields. This application has not been submitted at the time of press, although it is expected by the end of December/ January.

Parish Council sub-committees do not have the authority to make decisions but are a useful tool to enable us to research background information and focus on issues in greater depth before bringing these to a full council meeting.

FEEDBACK FROM PARISH COUNCIL DROP-IN

On 16th October, Padbury Parish Council held a village drop-in from 3.00pm to 7.00pm at the pavilion to give residents an opportunity to share their views regarding Land and Co's proposed development of approximately 65 homes and a village shop on All Souls College land adjacent to Springfields and the Padbury Playing Field. Views were also welcomed via email to the Parish Clerk.

The feedback was overwhelmingly in favour of objecting to the proposal when it is submitted formally via Buckinghamshire Council as an outline planning application.

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PLANNING – DECISIONS MADE BY BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

There were no new decisions at the time of going to print.

To view local planning applications, decisions and to comment online, please use the link below:

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

VILLAGE STEWARDS

If you are interested in volunteering or have any suggestions regarding any jobs that we can collectively take care of to improve our environment, please do contact **Cllr. Dinwoodie** or the **Parish Clerk**. There are both one-off and regular maintenance jobs, some taking just a few minutes to a few hours. Thank you for your consideration.

ROAD CLOSURES

For up-to-date information regarding road closures please check out Padbury Parish Council website, our Facebook page or visit <https://one.network/>

HIRE OF PADBURY PAVILION

Please visit the Parish Council website for details of the hire charges and conditions of hire. Alternatively, please contact the Parish Clerk who can provide further details and check availability.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Thank you to our existing group of Speedwatch volunteers. We hope that you're finding it both rewarding and interesting. As the clocks change, this can act as a reminder to motorists to be aware of what is around them and to consider the impact of their speed.

Would you like to consider joining our team of Community Speedwatch volunteers out in the village collecting data and deterring speeding motorists in their hi-vis jackets?

By becoming part of this campaign, you can play a part in sharing this data with Thames Valley Police to help prevent vehicles travelling at excess speeds in Padbury. As well as increasing Police presence this could lead to further traffic calming measures being implemented. Full training is offered for all new volunteers.

You would be gathering data with two other volunteers at the roadside as vehicles pass. The Parish Clerk can provide further details.

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PADBURY TENNIS CLUB

Heading to the middle of winter now, but we are able to remember back to late summer when the club completed the 2025 Championship and an update on the team performance in the MK Tennis League.

Finals Day was held in late September, the 29th, with some thrilling matches played. Two of the finals ended with the same winners as last year, with a consistent performance by **Jason Brogden** and his partner in the doubles, **Sean Dagois**.

Open Singles: **Jason Brogden** defeated **Ken Orledge** by 6-1, 6-1 - a match much closer than the score suggests, but Jason's consistency winning through in the end.

Open Doubles: **Jason Brogden** and **Sean Dagois** beat **Denise and Fred Green** by 6-0, 6-1 - taking over an hour, the result again did not reflect the competitiveness, with almost all games going to deuce.

Ladies Singles: **Clemmie Orledge** defeated **Denise Green** by 2 sets to one - A long first set going to Denise on a tie break, but then Clemmie improved her range and came through with a well deserved first victory.

Well done to all that participated with over 20 players taking part, and quite a crowd enjoying late summer sun for finals day.

The club's team in the MK tennis league had mixed results this year with a win and a draw, but losing the remainder of the 6 matches. We ended 6th from 7. There were some good close matches and even though we didn't win that many, we enjoyed playing and will continue to work with our coach **Ed Harwood** to improve for next year. We had several new players in the team, who are improving and importantly gaining experience for the future. The top player performance was from our club champion, **Jason Brogden**, followed by **Paul Armitage**, then **Chris Hill** and **Fred Green**. Thanks to all the others who played this year.

Lastly, we continue to offer a coaching programme through the winter, by **Ed Hardwood**. These much loved sessions are on a Tuesday for juniors and Wednesdays for adults. Please contact Ed if potentially interested: Ed Harwood - - edharwood@hotmail.com, or on 07548 254948.

Special reductions in the membership rates are available for winter play through to next season in March. Contact the membership secretary, **David Green** on padburytcmemb@gmail.com



Dave Green



PADBURY VILLAGE FOOTBALL CLUB



PVFC's adult 1st team ended a disappointing run of negative results with a hard fought 1-1 draw with Newport Pagnell Town Dev. With multiple fixtures over the holiday period, the team will be hoping to build upon the performance and move up the table. A Cup quarter final awaits in New Year, away v Bovingdon.



In the Youth section, the Raptors U16s have had a challenging season since being promoted, including unluckily being knocked out of the Cup on penalties. They are looking to follow-up a home league victory against Old Bradwell with further positive results in December. The Cougars U14s are through to the 3rd Round of their Cup competition and sit 2nd in their division, enjoying an excellent season so far. The Falcons U12s similarly, have had a positive season so far and, having recently welcomed new players to bolster their squad, they will be looking to continue their push for promotion in the New Year.

In the non-competitive age groups, PVFC Panthers, Pumas, Eagles and Vipers, have all enjoyed positive results in the Autumn league with some excellent performances by the teams and their youngsters. Mini Kickers for youngsters aged from 4 to 6 continues with training on a Saturday morning, 9 am to 10 am at Springfield.

PVFC would like to thank **Sharon & Chris Hill** and **Bob Gough** who collectively have repaired the Football Club's shed. Individuals should not climb and sit on the shed roof, which is dangerous.

As the autumn and winter weather emerges, the Club consistently finds an increasing amount of dog mess on the playing field before training and matches. We kindly request that all dog owners clear up their dog mess.

Information including fixtures, match reports, newsletters, and events can be found at www.pvfc.org.uk. Anybody interested in playing, volunteering, or sponsorship, should contact either Peter (Chairman), petermchenry@hotmail.com, 07740 930913 or Mike Marshall, Director of Football, Mikey.marsh71@gmail.com.



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DOG FOULING <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/street-cleaning/report-dog-fouling-inline/>

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – news <https://padburyparishcouncil.com/news>

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full copies of the agendas and minutes from meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council website or outside the village hall on the village noticeboard. Our meetings will be held at 7pm at Padbury Pavilion on the following dates:

Tuesday 9th December 2025

Thursday 5th February 2026

Residents are welcome to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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THE NEW INN, PADBURY



Oops – We’ve Done It Again

I’m really excited to let everyone know that the **New Inn, Padbury** is back in the **Good Beer Guide**. Yippee! It’s an absolute honour and I’m so proud.

A listing in the Good Beer Guide is a recognition of good quality ale and earning a place is not easy. We were in the guide for five editions, 2011-2016, and have come very close in the years between, but this year we have made it, and I am really pleased.

It’s not just the great ale that wins awards. I’m passionate about the pub, the community we have, the atmosphere we build, the regulars who support me so much and the new visitors we welcome. Our pub is about conversation and friendship as well as great ale, gin, cider, lager, whisky, wine... and not forgetting the cocktails! We are dog friendly and have a range of food vans visiting that give customers a wide choice of food to enjoy. We also have a few parties, occasional music and a stock of boardgames for children (and adults) to enjoy plus a lovely garden.

The New Inn has been run by my family for over 80 years. I took on the licence in 2001 when my father became ill and have been determined to build the atmosphere we now have.

Next year I’ll have been running the pub for 25 years. It’s not all been easy – a difficult divorce, Covid and raising a family on my own – but it’s worth it and 2026 will be a silver anniversary that is worth celebrating. Along the way we’ve won a few awards including **Pub of the Year (CAMRA)**, **Best Community Pub (AVDC)**, **finalist in the AVDC pub competition** and CAMRA recognition for being a long-standing publican, serving the community.

We will be open over Christmas and celebrating New Year together. You’ll find our opening times [on page 26](#) in this issue of the Pump. If you’ve not been in before, pop in and say ‘Hello’; we’d love to see you.

Let all enjoy the festive season together and may good fortune smile upon you.

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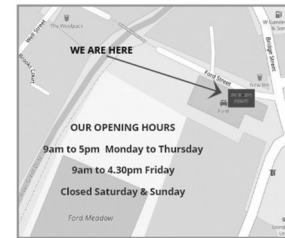
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Winslow And District Art Society



Join Us!

Winslow and District Art Society was established over thirty years ago by like minded people who enjoyed creating art. This is a friendly group that meets regularly to paint, and watch demonstrations. We support each other and all media and abilities are most welcome.

Exhibitions are held twice a year in Spring and Winter. This is an opportunity to show and sell your work and take an active part in a very rewarding weekend.

Demonstrations are on the evening of the last Thursday of the month in Winslow Bowls Club hall. Weekly painting groups meet in Padbury village hall on Tuesday mornings and Winslow Bowls Club on Thursday mornings. Places are dependant on space and there is a small charge to cover the cost of the hall

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR WEBSITE
www.winslowart.org.uk
or our Facebook page
Or contact : Cheryl, Monica or Jackie

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PADBURY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON CLUB

It was lovely to share a harvest lunch with the **Anna Chaplaincy** in October. Thank you to **Kay** and all her helpers.

Our November meeting was the 60th Anniversary celebration of the group, which was founded in 1965. We had a special cake, decorations around the hall and a trio of Ukuleles, who came to entertain us with songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's, encouraging us all to get up and dance! Some of us did a bit of chair dancing – like chair pilates, only groovier!!

It was great to have many visitors with us, who have helped us over the past 5 years or so. Sadly, **Rene Deeppear**, the person who has been coming to the Friendly Afternoon the longest, starting in 1988, was unable to come due to a family bereavement, so **David Illing**, our oldest member, cut the cake for us. We were able to look back in the records, right to the first account book, with photos from the 40th Anniversary, and **Sylvia's** address from the 50th, which gives a short resume of those 50 years. Some of our lock down activities were also displayed as that part of our time.



December 10th is the next date for your diaries, when we will be having a Christmas tea, with crackers, entertainment from the Buckingham U3A hand bell ringers and a Secret Santa.

Anyone is very welcome to join us. If you do come, please bring a small wrapped gift, value less than £5.

In the New year, on **January 14th**, it is proposed to go for a meal at the Bell in Winslow, so I shall be collecting names to organise a table for that.

It just remains for me to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas!

Tina Mitchell **01280 814544** randtmitchell@tiscali.co.uk

Do you need a lift?

Do you need help with transport for hospital or any other appointments, or perhaps collecting shopping or prescriptions?

If so, there are people in the village who are happy and willing to help. Initially, please call **Sara Birch**; although she may not necessarily be able to help you herself, she should be able to find someone who can!

07880 547494

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DICKIE COX

Our village Padbury was saddened to learn of the passing of **Richard (Dickie) Cox** on the 10th October 2025, aged 82.

Dickie had been a cherished friend, neighbour and part of our community for over 50 years. He moved here with his partner **Maureen (June) Terry**, who sadly passed away in May of this year.

Over the years people would have known him tending his vegetable patch at the allotment, or perhaps through the church, or even through meeting him for a pint in the New Inn.

Dickie's presence and kindness will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will dearly missed by Hannah, Dejon, his grandchildren and families.

May he rest in peace .



Worried about a vulnerable friend, relative or neighbour?

Buckinghamshire Council's Adult Social Care team is checking in with all vulnerable residents.

Please let the team know if you know of someone who might need their help by calling the Adult Social Care team on **01296 383204**.

ECO TIPS

What are your ideas for a low environmental Christmas this year? Recycled wrapping and ribbons? Repurposed cards? Natural fibre clothing and gifts? Fair trade foods and drink? Shopping local? Whatever you choose, have a very merry eco friendly time!!

Tina Mitchell.

MUDDY TODDLERS

Greener Padbury Group are delighted to announce that our Muddy Toddlers group has been successful in securing a grant under the Co-op Local Community Grant scheme.

This great news means that we will be able to continue to offer our forest school sessions to families with toddlers between 18 months – 4 years at no cost to them in 2026!

A plea for your help though! Currently we are only guaranteed the minimum funding amount, but with your help we could earn a much larger share of the £6,000 available which would mean we could offer sessions into 2027 too. If you already use the Co-op app please could we ask that you log in and choose 'Greener Padbury Group' as your local cause. The more supporters we have with us as their chosen cause, the more we stand to gain.

If you don't already have the co-op app, why not download it today? Scanning the QR code below will take you straight to it.



Thank you on behalf of all at Greener Padbury Group, and the Muddy Toddlers.

BINGO

Bingo is still going strong. We had some new people join us recently, which is very nice, although they are not from the village but heard about us from others outside the village. It would be nice if a few more villagers came along to support us. Out of all those people that come only about 10% of us are villagers, which seems a shame especially as I run the bingo to help towards the upkeep of our lovely Village Hall.

By the time this issue of the Pump comes out we will have had our Christmas Bingo, so hopefully lots more money raised. Many thanks go to all my helpers without them there would not be a bingo as I couldn't do it on my own, one of them even comes from Bicester every week. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Any enquiries please contact me on either **01280 308311** or **07747 718175**.

Carol Bloxham

GREENER PADBURY GROUP – WWW.GREENERPADBURY.COM

The eagle-eyed among you will have spotted some very charming owls dotted around the Millennium Woods. But they are not just good-looking owls – they are full of information too! They are part of our new nature trail. Each owl has an individual QR code; scan this and it will tell you about a different aspect of our woodland biodiversity project – for example, why moths are important, how we encourage birds, why we are cutting scallops into the rides, who left that dropping there, etc.

We're incredibly grateful to Padbury resident Richard Johnson for his time and talents and making this come to life. Thank you, Richard.

Please do take yourself to the woods and explore the trail for yourself. If you have children who could do with some fresh air, you might like to schedule your walk for the morning of **Sunday 7th December** between 10.30am and 12pm as **Julie** will be running a drop-in Go Wild session to celebrate the new trail (at station 7 on the map). Go Wild 'for a walk' in the Woods, help Julie decorate the forest school area and learn more about woodland wildlife – and enjoy some festive gingerbread too!



Also to be admired is the scythed meadow at the south end of the woods. We are hopeful that our management will result in a more diverse meadow, and choosing the scythe over the brush cutter was a wildlife-friendly choice. And more than that, it was a joyful, companionable experience and we are hugely grateful to those who gave all that time and effort to it.

Within the village itself, we continue to plant for wildlife with a bucketful of spring bulbs in Lower Way. Also, the pond by the playground on Main Street has been cleared of the non-aquatic plants clogging it up and we are now assessing whether water is retained naturally. We have also identified a further natural pond in the undergrowth and are exploring options for that too. A huge thank you to all those pond volunteers too.

Finally, thank you to all who attended our AGM on 3rd November. It was a lovely evening of community and optimism and we very much value your support.

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PADBURY PAVILION



AVAILABLE FOR HIRE MONDAY TO FRIDAY—PADBURY PAVILION

Please visit the Parish Council website for the details of the hire charges and conditions of hire: <https://padburyparishcouncil.com/amenities>

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PADBURY VILLAGE HALL

AGM

The village hall committee held their AGM on Thursday 20th November 2025. The village hall finances had been audited for the year, they were verified and presented to attendees.

A new pricing structure and booking system is in the process of being adopted, to streamline the hiring of the village hall. Details will be published in the next edition of the Padbury Pump, and in due course, on the village hall website.

Election of the village hall committee took place.

Louise Sargeant has taken on the role of Chairperson, following the resignation of Dex Cooper.

Committee members for 2026:

- Louise Sargeant – Chairperson.
- Sue Hamp – Treasurer/ Booking Secretary.
- Wendy Bull – Secretary.
- Carol Bloxham.
- Charles Illing.
- Fred Morris.
- Brenda Nunn.
- Pam Sirett.

For Your Diary

Christmas Craft Fair – Local people selling their crafts and produce. Will be held on Saturday 6th December from 10am to 4pm. Come along and peruse the selection of goods on show. Refreshments will be available.

Cheese & Wine evening with live entertainment by Richard Stark, featuring 60s & 70s music, plus 100+ Club grand draw. Will be held on Saturday 28th March 2026.

Details to follow on Padbury Facebook page and posters around the village. To reserve tickets, contact Carol Bloxham-01280 308311 or 07747 718175.

100+ Club Winners

October draw:

The 1st prize winner was the late June Terry. June's family kindly requested that the prize money be donated to the Padbury Sick Benefit Society.

2nd prize £50, No 115- Sue Christelow.

November draw:

1st prize £50, No 31- Elliott Thomson. 2nd prize £50, No 38 - Sue Hamp.

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To share the load with all of the above actions we have the following volunteer vacancies:

- Management Team
- Accountant and/ or Bookkeeper able to handle VAT
- Marketing and Social Media Manager
- Operations Team
- Operations Manager
- Coffee Shop Manager
- Lettings, H&S and Insurance Manager
- Events Coordinator
- Bar Staff

With the aforementioned in place, we need your financial support as we launch our share issue, this gives you an opportunity to be a part of this historic venture for our village.

To register for a copy of our presentation from the Town Hall meeting held 17th November 2025, please send your name, mobile number and email address stating your interest to padburyhub@gmail.com

We have taken over the administration of the Blackbird Facebook page and will explore the current status of the old website along with other avenues of communication.

The share option portfolio will be available in the coming weeks and, again to register, please contact padburyhub@gmail.com

Let's get together to future proof the Blackbird and create a not-for-profit community hub.

Neil Gibbard, Chairman

ART NEWS

As 2025 draws to a close so does the 172nd Annual Exhibition at Bristol's Royal West of England Academy where Padbury artist **Peter Austin** is again exhibiting his work. So, if you are in the Bristol area before December 28th and are interested in art, pay a visit to what is another outstanding exhibition. Check out the holiday open hours on the RWA website first though.

Peter has also just exhibited at London's Mall Galleries in the annual "Discerning Eye" exhibition, an exhibition exclusively for smaller paintings. This follows his inclusion in two other exhibitions in the last twelve months: at The St. Barbe Museum & Gallery in Lyngton and in the 2024 Wells Art Contemporary in Wells Cathedral.

Although he no longer exhibits in Bucks Art Weeks/Open Studios, Peter is always happy to welcome interested visitors to his studio by prior arrangement. Just call **07553 231691** if you would like to visit. You can also see his paintings on Instagram at [peteraustinstudio](https://www.instagram.com/peteraustinstudio).

Coffee morning

The village hall coffee morning is held on the first Friday of every month, from 10.30am until 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you for a cuppa and a piece of homemade cake.

Hiring the village hall

To hire the village hall please contact **Sue Hamp**- susanepaxton02@outlook.com or **07725 565219**.

Wendy Bull, Secretary

PADBURY PRE-SCHOOL

We're delighted to share an update from Padbury Preschool — it's been a while! It's been a fantastic start to our new school year. The children have settled back in beautifully, and we're thrilled to welcome our newest friends to the preschool family.

Our preschool team has been busy planning a fun and enriching term ahead, filled with learning, creativity, and outdoor adventures.

The children have been making the most of our outdoor sessions at Forest School and Muddy Toddlers. From creating mud pies and bird feeders to crafting natural decorations with treasures found at the allotment, they have truly embraced the changing seasons and all that nature has to offer.

We also hosted a wonderful Grandparents' Day, which was a huge success. The children were so proud to show their grandparents around, share their favourite toys, and enjoy tea, coffee, and delicious homemade treats together. It was a lovely morning celebrating family and community.

Last half-term was full of local adventures! The children visited the park, the Millennium Woods, and even the local butcher to learn about where our food comes from. A special highlight was being invited to the church to watch the school's Harvest Assembly.

We are now getting ready for Christmas by practicing our Preschool Nativity and doing plenty of festive crafting. The preschool has even created an igloo made entirely from donated egg boxes! The children are loving having a cosy new corner to enjoy.

Any donations to the preschool are greatly appreciated — please see the list outlined in the Pump (see the next page). We are still raising funds for our new building.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Shauna Hayward

PADBURY PRESCHOOL DONATION REQUESTS

If you are clearing out your cupboards and you don't need any of the following, **Padbury Preschool** will gladly make use of them.

Please drop at the preschool.

Many thanks in advance.

Shaving foam, Flour, Cornflour, Cornflakes, Rice crispies, Salt,
Oil, Rice cakes, Rich tea biscuits, Paper, Bin bags, Toilet rolls,
Crackers, Breadsticks, Fruit bread, Tissues, Kitchen rolls,
Dishwasher tablets Washing up liquid, Sugar

PADBURY CE SCHOOL

It has been a busy term again this year and I can't believe we are weeks away from the end of term again. I would just like to take the opportunity to send everyone love from the school and hope that everyone can have a happy and healthy Christmas.

More details about what the school has been up to will come in the new year.

Take care everyone

Lucy McFarlane

PADBURY WI

We learnt a lot from **Alan Taberer** at our October meeting, where he talked about his life as a CODA – Child of Deaf Adults – and we were able to practise some British Sign Language.

For our November meeting **Sue from The Farm Deli, Winslow**, brought along a selection of breads and cheeses for us to try – all very tasty.

Our Christmas party is on **Thursday 11th December** where we will be entertained by the Buckingham Ukulele Group – it should be a fun and lively evening.

In the New Year on **8th January** we will be considering the latest NFWI resolutions and this time there are five topics to debate.

Find out more about Padbury WI by visiting our website, padburywi.weebly.com or email padburywi@gmail.com.

Sue Christelow, Secretary

THE BLACKBIRD PUB

As many of you will know unfortunately the Blackbird ceased trading in October after just short of five years. We thank the **Huntingdon family** for their hospitality during that time.

On receiving the news, those directors of the Hub management team who remain in the village from the last attempt to purchase the site, jumped into action to understand what, if anything, we could do to reopen the pub and put in place our prior plans of some 5 years ago.

Within 5 days discussions were taking place with the current owners followed by a small meeting of the regulars to gauge support. With a mandate and financial pledges to take negotiations further we are pleased to report the following:

A 12-month lease is currently being drawn up, by which **Padbury Community Hub CBS Ltd** will lease the whole site along with the sitting tenants in the accommodation.

Immediately we occupy the site we have to raise funds to purchase the freehold and complete within the life of the 12-month lease or the owners may consider change of use of the site.

During the first year we plan to run the site ourselves with volunteer labour to ensure we keep our costs to a minimum and profits to a maximum to support raising the deposit to secure the freehold.

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